

Dutch Film Showed World War Incident Speaks Here on Plight Of Iron Curtain Christians

About 300 Dutch Canadians and friends witnessed The Raid, a Dutch film with English subtitles, in Holy Cross auditorium, Friday. It was the second film night this year for the Georgetown branch of the Holland Liberation Committee who are marking the 25th anniversary of the liberation of their country by Canadian troops.

The film was unique in that some of the people appearing in it had actually taken part in the World War II incident. A spokesman for the local committee said a large number of local Dutch-Canadians had already seen the film which accounted for empty chairs. A Dutch News Reel preceded the

showing of The Raid. It was announced that the Liberation Committee is currently planning a Thank You Canada Night in the Georgetown High School for May 5. The Dutch-Canadians are calling the anniversary, Operation Thank You Canada.



In front of the impressive sign at the entrance to Holy Cross auditorium during Dutch Film Evening, Friday, are the Holland Liberation Committee's local campaign chairman Arie Brands, left, and the chairman of the local committee Jack Nieuwhof.



HARALAN POPOV

'Scream In' No Match For Spring Arrival Here

Toronto held a 'Scream In' at the city hall to herald the arrival of spring and let off a little 'steam' following the long winter, but it can't compare with Georgetown's Crazy Boat race held on the Credit River on Saturday, April 4th, when men and boys with a venture some spirit pitted their brawn and brains against the Credit current spring flood when it was swift and deep and full from bank to bank.

The rest of the family, including most relatives and friends, and many just out to see the fun, screamed their encouragement to the competitors from the river's banks, urging them on to "row harder, come on, row harder."

TRAFFIC CRAWLS

Traffic on No 7 Highway through Norval was slowed to a crawl most of the afternoon as the streets were lined with parked cars of the spectators while others drove around in search for a good spot to park.

The three main points of interest were the dam around which the contestants had to portage, the bridge at the whirlpool from the dam could be viewed and also any unfortunate craft to get caught in the whirling current of the whirlpool, and the finish of the race near the Riviera where the entrants and their craft were hauled from the muddy waters, weary, wet and cold, but jubilant to have finished the course.

MORE POPULAR

The race which starts at Glen Williams with all manner of crafts as long as they can float and ends at Norval, is becoming more popular each year. The crowds of spectators in the village this year is a clear indication of this. Motorists passing through who hadn't heard of the race would certainly wonder what the excitement was all about.

It is not the end of that last, stubborn patch of snow, the first crocus or the first robin that officially announce the arrival of spring in this district, but the Crazy Boat race when men pit their strength against nature and whole families turn out to make an enjoyable day by participating in the fun. No matter how cold the wind, or snow flurries that turn the ground white once again, we know the spirit of spring arrived here on Saturday.

The Couples Club of Norval United Church held a Court Whist party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Laidlaw on Wednesday evening, April 3, with seven tables in play. Winners of the high score were Mr. Ridley and Mrs. Lloyd Grant.

During the business it was decided to have a painting bee on Monday evening, April 13, to paint the basement of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid's group planned the program and provided the lunch for the enjoyable evening.

The Grade 6 and 7 Sunday School class of St. Paul's Anglican Church, taught by Gordon Fendley, held a dance in the parish hall on Friday evening April 3. They enjoyed dancing to records followed by lunch. Stephanie Gorin was chairman of the planning committee.

Mrs. Lois Fendley assisted by her daughter Marie and Mr. Jim Lindley had a booth where

Haralan Popov, a Christian leader from behind the Iron Curtain who underwent thirteen years of torture in communist prisons for his faith, will be speaking at Maple Avenue Baptist Church.

The name Haralan Popov is deeply revered by thousands of Christians behind the Iron Curtain today. He has become a symbol of Christian courage to many thousands whose faith is under attack in the communist world.

HARSH TREATMENT

He is one of the spiritual leaders of the people of Bulgaria — a land called 'Little Russia' for its harsh treatment of Christians and subversion to the Soviet Union.

For years he pastored the largest church in the nation and carried the Gospel throughout his land. He was also the vice president of the Evangelical Alliance of Bulgaria. His work has caused him to be called "An Iron Curtain Apostle Paul."

His very prominence as a spiritual leader of the people caused him to be singled out for specially harsh suffering.

YEARS IN PRISON

After 13 years in prison, he became a leader of the Underground Church which had been created when the official church fell under communist control, and had become a communist instrument of control over the people.

Later, at the urging of the Christians of the Underground Church who had no Bibles and no tools to work with, he made his way to the Free World to raise his voice on behalf of the suffering and needy. Underground Church behind the Iron Curtain. Today he is directing the smuggling of thousands of pocket-sized Bibles to communist lands and is sending emergency relief to the families of imprisoned Christians.

He is speaking throughout the world to awaken the

Church in the Free World to the plight of persecuted and suffering fellow-Christians in the Communist World. He has recently spoken before members of the Australian Parliament.

SMUGGLES BIBLE

Key Popov has organized and directed the smuggling of over two hundred thousand Bibles and New Testaments to Christians in Communist lands who have been denied Bibles for up to 50 years in Russia. He is the Overseas Director for 'Underground Evangelism' which is a world-wide missionary outreach to the peoples of 13 communist lands. 'Underground Evangelism', in addition to smuggling Bibles, is assisting over 200 underground Christian workers, and provid-

ing emergency relief help to their families of imprisoned Christians.

Maple Avenue Baptist Church is one of the few churches to have this many during the brief Ontario visit.

CLASS LEADER

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