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## Iggy's Happy—'My Wife Is in America'

By MIKE SKINNER  
Staff Writer

"I never gave up hoping. Disappointments were many but I never lost faith—and now my dream has come true. My wife is in America."

Those were the words of Iggy (Ignaz) Pinter, 43, of 720 E. Huffner, Birmingham, when he was reunited with his wife, Mrs. Ilona Pinter, Monday night at Metropolitan Airport after five-and-one-half years of waiting.

Their 18-year-old son, Cuki (pronounced Suki), was there, too, and he greeted his mother with a warm hug, a kiss and a bouquet of her favorite flowers, red roses.

IT WAS A reunion that the Pinters won't forget for it was the first time since 1949—when they last saw each other—the family was safely together and out of sight from the ominous watch of the Red rulers in Communist-controlled Hungary.

Iggy and his then 13-year-old son Cuki fled from Hungary during the revolution in 1949 when the Russians confiscated property and quelled independent thought.

Ownership of a large lumber company was snatched from Iggy and he was sent into a factory as a bookkeeper. But that wasn't what prompted the decision to flee; rather, it was the desire to give Cuki the opportunity to grow up in a free society.

There was no chance for this in the Hungary of 1956.

THEREFORE, Iggy and his wife decided that somehow they

must get their son out of the country. Escape was not easy but a bottle of Yodka finally won them a train ride to the Austrian border and freedom.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Pinter was sick at the time of the escape and had to remain behind in Budapest.

Since then Iggy had, through the efforts of the Oakland County Chapter of the Red Cross, been trying to reunite his family by bringing his wife to America.

Amidst the cool summer air and the final muffled sounds of the jet's engines Monday night that reunion became reality.

EVEN THOUGH he was greeted with emotion and held tightly onto his wife's hand, Iggy found words to thank this country, his country—for making his family complete once again.

"Throughout my experience I believe that the people of the U.S.A. are the most helpful and considerate," he said. "I reveal many thanks to the U.S. that she has given me," and then looking at his wife he said—"and my family—an opportunity to find new foundations for our lives."

Expecting Mrs. Pinter to arrive at 8:33 p.m., Iggy learned at the airport that her flight had been delayed one hour from New York's Idlewild Airport.

"I AM NOT nervous," he said; but as the arrival time of the plane neared he constantly watched the runway for the aircraft to appear.

Earlier, Cuki, while slipping a cup of coffee, cast repeated glances at a clock on the wall. "This hour goes so slow," he said.

But the 9:30 p.m. hour was reached and with it came Mrs. Pinter and the start of a new family life— together—in America.



With a warm smile and a bouquet of roses in his hand, Iggy Pinter greets his wife upon her arrival to the U.S. from Budapest, Hungary.

GETTING MRS. Pinter to this country was no easy task. The Michigan coordinator for the John Birch Society, Edward A. Kelly of Roseville, is expected to file a civil suit sometime this week against a George Romney lawyer. Twice refused an assault and battery warrant, Kelly's attorney, Larry S. Davidson, said he would seek to bring civil damages against Richard C. Van Dusen, 32205 Hickman, Birmingham, "late this week."

The assault accusation was made after an incident in the Statler Hilton Hotel on the eve of the Republican state convention.

WAYNE COUNTY Prosecutor Samuel H. Olsen personally refused the warrant Monday after an interview with Kelly and Davidson. Assistant Prosecutor William A. Flanigan had first refused to issue a warrant on Saturday.

Olsen said he denied the warrant on the basis of "insufficient evidence." He said the case was closed as far as his office was concerned, but the incident was the outgrowth of an argument about a Birch sign placed in the hotel corridor near Romney headquarters.

In regular convention business the Republicans nominated the ticket, backed by Romney and hailed his charge that the Democratic administration is a "special-interest, do-nothing" group.

Meanwhile in Grand Rapids, the Democrats approved the team of Gov. Swainson to do battle with the Romney forces in November.

THREE OF THE GOP convention's four choices for the State Administrative Board were nominated without opposition after they received the Romney stamp of approval.

REPUBLICANS OFFICE: Romney, Reid, Stockmeyer, Danhof, Allen, Seidman, O'Hara, McGregor. OFFICE: Governor Swainson, Lesinski, Hare, Kelley, Brown, Farnum, Adams, Smith, Otis.

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## Private School To Open

Plans for the opening of a private school were announced today by Walter Baker, director of the new Echo Park Primary School.

Kindergarten classes will begin Sept. 10 at the new school at 4275 Echo Road, near Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Township.

Baker said plans for the primary school include expansion through grade three, but do not exclude the possibility of eventual expansion through grade six.

In its 1962-63 school year, Echo Park will limit the program to an advanced kindergarten, incorporating one grade more work. Children over four-and-a-half years of age will be entered in the two-year program, which will have readiness for grade two as its formal educational objective.

AMONG organizers of the new primary school is Merrill Bates of 920 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, who formerly was President of the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education.

Also active in organization of the new school are Dr. Charles E. Barker of 4605 Charing Cross, Bloomfield Township, and Dr. Andrew T. Yang of Pontiac.

"The new primary school at Echo Park," Baker said, "will follow its existing nursery school program."

Baker said the nursery school program is designed to fill the educational gap in the vital pre-school years of two-and-a-half through four-and-a-half.

Only four per cent of eligible preschool children actually attend nursery schools, he said.

A MAJOR emphasis of the new school, Baker said, is on the child's emotional development.

Second important emphasis will be physical development. No formal calisthenics are scheduled, but unusual play and agility equipment is provided in fenced areas.

Part of the school's woodlands and trails will be utilized by the school in its aim to encourage a love of physical activity. Children can hike and come to early fall, or ice skate and toboggan in winter.

Other emphasis at the school will include social and intellectual development.

THE SCHOOL will provide transportation from a wide area.

Named as director of the new two-year kindergarten and grade one program is Barbara (Mrs. Alfred H.) Pfister of 1504 Echo Road. The mother of four, Mrs. Pfister is a graduate of Albion College.

THE ROYAL Oak Naval recruiting office announced Wednesday morning that a large paper banner that read "Welcome Back, Patti!" will be displayed in Birmingham Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The 44-foot missile, which will be brought here for the Michigan State Fairgrounds, will be stationed at Maple and Henrietta.

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## Gov. Swainson in County Friday; Romney Coming To Ox Roast on Sept. 8

With their conventions out of the way and their full slates of candidates chosen, Republicans and Democrats are moving ahead with campaign plans.

Oakland County Democrats start action this week with an appearance Friday in the Pontiac area by Gov. John B. Swainson.

County Republicans announced that their candidate for governor, George Romney of Bloomfield Hills, will be main speaker at the

third annual county GOP picnic and ox roast Saturday, Sept. 8.

Both candidates for congressman-at-large from Michigan—Republican Alvin Bentley and Democrat Neil Staebler—will be in Birmingham on local, Sept. 17, to address the local League of Women Voters.

GOV. SWAINSON will spend the entire day in the Pontiac area Friday. He will start at 6 a.m. at

2 p.m.—Press Conference, Waldron Hotel, Pontiac.

4:45 p.m.—Garden party at the Lou Golden residence, 2025 N. Lake Angelus Rd.

6:30 p.m.—Appearance at shopping center, corner Williams Lake Road and Telegraph Road.

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GENERAL CHAIRMAN Ernest R. Crawford announced Romney's acceptance to address the Sept. 8 ox-roast at the John F. Ivory Farm on Cooley Lake Road near Union Lake Village.

Crawford was named chairman of the event by GOP County Chairman Charles L. Lytle.

Crawford has secured acceptances from Paul D. Bagwell to serve as master of ceremonies and from Cong. William S. Broomfield to give an address.

All other county and state Republican candidates are expected to attend the ox roast and to give short speeches.

Open to all Republicans, Independents and "interested Democrats," the event is free of charge and will begin about noon.

BENTLEY AND STAEBLER each will be given one-half hour to speak (1:30 to 2:30 p.m.) at the Sept. 17 LWV meeting at the Community House.

The program will be opened to the public, and a question-and-answer period will follow the talks by the candidates. They are expected to give their views on American foreign policy.

Romney-Swainson Debate Dates Set

The dates are now confirmed for the television debates between Michigan's candidates for governor, Republican George Romney of Bloomfield Hills and Democrat incumbent John B. Swainson.

They will appear on telecasts originating from Channels 2, 4 and 7 on Oct. 9, 17 and 20. Telecast lives from 7 to 7:30 p.m., the debates will be made available to all other TV stations in the state.

## Union Strikes 2 More Clubs In B'ham Area

Two more Birmingham area clubs were struck in the past week by members of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union.

Strikes at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club at E. Long Lake Road and near Woodward in Bloomfield Hills and the Birmingham Golf and Country Club near 14 Mile and Southfield roads brought to 16 the number of clubs struck by the union to date.

Forest Lake Country Club had not been struck by the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union as was reported in last week's Eccentric.

Union members voted Tuesday on a contract offer from 30 metropolitan area private clubs. It included wage increases, a pension plan and improved security provisions.

A no vote was expected, but union and state labor mediator officials could not be reached Wednesday morning for the results.

MRS. MYRA Wolfgang, president of the HRW Local 705, proposed Saturday that five club members with experience in labor relations hear both sides and then set the terms of a new contract—if the company offer was rejected in Tuesday's vote.

But Frank E. Kenney, secretary of the club members' labor committee, said: "We would never agree to arbitration."

Arbitration, he said, would "simply prolong the strikes." He called the offer "a device to confuse the issues."

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## Students Producing Own Musical Show

By NITA HARD  
Special Writer

"The French Follies of 1962" is coming to Groves High School next week.

The fast moving, eye and colorful, original 20-scene musical will be held in the Little Theater Sept. 2 and 7 at 8 p.m.

Written and produced by Groves student Tom Saponeo, directed and supervised by "Doc" Melvin Whittle, former director of the Young Peoples Studio Theater, "The French Follies of 1962" is a unique talent showcase.

About 25 local teens from Groves, Seaholm, Marian High and other area schools have spent the long summer afternoons rehearsing, building sets, sewing costumes and painting scenery to make this production "the season's best off-Broadway hit."

MUSICAL DIRECTOR Carol Johnson did all of the arrangements and will provide most of the actual music for the production. She has also written an original love ballad, "To Fall in Love," as one of the production's highlights.

Hard-working chorus lines and soloists have executed intricate dance routines by choreographer Bonnie Britton.

Janelle Severy, lyrical lovely, plays the lead role of Genevieve opposite Bruce Coriander as Hill.

OTHER FEATURED young artists are Don Givon in an anglo with Bonnie Britton, the Flower Girl duet with Paula Saponeo and Pat Kelly and Rev. Binada in the Spanish Rose number.

Tina Cross, who will be leaving for the West Coast this fall, is a scholarship winner at the Los Angeles School of Art, can take credit for transforming metal crates and other improvisations into a breath of scenic art.

"DOC WHITTLE explains his role to the 'helpers' of the show and learning of some of the problems the ardent young group were having, he became interested and then fascinated. "When I realized what they were trying to

do and how hard they were working, I figured they could use a little adult assistance to smooth out the rough spots."

So, three weeks ago, Whittle entered the picture, after young Saponeo had made arrangements with Miss Jean Sharrad, assistant principal at Groves, to use the school; making arrangements with Grinnell and Marty's Record Shop to handle the tickets (also available at the door) and had his show well on its way.

Proceeds will go to the Groves AFS fund.

## Earl Williams In Circulation Post at Paper

Publisher Paul N. Averill today announced the appointment of Earl R. Williams as circulation manager of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Williams, 35, previously was employed in the circulation departments of the Detroit Times, Detroit Free Press and Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

He resides at 5436 Brainerd Knoll, Bloomfield Township.

Williams succeeds Jack Bivens, 35, who has been circulation manager of The Eccentric for three years. He will enter into business in California.

A GRADUATE of Western High School in Detroit, Williams attended Meininger School of Art for two years. He was born in Detroit and lived in Farmington prior to living in Hawaii.

For 14 years he was employed in the circulation department of the Detroit Times, Detroit Free Press, starting there as a carrier. When the Times closed, he moved to the Free Press and was employed in its circulation department for six months.

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HOLDING A "Welcome Back" sign presented to her by fellow Seaholm High School students upon her return from Europe is Patti Wyatt (center). Glad to have Patti back home are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wyatt. Patti suffered a skull fracture when she fell while hiking in Switzerland's Matterhorn mountains.