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## 'Aida' Opens Series of 8 Operas At Water Gate Tomorrow Night

Ninety singers, dancers and orchestra players will bring opera back to the Water Gate tomorrow night with a performance of Verdi's "Aida," the first of eight operas to be given by the New Lyric Opera Association of New York.

Florence Kirk, Metropolitan Opera soprano, will sing the title role.

This will be the second opera opener for the Water Gate this summer, but its producers are hoping it will be more auspicious than the first. Three rain-plagued productions of another company earlier this season ended with an anti-climactic lawsuit in Municipal Court.

There is no connection between the two companies. Lyric, which boasts a number of Metropolitan Opera artists for its leading parts, was investigated and found soundly organized before it was given use of the Water Gate, according to National Capital Parks officials.

Metropolitan singers will participate in all but one of the performances, according to the company's announcements. Included, besides Miss Kirk, are Tenors Thomas Hayward, Frederick Jagel and Bruno Landi and Baritone Robert Weede and Francesco Valentino. Pietro Cimara, a "Met" conductor, will share the podium with Nicholas Rescigno, experienced in outdoor operas as leader of the Cincinnati Summer Opera.

Not one, but two barges will be used for the productions. Scheduled to be towed into place today

## Truman Names 3 to Manage Displaced Persons' Entry

The Senate today had President Truman's nominations for a three-man commission to supervise the entry of 202,000 European displaced persons into this country under a law passed last June.

Mr. Truman sent to the Senate for confirmation yesterday the appointments of:

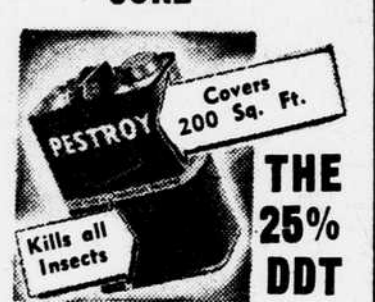
Ugo Carusi, former commissioner of immigration, who has been working with the State Department on the displaced persons problem for the last 11 months.

Edward M. O'Connor, an executive of the war relief services in the National Catholic Welfare Conference, who has been engaged in social welfare work for the last 15 years.

Harry N. Rosenfield, an assistant to Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, now in Geneva, Switzerland, as a member of the American delegation to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The President has urged the special session of Congress to liberalize the law providing for entry of 202,000 displaced persons in the next two years to remove what he said are discriminations against Jews and Catholics, and to permit entry of 400,000.

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The operas to be performed after tomorrow are Verdi's "La Traviata," Thursday; Bizet's "Carmen," Friday; Rossini's "Barber of Seville," Sunday; Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," Wednesday, August 11; Verdi's "Rigoletto," Thursday, August 12; "La Traviata," (repeat) Friday, August 13, and Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" on a double bill Sunday, August 15. All start at 8:15 p.m.

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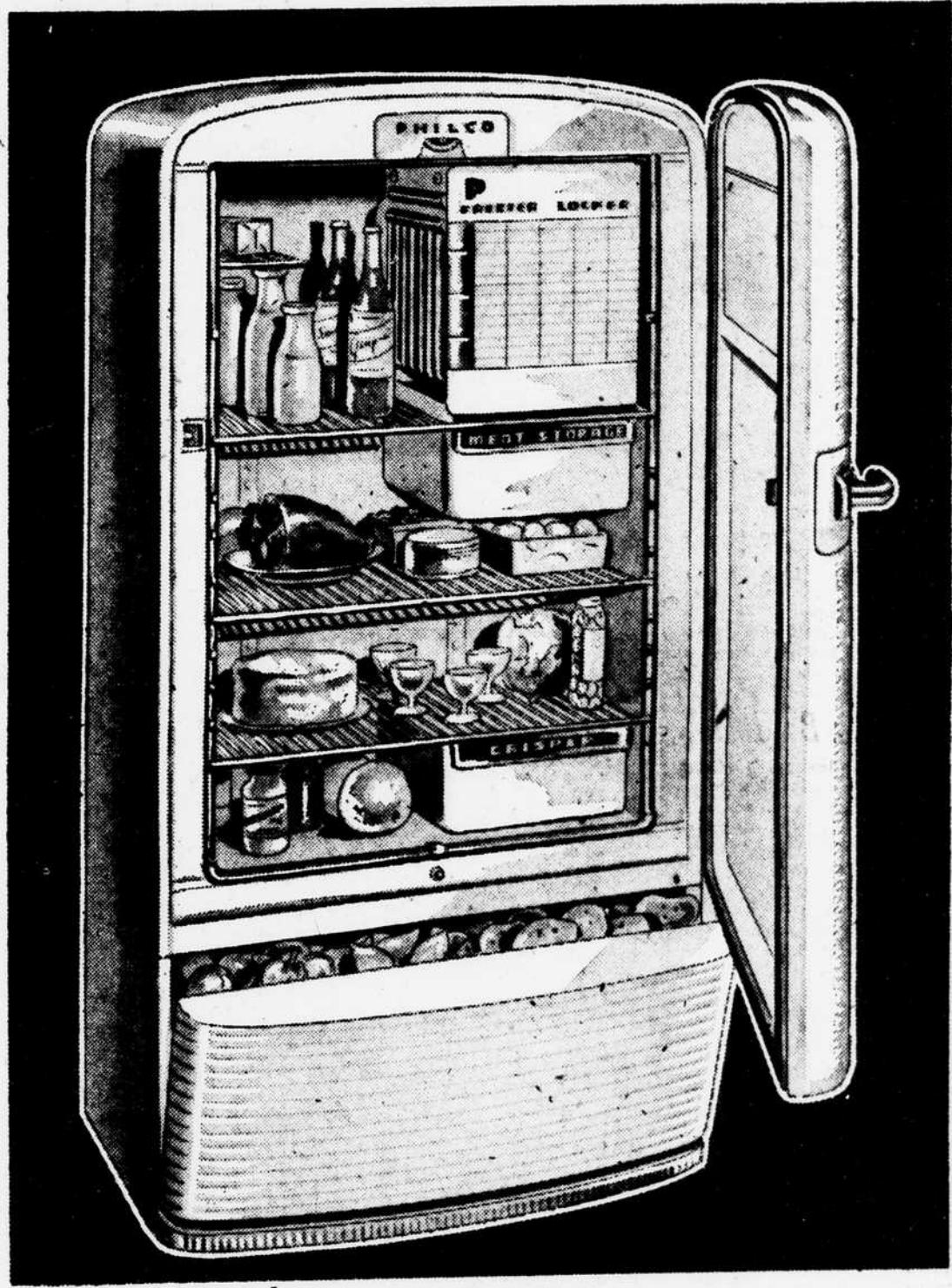
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