

THEATER

Tokyo Art Festival

83. The Ministry of Education sponsored an Annual Arts Festival which began 4 October and will extend through 15 November. The Festival began with Delibes' comic ballet "Coppelia" at the Tokyo Imperial Theater and will include kabuki drama, Western interpretive dancing, ancient Japanese pantomime dancing, a cycle of Beethoven concerts, violin sonatas and a concert commemorating Mendelssohn's centenary.

October Stage Production

84. Kabuki drama dominated the Tokyo legitimate stage in October, classic dramas playing before capacity houses nightly at three of Tokyo's five leading theaters. Productions were each of one act, different from the usual full-length dramas, and emphasis was laid on artistic merit rather than on story, a recent trend in classical presentations.

The summer season for lighter plays was closed with a Japanese period drama, "Mitsuhide Akechi," the story of a famous Japanese warrior, played in modern manner at the Shinjuku Daiichi Theater.

MUSIC

85. Approximately 800 music students met at Seishi Primary School, Tokyo, 4 October to discuss music appreciation and music in the United States. A similar meeting was held at the Second Girls! Higher School, Tokyo, on 5 October.

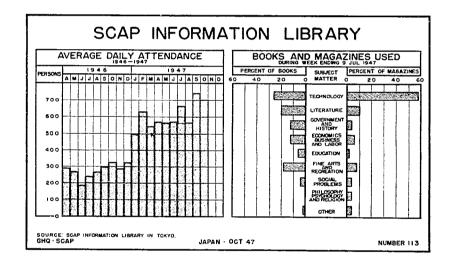
The first concert of the newly organized Kamakura Symphony Orchestra was presented 5 October in Kamakura before an audience of 1,000 persons. Other outstanding musical performances included a Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra concert 7 October, two concerts by the Toko Symphony Orchestra 17 and 28 October and a series of concerts sponsored by the Tokyo newspaper, Mainichi. Eight recitals for violin and piano were presented during the month.

LIBRARY

86. Attendance in October at the Tokyo SCAP Information Library of publications in English showed a large increase over that of October 1946.

ATTENDANCE AT SCAP INFORMATION LIBRARIES 1-25 October

Library	Attendance	Daily Average	Daily Average September
Kyoto	3,774	310	-
Nagoya	4,160	219	203
Tokyo	17,526	<u>701</u>	742
Total	25,460	1,130	
Tokyo (one year ago)	10,102	386	÷





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