

of Soviet Socialist Republics. These are seven-year schools located throughout the Soviet Union in metropolitan areas and in rural areas. The schools are also established on some collective farms.

There are 160 professional schools in music and forty-three in art which accept students who have graduated from the seven-year music schools and the seven-year general schools. The professional schools of music offer a four-year course, and, in many of them, are included the general education courses. In any event, completion of a four-year general education course is a requirement for completion of the four-year course in a technical school in music.

Nineteen eleven-year schools of music prepare for the Conservatories. In these schools there is not only a systematic curriculum in music but also education in the other disciplines.

The Conservatory course is set up for a five-year period and in addition there is a post-graduate course of three years. Therefore, for the truly serious and gifted musician, there is involved a total of nineteen years of arduous preparation if he is accepted year after year through the final examinations of the post-graduate work at the Conservatory. Additional information will be given later in this report concerning some of the principal Conservatories visited in the Soviet Union.

The questions might very well be raised as to where teachers are trained; where performers are trained. Some general answers can be given to these questions. Teachers at the Conservatories are trained in the Conservatories. Teachers for the primary music schools and the general schools receive their training at the four-year technical music schools—although in one primary music school a teacher of violin is a graduate of the Conservatory and is a member of the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra. The matter of qualifying to teach at the various levels of music schools is very important. The teachers in the technical music schools (four-year) have frequently come from the technical music schools, the Institutes, or have also studied at the Conservatories.