NATO PROFESSOR TELLS ROTARIANS

Norway's teachers thwarted Nazis with underground resistance plan

A silent, mass protest by teachers and members of hundreds of other unions during the Nazi occupation of Norway during the Second World War, helped solidify the country after the end of hostilities, the Rotary club was told yesterday.

Speaking at the club's weekly luncheon meeting at the Broadway Cafe was Dr. T. C. Wyller, head of the Institute of Political Science at Oslo, Norway.

An exchange professor under sponsorship of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Dr. Wyller is making a tour of British Columbia from his headquarters at the University of British Columbia. He will be at UBC for four months.

Author of a book entitled "The Political Science Aspect of the Resistance Movement in Norway during the Second World War," Professor Wyller spoke briefly on that subject to Rotarians yesterday.

He made it clear that the resistance movement with which he was connected was not the armed resistance group, but rather a silent resistance front to frustrate Premier Quisling and the Nazis.

He admitted that the silent resistance movement probably didn't affect the course of the war but "it did mean a lot to those who took part and to those in other occupied countries."

RETURNED TO OFFICE

After the Germans occupied Norway in April, 1940 a former member of parliament Vidkun Quisling and head of the Norwegian National Socialist party, established himself as premier of Norway. After five days the pro-Nazi Quisling was ousted by the Norwegians but returned to office as premier by the Germans in September of that same year.

Dr. Wylled said that Quisling and the Nazis then combined to reorganize the entire political system of Norway under Fascist program similar to the corporate state established in Italy by Mussolini in 1920.

"Quisling modelled his government on that of Mussolini," Professor Wyller said.

He said the Germans and their pro-Nazi premier tried to bring about two changes (1) compulsory membership in one state union of all teachers and professors from elementary school to university and (2) establishment of a new political system with one party.

"If teachers did not belong to the state union they did not work," the NATO professor said, adding that the same ban faced members of labor unions, associations and organizations, all of which were supposed to come under state control.

PLAN FAILED

The plan failed, Dr. Wyller said. Teachers disaffiliated themselves from their own unions and went "underground." Heads of unions gave up their posts and secret leaders piloted underground resistance groups of teachers, trade unions and other organizations in the light to keep the people of Norway informed, united and opposed to Nazism.

Through this method the country was kept highly organized and well-informed at a time when newspapers and the radio were Nazi-controlled and freedom of speech was dead.

The fight took its toll. More than 40,000 Norwegians were arrested, several hundred were executed and more than 1,000 died in concentration camps.

Nevertheless Norwegians emerged from the war stronger and more closer knit because its unions, associations and organizations play such a tremendous role in the political and social life of Norway, Dr. Wyller said.

"We may not have affected the course of the war but we showed others in occupied countries and the rest of the world that teachers and other organization members preferred prison camps to bowing under to a corporate Fascist state union."

Dr. Wyller was introduced by William C. Hankinson and thanked by E. T. Applewhaite.

Since his arrival here Wednesday afternoon Dr. Wyller has met with school board and school officials, toured the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., mill at Watson Island, met with Indian Affairs officials, Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association representatives and City Council. He was scheduled to leave today after speaking to students at Prince Rupert Senior High school.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Summers of Port Edward are sailing aboard the "Canadian Prince" Saturday night for Vancouver where they will take up permanent residence.

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Neighbors gather to fete Mrs. Donald Wanamaker

The home of Mrs. Gordon E. Carlson was the scene of a farewell party Tuesday night when friends gathered to fete their neighbor Mrs. Donald Wanamaker of 865 Eleventh Avenue East.

Co-hostess for the social function was Mrs. Howard LaForge.

On behalf of the guests Mrs. LaForge presented the guest-of-honor with a group gift, a table lamp and wished Mrs. Wanamaker best wishes in her future home.

Sunday, Mrs. Wanamaker with her husband and four children, leave by car to take up residence in Kitimat where Mr. Wanamaker has gone into business in "The North Star Vending" firm.

Entertainment included games and caricature drawings made by the guests of their impressions of "Mrs. Wanamaker Packing."

Refreshments featured a "Bon Voyage" cake.

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C. Verhaar elected garden club president

Cornelius Verhaar, elected president of the Prince Rupert Garden club at its last meeting, will head a busy year, following discussion by the club to plan functions in honor of the city's 50th birthday.

Others taking office at the session held in the Civic Centre were William Baxter, vice-president and Mrs. Cartwright Secord, secretary-treasurer.

Receiving a vote of thanks for his work as president last term was Harry S. Harrison.

A "Flower Show" to be held during Prince Rupert's Jubilee Week in September was just one of the many undertakings planned by the gardeners.

The show is being planned on a much bigger scale than in 1959 with C. P. Balagno re-named chairman and Mrs. Secord, assisting chairman.

Of the many projects already in operation, it was announced that 450 tulip bulbs have been planted in the Post Office grounds and 1,000 at the Pioneer Home, and that these should be in bloom in May.

It was also announced that plans have been made to develop the strip of boulevard beside the Civic Centre on McBride Street.

The members decided to assist the Parks' Commission in an advisory capacity in its development of a Service Park.

A program to encourage school-children and service club members in assisting the garden club in preventing vandalism will also be undertaken.

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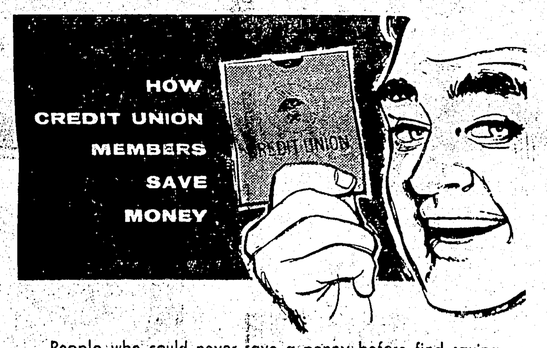

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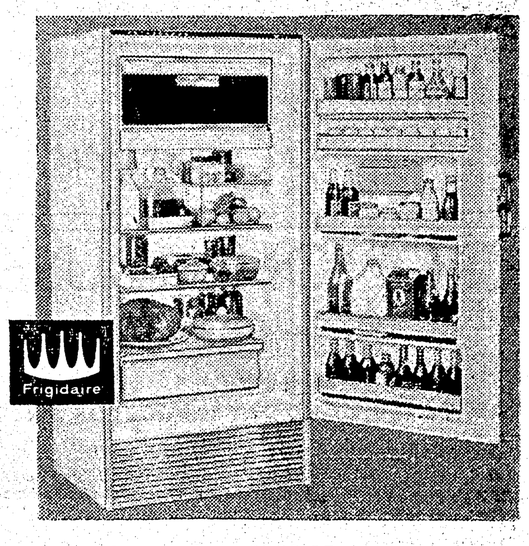

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