

celebrations in Washington!

And speaking of our June conference, you'll note from Dan's update which follows that we have some new and exciting speakers and panel participants to add to those already scheduled: Eric Wimbles, Secretary of the British Jussi Björling Appreciation Society, will be speaking on "Jussi Live in London." Cornell MacNeil- the great Metropolitan baritone who clearly needs no introduction!- will be joining us for one of our roundtable discussions. And Mary Jane Phillips-Matz, who has been writing for Opera News since 1950, will be considering JB as she remembers him in many performances throughout the 1950's at the Metropolitan. (Ms. Phillips-Matz's well-known biography of Verdi will soon be followed by one of Puccini. Her latest book- a biography of Leonard Warren- will be published by Amadeus Press in early 2000.)

Also in this issue of the Journal, we conclude Gail Campain's marvelous translation of "JB's Saga", introduce David Rossell and provide his remarks and full unedited response to Tully Potter's strange attack on JB in a 1997 controversy, continue with Gail's *En Minnesbok* translation, and offer you a detailed and most insightful analysis by Journal feature editor William C. Clayton on Jussi's singing of one aria ("E lucevan le stelle") over a 26 year period.

Regards,

Mickey Dove

Important JBS-USA Conference Information!

Jenny Lind Concert: If you plan to attend the Jenny Lind Concert and have ordered your tickets on your conference registration form, please be aware that instead of issuing actual tickets, the Corcoran Gallery of Art will have your name on a master list indicating that you have prepaid. On the evening of the concert, a Corcoran Gallery employee will check your name against the list, and you will be admitted. **You will NOT receive actual tickets in the mail nor will they be available for you at the Plaza.**

The Jenny Lind Concert on Thursday, June 3rd, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Conference Schedule: Please be certain to stop by the registration booth between 8:30-10:00 AM on Friday morning, June 4th, to pick up your conference materials and detailed schedule. Conference sessions will begin promptly at 10:00 AM on Friday and at 9:00 AM on Saturday. While there will be breaks for coffee and meals, you should be aware that both Friday and Saturday will be full days, with various events (Embassy reception and banquet) continuing well into the evening.