# US Friendliness Impresses Singer From Hong Kong

By Carolyn Dunham

Petite, Chinese-born Barbara diana. Fei Coe has a constant smile She is purposely going by car She says "We are a free port, on her face as she talks. You part of the way to see the coun- and particularly the materials wonder how this is possible with try. She took a three-day motor we can buy are beautiful, such the busy schedule she faces on trip from California to Seattle. as the laces, French silks, maher present three-month tour of "This seemed like a long time to terials from Switzerland and the United States.

Barbara has met with a good response everywhere she has risonburg, Va., and winds up been and says everyone she her tour the end of June with meets is "so warm and friend- a concert at the OMS conven-

She will present a concert at the Salina high school auditorium at 8:30 Wednesday night. There is no admission charge. She is singing under the auspices Jimmie, and two young sons, of the Men for Missions, Inter- Jimmie 5, and Harvey, 3. national, and co-sponsored by "Almost everyone lives in In the shopping centers, Chithe Salina Treble Clef club.

She is accompanied on singing tour by her accompanist, for everyone to build a house. the same as their American Ivan Baker, Arcadia, Calif; and Hong Kong is overcrowded and counter-part. They wear western Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harrington. has a limited space for housing. clothes much of the time, but on Mr. Harrington is the business Society in Hong Kong.

"So Early; So Cold"

cert was at the Rose Bowl which do everything, even the cooking. she said was "so big-so early Sometimes I would like to cook, -so cold!" The concert was the but nobody could stand it!" Easter sunrise service and started at 6, for which she had to about America" Barbara smiles. a "Siamese good-luck piece." arise at 4 am so her "voice Ham is among her favorite She graduated from high wouldn't be sleepy." The day American foods, she said as she school in Hong Kong and studied was chilly, too.

25 concerts, plus many television food at home, although in Hong voice lessons, she was quite a and radio appearances. She has Kong every type is available, good pianist. She sings in Gerbeen in the United States twice including American, Italian and man, Italian, Spanish, English, before, in 1960 and 1962 strictly Spanish. as a tourist, but this time she | She enjoys shopping in the nese. She can speak seven difwill be in some states she has big American department stores ferent Chinese dialects and her

be in a car. I am not used to other places. The prices are it, but I certainly enjoyed it." very cheap in comparison."

She goes from Kansas to Hartion in Indianapolis.

#### Apartment Dwellers

She lives in an apartment in Hong Kong with her husband,

apartments in Hong Kong" she nese women can be seen in her says. There is not enough room shorts and slacks, very much

The children are left in the manager of the Oriental Mission care of a nurse, so she has no worries about them while she is traveling. "We are all spoiled" Barbara's opening U.S. con- she said. "We have servants to

never seen before, such as Ore- when she can find the time, just English is excellent.

Igon, Virginia, Kansas and In- as she is sure we would like to shop in Hong Kong.

#### Packs 14 Dresses

Her luggage is packed with 14 dresses for the tour. These are all of Oriental style, and all of a short length. They are of silk, satin, or lace. Since it is warm in Hong Kong most of the year. the women there do not wear floor-length dresses. They prefer the freedom of the shorter things.

tour Barbara always wears strictly Chinese dresses.

Tuesday she had on a typical tight-fitting sheath of hot-pink silk, with a deeper shade rose floral design over it. The high mandarin collar, the hemline and the slits up the side were bound in satin. Around her neck "Mostly I like everything was a locket which she said is

munched on a ham sandwich for voice in Europe for about five During her trip, she will sing lunch. She eats mostly Chinese years altogether. Before taking French and, of course, in Chi-



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Mrs. Barbara Fei Coe of Hong Kong will sing at Calvary Temple, 200 S. University Blvd., at 7 p.m. Sunday. Acclaimed as Asia's outstanding lyric soprano, Mrs. Goe is touring America on behalf of displaced persons in Hong Kong.

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