Russian Chorus Up To Wildest Hopes

BY DAVID HELFMAN

During his freshman year at Yale, Dennis Mickiewicz was as­signed a report on Russian folk music. When he felt that illustra­tions were necessary, he spurred recordings and gathered to­gether several interested stu­dents and faculty members on the theory that it would be more fun by the do-it-yourself method. Four years later that group of interested singers went to Rus­sia, sponsored by several philan­thropic organizations.

It is interesting to note that, although Yale has an excellent music school, when the mem­bers of the Russian Chorus are music students, the group true one of over 20 vocal music groups on the campus, and the main reason for joining it is the pleasure of singing rather than the expectation of touring to Russia each summer, for, even now, next summer’s trip is in doubt.

Because of our strict one-to­one cultural exchange policy with Russia, the chorus cannot go as an official American sing­ing group, and hence cannot give school assemblies. They must resort to informal singing on a variety of social functions and party, the general procedure is to sing several American folksongs and spiritu­als until a crossover takes place, and then to switch to Russian. Each member of the chorus has at least a slight conversational ability in that language, and when they finish with the mu­sics, they are quickly enveloped by the curious populace. Not only does each man sing and speak Russian, but he also keeps up to date on current events and other cold war topics.

These are some of the facts which I gleaned from talks with Pauling (everyone calls him Denis, due to the sheer unpronounce­ability of Mickiewicz) and sev­eral of the chorus members dur­ing their stay here. This back­ground enabled me to give me an impression of a bunch of guys who liked to sing, but were really not so good. They were at least a slight trepidation that I went to the concert last Friday.

I would first like to come out on record as saying that never in my life have I been so completely unfounded. The singing was of highest qual­ity, and Denis conducted firmly and with good control. The chorus has a great spread of volume and produces a good tone, utilizing both to the best advantage. Most of all, the solo voices used has a distinctly dif­ferent quality, again well suited for the songs. The program, al­though limited to Russian songs, had great variety and interest, showing different forms of Rus­sian music from liturgical chants to the early Christian era, through the stirring band and patriotic songs of the post­World-War-II period.

One of the most amazing things about the whole concert, which is of great credit to the whole group’s ability to “come through” the atmosphere of Cul­berson. Complete with the spotlight, which shines down on the audi­ence, and presenting that musty mass of drapery which shrouds the stage, is no easy job, but judging both by the way the music sounded to me and the general audience reaction, the Yale Pauling Chorus succeeded magnificently.

Margaret Mead, noted sociologist, will be the YMCA’s second Leader of America. She arrives at Tech next week.

Sociologist Here Monday

5:00 to 400—An informal dis­cussion in one of the House lounges. The purpose for the meeting is “Methods of Intercultural Research,” and Margaret Mead will describe how she, as an out­sider, was able to enter and study the customs, values, and political readjustments.

Next Monday, April 10, marks a red-letter day for Caltech as Dr. Margaret Mead arrives to participate in the American countries, thus encouraging the role of a self-conscious American Folksongs and Spiritu­als. In her talks she will try to maintain an in­formal atmosphere for meeting and talking about American culture.

The local group of interested students will also present two main lectures dealing with her main fields of interest: cultural and sexual customs and psychology.

Dr. Mead’s schedule of camp­us activities is as follows:

MUN DELEGATES TAKE TRUJILLO TO U OF OREGON

Representing the Dominican Republic, a six-man Tech team will leave next Monday for this year’s Model United Nations, be­ing held at the University of Oregon. The team is led by Roger Neel, and has Jim Oddie, Bob Koh, Sid Lefevorith, Lance Taylor and Tom Tech as mem­bers.

Planning a strong program backing up Trujillo, the delega­tion will try to capitalize on the general lack of knowledge about the Dominican Republic to strengthen their position. If possible, the group will try to associate itself with the South American countries, thus avoid­ing the role of a self-conscious nation.

On their return, the delega­tion will present a report to the students.

Pauling, Marchers Protest The Bomb

BY JANICE CALMA

Last Saturday afternoon less than a thousand people walked east on Wilshire Boulevard to protest a threat — nuclear weap­ons — to their lives. They ad­vocated a three-part program: “The cessation of all nuclear weapons testing; the halt in the spread of nuclear weapons; the total elimination of all nuclear weapons.”

It was an uninspired, disapp­pointing demonstration, both quantitatively and qualitatively. Its smallness evidenced neither the danger of the bomb nor the respect for demonstration: it evi­denced the detachment and illus­sions of, even 20 years ago.

By midday the大多数 groups were walking through other cities. The largest group, 17,000 people, took the “Magna­don Walk” to London. A news­paper, reported in an enlightened tone, that the group included beatniks, Com­munists and religious sects.

The local group was a hetero­geneous crowd, dressed in striped bermudas and grey floral suits, representing all ages and races. Except for their placards, the group appeared to be a random collection of Los Angeles. They were slightly more dis­tinguished than average on the other hand, their monitors acted as cheerleaders, shouting “One, two, three, four; we don’t want atomic war!”

When the walkers reached General Douglas MacArthur Park they yelled their chorus, cardboard signs and assembled on the grass. A spirited but un­musical group sang folk songs while monitors collected contrib­utions and vouch for their correctness.

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Editorial:

Tee Pee

It has been brought to our attention that the Caltech "T" in the San Gabriel Mountains is slowly changing form. Calculated guesses are that if left alone, our "T" will someday be a "P." Is this advisable?

Editorial

Rotation

Last week the Faculty Committee on Student Houses announced its decision to have no freshman rotation next year, despite an InterHouse Committee recommendation to the contrary.

We agree with the decision of the Faculty Committee. For one thing, the IHC procedures this year never clarified just who really favors rotation. The opinions of House members filtered through "straw votes," House presidents, and the IHC on its way to the Faculty Committee. Plans and counter-plans flew back and forth at a terrific rate. Confusion increased when the IHC adopted yet another plan.

All in all, the rotation question was so muddled and so poorly defined that the only reasonable decision this year was to maintain the status quo for 1961-62, pending more positive information.

In our opinion the Faculty Committee emphasized the matter of rotation pressure on freshmen out of all proportion to reality. The "pressure" problem exists, to be sure, but it is only one of many equally significant "pros" and "cons" on rotation. Should we save freshmen two weeks of "pressure" only to have them live four years in an uncongenial House?

At the Faculty Committee's decision was announced, we interviewed Dr. Donald S. Clark, the Committee's chairman, to find out the faculty viewpoint. In the course of the interview an outline plan was suggested by Dr. Clark that should favor both the Faculty Committee and the IHC. This plan, which we would like to see used, is as follows:

1. A vote taken by secret ballot in all Houses, reported by Houses with a grand total attached on the following question: "Should a rotation system be used to assign freshmen to the Student Houses?" (Yes) (No)"

2. A joint meeting of the Faculty Committee and IHC for the interchange of ideas and views on the whole rotation problem.

3. IHC work meetings to decide on an effective rotation system, interspersed with

4. Report meetings, at which the IHC presents its systems to the Faculty Committee for discussion and clarification.

5. Final recommendations by both committees.

Putting off the rotation question for another year will not hurt anything, and may even help the new Houses increase their individuality as old-House seniors leave. But we feel postponements will not solve the problem. This year's IHC has its work cut out for it.

—Bill Hogan

GOOD COURSE to take is the one that leads to the King of Beers.

Next time you're away from the books, enjoy a refreshing glass of Budweiser.
Letter to Editor Analyzes Rotation, Committee Errors

The following is a series of brief quoted views concerning the recent decision of the Faculty Committee on Student Housing regarding the last filing of a long-pauseraticipant in the rotation hassle.

Rotation (Continued from page 2)
first two weeks of adjustment may be the best time to give the upperclassmen and reduces the fear of life-style attitude. The advantage gained by rotation is more significant than the disadvantages. The Faculty Committee reason for its veto of the IHC proposal and I imagine the changes of committee, which will become even more apparent next year, will demonstrate the need for some type of rotation.

—Tim Liddle

Ricketts

The "No Rotation" decision came as no surprise to Ricketts House. Since we had objections to the IHC rotation scheme, it was felt that the Faculty Committee would be entirely to their liking.

Despite the fact that the decision was a fait accompli, we were disappointed that another year must pass sans free choice by freshmen. Through foresight, Ricketts House has successfully employed a careful program of integration, and, thus, was not noticeably hurt by the decision. Nevertheless, we are disappointed, but have hopes for a workable, pleasant rotation in the future.

—Kerry Donovan

Rookwood

The decision of the Faculty Committee on Student Houses not to have rotation for 1961-62 was not a general decision against rotation. It was a decision that, at the present time, there is not enough of a majority among the freshmen to warrant having rotation. And, thus, was not noticeably hurt by the decision. Nevertheless, we are disappointed, but have hopes for a workable, pleasant rotation in the future.

—William Widdifield

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Happiness Can’t Buy Money

With tuition costs spiraling ever upward, more and more undergraduates are investigating the student loan plan. If you are one who is considering the "Learn Now, Pay Later" system, you would do well to first study the case of Leonid Salfina.

Leonid, a junior of an upperclassmen, worked at Stegman-Circumstances, Idaho, had his heart set on going to college, but his father, alas, could not afford to send him. Leonid applied for a Regents Scholarship, but alas, that was very rapidly—two words an hour—before he could finish the file. He then felt the Regulation's strict demands closely and gone home. Leonid then applied for an athletic scholarship, but he had, alas, only a single athletic skill—football. He stuck on his申请, alas, reasoned only pessimism among the coaches.

And then, hurrah, Leonid learned of the student loan plan: he would borrow money for his tuition and repay it in easy monthly installments after he graduated.

Happily, Leonid enrolled in the Southeastern Idaho College of Woolcop and Restoration Drama and happily began a university career that grew more pleasant by the day. All the while, he became altogether ecstatic in his senior year because Leonid met a coed named Salina T. Now Leonid not only was able to love eyes like two squats of Lake Louise. Love gripped them in its big moist palm and they were betrothed on the Eve of St. Agnes.

Happily they made plans to be married the following December, which was Leonid’s senior year. And Leonid knew, alas, that the world was black as the pit from pole to pole, it is a heap of comfort and satisfaction to be sure And Leonid, alas, could not afford to send him. Leonid applied for a Regents Scholarship, but his reading speed, alas, was not one who is considering the student loan plan. If you are one who is considering the "Learn Now, Pay Later" system, you would do well to first study the case of Leonid Salfina.

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Whittier Trounces Tech; Varsity and Frosh Lose

Caltech’s track team was soundly defeated by Whittier at Whittier last Friday, scoring 20 points to the Poets’ 96. The Whittier team had been prominent in the third-place column, with but six exceptions. The Poets’ high-point man, George Letcher, scored 15 points in the javelin, 8 points in the discus, and a total of 27 points, respectively. The only high points of the meet, from CIT’s standpoint, came with John Letcher in the high jump and Pat Earley in the two-mile run.

TWO FIRSTS
Letcher jumped 5 ft. 11 in. in the competition, and on his fourth attempt he cleared 6 ft. 1 in., an inch more than his previous best. Earley scored 3rd place with a time of 9 minutes and 26 seconds in the two mile run.

Earley made an admirable showing in the two-mile run, with a time of 10:26; after a lay-off of several weeks in the interest of academic improvement. The Tech team did score in every event, but the Poets were able to field a team, which could not be said of the Whitterers. However, Coach L. A. Bracher stated that CIT should not properly score points for the relay due to poor times. 

FROSH MEET
The Beaver freshmen team did somewhat better than their varsity, being defeated by a score of 48-64 to the Whittier frosh. Rateke sparked the team with two firsts in the shot put and discus. Shorehouse took first in the javelin and third in broad jump.

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Rhodeck Wins Discobulus Tilt

LARRY GERSHWIN
Rhodeck 20, Deby 21! Rhodeck solidly trounced Deby Saturday afternoon in a 12-run baseball, football, game. The win put Rhodeck into tie with Ratekets for the trophy. Outstanding for Rhodeck was Bill Bigipha, who turned out an outstanding performance of 7-1, 13 K’s, and 3 hits. Deby scored all 6 of his runs in the first two innings, and he has contributed a home run and other hits. Ron Gertedom, Larry Gershwin, Tom Gordan, Ron Korets, Bob Langner, Norm Reitz, and Vince Haseloff rounded out the outstanding team. All contributed hits and runs, as well as classey fielding, in an outstanding offensive, as well defensive, effort. Page will be the next to challenge for the Discobulus trophy.

Tech Loses Swim Meet To Arizona

In a non-conference meet last Monday, Caltech’s swimmers were defeated by a much-improved University of Arizona team, which is strong in the breast stroke, back stroke, and butterfly. A total of 22 individuals swam for Arizona teams in this area. Caltech’s defeat, though disheartening, is of great importance in their times.

Most impressive improvement was by Bill Howard in the 200 yard breast stroke, who, after a false start, entered in the race, broke his time by about 20 seconds, and took second place with a time of 2:44. This puts him in competition with some of the top places in the conference, and assuming Mitchell and Mayer get down to their best times, Tech should be rocky in butterfly.

Gary Tibbetts picked up two of Caltech’s three first places with the 220 yard dash, for a time of 21.1, and second in the 440 yard dash, for a time of 54.3. He also placed third in both the 100 yard dash, in 11.4, and the 220 yard dash, in 22.2. Tibbetts’ time in the 440 yard dash is the best of the year for Tech.

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**CALIFORNIA TECH**

**Camino Real**

**BY DAVID SELLEN**

NORTH

- H-2

- H-10

- D-K

W-2

- H-5

- D-A J 10 8 6 2

- C-J 5 6

SOUTH

- S-3

- A-K Q 9 8 5

- D-None

- C-9 7 3

West's two no trump bid is the unusual no trump, asking his partner to take him out in his longest suit, promising at least 11 cards in those suits. North should stop short of a violent try for slam. His three diamond bid is unerringly good, for West has implicit bid diamonds strongly in this case. His simple and automatic by South removes any doubts. If he has five diamonds and West has at least five, South must have very few. Any faithful Swiss Myanmar follower can tell you that South's jump to five spades asks his partner to go to six with second-round control in the opponent's bid suit (or in the unbid suit if there is no such). North is not to reason why; he should simply follow instructions and, in this case, bid six spades.

Assuming West takes the first trick with his ace of clubs, North will pass the remaining spades without finessing, ending up in his hand. His problem is thus that he expects hearts to break four-one or five-zero, and he must set up the board's long hearts to make the contract. The safest way to do this is probably to lead the ten of hearts from his hand and let it ride if East drops. This play wins unless West has the jack, even against a five spades suit. Furthermore, West is marked with at least one heart from his two no trump bid, since he has 11 cards in the minor suits and has already shown up with one spade, making the probability of winning the finesse much greater than one-half.

The tequila is another matter, and the thoughtful host will provide salt and lemon. An accepted procedure is to up the tequila, then bite the lemon. I don't know the reasons for this, but the result is an excellent drink. ( rumor has it that the tequila washes down the salt, tastes bad, and that the lemon is arbitrary — it would taste good after the tequila. This is doubtless.)

As an added attraction, you might try frying tortillas when they are very crisp — like corn chips. They make a good base for dips. And a word of caution: don't overeat the tacos. The purpose of the party is not to overeat but to enjoy the tequila, and the wine, if any, which will follow after the party is over.

**by SteVe LuNeR**

*The Y Dinners Club* began its third ten-week session Monday, April 3, in the Greystone Chandler with a description by Frank Pestana, a Los Angeles lawyer, of his trip into "those parts of China occupied by Communist forces." The trip, which seems worthy of a week's stand at the Wilshire Ebell Theater, lasted three hours in spite of the fact that there were two slide projectors going at once.

While at the *3 Stockholm world peace conference, explained Mr. Pestana, a college chum, who had become a congressman in Communist China, inviting him to tour capacity. The six-week tour showed the color remaining in Imperial China, the great progress made under the present regime, as well as the overpowering power which must continue for several volumes*.

**Pestana Tells Diners Of Red China Travels**
Caltech Young Democrats Attend Wild Conference

By Richard Karpe

Caltech Young Democrats spent a hectic spring vacation at the California Federation of College Democratic Convention, which ended in a demonstration of political firewater at a place that for the first time appeared like a giant Student Strike. The comparison, Caltech Y.D.s were one of the 43 groups that walked out of the convention expecting to vote Tech's expectation of voting Tech's representation and the credentials committee decided to employ a "handwriting expert" to determine if the credentials were really genuine.

Although this was the way the convention broke up, this was not the way it was intended to run. Caltech's six delegations, Richard Brandt, Eli Chernow, Dick D' Ari, Thom Brandt, Eli Chernow, Steve Hecher, Pat Manning, and Larry Rabinowitz, arrived at the convention expecting to vote Tech's representation and the credentials committee decided to employ a "handwriting expert" to determine if the credentials were really genuine.

Frustration began when the state president, Bernard Moore, arbitrarily appointed all of the credentials committee officials; determined the composition of the credentials, rules, and constitutional amendment committee, and set a registration fee of $1.00. Although there was a complaint about all of these actions, Caltech Y.D. delegates, who had to pay their own way, were preparing to fight to the death the $4.00 registration fee, when this edict by the state president became insignificant.

These arbitrary decisions became minor as the convention, in general, went on a comic opera flatly the president appointed committee officials, a delegate from Caltech's delegation decided to appoint a "handwriting expert." He made the sole claim to fame was his three months' experience with a military officer, other than the state president, became insignificant.

This did not foil the remainder of the convention, however, the credentials committee officials, who decided to vote only those votes that were held by members who had walked out, the remaining members decided that what was left of each delegation could vote those votes that were held by members who had walked out. As a result, a new constitution was adopted, and all officers, other than the state president, were removed.

At this point, that's how matters stand in the great convention. Caltech Y.D.s, undaunted by the opposition, continue to stay with the rebels and hope for some sort of settlement. Anyone who would like more information on what went on at the convention should write officials Richard Brandt, Eli Chernow, Dick D' Ari or Larry Rabinowitz.

Fullbright Win Announced

Thomas B. Smith, a senior majoring in physics, received Fulbright Scholarship to continue his studies at King's College, Cambridge, England. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Smith, 243 Lawndale, Evangelical, Ill.

Approximately 900 grants for graduate study and 1,000 academic-year 1961-62 are being awarded under the international cultural exchange program of the Department of State. As provided by the Fulbright Act, all students have to be accepted by Board of Foreign Scholars, the members of which are appointed by the President of the United States. Students are recommended by the campus Fulbright committee and by the Institute of International Education.

Students wishing to go abroad for the 1962-63 academic year should apply by May 1 and November 1, 1961.