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'Mantovani Sound' Here Wednesday

"The biggest musical phenomenon of the 20th century" will add another 6,000 to 8,000 witnesses to the magic of Mantovani in a Town Hall performance here Wednesday.

The incomparable Mantovani, as London Records dedicated the orchestra's latest album, downbeats the first number at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, announced Town Hall chairman Rex Stewart.

More than three million Americans have heard in person the finely tuned orchestrations described as "gemlike" and "iridescent." Mantovani albums, from "Romantic Melodies" in 1954 to last year's "Red Petticoats," are probably more common on the racks of U. S. turntable owners than any other.

Wednesday's Town Hall programs will range from "Love Is Blue" through "Slavonic Dance," "The Virginian" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" to "Granada" and "Scottish Rhapsody," many arranged for the string-heavy 45-piece orchestra by Mantovani himself.

Even Mantovani is not sure of the secret of his prodigious success, which led Variety to call him "the biggest musical phenomenon of the 20th Century."

"I don't understand why we are the only light orchestra in the world doing this sort of thing," he says.

The magic of Mantovani caught in 1951 with the recording of a single piece, "Charmaine," which swept the world like a prairie fire. It led to demands for personal appearances from T. O. Bruk to Texas and Queensland to Peru. Critics trying to describe his effects have come up with "Cascading Violins," "Tumbling Strings" and "A Niagara Falls of Fiddles."

"I am a string man," the distinguished English director explains the continued pre-eminence. "I know what I want from string players. I know the capabilities of the violin. I know what it can do and what it cannot do. I can avoid the soaring phase that goes squeaky on top."

That knowledge goes back to Annunzio Paolo Mantovani's early life in Venice and study under his father, Toscanini's principal violinist at La Scala, Milan, and holder of the title "Cavaliere."

His father would have preferred the security of almost any

other profession — such as engineering — for his son. But the mold was cast. A significant landmark in Mantovani's career was engagement to play at the Metropole Hotel, near Charing Cross, London.

During that period and despite later world triumphs, Mantovani reached what he chose as his peak — playing as a "serious"

violinist the Saint-Saens "B Minor Concerto" to a packed audience at London's Queens Hall.

He has since become the first conductor to be commended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to appear before her at the annual Royal Variety Show. Mantovani also was the first conductor to have a major television series built around him for world-wide

distribution and has had album sales top 25 million.

He lives in Bournemouth, England, with his wife Winifred and a black poodle called Bijou in a home called "Greensleeves." His 31-year-old son Kenneth of Kent became that engineer, in electronics, and a daughter Paula, in her mid-20s, is a ground hostess at London Airport.



ROUGH RIDE

Doug Richards holds tight as he comes out of the chute on his animal during the bareback riding competition at the All-Aggie Rodeo last Friday and Saturday on the A&M campus. Richards placed first in the bull riding, John South won the All-Around Winner's Trophy at the rodeo. (Photo by Tom Curl)

South Is Overall Winner In Ag Rodeo Competition

For the second year in a row, John South, agricultural economics graduate student, was named All-Around Winner in the All-Aggie Rodeo, according to Mrs. Jodie Holman, rodeo secretary.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Texas Aggie Rodeo Association, was held Friday and Saturday nights in the Aggie Rodeo Arena on the A&M campus.

South, president of the association, scored 281 points and was awarded a trophy saddle. The All-Around Winner must

place in two events, Mrs. Holman said.

Men's events were open only to students or former students of A&M, but women's events were open to everyone, she said.

Other winners and their events were bull riding — Doug Richards, first place, Larry Neil, Bubba Loupout and Al Kauffman; steer wrestling — Roddy Schoenfeld, Albert Bissett, Tommy Baker and Mike Herrington; barrel cloverleaf race — Mikey Hanon, Kathy Dennison and Frances

Stover, with K. K. Welch and Sue Dutton tied for fourth; bareback bronc — John South, Don Newcomb and Richard Smith, with George W. Vance and DeWard Strong tied for fourth; tie down — Bill Shuler, Ronnie Woodley, Tommy Blakeney and Murry McDermott; saddle bronc — Randy Anderwald and John South; ribbon roping — Ronnie Davis, Albert Bissett, Neil Kerr and John South; and goat tying — Marilyn Stancil, Lynda Rogers, Elaine Beaken and Leila McDonald.

'Peace' or 'Piece'

Israel Can't Have Both, Official Says

By Clifford Broyles
Battalion Staff Writer

Israel must realize she can have either peace or a piece of the Arab states but not both, said an Arab official to a Great Issues audience Monday.

Khalid Babaa, director of the League of Arab States, U. S. southwest region, spoke to a crowd of about 150 at the first of a two-part series on the Middle East situation. He spoke on the "Arab View of the Middle East."

Yaacov Hess, Israel's Consul General, will give a talk on the "Israeli View of the Middle East" Dec. 15.

Israel has based its society on exclusive racial lines, Babaa said, adding that this is to the disadvantage of the Palestinian Jews who are being treated unmercifully by the Israelis.

The Israel population in Palestine is based on racial priority,

he said, explaining that there are three groups with varying degrees of priority.

The groups in order of priority are European and American Jews, Oriental Jews, and Arabs, he said.

Babaa compared the torture the Arab refugees face to the torture the Nazis put the Jews through during World War II.

The Arabs in Palestine, he said, are in three groups, refugees, civilians under military rule and the minority lower class.

Israel has continually lengthened its boundaries since 1947, he said, noting that this is a major controversy today.

The boundaries were increased in 1947, 1949, 1967 he said, and the current plan calls for an extension of control into Syria.

Modern Israel, he said, talks of peace on her own terms. That is, she wants peace that is imposed on the Arabs, not peace with justice.

The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution on Nov. 22, 1967, Babaa said, which has been agreed to by all parties except Israel. Two of Israel's enemies, Jordan and the United Arab Republic, have both agreed to accept the U.N. resolution which was backed by both the United States and Russia, he said.

The resolution had concrete solutions he said, which included the withdrawal of Israeli forces, discontinuation of the warlike attitude that has prevailed since 1948, establishment of recognized boundaries, provision of free passage on the Suez Canal and the guarantees of freedom for refugees.

He said a timetable for withdrawal should be set up which would draw support of the United States and United Nations.

Israel, he said, has done a great injustice to the Palestinian Jews by depriving them of the right to freedom in their homeland.

Peace Corps Volunteers Here This Week To Talk With Ags

By Bob Robinson
Battalion Staff Writer

Three Peace Corps volunteers will be on the Texas A&M University campus this week to talk to students interested in the Peace Corps program.

Frank R. Rodriguez, Jr., from El Paso, and Fred E. Weller, from Ottumwa, Iowa, will be at the Peace Corps information table next to the gift shop in the Memorial Student Center this week to discuss with interested students the programs offered by the Peace Corps. Assisting them will be William F. Combs, of Houston, the area representative for southwestern Texas.

Their purpose for being here, said Weller, is to contact and interest as many students as possible; to answer questions, explain the goals of the Peace Corps, and to take applications from those students who are interested.

The persons they are looking for, Weller said, are mainly agricultural and engineering stu-

dents, students with some form of special skills background. Any student, though, he said, is invited to fill out an application.

All applicants, Rodriguez said, will sign up for a 30 minute aptitude test, given to determine as near as possible the linguistic ability of the applicant. It will be given in room 3D of the MSC at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Thursday, and in the MSC Art Room at the same times on Friday, he said.

All three men have spent two years in a country which has requested Peace Corps assistance. Weller and Rodriguez presently are on a nine month contract for recruiting during the 1969-70 school year. Combs is serving as area representative for southern Texas, with his office in Houston. Rodriguez graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in August, 1966, with a bachelor of arts degree in Psychology. He joined the Peace Corps in November.

He served as a volunteer in Panama City, Panama, in an urban community development project. In this capacity, he recruited the hard-core unemployed

in the slum areas, saw to their training and placed them in good jobs. After returning to the United States, he worked in a training program in Brockport, N. Y., arranging for trainees to live with Puerto Rican families.

Rodriguez joined the Peace Corps partly because he wanted to learn more about other Spanish cultures. He has traveled in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico.

Weller graduated from Iowa State University in 1967 with a bachelor of science degree in Animal Science. He joined the Peace Corps in October of the same year.

He was assigned to Ecuador, where he was a member of the distribution committee for the Heifer Project, working with purebred Brahman and Santa Gertrudis cattle as a field investigator. He also did agriculture extension work in de-horning, castration, vaccination, worming, improving management practices and planting improved pastures. He managed the 190 acre reproduction center for several months and taught agriculture classes for five months in an agricultural

high school.

Weller looks at the Peace Corps as a challenge.

"I didn't know what I wanted," he said. "The Peace Corps represented a challenge, a chance to go overseas and do something for someone else."

One of the most common questions that they've been asked, Weller said, is why they would want to leave when there's so much work to be done here.

"When I was in college," Weller said, "The big questions were passing the next test or what time my date was for. Overseas, the big concern is feeding a family. The Peace Corps gives you a chance to help others, yet it also offers the opportunity to travel, and gain a knowledge of other countries."

An applicant who is accepted for Peace Corps work, said Rodriguez, goes through a training course in the United States, after which he is assigned to a country requesting assistance. The assignment is normally for the two full years, he said.

Requests for a specific area or (See Peace Corps, Page 2)

State Sen. Grover To Speak At Political Forum Luncheon

"Republicans in Texas" will be discussed Wednesday by State Senator Henry C. (Hank) Grover of Houston in A&M's first Political Forum noon series presentation of 1969-70.

Grover's talk and question-answer session will be in Rooms 2C and D of the Memorial Student Center, announced Political Forum chairman Charles R. Hoffman of Greenbelt, Md.

Hoffman said lunches will be available at the meeting for a nominal fee. Admission is free.

Grover, 41, has been in state politics since 1960 when he was elected to the House of Representatives as a Conservative Democrat. He was reelected for two more terms on the same ticket, then joined the Republican Party in February, 1966, for two successful campaigns. His

reelection last year was by 73 per cent of the vote.

Senator Grover was named to the State Constitutional Revision Commission in 1967 and also serves on the claims, transportation, banking, constitutional amendments, federal programs-relations, legislative, congressional and judicial districts, privileges and elections, oil-gas and water-conservation committees.

A native Texan, Grover has lived in Houston 30 years. He studied for a degree in liberal arts at St. Thomas, received a master's in history at the University of Houston and has done advanced work at the University of Texas in Austin.

Grover taught in Houston public schools 13 years and is presently on the staff of Houston Baptist College.

Ag Sophomore, 18, Killed In Auto Accident

Thomas K. Young Jr., sophomore architecture major at A&M, was fatally injured Friday night in an automobile accident at Grand Prairie.

Another occupant of the vehicle also lost his life.

Grand Prairie police said the accident, within the city's limits, occurred between 10 p.m. Friday and 1 a.m. Saturday. The wreck was not discovered until 9 a.m. Saturday they said, adding that it apparently was a one-car accident.

Paul Spencer Vaught, a Ling-Temco-Vaught employe, was with Young.

Bodies of the two men were taken to the Dallas County Morgue at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Silver Taps for Young was held last night.

Refunds Available On Statistics Book

Three students who purchased a book of probability tables from the Exchange Store were overcharged by \$12.09 and are urged to go by the store and obtain a refund, Tom Taylor, Exchange Store accountant, said Monday.

The book, The Chemical Rubber Co.'s "Handbook of Tables for Probability and Statistics," student edition, was mistakenly classified as the professional edition and sold for \$17.50 plus tax, Taylor said.

Correct price for the volume, he said, is \$5.90 plus tax.

Students who have bought the book, he advised, should take the book and the sales slip to the refund counter in the bookstore section of the Exchange Store to receive their refund.



AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS
The Texas Aggies hit the AstroTurf in Arkansas' Razorback Stadium running and moved for the best offensive output of the season with 449 total yards, but the Arkansas "red wiggler" is having his problems trying to burrow into the synthetic ground. Sometimes it just doesn't pay to come out of the ground. (Photo by Richard Campbell)

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