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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Caracalla Opera Season Opens July 1

ROME'S SUMMER OPERA SEASON, in the spectacular setting of the Baths of Caracalla, will get under way Wednesday night, July 1, with a performance of Wagner's "Lohengrin," it was announced yesterday. The season, which will last until Sept. 6, will consist of 41 performances — four of "Lohengrin," six of "Tosca," seven of "Carmen" and four of "Il Trovatore."

A particularly grandiose production is planned for "Lohengrin," the first act set, representing the banks of the River Scheldt, will cover an area of 3,840 square feet, and a special electrical effect has been devised to give the illusion of a flowing river. Maestro **Franco Capuana** will conduct the opera, with tenor **Sandor Konya** (who has sung the title-role at Bayreuth) and soprano **Marcella Pobbe** in the principal parts.

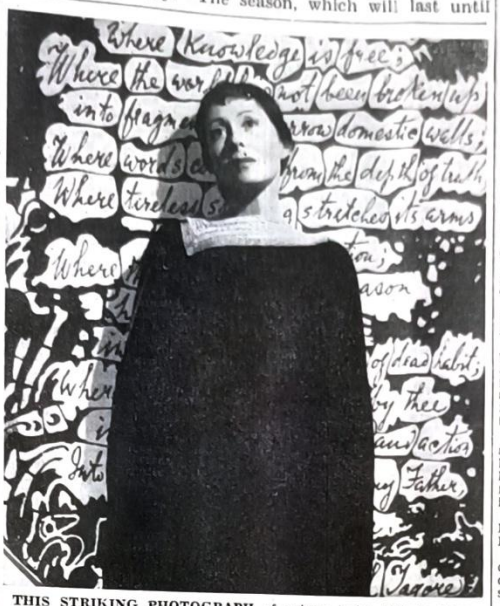
Two features of the season — the ballet at Caracalla — will be programs in four languages and a special service that will stamp the name of the evening's opera on your letters and postcards. It has not been announced whether the famous Caracalla ducks will be waddling in their pool and snapping at popcorn thrown at them at intermission time; but in all likelihood they will.

Happy Birthday . . .

. . . today to Princess **Marguerite Cetani**, great patroness of the arts and publisher of Botteghe Oscure . . . to Mrs **Harold Shapiro**, wife of the U.S. Embassy attaché . . . to Mrs **Carrie Hine**, chairman of the Mothers' Auxiliary of the Boy Scouts of America . . . to Finnish Ambassador to Italy **Asko Ivalo** . . . to Italian artist **Nino Caffè** . . . to Cmdr. **Robert C. Simmons Jr.** of MAAG . . . and to Capt. **Edward G. Magennis**, deputy for Sending State Office matters.

Rome Miscellany

American artist **Helani** — one of the seven founders of the first cooperative gallery in Rome, the Appunto on Via Gregoriana — will open a one-man show of her new paintings there this evening. The vernissage is set for 6 . . . another art opening will take place this evening at the Schneider Gallery with a presentation of paintings by **Clayton Whitehill**, professor of art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and a current resident of Perugia . . . the ancient Roman theater at Ostia Antica will be the scene of performances of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" starting Monday, June 29 . . . impressive indeed is the invitation that has been issued for President **Charles de Gaulle's** reception at the French Embassy Friday night. It reads like this: "Le Général de Gaulle, Président de la République Française, Président de la Communauté, et Madame de Gaulle prient Monsieur et Madame . . . de bien voulour assister à la réception offerte au Palais Farnèse le Vendredi 26 Juin 1959, à 22 heures 15, en l'honneur de Leurs Excellences le Président de la République Italienne et Madame Gronchi." And in the corner is the notation: "Tenue, Uniforme, Habit, Decorations," indicating that it will be an unconditionally full-dress affair . . . a champagne cocktail party was given last week for Mr and Mrs **Lester Lesserman**, who are embarking on a European tour before returning to their California home, by Mrs **Dasche Auerbach-Stuart** at her Via Barnaba Oriani apartment. Enjoying the fun were Mrs **Joseph Auerbach**, the hostess' mother; her brother **Norbert Auerbach**, who is general manager for Columbia Pictures in Europe; Panama's Ambassador to Italy and Mrs **Rafael Vallarino**; Mrs **Joan Michaels**, wife of NBC's correspondent in Moscow; Princess **Maria Louise Branchiforte**, Mr and Mrs **Athos Maestosi**, Mr and Mrs **John Fornacca**.



THIS STRIKING PHOTOGRAPH of actress Luise Rainer shows her posed against decorative texts of Rabindranath Tagore during the recent showing of the Indian philosopher-artist's works at the Rome-New York Art Foundation. Miss Rainer is in Rome working in Federico Fellini's film, "La Dolce Vita." The photograph is by Canadian artist Roloff Beny and will form part of the collection of his camera work that goes on exhibit at the Ferro di Cavallo library Thursday, July 2.

Entrances And Exits

Mrs **Claire Giannini Hoffman** of San Francisco, director of the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, is due to fly into Rome today via Pan American . . . TWA yesterday whisked Broadway producer **Ethel Linder Reiner**, who has been house-guesting with the **Bill Peppers** for the past few weeks, back to New York . . . the same airline will bring in its own European sales manager, **Richard Mazzarrini**, from Paris . . . **Stephen P. Schneider**, son of the Robert E. Schneiders and a student at the Lycée Châteaubriand in Rome, was off to Paris to receive scholastic honors at Concours Générale ceremonies at the Sorbonne . . . among the passengers sailing Statesward on the Independence, which leaves from Naples today and from Genoa tomorrow, are **Randall Williams**, first secretary of the U.S. Embassy, and family; **W. J. Hayes, ICA** industrial officer at Beirut, and family; composer Baron **Raffaele De Banfield**; and the Rev. **Anthony Piraino**, American representative in Italy of Church World Service . . . visiting Rome (at the Pensione Francini) is the Rev. **Walter Plimmer** of Brooklyn, celebrating his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. Father **Plimmer**, who is chaplain of the St. Genesius Society, will return to the U.S. on Saturday via SAS . . . current guests at the Gritti Palace Hotel in Venice are Mr and Mrs **Henry J. McCusker** and son **John** of Boston, Mass., and Mr and Mrs **E. H. Crump** and daughter **Louise** of Memphis, Tenn.

Vatican Record

An unusual LP disc will shortly be on sale. It is a recording of the major incidents and speeches in the life of the late Pope Pius XII. The recording, supervised by the Rev. **Francesco Farusi**, director of the Vatican Radio, begins with the announcement of Eugenio, Cardinal Pacelli's election as Pope. His 19 years of pontificate are remembered with his speeches and radio talks, and the recording ends with the sound of Father **Pellegrino** announcing the death of the Pontiff.

If you have any news for "Lend Me Your Ears," please telephone Rome: 567.115 between 1 and 5 p.m. or write to 8 Via Dandolo, Rome, Italy.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'll bet you can't find your purse!"

Queen Dresses Too Matronly, Says Designer

LONDON, June 23 (AP) — American dress designer Don Loper said today that Queen Elizabeth II is a well dressed woman — but one who dresses too matronly at times.

"It's probably not her fault," he added. "It's the fault of those who dress her. Why, at times, she looks 33."

A reporter said that Her Majesty was 33.

"That's just my point," he snapped.

Asked about Princess Margaret's clothes, Loper replied:

"The princess is not an easy one to dress, this is because of her size."

Margaret is short with plenty of curves.

Loper said he had deep sympathy for the royal ladies and their clothes.

"Everyone's looking at them all the time and they look with a critical eye.

"They're on stage from the minute they wake until they go to bed. And don't forget — because of their great activities — standing around at ceremonies and walking through factories and such — they've got to be comfortable, too."

Here with four Hollywood models and what he claimed were a million dollars worth of dresses, Loper has been invited to put on a show for tonight's glittering Anglo-American Ball.

Somebody asked how he thought Princess Grace of Monaco and Philadelphia looks in her clothes.

"Her Serene Highness looks dreadful now that those Paris dressmakers have got at her," he said.

"I used to make her look like a princess — now she looks like just plain Grace Kelly."

Strad Violin Sells For Record Price

LONDON, June 23 (AP)—A Stradivarius violin today sold at auction for 8,190 pounds ($22,932).

This is the highest price ever paid at an auction for a violin by the master of Cremona. The instrument bore the original label of Antonio Stradivari "Cremona 1703" and was called the Dancla Stradivarius after Charles Dancla, French violinist of the 19th century who played it for two decades.

Purchaser at the Christies sale today was James Reno of Manchester, a dealer in musical instruments. Reno said he would like to run a violin-playing contest with the winner having the use of the Dancla for one year as the prize.

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Siena Stages Its Famed Palio July 2

PALIO TIME has come around again, and the day is Thursday, July 2. Once more Siena's shell-shaped, pink-brick Piazza del Campo will be the scene of spectacular pageantry and exciting sport when ten of the Tuscan city's boroughs or "contrade" compete in a bareback horserace that is always nerve-wracking to watch.

The Palio, which takes place twice yearly (on July 2 and Aug. 16), begins shortly before sundown, but the procession that precedes it, in which representatives of all 17 contrade take part, dressed in the full regalia of the Renaissance, is a sight not to be missed.

Happy Birthday . . .

. . . today to Mrs **James F. Arsenault**, wife of the assistant air attaché at the U.S. Embassy . . . to Mrs **Charles T. Tidball**, wife of the Rome YMCA director . . . to famed Italian violinist **Gioconda De Vito** . . . to Mrs **Martha Norelli Bernhard Berenson** of Florence . . . to great American art critic . . . to British Ambassador to Italy Sir **Ashley Clarke** . . . to Guatemala's Ambassador to the Holy See **Pedro De Yurrita Maury** . . . to Italian comedian **Carlo Dapporto** . . . and to **Arnaldo Lacagnina** of BCINA.

The Party Line

The Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) introduced its new chief, Rear Adm. **Sherman R. Clark**, U.S. Navy, and Mrs **Clark** at a Hotel Flora reception last night . . . the **Alfred Jacobsons** entertained at cocktails in their Viale Gorizia apartment . . . and another party of last night was that given by American artist **Arthur Elliott** on the terrace of his Via Panama penthouse. Among the invited guests — to name only a few — were **Naomi Huber** of USIS in Florence, Mr and Mrs **Russell McCrea**, Mrs **Gladys James**, Mr and Mrs **Robert Spafford**, Princess **Doris Pignatelli**, **Alisa Mainardi**, **Enrico Pozzani**, **Pamela Ormsby**, **Liliane Navarre**, Mr and Mrs **Robert Pilati**, **Jinny Paluilis**, **Vera Molnar**, **Winifred Fairburn**, Mr and Mrs **Frederick Lampe**, Mr and Mrs **Philip Anfuso**, **Sigrid Mölek**, **Rosanna Rory**, Mr and Mrs **Lou Cortese**, Mr and Mrs **Kurt Polter** and Baroness **Maria Resio**.

Entrances And Exits

Queen Mother Zain of Jordan left by plane for Amman yesterday after a three-day private visit in Rome . . . Pan American yesterday brought in from New York and Paris **Maxwell James**, of the architectural firm of James, Meadow & Howard, and **Karr Parker**, president of the Buffalo (N.Y.) Electric Co. . . . new arrivals at the Excelsior include **Leo Martinuzzi**, vice president of R. H. Macy & Co.; American actress **Lynda White**; Hollywood film agent **Myrt J. Blum**; and **Marion Jordan**, European general supervisor for Universal Films . . . Dr. **Solomon Weintraub** and his wife, Prof. **Ruth Weintraub** of Hunter College, New York, are at the Mediterraneo for a few days en route to Israel. Dr. **Weintraub** is pathologist at St. Francis Hospital, Trenton, N.J. . . . registered at the Bernini-Bristol are Cyrenaica's Vice Governor and Mrs **Wanis Gaddafi** . . . Adm. **Fahri Kuruturk**, commander-in-chief of the Turkish Navy, arrived in Rome with a party Wednesday via Panair do Brasil and checked in at the Grand Hotel . . . at the same hotel: American composer **Bert Shefter** with Mrs **Shefter** . . . Rome medical students **Al Schneir** and **Richard Guarino** were States-bound yesterday; they'll be returning in September to resume their studies.



AMERICAN SOPRANO and Rome resident **Lucille Udovick** (above) is currently appearing in the soprano leads of "Andrea Chenier" and "Tosca" at the Croatian State Opera in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Next month she will sing the role of Amelia in Verdi's "Masked Ball" with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and in August she will appear at the Split Festival in Yugoslavia. The photo shows Miss Udovick in the title part of "Aida," which she sang last month in Amsterdam.

Art Notes

In her studio at 54 Via Margutta American sculptress **Helen Zelezny** yesterday held the annual exhibition of work by her pupils — a group which this year represents nine different nationalities. Included in the show were interesting terracottas in different sizes by these Americans: Mrs **Robert E. Bagnall**, Mrs **James J. Grieco**, **Edward A. Mag**, Mrs **Charles Gelb**, Mrs **Charles T. Tidball**, **Kathy Kennedy** and **Peter** and **Stephen Barnett**, sons of Mr and Mrs **Vincent M. Barnett** of the U.S. Embassy . . . paintings by the Danish artist **Borge Sornum** went on exhibit Tuesday at La Salita Gallery off Piazza di Spagna . . . **G. T. Liverani**, La Salita's director, has organized a showing of contemporary Italian art which is currently being shown in Tokyo under the patronage of Italy's Ambassador to Japan **Maurilio Coppini**. The show is presented by Dr. **Palma Bucarelli**, superintendent of Rome's National Gallery of Modern Art . . . New York painter **Roy Colonna** is showing his works at Il Camino Gallery on Via del Babuino; the exhibit runs through Tuesday . . . among the crowd present at the launching of **Helani's** show at the Galleria Appunto Wednesday evening were Mr and Mrs **James Wines**, Mr and Mrs **Leon Algrant**, **Olivia Velletri**, **Janet Hodge**, **Aleta Lister**, **Emmelina Di Vita**, Mrs **Ann Natanson**, **Rock Mitchell**, **Marvin Halverson**, **Carlo Giacomozzi**, **Franco Laurenti**, **Walter Guzzardi** and **A. Berens Nelson**.

Aviano Open House

A combined Italian-American open house will be held at Aviano Air Base on Sunday.

USAF and Italian Air Force aircraft will operate together both in static display and flybys. Highlight of the day will be acrobatics and precision formation-flying by the Skyblazers and the Black Lancers, the latter having recently replaced the world-famed Red Devils as the Italian Air Force acrobatic team.

It is estimated that a crowd of over 50,000 will be on hand to see the show.

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Pravda Praises Tenor Del Monaco

MOSCOW, June 25 (AP)—Pravda yesterday handed La Scala singer Mario Del Monaco a farewell bouquet of rare Muscovite praise for any artist—Russian or foreign.

Stating that Del Monaco drew "universal attention" through his Bolshoi opera performances, music critic B. Rudzeevsky said his voice was "exquisite in beauty of timber and power."

Lauding his "acting mastery" the critic said of Del Monaco's part as Don Jose in "Carmen." "Rarely are you privileged to see character so subtly conceived in an opera scene."

He said Del Monaco's performances in "Carmen" and "Pagliacci" "in many ways exploded the traditional conception of Italian opera school tradition."

Del Monaco is scheduled to appear at the Leningrad Opera in the next few days as Don Jose before returning home after the greatest success a foreign singer has had here for years.

It was learned, meanwhile, that the Soviets have decided to send three top singers to Italy for study after futile attempts to bring Italian vocal teachers here.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Don't nobody move! My frog got out!"



AUGUSTO VAZZOLER, Italian high school student, and winner of a contest conducted by Alitalia among sons of its personnel, boards a plane for New York. His victory, based on school merit, entitles him to a two-month camping vacation at Rhinebeck, N.Y., sponsored by the Louis August Jonas Inc. Foundation.

Prince Albert Gets Promotion In Belgian Navy

BRUSSELS, June 25 (AP) — Prince Albert of Liege, who is to marry Italian Princess Paola Ruffo di Calabria next week, has been appointed commander of the Belgian Navy, the Belgian Defense Ministry announced today.

The Prince was formerly a lieutenant-commander.

It was also announced today that Donna Paola will be escorted to the altar of St. Gudule Church, on July 2, by Prince Albert himself.

It is customary in Belgium for the bride to be taken to the altar by her father, the bridegroom being accompanied by his mother.

Belgian noble families have changed the rules lately, declaring that the couple being already civilly married (the civil wedding must precede the religious ceremony in Belgian law), they should enter the church together.

Furthermore, Donna Paola has lost her father, and Prince Albert his mother.

Entering the church, the couple will pass under the crossed swords of 24 navy officers.

In Brussels, palace and government officials are busy setting up their plans for the ceremony.

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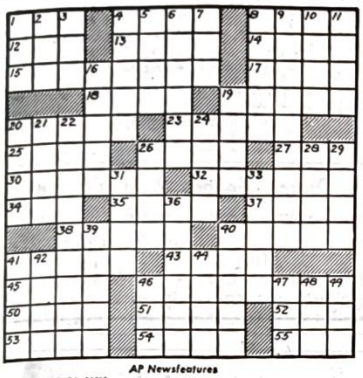
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Snake
4. Light beds
8. Lights out
12. Metal form used in stamping
13. Medley
14. Fencing sword
15. Decoration
17. Confined
18. Warmth
19. Transmits
20. Aspect
23. Devoured
25. Wild ox
26. Border
27. Masculine name
30. Large vulture
32. Thinks
34. Abstract being
35. Haul
37. Writing table
38. Ordinary form of language
40. Tries
41. Member of a religious order
43. Ostrich
45. Merry adventure
46. Bald
50. S-shaped molding
51. Solar disk
52. Goddess of mischief
53. Marries
54. Army meal
55. Uncooked

DOWN

1. Commotion
2. Title
3. Writing implement
4. Celestial body
5. Olive genus
6. Colored
7. Drunkard
8. Wigwam
9. Italian mountains
10. Be undecided
11. Coteries
16. In the lead
19. Pace
20. Countenance
21. Presently
22. Plotted
24. Excited with expectation
26. Makes a mistake
28. Repose
29. Requests
31. Perfume
33. All that could be wished
36. Charge with gas
39. Roues
40. Sea birds
41. Run
42. Fury
44. Hurries
46. Second son of Noah
47. Auricle
48. As it is written: music
49. Use a needle



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Red Offers To Buy Back Alaska

NEW YORK, June 30 (AP) — Russia offered yesterday to buy back Alaska for $200 million. But it was just a joke.

During a luncheon, Soviet First Deputy Premier Frol R. Kozlov, discussing Alaska, told Adm. Alan G. Kirk (ret.), former American ambassador to Russia:

"We'd give $200 million for it — but I don't suppose you would sell."

The United States bought the new state from Russia in 1867 for $7,200,000.

Benson Says U.S. Favors Euromart, Sees Trade Boost

BONN, June 30 (AP)—The United States favors the European Common Market because it will eventually lead to general expansion of trade, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said today.

He was answering a news conference question whether U.S. exports, particularly of cereals, would be hit by the six-nation Common Market which started operating this year.

Benson doubted that it would have any short-term effect and said that in the long run it would raise living standards and enable Europeans to buy more American products.

Benson is spending two days in West Germany visiting the International Food Fair in Lausanne and speaking at the July 4 Danish-American day in Copenhagen.

He called on West German State Secretary Theodor Sonnemann at the Agriculture Ministry but said he had no specific problems to discuss with the German government.

40 Cuban Invaders Fly From Panama

PANAMA CITY, June 30 (UPI)—Forty of the 89 Cuban invaders who surrendered to Panamanian troops last month were shipped home by air yesterday.

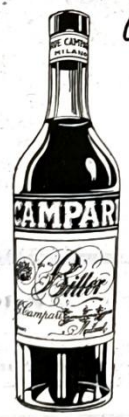
The party included Julia Herrera, the only woman among the invaders who boarded the plane for Cuba in a black silk dress provided by her captors to replace the fatigue clothes she wore when she surrendered.

The other 49 invaders, said to include troublemakers blamed for the recent jail riots in Colon, are to be shipped home Wednesday.

Five Cubans and a Panamanian who refused to surrender but were captured later will be tried for trying to overthrow the Panamanian government.

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ROMAN THEATER, Ostia Antica — "A Midsummer Night's Dream," by Shakespeare (in Italian); nightly at 9:15, through Monday.

VILLA GIULIA — Ballet program presented outdoors in the Nymphaeum; nightly at 9:15, through July 15.

MUSIC

BATHS OF CARACALLA — Summer opera season in spectacular setting of Roman ruins; opening with "Lohengrin," by Wagner; Franco Capuana, conductor; tonight at 9.

STADIUM OF DOMITIAN, Palatine Hill — Summer symphony concert by the Santa Cecilia Academy Orchestra; Carlo Zecchi, conductor (works of Haydn, Schubert, Tchaikovsky); tonight at 9:30.

EXHIBITS

OBELISCO GALLERY, 146 Via Siatina — Drawings, gouaches and tempera works by Eugene Berman.

SAN MARCO GALLERY, 61 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Eugene Berman.

SCHNEIDER GALLERY, 10 Rampa Mignanelli — Paintings by Clayton Whitehill. Hours: 10:30-1, 4:30-8; closed Sundays.

LA FELUCA, 38 Via Frattina — Paintings of Capri by Carmelina.

ODYSSIA GALLERY, 36 Via Liguria — Paintings by Santomaso and Pirandello.

LA CASSAPANCA, 107/a Via del Babuino — Paintings by Vincent Bruno. Through July 10.

GALLERIA TRASTEVERE, 13 Piazza in Piscinula — Abstractions by David Lund. Hours: 6-9 weekdays; 10-1 Sundays.

GALLERIA APPUNTO, 46 Via Gregoriana — Paintings by Helani.

SELECTA GALLERY, 2 Via di Propaganda — Paintings by Angelo Savelli.

POGLIANI GALLERY, 36 Via Gregoriana — Paintings by American artist Mowry Baden. Extended through Saturday.

LA SALITA, 16/c Salita San Sebastianello — Paintings by Giuseppe Pirinoli.

IL SEGNO, 4 Via Cape le Case — Paintings by Luigi Piciotti and Arturo Vermi. Through Sunday.

APPIA ANTICA, 20 Via Appia Antica — Paintings by Edmund Alleyn, Milet, Lora, Peña. Hours: 11-1, 5-8. Through July 11.

LA TARTARUGA, 196 Via del Babuino — Abstractions by Toti Scialoja.

RUSSO GALLERY, 1/a Piazza di Spagna — Group show of works by Carrà, De Chirico, Fantuzzi, Guzzi, Ludovisi, Omicicoli, Tamburi, Tomea, Villoresi.

FILMS

In English:

ARCOBALENO, Palazzo di Vetro, Via XX Settembre — "Revenge of the Creature," with John Agar, Lori Nelson, John Bromfield. Today at 5:45, 7:30, 10 p.m.

FIAMMETTA, 3 Via San Nicolò da Tolentino — "Killer's Kiss." Today at 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.

In Italian:

ADRIANO, Piazza Cavour — "I Tre Sceriffi" (also at the Mignon).

ARISTON, 15 Via Cicerone — "Non Perdiamo la Testa" (also at the Arena Esedra, Moderno, Paris).

BARBERINI, Piazza Barberini — "Sally."

CAPITOL, Via Pastrengo — "Mille Cadaveri per Mr Joe."

CORSO, 41 Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina — "La Ribelle."

FIAMMA, Via Bissolati — "Wild Strawberries."

GALLERIA, Galleria Colonna — "La Violetera" (also at the America, New York).

METROPOLITAN, 7 Via del Corso — "La Saetta Nera."

QUATTRO FONTANE, Via Quattro Fontane — "Le Veneri del Peccato."

CLUB MEETINGS

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

ZOO

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

NIGHT CLUBS

BRICKTOP'S, Via Veneto — Nightly entertainment.

FLORIDA, Largo Tritone — Floor show, dancing.

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TOR FIORENZA, 2 Via Monte delle Gioie — Dancing, American bar. Tel. 880.962.

In Other Cities

In Siena:

PIAZZA DEL CAMPO — The Palio, traditional procession and horse race in 15th century costume; tomorrow afternoon.

In Spoleto:

II Festival of Two Worlds

TEATRO NUOVO — Jerome Robbins' "Ballets: U.S.A."; Friday night at 8.

TEATRO CAIO MELISSO — Program of one-act plays; tomorrow and Friday nights at 8.

In Tivoli:

VILLA D'ESTE — Illumination of the fountains; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 8:30 to 11:30. Through Oct. 11.

Hotel Guide



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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Finance Police To Hold Night Parade Tomorrow

WITH THE FLOOD-LIT PALACES of the Palatine Hill as a backdrop, the troops of Italy's Department of Finance Police (Guardia di Finanza) will stage a spectacular parade tomorrow night in the Circus Maximus, starting at 8:45. Some 30,000 people — including President **Giovanni Gronchi** and Finance Minister **Paolo Emilio Taviani** — are expected to attend the parade, which celebrates the 185th anniversary of the founding of the force.

The parade will be a big one, involving 1,896 men, 128 trucks and 187 motorcycles, to say nothing of the dogs that the force uses in its anti-contraband activities.

Among the duties of the Finance Police, whose members wear gray uniforms with yellow facings, are the surveillance of frontiers, the apprehension of smugglers, the inspection of trains, ships and aircraft and the collection of taxes between provinces.

Happy Birthday . . .

. . . today to Marchesa **Louise Maimone**, née **Topping** . . . and to Italian baritone **Benvenuto Franci.**

Rome Miscellany

Latest bulletin on **Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong:** the king of trumpeters ventured out of the Grand Hotel into the blistering noonday sun of Rome yesterday — wearing shorts — and had luncheon at the Via di Porta Latina home of Countess **Alicia Paolozzi. Armstrong,** recuperating from his serious attack of pneumonia, still plans to fly back to New York tomorrow . . . the National Academy of Dance, under the direction of **Jia Ruskaja,** will observe the end of the school year with a program of four ballets in the "Castello dei Cesari" garden on the Aventino Hill tomorrow and Friday nights. The ballets are; "The Circle of Life," by **Mila Cirul,** with **Avia De Luca** and **Ciro Figueroa**; a "Pas de Deux," choreographed by **Bianca Gallizia,** with **Sonia Lo Giudice** and **Tony Ferrante**; "Clair de Lune," with **Giuliana Penzi**; and **David Lichine's** "Cascade," with **Chiara Zoppolato** . . . both the Eliseo and Sistina theaters wound up their opera seasons last night. At the latter Italian tenor **Ezio Cechetelli** scored a notable success in the role of Don José in "Carmen" . . . American soprano **Eileen Farrell,** who has been appearing at **Gian Carlo Menotti's** Festival of Two Worlds at Spoleto, flies home to the States via Pan American tomorrow . . . the same airline brought in tenor **Giuseppe Di Stefano** from New York yesterday . . . because many of its members will be out of town this week for the Palio in Siena, the International Teen Club of Rome has postponed until Wednesday, July 8, its planned beach party, to be held at the American Embassy Beach Club. Members still are urged to call **Roderic Kring** at 399.708 to make reservations for the party, which will include a meeting at which club officers for 1959-60 will be elected.



CECHETELLI

Afro-Asian Dinner

Indonesian Ambassador Dr. **Abu Hanifah,** Datu Maharaja Emas, and Mrs **Abu Hanifah** last night gave a grand dinner, mostly for Afro-Asian nations, to open their summer season.

Guests were Italian Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs and Mrs **Alberto Folchi,** Ethiopian Ambassador and Mrs **G. Tekle Hawariat,** Philippine Ambassador and Mrs **Roberto Regala,** Indian Ambassador and Mrs **Khub Chand,** Thai Ambassador and Mrs **Phairot Jayanama,** Liberian Ambassador and Mrs **Nathan Barnes,** Libyan Ambassador **M. Muntasser,** Ceylonese Ambassador and Mrs **Herbert Hulugalle,** and Japanese Ambassador **Tadakatsu Suzuki,** Jordanian Minister **Edmond Roch,** Afghan Minister **Qasim Sharif** and Miss **Sharif,** Sudan chargé d'affaires **Mohamed el Tahir,** Saudi Arabian chargé d'affaires **Samir Shihabi,** Iraqi chargé d'affaires **Hakki Barazanji,** Indonesian Embassy Counsellor Mrs **Artati Marzuki** and visiting Indonesians Minister of Education Prof. and Mrs **R. M. Prijono** and Red Cross chairman Prince **Paku Alam.**

Mostly Military

Notes from U.S. military bases . . . VICENZA: The Vicenza Community Theater has begun rehearsals for a summer musical, "Get Hot," to be presented in Vicenza and other North Italy locations during July and August. The show, being directed by **Jerome Birdman,** will display an array of top 1st USA Missile Command talent, including the "Dells" singing group; the "Pleasers" band; **Winki Harris,** former New York night club singer; dancer **Jim Cooper;** singers **Jim Brown** and **Don Abbott.** The music is arranged by **Tom Coscette** and **Bobby LeBlanc** . . . VERONA: Lt. Col. **Walter H. Cook** has been appointed SETAF signal officer. A 1943 West Point graduate, Colonel **Cook** was signal officer of the 9th Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colo., prior to his new assignment . . . LEGHORN: Recent ceremonies at the Southern Engineer District, Mediterranean Division, marking the 184th Anniversary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were highlighted by retirement ceremonies for Mrs **Marie King** and Miss **Ida Mathewson.** Each received 20-year service pins and corsages from Col. **Joe A. Clema,** Southern District Engineer.

If you have any news for "Lend Me Your Ears," please telephone Rome: 587.115 between 1 and 5 p.m. or write to 8 Via Dandolo, Rome, Italy.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Dennis told us to meet him here. Okay?"



ONE OF THE VISITORS at the Appunto Gallery on Via Gregoriana, for the opening of Helani's show of new works, was American dramatic soprano Emmelina Di Vita (above). A Rome resident and student with maestro Tullio Serafin, Miss Di Vita recently gave 13 performances of "La Traviata" in Israel and will sing in "Manon Lescaut" and "Traviata" this fall in Italy.

Tania Velia... Refugee Star Awaits Her Family In Rome

(By A Staff Writer)

Tania Velia, a rising star of American films and television was breathlessly awaiting in Rome last night the arrival of her parents from Yugoslavia. Tania must meet them here because she can't go back. She is an Iron Curtain escapee.

Daughter of the mayor of the island of Lastovo, sister of a colonel in the Yugoslavia army, a graduate of the Zagreb Theater Arts Center and champion swimmer, Tania said "I just couldn't stand it there."

So taking advantage of her athletic prowess, Tania engineered her escape to freedom in August '54 while participating in an Austro-Yugoslavian swimming match in Graz.

She went to Salzburg, but the quiet cathedral city was no place for restless Tania. In January of '55 she landed in New York to begin her climb to Rome. She became a night club singer, torched her way from Canada to Venezuela and finally in June '57 landed in Hollywood where she attracted the attention of photo-reporter Eddie Rocco.

After stints on several TV shows, Tania got her first "little break." She won a part in the Allied Artists production of "Queen of the Universe" the "Queen" was Zsa Zsa Gabor, and the battle between the two representatives of Slavic beauty made Hollywood headlines.

"Missile to the Moon" Tania's second Hollywood step, led to her "big break," a leading role opposite Bruce Bennett and Robert Bray in the soon-to-be-released film "Whiplash," shot in Puerto Rico.



TANIA VELIA

Manila Folk Dancers Win Mallorca Contest

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands, June 30 (AP) — Manila's Far Eastern University folk dance group won the first prize of an international contest, judges announced today.

Competing with groups from Spain, Argentina, Panama, Mexico, Peru and Chile last night the 36-member Filipino group was awarded the Baleares Prize. It was the second high award won by the Filipinos in their tour of Spain.

Brandt Invites Sophia To Berlin Festival

VIENNA, June 30 (UPI) — Mayor Willy Brandt, chief magistrate of West Berlin, storm-center of the East-West conflict, has invited movie actress Sophia Loren to City Hall to tender her the keys to the city on July 4.

Miss Loren, currently in the Austrian capital to work in Paramount's "Olympia," in which she co-stars with Maurice Chevalier, John Gavin and Angela Lansbury, will leave her role to appear at the Berlin Film Festival.

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