

Government May Send 'Me' On Europe Tour

Washington — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon announced last night the government is considering sending the Metropolitan Opera Company on a good will tour of Europe.

Such a tour would be the most costly project among U.S. efforts to meet the recently intensified Communist cultural propaganda campaign.

Nixon strongly endorsed the idea, saying that "all the words in the world could not do as much for us as this excellent company."

The vice president disclosed the possible European tour during the Metropolitan's performance here of Gounod's opera "Faust." He was guest of the Met's director, Rudolf Bing.

FOR LATIN AMERICANS

Chicago — (U.P.) — A \$14,400 gift to help give extra training for Latin American doctors has been given to the Interamerican Foundation for Postgraduate Medical Education. The money came from the Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Foundation for postgraduate medical fellowships for doctors from Mexico, Peru, Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for

Jess Barker Refused Hospital Permit To Visit Susan Hayward

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Jess Barker said today he will make another try to visit his ex-wife, Susan Hayward, in a hospital where she is recovering from an attempted suicide as soon as her doctor lets him.

But the slender actor had no comment about his earlier statement that he would make a bedside plea to the tempestuous Miss Hayward to patch up their broken marriage.

Barker's main reason for speeding to her side, he explained, was "concern over the welfare of our children."

An argument Sunday between the constantly warring divorced couple over their twin sons, Tim and Greg, 10, apparently prompted the red-haired movie queen to gulp sleeping pills early yesterday.

In New Orleans, the actor broke down and cried when he was told his ex-wife had tried to kill herself.

"I'm going home to do everything I can for Susan," the distraught actor said then.

But last night Barker, appearing pale and nervous, was met at International Airport by his attorney Lloyd Saunders.

"I'm here to advise Mr. Barker as to what to do about the children," the attorney explained. "He flew here to see that they are properly taken care of. He is primarily interested in the kids."

Barker was barred from Miss Hayward's room when he arrived at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital last night. The actor telephoned Miss Hayward's doctor, Stanley Imerman, and then told a crowd of waiting reporters. "The doctor says it is not advisable for anyone to see her because of her emotional stress. Mrs. Barker is not to see any one, not even her mother, until she is fully recovered."

Barker then was driven to Miss Hayward's home where he visited his sons in their upstairs bedroom. The children had learned of their mother's attempted suicide when someone threw a newspaper on the lawn. But the actress' mother, Mrs. Ellen Marrener, said the boys did not appear upset.

Surprised By Attempt

Friends of the 35-year-old film star were surprised at her suicide attempt. Miss Hayward was known as being moody and emotional, but recently, friends said, "she seemed gay, more outgoing and happier, and she was very excited about her future movie plans."

They pointed out she apparently did not intend to die because she first hysterically telephoned her mother to hint at a death try. Mrs. Marrener then telephoned police, who found the actress unconscious on her living room floor.

Barker's attorney said the couple fought Sunday "over whether to extend Barker's visitation rights five minutes longer." He said Miss Hayward was angry because Barker wanted to accompany her and the children to church.

Barker had complained that Miss Hayward won't speak to him, nor allow her servants to, when he picks up their sons on his visitation days.

Organizations Hear of Vaccine Availability

Washington — (U.P.) — Representatives of 50 national organizations gathered today to hear a report on the availability of the Salk polio vaccine from Health Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby.

Mrs. Hobby said she would "give them all available current information" and in turn solicit their viewpoints. She said she would turn these views over to a national advisory committee to be named by her later this week to control allocation of the vaccine.

Attending today's conference were representatives of farmer, education, religious, health, labor and public organizations ranging from the Advertising Council to the YWCA. The chairman was Dr. Chester S. Keefer, special assistant to Mrs. Hobby and a special adviser to the President.

Canned fruits, valued at \$11,907,945, were the eighth most valuable export commodity shipped through the San Francisco Customs District in 1953.

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington:



Harman Nichols

A guest in our town recently was Rafael Cavestany, the minister of agriculture for Spain. He dropped in on Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson. There was a press conference. A reporter asked Cavestany if stock breeding in Spain had anything to do with improving the fighting bulls. "Spain," said the minister, "has the best fighting bulls in the world. Does that answer your question?"

Rep. Coya Knutson, the lady Democrat from Minnesota and the first woman member of the House Agriculture Committee, took a trip to the Dominican Republic recently. Some way challenged her. "Can you milk a cow?" The pretty Coya not only could but did. She stripped a Dominican Jersey in record time.

For the first time in its 109 years, the Smithsonian Institution has an official flag. The banner is royal blue, and in its center is the torch of knowledge.

Guy Cordon likes to tell his friends that he is the only Republican senator licked in the last election who is not an ambassador. The former gentleman from Oregon is practicing law in the capital. At 65, he still comes

down town to look things over every day.

He doesn't haunt his old haunts though.

"Only once have I been on Capitol Hill," he said, "and that was when I got hungry for the lemon meringue pie in the Senate restaurant."

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has an application for a license from a man who claims to be an experienced parachuter's rigger.

Says the application: "I have packed more than one thousand of those things, and four of them have worked fine." The letter is on file.

A statue of the late Chief Justice Edward Douglas White soon will be in Statuary Hall in the Capitol. White, who was on the Supreme Court from 1910 to 1921, was from Louisiana. Each state is entitled to two statues. The other Louisiana gentleman already is standing there in bronze. The late Huey Long.

Senate Secretary Felton M. Johnston was proud of the seal that was put on the ceiling of his office, honoring a tradition. It is the seal of Mississippi. And all around on desks and tables are things that "Skeeter," as he is known, has collected through the years. Pictures and replicas of penguins. You don't have to see the room to get the idea that Mississippi and penguins don't seem to match.

The Presidio of San Francisco contains one of the nation's largest national cemeteries.

Diamond Lake Wreck Kills San Diego Man

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — George Wayne Sterne, 36, San Diego,

was instantly killed near Diamond Lake junction shortly after noon yesterday when his car collided with a truck loaded with pipe.

Deputy Coroner Clarence Ward said Sterne was travelling north on Highway 97 pulling a 31-foot trailer, loaded with a boat. A truck going south stopped for a tree in the road. Another truck pulled out to pass

the first vehicle and ran head-on into the California car.

Tons of pipe on the truck spilled out and demolished the car. State police worked an hour to extricate the body from the wreckage.

The tree had apparently been blown down across the road.

Canadian nickel deposits have produced 80 per cent of the world's annual production for the past 25 years.

PICKETS PICKETED

Knoxville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Strikers at Robinson Freight Lines, Inc., gave it up as a bad job when their wives set up opposing picket lines and carried large signs reading: "The union is starving our children."

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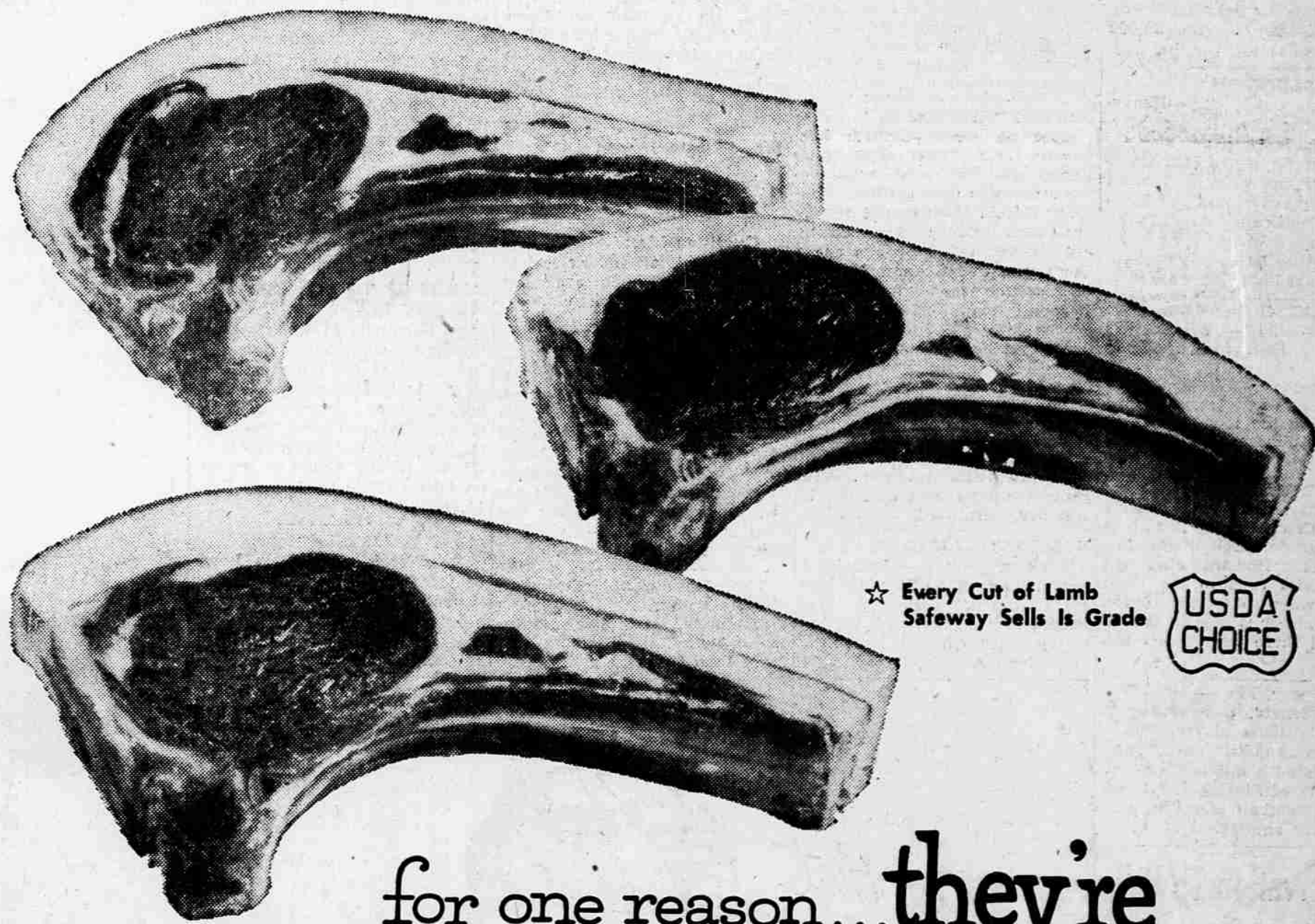
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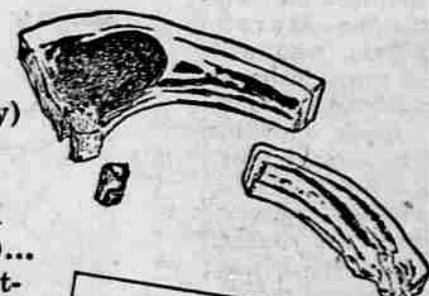


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