

Young Americans Favorites On European Music Horizon



SHINING LIGHTS—These three young Americans, pictured at Vienna, Austria, are shining lights on the European music horizon. They are, (left to right) Robert Kerns, baritone of Utica, Mich.; Evelyn Lear, soprano from Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Carl Karapetian, conductor from Detroit. (UPI telephoto)

BY ALLEGRA BRANSON
 Vienna—(UPI)—Three young Americans are shining lights on the European musical horizon.
 Evelyn Lear, Brooklyn, N. Y., soprano, Robert Kerns, baritone of Utica, Mich., and Carl Karapetian, conductor from Detroit, have stepped into the musical limelight within the past year, an artistic "Three Musketeers Going Places."
 Miss Lear, who with her baritone husband, Thomas Stewart, is one of the Berlin opera mainstays, has conquered Austria by storm.
 Her first triumph was in Alban Berg's spectacular tone opera "Lulu" during the 1962 Vienna Festival Weeks.
 This was followed by Cherubino in Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" in this year's Salzburg Festival. As of the 1962-63 season, Miss Lear is a valuable member of the Vienna State Opera, singing everything from Mozart to Berg and Bizet to Richard Strauss.

Her only complaint is the meteoric rise to musical fame separates her from her husband too often. "Never again this two months apart," she swears. "Together, or not at all."
 Thus the Lear-Stewart family combines this winter in a new production in Vienna's theater-an-der-wien of Carl Orff's "Die Kluge" (The Clever Woman).
 Miss Lear and Bob Kerns made their big Vienna debut together in Mozart's "Così fan Tutte," she as Fiordiligi and Kerns as Guglielmo. "This," says Kerns, "makes us blood relations."
 Kerns came directly to European opera stages after four years as featured soloist with the U. S. Air Force "Singing Sergeants." Though under contract in Zurich's opera house, he has managed to fit into the Vienna State Opera with a busy schedule which this season ends with the music festival summer 1963 at Aix-en-Provence.
 Kerns sings virtually all the classic baritone roles in

the repertoire in his third year at Zurich, including the baritone's dream role of Mozart's "Don Giovanni."
 Viennese music critics have tabbed the Michigan baritone "one of the most hopeful lights for Vienna's opera future."
 Carl Karapetian, a schoolmate of Kerns at the university of Michigan school of music, is a private student of the legendary Herbert Von Karajan, one of a select few and the only American.
 "Actually," he said, "disciple is more descriptive." Karapetian characterizes Karajan as "one of the most gentle men I've ever known. Far from being the arrogant soul he is often pictured as being, he is filled with camaraderie. Furthermore, Karajan speaks a perfect Americanese. If I didn't know better I'd say he was from Chicago."

Karapetian, a former conductor of Detroit-Windsor's International Symphony, broke into the European musical world with a big splash at this year's Spoleto (Italy) "Festival of Two Worlds." He was responsible for the production and direction of Rossini's opera "Il Conte Ory."
 This work resulted in en-

gagements with the Berlin Rias Symphony Orchestra and a series of other engagements in Europe.
 These three, and many other talented young American musicians, are just waiting for their chance to show America, too, that musical talent abounds between New York and San Francisco as well as on the European continent.

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"Not a chance," spoke up one student promptly.

"Correct," nodded the demonstrator. "And perhaps you will explain to the class exactly why it won't dissolve."

"Because," came the answer, "if it would, you wouldn't drop it in."

"Thank you for the pie, lady," murmured a Chesterfield hobo. "It was mathematically perfect."

"Meaning what?" said the suspicious samaritan. "Meaning," said the hobo, "that if it was any better, you never would have given it to me, and if it was any worse, I never could have eaten it."

Sam Levenson reports that he received two alarming postcards from his boy in camp last summer. The first one read, "They say the flood probably won't reach our tent." The second said, "We've been taking some pretty long hikes. Please send my other sneaker."

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No Substitutes for Angry Bolivian

La Paz, Bolivia—(UPI)—Rosa Dolz, the fiery congresswoman who has challenged a leader of the governing MNR party to a duel, declared Wednesday she will accept no substitutes.

Mrs. Dolz declined an offer from Miguel Goitia Andrade of Cochabamba to meet her on the field of honor in place of MNR provincial boss Armando Bascope, who has declined her challenge.

Goitia even offered to spot Mrs. Dolz four bullets, allowing her five shots to his one.

"My quarrel is with Bascope, not Goitia," Mrs. Dolz replied. "Perhaps some other lady of my group might be willing to accept Goitia's challenge."

Mrs. Dolz, an attorney and an active crusader for the rights of unmarried mothers and illegitimate children, challenged Bascope because he expelled her from the MNR for "lack of discipline."

Donations May Be Made to Red Cross For Flood Victims

No estimate has been made by the Red Cross as to the cost of the rehabilitation program now under way to assist the week end flood victims.

The Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross said that the money being used is from the National Red Cross disaster fund.

Persons wishing to contribute may do so through the local Red Cross office, 60 Hawthorne ave.

During the height of the flood about 200 volunteers were working throughout the county. Four additional telephone were installed at the Red Cross office.

Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks, director of civil defense, reported that joint operation under actual emergency conditions went very smoothly.

Radio communications were maintained at the Red Cross and civil defense headquarters. Eighteen citizen band stations, including six mobile units, were in operation. Mobile units traveled to Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Rogue River as power outages broke down regular communication channels.

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Washington—(UPI)—We have had going simultaneously in the capital this week two hearings on noise abatement. One of the hearings, conducted by a House commerce subcommittee, sought ways to abate the noise of jet airplanes. The other hearing, conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, sought ways to abate the screams of anguished taxpayers over its new expense account regulations.

The aircraft noise abatement hearing featured a 10-member panel, which discussed the problem from various angles. Fortunately, they did not all try to talk at once, as that would have created a noise abatement problem of a different type.

I stopped by the hearing and listened with bated breath as Charles H. Ruby of the Airline Pilots Association traced the sound output of planes from the time the engines are turned on until they reach their destinations.

His testimony would be difficult to summarize, but the main point seemed to be that airplanes make more noise with the engines on than with them off.

Tito, Khrushchev In 'Summit' Parley

Moscow—(UPI)—Yugoslav President Tito and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev hunted and talked at a lodge outside Moscow Wednesday, possibly reviewing their common dispute with Communist China in a "little summit" meeting.

Tito arrived in Moscow Tuesday by train, amid a new outpouring of anti-Yugoslav propaganda attacks from Red China.

He and Khrushchev left the Soviet capital shortly thereafter and Yugoslav sources said only that the two had gone for a day of hunting.

It appeared certain, however, that the Communist chiefs, whose two nations appear to be currently on the best terms since Khrushchev came to power, would range over virtually all Soviet-Yugoslav and international problems.

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