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ON EVERYBODY'S LIPS BERG LARSEN MOUTHPIECES

MUSICIANS' UNION ELECTIONS IS NOW CHARACTERIZED BY TWO VOTES: 12-10 Surprise Coup d'Etat!

(MUSICAL EXPRESS STAFF REPORTER) LONDON (Tuesday). AMIDST STORMY SCENES AT THE RUSSELL HOTEL TODAY, THE MOST SENSATIONAL COUP D'ETAT WAS WITNESSED AT THE ELECTION OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MUSICIANS' UNION.

One statement clearly voiced was that "Mr. Phillips was unsuited to being a Chairman in their ranks." Another complaint stated vehemently that "Mr. Phillips had been turned out on one occasion, even by his own followers, for bad Chairmanship."

The Motion to elect Van Phillips was proposed by Mr. McMillan, a Scottish representative of the Executive Committee, who, it will be remembered, was present recently at The People's Convention in company with Van Phillips.

Strangely coincidental though it may be, precisely the same number of votes were recorded in the election on the same day of Harry Francis as Assistant Secretary to the London Branch Office.

STARITA OFF TO AMERICA RUDY STARITA will sail for America in the Queen Elizabeth this Friday, February 11.

JACKSON WITH TED HEATH JACK JACKSON, disc-jockey and composer, who practically stopped the show when he appeared two weeks ago with the Ted Heath Swing Session at Liverpool, will return as this Sunday's Palladium Swing Session.

Piano Playtime Felix King will broadcast as a solo artist when he appears next Monday, February 14, in the "Piano Playtime" series at 1.45 p.m.

M.G.M. STARS FOR THE LONDON PALLADIUM



Lovely Kathryn Grayson and her husband Johnny Johnston, popular Metro-Goldwyn Mayer stars, will leave Hollywood on March 31 for their appearance at the London Palladium commencing April 14.

DOREEN STEPHENS TELEVISIONS FARNON WITH DECCA

POPULAR vocalist Doreen Stephens, who is singing with Billy Cotton and his Band in their new broadcasting series, will also be making a television appearance on March 2 in a show produced by Michael Mills.

BUTLIN'S BIG SHOW AT ALBERT HALL

ONCE AGAIN BUTLIN'S WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF REUNION AT THE ALBERT HALL FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

Among the orchestras to play will be those of the Squadron-leader Charles Amor and the British Concert Orchestra under the direction of Al Fried.

DALE JOINS STAPLETON

ON Sunday, February 20, Cyril Stapleton Orchestra as resident vocalist in place of Dick James, who will be leaving after the Sunday show.

JAZZ PACKS TOWN HALL

LOUIS D. BRUNTON, well-known Midlands jazz promoter, informs us that last Friday's jazz concert at the Birmingham Town Hall was a terrific success.

Brunswick RECORDS

- BING CROSBY (Vocal) with chorus and rhythm accompaniment. FAR AWAY PLACES; TARRA TALLA. LARRY CLINTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA (Vocal) with chorus and rhythm accompaniment. ON A SLOW BOAT TO CHINA.

TED HEATH FOR EDAC

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IMESON BROS. FOR MURRAY'S

THE Imeson Brothers will make a return visit to Murray's Club for three months commencing February 14.

SONNY COX IS CONVALESCING

His many friends in the profession will be glad to hear that popular publisher Sonny Cox, who recently underwent a serious intestinal operation, is now well on the road to recovery.

Advertisement for Billy Reid Publications featuring the Billboard 3rd Annual Music-Record Poll. It lists top-selling records and artists like Billy Reid, Sonny Cox, and Ted Heath. The ad includes the slogan 'Pardon us, if we proudly wave the Union Jack!' and 'AMERICA'S LEADING AMUSEMENT WEEKLIES SAY...'

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THE VOICE

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME? Wing-Comdr. Geoffrey Cooper, M.P., asked the Lord President of the Council in the House of Commons on January 31 a most important question.

THE LORD PRESIDENT'S REPLY The Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison replied to Wing-Comdr. Cooper in the following words: "My hon. Friend is mistaken in suggesting that the existing B.R.C. Charter expires at the end of 1950; it actually runs until December 31, 1951.

COOPER REVIVES THE HOLMES INQUIRY Wing-Comdr. Cooper replied: "Does my right hon. Friend recollect that the private inquiry conducted by the B.R.C. under Sir Valentine Holmes two years ago, which did so little in putting things right inside the B.R.C., indicated the unsuitability of private inquiries, and will make this suggestion of a new inquiry that will be held in public so as to allay public suspicion that it will be little more effective than the first one?"

1935 AND ALL THAT? Mr. Morrison then said: "I do not agree with my hon. Friend's state of mind which I think is unfortunate. The last Committee in 1935 was private, and I see no reason to change that procedure."

A BLOW TO NATIONALISATION Has Herbert Morrison learned from the inquiry by Sir Valentine Holmes? Or is it a blind eye he is turning to the matter by deliberately confusing an old inquiry dated 1935 with the inquiry specifically quoted by Wing-Comdr. Cooper dated 1937?

SECRECY BREEDS SUSPICION This is nothing the Britisher hates more than secrecy. It is the certain way to breed suspicion. We have already experienced a significant secret in their national undertakings.

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CRONING TROUBADOUR FOR PALLADIUM



Va Demone, NBC crooning star, displays a shy-man's surprise when this bevy of beautiful models informs him that he has been named one of the nation's "Ten Most Eligible Bachelors for 1949."

NICK LUCAS, the famed "Croning Troubadour," who has just been signed for another year with Ken Murray's "Blackouts Of 1949," will take a few weeks of this spring in order to fill an engagement at the London Palladium.

MARGARET WHITING who is known as the "Crisp Look Girl," replacing the New Look in the fashion field with a new "Crisp Look" which she introduced by her on her "Club Fitness" show.

THIS is merely by way of giving you the nod on one of the latest and best jazz tunes to hit the shelves - the Wingy Manone - Paul Vandervoort treatise, "Trumpet On The Wing."

WHEN Bing Crosby was a boy, his mother suggested that he should go to law. He casually stated he wasn't too bright, but his mother please her and came away from the meet with eleven medals.

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SECO THOUGHTS

STEVE RACE THE other day it occurred to me with a glint of humor that when I celebrate my third birthday I shall have written 2,560 Second Thoughts.

CLARK DENNIS is being paged for March dates at the New York Copacabana as well as the Chicago College Inn, where he clicked so solidly in his first Windy City appearance.

REMOUR has it that the Page Cavanaugh Trio are being mentioned for a tour of England and the Continent beginning in May.

PERT Peggy Lee, listed as the top-notch girl vocalist over retail counters, and hubby Dave Barbour, hunting high and low for a suitable home for themselves and daughter Nic.

After Whiteman had completed the motion picture "The King of Jazz," the Rhythm Boys left him to join Gus Arnheim's orchestra at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.

Bing Crosby studied law at Gonzaga University, a Jesuit school. Afternoons, he worked in a law office. Evenings, he played the guitar.

Bing Crosby gave to the world a new type of music. He was not a soloist, but he was a singer. He was not a soloist, but he was a singer. He was not a soloist, but he was a singer.

When Bing Crosby, Jr., was five years old, the family moved to Spokane, where the senior Crosby got a job as bookkeeper and the young Crosby got the nickname Bing because of his entrance for a new picture company, "The Bingville Boys."

THE NATIONAL DANCE BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

THE 1949 National Dance Band Championship of Great Britain will be held on Friday next (February 18) at Cheltenham Town Hall, when a full entry of leading bands from all parts of the West of England compete for the "Three Counties" Championship, the great inaugural event.

Contest Fixtures List CHELTENHAM, Friday, February 18. Dancing 8.12. Town Hall. "Three Counties" Championship. House Band: The AL DURRANT SECTET with TREVOR HAMBLETT (as broadcast by the B.R.C.).

CROSSWORD 1. A suit (6) has no but, (10) holes. (6) 2. This stand is temporary. (6) 3. Ellingtonian rabbit. (10) and 4. Goodwill (6) (2, 3, 6) 5. The name of a British town which the drummer plays with an angle. (7) 6. Trust again (anagram). (10) 7. I plannish this for-bidden entry? (8) 8. A word. (6) 9. Ninth. (6) 10. A Herman girl. (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION Across: 1 & 4, Starry Night; 2, Airbrush; 3, Derby; 9, Pith; 11, Ace; 12, Cor; 14, 15 & 16, Espana; 20, Animated; 21, Zebra. Down: 1, Sharp; 2, Robin; 3, York Ham; 4, Needle; 5, Guardian; 6, Thayer; 7, Inches; 8, Special; 14, Apache; 15, Squaring; 16, Oct-Ave; 17, Pious; 18, Arden.

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ONE-NIGHTERS FORELLINGTON The popular Ray Ellington Quartet embark on a series of one-night appearances...

JIMMY GREEN His many professional friends will be sorry to hear that popular Jimmy Green is to enter hospital today...

CHANGE IN FRAME LINE-UP THE popular Taylor Frame Sextet, which is doing so well at Lewis's Arcade Restaurant...

LUNCH-TIME CONCERTS AT Q.M.I. HALL AT the Y.M.C.A.'s Queen Mary Hall in London there will be three afternoon lunchtime concerts...

AL POWELL OPENS AT CHESTER THE BILLY MAVERL SCHOOL wrote for particulars of world-famous course in Modern Rhythmic Piano Playing...

AL POWELL OPENS AT CHESTER AL POWELL and his Band and the Al Powell Quintet had a very successful opening when they came to Chester...

"FIDDLERS" A CORRECTION Well-known song writer Leo Towers wishes it to be known that he has no connection whatever with the "Fiddlers' Repertoire"...

THE GLASS MOUNTAIN The debut that composers and concertgoers owe to societies which promote first performances of works of merit is considerable.

BRITISH CONCERT ORCHESTRA THE British Concert Orchestra under its conductor, Vic Oliver, will have its first appearance during February and March...

Three Brothers That first-class act, The Harmonicas, recently married three sisters. As the act is comprised of three brothers, the question now arises as to what their relationship is...

The Stork Calls Congratulations are in order to Stanley Black and his charming wife, Edna Kaye, on the birth of their first child...

Accordian Times Edited by J. J. BLACK ADMIRERS of the piano accordion were provided with a new article of interest at the recent concert at Holborn Hall...

Accordian Times Edited by J. J. BLACK The tremendous effect of this item was emphasised by Master Desborough's outstanding performance of Pietro Delro's march "Pietro's Return"...

SONNY ROSS BEREAVED We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Ross, mother of the late Mr. Ross, who was a long-time member of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra...

BROADCASTS FOR N.D.B.C. AT SADBURY HOUSE BAND LESLIE HOPKINS and his Band will appear as house band at next Friday's N.D.B.C. broadcast...

NEW CARMEN THESE are busy days at Sadbury Wells with the third new production of the musical "Carmen"...

CAB KAYE LEAVES ADELPHI W. BROMWICH NEWS has just come to hand that Cab Kaye and his Orchestra will be leaving the Adelphi Club...

NEW HAWAIIAN GROUP FORMED A NEWLY formed modernistic Hawaiian outfit will have its first broadcast on Wednesday, February 14...

VIVIAN PAGET FOR U.S.A. ANOTHER visitor to the United States is that excellent vocalist, Vivian Paget, who left this country last Friday.

THE SOUND TRACK played, is rather a tame composition, vacillating between slow waltz and the worst kind of jittery novelty music...

MGM 165 I should say this is the best recording of the very popular "Slaughter", re-over-recorded in the best Hollywood tradition...

BING CROSBY worked for the family companies until he was thirty, when Ted is the only Crosby not connected with Bing's companies...