

Russians Drop In After Work To See Fine Ballet And Opera

By Bill Boss
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MOSCOW, (CP)—Russians don't dress for the opera or ballet. Music and the theatre seem so much a part of life that they drop in as they are, after work.

The glittering scarlet and gold Bolshoi Theatre, musical heart of Russia, offers the foreign visitor perhaps as through a cross-section of contemporary Russian society as he can find anywhere.

Each evening the Bolshoi's 2,300 seats, through six balconies, are filled. So are the boxes in the galleries. The audience is entertained. Delegations from the so-called peoples formerly used by the Czars, in the centre of the first gallery, now is used by the public.

Finest In World

Russian ballet is recognized as the finest in the world. Opera is outstanding for production, chorus and orchestra, but spotty in the solo voices.

The overtures are background music for conversation and unwrapping lunches. Two people beside me at a performance of Eugene Onegin ate through the second act.

Time after time a tenor named Koslowski — an Artist of the U. S. S. R. an official title and a Stalin-prize holder—froze in mid-gesture as the audience applauded. He had 10 minutes of curtain calls from bobby-soxers and other admirers.

"Of course, he hasn't a voice now," said one Russian opera expert, "but his technique they applaud."

The notable thing about Bolshoi audiences is their youth, their variety, and their enthusiasm, which seems justified. I have seen nothing in New York, London, Paris or Rome to equal the baroque splendor of the Bolshoi's presentation of Prince Igor. In the Polovtsian dance scenes there are 130 dancers on the stage with the principals and a chorus of almost 100.

The Bolshoi's orchestra is phenomenal. Equalling its obedience to conductor and score could be the ambition of name orchestras of the West.

Morning Smile

A well-dressed woman got on a bus and handed the driver a \$10 bill.

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

ALCOHOLISM—TREATMENT BY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND ANTABUSE

I write often about alcoholism because of its disastrous effects upon the alcoholic and what is equally important, the disastrous effects upon his family.

I also write often about Alcoholics Anonymous because this organization uses the best system known to cure alcoholism. A member of Alcoholics Anonymous reaches the point where he knows his own experience that his strongest resolutions break down and even the love of his family is not sufficient to break the habit. When he reaches this point, he recognizes that he needs help from an outside source and he prays daily to this Source for help to avoid alcohol for just 24 hours.

In addition, members of Alcoholics Anonymous are ready to help him day or night because "a fellow-feeling makes us wondrous kind." It is this trying to help himself by asking for help by praying to his Source of help and receiving the help from fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous that brings about the highest percentage of cures for alcoholism now known.

What about Antabuse? In the Ontario Medical Review, the medical staff of Brookside Clinic, a clinic for treatment of alcoholism, operated by Alcoholics Anonymous, reports "Antabuse is the trade name for a chemical substance found to be useful as a drug in the treatment of alcoholism. Its official name is Disulfiram.

"Antabuse helps the alcoholic who has achieved sobriety to remain sober. Ordinarily our bodies destroy the effects of alcohol within a reasonable time but Antabuse interferes with this process and causes an unusual and unpleasant reaction in the body."

If Antabuse is being taken and alcohol is used, even for some time afterwards, the patient with Antabuse in his system begins to feel flushed; he feels his heart racing; his breath is hard to get; his head pounds; he feels nauseated; he feels he is suffocating; he may actually collapse and become unconscious.

The patient with Antabuse in his system "knows" that if he drinks he will become ill immediately. This is a protection which he proves for himself. A daily dose of one tablet or less is taken by mouth but must be prescribed by a physician in each case.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberts Lee

Q. Is it necessary for a man to remove his glove if a woman offers to shake hands with him on the street?

A. This would probably involve a needless bit of tugging and scuffling on his part, and it is not at all necessary. He should offer his gloved hand without embarrassment and without apology.

Q. When a bride is writing notes of thanks for gifts to friends who do not know her husband, should the notes be signed with both names?

A. The signature should be her name only, but the note should say, "John and I deeply appreciate, etc."

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

TREES IN WINTER

The lean trees bow their barren heads and shudder; Each like a galleon, a stately ship That the wind's hands tear callously, to strip, To twist the rudder And ride upon the prow.

Shatter the deck with rain, Crash onward waves, and care-less winds deride This galleon is sounder She will not founder But springwards drift, and then with pride Holst her green sails again.

—Gibson.

There is a small wood near the garden and there is a large wood not far away where lovely ferns and moss grows in abundance. No matter how tired I am when I enter this wood to gather some of the ferns and moss I come out refreshed in mind and spirit.

At this season there are small ferns suitable for house decoration when placed in small bright colored dishes . . . old willow ware, teapots or sugar bowls that have outlived their usefulness. Anything lovely that you may have can be made more lovely with these small ferns gathered now for winter greenness.

Today several varieties of mosses in many shades of green and gold were gathered and crimson bronze leaves of the Bunchberry, "Pigeon Berry" Cornus canadensis L. and Teaberry, Creeping Wintergreen and Rosebay, Rhodora, and some of the Lichens were gathered. A beautiful fern scarlet in color, made with all these things gathered in the woods. The children will love to find these treasures in the woods and in the country it is easy at this season to find an hour or so of beauty near at hand.

In the garden Chrysanthemums still bloom, and the Geraniums in a corner of the veranda; the English Ivy are glossy green and Clematis with feathery seedpods and scarlet hips and haws make a bright spot of color, and we must not forget the pansies and violas.

J. M. Barry writes . . . God has given us memories that we might have roses in December and this year we have our memories and the roses too, also many other flowers to enjoy.

The sunshine has been kind to the flowers growing in the little garden room and the cyclamens, azalea, African violets and geraniums have never been lovelier in the month of December. Even the pelargoniums, pansy geranium more commonly called are covered with frost flowers.

It is wise to look over the potted bulbs in the cellar or storehouse to see if they need some moisture and this is the month to cover the hybrid tea roses. In the garden here they are covered after some hard frost with earth piled up around to keep them cold until spring, and

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Better English

By D. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "John's and Robert's suggestions were followed with a dead silence."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "gunwale"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Allegiance, alienation, albatross, alimony.

4. What does the word "obliterate" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "c" that means "to fascinate; to charm"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "John and Robert's suggestions were followed by complete silence." 2. Pronounce gun-wale. 3. Unspelled. 4. To remove or destroy completely by any means. "The writings on the wall were obliterated by the flood." 5. Captivate.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

YOU should be able to achieve major goals each day if you are willing to compromise on minor issues. In all negotiations, however, be certain of the motives of those with whom you are dealing. Despite rosy appearances, do not rely too much on promises of assistance. Avoid questionable associates, and do not participate in any activity that could jeopardize your job or your prestige. For best results, rely on your own good judgment, your ideas and ambitions to work, and give your capabilities full scope — but go it alone.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you will be pleased to learn that imaginative and creative ideas are under excellent aspect during the next six months so that it would be an excellent period in which to put into effect some of the unusual programs you've had in mind but have postponed, possibly, through lack of confidence in them — or in yourself.

Important gains are promised if you will exercise initiative and courage. There should be career advancement as well as a good financial trend, stimulated by a business or personal alliance, and this good fortune should result in a new sense of security which will contribute greatly to your well-being. Travel and romance will be under excellent aspects during the late spring and early summer.

A child born on this day will be talented, imaginative and endowed with a warm and magnetic personality.

Landrigan - Parsons Wedding



Lieut. and Mrs. D. K. Landrigan

The standard of white gladioli, decorated Corpus Christi R. C. Church, Kilbride, Nfld., and huckleberry foliage marked each pew, recently when at 7:30 o'clock in the evening Cynthia Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard D. Parsons, King's Bridge Court, became the bride of Lieutenant Daniel Kieley Landrigan, R. C. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Landrigan, 40 School Street, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Rev. Father Lacey officiated at the ceremony and the wedding music was played by Mr. Ignatius Rumboldt.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was dressed in full-length gown of duchess satin featuring an extra long train, and cut on princess lines with a high neckline, long tapered sleeves and a tight bodice trimmed with dainty lace. Her tulle net veil fell from a coronet of studded pearls reaching the floor, and she carried a white cascade of starlight roses and stephanotis with admantium.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Joan Parsons, as maid of honor, and by Mrs. Cecil Vivian, Miss Moya Murphy and Miss Bobbie Tucker. They wore full length American beauty rose gowns of pure silk taffeta fashioned alike with bouffant skirts and strapless bodices under matching small boleros. Their tiara style headresses were of the same shade as their gowns and they carried white glameillas with variegated ivy.

The best man was Capt. G. I. Tomlinson, R. C. A., and acting as ushers were Capt. F. R. Evans, R.C.A.; Capt. L. M. Hanway, Capt. J. Roper, and Lieut. R. MacDougall.

At the reception in the Old Colony Club, the bride's mother, Mrs. Parsons, received wearing an aqua full-length gown of imported French lace with a matching hat. She was assisted by Mrs. Landrigan, the bridegroom's mother, who chose a gown of pale blue crepe with a navy blue hat and a corsage of deep red roses.

The bride and groom left the following day by air on their wedding trip to Montreal and a motor tour of the Canadian Mainland and New York. For travelling, the bride wore a pale blue suit with navy accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Lieut. and Mrs. Landrigan will reside at King's Bridge Court, Nfld.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Unwise Wisecracking

Wife And Mother Has Habit Of Making Acid Remarks

DEAR MISS DIX: I seem to be one of those people who enjoy saying something mean or sarcastic. No matter how much I resolve to change my ways, I invariably pick on a person's faults rather than his good points to discuss. Even when my husband makes a pleasant remark to me, my response is disagreeable. I'm not much of a "mixer," so I don't belong to any clubs or societies. I have two children.

SARCASM IS RESENTED

ANSWER: It's just as well you haven't attempted to join up with a group; you wouldn't last long with it. Strangers wouldn't have to put up with your sarcasm; your family has little choice.

In spite of your protests that you know you are mean and want to change, I doubt if you do. You belong to the misguided individuals who think sarcasm is synonymous with cleverness, that sneeringly putting someone "in his place" automatically lifts you to a spot of superiority. Well, it just isn't so. Sarcasm, or the ability to make a quick and nasty "comeback," does involve a certain amount of fast thinking, but not the kind of responsive tongue, they can be put to much better use than hurting other people's feelings. The best treatment for people like you is precisely what you give others. If your family and friends would be as quick to hurt you as you are to hurt them, you'd soon realize the need for a change of disposition.

There's no reason, except your own feeling of superiority, why you can't change. Just try biting your tongue occasionally when one of your brilliant remarks is ready to pop out. You'll soon overcome the fault—that is, if you really want to. Try to realize that wisecracks really aren't very wise!

DEAR MISS DIX: I was married at 17 and lived happily with my husband and our two children for over 20 years. Then my husband began going with another woman. I accused him of it at the time, but he denied it. Now, several years later, he has told me of the affair, even to the girl's name. I know he's been faithful since, but brooding is making me ill. My heart is crushed, and I can't eat or sleep.

MRS. Y. T.

ANSWER: You are being a very foolish woman to make yourself unhappy over something that happened so long ago. If you keep it up, your man will get so fed up with you that he'll begin looking for cheerful company outside. Have faith in God and be thankful for your many blessings. Look toward the future, and not back into the past.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

With the twilight of dawn still covering the silent farmlands, James easing a suspender to a shoulder, at a window surveyed the dimness. "The day doesn't seem too promising as yet," Ellen mused, not for what she had in mind for today, but you never can tell. It's just as well to be up and have the decks squared away."

So the day began nicely and presently settled into the usual orderly routine. It has been our good fortune through the years to see the Family work together in a companionable and effective unit, each one ready and eager to contribute with a good heart his share to our undertakings to the benefit of all. Nor can we reckon these results in currency but in the hours of happiness and content we spend on these farms. It is a state of living we endeavour to pass on to the children: "Aw!" with an impatient gesture "do I have to do that? Did Daddy say?" a little fellow will ask.

"No, you don't have to do it, but he knew you would want to help him by doing it. You see this farming is yours as well as his—you and Jamie are partners with him and partners take on their share of the work" we explained.

"I'm of the opinion that there's something nice missing from the make-up of a man who can't keep his sons with him on the farm—or in other occupations," an elderly farmwife and mother of farmers observed when we chatted of such things with her the other day.

"Then," we laughed, "on the other hand if they do follow in his footsteps it is a mark of highest esteem to him and for his calling!"

"Yes," she nodded, "I believe just that! Of course I could be wrong, but in many an instance I could speak of it as the way it seemed to be." She smiled, "they kept up this 'father-business' much too long."

"Perhaps they didn't make their sons partners soon enough—teaching them young the why's and whereof of it?" we suggested. "But in humans no fixed rule can apply; there are parents and parents," we said, "and there are sons and sons."

We were interested in two widely different parent-son points of view recently.

"You know that good stretch of road between—?" a strippling of a fellow queried, relating a tale to us not long ago. "Well, the other night I had the car touching 90 'here!'"

"Not 90!" we explained, our flesh

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberts Lee

Table Decorations

If candles are to be used for a table decoration, select some pretty apries, polish them and hollow out to receive the candles. The color of the candles can be selected to match the desired color scheme.

Cold Feet

When one is troubled with cold feet, relief is often obtained by cutting a piece of paper the shape of the sole of the shoe, and placing it in the stocking.

Potatoes

The finished potatoes will be much whiter if they are pared in cold water before boiling them.

How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I clean oil paintings?

A. Make a thin paste of raw potatoes and clear water. Add fine pumice stone and rub on the paintings gently with a sponge. Then wipe off with clear water and a clean cloth. It is often advisable to apply a coat of clear varnish when the painting dries.

Q. How can I keep fish from breaking when frying it?

A. Put the pieces of fish in the hot fat with the skin side up, and brown well before turning. In this way there will be no possibility of the fish breaking up, as sometimes happens.

Q. How can I prevent iron from sticking to starched articles?

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by Anne Adams

Cook's Corner

SUPPER DISH

Take 1 can chicken. Remove meat from can. Put in a dish and place in oven until jelly melts have a dish of favorite dressing (stuffing) made before hand.

Put pieces of chicken among dressing, return to oven and brown to a golden brown. Take juice and make a thick gravy and pour over.

—Mrs. Martin MacDonald, Heatherdale W. I.

END IN SIGHT

250-year-old blacksmith's forge is this Kent village, described in Dickens' novel "Great Expectations," is being cooled down by owner Arthur Mann. "Nowadays I am lucky if I get one horse a week," he says.

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