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The Mt. Vernon Local, No. 465, will be host to the 32nd Semi-Annual Meeting of the Illinois Conference of Musicians, at Hotel Emerson. Mt. Vernon, Illinois. on Sunday, April 18, 1948, at 10:00 A. M.

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# Notes

A month or more has passed since we told our story to Congress, and the dividends still are coming in. I am grateful to the Committee on Education and Labor for inviting us to appear before it so that we were able to give our side of the story, which I believe impressed the Committee very much.

Many of you have seen some part of the Washington investigation in the newsreels. I recently had sent to all locals a recording summarizing our testimony before the Committee. Only one half-hour of the morning and afternoon sessions was recorded by the networks and played the same evening. Meanwhile you have read our reasons for the recording ban as published in the February "International Musician". This month's issue contains the statement of the Federation's lawyer on the same subject before the House Committee.

Feeling that a good start deserves a vigorous follow-up, I directed that copies of the New York Heraid-Tribune article (reprinted in last month's "Musician") describing our recording fund disbursements in 1947 be sent to the President of the United States, members of his cabinet, Canadian government officials and all Congressmen and members of the Canadian Parliament. I have a fat folder of replies to that mailing.

Less than two per cent of those responses are critical. Many of them, of course, were but polite acknowledgments, but at least twenty per cent of the batch congratulated us on our recording fund disbursement. A lot of them confessed they had not known of our effort and asked us to get our light out from under that

In addition to this personal mailing to elected officials, we are making thousands of copies of my article in last month's "Musician" available to our friends. I am pleased to note that many locals already have created a sizable demand for reprints to pass along to their friends and the general public.

This year, with the help of our membership, we intend to make sure that everybody knows what we are doing in the public interest with the recording and transcription fund.

Fraternally yours.

JAMES C. PETRILLO.

#### **New Managing Editor**

New managing editor for the International Musician is S. Stephenson Smith, formerly vice-president of the National Music Council, and from 1939 to 1943 educational and research director for ASCAP. While at Oxford as Rhodes scholar from Oregon, Smith edited the New Oxford, the University Labor Club's journal, and wrote for the Associated Press and the Manchestér Guardian. He has been an associate editor of Newsweek, and an executive editor of the Research Institute of America. He is now teaching the course in editing at the Washington Square Writing Center of New York University. He is the author of books and articles on word-study, and on music and the theatre.

-LEO CLUESMANN.

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#### Omission of "Over Federation Field"



IT IS WITH REGRET we announce the omission of the department, "Over Federation Field", by Chauncey Weaver in the present issue. Brother Weaver is at this writing confined in the lowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, battling bronchial pneumonia, and, as he writes, "under the auspices of two skilled physicians who

think they have the battle won at the present time, but insist that I must not take any chances."

"Over Federation Field" has appeared in "The International Musician" continuously since May, 1929, and is a department to which our readers look forward with great interest. We are sure all will join with us in wishing Brother Weaver a speedy recovery and the best of health for many years to come. Those who desire to extend their good wishes by means of personal messages may address him at the Iowa Methodist Hospital, Room 357, Des Moines, Iowa.

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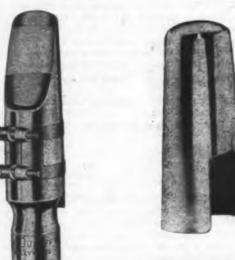
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# PHTRILLO'S CASE. New Light on an Age-Old Problem—Man vs Machine

### By MILTON DIAMOND

Mr. Diamond is a senior partner of the law firm of Poletti, Diamond, Freidin & Mackay, general counsel to The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada. A member of the New York bar, he has for almost thirty years devoted special attention to legal and business problems in various phases of the entertainment business, particularly in the phonograph record and electrical transcription fields.

This article is adapted from and in substance reflects Mr. Diamond's testimony given before the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives on January 22, 1948, in connection with hearings concerning The American Federation of Musicians.

For the past two centuries, the problem of how to deal with technological displacement of human labor has been the subject of lively economic debate accompanied by serious labor unrest. Economists point out that substitution of the machine for the human increases production, lessens unit cost, and results in wider distribution of cheaper goods. Few will dispute this general thesis or deny that scientific advance has brought material benefit to mankind. Contrary to widely held belief, this classic economic view is heartily subscribed to by James C. Petrillo, President of The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada.

Petrillo is one of the most frequent subjects of bitter invective and sarcastic lampoon on the current American scene. Indeed, he has the dubious distinction of being one of the few citizens of this land against whom specifically a law has been passed. In their more moderate and kindly moods, certain molders of public opinion characterize him as a modern-day Canute, peremptorily bidding the tide of scientific progress to halt and recede. More often, to list a few of the more choice epithets, he is depicted as a despot, a Caesar, a czar, and a public enemy. Midst this sound and fury, few in the past have taken even the briefest occasion to consider the basic issues involved, though the problem is provocative and the need for solution most pressing.

Advances in the science of sound recording, reproducing and broadcasting have been among the most startling human achievements of the twentieth century. Development of the phonograph record, the sound motion picture, and of radio and television, has opened new frontiers of entertainment, culture, and education throughout the world. Few, with reason, wish to curtail such happy manifestations of scientific ingenuity, least of all the Federation whose 225,000 members understand the stimulus which these devices have given to music appreciation.

But musicians are also aware—more keenly than the casual observer—that these wondrous accomplishments have implicit in them the seed of destruction of musicianship. The phonograph record press can reproduce a single musical performance until infinity. A thousand replicas of a musical performance may be photographed on a movie sound track and exhibited in every theatre in the nation. Via radio network broadcasts, both standard and FM, an orchestral rendition in New York City may be simultaneously transmitted to millions of homes. Television promises to pursue similar lines of development.

If these devices which convey the pertormances of musicians have the actual and potential effect of eliminating the very performers on whom they rely, then, perhaps, in attempting to avoid this result, the Federation is not the ogre so enthusiastically denounced in the press. If its aspirations are aimed at preserving the profession and art of musicianship, then, perhaps, industrial leaders, whose businesses depend upon a continuing supply of musicians, might pause to reconsider the problem. If an element of the Federation program is the introduction of live musicians to the municipal park, the village green, or the outlying township, then, perhaps, the public should more carefully examine into the elements of the controversy on the chance that thunderous propaganda has smothered cool judgment on the merits.

The obvious fact is that sound movies, phonograph records, radio, and television have displaced or have the potential of displacing all but a few of the thousands of musicians who have studied and trained from childhood that their bread might be won by the practice of their profession. Let us examine briefly the experience and prognosis in these fields.

#### SOUND MOTION PICTURES

The sound movie has made tremendous contributions to entertainment and education throughout the world. Millions of persons avidly follow the daily activities of cinema stars and weekly visits to the movies are as integral a part of life as is Sabbath attendance at church. The introduction of sound to motion pictures has opened new vistas of entertainment and brought to every crossroads in America theatrical experiences previously unattainable by reason of geographical and economic restrictions. Similarly, the sound film has broadened the base of music appreciation in making it possible for audiences in small rural theatres to see and hear the performances of outstanding virtuosi and symphony orchestras.

The Federation is among the first to acknowledge these facts. But, it also recalls that before introduction of the sound movie in 1929, 22,000 musicians were employed in moving picture theatres in the United States. Their functions ranged from piano accompaniment of silent films in small rural and neighborhood houses to participation in fully augmented symphony orchestras in large metropolitan cinema palaces. Promptly upon the installation of sound movies, some 18,000 of these musicians were fired. Although the preparation of sound tracks required the services of more musicians than previously had been employed directly by studios, these were but a select and concentrated few. The rank and file of musicians who earned their livelihood in connection with the exhibition of moving pictures shrank almost to nothing. Thus, while recognizing this great contribution to human enjoyment and progress, the Federation must face the fact, demonstrated by the following statistics, that far fewer musicians today earn their livings from the motion picture industry than did twenty years ago.

#### Employment of Musicians in Motion Pictures

During the year ended June 30, 1945, the eight major motion picture studios offered only casual and incidental employment to 5,518 members of the February These included musicians, orchestrators, arrangers, copyists and librarians. These musicians received total compensation of \$5,572,344, or an average of \$1,009.85 per musician for that year. Of these musicians, only 239 received full-time employment as instrumentalists.

<sup>1.</sup> See U. S. Congress, TNEC, Investigation of Concentration of Economic Power, Hearings, Part 30. Technology and Concentration of Economic Power; Moore, Industrial Relations and the Social Order (1948).

<sup>2. 47</sup> U. S. C. § 506, popularly known as the Lea Act.

Electrical Transcription Manufacturers and A. F. M., Report and Recommendation of National War Labor Board Panel, Case No. 111-2499-D (1944).

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6. Employment and wage data used herein are taken from reports by motion picture companies to the A. F. of M. Companies included are Columbia Pictures Corp., M.G.M. Paramount, RKO Radio Pictures, Inc., 20th Century-Fox Film Corp., Republic Pictures Corp., Universal Pictures Co., Inc. Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.

The amounts paid to musician employees were equal to 9/10 of 1% of the total expenditures of each of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer" and Columbia Pictures Corporation; they were 4/10 of 1% of the total expenditures of RKO Pictures, Inc. The profit before taxes of M.G.M. was 18 times more than the amount paid to musicians; Columbia's profit before taxes was 11.3 times its expenditure for musicians. M.G.M.'s depreciation charges were 74% more, 10 and its general and administrative expenses were 83% more than musicians pay. 11 Columbia spent 54% more for accessories and 30 times more for selling, general and administrative expenses than it did for musicians. Based upon average production costs in the industry, M.G.M and Columbia spent more for film negative than for musicians, more than twice as much for insurance, and approximately the same amount for make-up and hairdressers.14

The earnings before taxes of RKO were 28 times greater than the sum it paid to musicians. 10 Its depreciation charges 10 and costs for maintenance and repairs10 were each three times what it paid musicians; it spent six times more for general expenses.18 Based on average production costs in the industry, it spent 2.5 times more for film negative, five times more for directors' assistants, 500% more for costumes and designers, and more than twice as much for make-up and hairdressers.10

These cold facts are among the many circumstances which the Federation weighs against the pious assurances of those who tout the employment benefits derivable by musicians from advances in the recording art.

#### PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

The phonograph record offers another and, perhaps, more striking illustration of the potential and actual dessication of the musician's profession which inexorably attends advance in the science of sound reproduction. Designed to bring entertainment and education into the home, phonograph records increasingly are perverted to uses never dreamed of by the founders of the industry fifty years ago.

#### Disc Jockeys

For example, the expenditure of 50c, 75c or \$1 for a record, brings to the hands of the radio disc jockey performances of outstanding musicians, bands and orchestras. The broadcast of this record within the local orbit of the radio station or, in line with more recent developments, on coast-to-coast network programs, introduces that recorded performance (not the record itself) into millions of homes under the sponsorship of local and national advertisers. Millions of dollars are paid annually to radio stations, large and small, for the sale of time during which the playing of records, interspersed with advertising blurbs, is the principal fare.

Thus "Variety", one of the outstanding journals of the entertainment industry, in its annual 1947 year book, observed that "stations whose revenue from disc-jockey sessions represent anywhere from 40% to 75% of their gross income are anything but rare". •• A recent issue of that publication cites the example of one Jack Cooper, a former vaudevillian, who, during 1947, grossed \$185,000 as a disc jockey employed 40 hours

a week by four Chicago radio stations. 91 This situation is characteristic of most radio stations throughout the country.

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Juke boxes play and replay phonograph records in taverns, dance halls, and roadhouses across the nation. Each record has the potential of being played between one and two hundred times." Traditionally secretive of its statistics, the juke-box industry, through one of its spokesmen, acknowledged recently to a Congressional Committee that 400,000 of these machines are presently operating in the United States. Others have placed this figure at more than a half million. Estimates of annual receipts from such machines in the year 1946 are in excess of \$230,000,000," a soaring spire of nickels built by adults and adolescents in every city, town and village of America. The base of this vast industry obviously is the performances of musicians.

#### Employment of Musicians in the Phonograph Record Industry

The popularity of disc-jockey programs grows with each succeeding year. 4 More juke boxes are on location today than ever before. Therefore, increasingly it becomes the Federation's duty to think of the impact of these devices upon its members whose efforts principally are responsible for creating these instruments. Thus, the Federation ponders the following questions. What of the musician whose presence at the radio station might have been required were it not for the disc-jockey broadcast of phonograph records? What is to become of the members of the local orchestra who formerly played at the roadhouse where now, in the presence of the juke box, one need no longer pay the piper to call the tune?

During the previous golden era of the phonograph record industry, total volume reached 105,000,000 units in the year 1929. By 1933 the industry was dead, total manufacturer's dollar volume barely reaching \$2,500,000. But by 1945, 160,000,000 phonograph records were sold; in 1946, unit sales increased to 275,000,000; and in 1947, it is estimated that unit sales approximated 375,000,000. Retail volume of the industry reached \$165,000,000 in 1946, and it is estimated that in 1947 such sales totaled

Decca Records, Inc. reported sales of \$15,570,929 for 1945, \$30,675,380 for 1946, and its President has announced that for 1947 sales will approximate between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000.20 Decca's income before taxes in 1945 was \$1,476,692; in 1946, it had more than doubled to \$3,224,538. This company in 1947 reached a sales volume approximately eight times its sales for the year 1942.37

Similar statistics relating to the phonograph record operations of Radio Corporation of America and Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., the two other principal producers, are not publicly available, but the enormous increase in production and profits of these radio-owned enterprises approximates, if, indeed, it does not exceed those of Decca.

What are the employment opportunities of musicians in this industry, 98% of the content of whose product is comprised of music? industry contributes only the smallest and most incidental remuneration to musicians. The following statistics relate to the rank and file of musicians who play in the recording orchestras as distinguished from the orchestra leaders—the Dorseys, the James', the Lombardos, who indisputably reap large harvests individually from recording activities.

During the six-month period from January 1, 1945 to June 30, 1945, R.C.A. used the services, from time to time, of a total of 1,938 musicians, excluding leaders. Average earnings per man at union scale were \$163 for this entire half-year, or \$27 per month. Decca during this period used 976 musicians, excluding leaders, and on the basis of union scale paid them an average of \$60, or \$10 per month. Columbia used 1,297 musicians,

exponditures.

M.G.M.'s profit was \$25,116,000 for the year ended August 31, 1945 (Moody's Industrials, 1947).

Columbia's profit was \$3,892,666 for the year ended June 30, 1945, according to financial statements on file with the S. E. C.

M.G.M.'s charges were \$2,875,000. See Note 3 for source.

M.G.M.'s general and administration expenses were \$2,475,000. See Note 3

The actual sum was \$51,2,811. See Note 9 for source.
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The actual sum was \$5,790,932. See Note 9 for source.
According to the 1946-1947 Motion Picture Almanac, p. 718, the average percentage of total expenditures spent for film negative was 1 per cent; for insurance, 2 per cent, and for makeup and hairdressera, 3 per cent.
RKO's profit for the year ended December \$1, 1945, was \$11,778,000 (Moopt's Industrials, 1947).
The actual sum was \$1,399,000. See Note 15 for source.
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The percentage of total expenditures spent for directors' assistants was 2 per cent, and for costumes and designers was 2 per cent. See Note 14 for source.

January 7, 1948, m. 92.

21. January 14, 1948, p. 51.

22. Testimony of Maurice J. Speiser, counsel to National Association of Performing Artists, Hearings Budges Sub-committee on Patents, Trademarks, and Coptrights of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, H. R. 1269, 1270, 2570.

23. See Hearings, op. ofc. supra. n. 22, pp. 92, 104, 141; Variett, January 8, 1947, p. 218; Variett, August 3, 1940, estimated national juke box revenues at \$150,000,000.

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In 1947, radio stations in the City of Chicago alone featured programs of 29 separate disc jockeya. Variety January 7, 1948, p. 193.

Data on production and sales obtained from General Products Section, Office of Domestic Commerce, and Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce, Variety, January 7, 1948, p. 193.

Unless otherwise indicated, data on Decca Records, Inc. were obtained from financial statements filed with the S.E.C.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTED ON EDUCATION AND LABOR, HEADING, AND LABOR, HEADING,

M.G.M. paid a total of \$1,351,810.54 to musicians and related classifications during the year ended June 30, 1945. Its total expenditures including Federal taxes during the year ended August 31, 1945, were \$123,000,000 (Moody's Industrials, 1947).

Columbia paid \$225,625.10 during the year ended June 20, 1945, to musicians and related classifications. During the same fiscal period its total expenditures, including Federal taxes, were equal to \$34,083,586, according to the financial statements on file with the S. E. C. During the year ended December 31, 1945, RKO's total expenditures, including Federal taxes, were \$38,740,000 (Moody's Industrials, 1947). During the year ended Juce 30, 1945, the Company paid \$418,236.15 to musicians and related classifications. During the succeeding half-year, the sum paid to musicians and related classifications was only \$91,938.08, so that the sum paid during the year ended June 30, 1945, be prorated, the expenditure for the calendar year 1945 would be \$298,556.15, or 3/10 of 1 per cent of total expenditures.

excluding leaders, who receive average scale pay of \$176 for the entire period, or \$29 per month.

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During the next six months, from July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945, similar figures were as follows: R.C.A.—1.388 musicians at \$137.50 per man, or \$22.91 per month; Decca-460 musicians at \$52.50 per man, or \$8.75 per month; Columbia—894 musicians at \$97.50 per man, or \$16.25 per month.

The meagre opportunities offered to musicians during the entire year of 1946 by these three major recording companies are similarly illustrated by the following:

Company	Musicians Excluding Leaders	Total Average Scale Earnings for the Year	Total Average Scale Earnings Per Month
R.C.A.	2,844	\$177.00	\$14.75
Decca	1,652	\$103.00	\$ 8.58
Columbia	1,942	\$213.75	\$17.75

In 1946, the entire record industry disbursed total scale pay to all musicians, other than leaders, of \$1,635,751. In the same year the industry enjoyed gross retail sales of \$165,000,000. Thus, these musicians received less than one cent for each one dollar of retail sales. The aggregate expenditure in basic pay to all musicians, other than leaders, was a little over a half-cent per record sold.

Thus, although only a few topflight musicians are eligible for employment in the recording industry, and only the most proficient ever engage in recording activities, these are the paltry sums earned by these leaders of the profession from the recording industry, which prospers in unprecedented fashion. At the same time, those who use records for commercial purposes, such as disc jockeys and juke-box operators, do not pay one penny to musicians whose talents and labors they exploit for millions of dollars annually.

#### **ELECTRICAL TRANSCRIPTIONS**

The electrical transcription industry similarly depends almost entirely upon the recorded performances of members of The American Federation of Musicians. Electrical transcriptions are specially prepared large discs of acoustic range and quality superior to the phonograph record. These recordings are used by radio broadcasters in various forms. The recent trend of radio to broadcast recordings of complete weekly programs of topflight radio personalities typifies an ever-growing tendency of the industry. The recording of packaged radio shows for national and local sponsorship is well on the way to becoming a major ingredient of the broadcasting technique. Transcribed commercial jingles are being used as a most effective means of radio advertising. Hundreds of local stations subscribe to catalogs of specially prepared and recorded transcriptions of musical selections adapted for sponsorship by local merchants whose advertisements may be inserted at indicated intervals by station announcers.

Wired music services, maintained by companies such as Muzak and World Broadcasting System, Inc., similarly depend upon the recorded performances of members of the American Federation of Musicians for their life's blood. Specially prepared transcriptions are played at a central studio and transmitted by telephone wire to distant locations such as restaurants, bars, country clubs, hotel dining rooms and lobbies, swimming pools, skating rinks, and similar public places. Owners of these locations, by investing in these installations, evidence the conviction that their patrons welcome instrumental music as an accompaniment to leisure moments. The areas served by wired music are constantly expanding and the quality of the record is steadily being improved. Here again, while recognizing that public service is being rendered and musical awareness is being fostered by wired music, the Federation considers the problem of members of the dinner music quartet, salon orchestra or resort band whose podium has been supplanted by the public address system.

#### Employment of Musicians by Electrical Transcription Industry

To what extent has the electrical transcription industry added to the employment and compensation of musicians? Again, only incidental, casual employment is offered.

Little public data is available concerning earnings of transcription companies, but the example of Frederick W. Ziv, Inc., may be cited to indicate the trend of the industry. This company has estimated gross

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# THE FEDERATION'S INTERNAL LAW

Editorial in N. Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE 25 Jan. '48

#### PETRILLO'S LAW vs THE LAW

... in the meantime, we also have the idea that the public will want to know, in the matter of commercial recordings, how he [Mr. Petrillo] can lay down the law against the law.

The editor of the Herald-Tribune wrote better than he knew. The American Federation of Musicians has its internal law. But this code is not one suddenly conjured up by executive caprice. Rather it has been half a century in the making. It rests firmly on the will of the 225,000 members, as expressed in annual legislative conventions. The code so developed is carried out by the International Executive Board of the Federation, which exercises the judicial function.

Labor Plus Management. The Federation includes in its membership not only professional performing musicians, but nearly all those engaged in managing their musical services. Symphony conductors and managers, dance-band leaders, conductors of theatre, movie, and radio orchestras are on the roster. The Federation also licenses all agents who represent instrumental musicians.

Civil Suits. Because of the inclusion of managerial elements, and the relations of the organization with agents and employees, the Federation's private law has necessarily been extended to cover financial disputes between performing musicians on the one hand and management, agents or employers on the other. If such a dispute cannot be settled at the level of the local union, an appeal to the International Executive Board may be taken by management, employer, agency, or individual member.

High Court. The Board in effect becomes, in its judicial capacity, the supreme court of the organization, with jurisdiction extending also to Canada. It deals with around two thousand "civil suits" a year, involving sums ranging from less than a hundred dollars up to as high as \$20,000. Each week dockets, running sometimes to 150 pages for a single case, are mailed out to Board members, who render their decisions by mail. If the vote is a tie, the President has the deciding vote, and a final decision is entered—in crucial cases after argument before a session of the Board.

Decentralization. For these civil and disciplinary suits under the Federation's private law, centralization is essential; the rest of the legal and constitutional machinery of the A. F. of M. operates in pretty well decentralized fashion. The 714 locals of the Federation have almost complete autonomy. Each makes its own scales for musical services, exercises discipline over its members.

The Federation follows, in fact, the federal

principle on which our political tradition is based. A balance is kept between the center and the rim, insuring that power and initiative will not be drained away from local institutions.

Emergency Powers. One clause of the Federation's constitution has been widely misunderstood. The President is empowered to suspend the Constitution and standing orders in time of grave emergency. But there is one important reservation: he cannot suspend the financial rules. The power of the purse, so vital in constitutional government, is held firmly in the hands of the Convention, as the legislating body.

Only twice in his eight-year tenure of office has President Petrillo invoked the emergency clause. Once was to suspend dues payments for members in the armed forces; the second occasion was to permit the Boston Symphony to engage players from anywhere in the country, without regard to local jurisdictional rules.

Limits on the Executive. Except for such rare emergency orders, the President of the Federation acts as a constitutional executive, carrying out the legislation and instructions of the annual Convention. The moves in connection with the standstill on recordings which led to the Herald-Tribune comment were based on a mandate from the Convention, which left only discretionary powers to the President and the Board; they were under a definite ruling from the Convention to utilize "the full resources . . . of the Federation insofar as this matter is concerned," rather than permit musicians to take such a body blow as they had suffered from the movie sound-track and juke-box innovations.

The stand on recording matters was therefore based on private law made by the members, not by the executive. The President was playing, not by ear, but by note. That he happens to carry out the Convention mandates in a way which dramatizes the issues is apparently regarded as a lucky break by the press. But the good theatre should not obscure the fact that he is working from a script, rather than improvising.

Study of Private Law. One cannot expect busy editors to take time out to study the internal workings of private law codes. But legal researchers and law journals might devote a little more time to the study of private law. Continental jurists, before the totalitarian regimes, paid a good deal of attention to what they called Privatrecht.

like ours, with perhaps two hundred major institutions comparable in economic and social importance to the smaller states, a careful examination of private law codes should yield added insight into principles of politics and government. Studies of this type would also clear up misunderstandings as to the operations of labor, business, and professional organizations all three. Factual information has a way of dispelling a lot of common nonsense.

### Live Music Centers

Recording Fund outlays in some areas primed the pump for steady musical activities. Such ventures call for permanent housing. A few large cities already have homes for music: San Francisco, for example, where some tax support is given the Civic Center; and New York, where the Civic Center is a tax-free building donated by the municipal government. But many of our towns and cities from 20,000 upward are in urgent need of civic center buildings equipped for live music and theatre performances.

Housing Live Music. Some of the groups which assisted the Federation in the Recording Fund program have housing problems of their own. Musicians might well take the lead, during the coming year, in enlisting the collaboration of Granges, service clubs, amateur theatre groups, Great Books study clubs, unions, and civic organizations, in promoting permanent civic centers for music, drama, adult education, and other community activities—the building to provide office space and clubrooms as well.

Balance Sheet. Such a civic center can be made almost self-sustaining, with proper management -in which the local movie theatre men and radio station managers might well be enlisted to take part. The experience of the city of Wolverhampton is enlightening on this score. Ten years ago the city built one of the finest concert halls in England. It is now a flourishing center of music, drama, opera, and public dancing; it also has club rooms and a gymnasium. The cost to the taxpayers, beyond what is taken in at the gate, and paid in modest fees for the use of the other facilities, is only about a shilling a head for each taxpayer-less by far than the price of a movie ticket. Even allowing for higher costs of operation in this country, it should be feasible to conduct similar ventures here, in cities of 20,000 or over, with very small subsidies.

Arts and Adult Education. In the early nineteenth century, trade unions were the chief driving force behind the establishment of free public schools in the United States. Musicians, with their strong interest, both professional and cultural, in the furtherance of live musical activity, would do well, in the mid-twentieth century, to take the initiative in the development of these civic centers for adult education in the widest sense. Music, the theatre, and the other fine arts are prime factors in such a program.

This country is in the midst of a rebirth of live musical activity, what with 140 professional symphonies listed in "The Yearbook of Music," (Allen, Towne and Heath, publishers) and 221 college, school, and amateur symphonies as well. Our composers are providing us with a usable American repertory. Since 1900, Herbert, Friml, Gershwin, Kern, Romberg, Rodgers, and Weill have provided the most significant musical plays of the century. Concert band music has come into its own. Competent instrumentalists are available to interpret this music, with artistry and showmanship. What we need is to "give a local habitation and a name" to all these factors, and bring them together to enrich our cultural life.—The Editors.

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RAY EBERLE will wind up four weeks at the Roseland April 14th.

DICK JURGENS will swing out of the Pennsylvania Hotel April 17th. FLORIAN ZABACH, his Violin and Orchestra, will make its New York bow on April 15th in the Persian Room of the Plaza Hotel.

#### Atlantic Antice

HAL McINTYRE will play a week (ending March 27th) at the Click.

ROY MILTON will play at the Royal Theatre, Baltimore, the week of April 2nd and at the Howard Theatre, Washington, the week of April 2th.

HENRY BUSSE will play the week of March 25th at the Adams Theatre, Newark.

DICK CONRAD is just winding up a ten-weeker at the New Palm Garden. Stewartsville.

#### Southward Swing

BENNY STRONG began a fourweek date at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, March 29th.

BILLY BISHOP will finish his date at the Peabody, Memphis, March 27th,

CHARLIE FISK finished his date at the Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, April 13th.

#### Mid-West Melodiers

ANTHONY RAY is playing at the Deshier-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, from March 1st through 28th.

SONNY DUNHAM will finish his four weeks at the Deshler-Wallick, Columbus, Ohio, April 25th.

NICK STUART played from March 5th through 18th at the Lake Club, Springfield, Illinois.

JACK STAULCUP will open at the Roof Garden, Arnold's Park, Iowa, for a two-week stay June 29th.

WARNEY RUHL will wind up four weeks at the Muchlebach, Kansas City, March 30th.

#### Loop-a-Doopers

DEL COURTNEY played from March 19th through 28th at the Trianon, Chicago.

TOMMY CARLYN will maestro at the Trianon March 28th through April 4th.

WILL BACK will start a three months' date at the Melody Mill, Chicago, June 25th.

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BOB LEIGHTON is playing at the Rainbow, Denver, March 16th through 29th.

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# SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS

WITH THE SPRING come a flock of premieres, some from over the waters, many from centers in America Itself. Also is discernible a tendency toward migration in orchestras—regional, state, national and international tours. Soloists are, of course, by the very nature of their work, on the move. Finally, new effects, innovations, are to be noted within orchestras. All in all, Spring in the world of music runs true to form, as in the world of nature, as a season of growth and change.

#### Conductors

Bruno Walter, who recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his debut in America, directed the Bruckner Symphony in its original, unedited version, when he was guest conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra last month. He is to continue as musical adviser of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony for another year . . . Another quartercentury mark was checked off by Fabien Sevitzky when he observed on March 19th the twenty-fifth anniversary of his arrival in this country by presenting a concert with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in Olean, New York. He took out his first citizenship papers in New York City hve days after landing in 1923 . . . Scottish-born Reginald Stewart, conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, recently became an American citizen . . . Arturo Toscanini will conduct Verdi's "Requiem" at a concert in Carnegie Hall on April 26th for the benefit of the New York Infirmary for Women and Children. This institution has been staffed by women doctors since it was founded ninety years ago by America's woman medical pioneer, Elizabeth Blackwell . . . At his final broadcast with the N. B. C. Symphony Orchestra this season, on April 3rd, Toscanini will conduct Beethoven's Ninth Symphony—a memorable conclusion to a memorable season. He will use Robert Shaw's Collegiate Chorale . . . Leonard Bernstein, Eleazar de Carvalho and Robert Shaw have been invited to be guest conductors of the Boston Symphony Orchestra during the month-long Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood, Lenox, Massachusetts . . . The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has engaged six conductors to direct all concerts of the regular 1948-49 subscription season, namely, Walter, Busch, Monteux, Muench, Ormandy and Szell. Tauno Hannikainen will continue to serve as assistant conductor . . . Joseph Wagner, who is the conductor of the Duluth Symphony Orchestra, is also founder and conductor of the Saint Paul String Symphony, an organization of string players drawn from the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. . Georges Enesco led the Cleveland Orchestra in two of his own works, his Second Orchestral Suite and his First Romanian Rhapsody, when he appeared as guest conductor of that orchestra March 4th and 6th . . . For the May Festival to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from April 29th to May 2nd, the Philadelphia Orchestra will be conducted by Eugene Ormandy for three concerts, and by Thor Johnson and Alexander Hilsberg for the remainder . . . Charles Muench served as guest conductor of the Houston Symphony Orchestra at its March 1st concert . . . Leopold Stokowski is conducting the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra from March 11th through April 6th.

#### Orchestras A-Borning

Robert Frost, designated on the letterhead as "liaison officer," announces the birth of a new symphonic organization, the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra, on January 10th in a grand opening which "proved that the community was more than ripe for a symphony orchestra." The orchestra is under the direction of Ilmari Ronka, is composed of one hundred per cent professional personnel, anticipates "many more concerts for the future, with a regular major season not far off."

Atlantic City's newest group for the study and performance of serious music is the Atlantic City Festival Orchestra of twenty-five members. Under the direction of William Madden, they have already presented concerts for convention sessions and for various other meetings. A three-day music festival is planned for Easter as part of the orchestra's expansion program.

In July of last year the Philharmonic Society of Erie (Pennsylvania) completely reorganized its orchestra, improving its musicianship and increasing the number of its concerts. This year, under its conductor, Fritz

Mahler, it is presenting a full schedule of concerts, three of which are purely orchestral, one augmented by a choral group, and three with soloists. Still more concerts are planned for next year.

#### The American Composer

Virgil Thomson's "Symphony on a Hymn Tune" was presented by the Philadelphia Orchestra at its concerts of February 20th, 21st and 23rd. The four movements of the symphony are based on the familiar "How Firm a Foundation," with the secondary theme, "Yes, Jesus Loves Me"... A spirited interpretation of Dr. Robert Nathaniel Dett's "The Ordering of Moses" was an outstanding feature of the February concert of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Paul Katz... A commendable revival in symphonic repertoire was the inclusion, on the February 26th and 28th program of the Cleveland Orchestra under the baton of Rudolph Ringwall of Charles Tomlinson Griffes' "The Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan." Griffes wrote his work, inspired by the famous poem of Coleridge, in 1912, and revised it four years later. It was first performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Pierre Monteux, a few months before Griffes' untimely death... Five compositions by Texans were played by the Houston Symphony Orchestra in their program of March 13th, conducted by Frederick Fennell. There were the Overture by Louis Gordon, the Overture to "The Stranger of Manzano" by Julia Smith, "Gulf of Mexico" by Otto Wick, "Portrait of Carlos Chavez" by Samuel Thomas Beversdorf, Jr., and Symphony No. 3, "Amaranth," by Harold Morris.

#### Premieres

At its concluding concerts of the season, on February 24th and 25th, the Kansas City Philharmonic under Efrem Kurtz featured the world premiere of Virgil Thomson's "The Seine at Night" . . . The Erie Philharmonic is particularly lavish of premieres. On February 15th it presented the American premiere of Jaromir Weinberger's Overture to his opera, "The Beloved Voice," and on March 1st and 2nd that of four excerpts from Arnold Schoenberg's "Gurre-Lieder," known as the "Songs of Tove." On March 22nd it will present Prokofieff's Symphonic Suite, this another American premiere . . . Eric Zeisl's "Ninety-Second Psalm," composed for the victims of Nazism in Europe, received its premiere in the United States on January 23rd when it was played by the Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra . . . "Fantasy for Trombone and Orchestra" by Paul Creston was given its first performance anywhere at the February 12th concert of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. Robert Marsteller was the soloist . . . Three first performances were the proud boast of the National Orchestral Association for its concert of March 1st in New York. They were Eiger's "American Youth Overture" which is "dedicated to the Association and Leon Barzin in appreciation for its work in building the musical integrity of American youth," Dibiase's "Music for Orchestra," the composer a twenty-three-year-old native of Hudson Falls, New York, and "Johnny Appleseed" by Tom Scott of "American Troubador" fame. The latter work is the first in a series of orchestral portraits of America's legendary giants . . . "Symphony in C," by Frederick Jacobi will be played for the first time by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under Pierre Monteux on April 1st. The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Jacques Singer, presented the world premiere of the Violin Concerto by David Diamond on February 29th. Dorotha Powers was the soloist . . . When a work has not been heard in this country in fifteen years' time, its performance might with right appear under "premiere" heading. Four excerpts from Arnold Schoenberg's "Gurre-Lieder" with Rose Bampton as soloist were presented by the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Fritz Mahler on March 1st and 2nd. The works were last given in this country in New York in 1933, Leopold Stokowski conducting. . . . During the Little Symphony concert series this year, which is part of the season of the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra, two world premieres have been presented: The Overture to "The Rivals" by Spencer Norton, and "Lyric Piece" for trumpet and orchestra by Roger Goeb. James Harbert, who at seventeen has been a regular member of the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra for the past four seasons, was the soloist in the Goeb work.

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# OPERA and OPERETTA

#### **METROPOLITAN MUSINGS**

The Metropolitan Spring Tour, which is occupying a two-month period (March 15th-May 17th), the longest since 1901, and which is covering more territory than any year since 1905 with more performances than any season since 1910, is including fifteen cities in its itinerary, namely Boston, Baltimore, Richmond, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Memphis, Dallas, Los Angeles, Denver, Lincoln, St. Louis, Bloomington, Minneapolis, Cleveland and Rochester. The company visited Richmond as recently as 1942, but it has not been to Los Angeles since 1905 and it has not visited either the Colorado or the Nebraska city since 1900. The Richmond and Lincoln stops will be one-night stands, but the company will spend two days in Denver and twelve in Los Angeles.

Eleven new singers have been signed for the Spring season: Adelaide Bishop, lyric coloratura from the St. Louis Opera Company; Rosa Canario, dramatic soprano from Brooklyn; Frances Yeend, lyric soprano; Bette Dubro, mezzo-soprano of Arlington, Massachusetts; Marie Powers, known for her interpretation of the mezzo-soprano name role in "The Medium"; Antonio Annalaro, Italian dramatic tenor; Rudolph Petrak, young Czecho-slovak tenor; Walter Cassell of Council Bluffs, Iowa, baritone; Andrew Gainey from Mississippi. Those previously announced were Maggie Teyte

and Robert Weede.

In a vivid and most human article, "Opera on Tour," in the March issue of "Holiday" magazine, H. W. Heinsheimer describes last year's Spring tour with all its glitter and glamor, with all its nerve-wracking detail and split-second decisions, with all its power for varying and ensiching the lives of townsfolk wherever it visits. His closing sentence gives an idea of how this Spring cavalcade not only enlivens the existence of folks during the days of its actual appearance, but also fills the whole year with a fantasy, with a force not to be generated by the ordinary affairs of the town. As he puts it, "Our St. Louis housewife and her husband are filing out of the auditorium with their fellow listeners. From the world of Faust and Mephisto they pass into their own day-to-day world of automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines and insurance policies. They return home to waken the baby witter and perhaps to have a sandwich before going to bed. But echoes of music still linger with them and will linger until next year, when the magic world of opera descends upon their town once more. In between, on evening after evening, as Superman swoops into the children's room next door, a screaming symbol of a dreamless age, he cannot for all his power destroy the fading strains of beauty that 'Faust' has left behind. The very live ghost of opera continues its annual progress across the land."

#### GRIMES THE GRIM

The performance of Peter Grimes last month at the Metropolitan was notable for the excellent voices and dramatic gifts lavished on a score and plot of almost unvaryingly sombre hue. The fisherman Grimes, who is involved in the death of two apprentice lads, is found to be guilty, not indeed of murder, and certainly not of the human errors of loving too deeply or striving too hard, but rather of the anything but palatable vice of sadism. To render sympathetic such a role, with the hardly more than speech cadences of the Britten score as vocal medium, would have taken a consummate actor indeed—and Frederick Jagel did not prove to be quite that. The schoolmistress through Regina Resnik's gentle elucidation became a human being, even if one torn between two contradictory impulses, as protector of the lad and redeemer of his brutal master.

The music, like the plot, is in varying shades of gray and black and the talk-monotone is punctuated at intervals by the shrill cry of terror or the wail of anguish. There is also occasional sparkle without gaiety and rowdiness without humor. The orchestral portions of the score—since it was of far more varied hue than that assayed by the vocalists—made the purely orchestral passages easiest listening. Conductor Emil Cooper with real genius blended courtroom dictatorialness, tavern rowdiness, supplication, lamentation and brooding weather into a coherent if not convincing score. In the tavern scene and the scene in Grimes' hut, as well as in the final scene when Grimes rows out to sea and drowns himself, the composer evinces touches of inspiration.

The opera received its American premiere at Tanglewood, Massa-

chusetts, at the Berkshire Music Festival on August 6, 1946, commissioned by the Koussevitzky Music Foundation, organized by Dr. Serge Koussevitzky in memory of his first wife. The world premiere occurred in London in 1945 at Sadler's Wells Theatre, where it subsequently had twelve performances that year and twelve in 1946. It has been heard frequently in several European countries.

In this column of the February issue it was erroneously stated that Polyna Stoska and Lawrence Tibbett took stellar roles in the Metropolitan production of February 12th. The schoolmistress and Grimes roles were instead taken respectively by Regina Resnik and Frederick Jagel at this performance. Polyna Stoska and Brian Sullivan took the parts on February 23rd, and in the March 3rd production again Regina Resnik and Frederick Jagel.

Fritz Reiner is to be one of the principal conductors at the Metropolitan Opera next season. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, of which he has been conductor for ten years, is to engage guest conductors in the 1948-49 season.

#### CITY OPERA

Maggie Teyte, English soprano, will sing the role of Melisande in a revival of Debussy's "Pelleas and Melisande" to be presented this Spring by the New York City Opera Company. It will be Miss Teyte's first appearance in the role in this country, though she is famous for it in Europe. Indeed, she was coached for the part by the composer himself and first sang it at the Opera Comique on June 13, 1908. Jean Morel, French conductor, will conduct the City Center production of the work. Other productions during the season (March 19th-April 25th) will be "The Old Maid and the Thief," "Amelia Goes to the Ball," "Don Giovanni" and "Tosca."

#### **CURTAIN CALLS**

The revised version of Benjamin Britten's "The Rape of Lucretia" will be performed for the first time in the United States on April 3rd and 5th by the St. Louis Grand Opera Guild Workshop, conducted by Stanley Chapple. This is the second year of the Workshop's performances.

During its season just ended—a continuous run of forty-six weeks—the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, New Jersey, has presented nine musical productions: "The Student Prince," "The Desert Song," "Naughty Marietta," "The Love Wagon," "Rio Rita," "Sunny," "Girl Crazy," "The Fortune Teller" and "Countess Marietza."

For its second Summer season the "Lemonade Opera" of New York City has secured the rights for the United States premiere of "The Duenna," a comic opera written by Prokofieff shortly before the war.

The State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board of San Francisco, California, recently ruled that the San Francisco Opera Association was not liable for accrued unemployment taxes exceeding \$28,000.

Five operas, Gluck's "Orpheus," Beethoven's "Fidelio" and Mozart's "Magic Flute," "Abduction From the Seraglio" and "Marriage of Figaro," will be performed at the Salzburg Music Festival this Summer, to be held from July 27th to the end of August.

Puccini's "Manon Lescaut" will be revived in June by the Paris Opera for Dorothy Kirsten, who will also sing there in "Romeo et Juliette."

The American cast of Gian-Carlo Menotti's "The Telephone" and "The Medium" will open a trans-European tour of these operas in London in April. The tour will include Scandinavia, France, Belgium and Holland.

The three operas presented in the 1948 Grand Opera Festival, sponsored by the Symphony Society of San Antonio, were Verdi's "Rigoletto," Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" and Wagner's "Tannhaeuser." Max Reiter, founder of the Festival, is its musical director. The San Antonio Symphony Orchestra was in the pit.

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# KURT WEILL: From Berlin to Broadway

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WHEN KURT WEILL arrived in this country in 1935 as a refugee from Hitler's Germany, he brought with him, besides his slender wardrobe and his slim wife, nothing more substantial than a hazy reputation as a European composer of operas and musical comedies and an alert, razorsharp mind. Today, his reputation as an American theatrical composer rests on such solid achievements as The Eternal Road, Johnny Johnson, Knickerbocker Holiday, Lady in the



KURT WEILL Has Written a New American Folk-Opera, "Down in the Valley".

Dark, One Touch of Venus, and Street Scene. Weill's success in adapting his brilliant and unique style of composition to the American musical stage is all the more remarkable when contrasted with the less fortunate efforts of other European composers who have attempted in vain to make a similar adjustment in the United States. Once famous and successful composers now toil obscurely as teachers in small studios and schools of music. Others write forty-fivesecond flourishes for soap operas while dreaming of past glories, or find short-lived consolation in the performance of a cantata on commencement day. A few, of course, have found the inevitable refuge in Hollywood, where large paychecks provide superficial balm for hurt professional pride. Not one of them, however, has been able to establish himself so successfully as a composer in his own right as Kurt Weill has.

What quality distinguishes this quiet-spoken, bald little man with astonished eyes staring out from behind strong lenses from the rest of his European colleagues? Perhaps the greatest factor in Kurt Weill's amazing career as an American composer has been his firm determination to break with his European past and thus to escape the sterile chez-nous mentality that has obsessed many European composers in America and sapped their creative powers. While most of his compatriots were huddling together nostalgically in odd corners of the metropolis, Weill set about to learn the English language thoroughly and, at the same time, to explore the possibilities of the Broadway stage; for, although Weill is a serious composer trained in all facets of the musical profession, his first and only love has always been the musical theatre.

Kurt Weill's strong attachment to the musical theatre is one of the baffling mysteries of the creative spirit, for there is nothing in his early background to account for it. Born in Dessau. Germany, in 1900, the son of a Jewish cantor, a different, utterly untheatrical kind of music was part of his earliest training. When he was eighteen, he went to Berlin to seek formal musical education, but since he carried with him nothing more substantial than a parental blessing, he was forced to support himself by playing the piano in an obscure Bierkeller from evening until dawn. His earnings depended upon the generosity of the patrons, who were expected to drop their contributions on a plate conspicuously displayed on the piano. To encourage donations Weill would break into an exorcising crescendo whenever he perceived a prosperous-looking party preparing to depart.

Weill spent his days in quite different surroundings, however. After a few hours of sleep, he would make his way to the studio of his teacher, Ferruccio Busoni, whose huge duplex apartment was located in one of the most fashionable sections of Berlin. Busoni, high-minded

and austere theoretician of music, solemnly mantled in the classical tradition, lived according to a rigid schedule. Clad in silk and velvet, the master would compose during the early morning hours in an inner sanctum that nobody was allowed to enter. At lunch time, he would emerge to greet admiring guests and consume half a bottle of champagne with his food. After the coffee, his guests, aware of the ceremonial of the house, took their departure, and then the pupils began to arrive. It is not strange, therefore, that in these solemn surroundings, there were no traces of the febrile music of the noisy, smoke-filled café in the string quartets and orchestral pieces that Weill turned out under the refined, slightly decadent hand of his great teacher. Fate, however, had singled him out for different things, and when the lightning struck, Kurt Weill was singularly prepared.

#### Weill Finds a Librettist

In 1924, when he was twenty-four, Weill came across a one-act play—The Protagoniss—by George Kaiser, one of Germany's leading playwrights, who might best be described as the German O'Neill of the period. The play was about an actor who tragically confuses the stage and life and commits a real murder while acting in a play. Weill was greatly impressed by the play's dramatic power and its possibilities as a libretto. He wrote Kaiser and obtained an interview; after a half-hour, Kaiser gave him permission to set the play to music. The finished work received its first performance a year later at the



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famous Dresden opera house and was grested by a first-night audience with enthusiastic acclaim. Oscar Bie, one of Germany's greatest music critics, praised it as an almost perfect blending of music and the drama, and also pointed out the irony of this success of a youthful pupil of Busoni, a success which had consistently eluded the master himself. "All the philosophical theories of teacher Busoni have been swept aside by the reality of Kurt Weill's score," Bie wrote.

Kaiser, who had never written anything for the musical stage and had only reluctantly given in to Weill's persuasive power, was now eager to collaborate with Weill on another work, this time an opera buffa. It was this work—The Caur Has His Picture Taken—that provided the first opportunity for the youthful composer to write songs and choruses with an eye to the broader possibilities of musical comedy. The Caur, a light and tuneful piece of theatre magic, was an instantaneous success, and Weill was at last able to say good-by to the piano and collection plate in the little Bierheller where he had served his strange apprenticeship.

FROM now on his path was clear; it was to be the theatre and nothing else. With the exception of a single symphony, a spare-time work that has little or no significance in his development as a composer, Weill never again wrote another note that was not meant for the stage. In choosing the stage, however, he was confronted with the problem that has beset every composer for the musical theatre: the problem of obtaining a good libretto. Ever since the dawn of opera, many composers have tried to break into the charmed circle of the theatre, but have failed because they had to work with weak, uninspired librettos. A few composers-Mozart, Verdi, Puccini-had the rare gift of being able to find the right librettist and to inspire him to write the right libretto. Bizet found one onceand never again. Wagner, of course, solved the problem by being his own librettist. Richard Strauss, after a brilliant beginning, failed in later years. Most modern composers freely admit they would like to write for the stage, but are stopped from doing so because of the difficulty of finding a worthwhile libretto. Playwrights often attempt to hide their inability to cope with the complicated laws of the musical stage behind glib remarks like the one recently made by a famous American playwright who turned down the offer of an equally famous composer to collaborate with him by saying, "What playwright wants his heautiful prose messed up by music.

During the twenty-odd years in which he has been active in the theatre, Weill has shown an uncanny ability to persuade the right kind of playwrights to collaborate with him and, furthermore, to inspire them with his own unerring instinct as to what is proper for the musical drama. Weill is a superb showman who is aware of all the limitations as well as the possibilities of the medium, and he is able constantly to shape his materials to the realities of the theatre. Playwrights, ordinarily distrustful of the ivory-tower composer, found themselves confronted by a man who knew just as much as, if not more than they did, about the prosaic laws of the theatre.

#### The Song-Play Form

The ink on the score for The Czar Has His Picture Taken was scarcely dry when another

famous German writer, Bertholt Brecht, agreed to write a play for Weill. Brecht, a gifted poet and playwright, had attempted-not too successfully-to mirror in his works the social and political chaos of a Germany beset by unemployment and by political demagogues of the extreme right and left. Under the patient direction of Weill, Brecht wrote a short song-play, Mahagonny, which was nothing more than a string of little choruses and lyrics, an entirely new form providing a stirring vehicle for a score that revealed a new Weill. The music was a skillful blending of jazz and blues rhythms, of marching songs and simple folk tunes. Nothing like it had ever been tried by a serious composer. It was first performed at a modern music festival in Baden-Baden in 1927 and had the effect of a bombshell upon the assembled crowd of determined modernists who had come to listen to the usual atonal fugues and sinfoniettas written in the decadent, disintegrating style of that period. To the consternation of the high-brows the audience left the hall in smiling excitement and-heaven forbid-humming and whistling some of the haunting tunes of the Weill score. One indignant composer of the atonal school cornered Weill and shouted, "That song was written in a pure G major." For a composer who had studied with Busoni and had, up to that time, been considered as "one of us," this was indeed the supreme offense.

Mahagonny was a make-believe town in a make-believe America, and some of it was written in a sort of make-believe English, a compilation of basic international Americanisms that still run through my mind carried on the soft wings of Weill's music as I am writing this today. Kurt Weill's wife, Lotte Lenja, led the chorus with a haunting voice in the hit song of the show, a broad melody whose lyrics only barely suggest the deep sadness and beautiful resignation of the music:

Oh, moon of Alabama,
We must now say good-by.
We've lost our good old mama
And must have whisky. Oh, you know why,
You know why, you know why, you know
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Mahagonny was a turning point in Weill's career as a composer. He had achieved in this work a new simplicity, a new skill and sureness, that was to sweep away the last vestiges of highbrowism implanted in him by Busoni. His music was now subject only to the law of the theatre, and he was groping for a style that would be absolutely original and native to the theatre. Mahagonny, although a remarkable departure, was still filled with a symbolism and suggestiveness that marked it as a rather arty product of its time. As an experiment in new forms, it was a step in the right direction, but it was not yet the finished product of an entirely new approach. This was to come next.

#### A New "Beggar's Opera"

A year later, in the summer of 1928, Brecht and Weill completed a new version of the old Beggar's Opera, now called Dreigroschenoper (The Three-Penny Opera). Brecht had rewritten the two-hundred-year-old script to make it a brilliant and gripping play about the evils and dangers of that crucial period which came to a violent and ignominious end with Hitler's rise

to power. Brecht had adorned the play with his own translations of some of François Villon's great ballads as well as his own lyrics. had written a completely new score, which combined the dramatic power of his first opera, The Protagonist, with the moving simplicity of the Mahagonny score, and the result was easily his best work and his greatest success to date. Weill had finally succeeded in proving his favorite thesis: that there was really no such thing as light or serious music, but only good music or bad music; that there was a vast audience afraid of opera but just as eager to hear good music; and that modern music was in danger of creating a wider and wider gap between the composer and his audience. For Dreigroschenoper, Weill had written music that was peither a compromise to low tastes, nor an attempt to placate the high-brows. It was the first time that a "serious" composer had written a popular score, and in one year Dreigroschenoper rolled up four thousand performances.

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#### Children's Opera

"I was not struggling for new forms or new theories. I was struggling for a new public," said Weill to a bewildered German reporter shortly after the opening performance. Several hundred thousand people in Germany and the rest of Europe as well could bear witness that Weill had been successful in his struggle for a wider audience; but the victory was not yet complete. Weill's next work brought him closer than ever to his expressed goal. This time he and Brecht abandoned the professional stage altogether and wrote a school opera, intended to be performed by school children. It was a simple story, based on a Japanese play of the thirteenth century, called *The Boy Who Said Yes*. The boy of the title said "yes" when called upon to sacrifice his life so that others might succeed in "an important undertaking."

The music, skillfully written within the range of children's voices, is one of Weill's most beautiful scores. I have staged the little opera with children nine and ten years old. Never have I seen audiences so deeply moved as by the simple lines and primitive melodies of that children's opera. As I am writing this, more than fifteen years later and with an ocean, a war, and an era between myself and that group of youngsters in a Viennese suburb, I can still hear the melody of the chorus and the little voices trembling with excitement, singing with the divine treble of the angels.

#### Clang of the Iron Heel

But I hear also the muffled sound of drums and heavier noises: the echo of iron-heeled boots, hoarse commands, and the sounds of street fighting. It is 1930. Weill and Brecht collaborate once more on an expanded full-length version of Mahagonny, the song-play, which they rename The Rise and Fall of Mahagonny. At its first performance in Leipzig in 1930, the Nazis demonstrate outside-the opera house, and in Frankfurt, on the same night, a man in the audience is shot and killed during a riot in the auditorium. Stage managers, frightened and shocked, hastily withdraw the opera from the repertory. Weill, somewhat shaken by the fate of his latest work, makes another attempt at grand opera. The libretto is by one Caspar Neher, a successful stage designer but a poor playwright. Can it be that the mounting confusion of the times has begun to blur Weill's

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artistic judgment? The opera does not come off well. He tries another musical comedyand this is his first complete failure. Weill is now clearly floundering in an artistic fog, unable to get his bearings in a Germany rapidly disintegrating under the shattering blows of the latest apostle of violence. And then, on January 30, 1933, Weill sits with his wife and a few friends around the radio in his Berlin apartment and listens to the blaring march tunes and the bellowing, triumphant voice of Germany's new ruler coming from the Reichskanzlei. A few days later, Weill departs for Leipzig to attend the opening of his new musical, Lake of Silver. Georg Kaiser is once again his collaborator, and the combined fame of these two is such that the work is performed simultaneously by eleven German theatres on the evening of February 18, 1933. Success or failure? That no longer matters. On the following night, the Reichstag goes up in flames, starting a fire that will burn throughout Europe for twelve terrible years. Weill, calm and detached, packs a suitcase and boards a train. The course is west. Through the red fires of Berlin beckons America:

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#### Stopovers: Paris and London

PARIS was the first stop. Gay, brilliant Paris, shrugging off the tales of a new terror from the east, relying on the security of the Maginot line. Brecht was there, too. Once more the pair got together-this time on a ballet with songs, depicting the adventures of two American girls from Louisiana, who wandered around the world attempting to sell their charms. The ballet was titled, The Seven Deadly Sins, but it was decidedly thin and unconvincing and had none of the sureness of touch or artistry that characterized all their previous works. It had been sired in the enervating air of the boulevards and had about it the aura of a disintegrating civilization. When Weill was commissioned to write the music for an English play, A Kingdom for a Cow, he went to London against his better judgment and under the pressure of his rapidly deteriorating position.

The play was a terrible failure, but along with the bad critical notices came a message from America. It was from Max Reinhardt, once Germany's most outstanding producer and stage director, now in exile across the ocean. He was preparing with Franz Werfel a giant pageant—the history of the Jews throughout the ages—to be called *The Eternal Road* and to be produced in the Manhattan Opera House in New York "as soon as possible." Would Kurt Weill come

and write the music?

Would he? When did the next boat sail?

#### The Sidewalks of New York

In the fall of 1935, Weill arrived in New York. His livelihood, for the time being, was provided by the backers of *The Eternal Road*. There were endless delays, however. The production bogged down, was at last postponed indefinitely. All the while, Weill strolled along the sidewalks of Manhattan and looked and listened and marveled. He saw Broadway in transition: the

period of lavish operettas, of Merry Widows and Blossom Times, was coming to an end. He saw a new audience ready for new forms of musical entertainment. The man who had brought opera down (or was it up?) to the German people was suddenly faced with a huge new audience waiting for just the sort of thing he had been fighting for all his life, for the one and only thing he could do.

While other European composers mourned their lost markets—the publicly subsidized opera houses of Europe-Kurt Weill boldly announced: "The Broadway legitimate stage is to the American public what the opera and concert halls are to the European. I have always believed that opera should be a part of the living theatre of our time. Broadway is today one of the great theatre centers of the world. It has all the technical and intellectual equipment for a serious musical theatre. It has a wealth of singers who can act, excellent orchestras and conductors, music-minded directors, choreographers, and designers. Above all, it has audiences as sensitive and receptive as any audiences in the world. These audiences are willing to accept any musical language so long as it is strong and convincing.

The score for The Eternal Road had long been completed, but still production seemed far off. While waiting, Kurt Weill met Cheryl Crawford, who had several ideas for a musical play and suggested that Weill should visit the American playwright Paul Green, who had just won the Pulitzer Prize and who lived in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. It was Weill's first excursion outside of New York. He spent a week with Paul Green and the old magic worked again. The ideas suggested by Miss Crawford were dropped in the ensuing discussion, and by the time Weill was ready to leave, Green was already at work on a new play-Johnny Johnson -which Weill was to set to music. The story of an American soldier in World War I, it had a limited success, but it was Weill's first musical score for a Broadway production, and at once the critics were aware that here was a new voice, and here was something different, full of exciting possibilities.

#### Weill Meets Maxwell Anderson

Broadway was ready to accept Weill on his own terms. In 1937, at a party, he was introduced to Maxwell Anderson. Anderson, who had never in his life thought of writing a musical play, was at once attracted by Weill's air of quiet determination, and, before the night was over, he had asked Weill to come out to his house in New City and spend a few days.

When Weill arrived, Anderson told him that he had already found a subject that he thought would make a wonderful musical. It was one of Washington Irving's stories about Knickerbocker. "Great," said Kurt, who had never heard of Washington Irving, and retired to his room. He stayed up all night reading Irving, and in the morning he was fully prepared to talk shop. A few days later, he had to leave for Hollywood to do a picture, and, after a week or two, he received a telegram from Anderson: "Libretto completed. Please come back."

Knickerbocker Holiday was Weill's first Broadway success. Written and produced in 1938, it is today almost forgotten. Still remembered, however, is one of its songs—the lovely "September Song." The story of how this song came to be

written may throw some light on the composer's method of working. The script and the music to Knickerbocker Holiday had been completed. Joshua Logan, the director of the show, went to California to get Walter Huston for the part of Peter Stuyvesant. Huston accepted the part. Weill, eager to co-operate with the star, wired his delight and added the worried question: "What is the range of your voice?" Back came a wire: "No range. Regards, Walter Huston." Then he wrote to say that he would be on the Bing Crosby show and would Weill and Anderson please listen in. Soon, in Anderson's spacious living room in New City, they heard Huston announcing over the air that he was to sing something for some friends in the East, a song he had written himself years ago when he was in vaudeville and the chorus of which ran: "I haven't got the Do Re Mi."
Anderson listened quietly to the little song.
"That husky, broken voice," Weill heard him mumble. "He should have a sad song, standing alone on the center of the stage, all by himself. And then he disappeared. Half an hour later he came back with the lyrics of "September Song." Weill took them, put them on the piano, and wrote the music that same night. The song was a success in the show, but it didn't quite make the Hit Parade. The publishers gave up plug-The years passed; Knickerbocker Holiday had long since been gone from the boards, but "September Song" refused to die. It appeared on recital programs, on the radio, in cafes. In 1946, eight years after it had first appeared on Broadway, Bing Crosby made a recording of it. Today it is a hit-even in terms of Tin Pan Alley.

THE success of Knickerbocker Holiday and the birth of a new Broadway musical talent was officially recognized when Maxwell Anderson, Elmer Rice, and Robert E. Sherwood invited Weill to join the Playwrights Company as a full-fledged member and partner. It was a fine tribute to Weill's unusual status in the theatre that he is the only non-playwright to be admitted into the charmed circle of these famous playwrights. Lady in the Dark was to be his first work to be produced by the Playwrights Company. Knickerbocker Holiday had done for him on Broadway what The Protagonist had done twenty years before in Germany. Lady in the Dark was to be his Dreigroschenoper.

#### Smash Hits

Weill had met the playwright Moss Hart by mere accident. While his little review, Railroads on Parade, was playing at the World's Fair in 1939, some young people approached Weill and suggested he write a musical comedy based on some characters from the comic strips. Weill was undecided, and one of the group suggested sending the manuscript to Moss Hart to get his opinion. Hart disliked it, but wanted to meet Kurt Weill. They met for the first time in a little restaurant in the East Fifties, but they didn't seem to hit it off together. There appeared to be no common bond between them. Weill did most of the talking. He did not want to write music for plays where singers suddenly burst out into song or a group of dancers swarms over the stage, but where music was an essential part of the action, integrated with it by logic and necessity—no single numbers, but large stretches of music, little operas, complete with overture, climax, finale, spread throughout the evening.

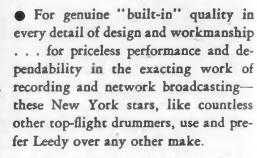
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Hart listened quietly to Weill's spirited lecture, but he did not seem to be greatly interested.

When they met again, however, Hart said that the best way to provide such a vehicle would be to write a fantasy, something unreal, a kind of modern fairy-tale, which would be musical in its very essence. Weill seized on the idea eagerly. "A fantasy," he said, and then continued, almost mechanically, "a dream."

Another week passed. When Hart came to the next meeting, the idea of a dream had become firmly fixed in his mind. He had advanced it still another step: Modern dreams come to life in the office of a psychoanalyst. And thus the story of Lady in the Dark, one of the most successful musicals shown on Broadway, began to take shape, a story conceived entirely out of a composer's theories for a musical play.

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From the lavish sound cascades of Lady in the Dark Weill has now advanced-via One Touch of Venus, a show that added still another famous writer, S. J. Perelman, to the ever-growing list of Weill collaborators-to Street Scene, musical version of the Elmer Rice play and Weill's most daring bid for a new American opera. In his review of the opening performance, conservative, careful Olin Downes wrote: "Street Scene, the drama by Elmer Rice, the score by Kurt Weill, with lyrics by Langston Hughes, is the most important step toward significantly American opera that the writer has yet encountered. . . . The word 'opera' which still is strongly suspect to the American man in the street was carefully avoided in the advance notices of Street Scene. It was billed as a 'dramatic musical,' a term understood and not abhorred on Broadway. So the audiences came and found themselves excited, astonished and entertained. Opera had crept up and caught them unawares. The word 'opera' got inextricably into dramatic critics' reviews. For it was as a play musically expressed that the work was taken-as opera always should be taken-and the sum of the two elements makes

#### Toward American Music-Drama

Street Scene is only a beginning. Weill is still young, and his never-satisfied, foreversearching mind will probably lead him to explore many new turns on the road ahead. No greater encouragement could be offered the man who in little more than ten years had built a solid reputation in a strange country as a composer than the closing words of Olin Downes' review of Street Scene: "We are given to wonder whether it is not the very artist coming here from a European social and cultural background who will be quickest to perceive in its full significance an aspect of American life; and feel it as those who always have been in its vicinity might not; and, in communicating it, take a historical step in the direction of genuine American music-drama."

#### A REVIEWER'S NOTE ON WEILL

LADY IN THE DARK, by Kurt Weill. Vocal score. Chappell and Co., Inc. \$5.00.

Kurt Weill's music for Lady in the Dark follows the mode which he early marked out for himself in his German days: to use the popular idiom, and follow the patterns of colloquial

musical conversation, rather than the stereotypes of operatic tradition. Just as in his masterpiece, Die Dreigroschenoper, he picked up the tunes of the Berlin night clubs and the sturdier gutter music, and transformed them into something new and strange, so in Lady in the Dark he has caught the flavor of Tin Pan Alley, but has subtly reshaped it into a new blend. That he has soaked up the American popular song, though he gives it his own peculiar twist, is proved by the popularity of "The Saga of Jenny" in the juke boxes. Ira Gershwin's lyric is irresistible; but the tune has enough of the rockinghorse movement and gamine quality of "Minnie the Moocher" to hit the fancy of the wider public. And café society is as much amused by the song as by any of Spivey's ventures. "Jenny" in fact belongs in the line of saucy ballads.

The theme music, first heard in "My Ship," is of a haunting and slightly odd turn, well suited to accompany fantastic dreams induced by psychoanalysis. And the other glamorous numbers which Gertrude Lawrence sings in the dream interludes are in the same vein. Weill uses the jazz palette in his orchestration, even in these songs which lean toward the romantic. By treating the harmonies in this current style, he keys in the music of the fantastic interludes with the brittle, farcical comedy of the scenes in the magazine office. When we hear the woodwinds playing away against the thump of the bass viol, we are still in the musical world that we know so well in our theatres and dance halls: a fast-moving, slightly cockeyed realm, where anything can happen, the crazier the better. And this is Gertrude Lawrence's world, which she shares with Noel Coward and Beatrice Lillie and all the great gay lights of the 'twenties. It is the indiscreet interval between the first and second world wars.

Not all the music of the play is in this popular style. The madrigal "Mapleton High" is the quintessence of all the high school and college songs that celebrate the charms of alma mater; it has a little of Cayuga's Waters, a trace of "The Old Mill Race," a touch of a hundred other similar songs. How Weill has caught the blend of sentimental school patriotism and the longing to return to these adolescent days that were so uneasy and yet so intense and vivid, is most easily explained by the resemblance between American sentiment and German Schwarmerei-in the pre-Hitler days. The old school tie with us-and with the Rhineland and South Germans-is a bond, not a mere symbol of class feeling. It recalls gay and carefree days, and the friends of our youth.

But in the madrigal form Weill has improved the school song out of all recognition. The full, rich harmonies, the interwoven melodic lines give the piece a tender power. This is perhaps the most genuinely moving scene in the play. It is here we realize that Moss Hart had potentially a quite different theme from the one he finally chose to work: the tragedy of the ugly duckling, who found that the school Romeo had used her for a stalking horse to pique the jealousy of his best girl. Weill in fact takes full advantage of such opportunities as the script affords, to vary the emotional moods of the music.

Luckily the vocal score for Lady in the Dark is published, so the curious can give it a close scrutiny. And Gertrude Lawrence has recorded half a dozen of the songs, singing them just as she does in the play.—S. S. S.

#### A SWISS CONSIDERS NATIONALISM IN MUSIC

The Swiss conductor, Ernest Ansermet, now serving on various podiums of our major symphony orchestras, in a recent interview obtained by Carter Harman and published in the New York Times for February 8th, gives as his opinion that American nationalism is not healthy. "You are less distant from Europe than you think," he states. "Not that Americans have become Europeanized or Europeans Americanized, but simply that problems of both peoples are similar today. We in Europe, for instance, have problems of the rights of performers in recorded music such as your Mr. Petrillo is dealing with, though our situation is complicated by the fact that we have more unions."

Mr. Ansermet is pleasantly surprised at the large number of composers now active in America, and during his visit here has been all but swamped by manuscripts for his inspection. Among performed works which he has particularly admired are Marc Blitzstein's "The Cradle Will Rock" and David Diamond's "Rounds." Copland, Sessions and Hindemith, he says, are played in Europe "about as much as any other young composers," and adds that to Europeans they seem young in art, even if mature in years.

Regarding the choice of vehicles for their talents by young composers, Ansermet "has noted an almost universal failure to match the new vocabulary of melody and sonorities with suitable large forms. Most present-day composers sooner or later write a 'symphony' in lieu of a more appropriate pattern. But few of them achieve more than a superficial resemblance to that form." As he puts it, "New composers fail to see the bithematic character of the classical sonata form as two aspects of a single musical idea. It should be the way man and woman are the two aspects of the human race."

His ideas regarding nationalism may be summed up in the statement, "To attempt composition of 'truly national' music implies creative impoverishment. Nationalist thought in any field is caused by routine thinking, and that is dangerous for social as well as musical thinking."

MASTERS OF THE KEYBOARD, by Willi Apel. 323 pages. Harvard University Press. \$5.00.

The deve opment of pianoforte music as traced through the masters who wrote for this instrument and its forerunners proves a felicitous means of making clear how special an art form this is. The author, an eminent musicologist and editor, in his narrative covering the late Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Baroque and Rococo periods, as well as the Classic, Romantic and Modern schools, avoids unnecessary technicalities and fully explains such technical terms as he does use throughout his discussions of seventy compositions from the vast musical literature composed for organ, clavichord, harpsichord and pianoforte. In each instance he points out the significance of these musical examples for the development of keyboard music as a whole. Complete compositions as well as short musical illustrations are included, enabling the music student and amateur to play and analyze the compositions under discussion.-H. S.



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# Composers' Corner

A new American composer was introduced to the League of Composers at its concert early last month, when it presented the first performance of "Mourning Scene", by Ned Rorem, twenty-four-year-old Philadelphian. He composed the work last summer while studying with Aaron Copland at the Berkshire Music Center.

Leroy Robertson, winner of the recent Reichhold prize, is writing a piano suite for Andor Foldes, who will introduce it next season.

Camargo Guarnieri, Brazilian composer, has written a new work for Jennie Tourel, which the mezzosoprano plans to introduce during next season at some of her orchestral appearances. It is a setting for voice and orchestra of the poem by the late Mario de Andrade, "A ferra do rola moca".

One of the events of the Texas Creative Arts Festival, held in Houston March 11th through 14th, was the Texas Composers Contest, for which fifty compositions were submitted. The best composition received an award of \$250, and the seven selections which received highest ratings were played by the Houston Symphony Orchestra at the Texas Composers Concert March 13th. Dr. Howard Hanson served as judge of the contest.

Walter W. Eiger, thirty-eightyear-old Polish composer, now awaiting his final papers, has written a symphonic work conveying his thankfulness at becoming an American citizen. He feels this is but proper recognition in view of the train of events which has finally brought him here. His difficulties began in 1940 when the Germans neared Paris. Since he had been composing scores for anti-Nazi films in that city, he decided that flight was the better part of valor. He got as far as Marseille, where Vincent Scotto sheltered him. Eiger had arranged that composer's music for the French films, "Pepe le Moko" and "The Baker's Wife". Then he managed, after a series of setbacks, to get passage on a French ship headed for Brazil. It was halted mid-way and the passengers were taken off and interned near Casablanca.

Finally he reached Cadiz, then got a Spanish ship headed for Brazil, but, once in the port of Rio, the passengers were not permitted to land. Finally they were taken off, interned for a while in Argentina, then put on another ship and headed back to Europe. The Dutch allowed them

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to get off at Curacao and, since Mr. Eiger had cousins in Chicago, he was able to get to this country from there. But the normal twelve-day crossing from Marseille had taken all of two years.

This thankfulness-hymn is called "American Youth Overture" and is based on the songs familiar to American children, "Farmer in the Dell", "Jack and Jill" and "Frère Jacques". It was played March 1st by the National Orchestral Association in New

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Young composers of the Middle West are offered an opportunity by the University of Minnesota to hear their compositions played by a professional orchestra of approximately seventy pieces. This is made possible through a "composers' forum" which will be held at the University May 19th through 23rd.

The orchestra engaged for the Forum includes, in addition to a full string section, three flutes, three oboes, three clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tuba, tympani, percussion, harp and piano. String parts required are six first violins, five second violins, four violas, four cellos and four basses. Every composer submitting music must be ready to guarantee a sufficient number of parts for delivery on or before May 17th. If the work is a concerto, the composer will be required to make provisions for a musician to play the solo instrument. A small chorus will be available, however.

Original scores must be submitted by April 10th, when a committee of staff members of the music department will begin making selections of fifteen of the best works to be played by the orchestra. Unless delivered in person, the scores should be sent express prepaid and insured to Dr. Paul M. Oberg, Chairman of the University's Music Department, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Hindemith, appearing with the New Friends of Music in New York, on February 15th, in the double role of composer and conductor, proved to be the efficient portrayer as well as the inspired creator. The music, which is a dialogue "in which a woman, Herodiade, facing unknown (and perhaps unknowable) emotions, strives at an articulate expression of her reactions, supported and contradicted by her old nurse," achieves its purpose, surprisingly enough, without use of the human voice, the melodic lines, which conventionally would have been sung, being given to instruments of the orchestra.

INTERNATIONAL MUSICIAN

# WORDS AND MUSIC AT CHAUTAUQUA

#### By REBECCA RICHMOND

Chautauqua Institution on Chautauqua Lake in New York State plans to make its seventy-fifth season, opening on July 4, a Jubilee one in every respect. The events will include a series of twenty-four symphony concerts extending over a period of six weeks; three chamber music concerts; six operas, each of which will be given two performances; organ recitals; and Sunday evening programs by the Chautauqua choir, of more than two hundred voices during the height of the season and augmented on occasion by visiting choirs from near-by cities.

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The conductor of the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra is Franco Autori, who returns to Chautauqua for his fifth season. At present Mr. Autori is in Europe where for the second year, upon the invitation of the Polish Ministry of Arts and Culture, he has been guest conductor of the Polish National Philharmonic Orchestra. Before going abroad in December, Mr. Autori conferred with Chautauqua's Vice President of Program and Education, Mr. Ralph McCallister, in regard to this summer's concerts, the first being scheduled for July 17. Programs will consist, as in previous summers, of classical and modern music. Leading soloists, vocal and instrumental, will assist; Mr. Autori will announce on his return whom he has engaged. The weekly "pop" concerts are to be continued and, it is safe to say, will draw a wide audience not only from Chautauqua but from surrounding communities. The open air, roofed-over, amphitheatre, where the concerts are given, has a capacity of 7,000.

Mischa Mischakoff, concert master of the N.B.C. orchestra, is concert master of the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. This will be his twenty-third season. The Mischakoff String Quartette recitals in Chautauqua's Norton Hall are the gift of Mr. Ralph H. Norton and the late Mrs. Norton to the Institution and are deeply appreciated.

Nathan Gordon, first violist with the N.B.C. orchestra, Edgar Lustgarten, first cellist of the St. Louis Symphony, are among the more than sixty musicians from prominent orchestras throughout the country who join the Chautauqua organization in the summer. Chautauqua takes pride in the fact that so many of the men and women of its orchestra return year after year; it has a long tradition of hospitality toward symphonic music, beginning with the concert there of the New York Symphony Orchestra in 1909, Dr. Walter Damrosch conducting. The late Albert Stoessel conducted at Chautauqua for twenty years. The late Georges Barrere was first flutist for many seasons and was an annual soloist.

The Student Symphony for qualified students under Edward Murphy of the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra is hard working and popular.

The Sunday services in the amphitheatre are greatly dependent for their effectiveness on the volunteer choir conducted by Mr. Walter Howe, who is also director of the Worcester Festival, and on the great pipe organ played by Dr. George William Vokel, organist and choirmaster of All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, New York City. Harrison Potter, instructor at Mount Holyoke College, is assistant to Mr. Howe and official accompanist.

The Columbus (Ohio) Boy Choir under Herbert Huffman holds its summer school session at Chautauqua and frequently contributes to concert programs.

Second only to the Symphony Orchestra concerts in popularity are the operas given in Norton Hall. The productions of the Chautauqua Opera Association are under the direction of Alfredo Valenti, who heads the Opera Department of the Juilliard School of Music. This season Mr. Valenti plans to present "The Mikado", "Cosi Fan Tutti", "Carmen", "La Boheme", and "Lucia di Lammermoor", and one other. The leading roles of several of these will be filled by members of the Metropolitan Opera Company who were formerly students at Chautauqua.

The Chautauqua School of Music will be in session for six weeks from July 12 to August 20. Evan Evans, the director, is also head of the Voice Department. He will be assisted by Margaret Kommel, voice teacher at Penn Hall School for Girls. Mr. Evans is a member of the faculty of the Juilliard School of Music and has sung with leading orchestras.

James Friskin, eminent pianist and teacher, heads the staff of the Piano Department. His assistants are Wendel Keeney, Wendel Diebel, and Barbara Steinbach. Mr. Friskin succeeded Ernest Hutcheson, who retired after thirty summers of association with Chautauqua Mr. Hutcheson has promised to appear with the Chautauqua Symphony on August 8 as part of the Jubilee year celebration. Students have the privilege of attending teachers' recitals and of appearing on programs themselves.

Several Music School scholarships are annually available to applicants who are adjudged sufficiently talented and properly qualified. Altogether, students are offered an abundance of varied opportunities at Chautauqua.

It has become evident that many music students are interested in the craft of writing and find that a knowledge of one art is beneficial to the other. The new Writers' Workshop supplies a strongly felt need. It was organized last year by Professor John Holmes of Tufts College, who is instructor of the poetry writing class. Mr. Holmes, a poet whose contributions appear in America's leading magazines, is scarcely less well known as a successful teacher and a writer on literary topics. Margaret

Widdemer, author of numerous novels, short stories and poems, returns this year to give instruction in fiction writing. The third member of the staff, who will be in charge of the non-fiction prose course, is S. Stephenson Smith, editor, lecturer, author of books on the practical problems of the writer, and member of the faculty of the New York University's Writers' Workshop.

The theatre is strongly entrenched at Chautauqua, sharing Norton Hall with the Opera Association. A group of actors and personnel from the Cleveland Play House are in residence as the Chautauqua Repertory Theatre. They present at least five plays each summer under the direction of Frederic McConnell, who is also the head of Chautauqua's Theatre School. Its curriculum is extended to cover acting for the radio and the writing of radio script. Art classes under Revington Arthur, a leading painter of the modern school, carry a heavy registration.

Chautauqua's lecture platform, which was the original attraction of the Institution, continues to be famous after nearly three-quarters of a century. It brings to the amphitheatre audiences the foremost authorities on a wide range of subjects which appeal to the intelligent citizen.

#### **BOOKS ON CHAUTAUQUA**

The Chautauqua Jubilee Sketch Book. Drawings by June Kirkpatrick. Comment by Rebecca Richmond. Published by J. Kirkpatrick, 905 Eighth Avenue, New York 19. 68 pp., \$1.00.

Animated pen-and-ink sketches show Chautauqua in action, with running text which blends happily with the pictures. This work will be for old Chautauquans far more than a souvenir volume of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding: it will be a true remembrancer.

It is a good supplement to Mrs. Richmond's 1943 book, Chautauqua, An American Place (Duell, Sloan, and Pearce), which is the definitive work on Chautauqua. In it, Mrs. Richmond, who is secretary of the Chautauqua Society of Greater New York, not only catches the "spirit of place," but shows how the Chautauquans founded adult education in American Many of the great names in American education in the last quarter of the nineteenth century are here: William Rainey Harper, George Vincent, George Herbert and Alice Freeman Palmer, G. Stanley Hall, Melvil Dewey—so runs the roster.

Mrs. Richmond also shows, by implication, how the church groups of the country, which figured so strongly in the Chautauqua movement, gradually accommodated themselves to the idea that opera, the theatre, and secular music are compatible with religion—so that present-day Chautauqua provides the rich and varied program in the musical field which is described in her article above.—S. S. S.

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# THE MUSICAL TRAVELER

Visits the League of Composers' Goldman Band Concert Hears the Collegiate Chorale Do Hindemith in Lighter Vein Has a Session with the IM's Jazz Musicologist

A solid evening of modern music is usually a bit of a chore. But the League of Composers showed themselves rare pickers when, on January 3rd at Carnegie Hall, to honor Edwin Franko Goldman's seventieth birthday, they chose a program of concert band music all by living composers, eight out of the ten modern-

ists of the strictest persuasion.

Henry Cowell's "Shoontree" carried off the honors for melodic beauty. Darius Milhaud in his "Suite Francaise" had apparently resolved to let the wood-winds play over a landscape painted by Corot for Debussy to inhabit. There was little trace of the crashing brass of his "Creation." And Schoenberg's intricate mathematical patterns shook into place in Carnegie Hall as they do not in the open-air park concerts. The three pieces written for Romain Rolland's "Fourteenth of July" by Roussell, Auric, and Honegger, came over with real Bastille Day spirit, on this occasion of their first performance in the United States. And Miaskovsky's "Symphony 19 for Band" proved a strong, stately, and imaginative

The modernists were not without competition. Vaughan Williams' "Toccata Marziale" was the opening chord—and it is a spirited and heroic air. And Percy Grainger's great set piece, "The Power of Rome and the Christian Heart," a kind of instrumental oratorio for band, with organ accompaniment, was conducted by the composer, in its premier, with a poetic power which quite swept away the listeners. In fact, this work, with its artfully interwoven melodies, and its traditional harmonies, was the favorite with the audience—especially with the regular Goldman Band park fans. Grainger, with his solid grounding in folk melody, has always had the "power to please the simple without making the discerning grieve," and this power showed to good advantage in this "pièce preparée" of programmatic music, in which the composer, under the allegory of the Roman tyranny turned on the Christian martyrs, pays his disrespects to the totalitarians of our time.

One reason the modernists went over so well, in spite of competition from Vaughan Williams and Grainger, was the quiet and effortless conducting of Walter Hendl. His style combined strength and grace, the almost unaccented rhythm of his hands blending in with the move-ment of the music. He clearly had his mind focused on the music, not on Hendl.

Aaron Copland, in presenting Dr. Goldman, made it clear, in a sober and judgmatical tribute, that without the work done on behalf of the concert band by the man in whose honor the concert was given, there would have been no such repertory available. Surely there could be no finer tribute: to evoke a rich treasure of new music, by bringing into existence an instrumental group able to render it with precision and discerning musicianship.

Dr. Goldman sprung a surprise: a new march composed in honor of the League, which he conducted, to the great satisfaction of the park fans. As he bowed and beamed, it was hard to realize that this sprightly and graceful figure, moving as nimbly as George Primrose, the king of softshoe dancers, was seventy.

Dr. Goldman has, indeed, been a member of the Federation for fifty-one years, which must make him almost the dean of the organizationas he is the dean of concert band conductors the world over.

#### HINDEMITH IN LIGHTER VEIN

h would be tough luck for most composersclassical or modern-to be sandwiched in between Beethoven and Bach. Hindemith stood up to the ordeal and came off with even honors, and a bigger hand, when Bob Shaw programmed for his Collegiate Chorale at Town Hall, January 25th, seven of Hindemith's short new songs between Beethoven's massive joking in the "Rounds and Canons", and Bach's Motet No. 5. The robust humor of Hindemith's "Trooper's



EDWIN FRANKO GOLDMAN, a Member of the Federation for Fifty-one Years.

Drinking Song" and the nimble impudence of his "The Devil a Monk Would Be" brought down the house. And why not? The studio recital has been a solemn cultural rite all too long; it's time some musical wit came in. The modern idiom, like jazz, is well suited to fast, brittle, conversational backchat, and polished high comedy dialogue—all within the limits of musical form. In fact, the moderns might well take their art a bit more lightly; maybe with a little comic relief they wouldn't be so hard to take in turn.

#### JAZZ MUSICOLOGIST

A musicologist with a recent haircut tells us he finds nothing particularly startling or novel about jazz. He has cruised around for twenty years listening to the saloon (i.e., night club) music which is the twentieth century analogue to eighteenth century salon pieces. If Alec Templeton wants to add polyrhythms to Bach's polyphony, who's to grop him? If Maxine Sullivan puts some calculated staggered syncopation into Arne's embroidered runs, in "The Lass With the Delicate Air," so much the better for Arne Bessie Smith is surely a more original interpretive artist than most of the studio-recital aristocracy dutifully repeating the old museum pieces. What she does with four notes in "Cold in the Hand Blues" is a lesson in musical economy.

For the price of a beer our musicologist used to hear Art Tatum at Kelly's Stables or whereever he was hanging out, and Art's piano technique puts him in a class with San Roma.

Then, our musicologist adds, consider how jazz has got back into the concert hall. Lambert pioneered in England, Satie and Milhaud in France, in using jazz idiom—polyrhythms. blue'd progressions, calculated dissonances, and all. What our theatre music men have done here is a matter of common knowledge: Bennett, Dukelsky, and Gould have used the jazz palette freely. Grofe's and Gershwin's concert jazz pieces are part of the popular repertory. And the climactic work in the field, Ellington's "Black, Brown, and Beige," is a serious work that has arisen out of jazz, and has crystallized it in permanent musical form

Finally our peripatetic musicologist, back to his library and armchair, quotes Ernst Krenek, who says, in his "Music Here and Now," "Jazz
. . . has revived the art of musical improvisation to an extent unknown by serious musicians since the days of the super librum cantare, the contrapuntal extemporisation of the fifteenth century."-S. S. S.

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#### Gallo-Doro

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Gallo-Doro has been playing clarinet for twenty-eight years, and the sax for twenty-three, but don't think he's ready to retire. He's just thirtyfive. He has seen a lot of conductors in action, from the time he started playing in a pit orchestra at the Orpheum in New Orleans in 1928.

He toured with Whiteman for five years, shifted to free-lancing and played with most of the top radio conductors. He rejoined Whiteman's ABC symphony, and it was his equal skill on alto, clarinet and bass which led Whiteman to institute the competition for a concerto which would extend Gallo-Doro's powers.

That Raiph Hermann's musical thinking and feeling were equal to producing more than a mere gym. nastic piece is evidenced by the fine job of balanced program-making he did for the "pop" concert in which Gallo-Doro starred. Opening with Mendelssohn's "Ruy Blas," and closing with Don Gillis' witty "Symphony No. 5½—For Fun," Hermann ran in Gliere's "Russian Sailor's Dance," Dinicu's "Hora Staccato," and spotted Gallo-Doro in again with Gerahwin's "Summertime" and an arrangement of Chopin's "Fan-

tasie Impromptu." Clearly enough conductor and soloist alike realized there's a hair-do for music somewhere between long and short—which can please a wider audience without playing down.

#### Music Week Contest

Another Music Merchants Advertising Contest will be sponsored by Targ and Dinner, Inc., of Chicago, during National Music Week, May 2 to 8, 1948. Six cash prizes will be awarded: \$100, \$75, \$50, and three prizes of \$25 each.

The contest is open to all piano, radio, record, general music merchants and to department stores having a music department. A merchant may enter any number of ads, which should capture the spirit of Music Week. Tear sheets of the entire page on which the ad appears showing the name and date of publication should be mailed before May 16th to Music Week Contest, 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

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# BOOKS OF THE DAY

# BY Hope Stoddard

#### Priestess Without Altar

MUSIC AND WOMEN, The Story of Women in Their Relation to Music, by Sophie Drinker. \$6.00. 323 pages. Coward-McCann, Inc.

Let no one be misled by the chapter titles in this volume—"Singers of Magic," Bringers of Life," "Queen and Priestess," "Artemis," "The Twilight of the Goddess"—into thinking here is an hour's dreamy dabbling in the stream of woman's musical development via zither, tambourin, lute, lullaby and chant. For here is an author who has no intention of letting women's music trail away in the mists of a threshing field, in the smoke of the jungle-fire or in the innocuous atmosphere of the nursery. She has noticed that there are no great women composers and she has the will, and the perseverance (she was twenty years doing research for the book) to find out why. So this volume, showing women's ways of making music from the dawn of history to the present time, is in reality a setting forth of a theory, namely, that primitive societies, in assigning to women rites vital to the community, stimulated women's musical talents while the modern world, in denying her participation in these rites, stultifies them.

Women, according to Mrs. Drinker, created and sang music as much as men in this primitive culture. But came the twilight of these goddesses chanting of birth and puberty, of love and death, and women, debarred from religious rites in temple, church and synagogue, were told they were unfit to voice any deep sentiment. "Women's relation to music and to a religion, based on the sense of the glory and power of woman's functions as life bearer, was very different from that of the woman of today, outwardly free but spiritually devitalized, with no faith in her womanhood to inspire her to song." She states that this blight fell on womankind about 500 B. C., when, as the canny Chinese put it, men were determined to "know who their own children were and to assume responsibility for their care and education,' and began shutting their women away or foot-binding them since they were "now really a menace to society."

Mrs. Drinker's thesis thus stated is logically developed through citing defects in modern systems of thought and faith: "Jewish men, to this day, thank God in public prayer that they were not born women"... "Mary, as projected by the theologians, lacked the independent power of Cybele, Ishtar, Isis and the other Great Mothers of the pagan faith"... And, re woman's exclusion from religious ritual, "Merely because nature had fashioned her body for the purpose of carrying a child, a human being was deprived of the use of the mimetic rite and music—two of the basic means of expression and communication."

It all looks pretty black, to be sure, but Mrs. Drinker finds modern times offer a ray of hope. For in an age based on money, a commodity which discriminates solely according to the weight of one's purse—"the box-office knows no sex"—the prima donna comes into vogue and in her wake the woman instrumentalist. She notes, in this connection, however, that women in orchestras, not being "box office," are still in no adequate sense accepted.

And now she can point out why there are no women composers of high calibre: "The woman . . . serves the male human being only, in his vanity and his power. She officiates at no genuine altar, and such altars as there are she is not allowed to approach save as she kneels at the foot of a male priest . . . One could say, with reason, that there is no feminine Bach because no woman had a position like his-which was that of church organist with the duty of composing music for the religious service." And again, "Not being in the class or group from which music was expected, the women of our era had neither the emotional nor the intellectual foundation to enable them to assert freely their own conception of music." And still again, "Nothing now remains of the woman's rites to make her proud and positive. At puberty she begins to go to social dances. And there she dances the dance of life only if a boy asks her. At marriage she is 'given away' by her father to her husband. At death she kneels desolate, her old proud power to invoke the rebirth gone, while some man intones. What does he intone? Why should a woman care?"

Here is a subject, one must confess, so deep that 323 pages cannot hope to compass it, even with the mass of data the author has collected from early, medieval and modern times. But may we ourselves diffidently point out a few vulnerable links in her otherwise sturdy chain of logic. Mrs. Drinker constantly speaks of a "normal" woman or a "natural" woman as though such a person must perforce be a married and child-bearing woman. An illustration in the book of an "entertainer" of the Renaissance teaching music to a group of men with a nun withdrawn in the background elicits the comment, "The natural woman is missing." May we suggest that these three types of women, the "entertainer," the "nun" and the "wife-mother," have existed since the dawn of history and would seem to be fairly inextinguishable in human society as we think of it. Hence all three must be to some degree "natural." We would also venture the comment that these early songs turned out by females of dawn history were in the main work songs (done to make tolerable the driving, unremitting toil women were then condemned to), wailings for the dead who died

all too frequently, and magic incantations to hold the spark of life in the bodies of infants born in the precarious surroundings of the dank hut eschewed by roaming males of that tribal era as "unclean."

In any case, whatever those songs of women were, whatever the drawbacks and advantages of the present system which eliminates them, we must heartily concur in the author's expression of faith that "Woman's apparent sterility in musical creation, in comparison with man's of our times, is not at all due to any inherent deficiency in her ability to think symbolically. Given the proper environments, where her culture demands music and where her contemporaries confidently expect her to produce it, where she receives from early childhood the training necessary to make her a creative musician, woman has already been at least the equal of her man in composing the type of music required by that culture."

#### On Writing Quartets Properly

THE QUARTETS OF BEETHOVEN, by Daniel Gregory Mason. 294 pages. Oxford University Press. \$4.75.

If in these interpretations of Beethoven's Quartets one expects to get programmatic effusions—this phrase the clang of death, this the meeting of lovers, this the falling of a star—he had better not open the book at all. For it concerns itself not in the least with the bird and flower paraphernalia of the sentimentalist. It concerns itself rather with just how the notes Beethoven put on the staff produce the feeling we have on hearing them played. It is thus a vocabulary of progressions, chords, modulations, recapitulations, suspensions and motifs that we find—with, we must add, just those biographical touches which give this striving in staves and notes the cast of reality.

That Beethoven was entirely the conscious artist cannot be doubted. "I have just learned how to write quartets properly. Don't lend out my quartet any more, because I have to make many changes in it," he writes to a friend. And then the author offers us, in musical notation, the two versions, one before and the other after Beethoven had "learned how to write quartets properly." The examples are illuminating, even more so the phrase by phrase comments of the author on the reasons for the changes.

So goes, throughout the volume, this note-bynote clarification of the process of creation, written by one-who knows not only the music discussed, but the man, in all the depths of his sorrow and joy, who composed it.



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# Technique of PERCUSSION

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#### WHAT NEXT?



George L. Stone

Some of the dance band drummers who now feature two bass drums on the job might be interested to know that there was a time when drummers fussed at using just one. My father often told of this and it also is told in William F. Ludwig's "My Life at the Drums."

In the early 80's a ten to twelve-piece dance orchestra (never called dance band) carried two drummers, one playing snare and the other, bass drum. Then some bright soul conceived the idea of saving money by dispensing with one drummer and getting the other to double up. History has it that a terrific howl went up, with the man on the job clamoring for double pay for playing two instruments and the other putting in a complaint at headquarters, but the Union did nothing about it, and thus began the drummers' doubling up, which is still going strong.

So the old-time double drummer tied his snare drum to a chair and placed the bass drum at his side. Thus situated, he could poke at the bass drum on the beat with one stick and play his snare drum afterbeats with the other. A bass drum pedal, operated by the foot, had to come as a natural development, and crude models soon began to appear. Later, pedals sprouted a metal cymbal striker, attached to the beater-ball rod, this to strike the pedal cymbal, which was a further development. This cymbal was attached to the bass drum hoop in such a position that every time the beater-ball struck the drumhead the striker would strike the cymbal, a four to six-pound affair, size twelve inches, which, if it sounded like a fire-gong, WAS GOOD. The pedal cymbal had a long tenure; it is only within the last twenty years that a self-respecting drummer would leave his pedal cymbal home without the fear that he was cheating the cash customers. Back to pedals again, I still have a couple of my dad's first attempts at pedal manufacture, made in the cellar of his home. Fashioned of wood, with a screen-door hinge to throw the beater-ball back, they weren't a bad job, at that.

A still later development in dance drumming was the single head bass drum, a seven by twenty-five-inch affair, strung with rope and ears. This came in with the turn of the century. Later, de luxe models sported thumbscrew rods, and sold for the munificent sum of \$14.00. For travel, snare drum, pedal and many accessories (which had appeared in the meantime) were dumped into the bass drum and a canvas cover tied over the mess, which the drummer carried at his side. A leather trunkstrap surrounded the drum and, with the aid of a shoulder-strap attachment, aided in the carrying. Weight, fifty to seventy-five pounds, according to how much the carrier needed the business. In his idle (?) hand the poor guy carried a set of twenty-six-pound orchestra belis on which to play choruses, thus to give the easily-tiring cornet man a rest. If a drummer of that day didn't carry bells he was out of luck, as far as first business was concerned.

Few musicians owned a car in the early 1900's; so a dance drummer of that period had plenty of exercise in getting to and from an engagement, for which he might get \$5.00 until twelve o'clock and a dollar an hour thereafter, staying over at a hotel or some house if the job was more than ten miles from home. The kid today doesn't realize what a soft snap he has on a dance job, using the old man's car to get there and back. Furthermore, without the desire to play reformer, let me add that the musician caught drinking one little drink on an engagement of any consequence was promptly and forever taken off the list of availables by every contractor in the business.

The single-header (and with it the bells) went out of the picture but a scant thirty years ago, at which time the double-head bass drum again came into its own, and it was but a few years later that the modern pyralin-covered outfit as we know it today began to move in. With this innovation came the Hi-hat cymbal afterbeater, another doubling-up process which caused the gentry to howl again, long and loud, claiming that this was the last straw, an outrage, it wouldn't last six months, a man couldn't play it anyway, and a lot more. The rank and file started in by cursing the Hi-hat; they ended up by finding that they couldn't get along without it.

Today is the era of the tom-toms, another crime against civilization, so I am told, but something else tells me that tom-toms are destined to be with us for a long time, and, personally, I love them. However, life (and the drummer's outfit) is truly one thing after another, and in due time something new is bound to follow. What it will be nobody knows, but let us hope it won't be a set of tuned cannons.

#### IT'S TIME TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE ABOUT THIS!

Joe Marsh of Springfield, Massachusetts, asks what actually is a tam.tam. I'm not sure, Joe, but I'll settle for a gong. At least that is the consensus; so when I encounter tam.tam written in a drum part I haul off, amack a Chinese gong with a padded beater, and hope for the best.

If you wonder at my indecision, get out a few dictionaries and look it up for yourself. You might start with Webster's Collegiate, Webster's International, Stainer, Baker, Elson, University Musical Encyclopedia and Willi Apel's Harvard Dictionary of Music. Within the pages of these tome-tomes you will variously be informed that a tam-tam is a gong; a tam-tam is not a gong; a tam-tam is a tum-tum; a tam-tam is a tom-tom; a tam-tam is not a tom-tom; a tam-tam is first a gong, second a drum; a tam-tam is first a drum, second a gong. You will also read that the etymology of the word is Hindu, is French, is Italian. And much more.

Here is another: If, in early music, you run across the word tambourin, stifle the impulse to pick up that little gadget with jingles used by drummers, classic dancers and Salvation Army lassies, and reach instead for the long, narrow drum (something like a rope and ear street drum with no snares—could be fourteen inches in diameter by twenty inches deep), often called tambour de Basque. This is the McCoy. Then look again, for some copyists are unaware of the difference between tambourin and tambourine. If undecided, pick up the one most handy, and if the leader doesn't froth at the mouth when you play it—you're in!

#### **CYMBALS**

Several correspondents have asked me what to look for in selecting a cymbal. The first thing to look for is a quick response. The full tone should come out the instant the cymbal is struck. This contributes to a brilliant, full-bodied voice, on the best, whereas a slow responding tone is draggy. Don't be too fussy about perfection in finish or exactness in measurement, for fine cymbals are made by hand, with tone, not appearance, being paramount. Personally I prefer a high-pitched tone except, possibly, for a large ride cymbal.

Next, I want to hear how a cymbal actually sounds in the place in which it is to be used. It often happens that one which sounds exactly right in a salesroom will sound light or shallow in a theatre or dance hall. This is particularly true in the case of the paper-thin variety. The full-bodied tone (and maximum service, too) seems to be in the thin to medium thin weights, and those heavier.

Avedis Zildjian classifies the most popular sizes and weights as follows:

HI-HAT: 12-13-14-inch, medium thin to medium thick.

FAST: 13-14-15-inch, paper-thin to thin.

RIDE-BOUNCE: 15-16-17-inch, medium thin to medium thick.

MEDIUM RIDE-CRASH: 18-19-20-22-inch, thin to medium.

For a smaller cymbal, to be stopped or choked by hand, I like either a ten or eleven-inch, with a high-pitched brilliant tone. This tone may sound shallow in a good-sized hall, but it should contribute to the variety of tone color, and, of course, the greater tonal range from the cymbal ensemble, the more opportunity for a drummer's inspired expression.

During a recent visit to the cymbal factory I was interested to learn that the cymbal tone improves with age. At first I found this difficult to believe, but when Avedis Zildjian invited me to compare a newly-made batch with a lot which had been stored in one of his safes for some six months, I found the difference to be very marked. Avedis tells me that he will not sell a newly-made cymbal. It must be aged first.

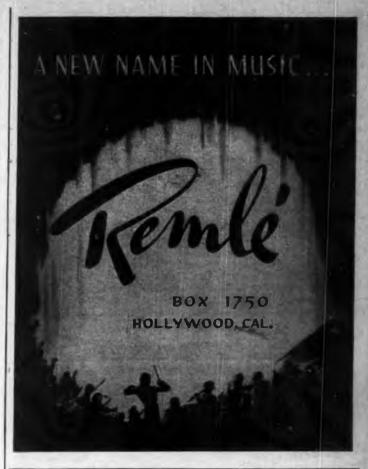
There is one more thing I can say about cymbals. Like human faces, there don't seem to be any two alike. Most drummers have a clearly defined idea as to what they want to hear in a cymbal. When buying one, pick out the one you like, whether it be high-pitched, low-pitched, thin or thick. If you like it—it's your cymbal. If you don't like it—someone else will. To my ear the music from a set of cymbals is sweet music indeed, and their individual voices don't have to conform to any particular set of standards to make me happy. (Pardon me, boys, to send me!)

#### WET HANDS-DRY HANDS

A number of correspondents wonder why their hands get perspiry while using the drumsticks, causing said sticks to slip and slide. Still others are worried because their hands are extremely dry, resulting in the same difficulty. I don't know how many "patients" have told me that they have scraped every bit of the glossy finish off their sticks, hoping thus to remedy the situation, "but still they slip."

Primarily, wet or dry hands are afflictions of the animal itself, and in some cases nothing can be done about it. In other cases, something can be done, for either of the above conditions may be superinduced by nervousness, and if the animal in question will calm down and relax, such conditions often disappear.

However, scraping the sticks down to the wood is the worst thing one can do, for the sticks' glossy finish is definitely an aid in retaining them within their handholds. This glossy finish makes the sticks sticky, and although I have here perpetrated an outrageous pun, this is exactly what happens. I often send my studio sticks up to the factory for a fresh finish. Anyone may get somewhere near the same result with a few wipes of shellac applied with a soft cloth.





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sales of \$10,000,000 for the year 1947." In the year 1946 this company paid only \$39,239 scale wages to musicians and leaders. 11 Statistics forother companies in this field are not available. But it is known that Associated Program Service, Inc., which not only manufactures transcriptions for radio, but operates the well-known Muzak service in restaurants, taverns, and similar places throughout the nation, paid scale wages of only \$93,300 to all musicians in its employ during 1946.\*\*

#### RADIO BROADCASTING

The practices of radio broadcasters offer another primary example of the displacement of musicians. The great preponderance of all radio broadcasts either feature musical entertainment or utilize musical background. Yet, live musicians are employed by only a small fraction of radio broadcasters and recorded, transcribed and network music forms the overwhelming basis of musical offerings.

The desirability of employment of live talent by broadcasters has been given pontifical lip service by the Federal Communications Commission, by the Courts, and by radio broadcasters themselves on repeated

occasions. Thus, the Commission has stated:

"There is no doubt that the listener's interest is enhanced by the knowledge that the artist is performing simultaneously with the reception in the home. Likewise, it is most important to guarantee the continuance of such appearances both from the standpoint of the public and from the standpoint of continuing the gainful employment of the artists who have contributed so much to the art of broadcasting. Indeed, radio broadcasting would lose much of its appeal to the public if the rendition of live talent programs is in any way curbed."\*\*

Chief Justice Vinson, when a member of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, expressed the Court's approval of the Commission's finding that "under the direct provisions of the statute the rights of citizens to enjoy local broadcasting privileges were being denied" through the obliteration of local talent. National Broadcasting Company has majestically intoned that "to interfere with local program schedules of many years standing would deprive our stations of their full opportunity to render a desirable local service."\*\*

Despite these salutes to public interest, convenience and necessity, the use of recorded and transcribed network programs increases with the years and with such development, inevitably, the employment opportunities of musicians diminish. The Federal Communications Commission has found that in January, 1945, only 19.7% of all radio daytime programs and 15.5% of all programs between 6 P. M. and 11 P. M. were given to broadcasts of local live talent by 703 radio stations. This was an average figure. In the cases of some of the basic affiliates of the major networks, no local live talent was employed for broadcasts during the best listening hours from 6 P. M. to 11, P. M. 4 In December, 1947, representatives of a local Chicago station testified before a United States District Court that 90% of its broadcast time was devoted to music, and 100% of those musical offerings were in the form of records and franscriptions.

This practice typifies the activities of the great majority of local broadcasters whose consequent flagrant violation of their duty to operate in the public interest impelled the Federal Communications Commission on March 7, 1946, to issue its report entitled "Public Service Responsibility of Broadcast Licensees", commonly referred to as the "Blue Book". A careful examination of the contents of that fifty-nine-page report is recommended to the American public whose "interest, convenience or necessity" purportedly is ever uppermost in the hearts and minds of radio broadcasters. The combined casuistry of the legal and economic staffs of the networks and of the National Association of Broadcasters cannot obscure the cold facts to be gleaned from the "Blue Book".

#### The "Blue Book"

In this report the Commission compares the promises of applicants for broadcast licenses with their subsequent performance once such appli-

NEWSWEEK, January 19, 1948, p. 58.
Report of Company to A. F. M.
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World Broadcasting System, Inc., 3 F.C.C., 40, 42.
Great Western Broadcasting Association, Inc., v. F.C.C., 94 F. (2d) 244, 248.
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, PUBLIC SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY OF
BROADCAST LICENSEES (1946) p. 37.

101d. Station WAAF, Chicago. See Transcript, United States v. Petrillo, U.S.D.C., N.D. Ill., No. 46-CR 357; See Siepmann, Radio's Second Chance (1946) pp. 29-34.

cations have been granted. The example of Station KIEV, Glendale, California is cited." In its application for a license, the station represented that it would operate as a civic project; that the convenient central location of its proposed studios would attract local program talent; and that the then lack of a broadcast station in the vicinity uncriminated against the use of Glendale's excellent talent. On the basis of these representations, the Commission granted the license. Six years later, preparatory to considering renewal of such license, Commission inspectors monitored three days of programs broadcast by KIEV. Following is a summary of the situation found:

"On the first of these days, the programs consisted of 143 popular records and 9 semi-classical records. . . On December 21, 1938, the programs were made up of 156 popular and 10 semi-classical records. . . On December 27, 1938, 165 popular, 12 semi-classical records. . . During these three days, which represented a total of 36 hours of broadcast time, only 23 minutes were devoted to programs other than records and commercial announcements."

Despite these facts, the license was renewed although "in the Comnission's view, the licensee . . . did not make a reasonable effort to make its programs conform to its representations." Nevertheless, the Commission again relied on KIEV's promise that it would correct its practices.

Four years later, the Commission found that for the week beginning April 23, 1944, more than 88% of the station's time was still being devoted to mechanically reproduced music and less than 3.7% of its program time, or thirty minutes a day, was devoted to the local talent an abundance of which the applicant had assured the Commission it would employ. This consisted of one singer, who performed fifteen minutes a day on six days during the week, one pianist, who played for a quarter hour on Saturdays only, a school program, and a devotional program.

The case of Station WSNY, Schenectady, N. Y., was similarly cited by the Commission. The applicant had represented that 51.41% of its air time would be devoted to various types of entertainment, including music presented by local and professional talent, and that only 20% of its time would be given over to programs presented by means of mechanical reproduction. It was granted a license in 1942. In January, 1945, the Commission found that 78% of the station's time was devoted to recordings and transcriptions.

Station WTOL, Toledo, Ohio, was offered as another case in point. In 1938, the station represented that 62% of all its time would be devoted to live-talent broadcasts; that after 6 P. M., 84% of its time would be given over to live-talent broadcasts; and that 64.5% of all time would feature musical broadcasts. Its president testified that if granted the license sought, the station could meet the requests of the summer civic opera and of many other local musical organizations for air time. The application was granted in April, 1939. By 1944, only 15% of the station's time was devoted to live broadcasts instead of the 62% promised; after 6 P. M., instead of 84% of time being devoted to live talent broadcasts, only 13.7% was so devoted; and nearly half of the so-called live programs were wire news broadcasts in which the announcer's voice was the only "live" talent involved.

In 1936, Station KHMO, Hannibal, Missouri, failing in its application for a license, appealed to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The Court found the Commission to be in error in refusing the license, and that the applicant met the Commission's criterion of a local station since, among other things, it would serve "to utilize and develop local entertainment talent which the record indicates is available." Judge Vinson cited in detail the programs which the applicant represented that it would broadcast and relied upon the applicant's promise that it "planned to use local talent". The Commission granted the license in accordance with the Court's order.

In April, 1945, the Commission noted that only 14.2% of KHMO's time was devoted to local talent, including news programs read off the ticker by a local announcer. More than 85.8% was devoted to network programs and transcriptions.

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<sup>39.</sup> Id. pp. 4-6.

<sup>40.</sup> Id. p. 6.

<sup>41.</sup> Courier Poet Pub. Co. v. F.C.C., 104 F. (2d) 818.

<sup>42.</sup> POSIZIO SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY OF BROADCAST LICENSEES, op. cit., supra, N. 85, p. 9.

# THE VIOLIN VIEWS AND REVIEWS

By Sol Babitz

# "THE LOST ART OF THE SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CENTURIES"

AST month we discussed jazz improvisation under the heading of "hot fiddle" playing. The art of thinking and playing music at the same time which today is relegated to the jazz field used to be a necessary accomplishment for the instrumentalist who wished to be a successful soloist 200 years ago.

An interesting example of this is found in the memoires of John Evelyn, who wrote of the violinist Thomas Baltzar (1630-63):

"His variety (taking off or jamming—S. B.) on a few notes and plaine ground with that wonderful dexterity, was admirable. The a young man, yet se perfect and skilful that there was nothing, however cross and perplext, brought to him by our artists which he did not play off at sight with ravishing sweetness and improvements (licks—S. B.) to the astonishment of our best masters."

The amazement of Evelyn before Baltzar's extemporizing ability reads like the praise of modern jazz critics for the talented improvisors of today.

Just as improvisors today usually play the first chorus "straight" and do not improvise until the second chorus, so did players in the old days. This accounts for the numerous repeat marks on the old sonatas. The composers of the 19th century wrote out the changes on the repeat, but the earlier composers expected the performer to improvise his own "improvements."

Because modern violinists do not dare to "improvise" on the old music, their performances of this period sound uninteresting, and as a result this music is undeservedly neglected. We hear lip service paid to the great old masters, but one searches the concert programs almost in vain for any sonatas by Veracua, Nardini, Corelli (except the doctored "La Folia"), Giardini Geminiani, Leclair, Biber, Purcell, Arne, and about 100 others up to and including Haydn and Mozart. The great Pugnani is known today only as the "composer" of Fritz Kreisler's romantic "Praeludium and Allegro."

To be sure, we have "lost" the style of this old music and the art of improvisation. But careful study of books like Dannreuther's "Ornamentation" and Arnold Dolmetsch's amazing "Interpretation of the Music of the 18th and 19th Centuries" should be able to put us on the road to recovering two centuries of valuable lost music.

One may ask, "Why was this music lost if it was so good?"

The answer to this is that all progress is made at the expense of something valuable. The improvements of the Tourte bow and the new ideas

of the early 1800's which brought us the beauties of Beethoven also made possible the empty virtuosity of de Berjot, Rode, Kreutzer and Ernst. The superficial "brilliance" of these concertos began to get more applause than Mozart, and so today the 19th century stands like a fog between us and the clarity of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Another reason for the loss of the old art of improvization was the fact that the improvisors rarely, if ever, wrote out their ideas, not only because these ideas were usually invented on the spot, but also because they did not want their less talented rivals to imitate them.

A few random improvised manuscripts exist today to give us a clue to the style, and I will quote two excerpts here. The first is from the "Amsterdam" edition of the Corelli sonatas, of which I possess a rare copy. In the following excerpt I give the last two measures of the first movement of the First Sonata:



The musical interest of the "played" version is so far superior as not to need further comment. In the following Gavotte from another Corelli Sonata I have succeeded in locating *three* different performance versions. A is the "skeleton" or printed version; B is Corelli's playing version; C is Geminiani's (Corelli's pupil) version; D is the playing version of Dubourg, an English violinist of the 18th century:



The affinity which these "dance improvisations" have to modern jazz in self-evident.

I hope that the publication of this article will lead some serious violinists to explore further the possibilities of the revival of the great music of the past in the authentic style.

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#### Employment of Musicians by Radio Broadcasters

The Commission's conclusions are even more dramatically supported by the following facts:

During the week beginning October 14, 1945, radio stations gave full-time employment to 2,875 salesmen and other commercial employees. At the same time 2,200 full-time musicians were employed. Almost \$225,000 was expended for salesmen and commercial employees as compared with the \$180,260 paid to full-time musicians, and \$54,788 to parttime musicians.48

In the year 1945, all standard broadcasting networks and stations in the nation spent only 3.5% of gross revenues for staff musicians. 44 Yet, during the same period, 12.6% of gross revenues was spent on time sales commissions." By computations derivable from data released by the Commission, it appears that in 1945 stations grossing more than \$25,000 from time sales spent \$1.50 for salesmen's salaries and commissions for each \$1 of musicians' compensation.40

On the basis of a sample covering 96% of the standard broadcasting stations in this country for a comparable week over a period of years, the Commission has found that from 1942 to 1945, the compensation of staff musicians increased only 8.36% as compared with increases of production men's salaries of 28.63%, of writers 17.92%, of announcers 37.16%, and of other artists 29.13%.

This slight increase in the pay of musicians may also be compared with the tremendous increase in revenue and profit enjoyed by the radio broadcasting industry. From 1938 to 1944, net revenues (after deducting commissions) increased approximately 250%, and profit before taxes increased by more than 470%.40

In 1939, the broadcasting industry earned 67.1% of its depreciated investment. In 1940, this ratio increased to 83.1%; in 1941, to 99.4%; in 1943, to 157.8%; in 1944, to 222.6%; and in 1945 to a figure again

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The sum paid to musicians was \$12,514,337 (AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS, SURVEY OF RADIO EMPLOYMENT FOR 1945, p. 32) and gross revenues were \$347,707,013 (F.C.C. FINANCIAL AND EMPLOYEE DATA RESPECTING NETWORKS AND STANDARD BROADCAST STATIONS, 1945, p. 1

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exceeding 200%. \*\* Thus, during the period from 1939 through 1945, the industry recovered its investment 8-1/3 times over. In 1945, radio broadcasters could pull out every dollar invested in less than six months.

Of every dollar of broadcast revenues for all commercial AM stations (excluding network key stations) in 1939, 18.7 cents constituted profit before income taxes. By 1943, that figure was 31.2 cents; in 1944 it was 35.7 cents; and in 1945 it was 30.9 cents. In striking contrast, all staff musicians received only 31/2% of gross revenues.

According to the industry's own figures, gross broadcast time sales in 1947 were \$357,296,000, an increase of 8.2% over 1946. Local broadcasters in 1947 realized revenues of \$136,000,000, an increase of 17% over

1946 receipts.42

Despite this tremendously profitable picture, following the lead of the Lea Act, radio broadcasters in 1947 discharged 164 musicians who had previously earned in the aggregate \$332,000 per year. Yet, in 1945, for each \$1 paid to staff musicians, all networks and stations had earned

approximately \$7 before taxes.\*\*

Musicians experience with radio would thus seem to belie the mirage of the bonanza projected by representatives of broadcasters. When radio was in its infancy, station operators solicited the aid of musicians in building up an industry then only beginning to nuzzle the trough of advertising revenues. Musicians responded generously in contributing their services in many instances without pay. Practices such as remote broadcasts from hotels, casinos, opera houses and similar locations which radio stations utilize without making any payment to musicians, persist from the customs established in these past years. Radio vowed that these contributions were deeply appreciated and piously promised that as the industry developed, musicians would share in the feast. For the past ten years the table has been laid but the musician fights for scraps.

#### TECHNOLOGY AND THE MUSICIAN

Nevertheless, the public's appreciation of radio, the recognition of its contributions to entertainment, and the acknowledgment of its service to the cause of musical education are shared by the Federation. It appreciates the advantages implicit in the network broadcasts which bring outstanding performers to all sections of the nation. It understands the benefits derivable from the use of electrical transcriptions which contribute to the perfection of programs, loosen the bonds which time belts impose upon coast-to-coast broadcasts, and afford to local advertisers superlative programs at low cost. It acknowledges the lucidity of FM broadcasts. Similarly, it shares the public's anticipation of the promised development of television.

Cursory observers of the effects of technology upon the musicians' profession may momentarily conclude that this situation offers no features to distinguish it from other apparently similar occurrences. However sympathetic they may be with the immediate victims of technological displacement, they may suggest that although technology causes temporary idleness and dislocations, forces skilled workers into unskilled jobs at lower wages, and spells the end of opportunity for older workers, the machine, in its own good time, opens new areas of employment, creates new jobs in other fields of endeavor, and eventually gives lasting benefits which more than compensate for temporary maladjustments. They will point out that the perfection of sound movies, phonograph records, radio, and television make it obvious that fewer musicians are needed today; that the public is getting more, better and cheaper music than it did twenty years ago; and that if fifty years hence, through the greater development of recording and communication devices, only five hundred musicians will be needed to give the world all the music it wants, that will merely be another manifestation of technology's unalterable process.

They may pose examples of the benefits which have followed the introduction of the machine. Thus, the invention of the automobile struck the death knell of the carriage makers' craft, and future developments of aircraft possibly will make a curio of the now great industry of Detroit and eliminate thousands of automobile mechanics from the economic scene. Yet, more and more persons will be afforded faster, cheaper and cleaner transportation than ever before.

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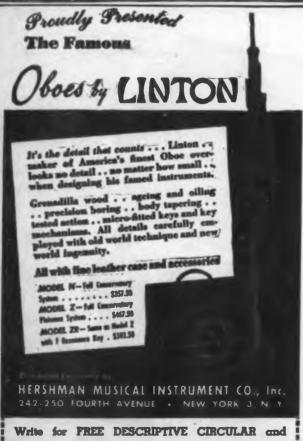
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for reproduction. Only through their skilled efforts could the scene of a great battle, or the funeral cortege of a deceased monarch, or other picturizations of news events, be reproduced. So specialized was their skill, that upon receipt of news, the representation of the event could be reconstructed through the cooperation of several of these artists and the image placed upon the printing press almost immediately. But the development of the camera gave new and superior implements for the picturization of news events. The xylographer's livelihood was cut from under him. Presumably, many men formerly employed in this profession were forced into other trades less skilled, more onerous, less remunerative, and, perhaps, debasing for men of high intellectual and artistic powers. Yet, one could feel only passing regret for them. The public need and desire for news was met in a far more dramatic and efficient manner than ever before.

Faced with these historical experiences, does the Federation attempt to pervert natural economic law in seeking to avoid these consequences for its membership? Should it view with nostalgic regret the displacement of musicians from motion picture theatres, their discharge from beach resorts and radio stations, and the myriad of other similar instances? Shall it resign itself to the centralization of musical opportunity in a few metropolitan centers where a few thousand of its members serve to produce the great preponderance of musical entertainment of the entire nation? Is the opportunity to practice the musician's profession eventually to become so limited as to attract only the prodigy? Is future enjoyment of music to be restricted to hearing the inanimate disc or to seeing the shadow on the cinema screen? Should it be concluded that the efforts of the American Federation of Musicians to achieve broader employment opportunities, however explicable on the grounds of self-perpetuation, run afoul of accepted economic dogma? Should it not be said that the machine must have its will and the objections of a small segment of society cannot long be pitted against the public weal? Will not these displaced musicians eventually find bread in other fields of endeavor? Will they be missed?

The Federation maintains that they will be missed. If it is right, then orthodox economic tenets and certain historic experiences have dubious applicability to this situation. The carriage maker can fill no part in modern economy because the automobile more efficiently satisfies the public need for transportation. The wood engraver is not needed because we have found a better way to print pictures and meet the public desire for pictorial news. But who has devised any alternative means of performing music except the personal artistry of the musician? If because of technological displacement, or if because of the centralization of musical opportunity in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, few residents of other sections of the country will aspire to the practice of professional musicianship, or if because of limited opportunities, only the most proficient musicians can secure employment in moving picture, recording and radio broadcast studios, then obviously public need and desire for music, instead of being better served, will be thwarted. As it becomes more and more apparent that the combination of the radio and recording sciences are capable of eliminating all but a handful of musicians, the profession, as in other instances of technological displacement, will contract to the point of vanishing.

But, unlike such other instances, no new end product, produced by unskilled machine tenders, will be substituted for musical performances. The sound track cannot immaculately conceive its musical content. Musicians must be available if phonograph records are to be made and radio broadcasts are to continue. Motion picture producers and record manufacturers will continue to require the services of musicians if new films and records are to be released. All will continue to depend upon musical performances for perpetuation of their multi-million dollar industries.

Obviously, no profession can persist solely on the achievements of its most skilled practitioners. Thousands of little known physicians, scientists, teachers, lawyers and members of other professions occupy respected positions on the American scene although a mere handful in each field has attained eminence and leadership. The efforts of socially minded groups are continuously directed toward broadening the scope of opportunity in these professions, to obviating the tendency of centralization in a few cities or at a few seats of learning, and to attracting young people into practice. Motivating these efforts is the realization that achievement within these professions depends upon the participation of many practitioners. The Cushings, Einsteins and Darrows of the next generation must be afforded a modicum of inducement to enter their chosen fields under circumstances which promise reasonable opportunity.

The Federation contends that the practice of the art of professional musicianship merits similar impetus and encouragement. Therefore, it suggests that it has become a serious concern, not only of musicians who

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<sup>55.</sup> F.C.C., STATISTICS OF THE COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1945 (1947).

are displaced, or of the public whose need and desire for music is manifest, but of the industrialist who relies upon the reproduction of musical performances, that intelligent steps be taken if the consequences to which all signs point are to be obviated. Certainly, it is good business for the moving picture producer, and the record and transcription manufacturer, the AM and FM broadcaster, and the telecaster to assure a continuing availability of the tools of their trades, just as does the timberland operator, who in place of every tree felled, takes precaution that another will grow. Good business practice applauds investment in reforestation.

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### THE EMPLOYMENT FUND

The exercise of just such practical business judgment in 1943 and 1944 resulted in collectively bargained agreements between all phonograph record and transcription companies and the American Federation of Musicians which was the charter of harmonious relations in that industry until the expiration of those agreements on December 31, 1947.

These agreements evidenced the cooperative attempt by management and labor to avoid the consequences of the potentially suicidal act which a musician commits when he permits his performances to be recorded. An Employment Fund was created by those agreements, derived from payments by producers based upon the sales price of records and upon a percentage of receipts from electrical transcriptions. Manufacturers pay into such fund \( \frac{1}{4}c \) per 35c record, \( \frac{1}{2}c \) per 50c record, \( \frac{3}{4}c \) per 75c record, lc per \( \frac{1}{2}.00 \) record, \( 2\frac{1}{2}c \) per \( \frac{1}{2}.50 \) record and \( 2\frac{1}{2}\text{\text{\text{of}}}\) of the sales price of a record which sells for more than \( \frac{2}{2}.00 \). Transcription company payments are 3\( \text{\text{of}}\) of gross revenues derived from this type of recording.

The American Federation of Musicians is committed to use the fund only for the purpose of fostering and propagating musical culture by the employment of live musicians. The fund is kept separate and apart from the general moneys of the Federation and no portion is devoted to the payment of salaries of any Federation officer. An absolute ceiling of 5% of the fund is placed upon administrative expenditures. Any excess expenses are made up from the Federation's general treasury. In practice, approximately ½ of 1% has been devoted to administration expenses. As with all its finances, the Federation submits to its membership and releases to the public full and detailed financial statements regarding administration of the fund. Such statements are audited by an outstanding firm of nationally known certified public accountants.

The fund is allocated to the Federation's locals on a per capita basis. Each local, subject to approval by the parent organization, determines the various uses to which these moneys are to be put. The projects authorized for sponsorship are orchestral and band concerts and other musical performances in places such as city parks, auditoriums, public schools, institutions, homes for the aged, veterans' hospitals and similar places. Wages to be paid from the fund to musicians making up these orchestras and ensembles are in no instance permitted to exceed the scales established within the jurisdictional area of the local union involved.

By December 31, 1947, \$3,773,503.50 had been paid into the Employment Fund. Disbursements aggregated \$1,131,875.32, and \$2,647,052.28 was on deposit. Administration expenses totaled \$15,860.86. Allotments from such fund to each local were established on the basis of \$10.43 per local member for the first 5,000 members and \$2.00 for each member over 5.000.

In 1947, 514 locals of the Federation throughout the nation and in Canada participated in the program and 10,347 separate musical performances were given under the auspices of the Employment Fund. Two thousand three hundred seventeen performances were given in veterans hospitals; 2,282 performances were given at other institutions, including recruiting armories; 2,437 teen-age dances were sponsored; symphony concerts with 60 or more musicians were presented on 148 occasions; concert orchestras employing less than 60 musicians were presented 1.272 times; 1,760 military or symphonic band concerts were offered; and musicians paid from the Employment Fund played at 131 parades. Performances were given in such widespread localities as Sharon, Pennsylvania; Salinas, Kansas; Mount Vernon, New York; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Fort Worth, Texas; Portsmouth, Ohio; Atlanta, Georgia; Los Angeles, California; and Boston, Massachusetts, in addition to hundreds of other cities and towns. These are but a sample of the musical performances to which the Employment Fund has been applied during the past year and indicate the limitless benefits which can accrue from the unhampered continuation and expansion of the project.

Obviously, industry recognition of the Employment Fund principle



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was not easily won. With no suggestions for solution forthcoming from record and transcription manufacturers in 1942, the membership of the Federation concluded that, perhaps, complete cessation of recording activities would inspire some measure of cooperation from industry in facing up to the problem. For more than one year from July 31, 1942, a complete stalemate existed and no members of the Federation engaged in recording activities.

In September, 1943, one record company, Decca Records, Inc.significantly then the only major producer not owned and dominated by radio broadcasting interests-subscribed to the Employment Fund plan which, within a few weeks, was embodied into agreements with all segments of the recording and transcription industry, except R.C.A. and Columbia, the two companies owned by major radio broadcasters.

For one year thereafter, those two companies continued to resist the trend established by the remainder of the industry. They pressed their opposition before the War Labor Board, appealed to the President of the United States, and, through the use of a well-oiled propaganda machine, spearheaded by the National Association of Broadcasters, gave voice to argument which, among other things, cast sly suspicion upon the integrity of the musicians' leader and aspersion upon his demeanor, questioned the democracy of the musicians' union, predicted that the fund would be used for political or other sinister purposes, viewed with alarm imaginary threats to technical progress, and foretold increased costs of records and transcriptions, reduction of sales, and the lessening of employment oppor-tunities which would inevitably result from the Employment Fund. 57

Finally, on Armistice Day of 1944, the recording and transcription division of Radio Corporation of America and Columbia Recording Corporation, accepted the principle of the Employment Fund and entered into agreements substantially similar to those which, for more than a year,

had governed the remainder of the industry.

It is interesting now to test the validity of those arguments against the accumulated experience of the years during which the agreements were in effect.40 Not one penny of the Employment Fund has been spent for purposes other than the employment of musicians. No hint of corruption or maladministration has been leveled against the Federation or its President, who has been described by "Liberty Magazine" as "impeccably henest" and by the industry member of the War Labor Board Panel which heard the matter in 1944 as "while certainly in charge of his Union, is no more so than the head of every well-run corporation is of his company." The course of technical progress in the recording industry, rather than being hampered, has been accelerated as new installations of recording equipment have been made and the many new inventions, withheld from practical application during the war, have been embodied into recording processes. Although the price of phonograph records and transcriptions has increased, no one has seriously pointed to the Employment Fund as the cause of such price rise in a generally inflated economy. Finally, the dire prediction that record and transcription sales would be curtailed as a result of the Employment Fund assumes ludicrous proportions when the industry's estimated 375,000,000 records sold in 1947 is compared with its 130,000,000 units in 1942.<sup>61</sup>

But some of those who subscribed to and witnessed the establishment of the Employment Fund principle were not content to test its validity with experience. The campaign of invective, abuse and vilification against Petrillo, fostered by the National Association of Broadcasters and supported by the great majority of newspapers throughout the country (439 AM and 267 FM stations being affiliated with newspapers) \* never ceased. It gathered new intensity during recent months as the expiration of in-

dustry-musician agreements drew near.

The Lea Act-more accurately described as the "Anti-Petrillo Law"was inscribed upon the law books of the nation with the support of these groups whose aim was to criminalize the efforts of the Federation to keep open areas of employment in the radio industry. Petrillo has been tried in a Federal Court in Chicago for alleged violation of its provisions. His acquittal followed a trial at which evidence, not innuendo, was adduced."

Certain sections of the Taft-Hartley Law similarly bear the imprint of those same interests. It is now the law of the land that any renewal

57. Brief of National Broadcasting Co., Inc., Columbia Recording Corp. and Radio Corporation of America, pp. 44-54, in Electrical Transcription Manufacturers v. A. F. M. N. W. L. B. Case No. 111-2499-D (1943).
58. As of December 31, 1947, over 700 recording and transcription companies had entered into these agreements.
59. May 19, 1945, p. 24.
60. Concurring opinion of Gilbert G. Fuller, industry member of War Labor Board Panel. Electrical Transcription Manufacturers and A. F. M., Case No. 111-2499-D, 1944.
61. Figures are from the General Products Section, Office of Domestic Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce.
62. BROADCASTING TRANSOOK, 1948, pp. 57-62.
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of the recording agreements of 1943 and 1944, beyond their expiration dates on December 31, 1947, would subject the participants to fine and imprisonment. Thus, the formula which in 1943 and 1944 signalized the first recognition of management's stake in the continuation of the musician's profession is now outlawed. Those who presently might seek merely to continue the harmonious relations which existed for more than three years face criminal prosecution.

### DEMOCRACY IN THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

The Federation is repeatedly described as a dictatorship in which the will of the members is subverted by autocratic dictates from above. Yet the facts are as follows:

### Annual Election by Secret Ballot

Petrillo has been the elected representative of the professional musicians of the United States and Canada since 1940. Except for two years during the war, when Government request resulted in cancellation of annual conventions, he has successfully stood for reelection each year. Elections are conducted by secret ballot among the delegates of the more than 700 locals of the Federation. 4 These delegates are chosen by the membership of each local.44

### International Executive Board

The International Executive Board acts as the Board of Directors of the Federation. It is composed of the four officers of the Federation and of the five members of the Federation's Executive Committee. 4 Its members are elected annually by the convention delegates.

No more conclusive rejoinder can be given to the insinuation that the members of this Board are supine creatures of Petrillo's will than the

following brief resume of their backgrounds:

Three members of the Executive Board are lawyers. One former and now honorary member served as a City Solicitor of Des Moines, Iowa, for more than 15 years. One has been a member of the Texas State Legislature. And all have held jobs as competent professional musicians.

### Representation of Locals at Conventions

Much currency has been made of the charge that locals of the Federation are not given representation at the conventions commensurate with their numerical strength. Consequently, it is said that the arbitrary will of Petrillo is enforced by the disproportionate vote exercised by small locals, whose members are not professional musicians but individuals who seek a hand-out rather than honest employment.

One need not search far for another illustration of the federal principle of representation which determines the make-up of a legislative body. The composition of the United States Senate and of the upper houses of the legislatures of the majority of the states of the United States offers striking analogy. The Federation's constitution provides that each local shall be entitled to one convention delegate for each 100 members or a majority fraction thereof, total representation, however, not to exceed three, and total votes not to exceed ten. \* The Constitution of the United States provides that each state, however populous, shall have two Senators. The principle of basing representation upon geographical interests applies with equal cogency to the Federation.

### The Federation Is an Open Union

A great outcry has been made in recent years that unions are denying citizens the right to work by restricting their membership rolls and exacting huge initiation fees and dues. Presumably, therefore, the policies of the Federation in this respect should meet with warm commendation. For membership in the musicians' union is open to anyone who is or has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States or Canada. who is not a Communist or Fascist, and who is an instrumentalist rendering musical services for pay. Moreover, initiation fees are kept within the reach of all, the maximum local fee being restricted to \$50.00. In practice, fees in the small locals are but \$5.00 or \$10.00.

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### The Membership of A. F. M. Supports the Recording Ban

The membership of the Federation supports the ban on recordings. Reports of the Federation's annual conventions reveal that as far back as 1928 delegates were proposing cessation of recording employment and this pressure from the rank and file has increased with the passing years. At the last convention of the Federation in June, 1947, the entire delegations of all locals voted unanimously to re-elect Petrillo and to cease rendering services to recording and transcription companies. The delegates from the New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles locals, whose members, for the most part, are the only musicians engaged in recording activities, were in the vanguard on these votes. Moreover, the musicians' unions of Cuba and Australia have communicated support of this action of the A. F. of M. Will it be claimed that Petrillo also dictates the policies of these groups?

### The Constitution of the A. F. of M.

A weary whipping-boy in the person of the A. F. of M. by-law which permits suspension of any clause in the event of an emergency and the event of an emergency. recently been reintroduced by detractors of the Federation.

Petrillo did not write this document. It was in existence for decades before he ever became President of the Federation. In practice he has invoked this provision but twice. At the request of the Boston Symphony Society, he remedied a situation existing among the symphonies of the country which impeded their ability to call upon musicians from other locals to complete their complements. The result of this action was to ease the administration of these great artistic aggregations. It was taken only after consultation with each local involved and with the members of the International Executive Board. On another occasion, the obligations of members in the armed forces to pay dues while in service was suspended.

In the presence of an articulate and opinionated Executive Board and membership, Petrillo's executive powers are democratically governed. This is as it should be and as the President and the members of the Federation wish it to be.

### Democracy in Industry

The Federation, then, is proud of its record of democracy. Indeed, it goes so far as to invite comparison of its internal workings with those of any large corporation. What of the annual meetings of stockholders of Radio Corporation of America and Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., which dominate the radio, television, and phonograph record industries? Do the stockholders of these corporations have as great a voice in their affairs as do the members of the Federation?

Yet, certain groups, with infinite piety, proclaim Petrillo the czar who sits astride the aspiration of musicians. They weep for the "real" musicians who are outvoted by what they describe as the pinochle players. Such tactics of divide and rule do not impress members of the American Federation of Musicians.

### MONOPOLY AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

Much attention has been given recently to the desirability of amending the anti-trust laws so as to subject labor unions to their penalties—this despite the fact that 33 years ago even conservative thinking led to the specific exclusion of human labor from the coverage of those laws. In 1914, Congressman Henry stated:

When we are dealing with conspiracies in restraint of trade and combinations and trusts it was never intended that the man who sells his labor—his God-given right—should be classed as conspiring against trade or in unlawful combination against the anti-trust laws. We are now about to correct that error, and make it plain and specific, by clear-cut and direct language, that the anti-trust laws against conspiracies in trade shall not be applied to labor organizations and farmers' unions."74

The acknowledgment by Congress of this view is embodied in Section 6 of the Clayton Act, enacted in 1914, which expresses the policy of the United States "That the labor of a human being is not a commodity or an article of commerce." Yet, three decades later arguments are advanced by those who want to "liberate" American labor by impeding its ability to speak with united voice.

It is apparent to anyone who is willing to listen with open mind that il job opportunities for live musicians are not preserved, the probability

## A. F. M. By-Laws, Art. I, Sec. 1. See Kovner, The Legislative History of Section 6 of the Clayton Act, 47 COLUMBIA Law Rev. 749, 754 (1947).

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of continuing the development of musical talent in this nation will be diminished; that musicians acting through their union have decided to take steps to protect their livelihoods by refraining from making any more phonograph records and by trying to expand work opportunities in radio and television; and that, in so doing, these musicians are not motivated by malice or by any wish to injure record makers, radio broadcasters or television owners, but by the desire to protect their common interests.

Justice Brandeis, speaking also for Justices Holmes and Clarke, many years ago articulated the legal propriety of such action in his famous dissent, which has since become almost universal legal dogma. In Duplex Co. v. Deering he stated:

"May not all with a common interest join in refusing to expend their labor upon articles whose very production consti-tutes an attack upon their standard of living and the institution which they are convinced supports it?"16

Musicians, with a common interest, have joined in refusing to expend their labor upon phonograph records which constitute an attack upon their standard of living.

In so doing, moreover, they have merely exercised their constitutional right of free speech and have invoked their immunity from involuntary scrvitude. As Justice Murphy has held:

"In the circumstances of our times the dissemination of information concerning the facts of a labor dispute must be regarded as within that area of free discussion that is guaranteed by the Constitution.  $^{"74}$ 

Through the exercise of free speech, the view that musicians should preserve their jobs by refusing to make records, under conditions now existing, has been urged upon all members of the Federation and has been argued at its conventions. Justice Rutledge, speaking for the majority of the United States Supreme Court, has declared:

"Free trade in ideas means free trade in the opportunity to persuade to action, not merely to describe facts."  $^{77}$ 

Through democratic processes, the duly constituted delegates of musicians have unanimously voted to withdraw from such employment. Agreements such as this have been characterized by Justice Black as

.. nothing more than an attempt to persuade people that they should look with favor upon one side of a public controversy.

The right of musicians to make such agreements among themselves is protected by the Constitution.10

Nor can laws be constitutionally enacted to destroy the unity of musicians by breaking their union into bits and restricting their right to speak freely and bargain in unity. For the Supreme Court, speaking through Justice Frankfurter, has declared:

"A state cannot exclude workingmen from peacefully exercising the right of free communication by drawing the circle of economic competition so small as to contain only an employer and those directly employed by him. The interdependence of all engaged in the same industry has become a commonplace."

Finally, through their immunity from involuntary servitude, musicians have decided not to work for an industry, under prevailing circumstances, which produces a commodity destructive of their continued liveli-

75. 254 U. S. 443, 479, 481 (dissenting). This opinion was cited with approval in Thornhill v. Alabama, 210 U. S. 283, 104.

76. Thornhill v. Alabama, 210 U. S. 283, 102.

77. The full quotation is: "(H)istory has not been without periods when the search for knowledge alone was banned. Of this we may assume the men who wrote the Bill of Rights were aware. But the protection they sought was not solely for persons in intellectual pursuits. It extends to more than abstract discussion, unrelated to action. The First Amendment is a charter for government, not for an institution of learning. 'Free trade in ideas' means free trade in the opportunity to persuade to action, not merely to describe facts. Indeed, the whole history of the problem shows it is to the end of preventing action that repression is primarily directed and to preserving that right to urge it that the protections are given." Thomas v. Collins, 323 U. S. 516, 527. See also, Thornhill v. Alabama, 210 U. S. 28, 104, where the court stated: "It may be that effective exercise of the means of advancing public knowledge may persuade some of those reached to refrain from entering into advantageous relations with the business establishment which is the scene of the dispute. Every expression of opinion on matters that are important has the potentiality of inducing action in the interests of one rather than another group in society. But the group in power at any moment may not impose penal sanctions on peaceful and truthful discussion of matters of public interest merely on a showing that others may thereby be persuaded to take action inconsistent with its interests."

2. Privers Union v. Meadoumoor Co., 312 U. S. 287, 239, 304, 305 (dissenting). The vote on the decision was 5 to 4. All of the dissenting justices are still members of the Court, and Justices Rutledge, who has joined the liberal group in free speech cases, has since become a member of the bench. Doubt is therefore cast upon the authority of the majority opinion.

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But it would be a sad commentary on the state of the union if one had to rely solely upon legal authority to combat certain recent exhortations which advocate a return to individual bargaining with musicians that this land may be freed from the octopus of labor's monopoly. Just who is to be thus liberated from the musicians' monopoly? Is it Radio Corporation of America, which in 1946 earned more than \$14,000,000 before taxes, or Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., whose profit in that year was over \$9,000,000 before taxes? Are these large corporations to be freed so that they may deal with equality with the individual musician? Is this the "freedom" which Congress is urged to proffer to the American musician?

The American Federation of Musicians suggests that if it includes in its membership all those citizens who look to the practice of musicianship for their livelihoods, then that circumstance is due to one thing alone. The Federation has given good and faithful service to its membership during its half-century of existence in advocating their common interests.

### CONCLUSION

Portents of economic events to come are already apparent in the life of the musician. The entertainment business is the first to feel the effects of any economic recession. During the past year the principal orchestra booking agents in the country, whose clients perform in every segment of the entertainment industry, experienced a decline in revenues from this source ranging between 15% to 34% below that of 1946. Numerous wellknown orchestras which have toured the country for the past 10 years or more have been disbanded, and many indicate that similar action will soon be taken. Night clubs, and other places of entertainment, have curtailed their entertainment budgets due to dropping revenues. In June, 1947, trade papers reported that 300 musicians applied for work when one orchestra sent out a call for men, and 67 men applied for one position in a band which was then embarking on a three-month tour. At the same time, radio broadcasters, phonograph record manufacturers, disc jockeys, wired music services, juke box operators, and other users of recorded music reported unprecedented prosperity.

Certainly there is a need for legislation. But it is not for laws fostered by those who would erect a fortress against the musicians' legitimate claim to survival. They have presumably buttressed their walls with the Lea Act and have ringed their structure with the armor of the Taft-Hartley Law. Perhaps they feel secure within these barriers. But if they will look carefully at their handiwork, they may ruefully discover that, having entered the fortress and bolted the gates, they have thrown the key away and are prisoners of their own illogic. They may have succeeded in destroying their enterprise which cannot exist without the contributions of musicians.

Nor is there need for legislation which would set back the clock of social progress a half-century. Rather the need is for laws which would create the tools by which unauthorized public use of the musicians' efforts might be controlled; laws which would permit the continuation of the principle embodied in the collectively bargained contracts which existed until December 31, 1947; laws which would make of the machine the servant, not the master of musicians.

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Ress, Charles

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Polson, Mrs. Buby Corden, Ruth Holminger, Ruby Stoney, Milo E. Warner, A. H. PITTHANI Pittman Hotel, and Jimmy Coronecs. Blackman, Mrs. Mary

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Levenon, Owner, and M. M.
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and Oco. Danzier, Opers. and Goo. Danzier, Opers.
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and Victor Petamkin, Mgrs.
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Charles Anderson, Operator.
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UNION CITY:
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Scort, Mgr., Back Stage Club.
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Twin Tree Inn.
GRAND ISLAND:
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Sood, Fack
JAMESTOWN:
Lindstrom & Meyer
LAKE HUNTINGTON:

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Carrestin, Arman

Cabes, Alexander, connected with "Bright Lights", Collectors' Items Recording Co., and Maurice Spivack and Kotherine Gregg.
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Crossen, Russell Control Control Charter Chart Associates
Currie, Robert W., formerly
held Booker's License 2795.
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Grav, Lew, and Marie
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Gross, Gerald, of United
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Heminway, Phil
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King, Gene, Former Bookers' License 3444. Kech, Fred G. Koch, Fred G.
Koren, Asron
La Fontsine, Leo
Leigh, Scockton
Leonard, John S.
Lyon, Allen
(also known as Arthur Lev)
Mascon, Charles
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Messrole, Ed. F.
Montello, E. F.

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Fretto, Joseph
Magill, Andrew
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Shed, and Magnus L.
Edwards, Manager.
Silverman Marry

Silverman, Harry SOUTH FALLSBURG: Majestic Hotel, Messrs. Coben. Kernfeld and Shore, Owners and Operators. Seldin, S. H., Oper., Grand View Hotel. BUFFERN Armisses. W. Lee.

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Owner.
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TUCKAHOLI
Birnbaum, Murray
Roden, Walter

UTICA:
Burke's Log Cabin, Nick
Burke, Owner.
VALHALLA: VALHALLA:
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John Mesi, Prop.
WHITE PLAINS:
Brod, Merio
Reis, Les Hechiris Corp.
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Baboer, William

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Plantation Club, and Fred

Koury, Owner.
Weingarten, E., Sporting
Events, Inc. KINSTON: Courie, E. F. Parker, David

RALEIGH: Charles T. Norwood Post, American Legion.

WALLACE: Strawberry Pentival, Inc. WILLIAMSTON: Grev. A. I.

WILSON: McEachon, Sam WINSTON SALEM: Payne, Miss L.

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Banford, Doyle
Millard, Jack, Mgr. and Lessee,
Merry-Go-Round.
Pullman Cafe, George Subrin.
Owner and Manager. DEVON CANTON CINCINNATI Anderson, Albert, Booker's License 2956. Black, Floyd Carpenter, Richard Einhorn, Harry Kolb, Matt Lantz, Myer (Blackie) Lec, Eugene Overton, Harold Reider, Sam Smith, James R. Wonder Bar, James McFatridge, Owner

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Bell, Edward
Bellinger, C. Robert
Carter, Ingram
Charles Bloce Post No. 157,
American Legion.
Malloriy, William
McDade, Phil
Paul D.\*Robinson Fire Fighters
Post No. 567, and Caprain
G. W. McDonald.

DELAWARE Bellinger, C. Robert

FINDLAT: INDLAY:
Bellinger, C. Robert
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Karl.
Opers., Paradise Club. PIOUA Lee Sedgewick, Operator.

PORTSMOUTH Sm.th. Phil

TOLEDO: Durham, Henry (Hank), Oper-ator, Onya Theatre Ballroom ator, Onys Theatre Agency. Dutch Village, A. J. Hand, Oper. Huntley, Lucius Nightingale, Homer

TOUNGSTOWN Einborn, Harry Beider, Sam ZANESVILLE:

### OKLAHOMA

Hamilton, Herman ENID: Oxford Hotel Ballroom, and Gene Norris, Employer. Gene Norts, Employer.

MUSROGEE:
Guttre, John A., Manager,
Rodeo Show, connected with
Grand National of Muskogee,
Oklahoma. OKLAHOMA CITY

MILAHOMA CITY
Holiday Inn,
Louis Strauch, Owner
Louis' Tap Room,
Louis Strauch, Owner,
Southwestern Attractions
M. K. Buldman and Jack
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### OREGON

HERMISTON: Rosenberg, Mrs. R. M. PORTLAND: Denton, Manager. SALEM Oregon Institute of Dancing, Mr. Lope, Manager.

PENNSYLVANIA ALIQUIPPA: BERWYN: Main Line Civic Light Opera Co., Nat Burns, Director. BIRDSHORO: Birdsboro Oriole Home Asso. BRYN MAWR: Foard, Mrs. H. J. M. CLARION Birocco, J. E.
Smith, Richard
Rending, Albert A.

DONOBAL Bedford, C. D. EASTON! Calicchio, E. J., and Metino, Michael, Mgrs., Victory Ball-Green, Morris Jacobson, Benjamin Koury, Joseph, Owner, The Y. M. I. D. Club

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Reeves, William T.
Waters, B. N.
RINGSTON:
Johns, Robert

Jones, Martin

MARSHALLTOWN: Willard, Weldon D. MEADVILLE

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Benjamin Fogelman, Prop.
Bilcore Hotel, and Wm. Clore, Operator.
Bryant, G. Hodges
Bubeck, Carl F.
Davis, Russell L., and Trianon

Ballroom
DuPree, Beese
Pabiani, Ray
Garcia, Lou, formerly held
Booker's License 2620.
McShain, John
Philadelphia Gardens, Inc.
Raymond, Don G., of Creative
Entertrainment Bureau, Booker's License 3402.
Rothe, Otto
Stanley, Frank
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PITTSBURGH:
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Poinsette, Walter

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Athens, Peter, Mgr., Washington Cocktail Lounge WILLIAMSPORT: Circle Hotel and James Pinelle Pennella, James

WORTHINGTON: Conwell, J. R.

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CHATTANOOGA: Wooder Bar, and Ralph Miller, Manager, IOHNSON CITY Burton. The KNOXVILLE: Henderson, John NASTVILLE: Club Zanzibar, and Billie and Floyd Hayes

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AMARILLO Coz, Milton AUSTIN: El Morocco Franks, Tony Williams, Mark, Promoter

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Airfield Circuit
Bowers, J. W., also known as
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Carnahan, Robert
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Thomas A. Wood, Pres.

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ck Club, Cramer and R. E. Cass. WICHITA PALLS Dibbles, C. Whotley, Mike

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Dove, Julian M., Capitol
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DANVILLE: H. Paller, J. 11. Bailey. Clarence A.

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Ksy, Bert, Owner, "The liars"

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Big Track Diner, Percy Simon,
Prop.

Prop. PORTSMOUTH: PORTSMOUTH:
Whiting, R. D.
BOANOKE:
Harris, Stanley
UTTOLK:
Clark, W. H.

### WASHINGTON

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### WEST VIRGINIA

LUEFIELD Brooks, Lav Thompson, Charles G.
CHARLESTON:
Club Congo, Paul Daley, Owner. Corey, LaBabe Hargreave, Paul White, Ernest B. MORGANTOWN: Atomic Inn and Leonard Niner

Morgantown Country Club.

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Runner, Owner and Operator.
RESHENA: American Legion Auxiliary
Long, Matilda Long. Matrium
LA CROSSE:
Tooke, Thomas, and Little
Dandy Tavera.
MADISON:
White, Edw. R. Weinberger, A. J. MEOPIT: American Legion, Sam Dickenson, Vlos Com. PLATTEVILLE: Kelly, C. P. Rendall, Mr., Mgr., Holly Wood Lodge. Khoury, Tony Sicilia, N.
STURGEON BAY:
Larsheid, Mrs. Geo., Prop.
Carman Hotel

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Meserole, Owner and Oper.
Archer, Pal Brown Derby
Cabana Club and Jack Staples
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### HAWAII

HONOLULU: The Woodland, Alexander Assm., Proprietor.

### CANADA **ALBERTA**

CALGARY:
Fort Brisbois Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.
Simmona, Gordon A. (Bookers' License No. 4090)

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WANCOUVER: H. Singer & Co. Enterprises, and H. Singer.

### ONTARIO

Newman, Charles CHATHAM: GRAVENHURST: Webb, James, and Sum

HASTINGS: Bissman, George, and Riverside Pavilion. LONDON: Seven Dwarfs Inn

PORT ARTHUR TORONTO: Chin Up Producers, Lud., Roby Young, Mgr. Leslie, George Local Union 1452, CIO Secol Workers' Organizing Com. Miquelon, V. Radio Station CHUM

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MONTREAL:
Auger, Henry
Beriau, Maurice, and La Operator. Danu, Claude Daoust, Hubert Daoust, Raymond DeSautels, C. B. Dioro, John Emery, Marcel Emond, Roger

Lussier, Pierre Montreal Postivals Sourkes, Irving QUEREC CITTI Sourkes, Irving VERDUN: Senecal, Lee

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Al-Dean Circus, F. D. Frosland
Arwood, Ross
Aulger, J. H.,
Aulger Bros. Stock Co.
Bell, Ray, Owner,
All-Star Hit Parade
Beugh, Mrs. Mary
Bert Smith Revue
Bigley, Mel. O.
Blahe, Milton (also known as
Manuel Blanke and Tom Kent).
Blahek, Manuel (also known as
Milton Blake and Tom Kent).
Braunatein, B. Frash
Bruce, Howard, Mgr.,
"Crasy Hollywood Co.".
Brugler, Harold
Brydon, Ray Marsh, of the
Dan Rice 3-Ring Circus.
Buffalo Ranch Wild West Circus,
Art Mix, B. C. (Bob) Grooms,
Owner: and Managers.
Burns, L. L., and Partners
Carroll, Sam
Conway, Stewart
Cornish, D. H.
Coroneco, Jimmy
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DeShon, Mr.
Echbart, Robert
Parrance, B. F.
Pechan, Gordon P.
Periu, Mickey, Owner and Mgr.,
"American Scauties on Parade".
Fizzker, Dariel
Fox, Jess Fox, Jess
Fox, Sam M.
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Freeland, F. D., Al-Dean Circus
Freeman, Jack, Mgr.,
Follier Gay Parce
Freich, Joe C.
George, Wally
Green, Pete George, wary Grego, Pete Gutire, John A., Manager, Rodeo Show, connected with Grand National of Muskogre, Okla. Hoffman, Ed. F., Hoffman's 3-Ring Circus. Horan, Irish International Magicians, Produc-ers of "Magic in the Air", Johnson, Sandy Johnston, Clifford Kelton, Wallace Kent, Tom (also known as Manuel Blanks and Milton Blake),

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Komman Hyman

Larson, Norman

Levin, Harry

Magee, Floyd

Matthews, John

Maurier, Ralph

McCann, Frank

McCaw, E. E., Owner,

Horse Follies of 1946.

Merry Widow Company, and

Eugene Hashell, Raymond

E. Mauro, Ralph Paonesse,

Manager\* Blake)

Societe Artistique. Clover Cafe, and Jack Horn, Horn, Jack, Operator, Vienna Grill.

Miqueton, V.
Mosher, Woody (Paul Woody)
New York Ice Fantary Co., Boott
Chalfant, James Blizzard and
Heary Robinson, Owners.
Ouellette, Louis
Fatterson, Chan.
Platinum Blood Revue
Richardson, Vunghan,
Pine Ridge Pollies
Roberts, Harry E. (also known as
Hap Roberts or Doe Med Roy)
Robertson, T. E.,

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### THEATRES AND PICTURE HOUSES

Arranged alphabetically se to States and Canada

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

BOSTON: E. M. Loew's Theatres Holyone Theore, B. W. Levy

### MICHIGAN

DETROIT: Colonial Theatre, Raymond Schreiber, Owner and Oper. Schreiber, Owner
GRAND RAPIDS:
Powers Theatre

### MISSOURI KANSAS CITTI Maia Street Theatre

NEW JERSEY MONTCLAIR:
Montclair Theatre and Cos-Hay
Corp., Thomas Haynes, James
Costello.

### OHIO

CLEVELAND:
Metropolitan Theatre
Emanuel Stutz, Oper-

### TENNESSEE

ENOXVILLE: Bijou Theatre

### VIRGINIA

BUENA VISTA: Rockbridge Theatre

### ARKANSAS

HOT SPRINGS: Forest Club, and Haskell Hardage, Proprietor.

### CALIFORNIA

DIG BEAR LAKE:
Navajo Ballroom, Harry Cressman, Owner.
CONCORD: Rendezvous Bend LONG BEACH: LONG BEACH:
Majestic Ballroom, and Harry
Schooler, Joe Zucca, Frank
Zucca and Harry Lewin.
SAN BERNAEDINO!
Sierra Park Ballroom.
Clark Rogers, Mgr.
RAN LUIS OBISPO:
Scaton Dan Scaton, Don BANTA ROSA:

### CONNECTICUT

stin's Resort, Lake County

BIARTPORD:
Buck's Tavers,
Frank S. DeLucco, Prop.
NORWICH: Vinnie's Restaurant and Vinnie Dil.ullo, Proprietor,

FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE: Ploridan Hotel 

MIAMI BEACH:
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