

In Kiev there are eight primary music schools, and in the Ukraine Republic the number of primary music schools totals 267. The Ukraine has four Conservatories, five eleven-year music schools, and twenty-four four-year technical music schools. The faculty in the Glière four-year Technical Music School numbers 130, nine of whom teach general subjects. All of the graduates are qualified to teach. Methods of teaching and other pedagogical subjects are included in the training, and associated with the school is a practice-teaching school.

Some interesting emphasis is placed on the training on folk instruments in the Glière four-year Technical Music School, the Lysenko eleven-year Music School, as well as in the Conservatory in Kiev. The instruments on which instruction is given for solo work as well as for large ensembles of folk instruments are: (1) bandura, (2) gusli, (3) dombra, (4) sopilka. Students major in these instruments, for which serious or classical music has been arranged and for which composers are also creating music.

The Lysenko eleven-year Music School in Kiev is the principal preparatory school for the Conservatory in Kiev, which has an enrollment of 460 and a staff of 127. A good orchestra had already been organized for concert work at the beginning of the school year. At this school a dombra orchestra performed for the delegates a work by Vivaldi with piano accompaniment.

Since the close of the last war the Conservatory at Kiev has been completely rebuilt as has much of the city. Kiev Conservatory is a well organized institution with a broad program of instruction in standard instruments, in voice, as well as in folk instruments. Compositions by Mendelssohn, Liszt, Tchaikovsky were heard, both solos and large ensembles, played on bandura, balalaika, gusli. Also heard was a composition by the Conservatory Director, P. Shtogovenko, played by a fine orchestra.

Status of Fine Arts in the Soviet Union

INSTRUCTION IN THE FINE ARTS in the Soviet Union parallels that of music except that, as has already been