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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

YUGOSLAV RADIO

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA.—By sheer good luck I met, on a Belgrade street, young Len Davicho, who used to work for the CBC international service in Montreal. Len went to Montreal to attend McGill, but came back here when he was graduated in 1948.

It was interesting to meet this young chap for many reasons. But above all, he was able to fill in for me many of the missing links in my knowledge about the Yugoslav radio.

There are no 20 radio stations in Yugoslavia—and, like most other enterprises, they are state-owned. In the earlier years of the "Peoples' Republic," the control was highly centralized. But in the past few months there has been a big change. In keeping with the government's new policy of decentralizing administration, the management has been turned over to the directors of each individual station.

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL of competition between the different stations. Here in Belgrade, for instance, they have two stations whose top men really sit up at night figuring ways and means of getting ahead of the other fellow. Young Davicho works for both stations, and told me this amusing story to illustrate the point:

Recently the UN secretary-general, Trygve Lie, visited Belgrade. One manager of one Belgrade station got the idea that it would be a smart move to put on a western-style "actuality" broadcast when Mr. Lie got off the plane. So he asked young Davicho to go the actual interview, and also asked for his "word of honor" not to tell the other station.

A little later, the other station got exactly the same idea, and made the same request—which Davicho had to refuse with some lame excuse or other. Luckily for him, perhaps, Mr. Lie wired ahead that he did not want to be interviewed at the airport.

Recently another change has been made—also in the direction of liberalizing the radio stations. Stations are now allowed to retain their own commentators, who go on the air free from all check or censorship by any other authority than the station management. Nobody in the government tries to interfere.

There have also been interesting changes in the programs. They used to put over about 10 newscasts each day—with each newscast of 15 minutes' duration. They cut down the number and also cut down the time of each. Now no newscast is for more than five minutes and some are for less.

THE MUSIC THEY USE HERE is rather more classical than we use, as a general run, in Canada. Perhaps I should say that the music they choose here is more like you hear on the CBC and less like that on the commercial stations.

But here, too, there is a difference. The big station in Belgrade (or, to give its proper name, Beograd) is more high flown than the smaller one. The little fellow puts over more of the light kind of music you would hear in the U.S. or on our own smaller stations.

NOT KNOWING THE LANGUAGE, I have no way of sizing up the talks programs they give here—nor their newscasts. But I think it is safe to say that in the radio, as in the press and even amongst the general public, there has been a definite relaxation of the rigid regimentation of the earlier days of this regime.

Only a few months back, the Tito government released no less than 10,000 prisoners. Of course, the pessimist would say that it was a terrible thing that there ever were 10,000 prisoners. But I count myself definitely among the optimists and look at the brighter side.

We hear criticism of the government here—quite open, and apparently without any great fear of consequences. But, though it may be brash for such a brief visitor to say so, it does not strike me as criticism which comes from a fear-ridden, much less tyrant-terrorized, people.

Recent articles, such as in Newsweek, for instance, are just plain silly—not to say internationally mischievous. One fellow wrote of the "appalling conditions" of the hotel in which I am writing this—the Majestic. Actually, it is about as good a hotel as I have struck most anywhere on my travels in Asia or

Services in the Church

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 7:15 except as shown.

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(Green 812)

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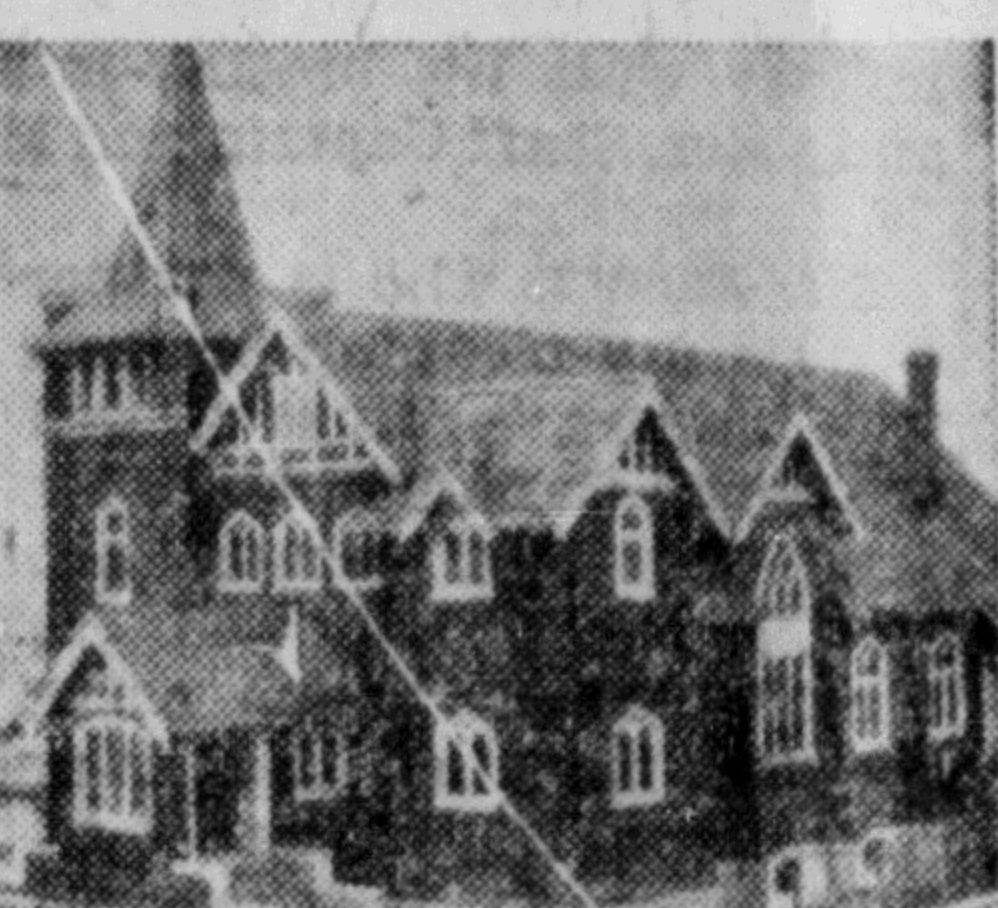
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Pastor: E. Soland
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Sunday, May 13, 1951
Morning Worship—11 o'clock
Sunday School—12:15
Evening Service—7:30 o'clock
"Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy."

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Public Library—The only place with books you can't keep when you borrow them.

MUST HAVE CROPS
Prince Rupert's first market was early enough—perhaps too much that way—but it somehow lacked staying powers. Situated at Fifth and Fraser Streets business at first seemed fair enough. Then David Glennie was manager for a while and James Kirkosky had a hand at it and there was nothing wrong with location. Yet it has to be realized that for a town to have a genuine market, there must be a ranching region to draw on. And that, twenty-five years ago, was not what Prince Rupert could lay claim to. There was not even a road. Mountain scenery and unbroken forest not drum up the stuff that spreads a table.

ALARM CLOCKS
Things are different in many ways from a few years ago. Anyways in Prince Rupert, around six a.m., cars were seldom seen or heard. Footsteps were few. The change has not come as a cruel shock but gradually and on a broadening scale. Only yesterday brooded the dawning hush. But today? If this keeps going on we'll all be saluting the milkman. Harken to the approach of cars, the hum of more trucks and buses, smart walking, and crowded counters from where come requests to hurry with the bacon and eggs. One has to catch a seat.

There is said to be a chance of the CNR Highway bus running during the day instead of at night as at present. Suggestions to that effect are finding encouragement. True enough that from twilight to 3:30 a.m. is the poorest time there is to go sight seeing along the scenic Skeena.

Bargain Basements — A

Europe. Of course, it is not American or Canadian cooking—but why expect that outside America, or why leave America, if you insist on American cooking?

Saturday Sermon

By Rev. E. Soland, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
But with many of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. I Cor. 10:5.

Tragedy

There are many dark moments in the history of man. Few are more momentous than the one presented to us by the words of our text. It reveals to us what might have been a story of real accomplishment as one of real tragedy. As we read the full account, we can find two basic causes for this terrible disaster in the life of a nation.

The first cause was the fact that the people were always willing to compromise on a principle if it seemed to be the most convenient thing to do at the moment. The other was the desire to the will of man instead of the will of God. Either of these two causes will inevitably lead anyone to disaster.

God is holy and His law is holy. It is the basis of our morality. It cannot stand any compromise with its principles.

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536 Sixth Avenue West
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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Family Service and Baptisms
The Sunday School attends this Service.

Junior Anthem—"Above the Clear Blue Sky."

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship with Sermon and a Message in Sacred Song.

Soloist—Mr. Rowland Miles.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ALL SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—No Sunday School at First Church. Conrad United Hall at 1 p.m. and Parents invited.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

WHITSUNDAY MAY 13TH

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Confirmation and Sermon—The Rt. Rev. Bishop J. B. Gibson, D. D.

2:00 p.m. Children's Service. Holy Baptism.

7:30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

place where you shop for relative's presents.

Twins, as a rule, are interesting people to meet. Some lived here long ago—notably John and Andy Horne—who were middle-aged and substantial by the time they started buying realty in Prince Rupert. The Horne's were not above enjoying jokes at their own expense, particularly when they were stumped in Dawson. The gold camp was full of ingenious jesters, and with two brothers in town, one a duplicate of the other, and each with a lively sense of mirth, there was plenty to work on from all angles.

BUT NOW THEY KNOW!

It looks like it won't be many more weeks before the last of the giant warehouse on the waterfront has been taken away. It was reported that it was the largest building of its class on earth, and to erect, cost a barrel of doubloons. Some folks have declared its chief defect was the size. Well, we had the pleasure, for some half dozen years of speculating on its future!

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (P)—Mrs. Phyllis McDonald, representative of Canadian Pacific Airlines has been looking New Zealand over from a woman tourist's point of view. "It's the women who are influential in arranging holidays," she says.

The moment you compromise with God's law, you immediately sin. There is no such thing as being pretty good when we stand in the presence of God's law. Either we are perfect or we are sinful. To tolerate a small sin is to violate the law of God. If you think that you can break God's law a little and get by with it, you are not the first one who has tried just that. We have the tragedy in the text above. Many people perished in the wilderness. They could not get by with it and neither can you.

It isn't always popular to say "no" when one is faced with the question of compromising principles. Often it means the loss of prestige among friends. It may mean facing the scorn and even hatred of those who should know better. Yet it is important that we learn to say "no" when faced with a moral question. Not to say "no" may lead to very serious consequences. Many a person has learned that his life is not what it might have been because he compromised with the moral principles in order to be popular.

In the Christian Church, God cannot make use of a worker who is willing to compromise with something sinful. Just as John the Baptist was uncompromising, so must every true follower of Christ be uncompromising in his stand against that which is wrong. The real human tragedy is found in the life of the person who could have been a power for good but, because of the weakness of compromise, found that he was left behind and another took his place.

Then there was the other cause which may have been connected with the first. That was the desire to do man's bidding instead of God's. Each one has some of that fear of men in his heart. So it is natural to think in terms of what men will say. Men often take upon themselves the rights of God. They give to God only second place in their thoughts. But God is never satisfied with second place. If He cannot have first place, He withdraws and leaves such a man without His help and left to his own resources. Such a man cannot succeed. He finally perishes in the wilderness.

Those who listened to the voice of God and accepted His leadership found that He led them safely through the wilderness into the promised land. Theirs was the victory because they followed a true leader. Instead of tragedy, they found success at the end of their journey. Your life will be a success if you follow God in the pathway of your life. Otherwise you will be among those who perish along life's pathway.

WITCH DOCTOR'S CACHE
LOUIS TRICHARDT, South Africa (P)—The daughter of a witch doctor was the successful claimant to a pot of sovereigns minted in the late 1800's. The woman claimed her father buried the gold outside his hut before he died in 1926. A European now farms the area where he hoard was discovered.

Poorly Timed Service

IF THE railway company is going to engage in the bus service up the Skeena River at all, it might as well make it as comfortable and pleasant as possible for the passengers. Why a schedule should be set that calls for night runs both coming and going between Prince Rupert and Smithers is difficult to understand. There seems to be everything against and nothing in favor of the night run.

Bus service, at best, is none too comfortable but, when one has to sit up all night to travel that way, it is a trip which would be undertaken only under urgent necessity.

Being able to view the beautiful natural scenery all along the Skeena and then the Bulkley River would at least ease the journey.

The argument that business men can save daytime by travelling at night does not seem to hold since business men if they travel by car do not travel by night.

The railway company is not going to win much of the highway traffic with the kind of a schedule on which the Smithers bus now operates. But maybe the railway company is not anxious about making the bus service a success.

Penalizing Home Building

THERE could hardly be a more inexplicable piece of legislation than that which is being proposed at Ottawa to increase interest rates on loans obtained by prospective home-owners under terms of the National Housing Act.

It takes the National Housing Act just that much further out of the reach of people whom it should be designed to help—and Prince Rupert knows how almost unobtainable NHA assistance already is here.

Lack of housing is already one of Canada's most critical situations. Every growing community is suffering therefrom—none more than Prince Rupert.

The rhyme or reason of the government moving to make it more difficult for people to help themselves in regard to providing homes is difficult to perceive.

The increasing of the interest rate by legislation does not indicate much good faith on the part of the government to alleviate the housing shortage—and to discourage private enterprise of prospective home builders seems just about the most incongruous piece of business we could imagine.

Bad Timing and Taste

GENERAL EISENHOWER'S efforts to rebuild a united military front in Europe are certainly not going to be made any easier by a series of articles on the last war just concluded in Life Magazine. From first to last these have almost totally ignored the fact that there were others than American soldiers and American generals fighting. "We did it single-handed; we made all the right decisions" is the tone.

When other Allied leaders have been mentioned, especially Montgomery, the references are almost always sarcastic or critical. From the heading of the series "The War America Fought" and from the text, the reader is given the unmistakable impression that the American generals were always right, the British always wrong.

If peace prevailed today and if this were just another of those "we won the war" pieces by an unknown author it would not greatly matter. But the present times are far from normal and the author, General Omar N. Bradley, is the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the United States.

It is unfortunate to say the least that such a highly-placed official at this critical time should allow his name to be attached to this one-sided attack on America's greatest ally in the last war and the greatest hope of support if we are faced with another.

This is very insidious propaganda to be poured into the minds of younger Canadians especially.

WOULD BAN DOWRIES
NEW DELHI (P)—Three separate bills were introduced in the Indian parliament recently by women members seeking either to ban the dowry system or to strain the practice to the advantage of the bride.

EDMONTON (P)—Able Seaman Gerry Sinclair, on leave after duty with the Canadian Navy in Korean waters, said Hong Kong is the shopping Orient. With quality British goods \$35 and good



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