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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Rome Show Pays Tribute To Great Art Patroness

AN EXHIBITION OF EXTRAORDINARY INTEREST, which will pay tribute to a great patroness of the fine arts, Princess Marguerite Caetani, will open today at 6 at Rome's Palazzo Primoli, 1 Piazza Zanardelli, under the sponsorship of French Ambassador to Italy Gaston Palewski.

"Homage to Commerce" is the official, if slightly misleading, title of the exhibit, which has nothing to do with business and finance. It refers to Commerce (meaning "commerce of ideas"), the literary revue founded by the American-born Princess Caetani in Paris in 1934 and which became one of the most important publications of the 20th century. Commerce saw the first publications in French of such writers as Joyce, Pasternak, Kafka, MacLeish, Woolf, Eliot and Faulkner, as well as texts on the order of Paul Claudel's "Christophe Colomb," André Gide's "Oedipe" and Paul Valéry's "La Sorcière de M. Teste." It has its successor in Botteghe Oscure (named after the Roman street on which the Palazzo Caetani is located), which the princess has published in Rome for the past 11 years.

For this exhibit there have been assembled more than 70 paintings, most of them never before shown in Rome, by artists of the princess' circle—Picasso, Rouault, Braque, Matisse, Utrillo, Juan Gris, Mondrian, Dufy, Derain, Severini, Boudin, Ernst, Bonnard, Campigli—to flank an imposing array of manuscripts, documents and letters.

An unusual aspect of the show will be the little-known souvenirs of great modern writers—the toy soldiers of the poet Larbaud, for instance, and the water-colors by Valéry illustrating his own works. There will also be a quantity of unpublished photographs of authors and artists of the Commerce period.

Happy Birthday...

...today to Italy's Minister of Public Works Giuseppe Togni... and to Jerry Chierchia, proprietor of Jerry's Restaurant on Via Veneto.

Told By The Tiber

Maximilian Gervers, vice president of Bankers Trust Co., New York, arrived in Rome Wednesday night to participate in the opening of the bank's new office in Rome. London K. Thorne, Jr., is the bank's resident representative for Southern Europe and the Mediterranean countries... Alfred V. Boerner, USIS head in Italy, and Gabriella Metcalf of the USIS office gave a reception for all 36 Fulbright scholarship holders resident in Rome at the Palazzo Antici Mattel Wednesday evening... St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 13 will break a tradition by having its opening at 11 a.m. instead of 3 p.m. A light lunch will be served at noon for all who care to partake... SAS yesterday brought back to Rome American film and TV actress Julie Redding, who is going to sign a contract to make an American-Spanish

production in Spain... J. E. Travis, moderator of the Cambridge Certificate Examinations, speaks on "Aspects of Education in England" at the British Council, 20 Via Quattro Fontane, this afternoon at 6... there are a bunch of new art shows in Rome—at La Salita Gallery, works in tempera by Carla Accardi, collages by Gastone Novelli and gouaches by Toti Scialoja (opening this afternoon at 6); at the Appia Antica, Gabriella Galdieri's and Liana Sisti's gallery on the street of that name, paintings by Sergio Domini; at Il Segno, works by Corrado Gagli; at the Fontanella, paintings by the Montenegro artist Branko Filipovic-Filo; at Il Camino, impressions of North Italy by the Trieste-born painter Riccardo Tosti... Crown Princess Effat Faisal of Saudi Arabia and her entourage—including five daughters—have checked into the Grand Hotel... Italian Premier and Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani yesterday received Morocco's Ambassador Ahmed Taibi Benhima.

Buses To The Ball

A bus service to tomorrow night's gala event—the International Overseas Ball at the Palazzo dei Congressi—will be available to guests. Buses will leave from the American Embassy at 9:15 and 9:30 p.m., getting guests there in time for the Cinzano cocktail party before dancing begins at 10 o'clock, and the Embassy at the end of the ball.

Bus tickets will be 250 lire per person.

Outward Bound

Two boatloads of travelers left Genoa this week, headed for New York. Sailing yesterday aboard the Cristoforo Colombo were Haiti's Defense Minister Frederic Duvalgneau, father of the ambassador to Rome; San Salvador Ambassador Gustavo Guerrero; Prince and Princess Youka Troubetzkoy; Ben Feit, vice president of the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York; and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Perry K. Selion of U.S. News & World Report; Piero Cirei and his wife, daughter of Panama Ambassador to Italy Rafael Vallarino; Mrs. Adele Martini, wife of famed tenor Giovanni Martinelli; William H. Whyte, administrative vice director of Fortune magazine; and Msgr. Gerardo Galassini... passengers leaving two days before on another Italian Line ship, the Giulio Cesare, included Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.); Thomas Brown, director of Radio Free Europe, and his wife; Alfred W. Harke, American Express executive in Chicago, and Mrs. Harke; Countess Elena Sorani and Marchesa Giuliana Corsini.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"Hey, Mom! You'd better fix PLENTY of dinner!"



SAILING HOME—En route to New York, Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) chats with his cousin, Mrs. William F. Muller, wife of the European passenger director of American Export Lines, aboard the Constitution.

London Gourmets Smack Lips Over Slave's Meal Of 1780

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—A hundred men loosened their belts and s'ghed contentedly here last night. Gourmets of the society and og gastronomes had just eaten a meal—prepared by a slave of the Seychelles Islands.

American Dependents To Return To Jordan

The American Embassy here has announced that some 100 dependents of American diplomatic personnel evacuated here from Jordan during the summer Mid-East crisis are to start returning to Amman today.

Philip In Holland

THE HAGUE, Dec. 4 (AP)—Prince Philip of Britain is in the Netherlands as the guest of Queen Juliana.



BALL CHAIRMAN—Maj. Gen. John J. H. Hara, chief of MAAG, Italy, is chairman of the big committee that has organized the International Overseas Ball, which takes place tomorrow night at the Palazzo dei Congressi, EUR.

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Tebaldi's Met 'Manon' Has Critics At Odds

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (AP)—Italian soprano Renata Tebaldi's rendition of Puccini's "Manon Lescaut" had New York's music critics at odds today.

The New York Times' Howard Taubman said that when the opera returned to the Metropolitan last night, after an absence of two years, "it rejoiced in the advantage of an interpreter like Miss Tebaldi."

She "sang with appealing freshness and fullness," Taubman added, and "the soprano was a fetching Manon in appearance and movement."

Jay Harrison in the New York Herald Tribune, however, could not find anything particularly good about the piece. "Miss Tebaldi's 'In Quelle Tenue Morbide' bellowed with golden sound, and the love duet had to it a melting ardor—but for some unaccountable reason the piece refused to jell as solid, palpable theater," he wrote.

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