

During occasional quiet moment, Bernstein pauses to recharge the dynamo, but at concert (below) his complete absorption in the music inspires contralto Helen Raab.



SINCE TOSCANINI's heyday, no symphonic conductor has captured the imagination and affection of American music lovers as Leonard Bernstein has.

Unlike the autocratic, distant Toscanini, Bernstein is democratic, friendly, and genial: New York Philharmonic players call him Lenny; his sense of humor works overtime; and most of all, he makes audiences feel that listening to music is a pleasure, not a duty.

Though Bernstein also is a composer ("West Side Story," "Fancy Free") and a pianist of note, he is first a teacher and entertainer to millions who have watched him reveal and unravel the "mysteries" of Bach and Beethoven on television.

But nowhere is Bernstein more enter-

taining than at an orchestral rehearsal. Although at performances he manages to suppress some of his dramatic gestures and grimaces, he lets himself go at rehearsals, such as this one for the Young People's Concert (subsequently televised by CBS).

To make this exclusive pictorial record of a Bernstein unrepressed, photographer Eugene Cook shadowed the conductor through the five hours of rehearsal required for the one-hour concert. Constantly cajoling, exhorting, explaining, Bernstein seldom relaxed until the concert ended.

Trying to shape a difficult violin passage, he made a comment which seemed to describe Bernstein himself: "Gentlemen, loudness is a matter of degree. You can play quietly and still keep vibrating."

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He seems to draw music out of orchestra with his hands, but alert musicians watch his face, too.

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