Platoff Don Cossack world-famed chorus, dancers to present first concers tonight

The world-famous General Platoff Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers appear in person tonight on stage of the Civic Centre auditorium at 8 o'clock, in a two-night Prince Rupert engagement.

Season after season these dashing Cossacks have sung their musical journeys across the land, winning new fans, pleasing the old ones with their stirring music, brilliant soloists and sensational dancers.

Performing here under the auspices of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce, sometime this season the Cossacks will sing their 2800th American concert in their 19th anniversary tour.

Winter or summer, it's an all-round season for the popular aritsts. After closing their regular transcontinental tour, the organization embarked again this season on a tour of summer concerts, singing to record-breaking audiences.

The New York Times reported of their Lewisohn Stadium concert, "14,000 at Stadium—greatly delighted the enthusiastic audience. Mystic, religious effects and boisterous humor were successfully projected."

Of their Watergate concert, the Washington Times-Herald writes: "It was the summer's largest audience, with 10,000 seated and a fringe of 2,000 standees."

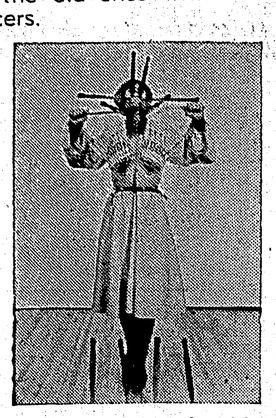
Considered one of the most exciting interludes in the program is Gabriel Soloduhin, the intrepid Cossack, with his hair-raising dagger dance.

Soloduhin has been featured in dozens of Hollywood movies and the Ringling Brothers Circus, performing the Cossack trick of riding strapped to a horse's belly.

In the current program Soloduhin is featured in the Lezginka, a barbaric Caucasion dance which brings on the sad lilt of a peasant song and concludes in a wild dance of jubilation, with the entire chorus providing the vocal background.

This fabulous show will be repeated tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Civic Centre auditorium.

. . . Dancing trio display spectacular artistry.



. . . Soloduhin in hair-raising dagger dance.

Kinsmen award

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. Colin Jackson of West Vancouver was presented with the Kinsmen Club's national De Cew Trophy Sunday, the ninth British Columbian to receive it in 19 years. The award for efficiency, is made annually to one of the 12 Kinsmen districts in Canada.

Vancouver man wins whist prize

Mrs. Harold Grindstrand and Ted Rorvik took first whist prizes Friday night at the Sons of Norway weekly whist drive when 10 tables were in play. Also winning prizes in the women's section were Mrs. William Bussey, second and Mrs. John Carpenter, poll.

Mr. Rorvik also won the pool prize in the men's section while Tormod Rakdal, of Vancouver and district organization won second. On the committee were Mrs. Bjarn Lerne, Mrs. Nels Waseng, Mr. and Mrs. John Pedersen, Emil Sletten and Hans Husvik.

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PERSONALS

Leaving tomorrow morning by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane for Vancouver is Edward Cloutier, assistant manager of the Capitol Theatre. He is en route to Honolulu via Seattle for a three-week vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Colley and their sons David and Stephen are leaving by plane tomorrow for Vancouver to make their home in the south. Mr. Colley was assistant accountant at Miller Bay Indian Hospital for the past three months.

PERSONALS

● See Plymouth for '60 at Rupert Motors Ltd. on Saturday. (201)

● Women's Auxiliary to PRGH meets in the Civic Centre, Thursday, October 15, at 8:00 p.m. (199)

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