

# Rotarians Address On Problems In Yugoslavia

Yugoslavia past and present was the subject of an interesting address at the Charlottetown Rotary Club luncheon yesterday by Mr. D. I. D. Rozman, architect with the Dominion Department of Public Works, Charlottetown, and a former officer in the Yugoslavia Navy.

Chairmen at yesterday's luncheon were Rotarians R. L. Cotton and N. A. MacLellan. The guests included Rotarians Keith Ingham, Monton, W. G. Hannah, Montreal and Mr. George Rogers, Charlottetown.

Following is a summary of Mr. Rozman's address:

From time to time, at irregular intervals, the name of one of the middle-sized European countries

—Yugoslavia—shows up in the headlines. Headlines mean trouble—and trouble it is. I'll try to explain how and why this country runs persistently into trouble. To make the present situation clearer I shall have to give you a short look-over of the history of the Yugoslavs.

They came to the Balkan Peninsula from Asia in the time between the 6th and 8th centuries, A.D. intruded upon the sparsely settled countries without much resistance from the weak Roman garrisons, and settled down. They came as far west as the valley of the River Oran—Corinthia today. They didn't form any great states—there was no obvious need for it. The two Roman empires of

those times, the Eastern with its seat at Constantinople and the West at Rome, were too weak to endanger them.

So there developed three tribes, which lived differently according to the climatic and geographical circumstances of the land they populated. The most western part—the Slovenes of today—lived on mountainous and hilly land, and accordingly became a tough and poor people. The Croates lived mostly in the central plains—so they became more easy-going (and richer). The Serbs again lived partly in hill country, but had some few extremely rich plains along the Danube.

**Subsequent History**

In expanding into Southern Europe the Franks inflicted a terrible defeat upon the Slovenes from which it took them nearly a thousand years to recover. The Croates were lesser affected and the Serbs were saved by being farther to the East. When the Hapsburg Monarchy was founded in the Middle Ages, again the Slovenes and Croates were overrun and became part of the Empire, but the Serbs escaped and retained their independence until the Turks occupied the whole of Serbia in the 15th century. The only part of the Yugoslav people who were never subdued are the Montenegrins, a tiny kingdom in the Black Mountains.

Toward the end of the 19th century the Serbs regained their freedom with the help of Russia and in 1912 they felt so strong that with the help of Bulgaria, Montenegro and Romania they declared war on Turkey and practically drove them out of Europe.

The First World War found Yugoslavia still split; the Western half was with the Austro-Hungary Monarchy and the Eastern independent of the alliance. The defeat of the Monarchy gave the Yugoslavs a chance to unite and they seized the opportunity. The first few years were not happy politically because the different parties each had their own ideas on how to make everything right and each failed with the exception of the Communists; they did not fail because they never did get into power.

After the defeat of France in World War II, Germany put increasing pressure on the Yugoslavs and in 1941 forced the Government to sign a pact with Germany, Italy and Japan, but the garrison at Belgrade promptly jalled the entire Yugoslav Government. On the 6th of April the Germans retaliated by attacking and heavily bombarding Belgrade, causing 27,000 deaths the first day. There was no possibility of holding out. The King and Government left the country for London and Yugoslavia was occupied again.

then there had been no trade with the West. On top of that it became vitally necessary to introduce a huge defence budget, but they did get aid from Britain and later from the United States as the West began to understand that Yugoslavia was a valuable ally which would defend itself against any aggressor.

"The most frequent question today," said Mr. Rozman, "is where will Yugoslavia stand in the event of war between Russia and the Western Democracies." The answer requires a prophet. But this I know. If Tito makes an agreement with the West that is indicative of the will of the people, and I don't think Tito would dare to enter an agree-

ment otherwise, then the Yugoslavs will abide by that agreement even if it means bad times."

## SPORT ECHOES

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tion on his face he wasn't inviting him out to dinner. Winemaster evidently thought one word would lead to another. It didn't. It led to a bust in the profile. On the whole, Wally is a pretty peaceful character in the ice lanes, but you can't scare him with a powerful looking physique.

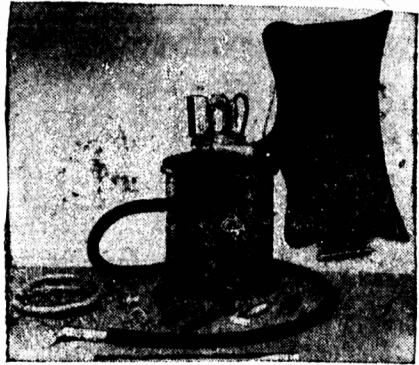
We're not advocating fistcuffs between hockey players, although it is refined and gentlemanly

compared to this high sticking business, which can main a player for life. Perhaps it is no harm to say that, if it looks like fistcuffs may develop, it is the fellow like Wally who throws them early that comes out on top. After the first twenty seconds, the referees and other players get into the game, somebody pulls your sweater half off, and there is no room to throw any effective punches in the resulting crush of peacemakers and belligerents. "Let 'er go early and avoid the rush" is more important here than it is when you are Christmas shopping.

Only one of the "Lady Byng" boys was playing against Mon-

ton. That was Dutchak and he kept his penalty-less record intact. Vitale was out with an injury. The Islanders certainly have a quintet of top-notch defencemen. Dutchak, Travis, Vitale, McLagan and Gray! If there is any weakness in that lineup, it doesn't show from where we're sitting.

Jimmie Hogan informs us that the program for young hockey players will not be curtailed any because we don't have a closed-in rink in Summerside. Every effort will be made to give the young fry all the hockey they need to keep them progressing, Jimmie says. That's the proper spirit, and we hope the weather man will co-operate.



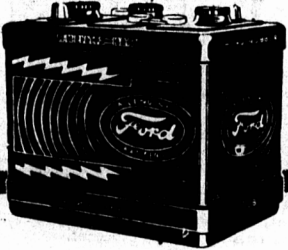
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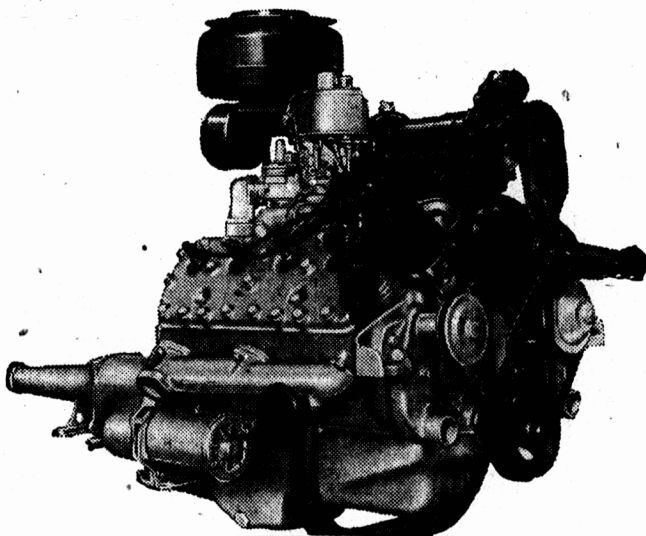
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