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with so many historical movies, it is on the whole more interesting to look at than to listen to.

## **ELEPHANT WALK**

(Paramount)

ELEPHANT WALK is the palatial home of a millionaire tea-planter (Peter Finch) in the highlands of Cey-

## "Boris Godonnov"



MOUSSORGSKY'S celebrated opera Boris Godounov brings to the stage one of the most curious episodes in the history of Russia. The opera is based on Pushkin's play and tells of assassination. intrigue, and the usurpation of power among the Russian rulers of the 16th and 17th Centuries. There are four versions of the opera, and it is the fourth, revised and rescored by Rimsky-Korsakov in 1906-8, which is usually performed nowadays. A new LP recording of the opera will be broadcast from all YC stations at 7.0 p.m. on Sunday, October 24 (Parts I and II), and at 7.0 p.m. on Monday, October 25 (Parts III and IV). The recording is by the French National Radio Orchestra with the Russian Choir of Paris, conducted by Issay Dobrowen.

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lon. It is so-called because Pete's pop-an autocrat, now deceased—built it slap across an immemorial elephant track, on purpose to annoy the beasts. Elephants. of course, have a most persistent ancestral memory and every so often they try to barge through from the back-kitchen to the front parlour en route for somewhere else, and have to be chased off by an army of native beaters. This quaint custom, and such other quaint customs as bicycle polo played in the front hall by the local sahibs, prove too much for the nerves of a young wife fresh from the London suburbs. She is about to elope with the estate superintendent when a cholera epidemic shows her where duty lies. As if that wasn't enough, the stampeding elephants finally do amble through from the back-kitchen to the front parlour, and effectively wreck the joint. Husband and wife are hurled into one another's arms and the curtain falls on a happy shambles. So much for the price of tea. Right now, I'd settle cheerfully for a cup of cocoa and



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