



**SHOW CAPTAIN . . .** Merle Lundberg, 20610 Mansel Ave., has been named a day captain for the 19th annual Southern California Business Show, to be held in Los Angeles April 19 through 22. Lundberg, shown here with hostess Doris McCollum, is comptroller and assistant secretary of the Southern California Water Co. The show is sponsored by the Los Angeles chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

## Concert to Feature 'Electronic' Music

The electronic music of Vladimir Ussachevsky, characterized as "unique and revealing," will be featured at El Camino College Thursday, April 21.

Ussachevsky will appear at the college for a concert at 8 p.m. in the Campus Theater. Tickets, priced at \$1.50 each, may be purchased in the campus store or at the door the night of the performance.

His music is played by means of tape recorders with speakers on stage. The sounds used range from the reverberation of a switch click to a few chords from an organ.

A FORERUNNER in the new medium of electronic music, Ussachevsky first presented the results of his experiments to the public at a Columbia University forum in 1952.

Born in China in 1911 of a musical Russian family, Ussachevsky received his early training at home. Though he began to compose at 17, he had no formal musical education upon his arrival in the United States in 1930.

He attended Pomona College, where he began to compose choral and chamber works and then the Eastman School of Music, where he received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees.

WHILE AT EASTMAN his "Cantata for Chorus, Soloist and Orchestra" was given a coast-to-coast NBC broadcast.

In 1947 he became an instructor at Columbia University, where he met Otto Luening. The two have since collaborated in the composition of many major works for orchestra and tape.

In 1957 Ussachevsky received a Guggenheim Fellowship which enabled him to work in the tape and electronic medium in France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. He received a second fellowship in 1960.

HE TRAVELED to the Soviet Union in 1961 to give lectures on electronic music to members of the Union of Soviet Composers in various Soviet cities.

Ussachevsky's works include "Studies in Sound," "A Piece for Tape Recorder," "Sonic Contours," a score for the film "No Exit" from the Satre book, incidental music for films, as well as a major work for several choruses with electronic accompaniment.

His music has been recorded on Columbia Records, RCA Victor, Composers' Recordings, Inc., and Folkways. It is also used for television and radio productions.

## Famed Hong Kong Choir To Appear in Concert

The Hong Kong Blind Choir will present a concert at the new Torrance Family YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., on Thursday, April 28, according to Dr. Wing W. Mar, chairman of the YMCA board of directors.

The concert will be cosponsored by the Chinese for Christ of Los Angeles, who have sponsored concert tours of the United States for the Hong Kong Blind Choir.

The choir is composed of all blind singers and features Chinese sacred music and folk songs. The choir is in this country to raise funds for the Blind Children's Orphanage in Hong Kong.

The director of the choir was killed in an automobile accident in downtown Los Angeles last December and, Dr. Mar said, it seemed the group would be stranded without funds or any means of communication. The Chinese from Christ organization, however, arranged to continue the concert tour.

The current sponsor of the choir is Robert Poudrier of the Chinese for Christ movement.

The Torrance concert will be given at 8:15 p.m. around the fire circle at the YMCA. It will follow a final report dinner for volunteers now seeking funds for the Torrance Family YMCA program.

The public is invited to attend. An offering will be received to support the Blind Orphanage which the choir represents.

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