

Soviet Ballet Master Favors London Trip

By ROY ESSOYAN
MOSCOW, Sept. 27 (AP)—Mikhail Chulaki, director of the Bolshoi Theater ballet troupe, said today he has decided "personally" that the company should go to Britain despite the furor over alleged shoplifting by a Soviet circus member.

Chulaki said he would discuss the question with other members of the troupe tonight with a decision to be announced tomorrow.

An official of the Soviet Ministry of Culture said the decision was expected to be favorable.

Members of the ballet company announced last week in Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper, that they would not keep an engagement in London beginning next Wednesday because they feared they would be made victims of a "provocation" like that which befell Nina Ponomareva.

Meet Cancelled
Nina, hetty woman discus charged with stealing five hats worth less than \$5 from a London store on Aug. 29 just as she and other Soviet athletes were about to appear in a British-Soviet track meet. The track meet never came off as a result.

The Russians called the arrest a "dirty provocation" and Nina still has not appeared in court to answer the charge. London police believe she has been staying in the Soviet Embassy in London, where she is immune from arrest, on a charge of jumping \$14 bail.

Request Rejected
The British Foreign Office in London today disclosed it had turned down a Russian request that the charges be forgotten. British Minister of State Anthony Nutting informed Soviet Charge d'Affaires N. A. Roschin that the government could not interfere in a matter that was in the hands of the courts. Nutting said the proper way to clear up the matter was for Nina to appear in court.

Chulaki, who headed the group of dancers that refused to go to Britain because of the incident, said his change of heart was due to the "warmth and friendliness" of the British Council's letter to the Soviet Ministry of Culture.

Asked to Reconsider
The British Council, a government-sponsored body for promotion of cultural exchanges, urged the ballet company to reconsider London's Covent Garden Opera House, which had sold \$112,000 worth of tickets for the Russian performances, also urged a reconsideration.

Their message showed a serious desire to guarantee the success of the visit and prevent a repetition of such incidents, Chulaki said. "Now we are sure we will not be involved in any such cases as the Ponomareva incident."

A Soviet TU-104 luxury jet airliner was reported standing by to fly the troupe to London. A British Embassy spokesman said the entire troupe could get passports issued in a matter of hours tomorrow.

Salk Vaccine Value Reaffirmed

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 27 (AP)—Evidence from the still incomplete 1956 polio season reaffirms the effectiveness and potency of Salk vaccine, the man who evaluated vaccine trials in 1954 said today.

Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., of the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan, spoke at the university's medical alumni conference.

Dr. Francis, citing a recent Michigan polio report, said: "As of Sept. 21, of all the 113 polio cases in Michigan diagnosed as paralytic, not one case has been reported among those children

who previously had received three shots of Salk vaccine."

Referring to this summer's polio epidemic in Chicago, Dr. Francis added that of 633 paralytic polio cases, not one occurred after a child had received three injections in the prescribed manner.

He said there were some rare instances when a properly inoculated child did catch the disease elsewhere in the nation.

As for children who received one or two shots and then caught polio, Dr. Francis said: "There is no relationship between the site of vaccination and the first location of the paralysis."

Dr. Francis said he does not believe the sharp nationwide reduction in polio cases this year can be directly attributed to the vaccine.

"It has played a crucial part as evidenced by the statistics," he said, "but the contrast of this year over the past few years results from this being a 'low' polio year."

He added that extensive use of the vaccine eventually will make all years "low."

Dr. Francis evaluated the vaccine in 1954 for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his

Denial Urged in Radio Frequency Change Proposal

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—Examiner J. A. Kyle of the Communications Commission Wednesday favored denial of a proposal by radio station KUIN, Grants Pass, Ore., to change from 1340 to 1490 kilocycles and increase its power from 250 watts to 1 kilowatt.

He said the change would cause objectionable interference to other stations in the area.

Success in discovering a polio preventative.

Chinese Bishop Claims Religious Freedom in Homeland

By HERMAN R. ALLEN
WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—An American church official quoted a Chinese Anglican bishop today as saying, "I have more freedom to speak than many Anglican bishops in England."

The quotation was reported by Eugene L. Smith, chairman of the executive board of the Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches.

He told the NCC general board that the statement was made to him by Bishop K. H. Ting in a private

conversation he had with Ting during a meeting of the World Council of Churches in Hungary last summer.

While "I am certainly not implying agreement on my part" with Ting's views, Smith said, "we have no reason for doubting that he does reflect accurately the prevailing opinion of Chinese churches."

Smith also quoted Ting as saying: "The church in China has freedom of worship... to witness, to

evangelize, to publish Christian literature without censorship, to conduct Christian work among students at the universities. The Christians in China do not feel persecuted by the government."

In reporting his own views on what Ting had told him, Smith said, "I believe it was clear in the conversation with him that the Christians of mainland China now proceed on the basis of two very clear assumptions:

"1. What happened in China with the establishment of the Communist regime was inevitable, is creative and must be accepted with joy by all patriotic Chinese."

"2. The Chinese Christian churches have found themselves under God alone through their detachment from any dependence on missionary funds or personnel."

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Truck, Rail Suit Due for Trial Monday

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27 (AP)—A 250-million-dollar damage suit filed by truckers against 16 Eastern railroads, and the railroads' counterclaim for 120 millions from the truckers, go to trial Monday in U.S. District Court here.

Federal Judge Thomas J. Clary said the action, expected to last two months, will start before him "unless there is a last-minute request for a continuance."

The original suit was filed by 37 trucking companies and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assn. in 1953. It alleged that the Eastern Railroad Presidents' Conference and 16 railroads—including America's biggest, the Pennsylvania—had begun an illegal conspiracy in May 1949 to force the trucks out of business.

The truckers' action also included Carl Byrns and Associates, Inc., a New York public relations firm, which the suit alleged conducted a "vicious, corrupt and fraudulent campaign" against the truckers.

The railroads filed a counterclaim last February, seeking 120 million dollars or more, charging the truckers had been conspiring since 1945 to restrain trade and commerce in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

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JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 27 (AP)—An 18-year-old Mississippi College student Wednesday said he stole a funeral home ambulance and led highway patrolmen on a 45-mile chase because "I like to hear sirens."

Patrolmen said Bobby Stinnett told them he took the ambulance from the funeral home about 11 o'clock last night and dashed to the Mississippi College campus with the siren wide open.

There, he induced a fellow student to accompany him to Bolton to pick up traffic accident victims.

Highway Patrolman Robert Sallee heard a radio report on the stolen ambulance, radioed ahead for a roadblock and gave chase.

Stinnett bypassed the road block, passed through Vicksburg and headed south. Two miles out of town, Sallee shot out three tires and Stinnett stopped the vehicle.

Jackson police charged the youth with grand larceny and lodged him in city jail under \$1,000 bond.

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