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YugoSlavia: Balkan "X"

Reports that a provisional government has been set up in YugoSlavia, apparently in opposition to the government-in-exile headed by King Peter, will cause many to ask if serious gaps are not developing between all the people of the occupied countries and the leaders now recognized by the Allies. Doubtless gaps, are growing, though not in the same degree in all cases. As we know, some leaders-in-exile are in constant touch with the undergrounds in their own nations.

But in YugoSlavia a sharp conflict is going on. Those acquainted with the country's long history of struggle against empires without, and against the servants of empire within, have some idea how intense this conflict can be. It includes efforts to weld peoples of like race, but of very different historical and religious background, into one independent nation. They are worthy efforts, necessary to the survival of the people involved.

Against this violent and complicated background, Allied leaders must make decisions about YugoSlavia. The news of a provisional—and in a sense a revolutionary — government in that country poses a delicate question as to who is to receive military supplies. It comes at a time when the stock of the Partisans is rising as against that of the Chetniks. But it could, unless skillfully handled, lead to another situation like that in Algiers, where the conflict between Generals Giraud and de Gaulle produced such general confusion.

Nevertheless, to say, as some do, that present problems in YugoSlavia offer a sample of the complexities postwar planners must face all over Europe is stretching a metaphor. There is no doubt that Europe is complex, but there can be no part of it more complex than YugoSlavia. This nation will present Allied political strategists not with an average problem but with one of their most difficult problems.

We need not, therefore, share the apprehension of those who cite YugoSlavia as an example and almost throw up their hands at the prospect of tackling a half dozen more such problems during the invasion of Europe. The problems will be challenging enough. But they will not be YugoSlavia.

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Red Cross News

Those In Hospital

The Red Cross will make Christmas happier for approximately 2200 men and women of the navy, army, and airforce who have the misfortune to be in service hospitals in British Columbia during the festive season. Each will receive a gift bag made of the traditional green and red Christmas net. It will contain a Christmas cracker, a card of good wishes, package of cigarettes, two handkerchiefs, a chocolate bar, bag of peanuts, an apple, an orange, wash cloth, and a packet of razor blades. In bags intended for the 75 girls, a tube of lypsol will replace the razor blades These supplies were parked last week by Red Cross volunteers at the Provincial Red Cross warehouse in the Marine Building and sent to the 15 Red Cross branches nearest the service hospitals, these being Vancouver, Victoria, Prince George, Vernon, Chilliwack, Tofino, Bella Bella, Boundary Bay, Coal Harbour, Patricia Bay, Sea Island, Port Alberni, Prince Rupert and Terrace. Members of the Red Cross Hospital visiting committees will fill the gift bags and deliver them to the patients in hospital take them in person arrange Christmas trees and entertainments and do everything possible to make Christmas happier for those away from their homes.

Last year the International Red Cross committee in Geneva sent four Swiss specialists to German prison camps to arrange for artificial limbs for the severely maimed British (including Canadian) and Polish prisoners of war. Necessary casts of limbs for 430 prisoners were made—the limbs to be manufactured in Switzerland. This summer the specialists returned to fit these limbs and get casts from prisoners who had not yet been fitted.

Last week the Provincial Red Cross headquarters received a call for 100 pairs of socks, 530 helmets and 150 pairs of mittens for the Royal Canadian Navy at a Pacific coast port within two hours the supplies were packed and shipped immediately.

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Killed on active service —

Fairburn, James Duncan, WO R83408 Mr. James Fairburn (father) 2165 Douglas Ave. Windsor, Ont.

Missing on active service after Air operations —

Bell, Malcom Owen Morley, Sgt R153884 Mrs Malcolm Bell (mother) 40 Aldridge Ave. Toronto, Ont.

Blagborne, Charles Ward, FO J12854 Mrs. C. W. Blagborne (wife) West Summerland, B.C.

Byers, George James, FS R57631 Mr. W. B. Byers (father) 1913 West 5th Ave. Vancouver B. C.

Helm, Edward James, Sgt. R65921 Mr. Thomas Helm (father) 215 Soudan Ave. Toronto Ont.

Naismith, Douglas Arthur, PO J20717 Mrs. D. A. Naismith (wife) Elmvale, Ont.

Wardrope, John Robertson, FO J20142 Mr. Charles Wardrope (father) Scarlett Rd. Weston, Ont.

Previously reported missing on active service — now reported prisoner of war — Germany —

Cote, Paul Emile, PO J18190 Mrs Ernest Cote (mother) 3767 St. Hubert St. Montreal.

Previously reported missing on active service—now for official purposes presumed dead —

Hutchins, Melvin Lawernce, Sgt. R144839 Mrs. A. E. Cormack (mother) 3 Summer Rd. Cambridge, Mass. U. S. A.

Schrump, Spencer Quentin, FS R93117 Mr. C.A. Schrump (father) 146 Millecent St. Toronto, Ont.

Dangerously ill as a resula of injuries sustained in automobile accident. —

Hill, Donald William, FO J11282 Mr. W. S. Hill (father) 473 Monaghan Rd. Peterborough, Ont.

Missing on active service after flying operations —

McMorris, Joseph Kenneth, PO J23760 Mr. G. V. McMorris (father) Lewan, Sask.

Murphy, John Kenneth, LAC R194169 Mr. G. E. Murphy (Father) 5632 Hutchison St. Montreal

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More than 5,300 convoys, excluding naval convoys and single ships, were given air escort by the British Coastal Command during the first three years of war. This entailed more than 31,000 operational sorties.

OCEAN TRANSPORT

Up to the end of June, 1943, the British merchant navy had convoyed 12,000 ships carrying 77,000,000 tons of cargo from Canadian shores.

THOUSAND AT XMAS TREE

Wartime Housing Affair a Tremendous Success.

The much awaited Christmas Tree Concert sponsored by the Tenant Council of the Wartime Housing club house was held Saturday night.

Through the efforts of two groups.. The ladies Good Cheer Club and the men's Handycraft Club,—the program was most successful.

One thousand and seventeen parents and children crowded No. 1 dining hall. The program got under way at eight o'clock p.m. with the singing of "O Canada". This was followed by songs, pantomines and short skits.

Entertainers on the program included Nora Halliday, a young songstress whose voice had great appeal to the audience. There was Mary Kmysh, a dancer, and the Lopaliski sisters who danced the highland fling. Heddy Milaney gave a number of recitations, and a string duet composed of Gwen Martin, mandolin, and Beryl Hubert, guitar was greatly appreciated. Many other children ranging from the age of four years to fourteen years gave excellent account of themselves and the wholeheart-

ed co-operation of the [illegible] which numbered more th[illegible] ty was greatly appreciated by the audience and th[illegible] and women who had wo[illegible] hard to make a success [illegible] party.

Star of the program w[illegible] course Santa Claus, wh[illegible] umed his true identity [illegible] ear long disguise as [illegible] Santa did not m[illegible] of the seven hundred [illegible] eighty odd children [illegible] though, as the evening w[illegible] he seemed to get a little [illegible] mer and sagged a little [illegible] many parents explained [illegible] little ones, what with [illegible] and being stranded on a [illegible] top, he couldn't [illegible] help his drooping corpo[illegible]

Mr. Arnold, master of [illegible] monies, directed the pro[illegible] Mrs. C. Ingham was pia[illegible] companist and carried [illegible] younger singers excelle[illegible] is to be remembered that [illegible] of the little ones were no[illegible] five years old.

The bulk of the gifts [illegible] distributed to the childre[illegible] the party by club members [illegible] girls' presents were the [illegible] work of the Good Cheer [illegible] and the boys' presents we[illegible] work of the Handycraft [illegible] The program committee [illegible] bended by Mrs. Milaney, [illegible] tree, stage and lighting [illegible] prepared by E. Brames, [illegible] Holliday and Jack Wyle. [illegible] unteer helpers gave much [illegible] tance with the preparat[illegible] Paulsen's Grocer contribu[illegible] very much appreciated [illegible] ty of candy, apples and [illegible] for the children.

During the distributio[illegible] gifts Art Towle [illegible] that shortly after the [illegible] he year, he was leaving [illegible] outh. He has been coun[illegible] ounselor for seven months [illegible] expressed his thanks fo[illegible] co-operation he has rece[illegible]

John Jerome was introd[illegible] nd will carry on the [illegible] fter Mr. Towle has gone [illegible] will function temporarily [illegible] rangements have been m[illegible]

The Tenant Council exp[illegible] d thanks and appreciatio[illegible] the many who contrib[illegible] me and money to the m[illegible] of the Christmas Tree par[illegible] success.

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"See that star over there? Looks like a Christmas star all right. It's shining down on our house right now, I bet . . . on Dad and Mom and the kids and Mary.

"They'll be singing carols and it'll sound wonderful. And there'll be a big fire in the fireplace and the stuff on the tree will be sparkling like diamonds. And after a while they'll hang up the stockings. And finally they'll all go to bed and the kids'll dream of Santa Claus all night long, like I used to.

"Merry Christmas, Dad and Mom! Merry Christmas, kids! Merry Christmas, Mary! Don't worry about me. I'm all right. And, if everything goes okay, I'll be home for next Christmas."

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Let us not fail the boy who waits tonight on a wind-swept hill. Let us try to match his job with ours. Let us work harder in mine and field and factory. Let us buy more and more Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates. Let us resolve now to bring him home before another Christmas comes.

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