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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Auto Borne 3 Flights Up As Gift For Pope

A GROUP OF ITALIAN PILGRIMS gave Pope Pius XII an automobile on Sunday — and delivered it right in the third-floor hall where the Pontiff received them.

An audience had been arranged in the courtyard of the papal summer residence at Castelgandolfo, so that the pilgrims could give the car, an Italian-made midget Bianchina, to the Pope.

But it was cold and rainy — too dreary for the 81-year-old Pontiff to go outdoors. So several of the pilgrims picked up the car and carried it on their shoulders up three flights. The Pope received them with a smile and a blessing. The Bianchina, incidentally, is big enough to carry two persons in the front seat and one passenger (seated sideways) in the rear.

Our Sympathy

Word has reached Rome of the death of Mrs. Ann Freshman Fekete in a Munich hospital last Wednesday. She had been ill for the past several months and died from a development of lung cancer.

Mrs. Fekete, a native San Franciscan, and her husband Zoltan Fekete, the Hungarian symphonic conductor, had been living since spring in the North Italy town of Asolo. She will be remembered by Daily American readers for several charming and informative articles on that area. Mrs. Fekete had many friends in Rome.

The Daily American extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. Fekete and to her mother, Mrs. Taber Low of New Haven, Conn.

Told By The Tiber

Dr. Paul Dudley White, heart specialist for President Eisenhower, who has been attending an international cardiac conference near Messina, sails today for Greece from Syracuse. . . . an American living in Paris and a Frenchman have tied for second place in the men's finals of the Giovan Battista Viotti international piano contest held annually in Vercelli. They're George Katz, 29, of New York and Claude Conrad Berghier, 19, of Suresne, France. . . . SAS took Duke Frank Ruspoli di Marianno, president of the European Golf Federation, to Tokyo for the championship matches. . . . the British Council on Via Quattro Fontane will resume its musical activities tomorrow evening at 7 with a concert featuring pianist June Tubb, soprano Jean Reddy and tenor Nicola Serini. . . . an exhibition devoted entirely to small-sized pictures opens this evening at 6 at the San Marco Gallery on Via del Babuino. Contributors to the show include, among many others, both

well-known and on-the-way-up, Renzo Clementoni, Vincenzo Piras, Alberto Trevisan and Luigi Carnevali. The tiny creations will be on view till Oct. 31. . . . movie note: Sophia Loren is going to make two pictures for Paramount as a result of co-production deal negotiated by her husband Carlo Ponti and Marcello Girosi. Among the stories being considered for the dynamic Italian star are Jean Hougen's "Blaze of the Sun," Jorge Amado's "Bahia," Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" and an original script being written by Cy Howard.

OWC, ALPN5, Etc.

The Officers' Wives Club of Rome is holding a tea on Friday at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Albert C. Perkins on Via Archimede. The tea will honor Mrs. James C. Fry, wife of Major General Fry, USA, executive officer of MAAG, who is leaving his post, and Mrs. John J. O'Hara, wife of Major General O'Hara, USAF, who is replacing him. . . . plans are being laid by American Legion Post No. 5, Eternal City of Rome, for a get-together of all Legionnaire wives. The idea is to discuss plans for forming an American Legion auxiliary. Post No. 5 is also starting a huge membership drive for the many eligible persons in Rome. For information call Charles Siragusa, at the American Embassy, telephone 414 (ext. 621), or Mrs. Terry Kellett (ext. 137). . . . classes for beginners in Ikebana—the Japanese art of floral arrangement—will start Monday, Oct. 28, under the sponsorship of the Roman Garden Club. Ikebana International was founded by Mrs. Ellen Gordon Allen in Tokyo last year, and the first European chapter was initiated last summer in Rome. Its officers are Zoe Perkins, Eleonora Moro, Mary Bond, Jennie Banti Perera, Francesca Provenzano and Mara Bogoyavlensky. For further information, call Mrs. Banti Perera at 879.388 from 9 to 10 a.m.

SETAF will commemorate its second anniversary in Italy on Friday with military, social and sports events at its three major installations—Camp Passalacqua, Verona; Camp Ederle, Vicenza; and Camp Darby, Leghorn. An anniversary message by Maj. Gen. Harvey H. Fischer, SETAF commanding general, will be read to troop formation at all three posts. Displays of military equipment and weapons, including Honest John rockets and guided missiles, are planned.



TWO FAREWELLS AND A HELLO—Sailing from Naples for New York on the Olympia of the Greek Line are (left) the charming poetess Annalita Marsigli, member of the Poetry Society of America and daughter of the Marchese Rossi-Marsigli of Bologna, and (right, above) soprano Antonietta Stella, who will be one of the stars of the Metropolitan Opera's new season. At far right, Jacqueline Robertson arrives in Rome via TWA's polar route and is welcomed by actor-husband Dale, who is making a film with Gina Lollobrigida.



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Frogman Swims In Wine Vat, Halts Flood Of Vintage 1957

RIVA DEL GARDA, Italy, Oct. 21 (AP) — The good residents of this Alpine resort raised their wine glasses today to toast a hero — a frogman who went swimming in a vat of wine.

It was an unprecedented dive, a dive that today allowed the local residents to drink the juice of the grape, rather than wade around in it.

For Riva del Garda had come close to a rare calamity — if you want to call it that. It almost had a wine flood. The frogman prevented it.

It all happened this way: There's a big cooperative wine cellar in Riva del Garda, so big that it has 20 huge vats each capable of holding 52,800 gallons of wine.

Dumped Into Cellar
Farmers are now bringing in their new wine, and from tank trucks it's being dumped into the wine cellar.

Everyone assumed all was well in the vats, located underground where no one could see them. Then yesterday a worker went into the underground corridor adjoining the vats to inspect things. He blinked his eyes at what he saw: the corridor was three-feet deep in new wine.

He started looking around to see where all the wine was coming from. Then a gas from the wine, new and still fermenting, overcame him. He collapsed.

2nd Man Overcome
Minutes later, a second workman went into the corridor to find the first. He, too, was overcome by the gas.

Other workmen, quickly grasping the situation, rushed into the corridor and rescued their two colleagues.

But that didn't solve the problem of the wine. Several hours went by, and the wine in the corridor was rising all the time. By the next morning — today — it could have been flowing in the streets of the town.

Call For Frogman
Then somebody thought of a frogman.

Riva del Garda is located on Lake Garda, in the Italian Alps, and it has several experienced divers.

Tullio Cestari, 33, put on his oxygen mask and waded into the corridor. He searched about until he found a vat that was overflowing. But he could not tell what was wrong. There was only one thing to do.

He climbed to the rim of the 12-foot-deep vat. Then he dived into the wine. He searched around and found the trouble: dirt had clogged a valve designed to permit excess wine to run off into another vat.

Cestari cleaned the valve and halted the flood.

Day Saved
The day was saved. Cestari and the wine makers relaxed over a glass of wine.

They could look ahead of a good yield of vintage 1957 wine, for all that was lost was an estimated 42,240 gallons of wine which had overflowed into the corridor.

The flood could have been worse, depending on how you look at it — whether you like your wine in bottles or flowing freely in the public streets.

Dali To Receive Hartford Prize

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21 (AP) — The Huntington Hartford Foundation is awarding \$5,000 to Spanish painter Salvador Dali for his "long, distinguished and dynamic career as a painter."

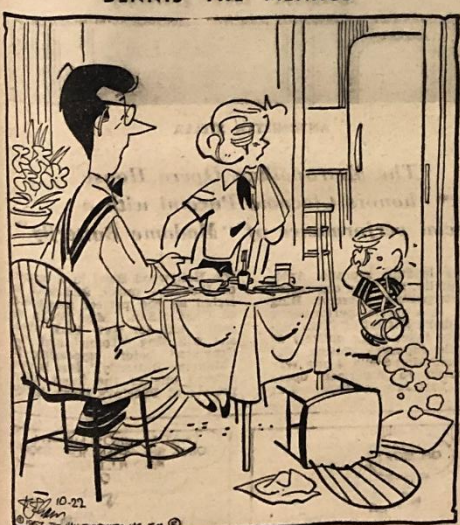
The cash gift is the largest bestowed in the four years that the foundation has been presenting awards in the field of painting, sculpture, literature and music.

Dali and his wife were invited to spend six months at the foundation near Los Angeles. The art colony was established seven years ago as a retreat where artists could work on creative projects without interruption. Dali is in Spain.

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ROAMIN' FORUM

By CELE WOHL

If we had it all to do over again, we'd learn shorthand. It apparently guarantees a living and if you don't want to be a secretary, it's handy to know in most professions. Back in old New York days, the employment agencies treated non-stenographers like unskilled labor, if not unemployables. In their eyes, a college degree wasn't nearly worth the sheepskin it was written on if its owner couldn't type 80 words a minute. Courses are offered in typing, Gregg stenography, secretarial practice and commercial English. The stenography can be studied in French, Spanish or Italian, as well as English.



CELE WOHL

Youngsters here in Rome are fortunate to have a genuine American business school to attend. Of course, there are no age limits. It's just that it's appropriate to equip yourself with a craft when you're young.

The American Business School at 3 Piazza Campo Marzio (between Piazza Colonna and Via della Scrofa) was founded in 1954 by Stella De Luca, a young woman from New York. It is conducted exactly like a U.S. business college with the year divided into five semesters of 70-80 class hours each. Courses are offered in typing, Gregg stenography, secretarial practice and commercial English. The stenography can be studied in French, Spanish or Italian, as well as English.

Classes are kept small so that there is a lot of individual attention. The common language is English, though the atmosphere of the school is international. Quite a number of Italians attend.

Directress De Luca, who is assisted by two other teachers, teaches all the stenography herself. We can personally vouch for her excellence as an instructor. We studied French with her and found her a

born teacher. She somehow makes you enjoy studying.

Before coming to Italy, Miss De Luca was a teacher in the New York City school system, qualified to instruct the romance languages, stenography and typewriting. Like so many of us, she fell in love with Rome and figured out a way to stay by establishing this very useful school.

The need for fast, accurate secretaries is great here, as you know if you've ever tried to hire one. Graduates of the American Business School are absorbed immediately into the many embassies, FAO and private industry. Bi-lingual stenographers, of course, are at a premium.

The school doesn't give diplomas but students can earn awards issued by the Gregg Publishing Company, which is constantly improving texts both in typing and stenography theory and publishing material to aid teachers. Awards are granted for typewriting (speed and production) and shorthand (speed and transcription).

Miss De Luca usually recommends that a student take at least three semesters, after which she (or occasionally he) should be able to type 60 words per minute and take dictation at 100 words per minute. Five semesters are considered ideal.

She explains that she teaches only Gregg shorthand because it's the easiest system to master, being logically based on the flow of handwriting. Champion stenographers are always Gregg writers.

New courses at the American Business School will begin on November 5 with classes morning and afternoon. For information about them, phone 563.170.

Mrs Wohl's column appears every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

By Cholly

The Smart Set Knickerbocker

EXCLUSIVELY YOURS: Our London listening post reports that Mayfair's most-likely merger case will involve post deb Frances Sweeney and the Duke of Rutland.

Frances, for the record, is the daughter of the present Duchess of Argyll and banker Charles Sweeney who recently made the matrimonial columns with Manhattan model Arden Speed.

On her recent trip to New York, C. V. Whitney's reported bride-to-be, Mary Lou Hosford, stayed far away from her old friends of cafe society days who remember her as Mary Lou Schroeder, "the Kansas City cat."

Barbara Hutton's ebullient cousin, squire Jimmy Donahue, and retinue are planning one last whing-ding at his new Long Island retreat before Mama Jessie returns.



KNICKERBOCKER

THE INAUGURAL TOURNAMENT at the new Tuxedo Golf was a memorable event and a definite new shot-in-the-arm to a community that was once synonymous with Old Guard Society. (It is Tuxedo that gave a new name to the smoking jacket).

Great credit for the organizational work goes to Gerry McGhee and Stanley Mortimer Jr., and to the players who finished gamely despite the tremendous downpour.

DESPITE the furor occasioned by the World Series and Mike Todd's mammoth Madison Square Garden party, Topic A in the Smart Set is Sputnik — the space-stealing Soviet sales pitch for vodka (burp, burp).

Naturally the whole thing is rather old hat (Sherman Billingsley fired a busboy more than a year ago and pickets have been circling

the Stork Club ever since) but for what it's worth, here are a few of the immediate reactions which have been brought to our attention:

Aristotle Onassis, the chic Greek, offered to buy Sputnik for his wife's charm bracelet. . . . Jayne Mansfield, the show world's shrinking violet, has announced her willingness to give Sputnik a great big smooch for the photographers. . . . Walter O'Malley would like to acquire the man-made satellite and move it to Jupiter. . . . Hotelman Hilton may extend his chain to outer space, calling the best one the Comrade Hilton.

Toy manufacturers are rushing miniature rocket-satellite sets for the small fry (be the first kid in your block to rule the world) and everyone is inventing new drinks which are guaranteed to (1) make you burp-burp all the way home (2) feel as though you've been high for a week, and (3) fix you so you can be seen with binoculars only at dawn and at dusk.

Like the weather, everyone is talking about Sputnik but nobody seems to be doing anything about it. Heartening news, however, has come from Washington where a high government official assures us that we have a satellite on paper which will feature wall-to-wall carpeting, a deep freeze and color TV. At the moment, however, it's only a paper moon.

LONDON LETTER

By Our Special Correspondent

LONDON — Time was when most film stars were talked about by husbands—past and future. But with Gina Lollobrigida it was different. She talks about nothing but babies, we found out when she was over here for the gala opening of our new National Film Theatre.

Said La Lollo: "I did not know it was so easy having a baby. Easier than making a picture. . . well, a GOOD picture anyhow!"

Husband Milko Skofic smiled indulgently.

"I want now daughter to complete famiglia," she went on. "Then more later."

"My waist is same size now as before baby came," she went on proudly, "and I feel better than before. A baby does well for a woman. Not bad!"

Looked in at London's Mo'or Show the other day and found 16-year-old Susan Swain rolling the controls on a fabulous Rolls-Royce. A two-seater, if you please, this 20-foot hunk of motor car which bears a \$22,000 price tag and the name "Honeymoon Express," is one of the sensations of this year's event.

"Planning to use it for your own honeymoon?" we asked. "Heavens no, I hope it's sold by then!" came the reply. Seems that Susan's pop, Fritz Swain, designed the monster. Queuing for a trial run were Mrs. Gerry Albertini, wife of Belgian "Golden Boy," Lady Norah Docker and Princess Ica, the ex-child-bridge from the Fiat clan.

Lord Glenconner's cousin, Joan Rowdon, has just opened what is

claimed to be the only genuine Caprese restaurant in England: the Capri at Oxford. She already owns a place called the Rome in the university city. For the new spot she bought up Constanza Rotella, formerly cook at Gracie Field's Capri villa.

All things Italian are very much in style hereabouts these days —



SHARMAN DOUGLAS

... gives secret party

especially in blue-blood circles. But also in others.

For example: Marlon Brando's new wife, Anna Kashfi, when she was a struggling model and just plain Joan O'Callaghan from Cardiff, Wales, always fed at the Colombrino D'Oro, a spot owned by Toleati Price, matronly Italian who was Anna's "Mama" in the big town.

The Colombrino has been going 40 years a stone's throw from the British Museum. It is and always has

been well patronized by struggling artists and their models.

"When Marlon comes to London," swears Signora Price, "he will eat my spaghetti!"

Sharing a table on the Queen Elizabeth crossing to New York this week were David Niven and Deborah Kerr. They are bound for Hollywood to film "Separate Tables."

Sharman Douglas, daughter of former U.S. Ambassador Lewis D. gave a secret cocktail party before she left after a week's stay. Secret because Princess Margaret was invited, along with leading stage and screen folk. Said the Princess's one-time "best friend": "I enjoyed every minute of my stay. Hope to be over again before spring."

Miss Wood, Finland's Marita Lindahl, a chiropodist, has just met the big toe of her profession — Dr. William Scholl. The 66-year-old millionaire, over on a tour of his foot comfort clinics, presented her with a set of silver-plated cornucuters.

Doc Scholl has had bad luck this trip: caught Asian 'flu, saw his London factory damaged by fire and broke his finger in a mishap with a taxi door.

"Lucky it wasn't my foot that got hurt," said he. "Wouldn't do for me to be seen around limping!"

Walt Disney is planning a film about Scotland's famed (or fabled) Loch Ness Monster. Over here inognito recently he spent a couple of days on the Loch doing research.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ROME

MUSIC

BRITISH COUNCIL, 20 Via Quattro Fontane — Concert with Jean Reddy, soprano; Nicola Serbu, tenor; June Todd, pianist (works of Bellini, Verdi, Chopin, Puccini); this evening at 7.

TEATRO ARGENTINA — Opening concert of the Santa Cecilia Academy orchestra's 1957-58 season; Fernando Previtali, conductor; soloist: Isaac Stern, violinist; Sunday, Nov. 3.

EXHIBITS

SCHNEIDER GALLERY, 10 Rampa Mignanello — Group show of two generations of contemporary painting and sculpture. Hours: 10:30-1, 4:30-8; closed Sundays. Through Oct. 30.

ROME-NEW YORK ART FOUNDATION, 20 Piazza San Bartolomeo. Isola Tiburtina International group show of abstract painting and sculpture. Hours: 11-1, 5-8.

LA TARTARUGA, 196 Via del Babuino — Collages in progress by American artist Marca-Belli.

IL SEGNO, 4 Via Capo le Case —

Paintings by Liz Clarke.

LE FELUCA, 38 Via Frattina — Paintings by Jansen.

ALIBERT GALLERY, 61/b Via Margutta — Paintings by Carlo Carli. Last day.

LA BUSSOLA, 36 Via Gregoriana — Paintings by Ottone Rosai.

SAN MARCO GALLERY, 61 Via del Bebbino — Exhibit of small-sized pictures. Through Oct. 31.

FILMS

In English: FIAMMETTA THEATER, 3 Via San Nicolò da Tolentino — "Valerie," with Sterling Hayden, Anita Ekberg. Today at 5:45, 7:45 and 10 p.m. Tel. 470.464.

METRO DRIVE-IN, Via Cristoforo Colombo — "The Vintage," with Michele Morgan, Mel Ferrer, Pier Angeli, John Kerr. Tel. 60.151.

ARCOBALENO THEATER, Palazzo di Vetro, Via XX Settembre — "3-10-Yuma," with Glenn Ford, Van Heflin, Felicia Farr. Today at 6, 7, and 10 p.m. Tel. 470.470.

In Italian: ADRIANO, Piazza Cavour — "A King in New York" (also at the Moderno, Galleria).

ARISTON, 15 Via Cicerone — "Londra Chiama Polo Nord" (also at the Archimede, Mignon, Splendore, New York).

BARBERINI, Piazza Barberini — "Rascel-fifi" (also at the Metropolitan, Supercinema).

CAPITOL, 16 Via Pastrengo — "Città sotto Inchiesta."

CORSO, 41 Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina — "Destinazione Parigi."

EUROPA, 107 Corso d'Italia — "Ten Thousand Bedrooms" (also at the Capriccio, Maresco, Roxy).

FIAMMA, Via Bissolati — "Le Notti di Calabria."

RIVOLI, 23 Via Lombardia — "Operazione . . . Fifi."

SPORTS EVENTS

HORSE RACES — At Capannelle race track; every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

GREYHOUND RACES — At Cinescopio Rondinella; every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night at 9 p.m.

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