Fashion Show Reporter Had Personal Maid Along

By KAY ROSS

Our "spies" in Florence, Italy, have forwarded some observations on the Pitti Palace fashion showings held there the other day.

They will be remembered for the "Big Snow", if nothing else. Low temperatures and the heaviest snowfall in that Tuscan city in nearly a century left buyers and fashion press shivering in the wind and mushing down icy streets.

In the Palace's terraced approach the seldom-bending mannequins joined the local youngsters in snowball fights. The mannequins are not brittle, they just seem to be.

Helping to make the press section glamorous were Countess Rudi Crespi of Rome, Best-Dressed Hall of Fame member and her twin sister, Mrs. Frank Schiff of New York, who sat in for Vogue. The twins, formerly Consuelo and Gloria O'Connor of Larchmont, are one-time fashion models.

The Countess, "her personal maid in tow, traveled in a leopard coat lined with mink over an off-white wool redingote. She appeared for pre-lunch cocktails on the first day of the thaw in one of the latest peony-pink wool fitted coat-dresses."

We must admit to never having met an editor who traveled with her personal maid, but then we've never been to the Pitti Palace either.

Nor have we met Marquis Emilio Pucci, famed sportswear designer who knows whereof he speaks, first-hand, being a former fighter pilot in the Italian Air Force, and an enthusiastic skier and hunter.

Countess Crespi buys many of her things from Princess Irene Galitzine whose title is "Old Russia", and who numbers among her other clients, the elusive Greta Garbo and Jacqueline Kennedy who was a visitor at the Galitzine villa in Capri last Summer. (Isn't this chatty?)

Oh yes, the "Italian Look for Spring-Summer 1963" is "soft, fluid, feminine and romantic", mostly high - waisted, although Galitzine uses no waist at all.

It is "flat-chested, vaguely Victorian or opulently Oriental". There is an odd trio.

Small or no collars on coats and suits, while woolens are "fluffy" and silks are "airy". Coat dresses were favorites.

There was a nice neat reversible azure and white mink bolero worn with a long gray-blue linen sheath. Something to wear at the neighborhood movie, maybe.

And the news in summer furs? It is the pastel pony jacket, and leopard trimming pique or mink trimming organdy.

Shoes similar to nurses' aides oxford are shown even with evening wear! We're going to be comfortable although flat-footed.

P.S. The newest bikini has a high neck, draped; bows on the nearly non-existent bottom; and a matching beach umbrella. For shy bathers?

This week there was a preview of what the U.S. Olympic skiers will wear. White hip-length jackets- stretch nylon ski pants, caps.

For non-sports wear, the red, white and blue attire will be simple.

The 388 male members of the Olympic team will wear navy blazers, pleatless silver - grey slacks, black shoes, red, white and blue striped ties, white shirts, stretch fabric hats, black knee-length raincoats.

The girls' outfits include red and white checked gingham overblouse, light navy denim skirt, white sleeveless turtle - neck sweater beneath the blouse, red vinyl shoulder handbag, red velvet headband, scarlet raincoat, matching scarf. Sounds a little like Saturday morning at the supermarket.

'Weather Girl' Tells Students of Career

Miss Carol Reed of Mamaroneck, "weather girl" for Channel 2 gave wise advice in a talk about a career in television the other day before the eighth grade students of Mamaroneck Junior High School.

The more you know, the better general background of information you possess, the greater are your chances for success in TV, said Miss Reed.

Time and luck may provide the opening avenues but hard work and talent are necessary, she warned.

Since popularity rests with the whims and vagaries of the public, continued the pert Miss Reed, greater stability and security may be found in jobs on the technical side of the industry.

She noted there are approximately 50 people not seen on TV for every one who is.

Miss Reed also declared that TV will never replace radio or the printed word.

Clubwomen Have Fun With Hair-Coloring

The Cinderella wish is deep within every woman, from the day she first reads the beloved fairytale, until she is well over a hundred.

One of the gayest programs in many a club year was enjoyed by the American Home Section, Woman's Club of White Plains.

With hilarity, and some seriousness, too, some 100 clubwomen gathered in the clubhouse last week, and gave their attention to the matter of turning their tresses from—or back to—the hue of nature.

Four of their number who had spent the morning being coifed professionally, were introduced and studied. Heading the group was Madame X, better known as Madame President, Mrs. J. Robert Bonnar. The other three were Mrs. J.C. Williams, Mrs. Frank Schmidt and Mrs. James G. Sloman.

Senora Julieta Rolz, the coloring specialist provided details.

Mrs. Bonnar's locks had been treated to a rinse which combined golden blond and ash blond preparations.

A rinse mixing copper brown with plain brown had been applied to Mrs. Williams' long, nearly black hair which was arranged in Japanese style with a bun near the top.

Mrs. Schmidt's hair was tinted a tawny beige while Mrs. Sloman had been given an instant silver rinse. Modified bouffant styling, with soft curled under bangs and rounded sides, was given all but Mrs. Williams.

The drama of it all was intensified by a professional eye make-up.

In conducting the business session, the nominating committee report was called for . . . but with all this Cinderella-stuff in the atmosphere, who could really care?

College Student

IRENE M. STEFANIK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stefanik of 103 Woodland Ave., has been named to the Dean's List at State University College at Oswego, where she is a freshman majoring in elementary education. She is president of her dormitory wing and floor representative to the Newman Club.

MISS ARLEEN SNYDER

Miss Snyder, NYU Student Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Snyder of 7 Cumberland Drive, have made known the engagement of their daughter, Arleen Chandra, to Frederic N. Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Schwartz of Merrick, N. Y. A spring, 1964 wedding is planned.

The bride - elect, a graduate of Lincoln High School, is a senior at the New York University College of Arts and Sciences, where she is majoring in psychology. Miss Snyder is a member of the Debate Council, and a member and past president of Gamma Sigma Sigma, national service sorority. She expects to teach in September while attending graduate school.

Her fiance was graduated with honors from Wellington C. Mepham High School, Bellmore, N.Y. and was awarded a General Motors National Scholarship and a National Merit scholarship. He is attending New York University majoring in pre-medical studies. Mr. Schwartz is a member of the Bristol Pre-medical Society and Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

Author Tells Of Problems In Germany

T. H. Tetans, author, and director of the Library on Germanic and Related International Problems, was guest speaker at a joint meeting this week, of the Yonkers and Larchmont-Mamaroneck chapters of the American Jewish Congress, held at the home of Mrs. Albert Lee Lesser, 217 Hommocks Road, Larchmont.

Mr. Tetens, in discussing his book, "The New Germany and the Old Nazis," stated that "the democratization of post-war Germany is essentially a myth.'

"The recent Spiegel affair, he continued, "was not an isolated incident. This type of suppression of free press and free speech, in the best tradition of the old Gestapo, is becoming more and more evident throughout Germany. This is no surprise when one considers the staggering number of former top-level Nazis in high, policy-making positions in the Bonn government. Almost the entire foreign service, including the present German ambassador to Washington, consists of people who had been active in the Hitler regime."

Much of this information has been withheld from the public in the interests of creating pro-German sentiments, he added. It has been felt by our State Department that a strong West Germany is essential to the unity of Western Europe. However, he added, the recent Franco-German economic coup against Great Britain indicates a need to re-examine Germany's value to the free world. Mr. Tetens also quoted sections from the German pro-Adenauer press advocating a Russo-German alliance.

Mr. Tetsen concluded with an urgent plea to the public to keep itself informed and to appeal to the government for a more realistic evaluation of, and approach towards, the problems confronting us in West Germany today.

Argentina Fascism Growing, Mrs. Desser Tells Luncheon

CHAPPAQUA

Organized violence and vandalism, accompanying the growth of fascist movements, is on the increase in Argentina, Mrs. Hanna F. Desser warned yesterday. Speaking at a luncheon of the Women's Campaign Board of the American Jewish Committee, Mrs. Desser referred to a report by the committee.

"The organizations, which are strongly anti-American, appear to have the support of some Argentine army officers," the speaker added. "In many instances of violence the police have not taken any overt action to apprehend the perpetrators."

While government and the army are "officially" opposed to such anti-democratic groups, the speaker, an expert on Latin-American affairs, declared these quasi-military organizations continue to flourish. Listing some of the incidents, the speaker detailed the throwing of bombs in, and at, synagogues; attacks on a Jewish farm training center with beatings and the use of tear-gas bombs and guns; attacks on Jewish children on Rosh Hashanah; and many acts of vandalism such as the destruction of street signs, anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi slogan daubings and the tossing of "Molotov cocktails" at Jewish shops, schools and social centers.

Mrs. Desser said that representatives of the American Jewish Committee in Argentina identified a group known as Tacuara as one of the larger and more active neo-fascist groups.

According to the committee's report, young members are given ideological indoctrination and military training patterned after Nazi techniques in Germany, and members must take a gun to every demonstration. "They are," the report states, "sworn into membership by taking an oath of loyalty which must be kept under pain of death."

Mrs. Desser was a member of a survey and consultative mission to South America in 1958. The group conferred with Catholic Church dignitaries, government officials and other leaders. The visit helped to initiate Christian-Jewish fraternities in Argentina and several other countries.

Yesterday's luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. Richard Bleier, 715 King St. The American Jewish Committee, founded in 1906, is, for the first time in its history, launching a direct public fund-raising campaign. Its goal for the 1963 Appeal for Human Relations is $3,767,000.

Garden Club Tours Sprain Brook Library

The February meeting of the Morsemere Garden Club was held at the Sprain Brook Branch of the Yonkers Public Library, where members toured the building under the guidance of Grinton I. Will, director of the library.

Interesting features of the various departments were explained and statistics of the building and services were pointed out. Joseph Halloran, in charge of the Sprain Brook branch and Edwin P. Beckerman, assistant to the library director, were introduced.

Miss Marie Yanerella, head of the Fine Arts and Audio Visual Department, presented a program demonstrating the facilities of the projection room, where books related to gardening and flower arrangements were exhibited. She gave a brief resume of selected volumes representative of materials of interest to gardeners and garden clubs, available in the three branches of the library.

A film, "The Glory of Spring" was shown by Miss Yanerella, who explained that such items are secured for local groups by the Yonkers Library through the Westchester Library System, whose audio visual department is housed in the New Rochelle Library.

Exhibits prepared by Mrs. Tristram Metcalfe of the library staff, included one in the main hall on "Gardening."

Refreshments were served in the meeting room by club hostesses for the day, Mrs. Grinton I. Will and Mrs. W. T. S. Garnjost, assisted by Mrs. Joseph Castle of the library staff.

Mrs. Donald McEvoy and Mrs. Walter Thomas, members of the club, made flower arrangements, presented to the library in appreciation.

MRS. HANNA F. DESSER

Austin-Manning Wedding Held At St. Peter's

The marriage of Miss Joanne Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manning of 450 Riverdale Ave., to James Richard Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Austin of 450 Riverdale Ave., took place Saturday in St. Peter's Church.

The Rev. Josef Connor officiated at the 3:30 p. m. ceremony which was followed by a reception at the Clock Restaurant.

Escorted by her father, the bride had her sister, Mrs. George Horwege of South Ozone Park, L. I., as her matron of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Richard Deming of Warwick, R. I., the bridegroom's sister, and the Misses Mary Sheridan of Brooklyn, the bride's cousin and Nancy Sullivan, the bridegroom's cousin.

Robert Schofield was best man and ushers were Robert Schollmeyer, another cousin of the bridegroom, William Herzog and David Speers, all of Yonkers.

The bride is a graduate of the High School of Commerce and is employed in the IBM Dept. of Otis Elevator Co. Her husband, an alumnus of Yonkers High School, formerly was employed by the Burnham Corp. He is stationed with the Army in Fort Dix.

John Montemurro

MRS. JAMES AUSTIN

MICHAEL NYEMCHEK Sr., of 37 Villard Ave., Hastings, celebrated his 77th birthday anniversary at a party given at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nyemchek of 167 Chase Ave. The honored guest has 12 children 36 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ON A TRIP to Lake Placid after their wedding Saturday are Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Holzman, who were married at St. Casimir's Church. The bride is the former Miss Michele D. Muller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Muller of 24 Hayward St. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Holzman of 214 Robe[illegible] Ave.—Dolega Studio.

MISS ELEANOR DONOGHUE

Mr. Donoghue Tells Troth Of Daughter

Denis Donoghue of 153 N. Broadway, announces the engagement of his daughter, Eleanor Mary, to Roger Edward Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Alexander of Metuchen, N. J. The couple plans to be married April 20.

Daughter also of the late Mrs. Jane Donoghue, the bride-elect is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is a secretary with Young and Rubicam, New York advertising firm. Miss Donoghue is a member of the Junior Assembly of Yonkers.

Her fiance is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is associated with Young and Rubicam.

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MISS MARGARET HINNEN

P. M. Chapin Plans To Wed In September

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinnen of 12 Judson Ave., Ardsley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Emma, to Parker Merritt Chapin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Chapin of 111 Estherwood Ave., Dobbs Ferry. The couple plans a September wedding.

Miss Hinnen was graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel in White Plains. A graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School in New York, she is employed by Sports Network, Inc., New York City.

Mr. Chapin served for two years in the Marine Corps and was graduated from University College, New York University, where he earned his bachelor of arts degree. He is employed by Bankers Trust Co., New York City.

Future Function

CHAIRMAN of the Westchester County Committee for Boys' Towns of Italy, Dr. Thomas Morell of Bronxville, and Gaspar Morell, also of Bronxville, attended a reception at Gracie Mansion in New York for the Boys' Towns, which will hold its annual Ball of the Year at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 4.

Cuban Exile Reminds Women Of Their Civic Obligations

"Three brutalities of the Castro dictatorship stand out: The number of executions, the number of arrests, and the number of Cuban exiles. The blood bath began the very day Castro came into power."

Serafin G. Menocal, former vice president and general manager of the Cuban Electric Co., who resigned his position rather than live under the Communist regime which Castro was implanting in Cuba, said this Tuesday at the Public Affairs luncheon of the Young Women's Christian Association, held at the "Y," 87 S. Broadway. The Women's Society of the Baptist Church of the Redeemer cosponsored the affair.

The speaker continued that many Americans, North and South, believe a revolution was inevitable in Cuba, due to the backwardness, underdevelopment, misery and so-called "imperialist exploitation" under which the Cuban people lived. Although this view is completely false, the story of the subversion of Cuba contains a lesson for all. Cuba today is living proof that no nation is immune from Communist subjugation just because it is prosperous, or because it is Catholic, Cuba was both.

Mr. Menocal related that in 1958, Cuba held an outstanding economic position among the Latin American countries. In comparison with them, Cuba ranked third in annual per capita income, second in the value of imports, third in the number of newspapers and magazines and per capita consumption of electric power. The standard of living in Cuba in 1958 was above that of Russia and almost on a level with the most advanced European countries, Mr. Menocal said.

Cuba had its poor, Mr. Menocal granted but, also, it had a large and growing middle class.

To see how Castro took power in the Cuban government, it is necessary to go back to 1952, when General Batista overthrew the constitutional government of Cuba by means of a bloodless coup d'etat which aroused great indignation from the great majority of the Cuban people.

This indignation was fertile ground for the Communists, Mr. Menocal continued, not that people wanted communism, but they did want to get rid of Batista. As the latent opposition to Batista grew, more young men went to the hills to join the guerrillas; the civilian resistance, both active and passive, became more open and more effective. Batista fled, and Castro, regarded as a hero, came down from the mountains and rode into Havana.

Promises made by Castro were repeatedly unkept and the seizure of the island into the hands of still yet another dictator became complete. There is only one party in Cuba today — the Socialist Popular Party — which is Communist. All constitutional guarantees have been trampled upon, there is no respect for human life, no normal administration of justice, there is no private enterprise whatever. In short, the speaker said, there are absolutely none of the rights and guarantees which the citizen enjoys in any democracy.

Mr. Menocal reminded his audience of the cruel persecution of nuns and priests, and the closing down of hundreds of chapels; there are left now only the parish churches and only a few priests for a population of millions, predominantly Catholic.

The lesson of Cuba is one that needs to be learned by every citizen of a country which still enjoys the blessing of liberty, Mr. Menocal said. Many people think that the communist problem is not theirs; that it is a problem for the government to solve. He reminded that all should not forget that in any democratic republic, government action is a result of citizen action. And citizen action is the result of what individuals decide is important enough to express their opinion about. Government action depends on the responsible personal attitude and initiative of each individual citizen.

A.J.C. Group Urges 'Fair Sabbath Law'

Mrs. Jack Yarmove of Mount Vernon and Mrs. George Baron of Scarsdale led a delegation of the Westchester Women's Division of American Jewish Congress to Albany Tuesday.

Purpose of the visit was to urge an overhaul of the New York State Sunday closing law to provide exemption for those who observe another day as their Sabbath.

Calling for the enactment of a "fair Sabbath law" the women joined about 300 persons from the Metropolitan area including Mrs. Melvin Krautheimer of Bronxville; Mrs. Morris Rosenberg of Mount Vernon; Mrs. Robert Lewin and Mrs. Benjamin Eisner, both of New Rochelle; Mrs. Pauline Fine of Peekskill; Mrs. Charles Snitow and Mrs. Joseph Winston, both of Scarsdale; Mrs. Seymour Glickman and Mrs. Harry Goldman, both of Yonkers.

Mrs. Yarmove expressed confidence that a measure providing relief for non-Sunday Sabbath observers would be passed this year. A joint statement of the delegates said in part, "The interest and encouragement of the governor and many Assembly and Senate leaders has strengthened our belief that the law will be changed to correct the grave injustice and serious discrimination which those who observe a day other than Sunday now suffer under the laws of New York State."

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