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*The Last Days of "Galeb"*

*Summary*

The "State River Traffic" Agency and the privately owned commercial ship Enterprise "Galeb" from Belgrade had their offices on the Danube Pier "Queen Maria" near Dubravica, during the thirties of the last century. The manager of the "Galeb" Enterprise just before the beginning of the Second World War was Milisav Pavlovic (1905-1998) from Pozarevac. Being very conscientious about his work, he received and dispatched the goods transported by the "Galeb" ships, wrote the "reports on the arrivals of goods", transferred them to the addressees or their "official freight forwarders", charged storage taxes or freight charges. For the salary of 1500 dinars a month, he performed all kinds of jobs for the Enterprise. The goods transported to the merchants and the craftsmen in Pozarevac were dispatched to them securely and on time. It was the cheapest way to transport goods. At the beginning of the Second World War "some irregular events in the world and in our country" occurred. The war broke out in Yugoslavia and after the short "April War" she was dissolved. Serbia found itself under the Occupational Forces. Due to the war activities, the "Galeb" Enterprise suffered enormous losses in the number ships. Some of them were confiscated by the Hungarian military authorities, some were destroyed. "One ship was sunk by the Yugoslav Army, the other was taken and set afire by the irresponsible elements". The River Traffic Office placed a ban to further shipping of the "Galeb III" due to the dilapidated hull. The commercial ship Enterprise "Galeb" was forced to dismiss the staff, and soon after ceased to exist.