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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Ionesco To Speak In Lecture Series

THE EXCELLENT SERIES of lectures sponsored by the Italian Cultural Association in Rome, Milan, Turin and Naples will open next week with a debate between Carlo Bo and A. C. Jemolo on "What Has Changed in Catholicism?" The following week the great playwright of the absurd, Eugene Ionesco, is coming from France to speak on "The Theater, Me, The Others." The lectures are held in Milan on Monday at the Teatro di Via Manzoni at 6 p.m., in Rome on Tuesday at the Teatro Eliseo at 6 p.m., in Naples on Thursday at the Teatro di Corte del Palazzo Reale at 7 p.m. and in Turin on Friday at the Teatro Carignano at 6 p.m. In Rome the series starts next Tuesday. On Dec. 3 Ionesco will speak and on Dec. 10 Carlo Casalegno, Vittorio Gassman and Cesare Zappulli will talk about "The Scandals in Italy." Some of the most interesting talks this year include English historian Harold Acton's lecture on the salons of the 18th Century, composer Roman Vlad's discussion of expressionism in music past and present, Enzo Paci and Giancarlo Vigorelli's debate on religion and society in the works of Theodor de Chardin and Roberto Pane's slide-lecture on Pre-Columbian and Spanish Mexico. Other lecturers this year will be Tibor Dery, Enzo Biagi, Piero Gadda, Claudio Ottieri, Laura Fermi, Lucio Mastrorilli, Ernesto De Martino, R. Omez and Emilio Servadio. For information telephone 683.001 between 4 and 7 p.m.

Tiber Talk

Sophia Loren is giving Joe Levine the Rolls Royce she used in the film of "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." The car, used in the Milan sequence of the movie, was bought by her former husband Carlo Ponti and registered in her name. The actress is giving it to Levine, producer of the picture, as a kind of "thank you." After all it was he who bought and distributed "Two Women" in the U.S.; the movie won Sophia her Academy Award. ... Rome painter Gianni Zanetti has just ended a one-man show in Milan at the Montapione Gallery. ... Italian research biologist Eugenio Bernasconi is to marry Elsa Villanueva on Dec. 3. She's the star Filipino dancer from "Flower Drum Song" and is now giving up her career. He's originally from Milan. ... Arthur Juntunen, travel editor of the Detroit Free Press, in Rome with his wife and staying at the Hilton ... a retrospective exhibition of the works of Giulio Ervola, all done between 1918 and 1921, opens at La Medusa Gallery this Saturday. ... Italian director Augusto Tretti, who made his cinematic debut with "La Legge della Tromba," is now hard at work on his second film, "Il Potere." Federico Fellini has called him the "madman the Italian cinema needs." ... Emanuel Grand of Hilton Hotels International visiting the Eternal City and staying (naturally) at the Cavalieri Hilton. ... the San Luca Gallery on Via del Babuino opened its winter collective show Monday including works by American artist Birute Vileisis.

Via Venetocine

Actress Catherine Spaak and her husband of less than a year, Fabrizio Capucci, are not planning to



HELLO, MICKEY — Former King Umberto II of Italy, now on a visit to the U.S., pays his respects to Mickey Mouse on a visit to Disneyland. The girl is one of the lovely guides at the park. In the background, Sleeping Beauty's castle

separate, her Rome lawyer was quoted as saying yesterday. He was denying a story that appeared in the French newspaper Paris-Press. Miss Spaak, now in Sicily with her husband for a film, did not wish to make a statement. ... Franz Kline, one of the leading American avant-garde painters, now having a one-man show in Rome at the Tartaruga Gallery at 3 Piazza del Popolo. ... Misha Auer in listening to pianist Jorge H. Garcia, now playing nightly at the Gold and Blue Room of the Ambassadors Hotel. ... Brian Aherne, Nino Castelnuovo, Bernard Blier and Ugo Tognazzi all gone from the Eternal City for filming. The first two off to Yugoslavia for "Seven Against Death," the last two to Parma for the last episode of "High Infidelity" with Mario Monicelli directing. ... word from the U.S. has it that singing star Anna-Maria Alberghetti is in Columbus visiting Ron Pataky, theater editor of the Citizen-Journal. The two have reportedly been seeing a

lot of each other since last June when Anna Maria was doing "Penny" in Columbus. Amru Sani begins singing once again in Rome tonight at 10:30 and all her old friends are expected to be on hand for the gala opening at the Flaminio Club, formerly the Open Gate. ... Countess Christina Paolozzi, known in Rome long before she made the headlines with that nude photograph, was reported resting under sedation yesterday after the theft of her puff-tailed Pomeranian, Lupino. The international socialite let it be known through a friend that the thief who walked off with the dog Monday would receive on its return another Pomeranian just like Lupino, protection from police action and a reward reflecting her "sky-high" love for the dog.

If you have any news for "Lend Me Your Ears" about your or your friends' parties, social gatherings, arrivals, departures, engagements, marriage, etc., please telephone Rome 587.118 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or write to 8 Via Dandolo, Rome, Italy.

Met Honors Giovanni Martinelli On 50th Anniversary Of Debut

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP) — A handsome 28-year-old tenor playing the role of Rodolfo in "La Boheme" strode onto the stage of the Metropolitan Opera 50 years ago and remained in the limelight for 33 years.

His final bow was also as Rodolfo. Giovanni Martinelli, now 78, the Met's leading dramatic tenor for a generation, was honored today at the Opera, 50 years to the day after his debut on Nov. 20, 1913.

His career at the Met probably set a record in length of service — "at least for a tenor," he said in an interview. In that time, few stars were so beloved by fellow artists, management and the public. The gala concert today, attended by several thousand friends, and the unveiling of a bust in the opera house, is a tribute both to the voice and to the man.

Martinelli, who lives in Rome, usually spends a few months here each year, enjoying the city and coaching a few students.

He radiates warmth, good health and a great spirit. His remarkable face dominates everything about him. It is ruddy, strong, quick to smile and topped by a splendid array of snow-white curls. A chunky, vigorous man, he speaks in a deep voice, his English slightly accented by Italian. He laughs often.

He speaks of Enrico Caruso and recalls how the great tenor paid him the supreme compliment one evening at the Met by giving him the clown suit he had worn in "Pagliacci." Martinelli still keeps the costume in his Rome apartment. But he has never worn it.

"I was once asked to describe Caruso's voice — with all the heart and tears in it — I could think of only one thing," said Martinelli. "It was like velvet, sung velvet."

Then Maestro Martinelli held up his jacket sleeve, a sly twinkle in his eye. "This is corduroy," he said, throwing back his head in laughter.

Early Italian Stamps Fetch High Prices

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP) — A record price of 4,000 pounds (\$11,200) was paid for a letter sheet, sent from Rimini to Bologna with a diagonally bisected stamp, during a sale of early Italian stamps at Harpers yesterday.

C. Harmer, stamp auctioneer, said the British dealer had paid a record price for a half stamp. The total sale brought 63,982 pounds (\$179,150).

The stamps were from the collection of the late Prince Doria Pamphili who willed it to the Royal Philatelic Society when he died in 1914. The society is keeping part of the collection.

Another dealer paid 7,000 pounds (\$19,600) for a block of 1852 20-centesimi stamps of Sardinia. A Belgian dealer paid 5,000 pounds (\$14,000) for a defaced half-grano stamp of 1859.

A forged five-grano, bearing a Naples postmark of 1862, was sold to a private buyer for 1,200 pounds (\$3,360).

Sarah Churchill Backs Out Of Play

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 20 (AP) — Sarah Churchill, actress daughter of the former British prime minister, abruptly canceled a stage engagement Tuesday and said she is returning to England.

She described herself as emotionally upset and unable to go on in the leading role of "Glad Tidings" at the Drury Lane Theater in suburban Evergreen Park starting Nov. 28.

Miss Churchill went to O'Hare Field but did not board a plane. Police said she was seen leaving the air terminal with an unidentified companion. Bill Corcoran, spokesman for the theater, said Miss Churchill came to Chicago Sunday to start rehearsals Tuesday.

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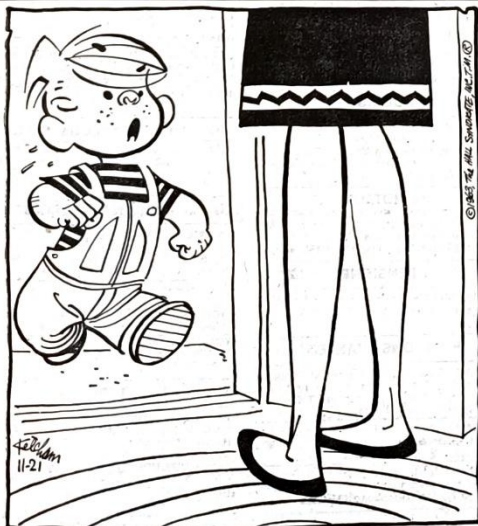
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Two Plays In English Open At Goldoni Theater.

AN EXCELLENT DOUBLE-BILL of plays in English has just opened at the Goldoni Theater. The first, Eugene Ionesco's "The Chairs" stars Charles Borromel and Frances Reilly as an old man and woman whose lonely life apart from civilization ends with

meeting of the great at which the old man's message to the world is revealed. As the stage fills up with people (imaginary and chairs real), they are slowly crushed against opposite windows while giving the message to arrive and sentation. The orator, who is flesh-and-blood, does eventually arrive but the meaning of the message he delivers is comprehensible only in the context of the theater of the absurd. Borromel and Mrs. Reilly give fine performances in two very difficult roles and Patrick Persichetti is an orator of power. Christopher Cruise directed and the music is by Noel Coward's "Red Peppers," is a night in the life of a song-and-dance music hall team, Lily and George Pepper. It is a slight play but amusing and fast-paced and the opening and closing music hall routines are both delightful. Cicely Browne and Christopher Cruise as a vaudeville team with more temper than talent give engaging performances. Frances Reilly as the serious actress Mabel Grace, Charles Borromel as the irate pianist and John Gayford as the manager are all good. Mrs. Reilly directed and the dances were arranged by Claude Marchant. The plays will be repeated every day at 9:15 p.m. until Dec. 17.



THE RED PEPPERS — Starring in the amusing Noel Coward play, "Red Peppers," at the Goldoni Theater, are Cicely Browne (right) as Lily Pepper and Christopher Cruise as her husband George. The Peppers are a music hall song-and-dance team with more temper than talent.

Via Venetopics

Argentine actor Enrique Thibaut has arrived in Rome for film conferences... the Christmas cards include one from Dr. Hector Bataglia, former American medical student in Rome and catcher and bellwether of the Roman Senator baseball team which won the Class A championship of Italy in 1959. His New York address is 2 Elton St., Brooklyn 8... film director Robert Aldrich has left Rome for the U.S.... Louis Fugazy of the Fugazy Travel Agency is in Rome and staying at the Excelsior... paintings by Byron Browne go on show tonight at the 63 Gallery on Via del Babuino... new members of the American Club of Rome are John Merriman, R. J. Dondoro, F. F. Mooney, A. J. Romano and T. Barrett. The club, which will hold its annual joint Christmas luncheon with members of the American Women's Association on Dec. 23 at the Grand Hotel, will elect officers for 1964 in January... the Boy Scout troop of Rome is in trouble again. Its scoutmaster is leaving for the U.S. and unless a new one is found, the troop faces disbanding. Any American who has had experience in Scout work and is willing to serve as scoutmaster should call Capt. Marshall F. Thompson, U.S. Army, at 4674, Ext. 8, or John Lee at the same number, on Ext. 666... Fabrizio Canacci has asked the Rome Civil Tribunal for a legal separation from his wife, actress Catherine Spaak, according to the court's register of ending cases. They were married in January, have one daughter.

Fiber Talk

Three famous characters from an Italian children's book (and Disney film) will be at the Rome Zoo this

Sunday to meet children. They are the Cat, the Fox and Pinocchio. They will be giving candy to children at 11 a.m. near the Zoo gate... actress Irina Demich has left Rome for Paris but is due to return shortly for further work on "The Lady's Revenge"... Prince Maximilian Windschgraz in Rome and staying at the Excelsior... poet-painter Giulio Evola's "La Pale Obscure du Paysage Interieur" will present the book at the Medusa Gallery on Via del Babuino today at 6:30 p.m. The gallery is showing works by Evola... the Italo-Ceylonese Cultural Center will show two films on Monday at 6 p.m. at the Palazzo Brancaccio 248 Via Merulana. They are "Ceylon, Tropic City of Asia" and "Colombo, Glamour City of Asia" and are both in English... Don Jose De La Torre, Duke of Osuna, is in the Eternal City and staying at the Excelsior with the Duchess.

Here And There

English conductor Denis Vaughan has just arrived in Rome from India... Anthony Quinn due to leave Rome for Paris on Sunday after completing "The Lady's Revenge"... Vittorio Gassman and Sylvia Koscina shooting numerous scenes of their new movie "Let's Talk About Women" at the Hotel Americana of Rome out on Via Aurelia. It's being made by FAIR Film... William Liss, the TWA public relations man, is still in Rome and staying at the Excelsior... paintings by Bernardino Marinucci now on show at the Acquasola Gallery in Genoa... Abbe Lane and Xavier Cugat have left the Eternal City after a short stay at the Excelsior but are due to return shortly for more TV work... the strange noises that his TV set made bothered Priamo Arcangeli



"DAD! I TALKED SANTA CLAUS INTO HAVIN' LUNCH WITH US!"

of Verona, the Romeo and Juliet city. He investigated and found that six mice had built a nest inside his set... Congo minister Lephass Kamitatu in Rome and at the Ambassadors Hotel while Ghana minister Krobe Edusei is here staying at the Cavalieri Hilton... Fernando Previtali will conduct the St. Cecilia Orchestra tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem." Soloists will include American soprano Lucille Udovich, Herbert Hamit and David Couzyn... a collective show by the five painters calling themselves Group 1 will open at the Medusa Gallery on Via del Babuino Monday. They include Gastone Bigli, Nicola Carrino, Nato Frasca, Achille Pace and Giuseppe Uncini... actor Lang Jeffries is back in town from Yugoslavia and exterior shooting of "The Burning of Rome" which is being directed by Guido Malatesta. Interiors for the picture "are" being made here now.



DANCING TONIGHT at the opening of the opera season in the Teatro San Carlo in Naples will be American Audrey Anderson (above with statue of Babuino), known to Romans for her recent appearances here in "Jazz Afrique." Miss Anderson is prima ballerina for Meyerbeer's "L'Africana" which will also star another American, soprano Virginia Gordon, and be directed by Herbert Graf of the Met

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All Filming At Britain's Giant Shepperton Studios Halts

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Filming at Shepperton Studios, biggest and most modern in Britain, comes to a halt today when shooting on "The Pumpkin Eater" ends.

From next week there will be no films on the floor at Shepperton and there are no further bookings until April 6.

Announcing the shutdown, studio managing director, Adrian Workor,

said: "... It has become absolutely necessary for us to make further reductions in the staff. There have been 110 redundancies in the past two weeks, making a total of 180 since early in there being no production, we are retaining 500 people on the payroll in a bid to check mounting unemployment in the film industry."

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