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Lend me your Ears

By RACHAEL BAUMEL

ROMAN MEANDERINGS: Things-one-forgets-about-Rome department — imagine walking along the street in New York and seeing a tall Roman-helmeted "corazziere" striding along the street — his cape flowing in the breeze. Formerly the king's bodyguard, now the president's, they got their name from the corazze or breastplate, which they wear for special occasions or when they're in "alta uniforme". They're certainly a long way from a cop on the beat near Central Park . . . added report on the weather: one American couple simply had to move out of their apartment, after the husband got a severe case of arthritis from the cold. They're now in a pension while they look for warmer permanent quarters . . . but in spite of freezing temperatures, **Pope Pius XII** has been taking his daily walk in the Vatican gardens. And the Pope, who will be 80 next month, is walking without gloves, in order to turn the pages of books and documents he reads while strolling. He's driven by car from his apartment to the gardens, where he walks alone for about 15 minutes in his favorite spot — near the replica of the Grotto of Lourdes.

VIA VENETOPICS: Cola-Cola vice president **Alexander Makinsky** TWAed out for Cairo and Athens yesterday . . . painter-composer **Adam Gennette** just back from Majorca, where he's been teaching singing to **Errol Flynn's** spouse, **Pat Wymore**, reports that the family, now in Hollywood, definitely expects to be in Rome ere too long to wind up "William Tell" . . . unless the weather changes radically. **Donald** and **Peggy Lewis** of Rochester, Minn., will feel right at home when they get to Rome tomorrow. Not only are they from Minnesota, but they've been up in Cortina, having won a trip to the Winter Olympics in the Junior Chamber of Commerce — Life magazine contest held in connection with the 1955 Olympic Fund Drive. **Lewis** is a 25-year-old veteran employed by Whiting Stationers in his home town and his 24-year-old wife is a school teacher. Accompanying them is **Betty Brooks**, assistant director of public events for Life. They'll be here for two days — PAA to the States Sunday . . . his American Embassy customers (at least the South of the Mason-Dixon line contingent) have presented **Alfredo** of the Colony with a commission as a colonel in the Confederate Air Force. **Alfredo** says he will not, however, accept Confederate money in settlement of bar tabs . . . theater fans who missed them in English, want to check on the progress of their Italian, or just want to see a play, might like to know that **Arthur Miller's** "Death of a Salesman" (Morte di un commesso viaggiatore) opens at the Eliseo tomorrow at 9 p.m. with **Paolo Stoppa** and **Rina Morelli**, and **Clifford Odets'** "Country Girl" (La ragazza di campagna) steps into the Quirino this evening at 9:15. The company is headed by **Renzo Ricci** . . . **Tom Harvey**, thumbing through a movie mag during a lull at Jerry's, yipped with delight when he found a picture of a beautiful gal tied to a stake. "That's the way you should serve steaks here," quipped a customer.

CORSO CHIT-CHAT: More and more Carnival doings in and around Rome. Today in Frascati they're celebrating "The Carnival of 100 Years Ago" with a skit about the inauguration of the Rome-Frascati railroad, the first rail line in Central Italy. It'll be in costume, too . . . at the Grand Hotel from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday there'll be a Carnival celebration for the kids—for the benefit of the "Goccia di Latte" (Milk Fund). They're giving prizes for costumes, too . . . for the bambini who don't want to wait till Sunday, there'll be a special Children's Carnival at the Piazzale del Pincio this afternoon, sponsored by ENAL, the City of Rome and Ente Provinciale per il Turismo. It'll even feature a kids' orchestra . . . stamp collectors among our readers, make a note of the dates Feb. 18, 19 and 20. It's then that the 11th Philatelic Congress will be held at Palazzo Marignoli, 184 Via del Corso.

HERE & THERE: Top flight Radio Geneva newsman **Jean-Paul Darmsteter** flew in last night to present greetings from Geneva Mayor L. Billy to Rome Sindaco Salvatore Rebecchini. Darmsteter is flying via Swissair to 13 European capitals in 14 days, reporting and conveying the Geneva city head's greetings to his counterparts . . . top flight Keystone photog **Tubby Abrahams** back in town from Cyprus, where the poor guy was in an auto smash-up and spent a month in the hospital. He reports that even the restaurants on the troubled island are ringed with chicken wire . . . **Sophia Loren's** really going native over in Spain. Latest word is that she took her first bullfighting lesson from handsome matador **Luis Miguel Dominguin**. She also watched a flamenco dance and chatted with her old friend, Italian actress **Lucia Bosè**. **Dominguin's** wife . . . now that it's been officially announced that the **Grace Kelly-Prince Rainier** nuptials will be held in Monte Carlo, Romans are busy figuring out how to wangle invitations . . . pretty **Georgia Moll**, currently playing in Titanus' "Difendo il mio amore" with **Martine Carol** and **Vittorio Gassman**, has recently signed a six-year contract with Titanus. **Vincent Sherman** is directing the pic.



GEORGIA MOLL

CULTURAMA: The art galleries are really going to town these days —shows opening all over the lot. Works by Neapolitan painter **Vittorio Toppani** go on view at La Margutttiana this evening at 6 . . . the San Marco Gallery spotlighting paintings by **Amilcare Achilli**, same time this p.m. . . . paintings and drawings, recently done in Paris by **P. O. Gionfra**, debut at Il Camino, also the same hour . . . and tomorrow evening at 6, the Carrozze Gallery opens a mostra of works by **Emma Reyes** . . . new show beginning at the Sagittarius tomorrow — paintings and drawings by **Mariette Lydis**, of whom **André Maurois** says "her paintings have something of wistfulness about them." He adds "a great painter doesn't paint the world but his world. That of **Mariette Lydis** reclothes, with rare grace, the colors of reality" . . . currently underway at Il Pincio, paintings by **Alberto Sughi**.

Opera-Loving Cobbler Nets $32,000 On TV

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (UP) — Michael Della Rocca, the second Italian-born shoemaker to fascinate television quiz show audiences in America, last night successfully gained the $32,000 level of the "$64,000 Question" program.

Della Rocca followed in the footsteps of another opera-lover and fellow cobbler, Gino Prato, by answering a complicated six-part question before a gasping audience.

Prato, who sent Rocca a good-luck telegram before last night's show, quit at the $32,000 plateau of the game.

The question described scenes from operas by German, Russian, Irish, Czechoslovakian, French and American composers. It was Della Rocca's job to name the opera, the composer and the principal charcter in each scene.

But the 54-year-old shoemaker from Baldwin, L. I., fooled them all. Despite the fact that the question did not include any Italian opera, he went through all its parts as if they had all been his native land's cultural heritage.

He said Prato had a lot to do with his decision to go on.

"I wanted to keep in step with Gino. We were both born in Italy, we are the same age, we both emigrated to America, we are both shoemakers, both opera lovers, both American citizens — now we both reached the $32,000."

And he hinted that next week he and Prato will both appear on the show.

"Next week, maybe, we (Rocca and Prato) will have a little surprise to tell you."

But he did not say what it would be.

Since in the last stage of the quiz the contestant is entitled to bring in an expert with him into the isolation booth to help him with the $64,000 question it was possible that Rocca would bring in Prato as such an expert if he decides to go in for the highest stake.

IN HIGH TAX BRACKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP) — "I'm in such a darn high tax bracket," complained 14-year-old George Wright III.

He is. He's in the $108,000 bracket. In fact, for tax purposes, he is now head of his family.

George won the big money on a television quiz show Saturday night.

His father told a news conference he would file an independent return this year and let young George claim his mother, brother and sister as dependants.

George said he would give a tax-deductible $10,000 to the Madison Square Boys Club as well as sizeable donations to his former parochial school and Roman Catholic church.

All this was worked out in a conference with a Park Avenue lawyer. The father now figures George will be able to net about $35,000 after federal and state income taxes instead of the $25,000 net which had been figured by tax experts at first.

George had several television appearance offers. He'll be on the Perry Como show Saturday night with a couple of neighborhood pals, all playing ukuleles.

O'Hara, Kubly Win Awards

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP) — Author John O'Hara last night won the seventh annual National Book Award for fiction with his novel "Ten North Frederick."

The non-fiction award went to Hubert Kubly for "American in Italy" and the poetry award to British-born W. H. Auden for "The Shield of Achilles."



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The awards, the only industry-wide honors in the U.S. book publishing field, are sponsored by the American Book Publishers Council, American Book Sellers Association and Book Manufacturers Institute.

What's Going On In Rome

MUSIC

TEATRO DELL'OPERA — Ballet program; Bruno Bartoletti, conductor ("Chaconne," by Bach; "La Création du Monde," by Milhaud; "Indiscrezioni," by Ibert; "Hungarica," by Bartok); tonight and Saturday night at 9 . . . "The Magic Flute," by Mozart (in German), with artists of the Vienna Staatsoper; Vittorio Gui, conductor; Sunday afternoon at 5.

SALA ACCADEMICA, 17 Via dei Greci — Recital by Rita Streich, soprano (songs of Gluck, Mozart, Schubert, Weber, Schumann, Wolf, Strauss); tomorrow afternoon at 5:30.

TEATRO ARGENTINA — Santa Cecilia Orchestra symphony concert; Fernando Previtali, conductor; soloist: Gennaro Rondino, violinist (works of Beethoven, Hindemith, Porena, Debussy, Wagner); Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

AULA MAGNA, Rome University — Choral concert by the Coro Universitario Romano; Saturday afternoon at 5:30.

FORO ITALICO AUDITORIUM, 26 Lungotevere Diaz — RAI Orchestra symphony concert; Ferruccio Scaglia, conductor (works of Franci, Tommasini, Marinuzzi, Casella); Saturday night at 9:30.

EXHIBITS

PALAZZO BARBERINI — American Architecture of Today. Hours: 9-1, 4-8. Through Feb. 23.

EXPOSITION PALACE, Via Nazionale — Seventh National Quadriennal of Roman Art. Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. To run till April.

PALAZZO VENEZIA — A Child's World, International Red Cross exhibit. Hours: 9:30-1, 3:30-9. Extended through Feb. 15.

SCHNEIDER GALLERY, 10 Rampa Mignanelli — Paintings and charcoals by Giovanella (Joan Markson). Hours: 11-1, 4:30-8; closed Sundays. Through Feb. 18.

OBELISCO GALLERY, 146 Via Sistina — Paintings by Edita Broglio. Hours: 10:30-8:30; closed Sundays.

SAGITTARIUS GALLERY, 22/b Via Lazio — Paintings by L. Pasqualino Noto. Hours: 10:30-1:30, 3:30-8:30. Last day.

GALLERIA DELLO ZODIACO, 18 Via Romagna — Paintings by the late Maurice Utrillo. Hours: 10:30-1, 4-8 weekdays; 10:30-1 Sundays.

ASTERISCO GALLERY, 14 Via Vittoria (Via Babuino) — Paintings by Lilli Romanelli. Hours: 10-1, 5-8:30 weekdays; 10-1 Sundays.

GALLERIA ALIBERT, 61/b Via Margutta — Paintings by Beppe Guzzi. Through Wednesday.

GALLERIA LA CASSAPANCA, 107 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Ottone Rosai. Through Wednesday.

GALLERIA L'AURELIANA, 29 Via Sardegna — Paintings by Corrado Balest, Orazio Celeghin, Baldo Guberti, Valerio Romani Adami.

FILMS

FIAMETTA THEATER, 3 Via San Nicolò da Tolentino — "Lola Montez," French film with Martine Carol and Peter Ustinov. Today at 5:30, 7:45 and 10 p.m. Telephone 470,464.

ARCOBALENO THEATER, Palazzo di Vetro, Via XX Settembre — "Les Héros Sont Fatigués," French film, with Yves Montand and Maria Felix. Today at 6, 8, and 10 p.m. Telephone 470,470.

SPORTS EVENTS

DOG RACES — At Cinodromo Rondinella; every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at 4.

HORSE RACES — At Capannelle race track; Saturday at 2:30.

TROTTING RACES — At Villa Glori; today, Sunday and Tuesday at 2:30.

LOCAL COLOR

CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS — In Piazza Navona, Sunday; at Ostia Lido, today, Sunday and Tuesday; at Frascati, Sunday and Tuesday.

CLUB MEETINGS

AMERICAN CLUB OF ROME — Luncheon meeting; guest speaker: Ted Smits, Associated Press general sports editor; at the Grand Hotel today at 1. Members and guests.

AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF ROME — Luncheon meeting, with Fabiani fashion show; at the Residence Palace today at 1.

ROTARY CLUB meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.; dinner at the Excelsior.

LECTURE

BRITISH COUNCIL, 20 Via Quattro Fontane — H. S. Harvey on "The Novels of Ivy Compton-Burnett"; tomorrow afternoon at 6.

ZOO

GIARDINO ZOOLOGICO, Villa Borghese — Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

NIGHT CLUBS

FLORIDA, 18 Via Fr. Crispi (Largo Tritone) — Nightly shows, dancing. Telephone 471.406.

KIT KAT, 28 Via Liguria, near Via Veneto — Floor show, dancing. Telephone 487.242.

LA BIBLIOTECA VALLE, 9 Largo Teatro Valle — Night club, dancing, restaurant. Telephone 551.292.

OPEN GATE CLUB, 3 Via San Nicolò da Tolentino — International floor show, dancing. Telephone 481.625.

SCHEHERAZADE, 1 Vicolo della Tinta (Monte Brianzo) — Dancing, restaurant. Telephone 564.203.

TOR FIORENZA, 2 Via Monte delle Gioie, near Piazza Vescovio — Dancing. Telephone 880.892.

VICTOR, 84 Via Emilia — Dancing. Telephone 471.539.

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