

Symphony Orchestra Is Family Affair

Memphis, Tenn. — The Memphis Symphony Orchestra is growing into a family affair where the clarinet players are concerned.

Language Student Increase Noted At Oregon State

Corvallis — Language enrollment has more than doubled at Oregon State college during the past five years, Dr. Walter Kraft, head of the department of modern languages, has noted.

An "awakened national interest" was mainly credited for the increased enrollment. OSC has 21 classes in first and second year German, French, Spanish and Russian.

With the 825 students enrolled in languages at OSC this term, German and French are the most popular. Students working on a doctor of philosophy degree must master two languages as part of the degree requirement.

German is preferred by 30 per cent of the men enrolled in languages, but women prefer French, mostly perhaps, because of the "cultural aspects."

Far-sighted students look to languages as a "must" in applying for overseas study grants, traveling abroad, and securing foreign airline stewardess or U.S. government embassy and intelligence positions.

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Japan Withstood Test of Pro-West Policy in 1960

Tokyo — Political violence in Japan during 1960 put the nation's ties with the free world to their most severe test. They stood the test.

The 1960 New Year's celebrations were hardly over when Premier Nobusuke Kishi, slipping through back streets in a cold, early morning rain to avoid a mob of 2,000 howling leftist demonstrators, dashed off to Washington to sign a new security treaty with the United States.

It was a period that saw Kishi resign, President Eisenhower's press secretary and the American ambassador mobbed and rescued by a U.S. Marine helicopter, a university coed trampled to death by student rioters and politicians stabbed.

But the treaty was ratified and that was the part of the price that was paid. Although the leftists, led by the opposition Socialist party, succeeded in forcing Kishi from office and keeping Eisenhower from visiting Japan, they had little to show for it.

On the afternoon of Oct. 12, a rightist youth leaped onto the stage of a public auditorium where Asanuma, Ikeda and other political leaders were appearing at a joint public pre-election rally, raced across the platform and—while television cameras looked on and a crowd of more than 1,000 persons gasped in horror, plunged a dagger twice into Asanuma's chest.

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Spacemen Will Be 'Second Fiddle' To Instruments

New York — (Science Service) Future spacemen will play "second fiddle" to instruments launched from earth by man to perform vital space functions, Prof. S. F. Singer, University of Maryland physicist, predicted here.

"Sooner or later the instrumental systems which will be built up to perform vital space functions will become so complicated and expensive that we will need man in the very inglorious role of a maintenance and repair man, for complex television and communication satellites, or to the complex astronomical observatories in space," he said.

Man in space will assume his most important role in the military field because he is an ideal mechanism for providing the judgment, selection and filtering necessary to make a reconnaissance system operate most efficiently.

Whatever inglorious role man ultimately may play in space, Singer told the scientists, the most immediate job is "to put man into orbit and bring him back." This is the program for 1961.

The Socialist leader died minutes later. That was the first political stabbing of the year. During the rioting against President Eisenhower's visit another Socialist, Jotaro Kawakami, was stabbed. And a month later Kishi was stabbed in the thigh while attending a party for his successor. The two victims survived.

Asanuma's assassination did what the other violence had failed to accomplish—it raised widespread public indignation. But it was not until the youthful assassin, 17-year-old

Hitler-loving Otoyama Yamaguchi, handed himself in a detention cell after scrawling a pledge on the wall to kill again for the emperor that the curtain was rung down on the period of violence.

Japan's international prestige slumped tremendously because of the violence and the cancellation of President Eisenhower's visit. It took another drop in September when the government bowed to pressure from Japanese businessmen and cancelled the scheduled good will visit of a

Dutch aircraft carrier. Ikeda went into office with a pledge to work more closely with the free world and double the national income within a decade. He won wide popular support for both policies. But the income-doubling plan was especially appealing to a nation riding the crest of its biggest economic boom in history.

The gross national product was pushing near the \$35 billion mark as the nation maintained one of the highest annual economic growth rates in the world.

Although only 20 per cent of the land is arable, Japanese farmers kept Japan a rice surplus nation, producing the biggest crop in history. Unemployment was down and Japan's per capita income continued to be the highest in Asia. But a welfare ministry "white paper" said in December that the gap between the rich and the poor was widening instead of narrowing.

The imperial family stayed in the spotlight. Another of Emperor Hirohito's children got married, pretty Princess

Suga, who quit the imperial palace for her husband, a commoner bank clerk, whose take-home pay was listed at \$36 a month.

Princess Michiko, who the year before gave up her life as a commoner to marry Crown Prince Akihito, and take up life as the future empress of Japan, gave birth to a son, Prince Hiro, heir to the Chrysanthemum throne.

Disaster struck Japan again, but not with the death and destruction wreaked by Typhoon Vera the previous year. A tidal wave, triggered by earthquakes in Chile, rolled across the Pacific and smashed the northeastern coastal areas of Honshu, causing death and widespread destruction. Typhoon Della left scores dead.

Violence flared frequently during the year at the Mike Colliery as rival unions, police and miners fought during an extended labor dispute. Little notice was taken when

in late November, the miners went back to their pits and one of the most bitter labor disputes in Japanese history was ended.

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