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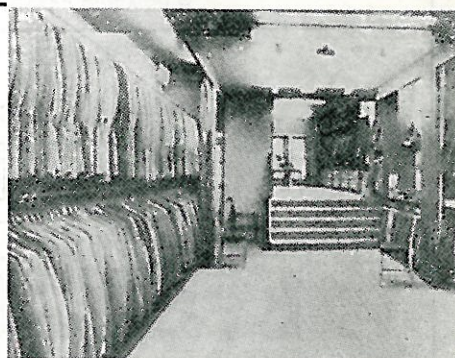
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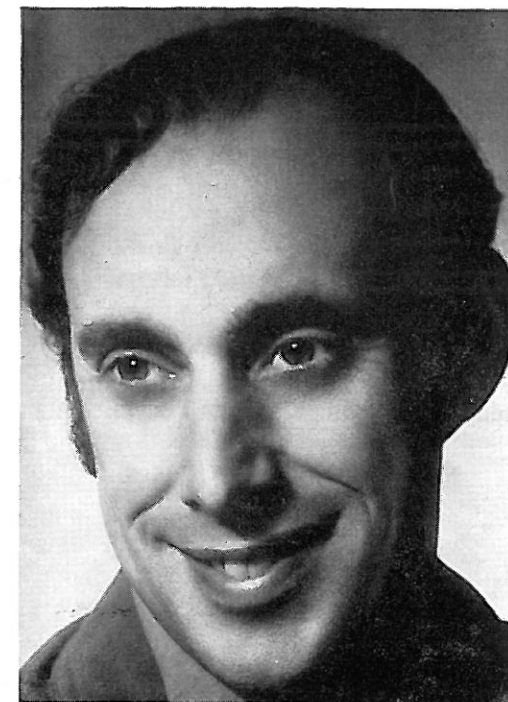


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"Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" ..... Eliza and Costermongers
- 2 **A Tenement Section, Tottenham Court Road—Immediately following**  
"With a Little Bit Of Luck" ..... Doolittle, Jamie and Harry
- 3 **Higgins' Study—The following morning**  
"I'm an Ordinary Man" ..... Higgins
- 4 **A Tenement Section, Tottenham Court Road—Three days later**  
"With a Little Bit Of Luck" ..... Doolittle and Friends
- 5 **Higgins' Study—Later that day**  
"Just You Wait" ..... Eliza  
"The Rain in Spain" ..... Eliza, Higgins and Pickering  
"I Could Have Danced All Night" ..... Eliza, Mrs. Pearce and Maids
- 6 **Near the Race Meeting, Ascot—A July afternoon**
- 7 **Inside a Club Tent, Ascot—Immediately following**  
"Ascot Gavotte" ..... Spectators at the Race
- 8 **Outside Higgins' House, Wimpole Street—Later that afternoon**  
"On the Street Where You Live" ..... Freddie
- 9 **Higgins' Study—Six weeks later**
- 10 **The Promenade of the Embassy—Later that night**
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- 1 **Higgins' Study—3 o'clock the following morning**  
"You Did It" ..... Higgins, Pickering, Mrs. Pearce and Servants  
"Just You Wait" (reprise) ..... Eliza
- 2 **Outside Higgins' House, Wimpole Street—Immediately following**  
"On the Street Where You Live" ..... Freddy  
"Show Me" ..... Eliza and Freddy
- 3 **Flower Market of Covent Garden—5 o'clock that morning**  
"Wouldn't It Be Lovely" (reprise) ..... Eliza and Costermongers  
"Get Me to the Church on Time" ..... Doolittle, Harry, Jamies and Costermongers
- 4 **Upstairs Hall of Higgins' House—11 o'clock that morning**  
"A Hymn to Him" ..... Higgins
- 5 **The Conservatory of Mrs. Higgins' House—Later that day**  
"Without You" ..... Higgins and Eliza
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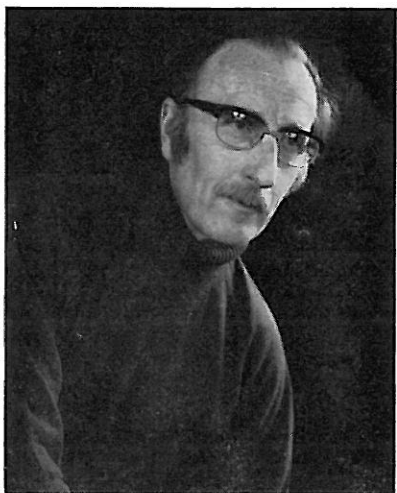
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Alfred Doolittle	<b>DENNIS GAMBLE</b>
Mrs. Higgins	<b>PHYL DEEBLE</b>
Freddie	<b>COLIN THORNE</b>
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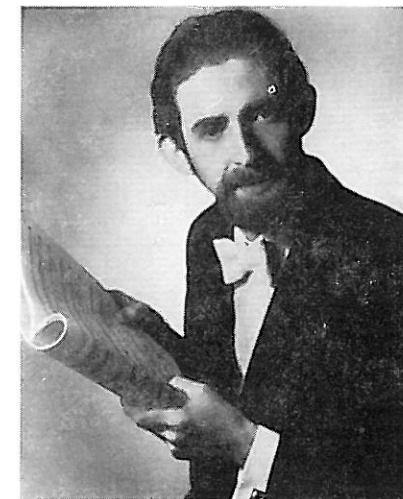
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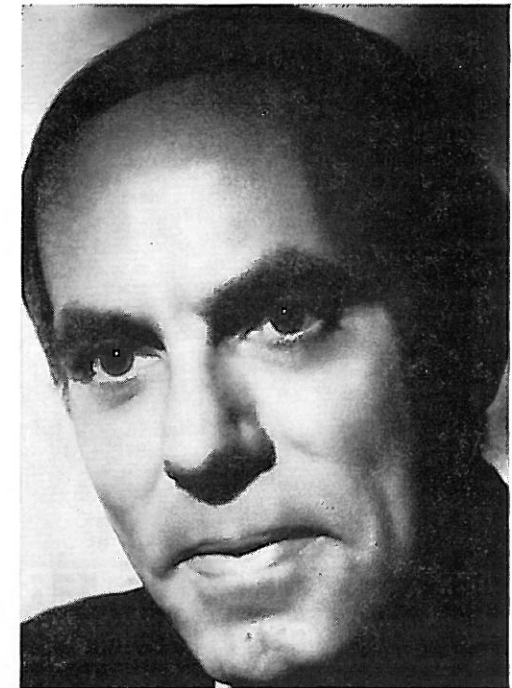
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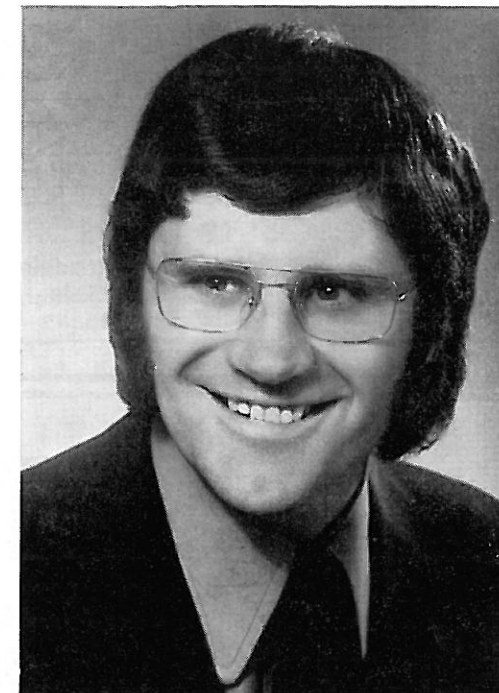
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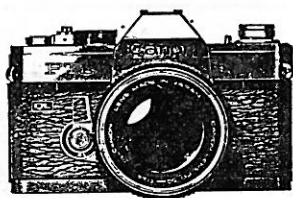
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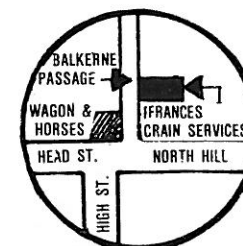
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