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UNION NEWS REPORTER

EXTREMISTS have been stirring up feeling in the Union over the contraceptive machine referendum this week. And the University Vice-Chancellor has stepped in over the posters advertising the referendum.

On Wednesday leaflets were distributed at the Union gates stating opinions why there should be no contraceptives on sale in the Union.

Rumour had it that the man behind these unsigned leaflets was none other than Secretary of Debates Philip Quille. In fact Quille had nothing to do with the drawing up of the leaflet, but was shown a draft which he took to Vice-President Alan Hunt for authorisation to distribute the leaflets through the Union.

"I agree"

Said Quille, "Of course, I agreed with everything the leaflet said," but permission was not granted to distribute the leaflet in the Union, so finally it had to be handed out by the gates.

Alan Hunt told Union News

Handing out
'vote no to
contraceptives'
leaflets
at the
Union gates



that he had warned Quille that the leaflet should be signed if distributed outside, and was surprised that this suggestion was not carried out. "It's illegal," he said.

Union President Ian Morrison said, "We might have expected it from Mr. Quille. It intrigues me why he didn't sign it."

Meanwhile, the University authorities have clamped down on the posters advertising the referendum, considering the bold use of the word "contraceptive" offensive.

Unsuitable

Earlier in the week when House Secretary Roger White went round the engineering departments for permission to place the referendum posters in the engineering buildings, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Evans said that he felt the posters were unsuitable and bad publicity for the University—nevertheless he granted White permission to stick up the poster in the Civil Engineering block.

Later Professor Evans complained to V.C. Sir Roger Stevens, who phoned President Morrison suggesting that the posters might be considered unsuitable.

Taken down

As a result, the posters have been taken down from all the University buildings and are now on display only in the Union.

Said House Secretary Roger White, "I think it's very narrow-minded. What is offensive about these posters? Is the University ashamed of the word "contraceptive."

TROUBLE IN THE BAR

TROUBLE occurred in the bar on Wednesday night as the Engineers tried to out-drink the Houldsworth, whilst members of five visiting rugby teams looked on.

One man was made to leave the building after he gate-crashed the Union and caused trouble in the bar. He gave his name as I. Ali, and said he was a mining student. But Union officials have been unable to trace him in the Union or the University files. The bar was closed for five minutes in an attempt to keep order, but singing and shouting still persisted afterwards.

Hop price increase planned

A MOVE is under way to raise hop prices by 6d. to 3/-. Suggesting this increase at Tuesday's meeting of Exec. Committee was Acting Treasurer Lawrence Grant.

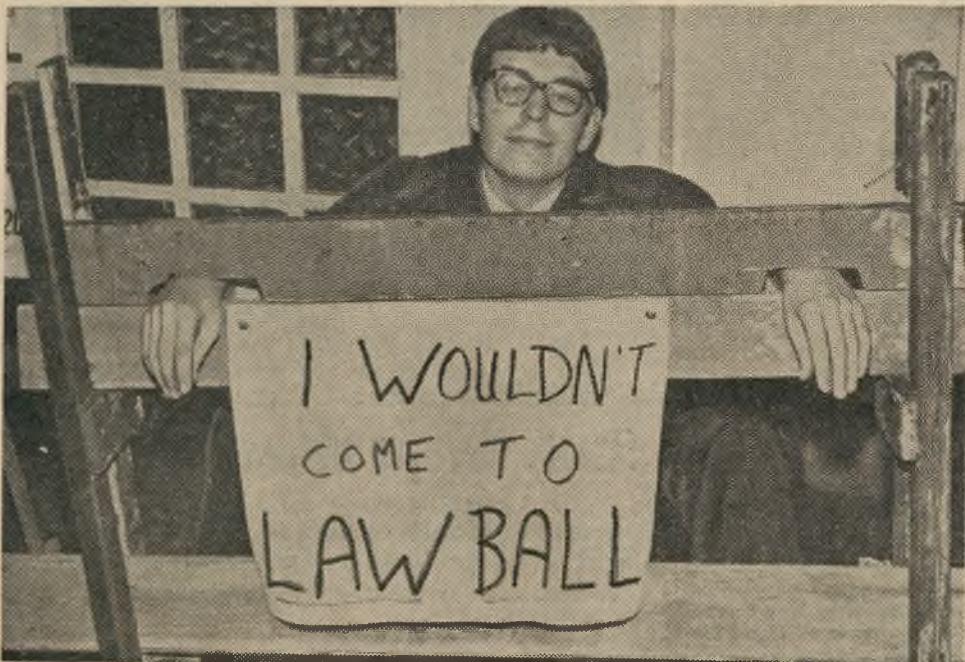
Vice-President Alan Hunt had noticed a "regular and steady drop in hop profits over the years." He asked the reason for this and was told by Entertainments Secretary Ed Jowitt that band prices are higher.

President Ian Morrison suggested grading the price according to the quality of the bands—varying to as low a price as 1/3. Ed Jowitt did not think this was possible.

Finally, then, the suggestion to go before Union Committee was that hop prices should go up.

Morrison felt that the mezzanine floor would be an added attraction for dances. "I think it makes refec. look like a Mecca Palace," he said.

LAUGHING STOCK



Secretary of the Debates Philip Quille was the second Union personality to be locked in the stocks as publicity for the first-ever Law Ball tonight. On Tuesday, Rag stunt John Sutton was paraded round the Union and stocked in

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE BUDGET

TUESDAY'S meeting of Executive Committee was primarily concerned with the Union budget for the '64/'65 session.

Estimates suggest that the Union would be £1,328 in the red; but financial juggling by the committee finally arranged a water-tight budget. There should now be no deficiency in the Union funds, and there is every possibility that there will be some money left over.

UNION NEWSREEL UNDER WAY

FILMGOERS at Sunday's Union Cinema saw the first "Union Newsreel"—a twenty-minute-long documentary of events of the past fortnight. Although unapplauded, the newsreel seems to have gone down quite well.

Said one Union member after the show, "It wasn't bad, though I thought it dragged a bit."

Producer Dick Whitley told Union News, "For a first attempt I thought it was reasonable."

Statement

Results will be known on Monday, but President Morrison does not propose to make them public until he has released a statement on them to the national press to discourage inaccurate leaks to the papers by ordinary Union members.

Editorial comment —
see page 4

STOP PRESS

YESTERDAY morning saw urgent calls for volunteers to man the ballot boxes for the contraceptive machine referendum.

The Union porters had all refused to have anything to do with the referendum. A spokesman for the porters would not comment.

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LEEDS CHEMIST TAKES OVER AS NOTTS. V.C.

Prof. "sorry to leave"

By NEWS STAFF

TAKING over as Vice-Chancellor at Nottingham University next October is 50-year-old head of the Leeds Physical Chemistry Department, Professor Frederick S. Dainton.

Professor Dainton, who was born in Sheffield and read chemistry at Oxford, was the Humphrey Owen Jones lecturer at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, before moving to take over the physical chemistry chair at Leeds in 1950.

He told Union News this week "I'm extremely sorry to leave my colleagues and students in Leeds University—which has been very good to me.

"I don't want to give up science one bit," he added, "but I am interested in Nottingham because it has a lovely large campus."

At Leeds, Professor Dainton founded the School of Radiation Chemistry (radiation chemistry is the study of the effects of ionizing radiation on chemical reactions).

United States

He describes himself as a 'wandering professor,' having held appointments all over the United States as well as having lectured throughout parts of Europe. He is very interested in postgraduate education. His was the first department to introduce lectures for postgraduates.

Another innovation at Leeds for which the professor was responsible is the rotating chairmanship of the chemistry school—a system whereby the heads of each of the three sub-departments of the school of chemistry take three-year turns at running the whole school.

Commenting on the job of a Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dainton said "One can say that a V.C.'s life is largely made up of bricks, mortar and money." This, he says, is "merely to create conditions such that the University can flourish in its two major objectives; the dissemination and advancement of knowledge."

Photographer

The professor is a keen photographer (an honorary vice-president of photo soc.), and gets on well with students. "I will miss very much the actual contact with students—at the informal seminar and the lectures," he says, but claims that being Vice-Chancellor at Nottingham is "all going to be very new and exciting."

"The challenging job at Nottingham," says Professor Dainton, "will be starting the new medical school from scratch." He added that he has no intention of leaving Nottingham until the medical school is completed.

The Professor is an Honorary Fellow of St. Catherine's, Cambridge, a Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the academic planning board of the University of Lancaster among other things.



Nottingham University's new V.C.—Professor Dainton, who calls himself the 'wandering prof.'

TROTS MUSCLE IN AT LABOUR S.G.M.

By A NEWS REPORTER

EXTREME authoritarian Marxists failed in a bid to gain complete control of Labour Society at an S.G.M. on Friday.

The meeting was called after the committee had reached deadlock over a suggestion by Social Studies lecturer Mr. Justin Grossman that he should arrange a series of talks with speakers of the calibre of Alisdair MacIntyre, E. P. Thompson, John Rex and Richard Hoggart.

A motion to agree to the talks was accepted overwhelmingly at the meeting though members of the Socialist Labour League (Trotskyites) who control Marxist Society and were seeking to extend their power over Labour Society objected to the choice of speakers on the grounds that they were not Socialists but "airy fairy intellectuals." This view was branded as "arrogant, insulting and unintelligent" by another speaker.

Clashes

Another subject which revealed factional clashes was over the election of new officials. Here, the "Trots" came away with mixed fortunes at the hands of more Libertarian Socialists such as the International Socialists, the Independent Labour Party and middle of the road followers of the Wilson line.

The meeting elected Mike Heym as the new President against the other nominee, Trotskyite and Medic., Sebastian Clarke, who was later elected Literature Secretary. Tony Villanueva was elected Secretary unopposed, but Howard Bell became Publicity Secretary only after a contest with Adrian Smith. In the open seat Elaine Bartholomew was elected against J. Arrow-smith.

Swedish student beats bar record

THE bar record has been broken — second-year textile student Lars Bjercke downed 25 pints in one evening to break the old record by one pint.

A witness of his attempt — the second attempt at the Union record inside a week — said "Bjercke was sick six times. That's cheating!"

Last year at a hop, Bjercke was found in the M.-J. at 11 p.m. drinking beer. He admitted to Disciplinary Committee that he was drunk, and was subsequently suspended for two weeks.

A member of the bar staff, recalling the old record being set up, added "The chap who did it wasn't sick. He could probably have gone on to drink 40 pints."

8-30 a.m. lectures for Medics.

MEDICAL students in the clinical branch are to have lectures from 8-30 to 9-15 a.m. for a trial period of a year. The Dean of the Medical School, Dr. Divine, said that this was because it was the most convenient time for ward work. The lectures are entirely voluntary.

Re-decorating

AT Tuesday's meeting of Executive Committee it was decided that House Secretary Roger White should investigate the possibilities both of re-decorating the bar and installing a machines room including a milk machine in the M.J.

SCANDAL, SPICE—AND A LOT MORE . . .

It happened elsewhere

A look round the other student newspapers

London

A 40-YEAR-OLD Trinidadian student has attempted to sue London University for giving him a third-class degree when he thought he should have a first.

The student, ex-Birbeck man James Sammy had his claim that the University possessed inadequate facilities for racial discrimination dismissed by the judge, who claimed that Sammy was a victim only of his own 'folie de grandeur.'

Oxford

A FLAXEN-HAIRED fresher currently causing a stir among undergrads at Oxford has an unusual claim to fame. Studying French and, aptly enough, Russian, she is Kate Fleming, favourite niece of James Bond creator, the late Ian Fleming.

Reading

A FIRM of local brewers has asked University girls to work as 'bunny-girls'—dressed in Edwardian costumes not fish-net tights—in a new Edwardian fish restaurant.

The brewers asked Union president Iain Rangeley if he thought students would be interested. "The girls must look bedable but not be bedable," explained Rangeley.

Why does the firm want to employ girls from the University? Explained Mr. Bostok, the district manager, "We think that the girls

by
A. J. COLE

will be willing to enter into the spirit of things."

Pay for serving in the restaurant (the Peacock) will be 3/6d. an hour; tips will be pooled and shared out. For this, said President Rangeley, the girls will be expected to look suggestive—with reservations.

Manchester

THE student paper 'Manchester Independent' has come out in favour of the free supply of contraceptives to students by the Student Health Service.

Edinburgh

EDINBURGH 'Student' asked round for opinions on contraceptives. Suggestions were made for slot machines outside the union, cost-price contraceptives for students, and free supplies for female students only—"Male ones are easy enough to get."

Cambridge

LAATEST bulletin on John Claxton, who was cleared in Spain of hemp-smuggling charges: he is now back at his home in South Croydon. It is not known when he will be returning to the university.

He had been refused an exit permit from Spain after

his trial, but his lawyer flew out last week-end to secure his final release. A foreign office spokesman stated "there has been no satisfactory explanation of the delay."

★ ★

FINALLY an apology for last week's "boob" boob. The headline in Reading's 'Shell' which stood out so in fact read "Cash appeal for GOALED lecturer." Our linotypist corrected the error not realising it was intentional, and none of our editorial staff noticed the mistake when reading the proofs.

WAKE UP...WAKE UP... WAKE UP...



Three students chatting in the college of art. They could be writing for Union News.

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A KIND OF LOVING?

AS the whole question of student sex relationships has been brought up again by the proposal to investigate the possibility of installing a contraceptive machine in the Union, we consider that some informed outside opinion would be of some use in helping to untangle the emotional morass with which this subject is surrounded. The following article has been written by a married secondary school teacher, with considerable experience in the secondary modern field, who is interested in the bases of maladjustment in the adolescent girls she teaches.

The following points are made:

- Do you believe in indulging all appetites irrespective of the damage which always follows? Would you never restrict your intake of food or drink even though your digestive system was obviously being ruined?
- Do you equate sexual satisfaction with love? Is sexual intercourse really

valid outside the tension-free environment of marriage?

- Sexual promiscuity is simply an expression of egoism and selfishness—a lack of reverence and regard for another personality. We condemn those who take another's life or property and punish them

under the law. Where is the difference between killing or maiming a human body and damaging a human personality?

- How many mentally and emotionally disturbed people have a history behind them of illegitimacy or a background of sexual carelessness and indifference?

- How many young people who have been sexually free have found that this has been a barrier to a full, trusting marriage relationship? (The Guardian had some interesting letters on this a year or two ago). A questionnaire framed for post-graduates who have been married at least five years if answered honestly might throw light on this.

- Contraceptives are known not to be 100 per cent. safe. This sets up a tension outside marriage which is an effective bar to a really satisfactory relationship outside marriage—especially for girls, who have to risk possible wreck of their study and the prospect of an illegitimate child.

- Has any person the right to create another human personality which he/she cannot provide with the secure foundation of a permanent father/mother relationship?

- Are students really so imperceptive and immature that they do not understand the difference between mere sex urge as manifested by dogs and cats in any alleyway and human love relationship which, granted, can be felt for more than one person, but which is NEVER on a solely sexual plane, cannot be improved by intercourse, and should, properly understood and controlled, increase one's awareness until a permanent partner is found.

- Finally — is human achievement on any plane, physical, mental, moral, ever seen at its best and highest except where there has been careful self-discipline and control in that field — Everest climbers, Mme. Curie, Hellen Keller, Schweitzer, etc., etc.
The world may be well lost for Love, but never for a night in bed.

An outside article by a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Doyle, who raise some questions the student should consider.

Music

BRAVO, HALLE!

IT is hard on a critic when all he can give is unqualified praise! However, I am left with no alternative after listening to last Saturday's performance by the Halle Orchestra.

The Halle was conducted by the Hungarian, Georges Tzipine. Throughout the concert he drew out of the orchestra a precision of playing seldom matched by any but the world's greatest orchestras, but never let this precision make his interpretations cold.

The first work, after a rendering of the National Anthem which made it almost enjoyable, was Prokofiev's Russian Overture. This is a delightfully naive work full of "leg-pullings" and vodka.

The concerto was Rachmaninov's third; the pianist, Tamas Varsary, gave a stupendous performance of this work which is on a completely different intellectual plane from the second piano concerto.

M. Varsary must surely rank as one of the world's foremost young (he is only thirty-one) pianists.

The music of Olivier Messiaen is unfortunately little known in this country. His orchestral suite L'Ascension was given a sympathetic interpretation by M. Tzipine.

Ravel's despondent apotheosis of post-war Vienna "La Valse," was also played immaculately.

Robert Brocklehurst

CORRIDORS OF POWER

UNION politics is a funny thing, isn't it? What I mean to say is, it's so IMPORTANT. No, what I really mean to say is, you'd think it was so important from the emphasis placed on it by Union personalities.

I have heard it said that it only takes Union Committee five minutes to get embroiled in partisan infighting. That's not strictly true. I've known it take as long as ten or twelve.

It's a pity, really. At one time, so I'm told by hoary old Union veterans of 26 and 27, U.C. actually discussed things like Union extensions and Refec. buns in some depth.

People didn't go about calling Leeds "dynamic" in the Sunday papers, but you didn't need to attend a class on current affairs to understand what was going on upstairs. Men like Roy Bull (who was a Communist and had ideas about the Constitution), were a phenomenon.



The average member wasn't called apathetic at every verse-end, simply because he wasn't EXPECTED to work himself into a froth about the state of British Railways.

I have a lurking suspicion, though, that "commitment" still isn't as widespread as you might think. It exists, of course, but in isolated pockets, rather than in any grass-roots mass of opinion.

That it has gained so much prominence is largely because the political groups are by nature vociferous. This would be fine if only they stayed in their groups. It's when they get into positions of responsibility that the fun, or trouble, starts.

Exec. squeals as if it had been kicked in its collective groin when some newspaper report of student "immorality" gets out. "Think of our image!" they whimper.

Yet just as much damage is done when Leeds University Union calls upon the government of, say, Iraq, to abdicate at once and leave its policy-making in the capable hands of our omniscient Committee.

Please explain

STILL on the same subject, these parochial power-politics would be a little more credible if only

they were consistent. Below is a letter that came into the office under the dubious signature "B. Guano."

"Sir.—I would like to draw the attention of your readers to some puzzling behaviour on the part of their President.

"During the recent debate on the banning of Mr. Peter Griffiths, M.P., Mr. Morrison voted for the ban. It will be remembered that he was also a prime mover in the banning of Sir Gerald Nabarro last year.

"However, some of your readers may remember, as I do, the hustings in last years' Presidential elections.

"Mr. Morrison, one of the candidates, was asked his views on the Nabarro ban, and replied that he had now changed his mind. He was now opposed to such a ban.

"Could he explain his apparent inconsistency, please? Yours, etc."

A good question, Mr. Guano.

Book Reviews

David Beaty

- The Heart of the Storm (Pan 3/6)

HIGH POWER DRAMA
THE author has used his knowledge of aircraft to provide a tense yet exciting background for his novel, which tells of the events leading up to a major air disaster in a large commercial airline. The reader is immediately involved in a dramatic situation. An aeroplane is flying through a storm and running short of fuel, when the captain decides to answer an S.O.S. call and search for a small ship somewhere in the midst of tumultuous seas.

From this moment, tension increases, until the court-room scene which follows the final disaster. Was it the failure of the aircraft, a fault of the crew, or both?

The whole is a vividly described, exacting novel, which is well worth reading.

Jean Lobban

G. H. Lowe

- The Pan Book of Woodwork (Pan 5/-)

THIS handbook was originally for use as an "O" level text-book, but has been modified to be of interest to the general reader and is recommended to the "do-it-yourself" enthusiast.

The opening chapters describing tools and types of timber, are excellent, providing a sound introduction for the layman, whilst furnishing the more experienced wood-worker with tool maintenance and factors affecting the choice of materials.

A lucid coverage is also given to the technical subject of drawing.

Diagrams, a necessity in this subject, are generally well placed in relation to the text; however, those illustrating "practical work" suffer from lack of space, and thus sometimes appear disproportionate.

Jean Lobban

Full marks to me!



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BRAVADO

TODAY every member of the Union has the chance to finally crystallise their feelings on the proposed installation of a contraceptive-vending machine in the Union.

While it is a good sign that the opinion of every Union member on this matter has been sought for in this way, it makes a mockery of the administration of the Union that such a matter has been blown up to such gigantic proportions or even allowed to reach the stage it has done.

While it is accepted that a minority group has every right to be heard, it holds up for ridicule any system of government that allows itself to be bullied into accepting the ideas, opinions and standards of a small group of people.

Let it not be said that in fact they haven't been accepted, and won't be until the results are known—for no indication as to how these results are to be interpreted has yet been forthcoming. Let it not be said that it is not known that these people are in a minority until after the results—for it is clear from the letters received by this paper, by the University authorities, and by the fact that a motion on this very matter was defeated at Debates that they are.

Another motion passed at Debates to ban Peter Griffith from the Union was upheld by the same Union Committee as representative of the voice of the Union. There was no question of a referendum on that issue—why should there be on this?

If it is the voice of the Union that Peter Griffith should be banned—it is the voice of the Union that there should be no contraceptive-vending machine.

If a standard is to be applied let it be applied in every case, not just where it is suitable to the whims of that particular Committee.

This machine would merely provide a service for some students—but no argument can be put forward for it on solely practical grounds.

Since birth-control is a moral question, a machine that provides the facilities needed for birth-control must of necessity be regarded as part of that moral question.

This is a question much more where although everyone may agree that the practice of birth control is a desirable end, not all are agreed upon its methods. To the Roman Catholics of this Union the installation of such a machine would be flagrantly offending their sensibilities.

Ultimately there could be some good gained—the rate of illegitimate births and pregnancies could possibly be relieved. This, accepted, would be a social good. But the fact that contraceptives are easily available anyway is an argument against installing a machine rather than one for it.

But even this possible social good is doubtful. At present the question of student morality is a grave one, and one to which all too little attention is being paid. What will result will be a deliberate encouragement to a slack and unmeditated regard to sex relations. A much more responsible way of looking at birth-control than the one this machine would supply is very necessary.

The immediate danger is that the image of the University as a whole will suffer.

By installing this machine we are not being enlightened and progressive, but simply setting the seal of acceptance and complacency on what already exists.

By all means let us have some attempt to consider the question of immorality among students. But let it be a much more concrete and worthwhile consideration than the suggestion of installing a contraceptive-vending machine without any consideration of its consequences.

The element of bravado apparent in this suggestion is reminiscent of the defiance of a twelve-year-old puffing on his illicit cigarette.

We are forever demanding that we be treated as responsible adults—let us by our example in responsible matters such as this establish that we are worthy of such a consideration.

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CONTRACEPTIVES and MORALITY

Sir,
WE wish to express our disgust at the recent proposal to introduce a contraceptive vending machine into the Union.

As was expressed in the Gilbert Darrow article, contraceptives are available in most chemists, which we consider to be rather an argument against their introduction in the Union than for it. Surely that is sufficient!

The extra facilities are bound to express not only that the official body of students condone pre-marital sex relations, but that they actively make provision for this kind of behaviour. How else can the installation be interpreted? This is an imposition of influence rather than views on others, and whether intentionally or not, it is bound to affect some "freshers" if no-one else.

Our opposition does not arise from "prudish" motives but from a genuine concern at the immature, irresponsible and short-sighted attitude of those students who seem to bend over backwards in trying to be "liberal-minded" without appreciating the full consequences of thus giving pre-marital sex relations their official public sanction.

Yours, etc.,

Margaret E. Brewer,
Susan E. Gray, May James,
Anne Ogden, Sandra Wood,
Christine M. Jones, Anna Katzenberger, Anne Webster, Roberta Lloyd, Audrey A. Chamberlain, Kathleen E. Walker.

Justice

Sir,
WITH reference to your article banning Peter Griffith from the Union, I think it is time the U.C. woke up and stopped trying to play at little Hitlers.

It has been quoted on good authority that Mr. Griffith has never had nor will ever have any intention of visiting Leeds Union. That being so, it is entirely a waste of time for U.C. to waste so much time on what is of trivial importance to most Union members. All right, register your complaints about his method of fighting the election, but for goodness sake don't make such a farce of it.

If, as is suggested on your front page article, Leeds won't be able to attract school leavers. It won't be because of inadequate Union facilities, but because of the bad reputation which we are getting in the outside world.

Similarly with the Sam Mhlongo affair, stop making such a fuss and get down to some constructive work. You will cut your Committee Meeting time by half and perhaps a few more of you will pass your June exams and show your country's trust in you is not misplaced.

D. R. BURFITT

Sir,
THE real objection to the installation of a contraceptive machine in the Union is that it is bound to provoke violent public emotions about a sensitive matter.

That fellow Darrow's foolish remarks about cigarette machines hide the fact that people feel far more strongly about intercourse than smoking—after all, sex is concerned with the emotions. There is sure to be a clash between someone who wants a stick to beat the "old" morality and a chap, say, who knows that at this university there are an estimated 25 new cases of venereal disease each year, that at least a dozen children are born to couples using contraceptives, and that 2 dozen of the nervous breakdowns are directly attributable to intense emotional-physical relationships.

What is more, sex is an extremely private matter between individuals and has nothing to do with the Union. What couples do under the bedclothes is their own affair—and responsibility. If the so-called progressives want a sacred totem pole to communalise sex they can plant it somewhere else. I'm damned if we're going to be mothered by Penelope Walt and her bevy of young "misses" with their crocodile tears about illegitimate children. If students don't know by now that intercourse produces children they need their b heads examining. If people are old enough for love they are old enough for responsibility.

This machine is just an excuse to provoke and arouse people. Not a shred of evidence has been produced that students who wanted contraceptives were unable to obtain them. The person who thought up this provocative intrusion into private life should be shot, Executive should be suspended for allowing this foolish matter to gain momentum and publicity, and Union Committee should be flogged for calling a referendum which everyone knows is a complete farce and waste of Union money anyway.

Yours provoked,

JOHN URQUHART

Commitment

Sir,
AS our academic staff representative on Union Committee, Dr. V. Allen, is now of necessity detained out of the country as the guest of the Nigerian Government, might we suggest that he be asked to resign in view of his present commitments, and that a replacement be found who would be able to spend some time furthering student/staff relationship.

Yours, etc.,

A. E. Johnson, Joan Rigby, J. R. Keeling,
Sheila J. Ryck, Roger H. MacPhee.

Misconstruction

Sir,
IN the editorial of your issue dated 13th November you wrote, in regard to the extension of the Union building, that a "starting date of October, 1967, is now given" and you refer to "a chain of broken promises." These statements are incorrect and misleading.

No starting date for the Union extension has ever been given and no promises have ever been made. Nevertheless, the architect and the Planning Office are hard at work on the plans for the new building which will be discussed with Union officials as soon as draft drawings have been completed. It is clear that the University's intention to press ahead with planning the building so that a contract can be let as soon as money becomes available has been misconstrued as a promise to start work on site as soon as plans are ready.

The University's ability to start the Union extension depends both on the availability of the site and on the availability of the necessary money. In the absence of any private funds, the latter condition is dependent for its fulfilment on the approval of the University Grants Committee to the inclusion of the project in the University's major building programme and of the detailed plans of the building work.

The availability of the site depends on the demolition of the old properties at present on it, and this in turn depends on the erection of new accommodation for the departments housed in these old properties. The same conditions regarding the availability of the site, U.G.C. approval of plans for the project and its inclusion in the building programme again have to be fulfilled before this departmental building can be started. They are only now approaching fulfilment.

I trust that this explanation will make it clear to your readers that the starting date of the Union extension must, for the present, remain uncertain; the most that can be said is that, as far as can be seen at the moment, the earliest date by which the site might be available is March, 1967, and that the actual date of starting will thereafter depend on the financial factors. Meanwhile planning continues, but I must emphasise that a target date for completion of planning is no indication of the date of commencement of building.

Yours, etc.,

D. WILLIAMS,
Bursar, University of Leeds

Sir,
SURELY the most obvious and the most convenient place to have a contraceptive machine would be in places like Bodington Hall and the Henry Price?

That is to say some place which is accessible for twenty-four hours of the day?

Otherwise the next demand will be for a special room for the purpose in the Union!

I would like this letter to be published, but would like to remain anonymous.

Yours, etc.,
Name and address supplied.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
—THIS PAGE

Letters to the Editor

Due to the very large number of letters received this week many had to be left out. The Editor wishes to thank all his correspondents and apologise for the impossibility of replying to or publishing them all.

Waste

Sir,
WHAT is this humdrum about marching on Saturday? I personally feel that a conventional appeal in the form of a petition asking for leniency might produce a better result.

We must not allow ourselves to be carried away by the fact that we may share his political belief or ideology. The question we ought to consider is "Was justice executed in this case?" Only if the organisers of this march can give sufficient evidence to show that justice was not one or seen to be done, shall I subscribe to this idea; otherwise we may, carried away by sentiments, be casting aspersions on the Nigerian Judiciary which has a good reputation in the eyes of the world not only on account of its British inheritance, but more so because of its non-political prejudice. I challenge very strongly the pioneers of this march to give us sufficient information before leading us blindly on.

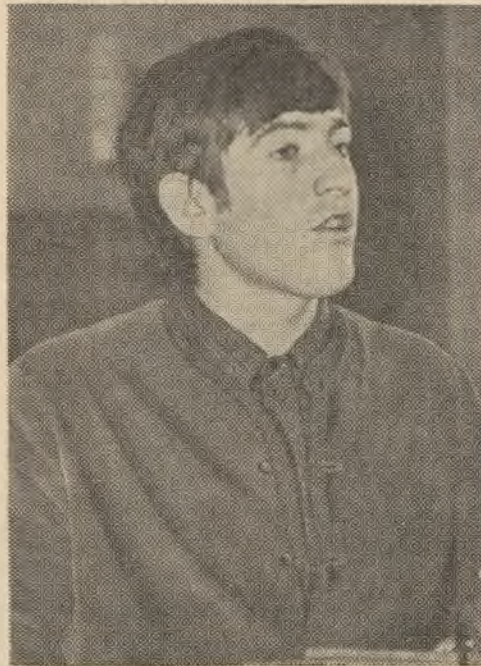
Having myself followed the case with keen interest, I have come to the conclusion that it is very unfortunate that Dr. Allen went to Nigeria at a wrong time. A well appended petition, to me, would be more effective.

Yours, etc.,

O'TUNDE ONIPEDE

CONTROVERSY OVER JAILED And now Vic Allen's wife speaks

TALK OR ACTION TALK



Ian Morrison and Penny Walt in action at last Thursday's "Talk or action in education" S.G.M. Penny Walt spoke on the appalling deficiencies in primary education. "Educational advance should be a continuous process," she said, "and continuous campaigning for the planning of the future of education is our concern and our responsibility."

Ian Morrison cited the case of Union extensions as a case to illustrate where action had so far replaced talk. He also spoke of the "brink of a crisis" many institutions would be at if there was not the same expansion in England as in the rest of Western Europe.

LECTURER

Marxists plan demonstration

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE handling of Monday's stormy open meeting of Marxist Society was described by some students as "biased" and "undemocratic."

The meeting was advertised "to discuss the sentences of" Leeds lecturer Dr. Victor Allen and his comrades in a Nigerian prison and "call for a national demonstration," but there was some hard feeling when chairwoman Hilary Dudderidge ruled any discussion out of order.

Evasion and wrongful imprisonment by the Nigerian government to stamp out trade unionism were given as the reasons for the campaign by a number of speakers, but students who stood up to disagree with the reasons behind the planned nationwide demonstration tomorrow were told the matter was not relevant.

Mistake

One Marxist Society member told Union News the poster wording was a "mistake" and Miss Dudderidge said the meeting's purpose was only to dis-

cuss the arrangements, though she recognised the importance of discussing the issue fully.

A call for further Society support brought Liberal Society Vice President Michael Piercy to his feet, but the meeting's chief speaker Jane Morris jumped up to ask why and it was only after heated argument that the matter was dropped.

Token strike

Marxist Phil Semp's call for a student token strike was eventually postponed as it would be bad if only a few students took part and support could be judged from the march tomorrow. The meeting attendance itself was "poor" and "disgusted" the Chairwoman. One U.C. member commented afterwards that student strikes did not usually work nor serve much purpose.

Students were not unanimous on the need for demonstration, no vote being taken, with many foreign students getting up to question what one of them described as a "lot of hogwash."

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AFTER the hectic Marxist Soc. meeting on Mr. Victor Allen had come to an end, a letter was received from five final-year chemists demanding the resignation Lecturer from Staff of the Leeds Economics Students Relations member on Union Committee. They explained their reasons for the letter.

"The letter is entirely unpolitical; we consist of widely differing party supporters," said Conservative Soc. member Roger MacPhee. "Our grounds for complaint are that the certain section of Union committee who voted for Mr. Allen must have been aware of his impending absence for at least the next session. We feel that he should never have been elected; now we are considering tabling a motion demanding his resignation."

Schoolteacher Mrs. Margaret Allen, the wife of the gaoled lecturer, expressed her bewilderment at her husband's trial and sentence. "I am shocked at the verdict, and, of course, very upset," she said. "I feel my husband has had a very raw deal. He is to appeal soon, and I hope that he will get off at least some of the sentence. He was collecting material for a book on the impact of industrialisation upon the tribal system of Africa. As we were moving house this year, my husband was granted leave of absence for the summer term. He was due to return to England at the end of July, and planned to finish the book by Christmas."

When the subject of student protest was raised, Mrs. Allen said that her husband, who felt extremely isolated, would be delighted to hear that Leeds students felt concern for him. "He has always been very interested in the students, but I don't know whether protest would do much good," she said. "In fact I am not sure that the University Authorities would welcome having their noses rubbed in the fact that one of their lecturers was doing hard labour."

Personal

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DEBATE WEDNESDAY Nov. 25th, Social Room 1-30 p.m. "That the punishment of criminals is both ineffective and wrong." Prop. Prof. Fitzgerald—Dean of the faculty of law. Opp. Prof. Petrilli—Prof. of law (Univ. of Louisville U.S.A.).

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Student kept out of Saturday hop

AFTER he had been refused admission to the hop on Saturday, because he refused to pay for a hop ticket, a Newcastle University student complained to "Union News." Commenting on this, President Morrison said that for five years the Union has not been open on Saturday night to those who do not want to hop.

Even so, said Morrison, the price of 2/6 "is still the cheapest in the North, and in the South for that matter." This is a result of the policy of ploughing back of hop profits into cheaper prices and better groups. Morrison maintains that the drinker in a normal pub would easily spend this extra 2/6 in a night's drinking, paying

higher prices than in the Union.

If the bar were open to all, there would have to be 4 or 5 checkpoints at the hop entrances, which at present is impracticable. An additional factor is the jamming of the bar by drinkers, thus reducing the facilities of the hoppers, and although there are plans to improve the bar, and institute a temporary Saturday night bar in the Terrapin, overcrowding is still likely to remain a problem.

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Hugh Joseph as the Soldier being confronted by the Devil, Alan Bainbridge, in "The Soldier's Tale."

'THE SOLDIER'S TALE' AND 'DWARFS'

UNION members, who are not members of Theatre Group must often be surprised at the varying standards reached in the Group's many productions. Having, as an example, seen the Fresher's Conference play, many freshers must have wondered how Theatre Group could have won the N.U.S. Drama Festival at Aberystwyth last year.



Derek Stubbs, producer of "The Soldier's Tale"

All this can be explained quite simply. It is inevitable that the best talent will be involved in the Group's major productions, and as a result the smaller but no less important efforts use people who are interested in acting, design, lighting and production, but who are not perhaps, quite so competent.

This is a very good thing, for it increases the numbers of people who are actively involved with the Group, and provides something of a training-ground for

potential producers and leading actors. This week's productions have, in certain ways, bridged this gap in standards. "The Soldier's Tale" having maintained a fairly high standard of acting, and "The Dwarfs" having shown, at times, highly controlled and imaginative direction.

The fact that neither was wholly satisfactory was due to barriers inherent in the plays themselves.

Stravinsky's music for "The Soldier's Tale" cannot in any sense be incidental. In this production it did seem incidental, and this was why the play dragged and contained embarrassingly long pauses when the audience had only the music to hold its attention. The score is delightful but could not become an integral part of the play, coming as it did, out of the Riley-Smith's speakers.

Effect

To counteract this Derek Stubbs should have made more imaginative use of the opportunities for stylised movement and tableaux in silhouette which were obviously at his disposal. There were times when he showed his ability for attaining beautiful effects, but these were, alas, spasmodic.

The acting, generally, was good. Tim Kightley's intelligent phrasing made the narration interesting. Alan Bainbridge managed the Devil's many disguises with great ease, and his fine movement was the best thing in the entire evening. Hugh Joseph, while showing a measure of acting potential, seemed reluctant to give the Soldier the expressions of passion and despair that his situation demanded.

Demands

Although her three actors were unable to meet the demands of Pinter's play, Barbara Jameson's careful direction gave "The Dwarfs" an atmosphere of hopelessness and despair, interspersed with flashes of biting humour, which at times was very gripping. The production's ultimate failure was not due entirely to the actors, but to the fact that Bill Edmundson had given a

perfect delivery of Len's highly evocative soliloquies the result could never have been correct. These speeches require complete darkness in which the listeners can be free to let their imaginations interpret Pinter's complex sequence of images. Having to watch the player, the set, and some curious lighting effects at these times, one cannot blame the audience for failing to understand Pinter's purpose.

Perhaps in the final analysis, the choice of plays was unfortunate. Yet one has been given the opportunity to see two theatrical rarities, and one's resulting sense of gratitude ought, in some measure, to make up for the faults in both productions. They will both be entered for the 10th N.U.S. Drama Festival to be held at Southampton University over the New Year.



A scene from Harold Pinter's radio play adapted for the stage, "Dwarfs," seen last week in the Riley-Smith.



Barbara Jameson, producer of "Dwarfs."

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A scene from last week's presentation of "The Soldier's Tale" by Ramuz with music by Stravinsky.

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Sadler Hall

By FRANK VOGL



Sadler Hall, the smallest and most distant University Hall of Residence. Probably the smallest Hall in the country, Sadler is one of the best for atmosphere.

WHERE is Sadler?

WHAT is Sadler?

WHO lives in Sadler?

In the words of the Warden "Sadler is possibly the smallest male Hall of Residence in the country." Only 32 students live there and it's so far away from the university (in fact so far away from anywhere), that it wouldn't be at all surprising if you had never heard of it before.

Home

But to the few who live only a stone's throw away from the Lawnswood Pub. on the Otley Road, Sadler is real home. Unlike other halls, Sadler has the real personal, homely air about it. Everyone knows everyone. The Warden attempts to select as varied an assortment of people as possible to live in the Hall. This seems to work out well, with the result that such a thing as a social

outcast doesn't seem to exist.

The facilities that Sadler offers are wholly adequate to fulfill the needs of the inmates. A modern sound-proof library has just been finished, nearly all the rooms are single and the grounds of the Hall are fairly spacious, with extensive lawns and a tennis court.

Disadvantage

But Sadler has two very serious disadvantages. Firstly, it's a bit too small and isolated, so that once there it's difficult to ever meet new people and do different things (should one want to) from the same old crowd.

But the biggest and most serious disadvantage about Sadler is the cost of the place. The inmates pay £171 a year, the overheads needed to maintain Sadler are so high that the University has to give the Hall a subsidy of well over £100 per student per year. On top of this the University is also spending well over £1,000 a year on the general upkeep of the Hall and grounds. This seems a hell of a lot of money to spend on a handful of students.

Rumour has it that the authorities are aware of these defects, and that plans are slowly being prepared, so that the Hall will eventually be able to house about 120 students.

Sadler is definitely full of atmosphere, warmth and friendliness, it is really much more like a family meeting place than just a place to eat and sleep. But, although it has much more true spirit of comradeship than any of the other Halls, is this a good enough reason for the University to support it with huge financial grants every year? Sadler's Warden thinks it is, do you?



CLIFF SUPPORTS OXFAM APPEAL

THIS Christmas Oxfam are organising another national appeal. In their Christmas tide collection last year over £15,000 was collected, this year the target is double that figure.

Cliff Richard is a great supporter of Oxfam. This year he is sponsoring the appeal. He hopes that many students will come forward and offer to help with the collection (as they did last year).

Helpers

The aim of the campaign is to cover every pub and coffee-bar in every borough, village, town and hamlet in the United Kingdom. IN

ORDER TO MAKE THIS CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS, SEVERAL THOUSAND HELPERS WILL BE NEEDED.

There are four ways in which you can help. The first, and in many ways the most important, is by donating generously. But, if you're like most students — i.e. hard-up, why not donate your time instead (or plus) of your money. People are needed to act as Area Organizers.

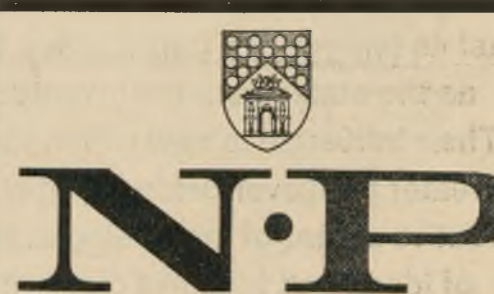
This entails organising an area and being responsible for linking individuals to various groups and planning-out routes for groups of collectors. Group leaders are also needed.

Collectors

A Group Leader will be in charge of collecting in a specific area, he will also have to ask permission from landlords before entering to make a collection. Collectors are, of course, the vital mainstay of the whole campaign.

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Reviewed by

M. F. Bull

NEXT WEEK'S FILMS

THIS is the week we've all been waiting for. The ODEON has at last got rid of *Goldfinger*. They've replaced James Bond with another 'action-packed' melodrama—*The Seventh Dawn* (dir. Lewis Gilbert, with William Holden, Susannah York and Capucine).

Set in Malaya (early 1950s), the *Seventh Dawn* is the story of a rich American / former U.S. Army officer / experienced jungle fighter (William Holden) who, in addition to the above has Capucine as a mistress, and a fanatical Malayan-Chinese terrorist leader as an old pal.

As if poor old Bill Holden isn't already mixed up enough, he has to encounter Susannah York (bathing in the nude, of course) who tells him she loves him.

The situation is, of course, hampered by the Red terrorists who are terrorising the territory (all except William Holden's plantation), and events move on till we find Holden undertaking a huge jungle trek in order to save Capucine (sentenced to death within seven days under the emergency regulations).

I won't give away the ending, but, well, when you've got four main characters there are only a few possible ways for one, two, or three to come out of the film alive.

It's a good film, in the style of *The Counterfeit Traitor*. By the way, keep your ears open for the incidental music—it's by Riz Ortolani, the same man as the one who did such a good job with the score of *Mondo Cane*.

Most interesting film this week is at the ABC. Entitled *A House Is Not a Home*, it stars Shelley Winters and Robert Taylor. The story centres round



Shelley Winters as Polly Adler, a very popular hostess. The whole thing runs through at a pretty fast pace, from Polly being raped by her boss, to one of Polly's girls dying from an overdose of drugs—a habit she fell into when Polly made her a whore.

For such a melodramatic piece, the effect is surprisingly good. Shelley Winters is at her best—up to the standard of *The Balcony*.

Go see it.

The *PLAZA* don't know what they will be showing.

The *TOWER* is playing *55 Days In Peking*. I rank this one of the biggest failures among non-Roman/Christian epic films. With stars like Charlton Heston and David Niven I'm amazed that it's so boring and corny. If you want to see thousands of

extras milling about without even knowing whose side they're supposed to be on, then go to 55 days. Otherwise don't bother.

The *MAJESTIC* is showing *Love with the proper stranger* (Dir. Robert Mulligan, with Natalie Wood and Steve Macqueen).

The story is that of a girl living in a strict Catholic family who gets pregnant after a wild night with an out-of-work jazz musician. It ranges through abortionist scenes to the final confession to the girl's parents (with hysterics from Mamma, and so on) and winds up with a nice sentimental ending.

FOOTNOTE. — Try the *Birdman of Alcatraz* at Union Cinema on Sunday. Its good.

MORE PUSH PLEASE

A weekly look at the Press by Roy Hugel

ONE way of judging the dynamic of any community is to look at its press. That is what this series of critical articles will be doing.

We begin with the biggest-selling and in many ways the best of Union publications, Union News.

That the paper is produced by a spare-time staff inevitably affects the quality of the paper.

The fact that it has a three thousand readership also creates the problem of providing a wide range of reader-appeal.

Balance

This means that no one person is going to like everything, and as an individual there are a few things I would change myself.

I would personally like a few news-background articles of the Sunday supplement type, dealing with the kind of thing normally left to a brief remark

in Darrow and editorial. An obvious line currently would be authorities' interference in student morals.

On the whole the balance between serious and not-so-serious is kept pretty well. Last week's page eight for instance had a straight factual piece on the NUS Campaign for Education and a review of the Royal Philharmonic opposite a more light-hearted item from Lynne Pheasey. The series on Halls has some interest for the first-year student.

Ultimately, of course, a newspaper must be judged on its news, and in this way alone Union News finds its justification.

News

The basic premise is that a society has a right to know what goes on inside

itself, and Union News fulfils this function.

Doubts have been raised lately about the ways the paper gets its news. My own view is that news is common property and justifies any means of getting it.

One critical comment I would make is that the paper could be more campaigning.

One example—a few interviews with some landladies and pictures of the slummiest properties might wake somebody up.

Demanding

The newspaper might also have been more demanding about the question of Alan Hunt's expenses. It's the readers' money after all.

In general then the paper has faults, but it does please some of the people some of the time, and is an essential organ of information in our student community.

Debates

CAMBRIDGE ORATORY

AS usual, it takes someone from Oxbridge to show us what debating can be like. Two speakers from Cambridge came last week to debate the motion that "nationalisation is a dead letter."

They tore Leeds to shreds. Never have I seen two more ill-assorted sets of platform speakers.

The proposition was all suavity, fluency and general debating savoir-faire: the pathetic opposition aroused

even fervent Marxists to groans of incredulous dismay.

Mr. Norman Lamont, proposing, either was an economist, or gave a very good imitation of one. He

outlined the principles behind the pre-war ideas of nationalisation and went on to say why they no longer held good.

He was seconded by what turned out to be a Liberal, Mr. Christopher Mason. It is a measure of his speaking ability that the House's traditional Lib-baiting jeers were conspicuously absent.

Central, monolithic nationalisation was bad, but Mr. Grimond's brand of leave - the - regions - to - sort - themselves - out control was preferable to another 15 years of Tory rule.

Then we come to Mr. Ahmed. In the past he has been an entertaining and reasonably cogent speaker.

Last week he stumbled, faltered and "made" such vague points about internationalism and "freedom" that even the oh-so-restrained Cambridge men found it in them to make sardonic comments and rude noises.

Robin Jamieson seconded, and made Marxist noises. He made them better than Ahmed, though.

I think I shall revive the "late" John Mowat's award for dilatory and boring floor-speakers—the Golden Turnip. No obvious recipient this week, though.

I think by now most of

Dave Motlow LESSON

us know firstly the basic traditional black and white arguments on this question, and secondly the various biases of the average floor-speakers. Both were made even clearer: both bored the pants even further off the House.

So to award the Turnip to any one labouring hack would be doing a grave injustice to all the others.

A notable exception was Mr. Phil Semp, a Trotskyist, who spoke with clarity and passion on a subject with which he was clearly very familiar. He alone of the floor-speakers was singled out for praise by the Proposer, in his summing-up.

Waffle

The essence of the debate was perhaps best summarised by a certain Mr. Seed. In a brief, pointed speech he declared that, despite all the waffle about the efficiency or otherwise of State-run industry, the only efficient speeches had been those of the proposition.

He was therefore going to vote for them. This, of course, is the only valid reason for voting in a debate. You aren't supposed to go along with your ideas neatly preconceived and then vote on that basis.

The House agreed with Mr. Seed. 103 showed their appreciation of some excellent oratory, 75 voted by rote, and 21 needn't have stayed to the end.

TIN GODS

BY MICK PAINE

ONE of the more disagreeable facets of University life in Leeds is the unco-operative and domineering attitude of Leeds bus conductors. All who have studied at Leeds, must have become aware of the apparent hostility of these people. The almost lunatic driving of some of the City's buses calls forth comment every day, but the scarcity of complaints in the local press indicates an unfortunate sense of passivity amongst the townspeople.

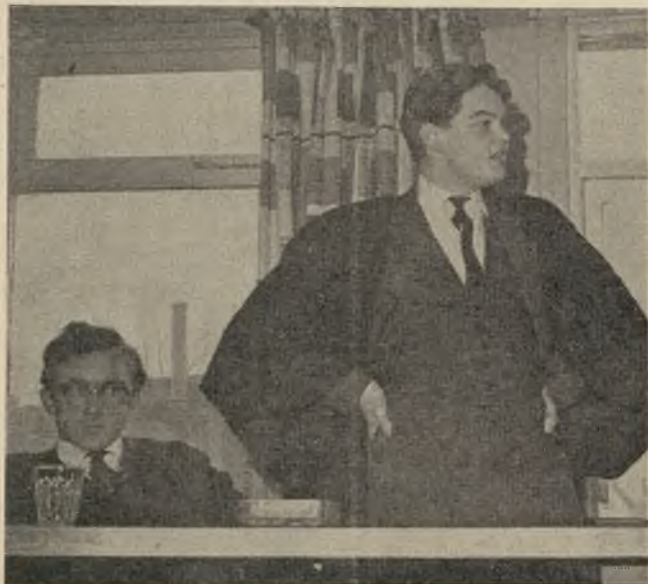
Most Northerners are credited with the ability to speak bluntly, indeed this is thought a virtue. In many cases the bewilderment shown by a Southerner in the face of this bluntness together with his difficulty in understanding the Leeds accent brings great amusement to the otherwise grimy lives of other travellers.

Inconsiderate conductors are the bane of this city. Most people use public transport and yet nobody seems concerned at the attitude of the people who work it. Examples of this boorish behaviour can be seen any day on any bus; the conductor pushing his way down the aisle elbowing passengers and taking pleasure in treading on his feet, refusing to allow students on the bus and brushing aside suggestions that there is room with a brusque "Full oop!" and a tinkle on the bell. Woe betide anyone foolish enough to put his foot on the platform after this.

The shortage of staff is the most charitable reason that one can ascribe to those in power for the retention of habitually rude conductors. Indeed this staff shortage has resulted in the employment of many coloured men and women, who not possessing the inherent arrogance of the Yorkshire character are more charming and helpful than a Yorkshireman might consider proper.

Just ask yourself when did you last see a white conductor help anyone (white or otherwise) onto a bus with a pushchair, wait until anyone running has caught the bus, say "thank you" in more than a gruff monosyllable or direct a stranger to an unfamiliar destination?

The time for inaction is over. Next time a conductor is rude to you, act at once, take his number and complain. If nothing happens then, complain again, keep complaining. It is an easy thing to topple these petty lords from diesel-powered dung hills.



DISAPPOINTING CAST

Claire Manbridge on the Royal Ballet

NADIA NERINA was received with great enthusiasm when she danced quite enchantingly in the "Sleeping Beauty" with the Royal Ballet Company last Tuesday (10th) at the Grand.

She portrayed so bewitchingly the joys, fears and excitement of the young Princess with incredible precision, using every portion of her anatomy, even to her fingertips.

The supporting cast was, however, apart from one or two exceptions, a little disappointing since the

dancers did not appear to have the ability to "dance," and the steps were executed frequently out of time in the form of an exercise which was in striking contrast to the finished performance of Nerina.

The fact that the ballet was in expressive coloured costume instead of the traditional black and white suggests that there may

have been a slight lacking in confidence in the choreography and the ability to convey to the audience the full impact of the story as well as the identity and significance of the characters.

However, the attractiveness of the set, including some ingenious hundred-year-span scene changes, together with the superb repertoire of Nerina dancing to the nostalgic music of Tchaikovsky, made the evening thoroughly enjoyable.

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ONCE MORE — A VICTORY

Hopes for Christie

ONCE again Leeds produced yet another overwhelming victory, placing four in the first ten finishers, leaving incessant rivals Manchester 49pts. behind in second place, when over a hundred runners from Newcastle, Durham, Manchester, Liverpool, Loughborough and Leeds joined hosts Nottingham for the most important non-title event of the season.

Surprisingly, Liverpool were well down in fifth place, so that form for this year's Christie to be held at Wythenshaw Park in three weeks' time, is very much in Leeds' favour.

Runaway

The fast 6½-mile course situated in undulating Wollaton Park proved too easy for B.U.S.F. mile champion John Jackson of Liverpool. He had a runaway win which resulted in a new course record previously held by Tokyo silver medallist Basil Heatley. The spearhead of the Leeds team, Captain Dennis Quinlan (3rd) and Bob Moore (4th) followed in Loughborough's Eric Haslam, and it wasn't long before the probability of a resounding Leeds triumph seemed apparent. Graham Thewlis (9th) and John Helliwell (10th) chased Bowden, the Manchester captain, home with the final touches provided by G. Bryan-Jones and J. Butterworth in 20th and 21st places.

Competition

The second team enhanced the first's achievement when they finished 132pts. ahead of all other Universities second team opposition. Running extremely well, they are eager to replace any of the first eight who might produce fluctuating performances, and it is this friendly competition within the club that is essential for further improvement.

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LADY MABEL PLAY GRANT



SPECTATORS on Saturday afternoon, November 15, were fortunate to witness a now rare event at Bodington Sports Grounds. Eleven girls from Lady Mabel College played a team from Grant House at what shall be called football.

Delicately clad in red and blue, the young ladies employed the unusual team formation of seven forwards and four goalies.

Lively

Twelve members of Grant House were also in the Lady Mabel goal. Pace of play was noticeably lively, and members of both teams introduced individual plays that local experts in the game consider remarkable. Noteworthy among these was the synchronised movement downfield by the four lady goalies, in order to put their opposition offside. The influence of the Royal Ballet was most apparent in the Grant House team, which has been practising for some weeks at table tennis.

Rules were without doubt unscrupulously observed, and the game ended triumphantly when a Lady Mabel girl appeared on field blowing a whistle. Lady Mabel led 2-1 at half-time. Final score was a well-executed draw 2-2.



RUGBY

Leeds 0 Durham 5

IN a game that was at times farcical Leeds were defeated by a heavier and better drilled Durham side at Weetwood on Wednesday.

Durham's only score, however, came from one of the few mistakes that the referee made in the fog.

After a scrum under the Leeds posts the Durham stand-off dropped his scrum-half's pass, but the ball bounced up into his hands without the referee noticing. From his pass one of the Durham centres jinked over for a try near the posts which was converted.

Cyclist to ride for Yorkshire

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Dental fresher Geoff Isle (right) has been selected to ride for the Yorkshire team in the Inter-Counties Cyclo-Cross Championship at Portsmouth on December 6th.

The selection came after a first class performance in the final elimination event at Huddersfield last Sunday. Geoff finished third, one minute behind the winner, Richard Duffy, in conditions which were extremely unfavourable, with gale force winds on the very hilly circuit.

Team-mates Ken Ascroft and Pete Lawrence were both forced to retire due to mechanical failures. Cyclo-cross is a sport which provides plenty of

excitement for spectators and tests the ability of the riders to the maximum. It involves fast riding over unmade tracks and natural obstacles, with ditches and walls to hinder the rider's progress, and provide thrills and spills for all.

The team will be riding again this Sunday at Otley Chevin, at the Surprise Cafe starting at 2 p.m. The riders would welcome support from Union members.

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BASKETBALL

Leeds 'fluff' at 'Luff'

WHAT a shambles at Loughborough. Yes, we know national player Vaughan Thomas was the cause of all the trouble, but to let a virtually two-man team take over to the tune of 50 points is something we can ill afford.

You want a post-mortem? Best not, I suppose, except that though the rest of the team and Jim Kincaid's ankle gave in, Frankie didn't. He did make half the points; but after all, Leeds farced to a 79-32 defeat.

The second team game was good to watch by comparison. Though sometimes lacking in ideas, but never in purpose, Burgess and 'Mac' Farrar attacked consistently. Down by seven points at half time it was unfortunate that the comeback in the second half was unable to reverse the 41-44 final score. The whole team played well as such, and a little more co-ordinated play in attack and defence will see them winning more often.

RIDING

IN a Riding contest against Hull on Wednesday, the Riding Club scored its first victory for a year. Leeds defeated Hull by 191 to 182.

The test ridden was the British Horse Society's Prix Caprilli, which is a basic test of all the general aspects of horsemanship. The conditions were far from ideal, the going being very slippery indeed.

One of the horses, taking a dislike to one of the jumps, caused two of the riders to be eliminated. The home team eventually took 2nd, 3rd and 5th places.

The Riding Club, having tripled its membership this year, looks as though it may well be in for a good season.

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