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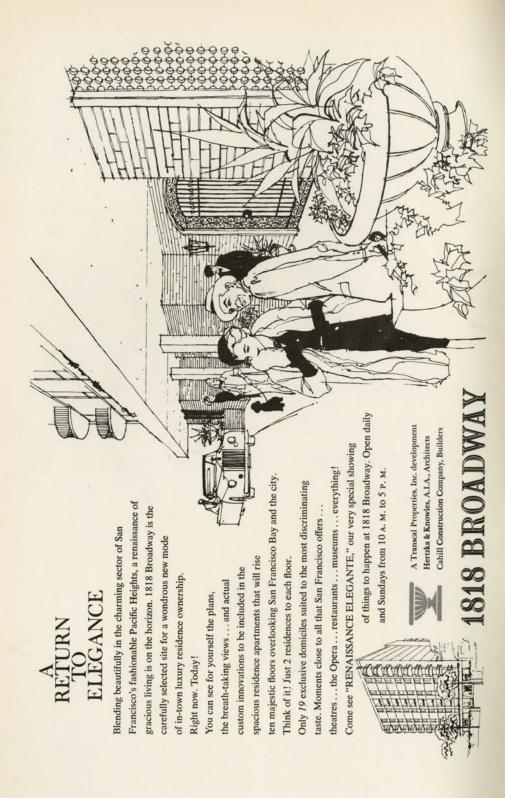
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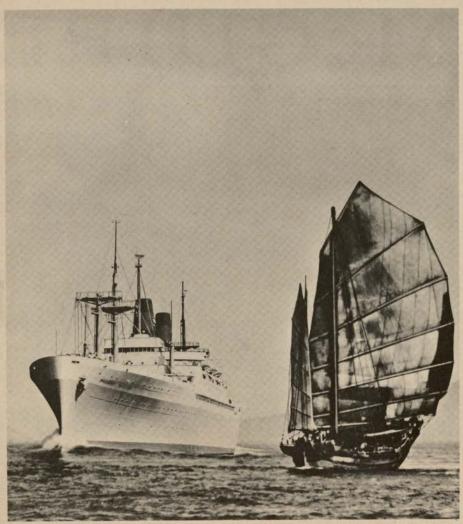
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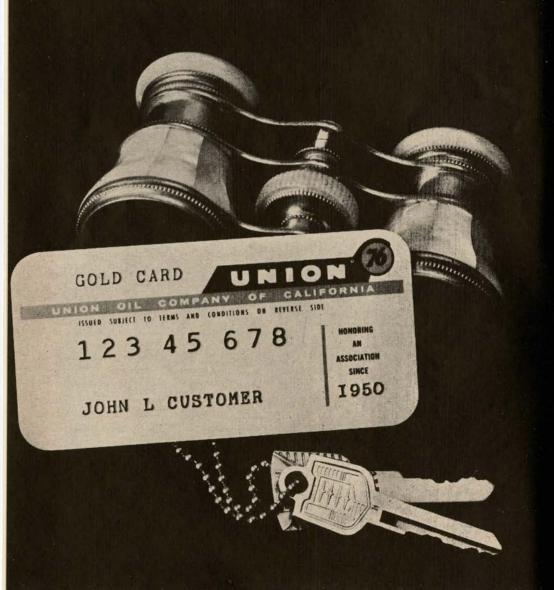
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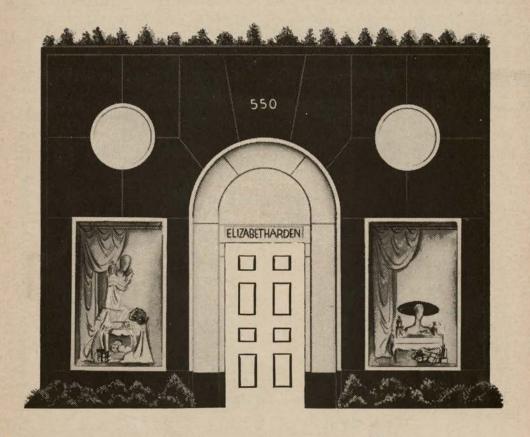
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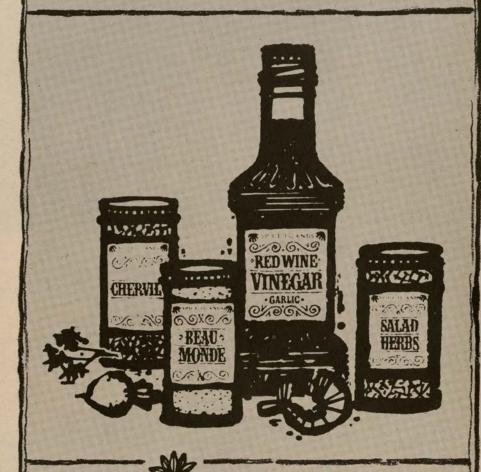
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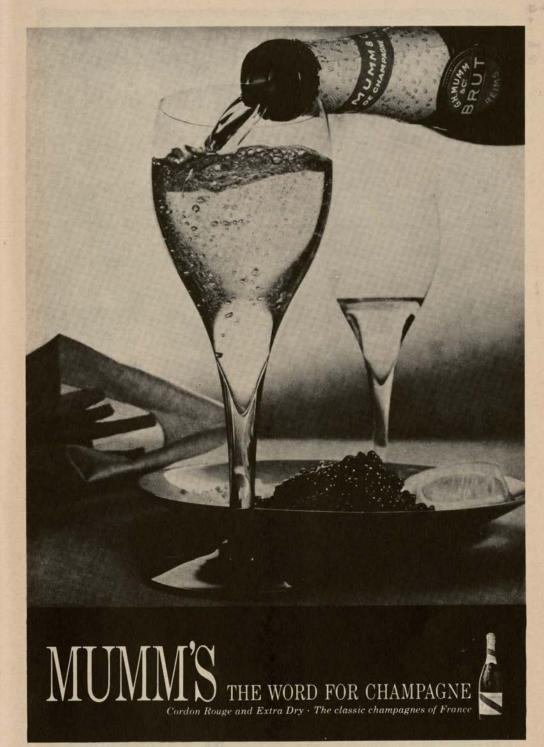
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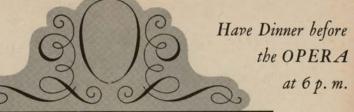
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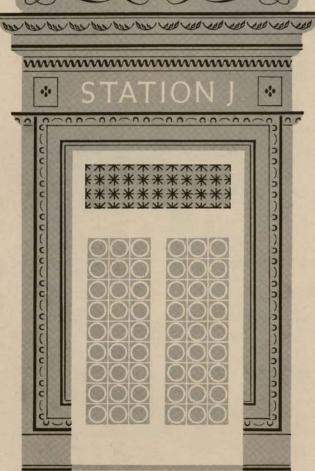


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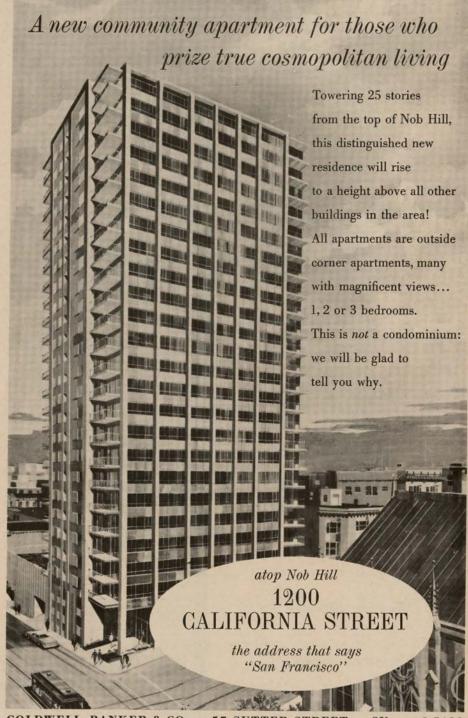
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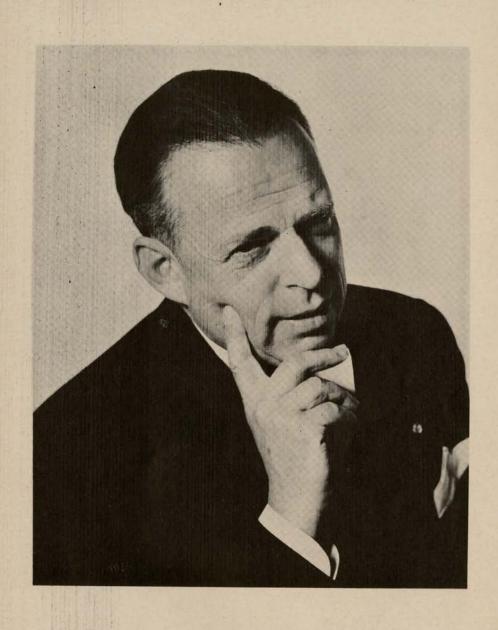
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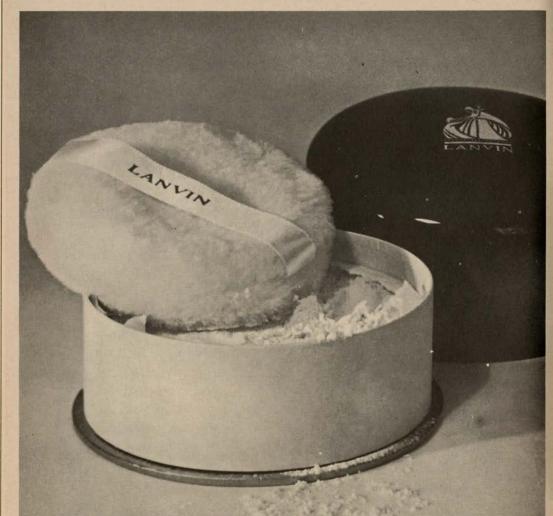
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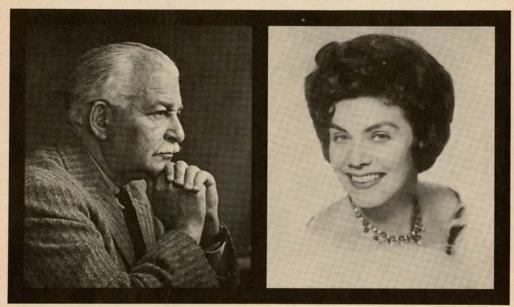
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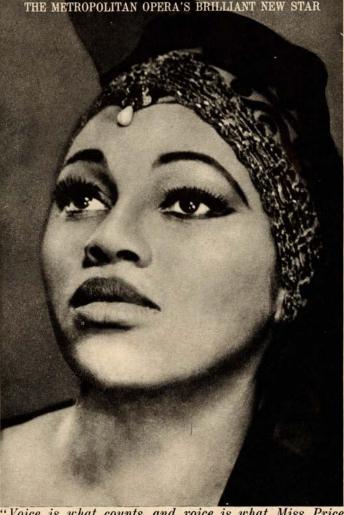


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From an apprentice contract with the Stuttgart opera, she worked her way up to her present position as a leading member of that company. Miss Bence also has appeared in opera in Vienna, Paris, Rome and Naples and has done considerable recital and concert work.

Following her American debut as Maddalena in the Saturday night "Rigoletto," she sings Fenena in the new "Nabucco," as well as Ulrica in "Un Ballo in Maschera."



GRE BROUWENSTIJN

From the town of Den Helder in Holland comes one of the leading dramatic sopranos of the day. Miss Brouwenstijn, whose career has already taken her to Rome, Venice, Vienna, Bayreuth, Buenos Aires, London, Glyndebourne, Chicago and many other operatic centers, will be heard here for the first time as Leonore in "Fidelio" and then sings Amelia in "Un Ballo in Maschera."

Her operatic debut was as Santuzza with the Netherlands opera and her repertoire since then has grown to include "Tosca," "Aida," "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser," "Jenufa," "Eugen Onegin" and "Trovatore," among others. Miss Brouwenstijn is such a favorite at Bayreuth that Wieland Wagner often makes it a condition that, when staging works elsewhere, the Dutch soprano sings the lead ——as she did this spring in "Der Fliegende Hollander" at the Fenice.

In private life Miss Brouwenstijn is married to a doctor, the mother of a young son, and enjoys tennis, golf and driving her fast Fiat car.



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GRAZIELLA SCIUTTI

As a child in Turin, Miss Sciutti first began the study of voice. She is a graduate of the Santa Cecilia academy in Rome, and made her concert debut in Venice in 1950, followed by appearances in Rome, Turin, Genoa and Naples. In 1951 she began a series of yearly appearances at the Aix-en-Provence festival with Susanna in "Le Nozze di Figaro," her debut role in San Francisco.

The petite Miss Sciutti is currently a reigning favorite at La Scala, Vienna, and the Salzburg festival. For the past five years she has had the honor of opening every season at La Piccola Scala, where she scored a great success this January in a revival of Paisiello's

"Nina, ossia la Pazza per Amore." In addition to the "Figaro," Miss Sciutti will also be heard here as Oskar in "Un Ballo in Maschera.'



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The Florestan in "Fidelio" and the Walther in "Die Meistersinger von Nuernberg" this season will see the young Viennese tenor Fritz Uhl, in his American debut. His voice, however, may already be familiar to audiences through the new London full-length recording of "Tristan und Isolde" in which he

sings a title role.

After five years of vocal study at the Vienna music academy under Professor Ferdinand Grossman, Uhl made his first operatic appearances in Graz, learning and singing nineteen different parts his first year there. Further appearances in Switzerland and Oberhausen and Wuppertal in West Germany brought him to the Munich opera in 1958, and to the Vienna Staatsoper and Bayreuth.

Recently Uhl has also made guest appear-

ances in Rome, London and Paris.





WILLIAM WILDERMANN

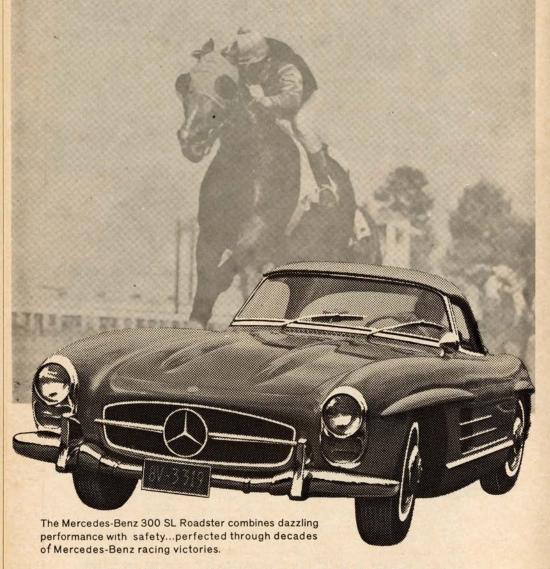
The role of Rocco in "Fidelio" this Thursday night will introduce basso Wildermann to San Francisco Opera audiences. Later this fall he will sing the same part with the Chicago Lyric Opera, where he is in his seventh consecutive season, and he has also sung the opera at the Metropolitan, where he will be on the roster for his sixth consecutive season this year.

Although born in Stuttgart, Germany, Wildermann has lived in the United States since childhood and received his entire education, musical and otherwise, here. After serving with the armed forces he began his career by singing with the now defunct San Carlo Opera, which toured the land regularly.

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Act IV: A desolate inn - Sparafucile's home

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Act II — Rigoletto hurriedly steals to the house where Gilda is kept secluded. He meets Sparafucile. a professional killer, and promises to bear him in mind should he wish to make away with any enemies. Entering the courtyard of his home, Rigoletto embraces Gilda tenderly and, remembering the curse, commands her never to leave the house. As they talk, the Duke, in student's guise, slips into the yard through connivance with Gilda's maid. The Duke and Gilda are exchanging vows following the departure of Rigoletto, when they hear approaching voices and the Duke hurries away. Rigoletto meets the party of courtiers who have come to carry out their plan for the abduction of Gilda. To mislead him they ask his aid in abducting the Countess Ceprano. Rigoletto submits to blindfolding and holds the ladder down which they carry Gilda. Left alone he removes the blindfold and realizes that he has been duped.

Act III — The Duke, having returned to the hunchback's home to find his bird flown, is now back at the palace disconsolate. Informed that Rigoletto's "mistress" has been captured and is in the next room he hastens to her side. Rigoletto enters and, despite pitiable jocular attempts at concealment, breaks down and heartbrokenly admits the abducted girl to be his daughter. The door opens and Gilda rushes into his arms as he vows vengeance on the Duke.

Acr IV — To prove the Duke's falseness to Gilda, who still loves him, Rigoletto takes her to Sparafucile's inn where she hears her lover with Maddalena, the inn-keeper's sister. Heartbroken, she goes away with her father to prepare for flight from the city. Rigoletto returns and bargains with Sparafucile for the murder of the Duke. Gilda, beaten back to the inn for shelter from a storm which has arisen, hears Sparafucile promise Maddalena to spare the Duke's life if another person comes to the inn who might be murdered in his stead. Gilda enters, is killed and her body, in a sack, is delivered to Rigoletto.

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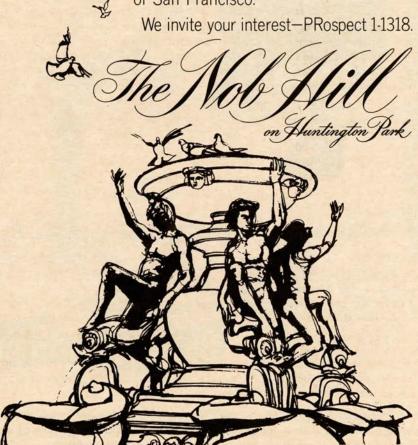


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TWO VIEWS OF "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

by Joseph Biskind

(The San Francisco Opera will present the United States premiere of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on October 10 and October 26)

Benjamin Britten founded his opera "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on the play of the same name by William Shakespeare. In both the play and the opera can be found three narrative strands, separate at the beginning, but gradually interwoven as the action proceeds. What differentiates Britten's opera from Shakespeare's play is the fact that each one combines these three narrative strands differently, so that although both end with the same final scene, the sequences of events leading to that final scene differ. The play opens with the preparations for the approaching wedding of the Athenian Duke Theseus and the Amazon Queen Hyppolyta; while these plans are being formulated an Athenia nobleman, Egeus, asks the Duke's help in solving a family problem. His daughter Hermia cannot choose between two suitors, Lysander, whom she loves, and Demetrius, whom her father prefers. When the Duke orders her to marry Demetrius or be sent to a temple as a votaress, she and Lysander decide to flee to a nearby forest, first confiding their plans to Helena, a lady in love with Demetrius, who promptly tells him the lovers' plans.

Confusion becomes further confounded in the forest, for Oberon, King of the Fairies, has decided to punish his Queen Tytania, who refuses to give up her page, by putting her in a magic sleep, from which she will wake to fall in love with whomever she sees first. Oberon's servant Puck, gives the magic potion in error first to Lysander, a mistake which Oberon has to correct. Puck tries to atone for this by crowning the weaver Bottom, who is in the forest with his friends to rehearse the play "Pyramus and Thisby," with an asses' head and brings him to Tytania. This play, intended for the Duke's wedding festivities, is given when Oberon unties the tangled threads, and restores peace and harmony as a triple wedding is arranged by the Duke, uniting Lysander and Hermia and Demetrius and Helena at the same time as he celebrates his own marriage to Hyppolyta. When all have retired, Oberon, Tytania and their retinues dance away the night as Puck, in his epilogue, philosophises that after all, it was only a dream, although a very pretty one . . .

In Britten's opera this same conclusion is reached by way of a different route, for it is the quarrel between Oberon and Tytania which opens the action, and from which the troubles of the two pairs of lovers, Puck's errors, and the final clarification all follow. It is quite clear that these two different sequences of events are not arbitrary, but represent two different views of the meaning to be found in the basic 'action' underlying those sequences. In the play the emphasis is on the real problems of real people—the lovers—and the intrusion of non-human agencies merely serves as a kind of mirror into which the human actors can look to discover their real selves and so find happiness. In the opera, on the other hand, the emphasis is largely, though not wholly, on the purely imaginary world of Oberon and Tytania, within which the human beings are accidental and very temporary visitors.

As those familiar with the play will discover, this fundamental change of emphasis has resulted in a complicated splicing operation, by means of which the some 1,000 or more lines taken over intact from the play have been re-

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Such compression, of course, was made necessary by the differences between the spoken and lyric theaters. Drama, which includes both tragedy and comedy, was long ago defined by Aristotle as 'the imitation of an action,' by which he meant the presentation on a stage of a particular combination of words and events so that actors and audience would, through participation and observation, draw from the performance some general truth about man's trials and tribulations in this life. In the lyric theater this communication is made largely but not wholly through musical means, for it is the composer who is the dramatist. Since words and music do not proceed at the same rate—music can say in one beat what could not be spoken or written in a whole paragraph—any stage play must of necessity be compressed for musical use on the operatic stage, which explains why Britten's opera, though limited to but 1,000 of Shakespeare's lines, traverses much the same ground that is covered in the play. For it is Britten's music which is the communicator of the action as well as the commentator on its ultimate significance.

Unlike the play, which has 9 scenes, there are no formal divisions within any one act of the opera, for each act is a continuous whole. Britten's musico-dramatic continuity is strongly influenced by Wagnerian music-drama—indeed, evidences of his own individual kind of 'leit-motif' technique will be readily apparent—without in any way interfering with his recognized felicity in the setting of English words. Captious critics who may complain that Britten's music is neither experimental nor traditional will nevertheless find it hard to deny that whatever its intrinsic merits may be, it is completely suited to the communication of his view of the drama. That same view has also evoked the wonderful pertinence of his orchestration—one need only cite the unearthly glissandi that open the opera—and many pages in the score will doubtless revive memories of another famous composer's incidental music for Shake-speare's play.

It is inevitable that comparisons will be made between play and opera, and between this opera and Mendelssohn's music; it is equally inevitable that the makers of such comparisons will convince only themselves. The play embodies certain truths about human destiny as Shakespeare saw them; in these same events, arranged in a new sequence, Britten was able to find other truths, neither better nor worse, just as his opera is neither better nor worse than the play, and used his music to communicate what he found. Play and opera are simply different, and each must be taken and judged in and for itself. In the end, of course, Britten, and we, may agree with Puck that what was seen and heard was in truth no more than another bit of midsummer magic and madness.



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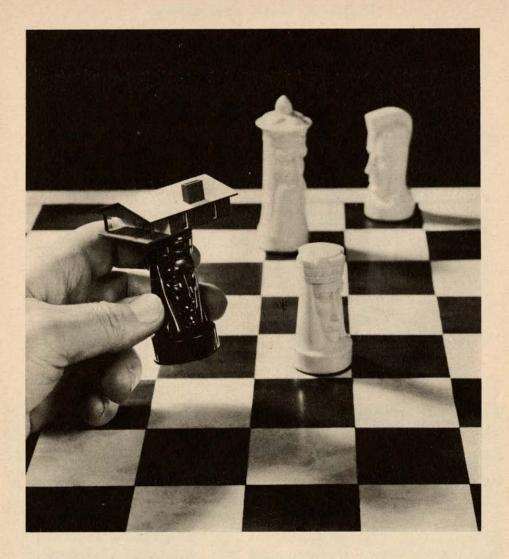
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Particularly encouraging to opera management was the knowledge that an increasing number of opera goers and businessmen realized that the San Francisco Opera not only belongs to them, but depends on them for its very survival.

Yet we can never rest on past accomplishments, either financial or artistic. As production costs continue to increase so must our fund raising become increasingly effective. What was sufficient income to offset the expenses of previous seasons will not, in all probability, be enough to cover the expenses for this year.

The goal of the current drive is \$150,000, which is almost \$28,000 more than we raised in 1960. To reach this goal we need even wider and "deeper" support.

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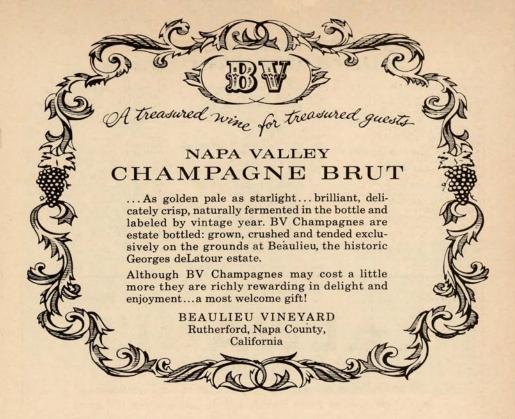
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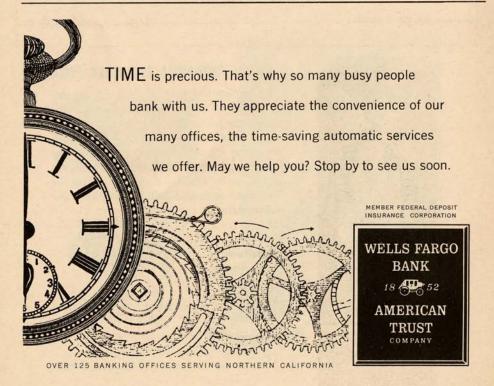
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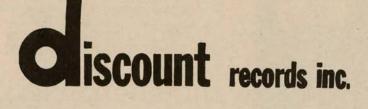
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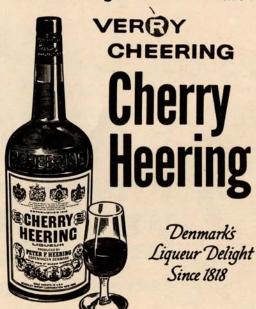
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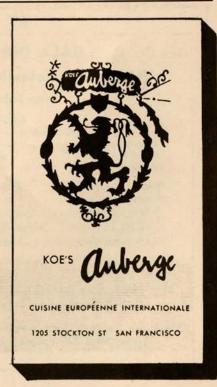
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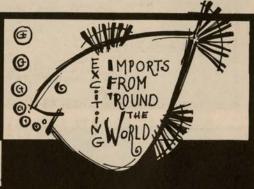
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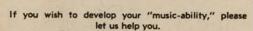
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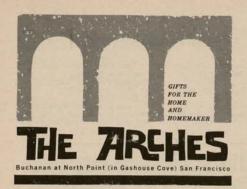
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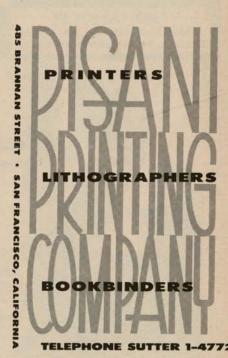
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