

Dear Sylvia, Rec'd 3/31/70

I'm hoping that the mails are going through. We've gotten no mail from the US for ten days now.

I'm delighted that you called Ole and are now in contact with him. For you'll be much more useful to him than I can be from over here. I don't think he has much of a chance with ETV, but you never can tell. A few weeks ago Geis got a call from a London TV "host" with the unlikely name of "Simon Dee" inviting me to be on his program. The idea of a glitzy program in England, of course, sounded to Geis. But the result of all this was that the whole thing got scrubbed up and I remain here in Copenhagen. It really is such a dead zone now -- even in Europe -- that I can't believe ETV will take the idea up.

Speaking of ballet: Is the Danish Royal Ballet any good? We saw one of their ballerinas, Ane Laerkesen, on TV and she seemed awfully stiff and cold. We went to a performance of "Nutcracker" put on by the Ballet Academy, and got much the same impression. Peter Schouffers, a very young dancer, was good, but the ballerinas seemed very cold and Nordic. Made us wonder if the Scandinavians generally have this reputation. After your description of the new Jerome Robbins piece I read a review of it in the Herald Tribune and it struck me that your description was much more informative than the reviewer. Ever think of ballet reviewing as a sideline?

We're off to Norway for a week of skiing tomorrow. I'm tired after just having finished Chapter 11 of the opera, the parts are restless, and Norway is best. So this seemed like the best

solution to the tug-end of Operation Scandinavia.

Did you see that Cyril was elected the youngest president ever of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. My parents sent me a clipping together with other stuff concerning his battle with the newly elected Sheriff who's idea of law enforcement is going after college kids for possession of grass while the rest of his department takes payoffs from the big-time pushers of heroin. Very interesting. Out of space. Take it easy.
Best love,

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