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NATIVE LAND REVISITED—

## Norway Today Happy, Prosperous—Scars, Ill-Feeling Being Healed

Notwithstanding the ravages of the Nazi occupation during the war, Norway is today a happy and prosperous land and a local citizen who has returned to the city after his first visit to the Norwegian homeland in 23 years says that he found conditions vastly improved there since the time he left. "There

are very few Norwegians—old or young—today who want to emigrate to Canada or the United States like they used to," said Thor Sollien in an interview with the Daily News yesterday following his return Saturday night from a four months' trip to his native Norway. "They are contented at home where there are opportunities for good living and the enjoyment of the amenities such as were not known at the time when I came to Canada." Mr. Sollien told of the good educational system, wonderful plan of sick benefits with a complete system of state health insurance, comparative plenty of commodities at reasonable prices, flourishing and profitable industries and full employment.

"Of course," he added, "I wouldn't want to stay there because I have lived too long in Canada. It was nice to see the home folk, receive their hearty welcome, and find out how they were getting on but it is nice to come back to Canada and British Columbia."

Mr. Sollien, whose wife and little daughter, Leila, had preceded him in April, sailed for Norway from New York in June on the Swedish-American liner Gripsholm and landed at Goteborg whence he proceeded by a Swedish electric railway to Narvik to continue from there by bus to his native Tromsø. He found comfortable travelling by boat and bus but not so good in the dusty and non air-conditioned Swedish trains.

From the weather standpoint, the trip was extremely well favored. It was the sunniest summer Norway has enjoyed in fifty-two years. There was two-thirds less than normal rainfall. (Weather in that part of Norway is something like that of Victoria with an average of 30 or 40 inches of rain a year). Actually, it was a little too dry with the result that crops, while earlier than usual, were not as good as normal.

"After an absence of 23 years, I found the standard of living in Norway up 100 percent," said Mr. Sollien. "The people seem happy and have plenty of money. Stores are well stocked and prices reasonable. Sugar and coffee are still in short supply and rationed, however, owing to the dollar situation."

It seemed strange to be back in "The Land of the Midnight Sun" again—even to one from Prince Rupert who is used to long evenings.

In addition to Tromsø, Mr. Sollien visited the cities of Trondheim and Oslo and made a forty-mile trip by motorcycle across northern Norway above Sweden into Finland on a fishing expedition.

Contrasted to Norway, there is a feeling of fearful insecurity in Finland, Mr. Sollien found. The Finns, many of whom are anxious to get out of the country and into America, admit that, should war come, they would be overrun by the Russians in no time. There are plenty of commodities in Finland but, unlike Norway, there is a condition of inflation which has made prices prohibitive.

There is still some ill-feeling between the Nazi and anti Nazi

Norwegians but the Norwegians are beginning to forget the persecution and the hardships which they endured at the hands of the Germans during the occupation.

Mr. Sollien said he had heard thousands of stories from his own relatives and friends as well as citizens generally to confirm the bad treatment the loyal Norwegians had suffered from the Germans—how they were ordered around at revolver and bayonet point and sent into concentration camps at the slightest pretext. His own brother, Waldemar, had spent some time in a concentration camp because his son had escaped to Sweden.

A nephew of the local man had accomplished the feat of making 42 trips between Norway and the Shetland Islands in a speedboat somewhat like the Canadian naval Fairmiles running the blockade and carrying supplies across the North Sea for the Norwegian underground. He had received the award of the King's Iron Cross.

**MARINE FEAT**  
One effect of the high standard of living and general prosperity in Norway today is that Communism has practically died out. The Communists today have not a single member left in the Norwegian Parliament. This is in contrast to the political situation in Finland where Communists still have a strong hold.

The population of Scandinavia looks towards United States as its saviour from Communism. Mr. Sollien says. Norway is playing its part in defence, however. The military budget has gone up considerably and taxes have gone up with it.

Naturally, Mr. Sollien was particularly interested in the fishing industry of Norway which is enjoying profitable times with good prices although they are controlled and the supply less than the demand. In spite of the Atlantic Pact, Norway still sells a lot of herring to Russia.

Mr. Sollien's little daughter, Leila, aged 5, could not speak a word of Norwegian before she left Prince Rupert in April. It seemed remarkable that within two weeks after arrival in Norway, she was able to converse freely with her new playmates.

And now, strangely enough, she cannot speak a word of English although she understands it. Back with Canadian children, however, that will soon be righted again.

Mr. and Mrs. Sollien and daughter returned across the Atlantic from Oslo to New York aboard the Oslofjord and stopped off for a visit at Duluth on their way back to Prince Rupert.

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4:45—Lyrical Lady  
4:55—CBC News  
5:05—International Comty.  
5:10—There's Music in the Air  
5:30—Variety Bandbox  
6:00—Supper Serenade  
6:15—Sammy Kaye and Orch.  
6:30—Musical Varieties  
6:45—Talk by Jr. Chamber Commerce  
7:00—CBC News  
7:15—CBC News Roundup  
7:30—Leicester Square to Broadway  
8:00—Science Reporter  
8:15—Nation's Business  
8:30—Record Album  
9:00—Piano Moods  
9:15—Vancouver Symphony Pops.  
10:00—CBC News  
10:10—CBC News  
10:15—Miscellany  
10:30—Presenting Charles Boyer  
11:00—Weather Report  
11:04—Sign Off  
**WEDNESDAY—A.M.**  
7:00—Musical Clock  
8:00—CBC News  
8:10—Here's Bill Good  
8:15—Morning Song  
8:30—Music for Moderns  
8:45—Little Concert  
9:00—BBC News & Comty.  
9:15—Morning Devotions  
9:30—Morning Concert  
9:59—Time Signal  
10:00—Morning Visit  
10:15—Carson Robinson and His Buckeroos  
10:30—Melody Time  
10:45—Robin Hood's Musical Kitchen  
11:00—Kindergarten of the Air  
11:15—Roundup Time  
11:30—Weather Report  
11:31—Message Period  
11:33—Recorded Interlude  
11:45—Scandinavian Melodies  
**P.M.**  
12:00—Mid-Day Melodies  
12:15—CBC News  
12:25—Program Resume  
12:30—B. C. Farm Broadcast  
12:55—Recorded Interlude  
1:00—The Concert Hour  
1:30—Musical Program  
1:45—A Good Wife: Comty.  
2:00—B.C. School Bdct.  
2:30—Records at Random  
2:45—Today's Guest  
3:00—The Music Box  
3:15—Don Messer and His Islanders

## Catholic Church Is Wedding Scene

A popular local girl and a Vancouver man were the principals at a quiet wedding last Thursday morning in the Church of the Annunciation when Miss Florence Marie Cloutier, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cloutier, 316 Eighth Avenue West, became the bride of Richard Ernest Schafer, son of Mrs. F. Schafer of Vancouver. Rev. Father O. P. Mohan, O.M.I., performed the ceremony in the presence of a congregation of relatives and interested friends.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a light blue gabardine suit with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

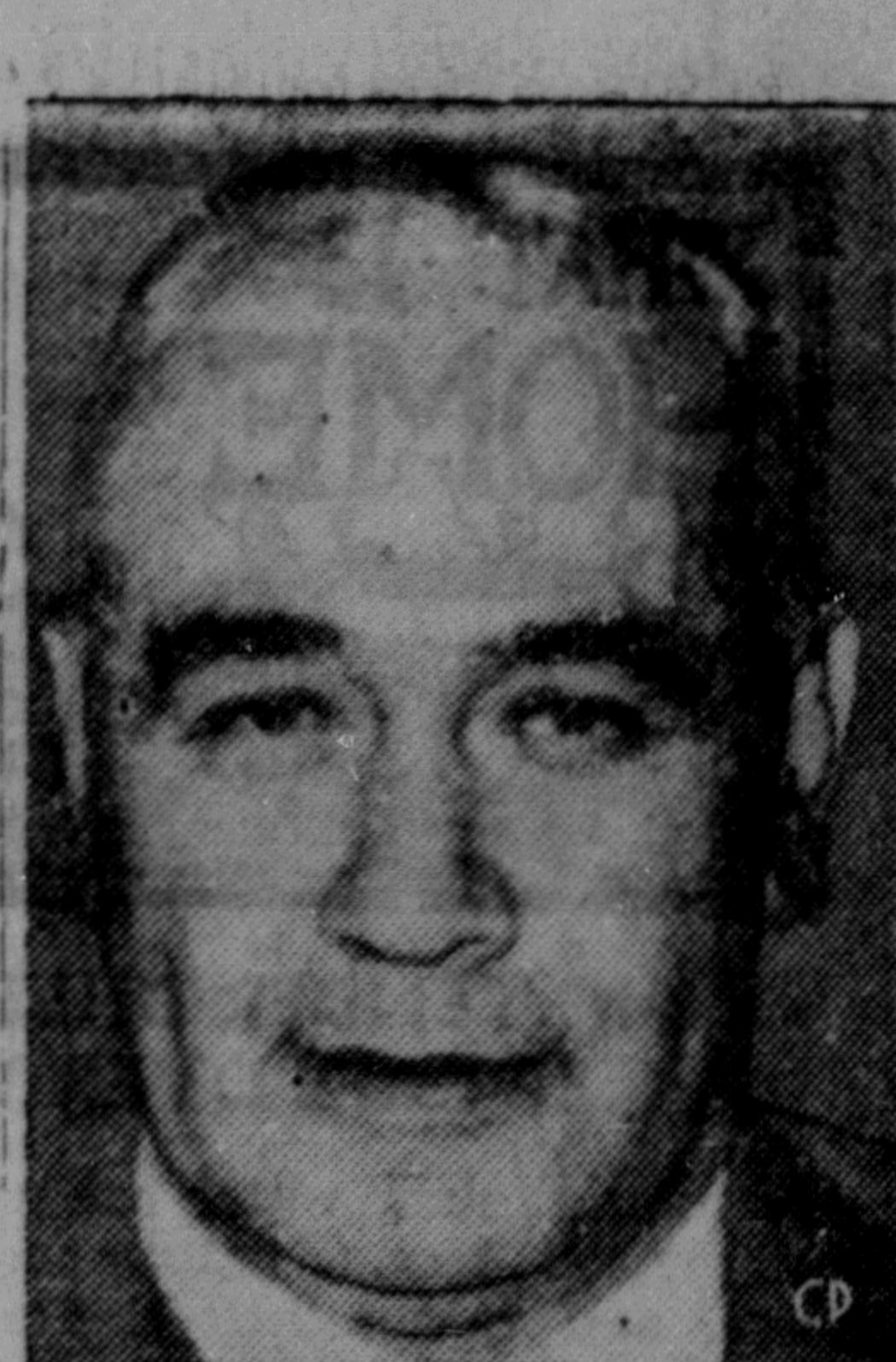
Bridesmaid was Miss Patricia Dumas while John Currie was groomsmen. At a reception held at the home of the bride's parents, the three-tier wedding cake was duly cut by the bride and groom. Serving of refreshments to the assembled guests was directed by Mrs. L. Letourneau and Miss Jeanette Cloutier.

Following the reception, the bride and groom left on the Prince George for Vancouver where they will reside.

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