



HAPPIER ERA. Nandor Rozsa, Hungarian opera singer who recently arrived in the Valley, is shown during performance of Donizetti's "Don Pasquales" at Budapest Opera House prior to Hungarian revolution. In photo at left his son Peter accompanies him. His dream is to find singing work here.

Times photo

Hungarian Refugee Hopes to Sing Here

NORTH HOLLYWOOD — 1945 only to face the prospect of life under the Communist regime and the eventual uprising.

Nandor Rozsa, whose 20-year career as an opera singer in Budapest was ended by the Hungarian revolution hopes to sing again in his newly adopted home—the San Fernando Valley.

The talented tenor and his family, who crossed the Hungarian border into Austria last Dec. 3, are being hosted here by Mrs. Rozsa's sister, Mrs. Grace Schwartz of 12645½ Burbank Blvd. The two sisters had not seen each other for 27 years.

Seeks Audition

"All Mr. Rozsa wants now is an audition so that someone can hear him sing," Mrs. Schwartz explained for her Hungarian brother-in-law.

The Rozsas have two sons, Peter, 16, who accompanies his father on the piano, and George, 11. The family walked for four days from Gyoer, Hungary, into the freedom of Austria where they personally met Vice-President Richard Nixon during his visit to the refugee camps.

Tragic Experience

The family's past experience contains all the tragedy and pathos of the operas which Rozsa performed for 13 years in the Budapest Opera House and for seven years at the State Theater of Budapest.

In 1944 the family was separated by the fortunes of war with Mrs. Rozsa spending a perilous year in a German concentration camp and her husband confined to a Polish concentration camp. Peter, their only son at that time, was placed in a Red Cross hospital.

Family United

Rozsa finally escaped from the Polish camp and walked 750 miles to his home in Budapest where he began a search for his family. They were united again in late