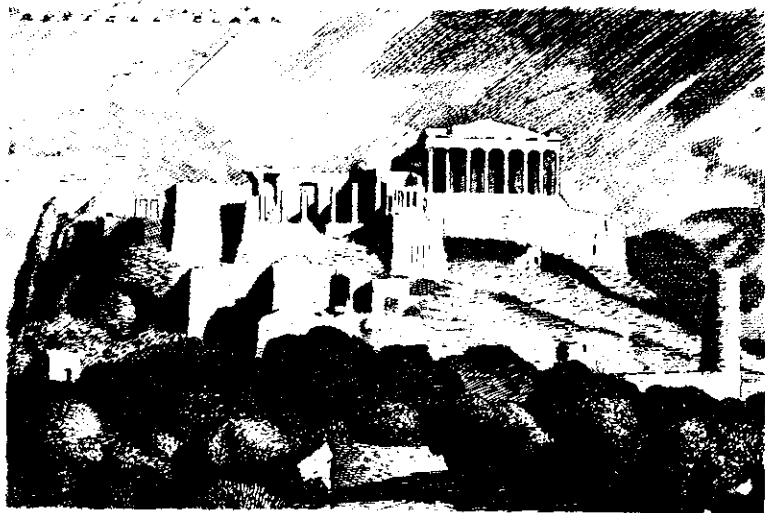


....of the Greeks



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in the first of a series of talks which are entitled *The World of the Greeks*, to be broadcast over the YC stations starting with 1YC at 8.0 p.m. on Monday, January 24.

The first of the five talks is called *The World of the Iliad*, while the second discusses the *Odyssey*, that partly-mythical but partly-genuine record of a slice of pre-history, a period before David wrote his psalms and when the Pharaohs of Egypt were in the afternoon of their power.

The third talk describes the Island of Lesbos, off the Greek coast, where lived Sappho, the wisest woman of the ancients, whose greatness can now only be glimpsed in some scattered fragments of her poems and the testimony of her male compatriots and successors.

The last two talks on the Spartans and Athenians have a special moral for the modern world. The communist Spar-

tans were a virile race, living and dying only for the State, and sacrificing comfort and culture for physical perfection. Thus, all children were inspected at birth and the sickly thrown out to die. "The Spartan system had no room for C grade physiques." The Spartans had their glory at Thermopylae, where the 300 died to save Greece. But in the end, Sparta, for all her militarism, fell, leaving no heritage. Contrast Athens, the democracy where any free man might be head of State for 24 hours. When the Spartans and later the barbarians destroyed the city they could not destroy the poetry, the sculpture; they could not entirely destroy the Parthenon with its gateway, "a far-seen portal whose white colonnades stand on a base of bare blue rock with that incomparably blue sky above and behind." This symbol of Athens remains when Sparta is but a curious memory

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popular disc jockey, who often reads letters from New Zealand listeners. It starts at 9.0 p.m., and can be heard slightly lower in frequency than 2YC Wellington.

By 1.0 a.m. many Australian stations have left the air, leaving the frequencies clear for Americans and Asians. Eastern signals, however, are weak most nights and are easily overcome by the Americans. Some Pacific coast stations open at 5.0 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (1.0 a.m. here) with programmes for their Spanish-speaking listeners. Two of the best received are KXOA (1470 kc.) Sacramento, and KYNO (1300 kc.) Fresno. Another good Spanish signal is KCKY (1150 kc.) Coolidge, Arizona. Other stations normally heard at this time include KNX (1070 kc.) Los Angeles, CFCN (1060 kc.) Calgary, Alberta, XERB (1091 kc.) Rosarito Beach, Mexico, and CFRN (1260 kc.) Edmonton, Alberta. Pacific coast signals usually fade out by 3.0 a.m. The last to go are the British Columbians, which hang on for about a quarter of an hour after the last American signal has disappeared. Best of these are CJVI (900 kc.) Victoria, CKWX (980 kc.) Vancouver, and CKNW (1320 kc.) New Westminster, which has recently increased power to 5000 watts.

Tall TV Tower

The world's tallest television tower and the third highest man-made construction belongs to WHIO Dayton, Ohio. It is 1104 feet high. Here are a few facts about the tower. It took 27 acres of ground to build it, but the steel base is less than three feet in diameter. The tower, which is triangular and measures 14 feet on each side, weighs 600,000 lb. Like an iceberg, there is more weight below the ground than above. The concrete base is a buried pyramid weighing 832,700 lb. The stress and weight of the tower, plus the 84,000 lb. weight of the 8000 feet of supporting cable, exert a force of 1,250,000 lb. on the tiny steel base. A two-passenger lift carries maintenance men to the top in 20 minutes.

Shortwave Reception

The 16-metre band is opening up in the evening and the following stations are being reported: All India Radio (17705 kc.) closes 8.0 p.m.; Pakistan (17710 kc.) English news 8.0; Radio Nederland (17775 kc.) English at 9.30; Finland (17800 kc.) English news at 9.45; Ceylon (17820 kc.) opens 9.0; DZI-6 Manila (17805 kc.) opens 8.0; All India Radio (17840 kc.) opens 10.0; KCBR-3 Los Angeles (17850 kc.) opens 9.15; ORU Brussels (17860 kc.) opens 10.0.

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