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Rome Opera House To Have Season

GOOD NEWS FOR OPERA LOVERS! The Rome Opera House will definitely open for the 1962-1963 season. Earlier this week the Opera House committee had announced it would be forced to cancel the season unless at least $800,000 could be raised by Oct. 20. An appeal was made to the government and the Minister of Tourism and Spectacle **Alberto Folchi** has now assured the committee that the government will guarantee the season. The Opera House is presently heavily in debt and the city treasury has no funds to cover the deficit. The Italian Parliament has more than doubled the government's subsidies to the major opera houses but even after this it was expected that the Rome Opera House would have a $900,000 deficit in the season from December to May.

Around The Galleries

Two new shows open tonight in Rome, one at the Gallery 88 with sporting paintings by **Henry Koehler** (see picture on Page 11) and one at the Cassapanca with works by **Marcello Gallian.**



GUTTUSO

On Monday, La Nuova Pesa Gallery is presenting paintings by **Renato Guttuso,** the first of their fall season of one-man shows. For the occasion Italian writer-poet-director **Pier Paolo Pasolini** has written an introduction to a booklet containing 20 reproductions of the artist's work . . . just opened at the Il Segno Gallery is an exhibition of sculpture and paintings by the Spanish painter **Manuel Rivera.**

Who's A Gidget?

Columbia Pictures has started a search for a young girl to send to Rome to star in the next of the "Gidget" films. So far there have been two actresses playing Gidget, **Sandra Dee** took the original title role. **Deborah Walley** played the part in "Gidget Goes Hawaiian."

But Miss **Walley** is now an expectant mother, and so the studio wants another girl for "Gidget Goes To Rome."

Columbia will have television help in the search. Columbia Broadcasting System will put on a "Miss Teenage Coronation" Contest Oct. 26. The winner will have a chance to try out for the film.

The Friendly Fleet

The Sidon Government Hospital and the Islamic Hospital of Tripoli have both received donations of hospital equipment and supplies from the people of the U. S. as a result of the visit of the U. S. Sixth Fleet to Lebanon. At Beirut, Capt. **Richard G. Colbert** of the USS Boston presented an iron lung and other equipment to the Sidon Hospital and similar ceremonies were held in Tripoli. The gifts came from the Boston, Mass., area.

Turnstiles

French actress **Françoise Prevost** comes to town today to start work on her role in the Duilio Film production of "The Trial of Verona." The film is being directed by **Carlo Lizzani** and stars **Frank Wolff** and **Silvana Mangano** . . . Italian singer **Miranda Martino** has come back to the Eternal City from Japan after her honeymoon trip with journalist **Ivano Davoli.** She's taking up her role in "Avventura al Motel" . . . French Foreign Minister **Maurice Couve de Murville** flies back to Paris today via TWA.

Here And There

Prince **Bernhard** of the Netherlands has arrived in Porto St. Stefano for a short vacation. He will return to Holland next Thursday . . . Opera singer **Franco Ventriglia** has returned to the Wexford Festival in Ireland again this year. He will sing in Bellini's "I Puritani" . . . Bishop **Fred Corson** of Philadelphia is in Rome for the Ecumenical Council and staying at the Excelsior. Bishop **Corson,** who is president of the World Methodist Council, will deliver the sermon in Rome's Methodist Church this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . Lord **Bridges,** president of the British Council, and his wife are in Rome and are planning to visit the Council centers in Rome, Milan and Naples and the British Institute in Florence. In Naples he will meet Prof. **Cesare Foligno** who was a friend of his father, Robert Bridges, former poet-laureate of England . . . pianist **Bruno Aprea** will play Franck, Beethoven and Strauss Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Santa Cecilia Auditorium. The concert is one of two that will be given before the regular season opens Oct. 24. **Franco Mannino** will direct the orchestra . . . **Goffredo Lombardo,** president of the Titanus Film Company, has just announced that one of the company's film, "Il Disordine," has been chosen to be presented at the San Francisco International Film Festival. That's the seventh Titanus film to be selected for a film festival this year . . . Spanish Foreign Minister **Fernando Maria Castiella** is visiting Rome . . . American singer **Vic Damone** is due in Rome soon.



COMPOSER Igor Stravinsky is on his way to Rome after his 17-day tour of Russia. The 80-year-old Russian-born American musician is making a short stop-over in Paris before flying on to Rome. He will conduct a concert of his own compositions here on Oct. 18 at the Accademia Filarmonica Romana.

Stravinsky, Khrushchev Chat But Steer Clear Of Music

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (AP) — Soviet Premier Khrushchev and visiting American composer Igor Stravinsky chatted for about 30 minutes in the Kremlin yesterday, but apparently they steered clear of any talk about music.

Afterward, Stravinsky rushed from the Kremlin to the airport to catch a plane to Paris. Before leaving he told newsmen Khrushchev is a "great artist in his work."

The Russian-born musician said Khrushchev spent most of the time chatting about his recent two-week visit to the central Asian Soviet republics.

And Mrs Stravinsky said the two had not discussed music. "He (Khrushchev) knows nothing about music, so what could they say? They could only have exchanged banalities."

So Khrushchev told Stravinsky, his wife Vera and Stravinsky's assistant conductor, Robert Craft, about future plans for developing the republics of Turkmenia, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan.

Khrushchev invited Stravinsky and his wife to come back to the Soviet Union next year and spend the summer vacationing in the Crimea.

Stravinsky's wife said this would be impossible because the year is solidly booked up with concerts and other engagements.

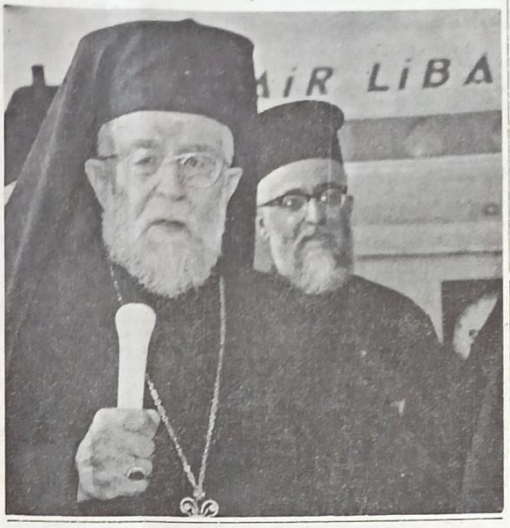
Asked about his impressions of his concert tour, Stravinsky praised the orchestras which he directed in Moscow and Leningrad and was overjoyed at having seen his old home town, Leningrad, the former Czarist capital of St. Petersburg.

Asked whether he felt he had any success in spreading his views on music during his visit, Stravinsky said: "I had meetings with composers and I found that many of the younger generation shares many of my ideas and attitudes."

He made no mention of older Soviet composers, many of whom regard his music as unsuitable for Soviet culture.



PARTICIPANTS from all over the world have come to Rome for the Ecumenical Council. Shown arriving at Fiumicino Airport via Air Liban from Beirut is Sayegh Maxinos, Patriarch of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem and All the East. The Second Vatican Council opened Thursday.



25 Modern Italian Painters Go On Display In New York

(Special to the Daily American)

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—An exhibition of paintings, featuring the prize winners in a competition of contemporary Italian artists, has opened at the IBM Gallery, 16 East 57th Street. It will remain through Oct. 27.

The show, entitled "Twenty-five Modern Italian Painters," is sponsored by Standard Oil Company (New Jersey). It is the first showing in this country of twenty-five paintings selected from entries in the latest art contest held in Italy by Esso Standard Italiana.

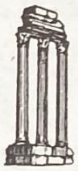
Since 1951 the Italian company has periodically sponsored art contests. The paintings being shown here are based on the theme, "One Hundred Years of Industry in Italy," marking the centenary of Italian unification. Eighty-seven contestants completed for cash awards totaling $10,000.

Top award among the seventeen cash prize winners went to Giulio Turcato for his abstract painting "Composition with Gears." A second prize tie honored the works of Giovanni Stradone for his "Gas Works on the Tiber" and Gianfilippo Usellini for his "Dream of Icarus." Fourteen honorable mention awards also were made.

The paintings were first exhibited at the Rome Prizes Foundation for Arts and then were taken on a tour of Italy.

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