

Rachmaninoff Is a—Russian

But Not Back to Russia, His
Native Land; He'll Never
Return, He Says

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Serge Rachmaninoff, Russian giant of the keyboard and one of the saddest looking men in the world, has two pet peeves. One is interviews before breakfast, the other, press photographers.

"I am a Russian. I have never changed my papers. But I believe anyone who thinks Russia today is a paradise should go there to live," he said. "Personally, I do not expect to see my country again."

Sightseeing interests this musician not at all. In interims between his Friday night and Sunday afternoon concerts at War Memorial Opera House he is correcting proofs on his new symphony.

In Switzerland during the summers he has time to compose. He has daughters living in Paris. But he is a sad, sad man—with a smile that could cheer him and others, if he would let it.