

JOE PYNE SHOW
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JOE PYNE State your name sir.

Martin Selkopf (?)

JP Yes

MS And I think he is right (referring to previous speaker) about us being rude in a way at the Hollywood Bowl. It sounds like, at a high school football game when you stand for your own alma mater but you sit down when the other alma mater is played. I think it is very childish and I think the audience was kind of rotten to applaud, yell, and scream when we sat down because the Russian anthem was played. These are performers, these are not Communists coming over trying to indoctrinate us.

JP Well, I appreciate what you have to say, but don't you believe this was the whiplash reaction to what Russia had just done, in pulling the athletes out of the track event?

MS The Bolshoi Ballet was at the Hollywood Bowl before the track meet happened.

JP Did it happen prior to this announcement?

MS Yes

JP You're certain of this?

MS Yes

JP I assumed that was the reason for it.

MS No, It wasn't, it's, it's just a very rude thing to do and everybody, everybody in America, they all say that everybody in Russia is Communist like if you say anything Russian or if you hum anything by Tchaikovsky you are automatically a Russian.

GUEST Watch that Stravinsky...it's dangerous stuff.

MS Yes, I think its just rotten, that's all, because I think it is unfair to the performers as a cultural exchange because no other country receives American performers more warmly than Russia does.