

UNION NEWS



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TRASH — says JOHNSON

Startling reports appeared in the National Press regarding the treatment received by the British delegation to I.U.S. Congress in Prague. These reports were, according to the Leeds representative, Alan Johnson, greatly exaggerated and gave no indication of the actual events. Below appears his report on the proceedings.

MULTUM IN PARVO

Facing you on entering the Union is a small cupboard. THIS IS THE J.C.R. Complaints in plenty were voiced last year regarding its multum in parvo character, but in catering for the inner man it has been shown that the outer man must suffer. In order that the kitchen staff may have more room in which to swing the cat, the J.C.R. has been reduced by an area 10' x 22' x 15', and this with last year's crush as a basis appears to be sufficient for several dozen students. The serving hatch for use at Balls, etc., remains, giving the impression that nothing has changed. But we know otherwise, don't we?

Come Into My Parlour.

There is, however, a standing invitation from Miss Miller, the cafeteria supervisor, for students to visit the kitchen and see the coffee actually being made. We suggest that when the

LOST

Between 30th June and October 2nd — Half a J.C.R. Reward. Finder please parcel with red tape and address to Catering Committee.

J.C.R. is disgorging bodies into the corridor each lunchtime, advantage should be taken of this invitation—there'll be much more room in the kitchen. **Perchance to Dance.**

What of Saturday evenings in J.C.R.? Unless double-tier couches are obtained there appears to be nothing for it but

Prague was again the focal point of interest to students the world over, when the Second International Union of Students' Congress opened in that historic and beautiful city.

Preparations for participation in the Congress had been one of the main tasks of the student organisations from some 70 different countries. The presence of all the nationalities, of leading figures of science and culture, the patronage of President Gotwald, the cultural, sporting and social events centred round the Congress, made it a memorable event.

The planning and preparations which the I.U.S. and especially that of the Czech N.U.S. had undertaken, resulted in a magnificent display of smooth organisation and administration.

The great hall was decorated with the main slogan of the Congress, "Students unite in the fight for peace, national independence and a democratic education." Under this banner was heard the varying opinion of students, which again unfortunately emphasised the split which is driving the East and West further apart to-day. The delegates from France, Finland, Denmark, Scotland, South Africa and our own N.U.S., as well as observers from such national student organisations as Australia and America, were constantly clashing metaphorical swords with the delegates from the Eastern European states and the "progressive" student organisations of the West. This split was widened even further by the apparent failure of the I.U.S. members to realise that

to dance. Another innovation in J.C.R. calculated to calm the more courageous cupids is a pair of lights which cannot be dimmed from J.C.R. itself except by the judicious use of an old boot. Such lights already exist in the Cafeteria and Social Rooms, these having been in use when the Caf. was J.C.R. and vice versa. The location of the switch for these eternal fires is not known but we understand that a substantial reward awaits the brave who first discovers it.

the student organisations from the West were a different type of organisation from themselves, and were bound by their constitutions not to take part in political discussions and demonstrations which did not directly concern students as such, and which occupied the majority of the time of the Congress, or to appreciate the fact that the leaders of the B.N.U.S. were really the representatives of the student organisation in our country.

THE MAIN THEME.

Underlying these differences, however, there was one main theme upon which they agreed, and that was the need for peace. The difficulties arose when it came to the interpretation of the method of achievement of that peace. They failed to understand when we said that we felt that one of the main contributions to world peace was the encouragement of student exchange, sport, etc. It was unfortunate that the real attempts at compromise, of understanding the other point of view (without necessarily agreeing with it), occurred outside the Congress hall; it occurred whenever a group of two or three met to discuss common problems and difficulties.

The I.U.S. Executive report was largely a partisan political analysis of the position of the world to-day, and, as such, was unacceptable to the British delegation. It did, however, give the results of the valuable work of the I.U.S. over the last four years, of the increase in member-

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obtain a **Union News**. The charge per copy is 2d. This idea seems risky at first sight, but the fact that it works successfully at Sheffield and other Universities prompts us to try it here. We hope the light-fingered gentry among us will keep clear of our tins.

Have your change ready—We intend to have on sale 12 issues of **Union News** during the coming session and we hope that YOU will support YOUR OWN publication.

MESSAGE from Vice Chancellor

A NEW VENTURE.

I feel sure that a warm welcome will be given to the new series of special University Lectures which have been arranged for this Session. Eight distinguished scholars from other Universities are coming to speak to us on subjects of their own choosing. Each lecture will be designed, not for specialists, but for a general audience.

A list of the lectures has been sent to every member of the University. For further details see subsequent "Diaries" inside.

Required Urgently

One Sales Staff capable of selling copies of **Union News** for an hour or so on alternate Thursdays.

Under the leadership of a very enterprising Sales Manager it is hoped to increase substantially the circulation figures of **Union News**. At present no more than half the members of the Union pay for their copy of the paper, the rest are content to read that of someone else. We are assured by other Universities that practically every one of their members buys his own copy of the respective journals.

Wider Scope.

A matter of 250 more copies sold per issue of **Union News** would make all the difference.

With this in mind we intend to extend our market to the Medical and Dental Schools. Thursday morning lectures are to be "covered" (herein lies the need for sales staff) and a number of pressure points are to be tapped.

Shackle the Shekels.

A rather novel idea is to be put into operation by setting up sales points without supervisors. A pile of **Union News** copies will be placed at strategic points together with a collecting tin. These will be left for 2 or 3 days to give everyone a chance to

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EDITORIAL.

The Editorial eyeshade has once again changed hands. With it goes a great deal of extra work, but before we become completely submerged may we express our congratulations and the thanks of the Union to Colin West for his fine work as Editor during the past year. Good luck, Colin, in your new post as Secretary of the Union.

Once more aroused from its peaceful torpor of the Summer months, the Union has taken on the appearance of Leeds market on a Saturday afternoon. Among the customers this year are eight hundred and fifty Freshers, who will by this time have been introduced, initiated and generally talked at to such an extent that they feel like seasoned hands. **Union News** adds its welcome to the already numerous collection.

The said eight hundred and fifty will swell the number of students to the region of three thousand. When it is considered that the membership for the 1938-39 session was one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, it can be seen how much Leeds has grown, numerically at least, since the war.

By now, however, the ex-Service element forms a much smaller proportion of those present, this year's Freshers being mostly between seventeen and nineteen years of age.

It is generally believed that the ex-Servicemen provide the "live wires" of Union life. We sincerely hope that the injection of new blood about to have its effect in the University will prove this theory to be wrong. The Fresher's first reaction to the bearded, bald or rather more mature student is to retire, alarmed, into a state of seclusion. To this we say DON'T.

Find yourself a task in the Union and Go To It.

Next issue, Thursday, Oct. 19th.

Last day for copy, Oct. 12th.

This and That

WELCOME HOME.

Since this is being written at the end of last term (confusing, isn't it?) we are welcoming to these columns all the people who will be coming in three and a half months time, which is really right now. We hope that they will survive the rigours of registration day, not to mention the Fresher's Conference (which, come to think of it, they will have survived if they are reading this). We assure them that not every edition of the **Union News** carries such a complicated paragraph as this, and we will end this one before it becomes completely incomprehensible — or has it?

UNION BALL.

This year Union Ball is to take place on October 20th, starting at 9 p.m. and going on until 3 a.m. The change in time is due to the fact that a dinner for visiting delegates from other Universities, and various other important people, is being held beforehand, and last year this caused great annoyance to all those people who had come late in order to miss the reception and found that they had not come late enough. There will be a reception for the common 'erd this year, from 9-9-15—so be warned. And now that you know all about it, you'd better start hunting for partners. Incidentally, tickets are 15/-.

DECORATION FOR DRINKING.

There have been many complaints during the time that the bar has been in existence that it bears a strong resemblance to such unaesthetic buildings as Naafi's, station waiting rooms, and other similar places. It has now been suggested that it should therefore be decorated with murals, and offers from the College of Art are being considered. The House Sec. is also looking into various other improvements, but we are asked to state that his terms of reference do not include the drinks.

EVENING RECITALS

Admission to the series of five recitals to be given during the Session, at 7-30 p.m., in the Great Hall, will be free to students of the University. Although the recitals are devoted to Chamber Music, their scope has been widened this year to extend from trios and quartets to string quartets and works for a Chamber Orchestra with singers.

The first Concert is on Wednesday, 1st November, when the Sylvan Trio will play eighteenth century and modern works for

RE-ORGANISATION.

The small offices on the top floor have now been subject to a slight reshuffle. The Grants and Welfare Committee, whose work, now that there has been such a decrease in the numbers of ex-Service students, has become less overwhelming, are going into one of the smaller offices. The N.U.S. is to have another small office, the Vac. Work Committee and the Correspondence Exchange are to share the third small office, and, oh joy and rapture, **Gryphon** and **Union News** have been given the large office at the end. So now we at least have enough room to breathe at the same time instead of alternatively.

HOOTS, Etc.

One of the most active Societies last year was the Scottish Dance Society, who turned out whenever they were asked to perform, and who have succeeded in inuring quite a lot of people to the sound of the bag-pipes. Now they are going to run a Folk Dancing Festival in the Union on Saturday, February 15th, in which Scottish and Folk Dancing Societies from other Northern Universities will take part. The Scottish Dancing Society will also run the social in the evening, instead of it being the normal Union-run hop. So probably a lot more people will become inured to bag-pipes.

PING AND PONG.

The Table Tennis Club has led rather a wandering existence in its search for somewhere to play its matches. It has now been given the sole use of the Large Card Room, at least until the end of the Spring term. A table is also to be installed in the Bar for the use of those who just want to bash a ball about. This will be available during the opening hours of the Union, and bats and balls will be provided at the Porter's Office at a charge of 2d. per hour under the same conditions as obtain for billiards. So anybody who finds a small ball in his beer should not worry. It will be a real one.

PETE.

- - DIARY - -

Future issues of **Union News** will include a Diary among its many useful articles catering for the enjoyment and education of its readers.

Before passing on to the fixtures of the various Societies we must note that from Monday the Union premises (**AND THE BAR**) will be open until 10 p.m. each weekday, with, it is hoped, considerable profit to all concerned.

The early arrangements in the Union are mainly for the benefit of Freshers, who will already have had a brief introduction to the University through the Freshers' Conference.

The unaccustomed exertion of registration should have passed and the Union can now settle down to the normal routine of Wednesday and Saturday socials, the all important Balls and the occasional debate.

Society Welcomes.

The Scout and Guide Freshers' Social has been fixed for Thursday, October 4th. The previous day the first of the Wednesday hops will take place, organised by the English Society, while the Spanish Society will be in charge of the first Saturday hop on October 7th.

On Friday, 6th October, the Methodist Society welcome all Freshers to a reception in the Social Room at 4-30, while on Monday, 9th October, the Physical and Geographical Socs. provide alternative entertainment in a "Freshers' Welcome" and "Social and Tea" respectively. Tuesday, October 10th, brings the Economics Society welcome, when tea will be provided and a social will follow.

Students' Cinema.

The first of the Sunday cinema shows held in the R.S.H. will be on Sunday, 15th October—the programme to include "Mutiny on the Bounty" and "That Inferior Feeling."

Thursday, October 19th, will see another issue of **Union News** when we hope to bring you another, and rather larger batch of dates.

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POTEMKIN and POPEYE

Your Union cinema re-opens on Sunday, 15th October, with "Mutiny on the Bounty," starring Charles Laughton, and "That Inferior Feeling," with Robert Benchley . . . Thereafter, there will be a film show in the Riley Smith Hall every Sunday evening for the rest of the term. Programmes have been arranged to meet a variety of tastes and films to be shown include—"Blithe Spirit" (in technicolour naturally glorious), "A Matter of Life and Death" (ditto), Alfred Hitchcock's "Thirty-nine Steps," "Thunder Rock," and "Bank Holiday." A film made by the Oxford University Film Society called "Black Legend," will also be shown.

"Heddification."

Foreign films include Einstein's "Battleship Potemkin," and a Hungarian masterpiece of farming life "Hortobagy," especially recommended. Popeye, Charlie Chaplin, Will Hay and Robert Benchley, etc., also put in an appearance. Full details of the term's programmes will be found on the Union Cinema Notice Board.

Suggestions Wanted.

The programmes for next term have not yet been arranged. YOUR suggestions are wanted and should be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. Film Committee as soon as possible.

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Entertainments this year promise well. The Entertainments Committee, under the lead of Gillie Gray, should do big things, though as yet nothing but the dates of the functions have been arranged.

First Blood.

The first open Hop—that is to say not exclusively for Freshers—is that of the English Society on Wednesday, October 4th. The monkey-suit season opens with the Union Ball on October 20th. Engaged for the Ball are Charlie Steel and his music, and those old faithfuls, the Clubmen.

The intention of the U.C. this year was for all socials to be organised by the Entertainments Committee, proceeds to be pooled and shared among the

Societies and Clubs. A large number of these latter, however, have applied for and been granted permission to organise their own Socials. The financial pool arrangement will stand.

The Clubmen.

The Clubmen's manager has once more changed identity. Jim Pearson, who last year held that post, has found for himself, with the aid of a degree in modern languages, a corner in the textile trade in Manchester. Brian Statham, the Clubmen's Bass-basher, has taken over where Jim finished.

Incidentally, Geoff Locke, the clarinet-cum-sax player, is coming up to Leeds this session to do Soc. Dip. He should have many friends already.

TRANQUILLITY

One of the many dear-departed of the Union is a vehicle which each day last year would religiously thunder its way between here and Tonbridge Street. It was incapable of going further. No more will the bowels of the Union rumble with strange explosions. Not again will the noise increase as a side-whiskered man in black shoots from the basement borne on two wheels and an accumulation of scrap metal.

Never again will students gasp with terror and awe as, careless of life and limb (his own or anyone else's) our little hero hares blindly towards the Edu. building and then corners in a style to make Geoff Duke envious. Alas, dear company, Arthur Fountain, our porter, has sold his motor bike, and it is believed, at a considerable profit.

HOUGHTY CULTURE

For the week-end, September 8th and 9th, the Union was practically devoid of students. Nevertheless, it took on an appearance not unlike that seen on some of the brighter Balls. The entrance was bedecked with wonderful blooms. The Cafeteria was unbelievably festooned, the air was fragrant, the reason was the Leeds Paxton Horticultural Society's Flower and Vegetable Show.

Students would have swooned to see the entries for "One vase Medium Flowered, Incurving Early Flowering Chrysanthemums," while the "Nine pods of Beans, Dwarf Kidney, were beyond description.

NEW BOY

One new face among the many to be seen about the Union is that of Mr. Robson, the new Porter. He is to replace Mr. Watson, who left us in June, and we wish him luck in his new capacity. Mr. Robson is not entirely uninitiated in student ways, having transferred from "over the road."

BASES FOR SOUND LIVING

New seats seem to be well to the fore in this issue of **Union News**. We have to report, as well as those of the Bar, the brand new installations in the Anatomy Lecture Theatre of the Medical School.

With a crafty eye to attracting more students to his lectures, Professor Durward has had red plush tip-up "fauteuils" installed. Our correspondent reports that the Theatre has taken on the appearance of a cinema and it has been considered employing usherettes to heighten the illusion.

Previous to the renovations the Anatomy Lecture Theatre was equipped with wooden benches and was designed to give the largest number of students the greatest amount of torture in the smallest amount of space.

Ars Gratia Artis.

For years now, the authorities have been attempting to educate the Medics. by means of special lectures on cultural topics. These efforts have, however, fallen rather flat, since, it is felt, the lectures were held in the Anatomy Theatre. Who knows what results the new seats may produce. At last we may see arise a generation of cultured Medics.

Noises Off.

As a final test of perfection a special team was appointed to test the possibilities of registering approval (or otherwise) in the normal student manner—i.e., the application of the shoe-toe to the seat in front. The team reports that boards have been erected apparently with this purpose in mind and are well placed and in good sounding order.

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Dear Sir,

The failure of the Rag demands a serious review of its whole conception. Despite a prolonged press and poster campaign, the addition of another week to the already too-long collecting period, and a degree of autocratic organisation which verged on that of a commando group, the total extorted was £2,000 less than last year and only half the target. As the days passed of what has now become Rag Fort-night (and in some cases Rag Three Weeks) it became noticeable that the people of Leeds were less and less prepared to part with their already limited amount of cash, and more and more embittered at the groups of fantastically dressed students who noisily demanded it.

The position must be faced that there will be an even less amount of spare cash about next year, and that students in unthinking and often ridiculous attempts to get at it will be even more unpopular than they already are—and rightly so. It would better seem our at present bogus reputation as intellectual leaders of the community if we diverted our post-examination hysteria into more fruitful channels, "good causes" and similar excuses notwithstanding.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed) JAMES J. WALSH.

When the expenses had been met and the last frenzied yells had died away the total amount donated to charity as a result of 1950 Rag "Period" was £6,525 14s. 0s.—EDITOR.

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ODEON.

Gregory Peck,
"The Gunfighter."

MAJESTIC and SCALA.

"Rogues of Sherwood
Forest."

RITZ.

Dennis Price,
"Dancing in the Dark."

TOWER.

Shirley Temple,
"Pride of Kentucky."

CAPITOL.

"Dancing in the Dark."
"Calamity Jane and
Sam Bass."

HEADINGLEY.

"East Side West Side."
"You Can't Sleep Here."

CARLTON.

"Red Danube."
"The Cure for Love."

TATLER.

"The Miracle."

THEATRES.

GRAND

"International Ballet."

ROYAL.

"Fit for a King."

October 9th—14th.

ODEON.

Glen Ford, Valli,
"White Tower."

MAJESTIC and SCALA.

"Broken Arrow."

RITZ.

"16 Fathoms Deep."

TOWER.

Fred Astaire,
"Top Hat."

CAPITOL.

"East of Java."
"Cure for Love."

HEADINGLEY.

"It's a Great Feeling."
"Your Witness."

CARLTON.

"Bagdad."
"Ambush."

TATLER.

"Retour a la Vie."

THEATRES.

GRAND.

"International Ballet."

ROYAL.

"Double Door."

**THE SEAT
OF THE
MATTER**

Not only Law students are called to the Bar at Leeds for practically everyone visits this institution during his stay. Now few of the visitors will be interested in anything but their beverage, but it will be found that the furniture of the Bar is an integral part of an evening's enjoyment. Since last the merry clink of glasses competed with bawdy student songs we have become the owners of a brand new outfit of drinking chairs—those in previous use having been returned.

Baling Out.

The new chairs are of unique design, having a back rest and small extensions on either side so as to make it impossible to fall out of the seat. The furniture has been personally tested by a Union News representative who reports them safe and uncapsizeable. Unlike the previous pieces, however, they are unsprung, having four points of contact with the floor. They are thus guaranteed to give a sensation of stability no matter in what state of inebriation the occupant may be.

Getting Down To It.

It will be noticed, too, that the Bar tables have rather short legs. This is not to allow for easy leaping when a bee-line is made for the Bar, but to prevent people from ending up under the table. A warning to Freshers—it's been tried before and cannot be done!

FILM CRIT

In an effort to elevate the minds of poor taste-lacking University students, a brief but valuable guide to and criticism of Leeds film shows is to be included in the Union News. The idea of such a venture is admirable, if somewhat useless, for once a thorough examination of cinema going students is made, it is immediately seen how few really frequent the cinema in order to see the film. Four or five groups can be differentiated.

Firstly, those who go to the cinema in order to annoy the general public as a whole. This group make inane comments in stage whispers at tense, dramatic or romantic moments to the enjoyment of group two, who go to the cinema with the sole object of listening to group one. The third species may be called the "back row boys," they retire to the darkest extremities of the cinema in order to pay more

attention to their companion than to the film.

Necking ?

The fourth group is the despicable set with perpetually stiff necks gained in enjoying the action, not of the film actors, but of their fellows on the back row. The fifth group, a minority, grievous to relate, are those who with highly laudable intentions go to the cinema in order to appreciate a film. Unfortunately, they find this terribly hard because their attention is diverted by the first low group. Thus they either leave the cinema in desperation, having seen only half the film, or degenerate into one of the other groups.

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That would appear to be pure advertisement for Mrs. Baldwinson. We assure you that we

have no personal financial interest in the scheme. But we do feel that the whole affair will be of such utility to a great number of students who, each week, bundle their dirty washing to their home, that such advertisement is justified. It seems, too, that certain sports clubs could save rather a packet on jersey washing.

While on the subject of adverts in **Union News** we do earnestly appeal to you to consider the insertions before making your purchases. All adverts. are from first class businesses who guarantee to give the student their best attention. Your trade means their continued interest in **Union News**.

II.

During the past fortnight Leeds College of Art students have held an exhibition of their work in the garden in front of the Civic Hall. Works on show were representative of the whole College, including portrait, sculpture and design. Though the standard of work was not especially high, the idea—that of two students, Messrs. Mell and Millerchip—is praiseworthy. It is believed that this is the first provincial College to hold such an exhibition and since the show was very successful it is hoped to make it an annual event.

Entries were submitted before a Committee and the best work was exhibited for sale. A large number of successful transactions took place, Mr. Harry Everington receiving £10 for one of his pieces.

UNION SPORTS—contd.

L.U.U. Fencing Club.

Outside the University, Fencing is rather an expensive sport, but here, provided you are gifted with a reasonably good eye and a pair of gym. shoes you can have excellent professional coaching in a sport rapidly gaining in popularity.

University fencers take part in Inter-Varsity, Christie, U.A.U. and Amateur Fencing Association Competitions.

Whether you have fenced before or not come along to the Gym., at 7 p.m., on Tuesday evenings. Ladies are particularly welcome.

L.U.U. Motor Club.

Towards the end of last session a group of enthusiasts formed the L.U.U. Motor Club. This caters for the four, three and two-wheel types and also for those not possessing a vehicle.

The favourable support received last session together with that we hope to have from Freshers should enable us to get a flying start to the season. We have a programme of weekly indoor meetings and frequent outdoor competitive events. Before long we hope to have both R.A.C. and A.C.U. Affiliation. So lets get motoring.

"TRASH" - continued from page 1

ship from 1,500,000 to 4,000,000 (to-day 5,000,000); of the world Festival of Youth at Budapest; of the world summer and winter games; of the I.U.S. camp at Heyres in France; of the relief work and of the work in the democratisation of education, etc.

REPORT ON P.Y.Y.

One of the main discussions of the Congress and Council was a ratification of the I.U.S. Executive decision to sever relations with the student leaders of People's Youth of Yugoslavia; this was vigorously opposed by the students of the West because of the unconstitutional manner in which it was carried out and because of the failure of the I.U.S. to send a delegation to Yugoslavia to enquire into the facts.

Another important decision was the incorporation into the main resolution of the Congress of the appeal issued by the World Defenders of Peace, who were meeting in Prague at the same time. This appeal calls not only for the banning of the atomic bomb, but of all weapons of mass destruction; it outlaws aggression wherever it occurs and is a much broader appeal than the Stockholm one.

COMPROMISE.

There was, however, an attempt to compromise the two points of view inside the Congress and this was reflected in the work of the commission in the modified tone of the main resolution. Because of certain partisan political statements contained in the resolution and because of attacks on Mr. Jenkins in the election to Vice-Presidency of the I.U.S., the B.N.U.S. and student organisations from the West were forced to abstain from voting on the main resolution.

It may be questioned as to why, after all these attacks on the N.U.S. and Mr. Jenkins, co-operation with the B.N.U.S. is still desired, but, surely, our

attitude should be how can we stay in the I.U.S. without violating our constitution and principles.

THE CHOICE.

This leads to what should be one of the most important questions in the minds of all British students, and especially of the delegates who will be going to the November Council of the N.U.S. at Liverpool. British students must decide whether they feel that our position within the I.U.S. has become untenable, that to stay in is tantamount to accepting its politics, that for financial reasons the I.U.S. has gone against the letter of its constitution (especially in the case of Yugoslavia), and that remaining in the I.U.S. will split the unity of our own N.U.S. If this is their considered opinion, then they will have to come to the regrettable conclusion that we must disaffiliate from I.U.S.

On the other hand, they may feel that, despite the many objections, if the tenuous last link (apart from the United Nations) between the East and West is strained to reach breaking point, gone, too, will be the only possible opportunity to meet with, discuss and try to understand and develop friendships that will aid in the establishing of a lasting world peace. They may also feel that they will have lost the opportunity to put a balanced picture of the student position in Britain to countries of the East and that the members of the I.U.S. will get a false impression of unanimity if a minority of British student organisations replaces N.U.S.

They may also fear the setting up of a new "Western I.U.S." that will eventually turn into an organisation opposed in principle to the I.U.S., and so widen the rift between the East and West and bring the dangers of a new war even closer. In that case they may come to the conclusion that, accepting the fact that N.U.S. is a different type of organisation, it can still work within the framework of the I.U.S.

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L.U.U. Lawn Tennis Club

(Women's).

The Club has had a very enjoyable season. Due to the bad weather at the beginning of term a number of matches had to be cancelled. The W.I.V.A.B. matches were played, however, and we just failed to Manchester to gain the Northern Championship.

Congratulations to Jean Bentley and Christine Taylor, who were chosen to play for Northern Universities against Scottish Universities.

All students are invited to attend at the practices at the Oxley courts at the beginning of the Summer Term. Watch the notice board and don't forget ALL are welcome.

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The most important feature rearing its head at the last Union Committee Meeting was the going into retirement of the 1949-50 Committee and the initiation of those elected for 1950-51. This event, however, was overshadowed by the decision that the Union premises, including the Bar, should in future remain open until 10 p.m. (subject to the approval of the Catering Committee). Arid tongued swotters from the Brotherton will no longer need to trip down to the "Fenton" for their 9 p.m. medicine.

Future Congress ?

The decision taken by the Executive that Leeds should not be offered as a venue for the 1951 Congress did not find favour with Fred Singleton. He stoutly upheld the many Leeds attractions both in the way of Union facilities and recreational potentialities. So eloquently did he speak that the decision was reversed. If Leeds is besieged by hoardes of students in technicoloured scarves you will know who is to blame.

A new Society has been approved by the Committee. This is the Archery Society, and will doubtless make its bow this term. Why such an association should be a society and not a club is beyond us. If we have amongst us men, with yearnings for the Sherwood Forest life—here's your chance.

Standing Committees.

The election of new Standing Committees took quite a time. The results of this may be seen (in writing, not in person) on the Notice Board in the Union Entrance Hall.

The O.S.A. have a scheme in mind for promoting an extremely ambitious dance at some future date. The band to be engaged is that of Victor Sylvester, but the cost involved is rather prohibitive. Tickets would need to be 25/- double, and in order that the Ball should not be a financial flop the Union is asked for backing. Mr. MacMenemy, who was seen to throw a fit each time money was mentioned, advised

that support should be withheld until more details are known.

As a result of the recent increase in thefts about the Union, the University Authorities are to be asked to provide more lockers for the use of students.

Good Health Again.

The subject of Good Health was discussed when plans were announced for reequipping a sick bay. This, it is understood, is primarily for use by students in digs where landladies have too many commitments to give sick guests their full attention. Many of the dear ladies are better than mothers themselves when their protegées are unwell, but it is felt that a sick bay will provide facilities for observation and recuperation.

I.U.S. RADIO SERVICE

Programmes of Student News are now broadcast regularly from Prague by courtesy of I.U.S. These broadcasts are in fifteen different languages and can be heard every Monday evening. The English transmission is on 31.41 metres from 7-15 to 7-45 G.M.T.

In addition, this office is inundated by copies of "World Student News," I.U.S. Article and News service and many other pamphlets of interest to the internationally-minded student. These journals are available to any member of the Union who wishes to peruse them.

SOCIETY NEWS—contd.

An interesting programme has been drawn up for the coming session. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th Oct., when Professor Shimmin will address the Society. This is to be followed by the Freshers' Tea and Social, which will be held in conjunction with the Economics Society. Freshers are especially invited to attend this meeting.

L.U.U. Natural History Society.

This Society attempts to bring its members the lighter aspects of Science in its widest sense, and extends a welcome to Arts as well as Science students.

Besides fortnightly lectures, factories and other places of interest are visited. Occasionally we forget that we have any connection with Natural History and go as a Party to the Theatre—which shows that we are not highfaluting scientists but just a friendly crowd capable of enjoying everyday things. We pride ourselves in strong Staff-Student relations, renewed every year at the Society Dinner—an occasion worth every member's support.

If you have a strong pair of shoes, a free Sunday and are willing to face torrents of Yorkshire rain and a few blisters, come to one of the Society hikes.

In any case roll up on Bazaar Day—the subscription is 2/-, and well worth it.

L.U.U. Agricultural Society.

The Society extends a hearty invitation to all students interested in Agriculture to join us at our meetings held on Monday evenings in either the Union Building or the Agricultural Department. Outstanding events this session are the Annual Ball and the Annual Reunion and Dinner. The latter, this year is to take the form of a celebration dinner to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Society's foundation.

In addition to the ploughed field, our activities cover the sports field, and many opportunities are offered to our members in this direction.

L.U.U. French Society.

This Society extends a warm invitation to all members of the University. We look forward to enrolling you as a member, so visit our stall in the Riley-Smith Hall on Bazaar Day, where you will be most welcome. Failing that the secretary will be pleased to enrol members at any time. Don't be shy, it's up to you Freshmen.

L.U.U. Methodist Society.

The Society aims to provide a worshipping fellowship for Methodist students away from their own home churches.

To achieve this we meet regularly—on Sundays at Brunswick Church, during the week in groups for more intimate discussion and also for prayers and Holy Communion. We hope to arrange open meetings in the Union to present the Christian viewpoint on specific questions.

If you believe that the Christian faith is finally the only basis for living, and especially if you are a Methodist, you are invited to try with us to find out what that faith means, by joining our community life. We welcome you to our Freshers' Reception and Social on Friday, Oct. 6th, at 4-30 p.m., in the Social Room.

L.U.U. Spanish Society.

Even if you don't join us you are bound to hear of Spanish Society many times during this session. We have a programme which is as varied as Spain itself, and more so because we are not confined to tedious frontiers. As usual, we shall produce a play during Easter term—and last year's was a resounding success...there's the "Fiesta" to be considered...and of course we must not omit the singing and dancing which are rapidly becoming as popular as the old established functions.

In the fortnightly talks in Spanish and English you'll meet an affable staff on equal terms and gain a sound background for the study of Spanish, Portuguese, and Hispanic-American subjects.

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Once again we extend a hearty welcome to all Medical and Dental Freshmen. The Medics Rugby club has a grand tradition dating back to 1931. This year we shall field three teams, the 1st XV having an attractive fixture list, playing many well-known Yorkshire clubs. We also take part in the Yorkshire Cup Competition and, as usual, will send a team down to London in January to play some of the Hospital sides. The first practice is at Weetwood on Wednesday, 4th of October.

L.U.U. Chemical Society.

In the Chemical Society, you will have an opportunity to hear some of the greatest living chemists lecture. Their lectures include topics of both general and specialised interest, and from them you will learn of the most recent discoveries over a wide field.

You will also have the opportunity of taking part in Intra Mural games, for which the Society enters teams.

L.U.U. International Society.

The aims of the International Society are :—

1. To create better understanding and relationship between British and Overseas students.
2. To obtain better understanding of International problems.
3. To provide means of social intercourse between members.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the conflict which has existed throughout the present century between the universal economic and social interests of mankind and the segregation of peoples into centralised, sovereign nation-states, is, in our lives, becoming critically intense.

The most difficult barrier to overcome is the most intangible, that created by the social and cultural differences which exist between nations and groups of nations.

These barriers cannot be broken by force; they must be gradually worn down by a continuous fight against the prejudice and inspired hatred and distrust which arise from ignorance of the peoples of other lands, their institution and ways of life and subsequent unawareness of mutual problems and affinities which exist.

This is the ultimate aim of the Society. The Society exists to provide means of social intercourse between students of all nations and races.

Thus many students of this University gain a fuller understanding of international problems, by personal contact and experience.

During the past three years the Society has had encouraging support from British and Overseas students alike, and it is hoped that this year the Society will continue to play its important part in University activities, and increase its membership.

The success of these activities rests particularly upon the Freshers, the future members, who are, of course, responsible for securing the ultimate aims of the Society.

L.U.U. Scottish Dance Society.

When a small band of stalwarts, back in 1948, began to persist in the pursuit of a barbarous form of revelry termed "Scottish Dancing," they were looked upon with a mild curiosity.

SOCIETY REVIEW

This page—normally occupied by Socrites' merry quips—is for this issue given to the Society Secretaries to use as they will. Furthermore, it will help to give readers a guide to the doings of the Societies without, we hope, duplicating the ground covered by the Union Handbook.

But when this small band developed into one of the largest Societies, in 1949, with a following of one hundred and twenty, the Union became aware (at times, all too aware!) of the existence of the Scottish Dance Society.

If you joined the Society, you would probably experience something like what is described by Robbie Burns :—

"As Tammie glowr'd, amazed and curious,
The mirth and fun grew fast and furious,
The piper loud and louder blew,
The dancers fast and faster flew,
Till ilka carlin' swat and reekit,
And coost her duddies tae the wark,
And linket at it in her sark."

However, we do not quite go so far as to dance in our "sarks," and moreover, some of our "scarlins" are unco' bonny.

So come prepared for some good fun, good company, some hot work, and moreover, a Society which can provide you with an interest which is lasting and beneficial.

L.U.U. Rhythm Club.

This Society aims to cater for all tastes in modern music, be it be-bop, New Orleans or Dixieland. We hold regular lunch-time meetings and have arranged an attractive programme for this session.

We invite all of you who are musically minded to join our Club and for you too to give a programme of your favourite records.

L.U.U. Law Society.

With Law students this Society is a MUST. But an invitation is extended to students

of all Faculties to join this Society.

Our main functions are Moots (mock-trials on legal subjects), with members acting as Counsel and a qualified member of the Legal profession acting as Judge. In the past we have had Judges, Barristers and Criminal Lawyers (though we prefer honest ones) (ha! ha!).

Of interest to non-Law students are talks on such subjects as "Police and the Law" (given by the Chief Constable) and the "Coroner's Court"; we also have useful talks by notable criminals.

In the coming year we are planning a trip to London to visit The Old Bailey, The Houses of Parliament, The Temple and the Windmill Theatre... all places of interest.

So make sure you visit our stall and obtain further details from the Publicity Secretary.

L.U.U. Physical Society.

The Society opens its activities this session with a Freshers' Welcome, which is to be held on 9th October. All students with an interest in Physics will be very welcome.

Ordinary meetings of the Society are held on alternate Fridays in the first and second terms. The meetings include a Presidential address by the Head of the Department, Professor R. Whiddington, lectures by external speakers and a student speakers' evening.

In the first term there is a visit to Montague Burton Ltd., and in the second term visits to the Yorkshire Copper Works Ltd., Allerton Bywater Colliery and The Lofthouse Colliery. These visits take place on Wednesday afternoons.

Also in the first term, there is a visit to The Physical Society of Liverpool University; the Liverpool students will pay a return visit to Leeds in the second term.

Two important social activities of The Physical Society are The Physics Dinner, on 2nd Dec., 1950, and The Physics Party, in February, 1951.

The Session's activities will be brought to an end by the A.G.M., to be held on Friday, 9th March, 1951.

L.U.U. Economics Society.

The Economics Society would like to draw the attention of all Freshers and to those returning to Leeds after their well-earned rest, to the Economics bookstall in the Riley-Smith Hall, where we have on sale a large selection of economics books at bargain prices. These books were bought from students at the very end of last term, and consequently were purchased for next to nothing. We have had no storage expenses and are able to sell these books again at cost price. Be sure to visit our stall early if you are studying economics.

Since space here is limited, full details of this Society's activities cannot be given; information can, however, be obtained from the stall on Bazaar Day, from the Union Handbook, and from all members of the Society who will be looking forward to meeting Freshers at the Tea and Social on Tuesday, 10th October.

L.U.U. Scout & Guide Club.

At the University, Scouting and Guiding is found in a new form—the purpose of the Club is not to inculcate technical efficiency, but rather to keep alive the spirit of Scouting, and to foster its growth through closer co-operation between Scouts and Guides. The Club is open to all past and present Scouts and Guides and all those interested in the movement, a special welcome being extended to overseas students.

The Club follows Baden-Powell's injunction to look wide, for last year's programme included discussions, hikes, campfires, musical evenings and social gatherings.

Come to the Freshers' Social on Thursday, October 5th, and hear about the Club's activities for the coming year, when an even more ambitious programme has been planned. Look out for our stall on Bazaar Day—come and introduce yourself.

L.U.U. Social Studies Society.

The Social Studies Society aims to further the development of Social Science and to spread knowledge and appreciation of what the sciences are and what they try to do.

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INTRODUCING UNION SPORTS

There are those who come up to the University for a degree and there are those (remarkably few, as results show) who come up to play games. Yet again, there are those who wish to play games while they work for their degree. The University sports clubs do their best to cater for all three strata.

As a University situated in the centre of industrial England, it happens that many of our men and women here at Leeds live at, or within easy reach of, their homes and thus their old associations and ties. Unfortunately, University sport has suffered through this in that it has been found that people continue to play for their clubs outside the University. Whilst it is readily appreciated that there is a case to be put for such faithfulness, we feel there is also a case to be put for breaking temporarily one's home ties and supporting the place which will, after all, have a very large influence on one's future. May we urge all those people who may be affected by this dilemma to consider seriously both sides of the question.

A decidedly large part of the University Union's income is spent on your sport and you will find in the athletic ground at Weetwood, the river at Swilling-

VACANCIES

To students, especially this year's Freshers, who are interested in sport as a whole, we can offer an interesting occupation for Saturday and Wednesday afternoons.

For further details apply to the Sports Editor of the **Union News**.

L.U.U. Table Tennis Club.

The Club runs six men's and one women's team in the Leeds League and also takes part in the Inter-Varsity Championships. It is well established as the largest and one of the strongest clubs in Leeds. Members of the Club have also represented Leeds on various occasions.

Our record in University matches has not been outstanding but we have always held our own. Our clubroom is on the top floor of the Union and all members can find ample facilities for practice there.

Moreover, the large number of teams will give the more experienced players the opportunity to take part in League matches. On Bazaar Day you will find our stall in the Social Room, where you can learn more about the Club and, we hope, join us.

ton, the gymnasium, the tennis courts and other unlikely places a remarkable opportunity of taking part in one or several athletic activities.

On Bazaar Day all the sports clubs will have stalls, where they will display their wares and solicit your services, and probably your shekels, so that there will be every opportunity of joining the clubs of your fancy, and we hope that this year will be a fruitful one for University sport.

A.P

LADIES, YOUR FIGURE!

Do you want to get a figure or lose the one you've got? Then join us in a game of basket-ball every **Thursday** from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the gym.

Basket-ball is fast and skilful, and a big improvement on such limited games as netball. Each player uses the whole court; everyone can shoot; there is

CYCLING

At the beginning of last session a couple of Freshers came up to Leeds University and to their disappointment found no outlet for their cycling activities. After a few weeks they formed a cycling club which is now a recognised Athletic Club. It caters mainly for tourists and C.T.C. and Y.H.A. members will find a programme of Sunday runs arranged to suit them; last year they ranged in distance from 30 upwards according to the weather. The racing side of the Club is slowly developing and this year it will be affiliated to the N.C.U. and R.T.T.C.

So whether you've a super-light lightweight or a rusty rattling contraption on two wheels you'll find a warm welcome with the Cycling Club. For further details contact the captain, Frank Beckwith.

dribbling, guarding, and a variety of interesting passes, but it remains disciplined, and each team develops its own particular style of play.

Large numbers of the men of the University take part in basket-ball games and we should like to see a similar enthusiasm amongst the women.

We have two coaches—Miss Hunter, from the Physical Education Department, coaches all Club members, and we have a coach from the Men's Club for the team players. And, finally, for your comfort, we have tea laid on, and showers.

We can offer a more attractive fixture list than previously. We also expect to continue holding inter-hostel and inter-departmental tournaments each term.

Whether you have any experience of the game or not you will be welcomed to our Thursday club games. Gym. kit is all that is required.

ARCHERY CLUB

This was founded last year in response to a growing enthusiasm for a skilful and fascinating sport. The Club have a supply of the necessary equipment so that it is not essential for prospective members to purchase their own in order to learn, but it is hoped that they will obtain some later on. This term the Club intends to shoot some match rounds among themselves and then to graduate to fixtures with outside clubs, but don't forget, all members are at present learners and if you Freshers have no previous experience it doesn't matter; if you've a good eye and a strong pair of arms come along and join the Archery Club.

President: W. A. Bole, Esq.
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EDITORIAL

As your new Sports Editor let me extend a welcome to old readers and to this year's Freshers. I hope you will let me have a continuous supply of information about the sporting activities of the Union as well as any criticisms or grouses you wish to air on this page.

D.C.

SHOOTING

Shooting is one of the few sports which can be enjoyed at any time throughout the week and on the University premises at that. For Freshers and Old Soaks, men and women, young and old alike, this is the club to join. Rifles, targets and ammo. are provided, and ALL are invited to join us.

Fixtures, both postal and shoulder to shoulder, are arranged with all Northern Universities, and Leeds and District competitions are entered. The climax of the year is the U.A.U. Championship in London.

As a completely new 1st team is to be built there is plenty of incentive for anyone with a keen eye, a trigger-happy finger and the love of good shooting.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

If you played for your school Hockey 1st XI, you should certainly join the Hockey Club, as there may be a place waiting for you in the 1st or 2nd University teams. Even if you did not reach 1st team standard at school, yet still enjoyed a game of hockey, we invite you to join our Club, as players are needed to complete the "A" and "B" teams.

The Club colours are dark green shorts and white shirts, as far as possible. Players selected for teams are provided with socks by the Club.

All hockey playing Freshers are invited to visit the stall on Bazaar Day and become members. Trials are being arranged for the first two weeks of term so that talent can be spotted and teams drawn up.

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