



5th Year

November 29, 1976

Number 48

Moscow Date Planned

European performers who are in contact with Russian circus performers report it is general knowledge that Moscow will host the World Circus Festival in 1980.

News of the coming Circus Festival was relayed to CR by Ivan Vladivirov, of the Romanovi Troupe on Ringling's Blue Unit. The Romanovs, who came from Europe with the reputation of being the best, have improved their position and are anticipating an opportunity to prove this fact at the Moscow event.

Ever since their initial appearance in Tel Aviv in 1965, the group has brought new dimensions into bareback acrobatics, adding teeterboards and trampoline and inventing a forearm board which catapults the topmounters into double and double-twist somersaults to paired horses.

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ter is little "Pinky" Bale (6) daughter of Elvin and Jeannette Williams Bale, who is making her debut as a performer. She is coached by Ivan Vladimirov, whose troupe also doubles in Cos-sack riding and Charivari.

77 DATES

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Early in the year businessman David Cobbold claimed the cannonball was a man and then placed a bet to that effect.

For her special performance Miss Connors wore a helmet, dress and calf-length boots. She took her dress off just before sliding into the cannon and shortly after she was fired into the air she shed her bra, landing topless in the safety net.

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PEOPLE

ALLEN BABCOCK visited the Mid America Circus at Decatur (Ill.) on Nov. 26th, where two shows were presented.

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BILLY BARTON

A REFERENDUM sanctioned by New Jersey voters gives casino gambling to Atlantic City, already being hailed as "Las Vegas East."

Now that King Bros. has become KING BROS. COLE COMBINED, does the title change signify the demise of BEATTY-COLE? Sure looks that way....HENRY THOMPSON (S&G side show mgr) starts painting the new titles on show trucks Dec. 1st....Ringmaster BILLY EARL returns to HAGEN-WALLACE, SELLS & GRAY next season and manager WILSON STOREY is negotiating for a band for the show which is expected to use the current King big top.

Apparently HOXIE TUCKER down-thumbed his 11 elephants for the CIRCUS ODYSSEY run which is in juxtaposition to his '77 openings for the two shows. Hoxie is prepping a shopping center tour with his recently acquired gorilla, orangutan and 2 chimps....One of TAJANA's tigers gave birth to twin cubs....MARY RUTH HERRIOTT and her youngest daughter will be with FAMOUS HUNT in '77. Drummer BARNEY BARNHART is on the road booking that show.

PHIL & FRANCINE spent three weeks with PEGGY and MAC MacDONALD. Mac says that GENE MENDEZ, hospitalized in San Antonio, was incredibly lucky in his 50 ft buster....Phil & Fran are taking BABY DONDI into a Theme Park near Chicago next season, opening May 28th....The EM-METT KELLY CIRCUS begins a series of dates, starting with Commack Dec. 17 and winding up in Tarrytown (NY) Dec. 30....CAROL OBANDO is pregnant, so Carlos must find a replacement for her until April. The OBANDOS will play dates with M&M, Castle and Lansing for HAROLD VOISE.

GRACE MacINTOSH and CHUCK MARINE are making the Fair Convention, ditto WES and FLORINE OLER....BOB and KAY PARKER are the proud parents of a son born Oct. 13th....BILL BRICKLE makes the Bozo TV show Dec. 3, then remains in the area for Xmas dates....KIM KRISTENSEN has a special girl tucked away in Texas and has been visiting the Lone Star State...PETER LUVAS handled concessions for Royal Hanneford in Baltimore.

Rumor has it that HARRY RAWLS, former King Bros. mgr., has formed a partnership with his son, DAVID, to take out a "rep show" under canvas....MICHAEL CHERRICK joins his juggling mother LOTTIE BRUNN on Gatti=Charles in '77.....MIKE NAUGHTON and BERNIE KALLMAN are trouping their "Michelangelo Paint Co." next season.....BARBARA LUXEM, who'll try her hand at performing in '77, says she hopes it doesn't turn out to be "more" like a "foot."

Showman HOWARD SUESZ is heading for Europe. ...an interview with Howard will be featured next week....HENRY BARRETT is in Flint prepping the Polack annual - likewise SAM T. POLACK....JOHNNY CANOLE says the RBBB CIRCUS WORLD performance is outstanding, something everyone should see....JOHNNY delivered a new Yellowstone trailer to SUE and RUDY LENZ.....Circus Vargas side show bosses, JIM and SANDRA WINDLAND, have gone back to Florida....MICKEY ANTALEK and LONA's PETS will be with an RBBB Unit in '77 and, following the Evansville date for PAUL KAYE, will head to Venice for rehearsals.

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RULING ?

(The following item has been provided by the Gannett News Service).

Off-hand, you wouldn't think being shot from a cannon before the grandstand at a county fair would qualify as an act of privacy, shielded from publicity. Yet, the famed "Human Cannonball" himself, Hugo Zacchini, is making just such a claim in U. S. Supreme Court.

On Aug. 30, 1972, Zacchini, had been hired to perform at the Geauga County Fair in Burton, Ohio. There he noticed a TV reporter from a Cleveland station and asked him not to film the performance. However, the next day a camera crew did film it. A 15-second clip was shown on Sept. 1st on the 11 p.m. newscast.

Contending that the TV station had appropriated his talent for its own use, Zacchini sued for invasion of privacy. The trial judge dismissed Zacchini's complaint, on a motion by the owners of the TV station. However, an intermediate state appeals court reversed, contending there was an arguable question over conversion and copyright (the act of one person converting another's property to his own use without the original owner's consent.).

Ohio's Supreme Court held that a public performance at a county fair is a matter of legitimate public interest just as the courts have held the opening of a new play to be.

The court was sympathetic to Zacchini's claim, but said the proper standard that a court must apply, in judging restrictions on news, is whether the matters reported are of public interest

Miscellaneous

Ringling personnel held their annual party at Chicago's "Dianah's Opaah" on Nov. 2nd. A special show spoofing acts and people of the circus was featured.

Members of Chicago's John L. Davenport CFA Tent attended a performance of the Ringling show in their city. The group will hold its annual Christmas Party and Dinner at the home of Angie and Dick Carpenter (312-692-3195).

The press, if it is to be able to freely report matters of public interest must be accorded broad latitude in its choice of how much it presents of each subject and of the emphasis to give such presentation, the justices said.

A news media might be liable for appropriating a performer's right of publicity only if its intent was not to report, but to appropriate the performance for some other private use or if the actual intent was to injure the performer, the state justices declared.

Justice Anthony L. Celebrezze dissented. He contended that there were many issues that should be resolved at trial and he favored sending the case back to the trial court. He said "it is now largely beyond dispute that an individual, such as Zacchini," prominent in the entertainment or competitive athletic businesses, has a valuable property right in his or her name, photograph or performance and that right may be sold.

If the justices decide to review the issue, they probably would do so during a session of the court in the coming winter or spring.

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PEOPLE

LES THINIS (trampoline) and MISS TINI (trapeze) worked the Onstage Cabaret Theatre at Freeport, L. I., on Nov. 12-13 and Nov. 19-20

THE RIANOS DUO (Ron Perry and Paulette Braun) appeared on a Canadian National TV special on Thanksgiving Day.

BILL WILLIAMS (Cotton Candy the Clown) will be working as Santa for several Christmas show engagements.

ROUTES

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Miscellaneous

The Dec. 1976 issue of "Police Gazette" is featuring American Sports with stories about "The Strongest Woman Who Ever Lived" (Minerva); "King of the Musclemen" (Louis Cyr); "The First Midget Wrestlers" (Speck brothers); "Champion Cannon Ball Catcher" (John Holtum; "Boxer vs Kangaroo" and other stories.

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Graduates joining the Niarome Clown Troupe include:

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A Fact

A Fresno (Cal.) reviewer's statement that Circus Vargas carried only a trumpet player and a drummer, who were backed by taped music was quickly disputed when the show played that city earlier this month.

In a show of strength the entire 12 piece band marched down to the newspaper office, where under the direction of bandleader Jim Gibson they proceeded to serenade the editor.

Kelly Show

Acts featured on the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus at West Liberty, W. Va., on Nov 12th were:

Erik Adams, dogs; Emmett Kelly, Jr., Ken Clayton, hand balancing; Denny & Lee, illusions; Emmett Kelly, Jr. and Nancy; Christopher James, low wire; Doubleday & Co., aerial gorilla parody; Eric Adams, balancing; The Plunketts, trampoline; The Claytons, whips and ropes; the Adams Chimps and the Los Camancheros, double trapeze.

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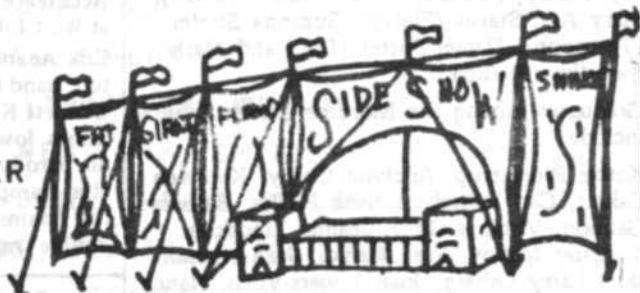


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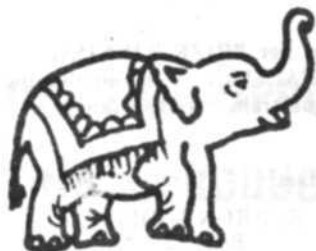
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Miscellaneous

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A group of Arkansas Women Libbers are planning to take their own animal circus on tour as a means of communicating with people everywhere.

The TNT & Royal Olympic Circus ended its '76 season with a five day date at Madison, Wisc. on Oct. 31st.

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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FRANCIS BRUNN is in Germany, recuperating from his recent leg operation. He'll be back in action by January....KIRBY's CHIMPS are rumored to be going with Gatti-Charles next season, but may make a South of the Border trek first...."DOLLY" the Famous Hunt elephant, appeared on the MIKE DOUGLAS show Nov. 10....Great American mgr BILL HILL has been operating phone rooms in Penna., with his son ALLAN....Onstage Cabaret director VINCE GAETA is back from Yugoslavia, reports he had a great experience.

Continuing the SAGA OF BILLY RODGERS, our very own Circus Soap Opera....The usual breakdowns plagued Billy's trip South, the Gib'town Post Office was robbed and Billy lost countless checks from customers, plus orders; a neighbor's dogs broke into a bird pen and killed 15 of his best fan-tailed pigeons and enroute to Houston's Astro Hall he stopped to make a deposit in the local bank's automated banking machine which promptly swallowed his BankAmericard. He was supposed to use the "special code", didn't have it memorized, and once he inserted the card it was too late!

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New Rules

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has proposed new health certification by foreign nations for commercial export of exotic birds to the U. S.

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The new action is a means of reducing the possibility of importing birds that have been exposed to communicable diseases before shipment, or if exposed, would provide time for latent infection to become evident.

Seven out of 68 lots of birds offered for entry into the U. S. during April, May and June of 1976 were refused because of diseases discovered during the mandatory 30

Halloween Treat

A traditional Halloween night was enjoyed by everyone on Circus Vargas, which included a Treasure Hunt, Spook House and a "Trick or Treat" trek among the 40 some house trailers on the show.

Following a party and Treasure Hunt for Toby Bickmore, his mother, Jan, turned their house trailer into a "Spook House". In addition to darkened walkways, the house included a live witch (Pegi Craig) and ghost (Larry Joyner). Needless to say there were plenty of screams from both the youngsters and adults who visited the Spook House.

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Miscellaneous

Winter caught up with Carson & Barnes when 2 inches of snow fell on the show lot at Antlers, Okla., on Nov. 14th, their closing date.

A letter from show officials in Florida states the Beatty show will go out as usual in 1977, any reports to the contrary are merely rumors.

Carden-Johnson Circus closed its season with a four day engagement at Columbus, Ga., with business up and the date has been re-signed for the 1977 season.

An organization interested in animals and constantly fights against their inhumane treatment is called "The Funds for Animals." This group has many top people working with it, including Mary Tyler Moore and the Cleveland Armory.

For information and details about the organization's purposes write: The Fund For Animals, Inc., 140 West 57th St., New York, N.Y.

The Texas Shrine program was so overloaded with talent that the following acts didn't work: Tino Wallenda's high wire; The Canestrelli leaps; Herman & Petunia; Zoppe's unsupported ladders and the Wazzan's tumbling.

Prince Najvez

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Some of the numerous visitors seen on the Texas dates were: Mac and Peggy MacDonald, the Hall Family, Howard Suesz, Paul and Barbara McCausland, Gaynor Johnson, Jessie and Francisco Reynosa, Mary Lou and Eddie Murrilo, Sr., Red Hartman, Joanne and Denny Pinson, Johnny and Betty Zoppe, the Glen Henrys, the Gary Henrys, Ed Weideman, Gee Gee Engesser, and her mother, Pablo and Chata Martinez, Lalo and Alfredo Sanchez, Gene Randow, Hubert and Mary Castle, Paul Prada, George Hubler, Virgil McGuffin, Gunnar Amandis, L. N. Fleckles, the Atayades, Bill and Trudy Strong, Emil and Hannah Pollenberg and Claire Del Bosq.

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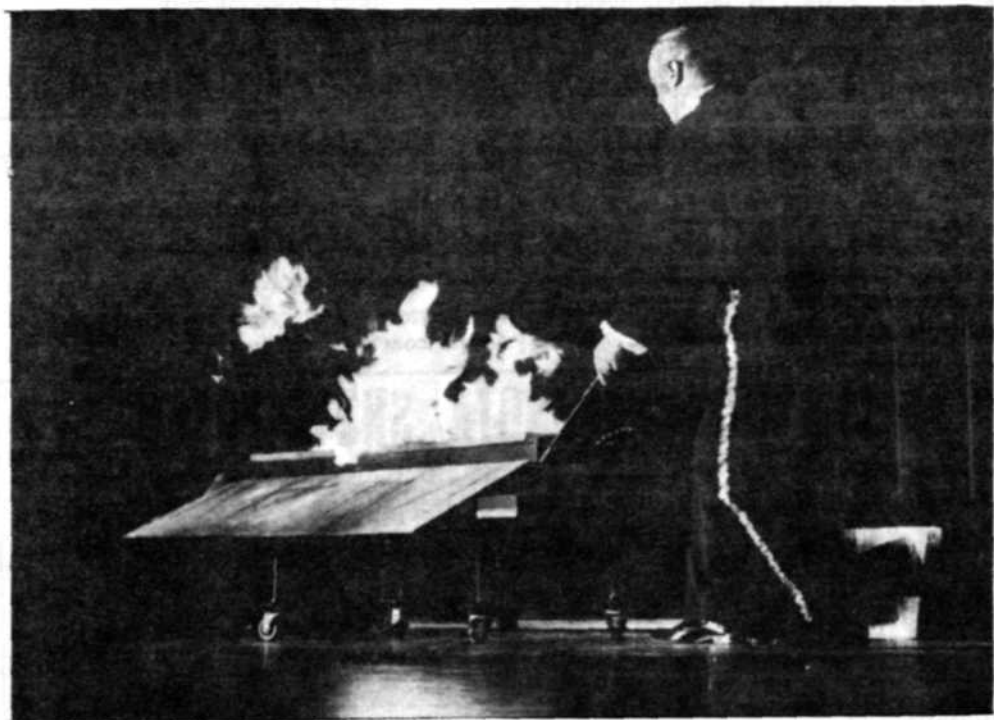
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A Mt. Orab, Ohio, horse trainer has been fined \$500 as a civil penalty to settle charges that he violated the Horse Protection Act, according to the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Paul Whitehead had been charged with violations at two horse shows with his Tennessee Walking Horse named "Ebony's Moonshot." The violations were said to have occurred on Aug. 27, 1973, at the Celebration in Shelbyville, Tenn., and on Oct. 11, 1974 at a Celebration at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Whitehead settled the charges under an administrative procedure that permits him to neither deny nor admit guilt. A federal judge imposed the fine of \$250 on each count of violation.

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Please contact the International All-Star Circus, Circus Plaza Building, 1770 Wood Street (Highway 41 at Osprey Avenue), Sarasota, Florida 33577. The Phone is: (813) 366-1434.

In Memoriam

MRS BRYAN (Billie) WOODS (77) died at a nursing home in Independence, Mo., on Nov. 10th. She and her late husband spent most of their lives in show business, traveling with the Wortham Shows, Al G. Barnes and Kay Bros. circuses. For several years they had their own show "Bryan Bros. Circus" on the road. They retired in 1953 and then operated a Kiddieland Park in Orange, Texas. Two sisters survive.

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