

The Story Is Sweeping The Balkans

Is It Really Tito? No, Says Farber

By Grady Elmore

"The real Tito may be dead," Barry Farber told the YMCA supper-forum audience in Lenoir Hall this week.

Farber, new editor of The Daily Tar Heel, and Ted Shevcov and Tony Jurecic comprised the panel of experts which led a discussion of "Yugoslavia and the World Today."

Knight Talks To Dukesters On B. Craven

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DURHAM, May 1—Edgar W. Knight, Kenan professor of educational history in the University of North Carolina, said here tonight that Braxton Craven, founder and principal of Normal College in Randolph County, had a view of teacher education which could well be followed in that important activity today.

In an address at the annual meeting of the Duke Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society of education, Dr. Knight said, "Few if any men ever more highly exalted the work and influence of the teacher than Braxton Craven."

Conditions under which Craven was born in a log cabin and brought up in most humble circumstances were difficult and he had a hard time getting an education, Dr. Knight pointed out.

"But his diligent habits of study made him one of the best educated and cultivated men of his time," said Dr. Knight.

Craven wrote widely and well on educational subjects, had a part in founding two magazines, "The Southern Index" and "The Evergreen" and published a plan for the education of teachers which is one of the important documents of American education.

"Few if any men in the history of American education in the 19th century saw solutions for the tensions and issues of their times than Craven found in excellent teaching," Dr. Knight said.

"I've heard rumors that Roosevelt committed suicide, and that Hitler is alive and working in a delicatessen in the Bronx, but the story that Tito was killed at the close of the war and has been impersonated currently is sweeping the Balkans," Farber said.

"It may be more than idle speculation," Farber added, "everyone who gave it to me gave the same details."

Cites Incidents

Several incidents seem to bear proof to the story, according to Farber. "Former war-time associates of Tito claim that he had one finger missing, but today's Tito has no such deformity." He pointed to another report which concerned a long period after the war ended when Tito would not visit his aged mother. When she was gravely ill, Tito finally went to see her.

"Afterwards," Farber said, "she revealed 'that was not my son.'"

Conditions in Yugoslavia, the Tito government, the country's historical background, and impressions of an American visitor were discussed by Shevcov, Jurecic and Farber.

Ted Shevcov, born in Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, of White Russian parents, lived there for 15 years. The Shevcovs fled the country in 1945 and were among displaced persons until 1948 when they came to the United States. Ted entered Carolina in 1949 and is now a junior majoring in chemistry.

Tony Jurecic, a native of western Yugoslavia, left the country in 1946. He came to UNC in 1950 and is also a major in chemistry.

Speaking about the country's background, Jurecic told the forum group that Yugoslavia is approximately twice the size of North Carolina. A mixture of many peoples, the nation has four languages officially recognized today by the government, Jurecic said.

LIFE Criticized

Shevcov commented upon the Tito government, criticizing the Life magazine serial of Tito's life, written by Tito. "In the serial," he said, "Tito has exaggerated the former conditions in Yugoslavia in order to play up his claims of having improved the nation."

"Tito definitely has not bettered the lot of the people," he stated. As an example Shevcov

cited the case of his cousin who is working in that country now. "He walks to work because he no longer can afford the bus fare," Shevcov said.

Globe-trotter Farber told of his trip to Yugoslavia last year and pointed out his first impressions of the communist nation.

His first indication of life in that country came when Farber was waiting for a plane in Zurich, and heard a report that a Yugoslav co-pilot mutinied against the pilot in the air over Yugoslavia and escaped with the plane and passengers to Switzerland, after a near crackup in the Alps. Farber continued by train.

"There are three impressions received by Americans as they first enter the country," he continued. "Nobody ever smiles; there is no advertising on the street corners—the state-owned stores don't want you to buy from them, and pictures of Tito appear everywhere."

Even On Cigaretts

Tito's picture is even on cigarettes, Farber added. "All good Yugoslavs will smoke only up to Tito's chin." This is healthy as well as patriotic, he said.

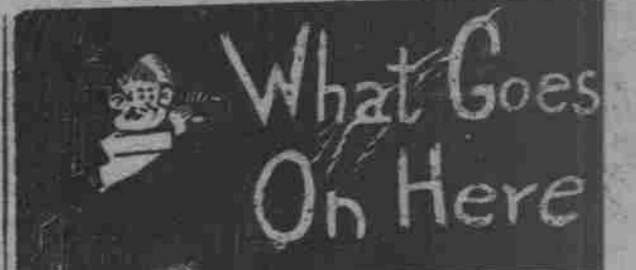
"There is no difference in the communis mof Yugoslavia and Russia," Farber pointed out. "Both Tito and Stalin claim to be the better communist today." But since Tito was expelled from

the Cominform for refusing to "knuckle under to Stalin's commands," the theme of Yugoslavia has been "co-existence," he said.

Now Tito advocates cooperation with the western, capitalistic nations. "There is no reason why we can't work and live together now, Tito's government contends."

Explaining the plight of the workers and peasants, Farber said "Loudspeakers in the factories tell the workers over and over how fortunate they are." Actually they do not make enough money in a month to buy a pair of shoes, he said.

Farber told of an incident when a movie depicting the United States in the throes of depression was shown as a propaganda stunt. "It had to be discontinued because the audience was whispering about 'those wonderful shoes on the worker getting beat up.'"



Hears Expresser

J. R. Dominey, regional traffic manager of Railway Express Agency, Atlanta, yesterday addressed the traffic management class in the School of Business Administration. His topic was "The Estimation of Railway Express Rates." The talk was arranged through L. A. Williams, Railway Express superintendent here.

Newcomers Club

The Newcomers Club will entertain their husbands and guests at a buffet supper tomorrow at 7 o'clock in the Green Room, Lenoir Hall. Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer will entertain with folk songs.

York Club

The York Club for Episcopal grad students and faculty will meet Sunday at 8:45 p.m. in the Parish House.

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