

One interesting experience at the Pioneer Palace in Leningrad must be recorded. During the rehearsal of a student orchestra, a member of the orchestra came to the members of the delegation and asked in good English if boys and girls in the United States like to play in amateur orchestras, also asked what music they played, and finally said, "Do they maybe play the music of some of our composers too?"

Moscow State University

FOUNDED in 1755, and established on its new site with 32 floors and 25,000 students in 1953, Moscow State University is one of the most important educational centers in the Soviet Union. Some faculties are still maintained on the former campus. Moscow State University does not have faculties in arts education, nor does it prepare students for careers in medicine or dentistry, the latter two being provided by special Institutes, as is true of the fine arts. There is a course in art included in the Department of History at the University. At the University there are faculties in mathematics, engineering, chemistry, economics, history, law, philosophy, languages.

Part of the campus life are dramatic theater, ballet, choruses, symphony orchestras, jazz orchestras. This is made possible through courses offered on an extra-curricular basis at the University, or through instruction received by students in the special schools for arts.

The Conservatories and Special Music Schools

UP TO THIS POINT this report has not gone into details about what might be called the serious music education program in the Soviet Union—that is, the education of the professional musician, the musicologists, the composers, as well as the teachers for the special preparatory music schools. What is said about the "serious" music education program, however, should in no way imply that the arts—particularly music—in the amateur move-