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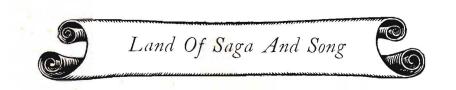
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NORWAY, where its storm-browed and rampired coastlands breast the perpetual onslaught of her Northern ocean, belongs to the primordial data of Earth. The land itself has an ageless and legendary complexion, a racial heritage forever rich in prodigies of the human mind and men's adventuring.

Norway entered upon the arena of history with the advent of the Viking Age about the 7th century, AD., its people possessing an advanced and original culture, with a long tradition of favored poets and a wealth of poetic expression.

The great Mythology of the Norse had a firm and abiding influence on men's thoughts, way of life, and ambitions. Its numerous and restless pageantry of Divine Beings represented in their various aspects a spiritual affinity to the powers of nature and the complex forces of human life.

The introduction of Christianity in the 10th Century did not deter but rather heightened the almost explosive drive of the Viking Age, until its decline in the 12th Century. All through this great era of the North, Norway played her important role, which saw her ships widen the world's borders by discovery and settlement of new lands, and the opening of sea-roads toward the West which dramatically affected the future of Europe and the rest of the world.

Even today, in our modern age, her people seem still to possess some of the racial genius of the past, together with the inherent qualities of their natural environments. They still know the challenge and the irresistible lure of ships and Earth-embracing seas. About them is a trace reminiscent of steadfast mountains, the forests and moors, the valleys and highland fells, and skerries and islands, and Northlands adrift on the bosom of time through summer and sun. Again Norway has resumed her place in the top rank among the nations. She has once more mothered a host of eminent persons, including Statesmen, Explorers, scientists, scholars, and artists, together with great poets, novelists and dramatists; also immortal music from the hands of her composers.

This creative exuberance affected the dreams and aspirations of people in every walk of life. The lyrics of the poets and the music of her mighty tune-smiths needed the voices of singers to be heard and appreciated. Soon every hamlet and town in the land were filled with song, and group-singing became a social and cultural asset to every community.

Wherever a Norwegian would fare in the world the song of Norway was dear to his heart. From the East Coast of America, and onward to the Middle-West, and finally to the Pacific Coast this heritage of music and song swept with each succeeding wave of immigration.

Male Chorus singing has been an integral part of Norwegian affairs in all the Coast cities for almost three-fourths of a century, and continues as an important factor in presenting and infusing a part of our cultural heritage into the life of our Western world.

Since the year of 1902, when the different singing organizations of the Coast organized the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Ass'n, there have been successive Sangerfests sponsored every year, with few exceptions, in the various Coast cities, culminating this year in Seattle, as the Fifty-First Sangerfest.



S/N membership 🖉 means the uniting of men 🕑 and women 🚱 of Norwegian backgrounds min furthering the ideals of Norwegian traditions. It means working together for social 🖉 enjoyment, community betterment, cultural appreciation & and individual 🔄 n improvement. Contact your local headquarters or write to

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Record of Sangerfests

| 1. Everett1903 | 26. Everett1933 |
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| 2. Seattle1904 | 27. Vancouver1934 |
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Sangerfest Headquarters Norway Center

Thursday, August 18

Registration—Plaza Room 8:00 p.m.—Welcome Reception, Auditorium 9:30 p.m.—Refreshments—Banquet Hall Program and Dancing

Friday, August 19

10:00 a.m.—Rehearsal, Auditorium, Norway Center
12:00 Noon—Singers Luncheon, Banquet Hall
12:45 Noon—Ladies Luncheon at Seattle Tennis Club
2:00 p.m.—Rehearsal at Meany Hall
8:30 p.m.—Grand Concert at Meany Hall
10:30 p.m.—Dancing and Refreshments— Norway Center

Saturday, August 20

10:00 a.m.—Business Meeting—Banquet Hall
6:30 p.m.—Banquet—Auditorium, Norway Center
9:30 p.m.—Grand Ball
Auditorium, Norway Center

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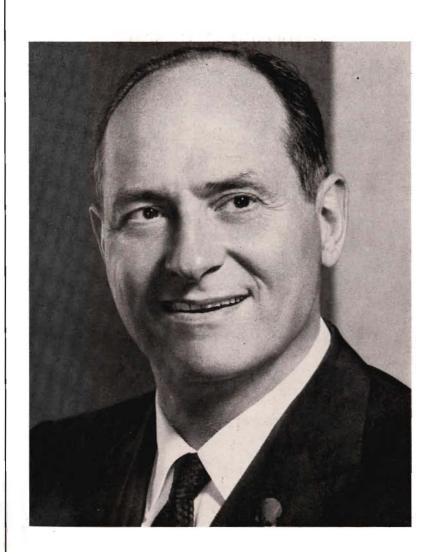
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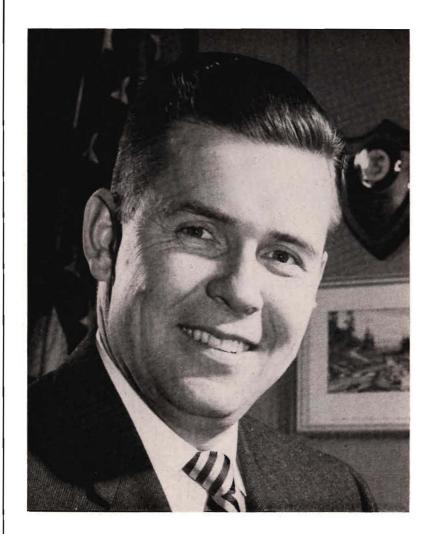
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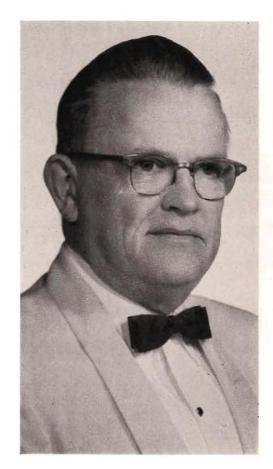
To the Officers and Members of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association:

It is a pleasure to extend my personal greetings, and that of the City, to the members of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association as they meet in Seattle for their fiftyfirst annual Sangerfest.

Outstanding in our Pacific Northwest cultural heritage is the music of Norway, and members of your organization have contributed a valuable addition to the musical life of the community by preserving these beautiful songs. I am sure the people of Seattle will welcome the opportunity to attend the Sangerfest again.

> Cordially, GORDON S. CLINTON Mayor

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It is my personal pleasure to welcome members and friends of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association to this, our fifty-first Sangerfest in our fair city of Seattle.

The rendering of Norwegian singing and folklore to our American brothers and friends, is a tradition we must uphold and pass on to future generations. May you enjoy the fellowship of your brother Singers attending this Sangerfest and carry back to your local choruses a renewed desire to strive for better harmony in singing and in relationship with one another.

To those newer Singers attending their first Sangerfest, may you grasp the harmonious spirit of your older brother Singers.

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ARTHUR HANSEL, President Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle, Wn.



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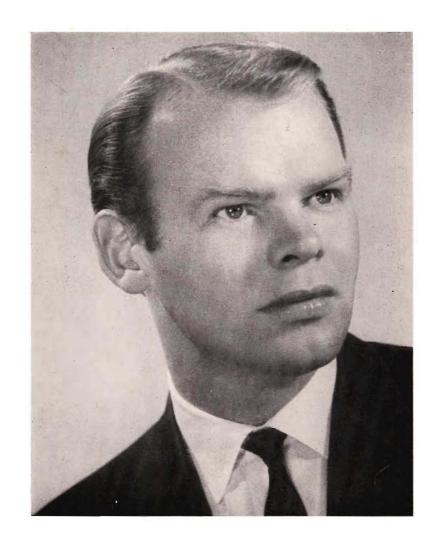
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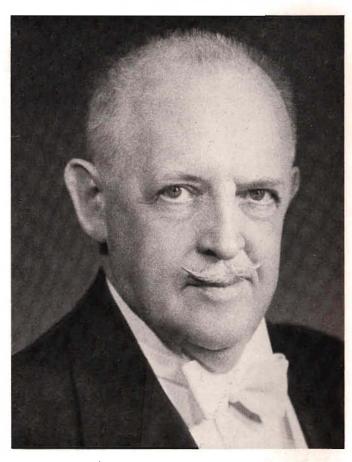


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- ULABRAND. A song to the memory of the intrepid and fearless pilot Ulabrand, who gave his life in his heroic effort.
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- VACKRA SKY. Beautiful Cloud whither goest thou? Beautiful Cloud.
- BRUDEFAERDEN I HARDANGER. The Bridal Procession on the Hardangerfjord. The song describes the beautiful landscape, towering snow-clad cliffs and mountains, the deep blue of the fjord and the joyful singing of the Bridal Party.

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HALLING. Hei, jump up and shout, and turn you about! Hei!

. . .

- KLARA STJAERNA. Twinkling Star in heaven's deep blue, do not hide your eye to me. To the realms where you shine my soul is longing.
- DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, "THE GREAT WHITE HOST." Behold a Host arrayed in

white, like thousand snow-clad mountains bright. Their voices they in worship raise, before the throne of God, "mid Angels" song of praise! This religious poem is from the prolific pen of the Bishop H. A. Brorson (1694-1722). The music, a Norwegian folk song arranged by Grieg, is one of the finest examples of Norwegian sacred music.

JAEGERSANG. The hunter's song, and the sound of his horn floats through the forests re-echoing in the stilly night.

LANDKJENDING (Land-Sighting). The poem is by Norway's great writer Bjornson and the music by the immortal Grieg. It is one of the most popular male chorus songs in the world, depicting the young Hero-King Olav Trygvason's return to his native Norway and the first impression of land he and his followers got from the gleaming mountain peaks and thundering waterfalls as they sailed in through the deep blue fjords in the shimmering sunlit air. In the solo the King gives profound expression for his belief, that here was home and here he would raise the Cross which should lift his spirit high and strong like the mighty mountains! His men intone the prayer, carrying the song to a grand soul stirring finish.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1960 8:30 P.M., MEANY HALL ROALD REITAN Guest Artist

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GRAND CHORUS

- 1 The Unforeseen Scott
- 2a Chanson Epique
- b Chanson Romanesque Ravel
- 3 Mattinata Leoncavallo
- 4 Vision Fugitive, aria from the "Herodiade"Massenet ROALD REITAN—Accompanist Wallace Marshall

| Ulabrand Wend | delborg |
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| Vackra Sky | Brolen |
| Brudefaerden i Hardanger | Kjerulf |

| Halling (Norwegian Folk Song) ar | rr. Alnaes |
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| GRAND CHORUS | |

| 1 | How Do I Love Thee Lippe |
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| 2 | Pool of Quietness Cotar |
| 3 | Oh That It Were So Bridge |
| 4 | Eri Tu, aria from "Un Ballo In Maschera" Verdi |
| | ROALD REITAN—Accompanist Wallace Marshall |

| Klara Stjaerna | Wetterling |
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| Den Store Hvide Flok | arr. Grieg |
| Jaeger Sang (Danish Folk Song) | arr. Werner |
| The Lost Chord | Sullivan |
| Landkjending | Grieg |
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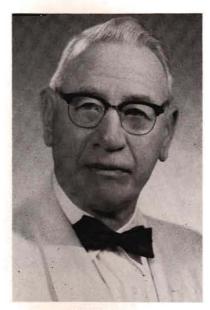
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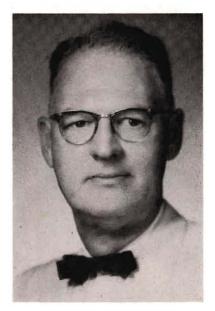
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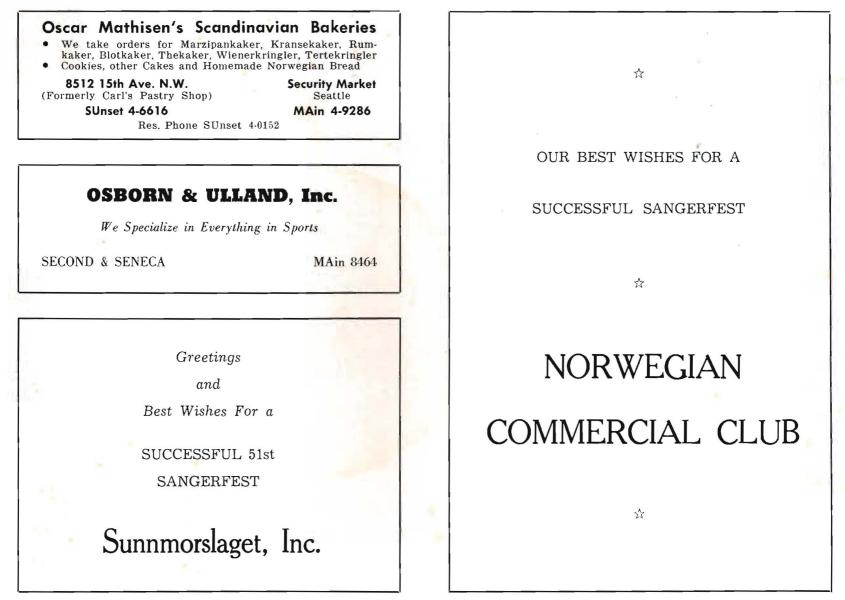


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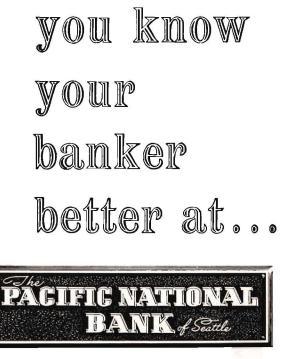
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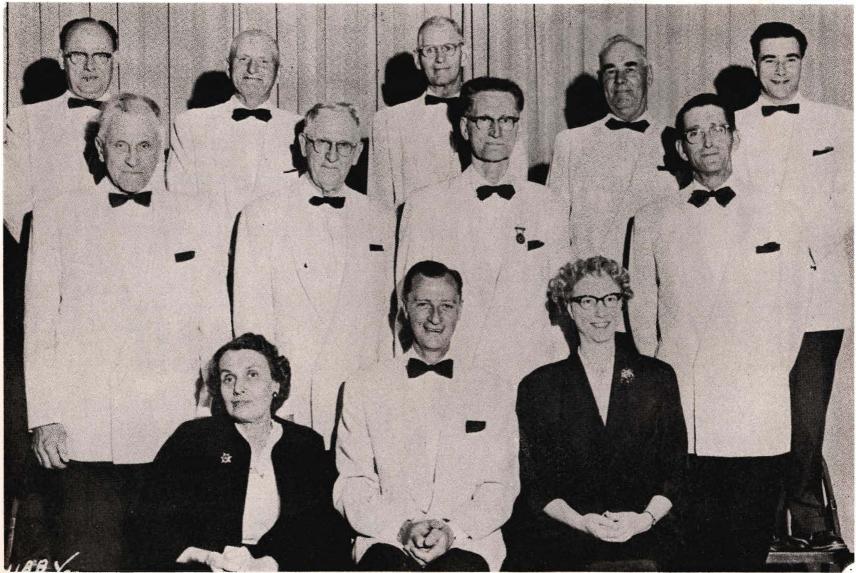
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