



SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED—Sweden's latest gift to the Metropolitan Opera in New York is shown as she signed a new contract. She's soprano Birgit Nilsson, who just made a sensational debut in "Tristan und Isolde." General manager Rudolph Bing was pleased to get her name on the line.

### First Watch Of New Year Writes Entry In Poetry

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Navy men on watch aboard a thousand American ships the world over joined in an ancient sea tradition today. They wrote poetry.

Naval custom says the entry in the log by the first watch of the new year must rhyme.

In New Orleans, while rain whipped the deserted decks of the sea-going tug Navajo, Signalman Charles Dillard, 35, Bowling Green, Ky., wrote:

"As the year comes in  
With its noise and din  
And lights of the town burn bright

All's happy and gay  
In the Vieux Carre  
But duty tonight is our plight."

The origin of the little-known ritual is one of mysteries of the sea. Navy historians know only that it began in the early 19th century.

Through the years, Navy men who drew midnight to 4 a.m. duty have faced the prospect of greeting celebrating shipmates from a sober New Year's Day quarter-deck.

Some say the custom of writing the ship's log in verse started as a diversion.

So, lonely Lt. S. H. S. Fleming, aboard the USS Southernland in windy San Diego, Calif., harbor wrote early today:

"Tis the morning of New Year  
And all through the ship  
Not a radar is scanning  
Not even a 'pip'."

When the log is scanned by shipmates aboard the submarine Dogfish in the Philadelphia Navy yard, many will agree with Lt. C. H. Andrew's age-old complaint: "Tis really a pity our Navy is dry.

No New Year's toast with rum, whisky or rye."

Navy regulations say the watch officer must record all nautical details. Tradition says he must put these facts into rhyme.

While moonlight played on the cold decks of the guided missile cruiser Canberra in Norfolk (Va.) naval base, Ens. Martin J. Finerty, 23, Wilmington, Del., wrote: "Extra bighis of wire both forward and aft  
Insure the safety of this seaworthy craft

Maintaining condition of readiness six

Canberra is eager to try some new tricks." Like folk ballads, there usually is a theme running through many of the verses. This New Year's Day, there was concern for the future in a sampling The Associated Press took.

Ens. K. W. Adams on the destroyer Wilcutt in San Diego summed it up: "My thoughts turn to the New Year bright  
We are ready if we must fight

But hopes of every heart and mind  
Are praying for peace of all mankind."  
Not all Navy men are poets. So Ens. Wayne N. Rauch of the USS Wedderburn in San Diego harbor

may have penned the all-time thought for watch officers, chilled to the marrow on the silent decks: "This watch, says tradition, must all be in rhyme  
Thank goodness, it happens only one time."

### Stern Action Requested Against Dealers In Smut

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover called today for stern action against dealers in obscene and vulgar literature.

Writing in the January issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Hoover said:

"The time for half-hearted, oblique action against depravity is past. Although this despicable trade reaps 500 million dollars a

year, this diabolical business is costing the nation much more than money. It is robbing our country and particularly our younger generation of decency—it is a seedbed for delinquency among juveniles and depravity among all ages."

Hoover's statement lent support to a campaign which Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has been waging, with special emphasis on keeping obscene matter—and advertising for it—out of the mails.

Noting that a forcible rape occurred every 36 minutes in this country in 1958, Hoover said "this truly shocking and shameful state of affairs is made even more deplorable by the knowledge that sex crimes and obscene and vulgar literature often go hand in hand."

Hoover said obscene literature is being spread across the country by means of films, decks of playing cards, photographs, comic books, salacious magazines, paperback books and other pornographic products.

"These forms of obscenity indeed threaten the morality of our nation and its richest treasure—our young people," Hoover said.

### Sewer Fee Protested By Family

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Jeter had buckets of water all over their house and yard Thursday as they carried on a one-family protest against a 35-cent-a-month city sewer maintenance fee.

The Jeters, now 10 months behind in payment of the fee, are without water because the city water department shut it off Monday for non-payment.

Jeter explained that the city sends each consumer a blanket bill which includes both sewage and water. Jeter refused to pay the 35 cents the city returned his check for the rest of his bill.

Jeter, who heads an agricultural consulting agency in Stockton, Calif., said he believes the ordinance which gives the city council authority to fix the sewage fee leaves the rate schedule "wide open to any sewer fees the council wishes to tack on."

"The city is taking a blank check on the bank account of the consumer," he said.

While Jeter battles city hall, his neighbors are supplying him, his wife and their two dogs what they need most at the moment—water.

"We have buckets all over the place," Jeter said. The neighbors have been bringing water in buckets, tubs and anything else that will hold it.

Orrin K. Wendling, chief city finance officer, said the city's next step if the lack of water has no effect will be to refer the case to the health authorities for investigation of Jeter's sanitation facilities.

Wendling said the city was going to shut off the Jeters' water before Christmas—but "We didn't want to be a scrooge."

### California Weather

United Press International  
San Francisco Bay Area: Fair today with high temperatures near 52. Fair tonight and Saturday. Low temperatures tonight 28-35 except 43 in downtown San Francisco and Oakland. Northwesterly winds 15-30 m.p.h. today and 10-20 m.p.h. on Saturday.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Partly cloudy with a few snow flurries today. Fair tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperatures.

Sierra Nevada: Partly cloudy with a few snow flurries today. Fair tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperatures.

Sacramento Valley: Fair today, tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperatures. High both days 47-52, low tonight 23-30. Northerly winds 8-15 m.p.h. today.

Northwestern California: Fair today, tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperatures. High today and low tonight Napa 51 and 23, Ukiah 47 and 25 and Santa Rosa 52 and 22. Coastal winds northwesterly 15-30 m.p.h. with locally stronger gusts today and northwesterly 10-20 m.p.h. tonight and Saturday.

Modern Italy became a reality in 1860 when King Victor Emmanuel I unified several Italian states.

### HOPE TO MC AWARDS

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Bob Hope will be master of ceremonies at the 32nd annual Academy Awards presentations April 4, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Thursday. Hope will be the sole emcee on the 90-minute Oscar awards telecast.



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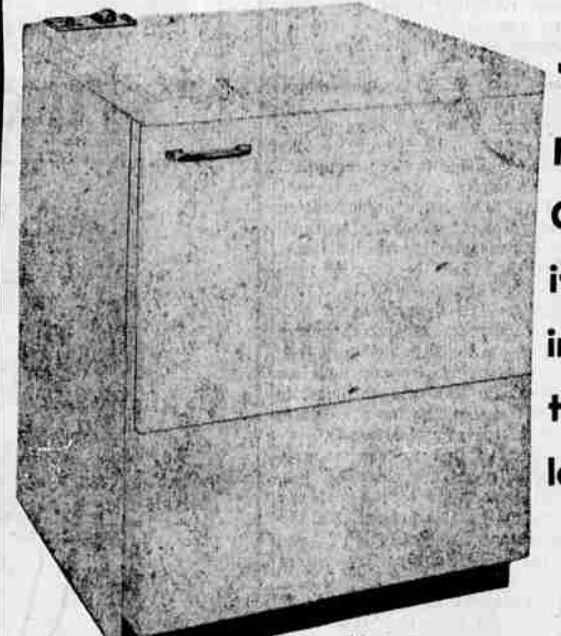


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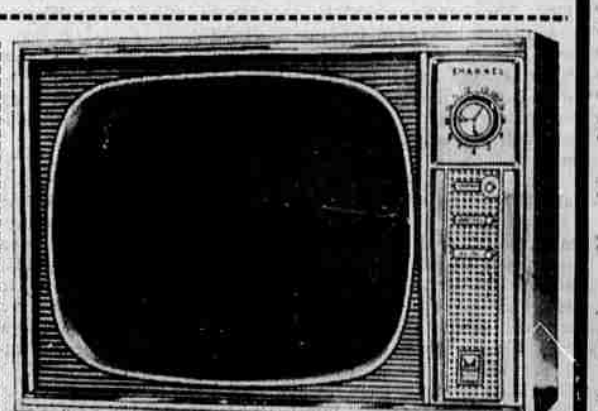


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