



## Rise Stevens Big Carmen Hit

By Henry Butler

LAFAYETTE, May 22.—The Metropolitan Opera's new "Carmen," which occupied the Purdue Hall of Music last night, is dominated by one personality.

That is Rise Stevens.

For better or worse, Miss Stevens departs from tradition. She does Carmen with something of the spirit of the "Carmen Jones" adaptation of Bizet's opera.

She takes romance and rose-in-teeth cuteness out of the lamentable heroine's performance and makes her all too evidently a delinquent girl.

After two acts of her stomping about the stage and literally screaming when the score permits, you begin to wonder what, besides Miss Stevens' evident physical endowments, Carmen has that induces Don Jose to wreck his life for her.

### Hard-Bolled

As high-tempered, shrewish Carmen, Miss Stevens has the advantage of a formidable mezzo voice not over-burdened with subtlety. . . . her "Habanera" and "Seguidilla" possibly with some influence from Conductor Fritz Reiner, who keeps tempos fairly lively, are hard-bolled rather than romantic.

The familiar proceedings of the opera take place in settings somewhat shifted around from traditional arrangement. Costumes, also by Rolf Gerard, are somber, using probably historically accurate colors instead of the usual parade of many-colored operatic Spanish outfits.

### Bad' Voice

As of that time, the second act had been a much greater artistic Owing to present temporary difficulties of transmission, we were obliged to leave at the end of Act II in order to get this report on its way.

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## 'Police State' Law Wiped Out

'Won't Replace It,'  
City Officials Say

Indianapolis today wiped off its law book any ordinance branded a "police state measure" and city officials said there would be no effort to replace it.

Judge Lloyd D. Claycombe yesterday ruled invalid the ordinance which required citizens to "give an account of themselves to police officers.

The Marion Circuit Court judge upheld the motion of attorney Thurl Rhodes that the ordinance which grew out of the 1951 codification of city laws was "unconstitutional."

City Corporation Counsel Palmer K. Ward today said there is no plan to write a new law to replace this ordinance. He said he believed adequate laws on which to base arrests of suspicious persons are already on the books.

### Woman Released

The ruling unlocked the door of Indiana Women's Prison today for 19-year-old Marilyn Hopper, whose conviction on that charge was used to "test" the ordinance.

The teen-ager was arrested in her hotel room on that charge after a wife named her as the "other woman" in a domestic triangle.

After her conviction on the charge, a group of citizens interested in testing the validity of what they called a "police state measure" retained Attorney Thurl Rhodes to make a test-case of that conviction.

An order for her release was signed by Judge Claycombe after he gave his decision that the city ordinance violated provisions of the Indiana and U. S. Constitutions.

### Charges Dismissed

The ruling figuratively unlocked jail doors for five other persons, all currently under arrest and awaiting hearing on the same charge.

Judge Philip Bayt of Municipal Court 3 today said he would have officers inform these five people, all free on bond or on their own recognizance, that charges against them have been dismissed.

### 'Prompt' Account

"I didn't think much of the law anyway," said Judge Bayt.

The ordinance required any person stopped by a police officer to give a "prompt, straightforward and accurate account of their whereabouts. If in the officer's judgment such account was not truthful, it empowered police to search the individual, inquire of a criminal record and required the citizen to submit to search and to answer such questions.

In opposing the law, Mr. Rhodes successfully contended its provisions abridged rights of persons against search without a search warrant and the rights of individuals not to testify against themselves.

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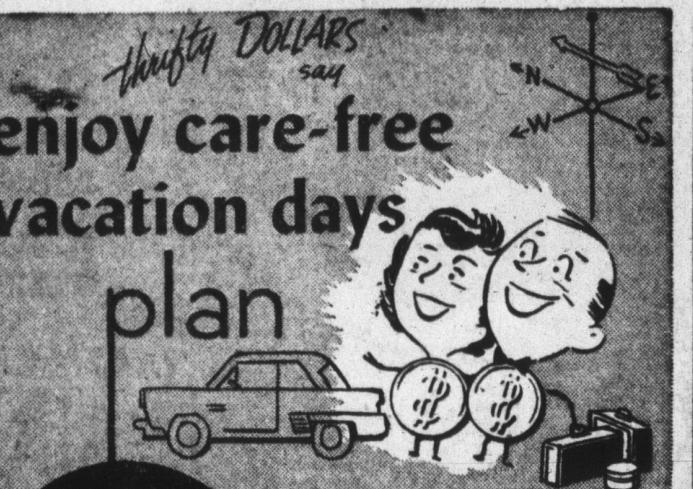
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