Nisei Girl Gives Up Stage Career In Japan for Return to America

Tokyo, May 3 — (U.P.) — An American girl of Japanese parentage has forgone a stage career here which is the envy of thousands of Nipponese bobby soxers to return to the United States.

Salt Lake City-born Peggy Noriko Matsuda, the only nisei girl ever to become a member of the famed Takarazuka girls' opera show, said she is planning a stage career in America.

Eyes Hard Work

"My present ability is too poor to appear immediately on the American stage but I am willing to work hard and I am going to begin at the beginning," Miss Matsuda said.

She arrived in Japan eight years ago with her mother and sister, Rose, after her father, Tanesuke Matsuda, a merchant, died in Salt Lake City. After attending elementary and high schools in Ashiya, near Kobe, she enrolled in April, 1946, in the Takarazuka girls opera school.

The Takarazuka girls school is unique. It trains its students to sing, dance and act and operates an operetta. Its repertoire includes Japanese and Shakespearean dramas and a large number of others featuring "make believe" kingdoms almost all based on romance between a beautiful princess and a prince charming.

Girls Portray Males

The male parts are portrayed by girls. The foreigner finds it difficult to understand, but Japanese girl 'teen-agers are almost fanatic in their admiration of members of the Takarazuka show.

Entrance requirements to this school are strict but Miss Matsuda made the grade and she made her debut in April, 1947, under the stage name of Midori Wakasa.

She attracted considerable attention last year when—in flawless English—she described the costumes in a fashion design show on a Tokyo stage. American occupation troops wondered who the girl in the Takarazuka uniform was who spoke their language so well.

Teaches English

In between plays, she has been teaching English to other members of the cast.

Miss Matsuda now is continuing her study of vocal music in preparation for what she hopes will be a stage career in America. She plans to leave Japan some time "before the end of the year" to live in Washington, D. C., with her sister, Rose. Their mother died two years ago.

Varied Program Set By College Choir Here

Religious, secular, operatic and comic selections will be sung by soloists, a girls' trio and a men's quartet as well as by the choir when the Adelphian concert choir of College of Puget Sound appears at First Methodist church here at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6.

Numbers by the 40-voice group will include chorales from the Bach motet, "Jesu, Priceless Treasure"; "The Souls of the Righteous" by Nobel; "Were You There," a spiritual; "The Blue Tail Fly," American folk song, and "When Silence Falls," an Irish air.

The choir has been organized since 1945, and has participated in an annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," sung with the Tacoma symphony, produced a yearly opera or operetta ano annually toured the northwest.

Director of the group is Clyde Keutzer. Leonard Raver will be piano accompanist.

Ex-Treasury Secretary Confined to Hospital

New York, May 3—(U.P.)—Henry Morgenthau Jr., 58, former secretary of the treasury, was "doing very nicely" today in New York hospital where he has been under treatment for a week for a heart disturbance. Hospital officials said he would be released in about three weeks.

Foresters' Meeting Slated at Tulelake

Members of the Siskiyou chapter of the Society of American Foresters will hold a joint meeting with the Shasta-Cascade chapter, at Tulelake, Cal., on Friday, May 12, it was announced today.

The local chapter's members, who come from Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Yreka and nearby communities, have been invited to bring their wives for a field trip through the winter der range of the Modoc national forest, a trip through the Lava Beds national monument, and for a dinner at Tulelake.

WEATHER

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