

ENGLISH SECTION

EDITORIAL

One of the foremost pastimes of our young people today is sports. That does not only mean Canada but the rest of the world as well. The end of the war finds the International sports arena noticeably bare. The youth of the world, taking their part in the tremendous struggle against fascism, had little time to train for sport. The re-organization of world transport should change this, and we can now look forward to the exchange of athletes between most countries of the world.

"Youth News", a popular international youth paper, carries the following commentary on world sports:

Dynamos — The Moscow Dynamo team set the ball rolling in many ways, and their gesture in handing bouquets of flowers to their opponents was greatly appreciated. Their superior team work became evident in their matches against Cardiff and Arsenal, and their visit to that country has given football fans an appetiser for the day when a really representative British team can face an all-Russian Eleven.

America — For the first time in British soccer history a U.S.A. All-Star professional soccer team (note the adjectives) is to tour Britain; the American Soccer League having accepted an invitation to play there.

A.A.A. — A general emergency committee of the A.A.A. Discussed proposals for a full championship program next year. This should give our youth the chance to show its paces and teams formed to take part in European and Empire games.

Amateur Boxing — The International Boxing Federation want a new date. Let's hope we can settle this without going to a too "High Level."

Golf — A new feature in international golf for 1946: Annual matches between Britain, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Tennis — Sweden gained surprise lawn tennis victory over France at Stockholm. The Swedes won all four singles and the doubles in a match played on Davis Cup Lines.

Rugger — London beat Paris by all 11 points to 7 points at the Parc de Paris. A record crowd of 15,000 saw a good hard game.

Brawn and Brains — Freddie (Red) Cochrane, age 30, world welter weight champion, has gone to New Jersey College to study for a B. Sc. degree.

Chess — U.S.S.R. beat U.S.A. 15½ to 4½ in a radio chess match. An interesting feature was the youthfulness of the 10 Soviet players, average age was 27. Chess seems to be a young man's game in Russia.

No Comment — From U.S.A. Briggen Laverne Saunders urges competitive sports between Allied occupation forces and teams formed by Japan and Germany. He says, "we do want to be good fellows."

Sports competition could be promoted among our own local youth clubs in like manner on a smaller scale. This would not only bring

friendship and understanding among young Canadian, but also assist in preventing and curbing juvenile delinquency which is so prevalent today.

FRATTING

(The following article was sent in by Clemy Keveza who is with the occupation forces overseas. It signifies the opinions of his buddies as well as himself as to the present-day conditions in Germany.)

Fratting, and I do not only mean with that portion of the population that wear skirts, is becoming more and more wide spread. Sympathy with and for the Germans is becoming more and more common and outspoken.

Controls and restrictions are becoming less and less effective because of a general slackening in enforcements. Intelligence summaries and situation reports indicate a wide spread revival of natural Teutonic truculence and nationalism.

Is there any connection between this softening attitude and this new show of spirit by the Germans? Is there any connection between the traditional German contempt of weakness and their new and growing pugnacity?

If after six months of occupation by the Allies, six months rule by conquerors who are incomparably more generous than any victorious German army, the German nation is getting restive and showing open resentment of the occupying forces; if this is the case, what will they be doing six months from now?

In our age, in the last thirty years, the world has paid fifty million lives as the cost of checking German imperialism and conquest; it is possible that we shall have to pay fifty more before the job is done.

Remember how we talked during the war, how different things would be this time, how we would show the German race a lesson that they would never forget — "We certainly talked of wonderful occupation. Are we practicing it? I say NO. Not through any fault of the higher command or organization, not through any lack of severity of orders regarding the treatment of the Germans. No! It is our own fault, your fault, my fault. We are soft, easy going. We are suckers for the German line, a neat ankle, a trim figure a bit of fratting, an embryonic German sympathiser, another stooge.

Even our army paper, our Maple Leaf, shows how far we have descended. A recent edition published two letters, one from two soldiers who were in a great state because two German girls were fired from a canteen, and another from a man who wanted his demob in Germany.

I say to them and to those who think like them if by chance in some future war with these people the post-man knocks at your door and gives you a telegram saying "Regret to inform you that



Skating Champs are Britta northern couples champion Rahlen and Bo Mothander, ship at Stadium in Stockholm. Seen here after winning.

Balkan Horror Camp

By Leo Usaty

During our tour of Yugoslavia, we were among the first foreigners to enter the concentration camp at Jasenovac, in Croatia. We (foreign delegates) had an interview with a group of people in the village of Novska, the nearest inhabited village, some ten kilometers away. Later, we visited this camp.

To picture Jasenovac today, in your mind's eye, you need only to fix your imagination on a bare field some 25 or 30 acres in area. Place yourself in the centre of this field and look to your

son was killed in action," don't blame the army, don't blame the Government, just stop and think.

left. That is the crematorium, with a capacity of 900 persons at once. In front of you are left only the remains of long rows of barracks, which were burned to the ground by the Germans and Ustashi traitors in their retreat.

Let us go into the crematorium. It is a low, sprawling building about two hundred feet square, with openings every fifteen feet or so, on its sides. Through these the victims were pushed. The building itself is as high as you could reach with your fingertips, and of sturdy brick construction. Narrow slits in the ceiling provide the necessary openings through which gasoline or

kerosene was poured. When you enter it, you stand more than ankle deep in the ashes of human beings. Although the Germans and Ustashi did a good job demolishing the other buildings, they could not destroy this rugged death house so easily. The people who did the "dirty work," pushing in the victims, pouring the gasoline over the heads of the victims, and setting fire to them, were usually the next group to be cremated.

At first, only the Jews of Croatia were sent to this camp, but later Serbian women, and children began to occupy the premises. The camp was first set up in the summer of 1941. Many died on the way, and this helped the Germans because the buildings could not hold more than two and a half to three thousand at the most. If there arrived more than the camp could hold, the overflow would be "taken for a ride" on the rails to the bank of the river and done away with. Official figures state that a little over 900,000 people died here. Only three persons came out alive when the liberating forces arrived. The survivors were so emaciated that they have probably died since they were freed. When the crematorium was operating at full capacity, the smoke could be seen 25 miles away and the stench of burning bodies could be recognized 15 miles away. Special buildings were erected, filled with prisoners, and the people starved to death.

The prisoners of this camp did not sit idly and allow the Germans to do as they wished. They organized themselves in coordination with the liberation movement outside. In the spring of 1945, just before the retreat of the Germans, the prisoners staged an insurrection in the camp. The Ustashi traitors were organized to counteract such activities, with the result that the plans for escape were not

very successful. At a given time, the prisoners attacked their guards, but only 80 persons escaped out of more than 400. It was a wholesale slaughter. Over 12,000 Ustashi and German troops were stationed in a camp almost next door. There was little, if any, chance to get out alive.

The prisoners were forced to work very hard, receiving only one or two potatoes a day as their food ration. As well as factories, there was a sawmill and brickyard in the camp. Cheap labour made possible these enterprises of Germans. Yes, civilians did try to help these unfortunates, but if anyone was caught giving the prisoners food, they were shot right on the spot.

Special troops were chosen and trained for this kind of work. Only those who really relished such crimes were allowed to join these units. Stabbing, killing, torturing and criminal assault gained commissions. Only volunteers were accepted into the ranks of these criminals. Many photos have been found of Ustashi soldiers holding the heads of their victims. Many people wonder just who these "Ustashi" are. They are Yugoslav collaborators who were specially trained by the fascists in Italy, Austria, and Hungary. They were three thousand in number and they came to Yugoslavia with the fascists, and the German army.

In the face of the advancing liberating forces, in 1945, the Germans ordered everything to be demolished, and the prisoners to be killed. This was done very thoroughly.

The criminals retreated to the north to Slovenia, and were there captured and rounded up. Most of them have already been sentenced, but some escaped to Italy and Austria. Luburic, the first commanding officer of Croatian concentration camp Jasenovac, and head of all Croatian concentration camps, escaped to Austria. He had not yet been found when we visited the camp. Our guides and interpreters believed he was still in Allied hands.

The criminals had no distinction for religion, sex, age or democratic opinion. They only knew their prisoners were fighting against their rule of terror. They worked tirelessly and barbarously to break this will to fight. They wanted to establish their rule of tyranny on the graves of these people. They succeeded in killing over 900,000 people, but they did not break the back of Yugoslavia's resistance. Today, Yugoslavia is free.

A Modern Girl's View Point of a Man

IN ANSWER to the write-up several weeks ago, "A Male-Eye View Point of the Modern Girl" I have a little something that might interest such believers.

MEN...
If you smile at him, he thinks you're flirting.
If you don't flirt, he thinks you're an iceberg.
If you let him kiss you, he wishes you were more reserved.

If you don't, he'll seek consolation elsewhere.

If you flatter him, he thinks you're simple.

If you don't, he thinks you don't understand him.

If you talk of love and romance, he thinks you're asking him to marry you.

If you're good girl, he wonders why you're not human.

If you return his caress, he doesn't want you to.

If you let him make love to you, he thinks you are cheap.

If you don't, he'll go with a girl who will.

If you go out with other fellows, he thinks you are fickle.

If you don't, he thinks no one will have you.

Men, God bless them — they don't know what they want.

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If boys know themselves well enough they'll admit how close to the truth this is. Dear "Old-Fashioned" get help! This is a new era, leave the "Good Old Days" to your father and appreciate today. Life is what you make it!

The Modern Girl

Ye Old Gossippe Shoppe

By You and Me

There's no headway in chasing skirts, so Ben Dargela now works with them. Girls if you need a frock for some special occasion you know where to go.

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Anybody looking for a good machine designer? Peter Alksnis is out prospecting (for a job) and if he receives any offers through this notice I'll charge him for running the ad.

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The dance after the Bangos choir concert Sat. night brought something to light: Reggie and Johnny Misk dance well together.

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Three is an odd number everyone will admit so to even things up Eddie Barnett joined the party of girls — or rather joined the girl.

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Emily Sasnauskas and Ida Strash found this dull. Fox excitement they went home to enjoy a fascinating game of Chinese checkers.

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Information please as to whereabouts of Stella Pazer Saturday nights; the only clues after a week-end are the stars in her eyes and the bags under them.

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Also on the missing list is Joe Mingelis, our treasurer. A cheery face and an assuring word that our money is safe is all it takes to put us at ease.

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WONDERING? What thoughts lurk deep in the mind of Stanley Jackowich. A girl is never given that much concentration so it must be one of the minor things of life!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A dance is being held at 703 Ossington Ave. on Mar. 23 by the Federation of Labor Youth for the purpose of publishing the "On to Ottawa Youth Trek." The admission is 50 cents and everyone is cordially invited. The Lithuanian Youth Club is staging a three-act comedy play on Sun, March 31 at 160 Claremont St.



