

## Ex-Teacher With Memories Wants to Help Fellow Men Live

By JOHN BARROW  
CHICAGO—(INS)—A 62-year-old displaced person who will his pension back to the place of work rounding out his remaining years by scrubbing floors 48 hours a week at Chicago's Passavant Memorial Hospital. One-time Serbian Schoolmaster Dragoslav Mitrovich explains: "If I had more, I would give it. I have nothing else but gratefulness."  
—The meager employe retirement fund from his \$62-a-week salary represents the total of his worldly goods. Funds just began accumulating when he passed his third year on the hospital payroll. But the more Mitrovich swings his mop, the bigger the annuity grows for the "free bed fund."  
—He has no glib explanation for his dedication. He says humbly: "Here I belong. I want to contribute."  
—In contrast to his solemn mission, Mitrovich is noted by co-workers for his spirited tenor singing voice. He handles arias from the opera "Rigoletto" and Serbian folk songs with near-professional flair.  
**Life's Mission**  
—Yet behind the five-foot-eight janitor with the close-clipped military mustache lies a tale of the likes sometimes heard in the bitter-sweet melodies of a Gypsy violin—of home and nation lost, of father and mother and wife dying, and ending with a wanderer doomed to be buried in alien soil.  
—Troop movements and gunfire uprooted the hapless scholar when he was 20, at the University of Belgrade. War erupted in 1912 between the Balkan states and Turkey and Mitrovich volunteered as hospital attendant. Why?  
—"To help others live," he replied with a shrug. "To be an asset to humanity—a positive force. It is the purpose for living."  
—He indicated this idea provided him with a life-line to grasp during the 42 years between that first hospital job and the one he now holds in Chicago.  
—After the Turkish war came World War One with Mitrovich and the Serbian Army driven into retreat to Greece. Fate sent him to Italy and then to France. As a finale to the "Great War," he saw his homeland of the Serbs welded with the Croakian and Slovenian countries to form a new nation—Yugoslavia.  
—By mid-1920, the University of Belgrade awarded him a diploma with specialties in geology and geography, and three years later he became a full "professor" of the gymnasium, or liberal arts

academy, at his hometown of Chachak. Each city had a gymnasium, a combination high school and junior college like France's lycee, enrolling students from the age of ten to 19.  
The next 18 years made up the "humdrum" home-office-church slice of a man's life which sometimes fits by, unrecognized as the richest part of all. Mitrovich, however, could regard it as "the real part of his existence."  
His dark brown eyes grew animated as he told of his home, his students, the community sokol celebrated for its mass drill and calisthenics, of the choir in the Eastern orthodox cathedral and of singing in concerts.  
The calendar turned to darker pages and Mitrovich's father died in 1938, his mother in 1939 and his wife in 1940. And with a few war, the 48-year-old school master donned a quartermaster corps uniform in 1941 on April Fool's Day. Nazis captured him two weeks later and he spent the next four years in a POW camp near Osnabruck, Germany.  
**Reaches U. S.**  
British Tommies freed him in April, 1945, but Mitrovich said: "A number of Yugoslavs refused to return to their homeland because the Communists had assumed rule."  
He remained in Germany to teach school in the British zone where many Yugoslavs with children had collected in DP centers. The British commander named him superintendent of the schools for the Rhenish-Westphalian district.  
—An old man's final prayer was answered in late 1950 when Mitrovich strode down a gangplank at Ellis Island, N. Y. He exclaims: "People are so friendly, so decent, so optimistic. As a professor I tried to help young people become healthy in mind, body and soul. Here, I see it everywhere."  
He looked questioningly at his boss who had acted as interpreter, conversing in German and supplying English translations. Philip Hollman, 37, grinned and said: "I know what he means. I came across myself, from Germany."

**TELEVISION ALARM**  
HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Dean W. Moores reports that daily at 4:40 a.m. a woodpecker attacks the television antenna on his home. The unwelcome alarm gives him plenty of wakenful hours to plan woodpeckericide, but so far he has found no answers.

## Predicts Dutch Bulb Sell-Out

LISSE, Netherlands (INS)—Jan van der Groot, one of 8,017 Dutch farmers who make their living growing flower bulbs just below sea-level, predicted a sell-out season in the United States this fall for the yield of his four acres of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths.  
Jan's hopes were based on both weather and economic forecasts, which he, like all Hollanders, studies with equal diligence the year round.  
Before the bulb crop is ready for export, a full farm cycle of bloom and maturing must take place in Holland's 50-mile "bulb belt." In April and May the flowers will turn Holland into a magic carpet of color; the blossoms will be removed and made into mosaics and floats; the June sun and warmth will mature the bulbs left on the ground; and in July they will be harvested and made ready for export.  
Behind the expectations of bulb-growers for a sell-out fall season is the news they have had of America's billion-dollar garden-supply industry; reports of continued home-building and development of suburban areas; and the stepped-up advertising and promotion which the Associated Bulb Growers of Holland are sponsoring to push sales of Dutch bulbs in the U. S.

## Balloons Are Hazardous

HACKENSACK, N. J. (AP)—A New York man didn't like the hospitality he got at an Alderess Country Club party last summer.  
In a Superior Court suit for \$25,000 damages, he told how the place was decorated with novelties and balloons. The guests were invited to pull down the balloons with attached strings at a given signal.  
Sol Atkins said the signal was given. He pulled and down came the balloon, and also the commander, which crashed on his head.  
Titian painted "Christ and the Crown of Thorns" when he was 95.

## A Title Changes Hands



VICHY, France—Happiness was shortlived for Christel Schaak, center, Berlin mannequin, who poses with second and third place winners after being named "Miss Europe" in beauty contest at Vichy, France. Contest sponsors later gave her the title of "Honorary Miss Europe" after finding she had been married and awarded the title to the runner-up, Miss France, Danielle Genot, left. At right is Finland's Yvonne de Bruyn. (AP Wirephoto)

## Reds Foster Tibet Religion

TOKYO (AP)—Although communism is an implacable foe to all types of religion, Red China is walking softly in religion-steeped Tibet. The communists have dealt gently and carefully with Tibet's Dalai Lama, spiritual head of Tibet.  
Recently Peiping radio broadcast that a representative of the Red China government and the commander of Red forces in Tibet presented gifts to the Dalai Lama on the occasion of awarding him the order of Bkikhu, bestowed to those who have mastered the Buddhist scriptures.  
The average Canadian ate 140 pounds of meat in 1953.

## Jersey Club Convention Plans Begin

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WOODBURN—Plans for entertainment of some 1,500 folk who will probably come to Salem in June, 1955, for the annual convention of the American Jersey Cattle Club got underway here Thursday at the home of Neal Miller, president of the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club, and Mrs. Miller.  
Joe Sawyer of Gault, Calif., one of the west's most widely known Jersey breeders, was at the Miller home Thursday to offer assistance in plans, as all western states will help in entertaining the large number of guests from the east coast and Midwest.  
Three years ago the convention was held in Sacramento, Calif., and this year it was held in Springfield, Mass. Most frequently it is held in the Columbus, Ohio, region where the national offices are situated.  
**Couche Chairman**  
Charles Couche of Sherwood has been named convention chairman.  
Floyd Johnston, Columbus, Ohio, executive secretary of the national club, will be the featured speaker at the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club's annual summer picnic to be held July 25 at Cape Lookout State Park near Tillamook. Johnston is planning to spend a week in western states in July, Miller reports, and the time has been so scheduled, that he will be able to make the state club picnic. He will attend the Idaho state picnic on July 18, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller plan to drive over from their home here, also to attend this picnic.  
**Meeting Planned**  
A meeting of OJCC directors will be held at the Senator Hotel at Salem on Tuesday, July 20, at which time complete plans for the state picnic will be announced by committee chairmen. At this time, too, plans will be discussed

## Alienation of Affection Suit Asks \$100,000

An ex-husband who says his former wife's company was worth \$50,000 to him filed a \$100,000 alienation of affection suit in Marion County Circuit Court Thursday.  
The extra \$50,000 is for punitive damages, the complaint says. It was filed by Donald N. Horton, C. R. Reed was named as defendant.  
In his complaint, Horton charges that Reed persuaded his former wife, Goldia Sylvia Horton, to leave him and apply for a divorce. He accuses Reed of gaining Mrs. Horton's affection beginning about November, 1952.  
Horton is represented by Portland attorney Clifford G. Schneider.

## West's Biggest Family Picnic Set August 1

CORVALLIS—The west's biggest family picnic—Mary's Peak Trek—will be Sunday, Aug. 14, this year, according to Percy Loyce of Corvallis, trek manager. The peak is 27 miles west of Corvallis on the Philomath-Waldport Highway. Setting for the trek is a huge mountain meadow in the Suislaw National Forest. It is sponsored by the Benton, Linn, Polk and Lincoln Shrine clubs as a benefit for the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland.

for the Jersey Show at the Oregon State Fair and the Pacific International, as well as for the Jersey sales to be held this autumn.  
An intensive membership drive will be conducted between now and next summer prior to the coming of the national convention, Miller said.  
Harold McHugh, state youth chairman, reports that the 1953 Jersey queen and princesses will be invited to the state picnic, and that a new queen contest will be carried on this summer similar to those held previously. Counties wishing to enter a queen should select them promptly. Choice of the state queen will be made at the State Fair in September.

## Portland Fire Damage Set At \$250,000

PORTLAND (AP)—A swiftspreading fire caused a quarter-million dollar damage to an electric and plumbing supply firm in downtown Portland Thursday, and injured 10 men.  
Calvin W. Sommers, 33, and Lavern A. Watson, 34, employes who were trapped on the second floor by the flames, were injured in jumps from the building. Watson suffered a cut artery and Sommers hurt a leg. Both were taken to a hospital.  
Eight firemen suffered lesser injuries in controlling the fire with an hour of its start at 2:45 p.m. The blaze sent a huge column of smoke billowing high over West Portland. Four hundred firemen were called out to the two-story building and traffic was jammed as spectators crowded the streets.  
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