

## Notes on People

# New Manager for Philharmonic

The first American to manage a British symphony orchestra, **Harold Lawrence**, is returning home to be manager of the New York Philharmonic. Mr. Lawrence, who has been manager of the London Symphony Orchestra since 1967, is expected to take his new post at the Philharmonic in the fall. He is succeeding **Helen M. Thompson** as manager. In London, **Howard Snell**, the London Symphony's chairman, said: "Mr. Lawrence's contribution has been crucial to the orchestra's growth."

On May 11, 1888, **Israel Baline** was born in the Russian village of Temum. In 1892, his parents brought him to live on Manhattan's Lower East Side, where he changed his name and became a song writer. And today, **Irving Berlin** celebrates his 85th birthday at his home in Livingston Manor, in the Catskill Mountains.

In Rome, **Harold Pinter**, the British playwright, said he was thinking of taking legal action to prevent what he considers the distortion of his play, "Old Times." Mr. Pinter said the Rome version of the play, under the direction of **Luchino Visconti**, was a "travesty." The writer said the director had not consulted him on changes, including the introduction in the first act of vulgar sexual scenes and "grave and shocking distortions."

After meeting in Rome, **Pope Paul VI** and **Patriarch Amba Shenouda III**, the leader of 18 million Coptic Orthodox Christians, most of them living in the Middle East, issued a joint statement that said, in part: "Our thoughts reach out to the thousands of



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suffering and homeless Palestinian people. We deplore any misuse of religious arguments for political purposes in this area."

The newest Commander of the Order of the Peruvian Sun is **Dr. A. McGehee Harvey** of the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Harvey assisted a team of physicians in the emergency treatment of **President Juan Velasco** of Peru in February. President Velasco suffered an abdominal aneurism and a blood clot in his right leg, which was amputated March 9. He has since resumed his official duties.

A spokesman for St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, Calif., said that **Betty Grable**, the 56-year-old actress, was undergoing treatment for a grave illness, the nature of which he would not disclose. Miss Grable, former

wife of the trumpeter **Harry James**, was said to have entered the hospital two weeks ago, for the second time in six months.

In Jerusalem, **Premier Golda Meir** entered Hadassah Hospital for "routine medical tests." The 75-year-old Premier is expected to be in the hospital for two days.

**Romano Mussolini**, the son of the Italian Fascist dictator, sued **Paris-Match**, the French magazine, and a priest for an article alleging that **Mussolini senior** had ordered the murder of **Pope Pius XI**, who died in 1939. **Romano Mussolini**, a 45-year-old jazz musician, filed suit in Paris for \$225,000 against the magazine and **Msgr. George Roche**.

Something of a family fuss seemed to be stirring among **President Nixon's California cousins**. In **Grass Valley**, **Mrs. Philip Milhous**, wife of the President's first cousin, said another Nixon cousin, **Sheldon Beeson** of Long Beach, telephoned her to complain that the **Grass Valley Milhouses** had "disgraced Nixon." Mrs. Milhous said the complainer was referring to published stories that she and her husband had received welfare payments two years ago and that now their son, **Ronald**, had gone bankrupt in an unsuccessful hog-raising venture. Said Mrs. Milhous:

"I have never in my life said anything against **Dick Nixon**... they [other cousins] think it's terrible that I admitted I was on welfare. Well, I would rather be on welfare than be involved in a bunch of gangsterism, and I've about come to the conclusion that's all politics is."

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