

UNION NEWS

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SIT-IN



Top: An O.G.M. in the Parkinson votes to carry on the sit in. Bottom: Students block the corridor outside the Vice-Chancellor's office.

DIRECT ACTION AT LEEDS

Union asks for joint inquiry

UNION NEWS TEAM: P. V. Steele, Guy Thornton, Simon Foster, Dylan Crawford, John Guant, Pete Ames.

3 p.m. THURSDAY.

THE SIT-IN, which for 48 hours has kept the Vice-Chancellor and other administrative staff out of their offices in the Parkinson Building, has so far provoked no definite change in the University's attitude over the security issue.

This afternoon proposals for the setting up of an inquiry have been made to the University. A letter has been sent to Professor Grebenik asking him to take part.

The Recorder of Pontefract, Geoffrey Baker, Q.C., a Leeds University graduate, has indicated his willingness to head the inquiry.

The University is expected to reply by 3.30. If they refuse to take part, then the inquiry will be held independently by the Union. If they agree, then the sit-in will probably end tonight.

By Thursday morning the position seemed to have reached a state of total impasse—those taking part in the sit-in (about 500 operating on a rota basis) determined not to concede on any further points and the Vice-Chancellor breaking off all further negotiations until the sit-in ends.

The Union's demand is quite simple. Evidence to support the Union's case that there has been political fact-gathering by members of the Security Service has been submitted to the Union's solicitor, who has ruled that there is a prima facie case, justifying a public inquiry.

The Union wants the evidence to be put to the University solicitor, who could make his own assessment. If he says there is no prima facie case, the matter will be put to a third and impartial solicitor, whose decision will be final.

Despite the fact that the sit-in was approved by O.G.M.s on Tuesday and Wednesday, an anti-sit-in movement has been circulating petitions calling for an end to the sit-in.

At an anti-sit-in meeting at lunchtime yesterday, Jack Straw reiterated the events leading to the Union's action

but was met with protests that the decision had been undemocratic. Straw stressed that the decision had been taken by O.G.M.s, which everybody was entitled to attend.

Stop Press

THURSDAY, 4.30 p.m. University rejects inquiry proposal. Sit-in to continue. Straw condemns University's refusal to accept impartial inquiry.

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University alleges that staff barred from Exams office.

Exec. state: This is untrue. Free access to Exams office given to University.

COMMENT :

As Union News goes to print, the sit-in continues. And we endorse it completely.

Last week there was no justification for direct action. This week there is.

It was the Vice-Chancellor who broke off negotiations. Why?

The Union's demands were reasonable.

But it appears that our pompous Vice-Chancellor, dreaming in his ivory tower, does not want to discuss reason with 'childish' students.

He accuses us of delivering ultimatums.

We accuse him of trying to sweep an important and disturbing issue under the carpet.

He maintains that our O.G.M.s are undemocratic.

We maintain that Sir Roger Stevens doesn't know the meaning of democracy. He shows this by the way he rules his University.

Now the Union has said that it will have its own inquiry—under the guidance of an impartial and distinguished lawyer.

We say that the University must join this inquiry. If they have nothing to hide, they have nothing to fear.



The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Roger Stevens, arriving at The Parkinson.

A huge banner, reading, 'STUDENTS DEMAND A PUBLIC INQUIRY' was hoisted over the entrance to the Parkinson Building yesterday evening, to supplement the mass of Left-Wing slogans chalked on the brickwork.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28th, 1968

Elections Farce

SO, the annual farce is over once again. Last Monday, the joint U.C.—consisting of this term's members and next—met and elected next term's Union officials. The ballot papers were counted and democracy was seen to be done.

But was it?

In fact, many of the results had virtually been decided beforehand.

The Union's politicians, divided between Left and Right, had met and chosen the people who would best suit their factions. Strings were pulled and the puppets picked.

Monday's elections, with the exception of the votes of a few moderates, were merely a formal gesture.

Obviously, this system—although to a certain extent inevitable—does not serve the interests of the Union best.

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Farewell Jack

JACK STRAW'S term of Presidency is drawing to a close and the time has come to offer our farewell and thanks to one of the best Presidents this Union has had for a long time.

True, Jack has made his mistakes. His handling of the Patrick Wall affair was, in parts, ambivalent.

True, his political ambitions have, very occasionally, become confused with his concern for the interests of this Union.

But the enormous amount of work he has done, the countless committees he has headed, the energy he has contributed to the general running of the Union, have all undoubtedly improved the welfare of the Leeds student.

His firm handling of Union Councils and O.G.M.s and his endeavours to bring about closer staff-student relations—these have been fine achievements. We hope that next year's President can live up to them.

This paper wishes Jack Straw, President of Leeds University Union 1967/8, the best of luck in his post as next year's N.U.S. Vice-President.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters should be short and, if possible, in the office first post Wednesday. They may be cut unless a request is made not to cut or not to print.

An open letter to the Vice-Chancellor

DEAR SIR,

With reference to the recent direct action taken as a result of a resolution passed at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Union held on 21st June, 1968, we, as elected representatives of the members of the Medical School, whilst accepting that the circumstances giving rise to the resolution may provide grounds for some anxiety and investigation, wish to express the opinion that the direct action taken as a result of the resolution is deplorable and unacceptable to the members of the Medical School.

We consider that the result of this direct action will serve no other purpose than to destroy any existing, and possibly future, machinery for negotiations and has jeopardised Staff/Student relationships.

Whilst accepting that the Ordinary General Meeting is the proper machinery for the expression of opinion, by all members of the Union, lack of publicity and considerable involvement with examinations that are still in progress, made it impossible for the majority of people in the Medical School to express an opinion in this way.

From long experience with excellent Staff/Student relations at all levels in the Medical School, we retain full confidence in the University Administration, including the Senate and Vice-Chancellor.

Yours faithfully,

P. M. HILL, President.
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Medical Students' Representative Council.

Crones overhead Action not words

DEAR SIR,

The operator of the crane being used on the Union extension has a curious habit of parking his ten-ton load of concrete immediately above the R. H. Evans lounge on most evenings.

I know nothing about the structures of such cranes, nor am I superstitious, but I find it rather irritating that such a load is dangling over my head while I am watching TV.

Could not the load be parked in a less dangerous position in future!

Yours etc.

PETER LUBBOCK.

DEAR SIR,

I'm sick and tired of the constant squabbles in the R. H. Evans Lounge concerning what television programme should be on.

I thought that with the advent of colour TV we could at last get away from the constant stream of drivel such as 'Pick of the Pops'.

But, alas, the minority loses again. Every Thursday the teeny boppers roll up, shout everybody else down and switch over to some turgid rubbish.

Will the political time-servers on U.C. take any action? Will they hell! Morons have as many votes as the rest and in Leeds the morons seem to predominate.

Yours faithfully,

A DISGRUNTLED VIEWER.

DEAR SIR,

This week we have seen a lot of bloody clever idiots rioting (sitting in) in the cause of 'freedom'. May I just say that the self-moralistic attitude of the Left-Wingers of this University make me sick.

In the Union there is a society called 'Action', which tries to alleviate some of the hardships which are the result of our society. Are any of our idealistic Left-Wingers in this society?—like hell, they are. Their attitude is let the people rot until the revolution, then let's see what happens.

The sit-in taking place in the last few days shows the futility of the Left-Wing in this University. Soon it will be degree day when all graduates will be offered life membership and thus membership of Convocation. This is the ruling body of the University. It can tell the Senate and the V-C what to do. Will any of our idealistic Left-Wingers join so that they can put forward the reforms that they've been yelling about for the past few years? Like hell, they will.

Yours nauseated,

Z. O. M. BEE.

C.H.K. + U.N.
= O.U.T.

DEAR SIR,

A few weeks ago, Cecil Harmsworth King resigned as Chairman of the International Publishing Corporation. What a pity the whole of Union News staff didn't resign in sympathy!

Yours etc.

BASIL LEVINE.

Food for thought

DEAR SIR,

Your News story concerning the lack of Catering facilities over Whitsun raises a very serious issue.

All the students in lodgings had a choice between going hungry or wandering around town looking for food on Whit Monday. Either alternative was hardly conducive to helping to prepare for the next day's Examinations.

We note that the Brotherton stayed open all day. Are we to assume from this that students can be expected to work without eating?

I fail to see the logic employed by Catering Committee. Surely the student members among them could realise the potential inconvenience caused to students by this ridiculous decision.

Yours faithfully,

PETER BURSON.

Biafra marches

SIR,

I stumbled across a student march last Saturday against the Biafran war. I was surprised to see only 25 marchers, mostly African. Not even an Oxfam appeal for funds for refugees could draw out the human instincts of Union marchers to brave the drizzle to protest against this savage genocidal war. But Vietnam? Yes. I find this odd.

Yours

MARTIN DEVEREUX.

Animal crackers

DEAR SIR,

Mr. Darrow remarked last week that the antics of the Disciplinary Tribunal should have been covered by the Reviews staff. I thoroughly agree with his judgement and would go further and suggest that the coverage of the morons in the Parkinson Block are dealt with by your Sports Editor.

The Sports Editor may feel, however, that he is not qualified to discuss animal life.

Yours faithfully,

CURTIS BOND.

Mark my words

DEAR SIR,

I would like to assure the 400, or thereabouts, people that voted me onto U.C., firstly at a by-election in the second term, and secondly, in the full elections for next year, that Union Council does not consist entirely of revolutionary Leftists. I will admit that they have a majority block vote on the Council, as Monday's election to Union posts proves. Every Union position that was vacant was filled by a Left-Winger, the kind that will go out in the street and make a fool of himself, with the exception of one member of the Disciplinary Committee and the post of Union Treasurer.

To these ends, a meeting of Left-Wingers was held at a nearby flat to work out just who would fill what posts.

All right, fair enough, so we have Party government in the Union just like the real boys in Westminster. Maybe I've been misled, but I always thought that Union Councils were intended to look after the students' welfare. That's what I'm there for, anyway.

Now to give my "constituents" my view on the sit-in.

For God's sake, let's have a public investigation—but we won't get it by issuing ultimatums to the V-C. Proposals, yes, and keep putting them forward until you get a favourable result, but you can't expect a man to negotiate ultimatums. Nothing will be achieved while the sit-in continues; the whole thing has happened too fast—negotiation takes time, and time is on the students' side. After exams, students get bored and restless, so, hey-ho, let's have a sit-in. Go to the Parkinson, and they're all loving it—such an adventure and it gets in the Press. They all believe in what they're doing because they're doing something. Reasonableness and reality have been lost—join the crowd and have a sit-in for sit-in's sake. It is at once very, very funny, and very pathetic.

While supporting the need for an inquiry, I dissociate myself entirely from the sit-in.

Yours faithfully,

MARK G. COOPER,
Union Council.

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O.G.M Calls for Stevens Resignation

by Guy Thornton

THE Majority Movement suffered a crushing defeat at last Friday's OGM in the refectory, when they were heavily outvoted by the Left Wing groups forming the May 3rd Committee.

Executive claimed the largest victory with their motion calling for "a full public enquiry . . . headed by a member of the Bar nominated by the Bar Council . . . to inquire into . . . matters relating to the functions and activities of the Security Adviser and staff" which was passed by the overwhelming majority of 318, only seven voting against.

The motion was ably put by Union President Jack Straw, who recalled the Wall affair and the allegedly political investigations following it. Heated opposition came from Nigel De Lee and Ian Shuttleworth; De Lee calling for the Vice-Chancellor to have supreme authority over the University.

- The immediate handing over of all files concerning political beliefs and activities of Union members.
- Immediate establishment of a fully representative committee to act as a watchdog over the Security Service reforms. This to consist of elected representatives of the Students, A.U.T., non-academic staff and N.U.P.E.
- Immediate suspension of Smith and Thorp.

PRAISE

The motion further stated that it supported the action taken by officials of the Union in challenging the authority of the Security Service and praises the members of the staff disquietened about the activities of Smith, who petitioned the Vice-Chancellor with a strongly-worded memorandum.

Non-Violent Direct Action was threatened if the Vice-Chancellor failed to indicate his acceptance of the demands and the Executive memorandum. The Direct Action would be supported by the Union.

The final clash came when the majority of the students had left the hall, but the motion proposed by Ken Davies calling on "LUU to support the students of Bradford University in their resistance to the victimization of five of their members and in their demand for the reinstatement of those suspended" was easily carried.

RESIGNATION

It was the Left-Wing's motion, proposed by John Ure, that both sides had been waiting for. Points of Order and discarded suspensions of standing orders reached their peak when Ure called for the "implementation" of the demands by the Vice-Chancellor, or his immediate resignation." This was the only section in which a vote was taken and it was carried by 141 votes to 109.

The other sections were all carried by heavy majorities and called for:

- The immediate implementation of all demands in the Union Memorandum.

TYKE HIT BY BAD PUBLICITY

TYKE is suffering from lack of advertising as a direct result of the present student unrest, claims Rag Chairman John Standerline. Soon after the Patrick Wall incident they received a letter cancelling a contract for six hundred pounds worth of advertising which their advertising agent had previously obtained for them. sparked off the Majority Movement."

The letter cancelling the advertisements stated: ". . . my feelings towards the way all students are at present carrying on makes me regret I can no longer support this effort."

MINORITY

Another letter made it clear that relations with Rag had been seriously affected by student behaviour: "We would say that we have taken exception to the behaviour of what we appreciate is only a minority of the student body. . . ."

" . . . if it was not for the charitable aspect of the Rag we would not have provided a vehicle this year."

"It was this kind of response that made us realise just how bad our publicity has been," said John, "and it was this that

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions of jokes and articles have not been affected in the same way.

"Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan have written for us and the Chief Constable sent us his best wishes," said Tyke editor John Thompson.

PATRICK WALL

"We wrote to Patrick Wall as well, but haven't had a reply yet. . . ."

But response has not been so good from inside the University. Tyke have sent out over fifteen hundred leaflets asking for contributions, but have so far received hardly any replies.

"We sent the leaflets out to all the Halls of Residence, colleges and the Engineering Block, but with little success," continued John.

"The few replies we have had have been unprintable—but very funny."

Proposed New Staff-Student Merger

DISCUSSIONS between the Executive Committee of the Association of University Teachers and the Union Exec. will take place on an informal basis at least three times a term. It will be the first time that a liaison has been reached between the representative bodies of the students and the staff.

The A.U.T. includes professorial and non-professorial staff and represents about 75% or 90% of the University staff. The senior professorial staff are not usually active within the A.U.T., and thus the Association is largely separate from the administration and frequently holds different views.

A meeting last week between the A.U.T. and Exec. unanimously agreed that there should be some permanent arrangement whereby staff and students can discuss matters where there is an obvious conflict of interests, and, where there is no such conflict, how decisions can best be implemented.

It is hoped that a Joint Committee will encourage staff-student relations on a Departmental level and will lead to better contact between staff and students.

On a national level, the A.U.T. Exec. negotiates with the Government, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and the Executive Committee of the N.U.S. Where there is consensus between the staff and student bodies in the University, it is thought that a Joint Committee could hardly be ignored.

Joint Secretaries would be Dr. Hall, Secretary for Internal Affairs of A.U.T. (Dept. Medicine) and Martin Verity, Secretary of the Union. A meeting will be held early next session.

UNION VANDALS STRIKE AGAIN

THIEVES attempted to walk away with one of the Post Boxes situated in the Union Foyer on Sunday night. The attempted theft was discovered by Union Steward, Mr. Graveling.

He said that the thieves had succeeded in unscrewing the combination of the post box and stamp machine from the wall but the weight had proved too much and they had only been able to move it four inches.

Window in the far end toilet in the men's lavatories has been found broken on Monday mornings.

However, he warned that the mystery window breaker would get a sore hand next time he tried—armour-plated glass has been inserted. If he succeeds, then he himself "will be sitting on the bog ledge to find out who does it."

LOO LOUTS

Mr. Graveling also revealed that for the past few weeks the

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ANNE HUDSON, Jack Straw's private secretary, is leaving the University. She leaves England to take up a post in Brussels on July 6th.

She has been in Leeds for two years and describes her year as Jack's secretary as "Harassing but happy." Her advice to future Presidents' secretaries is not to get too involved in Union affairs.

"Even when you have your own point of view on an issue, you must go along with what's happening."

"I have spoken to the girl who is taking up the post and have given her as much advice as I can."

Anne, 20, got engaged two months ago to Michael Downing, a final year dental student in Leeds. She expects to marry in about eighteen months' time.

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WALL WRITES FOR TYKE

by Union News Reporter

PATRICK WALL, M.P., has agreed to write a foreword for Tyke. He says that students' efforts during Rag week "can only be worthy of everyone's praise."

"... it is to be hoped . . . that they will have the full support of the general public," in spite of recent "controversy" about University students. In a letter attached to the article, Mr. Wall added that he "hoped the enclosed will suffice. If you need more, you will have to give me some ammunition!"

The Prime Minister regretted that he could not contribute a foreword since he "gets so many requests of this sort that he has to make a general rule to decline them."

Tim Brooke-Taylor, of 'I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again', has sent in a joke from his 1860 joke book.

'TIMES' LETTER

Letters have also been arriving in response to Rag Chairman John Standerline's letter to the Times last week.

In this letter, Mr. Standerline says that the effect of bad student publicity on Rag has been "nothing short of catastrophic."

He continues, "Have students been given such a bad name that the work of Rags and other similar bodies connected with universities or colleges, is now hampered by the

actions of 'militants' who have never been seen to help in these activities?"

One of the letters replying to this says that the answer to Mr. Standerline's question is "yes-yes-YES" and asks what the majority of sensible students are doing about the militants.

DESPAIR

The writer, "an old man", "despairs" of the "present generation of ill-mannered and arrogant young people" who "vent their absurdities on all of us everywhere."

However, the letter ends, "Never mind—good luck to you and here is some cash for your Rag." The writer, who wishes to remain anonymous, enclosed a cheque for £2.

"It's nice to see that there are still some people who realise the charitable nature of Rag, and do not let the action of some students prejudice their actions towards it," said Mr. Standerline.

DON'S COLUMN

PROFESSOR EVANS is leaving the University in September. In an interview for Union News he spoke about exams, student politics and students in general. . . .

STAFF-STUDENT RELATIONS

The staff-student committee in the Civil Engineering department was set up in 1948 and, he believes, it was the first one in the country.

Students have helped him enormously in the running of the department, and the committee—which is made up of twelve students and about half a dozen members of staff—can talk about anything it likes. If students' suggestions are reasonable he does his best to see that they are implemented.

EXAMS

He has never known an able man do badly in exams. "Of course, exams must be used in conjunction with other methods of continuous assessment, projects and practical work." When he interviews a student he can tell within a few minutes whether he is really able or whether he is a dud.

It is the 35%-50% man that is difficult to spot, and it is in his case that term work is useful in assessing his true capabilities.

SECURITY

"You will never achieve anything by holding a gun to the head of the Vice-Chancellor," he maintained. "He cannot be expected to talk when there are students making firm demands without any view to compromise."

'STUDENTS'

"Incentives, a challenge, that is what students and the general public need," he concluded. He said that there is a danger of students being too easily led into a feeling of security about their own situation at University, and that most students want intellectual satisfaction and this they do not get outside in industry.

U.C. ELECTION BUNGLED

by Jane Fickling

ELECTION bumbles will lead to a re-election for the post of Union Treasurer for next session. Last Monday's Joint Union Committee elected post-graduate student Chris Swann into the post by a narrow margin of fifteen votes as against fourteen votes polled by the other candidate, 1st year Social Studies student Anne Suffolk.

After the meeting had closed Miss Suffolk's ballot paper was found. She had passed it to House Secretary Graham Walsh when the candidates left the room before the proposing speeches.

He omitted to hand it to Jack Straw, who was acting as Returning Officer. This vote would have made the poll 15-15.

On Monday evening, Mr. Swann wrote to Union Secretary Martin Verity requesting that "in view of the close result of the election for Student Treasurer and the

straying ballot paper of Miss Suffolk . . . the election be declared void . . . and that a re-election be held at the earliest possible date," provided that Miss Suffolk was agreeable.

A complaint about the election was also received later that evening from NUS Chairman Leo Smith, who called for a re-election, not only on the grounds of the lost ballot-paper, but also on the grounds that notice of the meeting was not sent out to U.C. members, as it usually is, and that this affected attendance at the meeting.

Miss Suffolk has agreed to a re-election, which will take place as soon as possible.

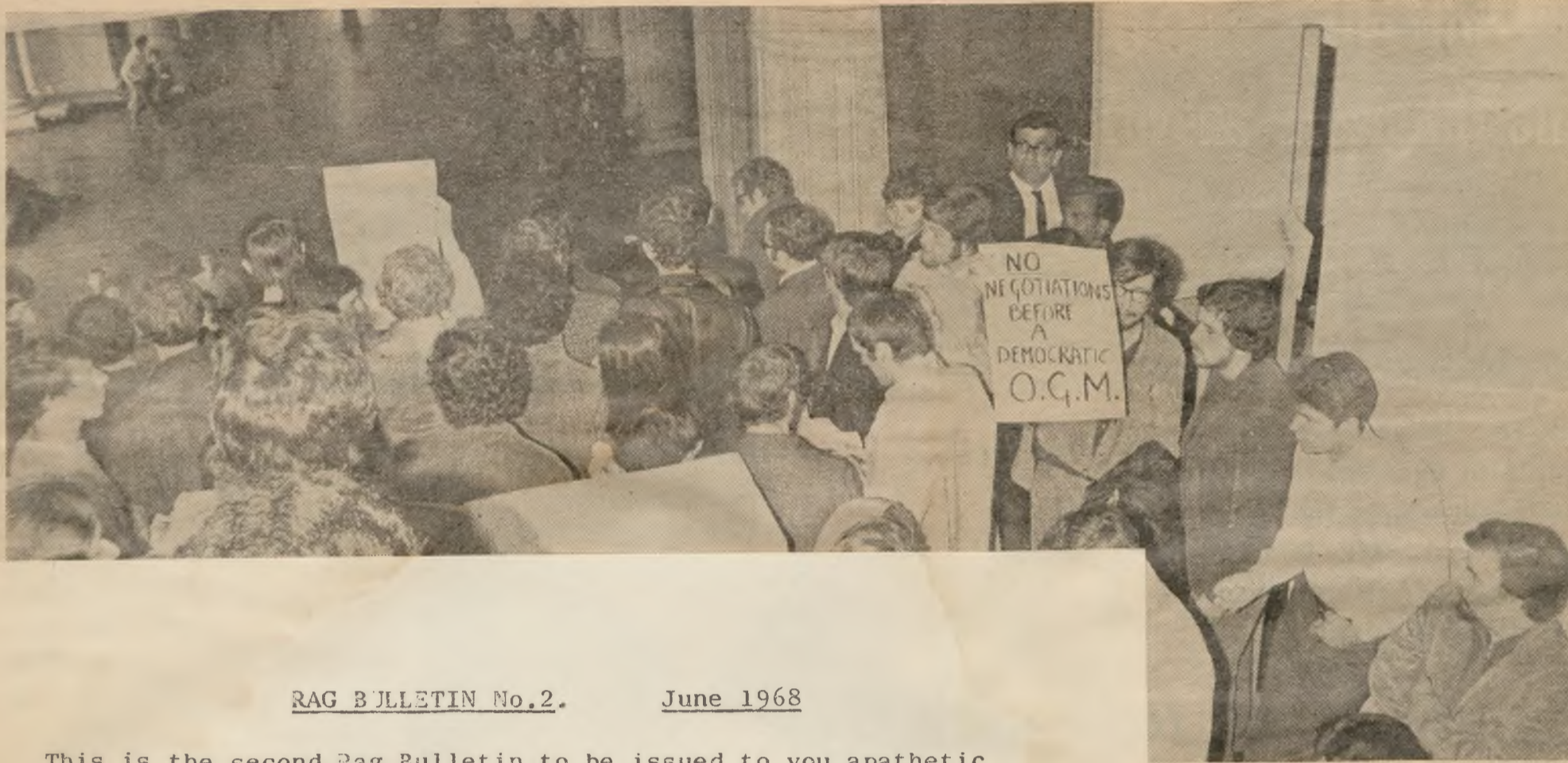


Chris Swann, elected as Treasurer by Monday's U.C.

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RAG BULLETIN No.2. June 1968

This is the second Rag Bulletin to be issued to you apathetic lot out there. The first one didn't seem to raise any reaction at all, which I suppose was to be expected, as everyone was working so hard for their exams.....

Anyway, hoping that this Bulletin gets some sort of response... What's YOUR opinion of RAG? Do you see it as a glorified romp, giving the boisterous minority a chance to wreak all the damage they like, under the auspices of RAG? Or do you see it as a praiseworthy attempt to raise a lot of money for local charities, by both conventional and unconventional methods?

If you think of RAG as the former, and try to dissociate from it, as being 'not quite nice', and not the sort of thing which you wish to be connected with, then come to RAG Office NOW. We'll show you that you're mistaken, that we try to raise £8,000-10,000 each year, which is distributed to as many charities as we can. We'll show you grateful letters from the organisations which we practically support; we'll show you pitiful letters to show you how meagre the funds of some Charities are, how without our donations they would become bankrupt, and people would suffer; we'll show you pictures of the joy on a child's face, and the disbelief on an old age pensioner's face, that someone would do something for them - the unwanted of the World.

But we can only show you these things if you come to RAG Office. We need YOUR help to accomplish miracles, and these are what we must have, if we are to raise even half our normal total, with all the Student unrest, and hatred against the Students at the moment.

We're not appealing to those of you who are arousing this hatred - you haven't got the time with all your activities. Besides, you're probably not the type to be stirred by pity at the sight of blind, helpless children. Would YOU give up a mere couple of hours to help others? No, it's those students who do care that we want to attract. Stay apathetic with respect to Union Politics, if you like, but don't stay cold to human suffering --

HELP RAG, TO HELP OTHERS.

the Events Cops Sit-In

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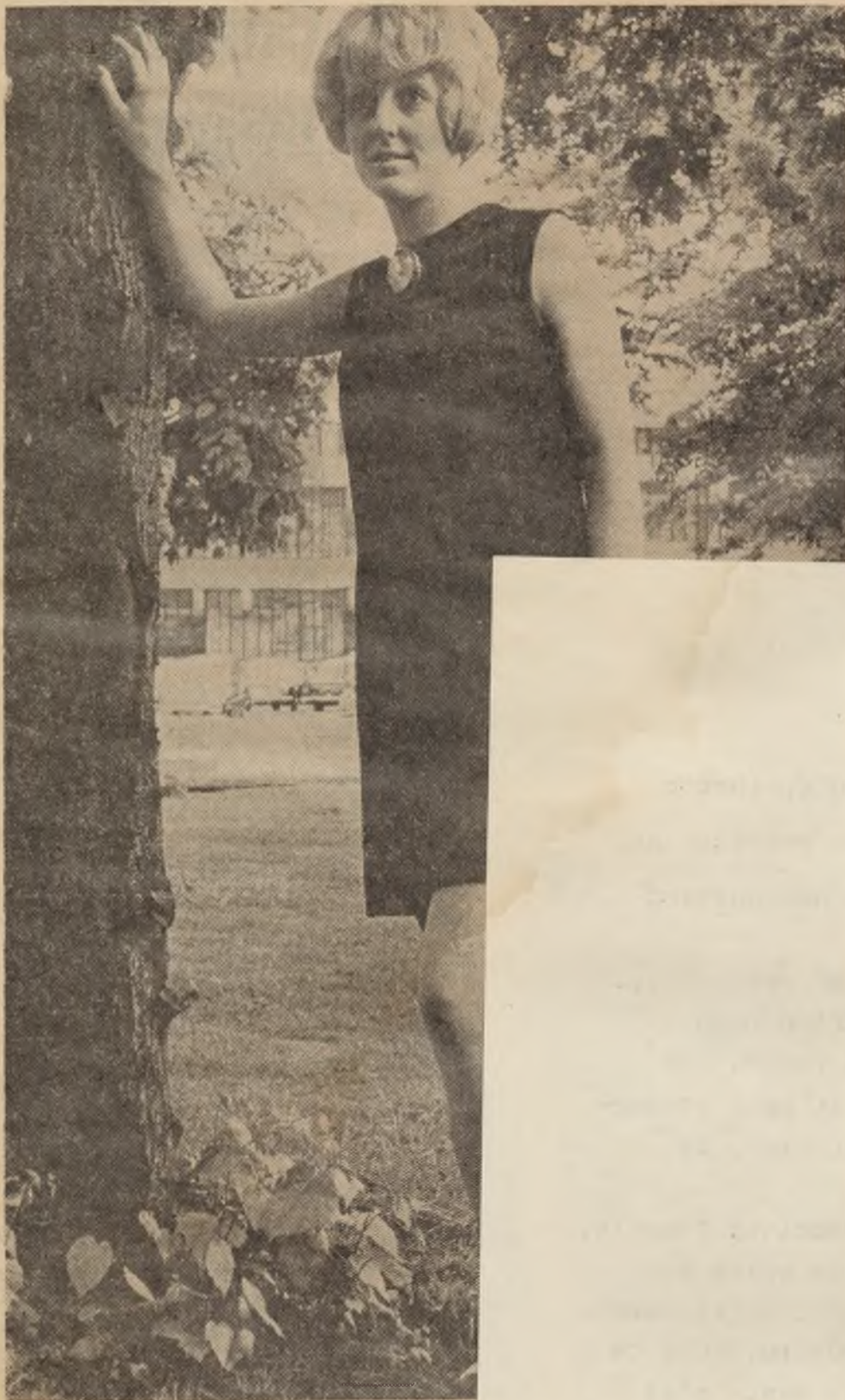
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"Even when you have your own point of view on an issue, you must go along with what's happening."

"I have spoken to the girl who is taking up the post. I have given her as much advice as I can."

Anne, 20, got engaged two months ago to Peter Downing, a final year dental student in Leeds. She is to marry in about eighteen months' time.

WALL WRITES FOR TYKE

by Union News Reporter

PATRICK WALL, M.P., has agreed to write a foreword for Tyke. He says that students' efforts during Rag week "can only be worthy of everyone's praise."

"... it is to be hoped . . . that they will have the full support of the general public," in spite of recent "controversy" about University students. In a letter attached to the article, Mr. Wall added that he "hoped the enclosed will suffice. If you need more, you will have to give me some . . ."

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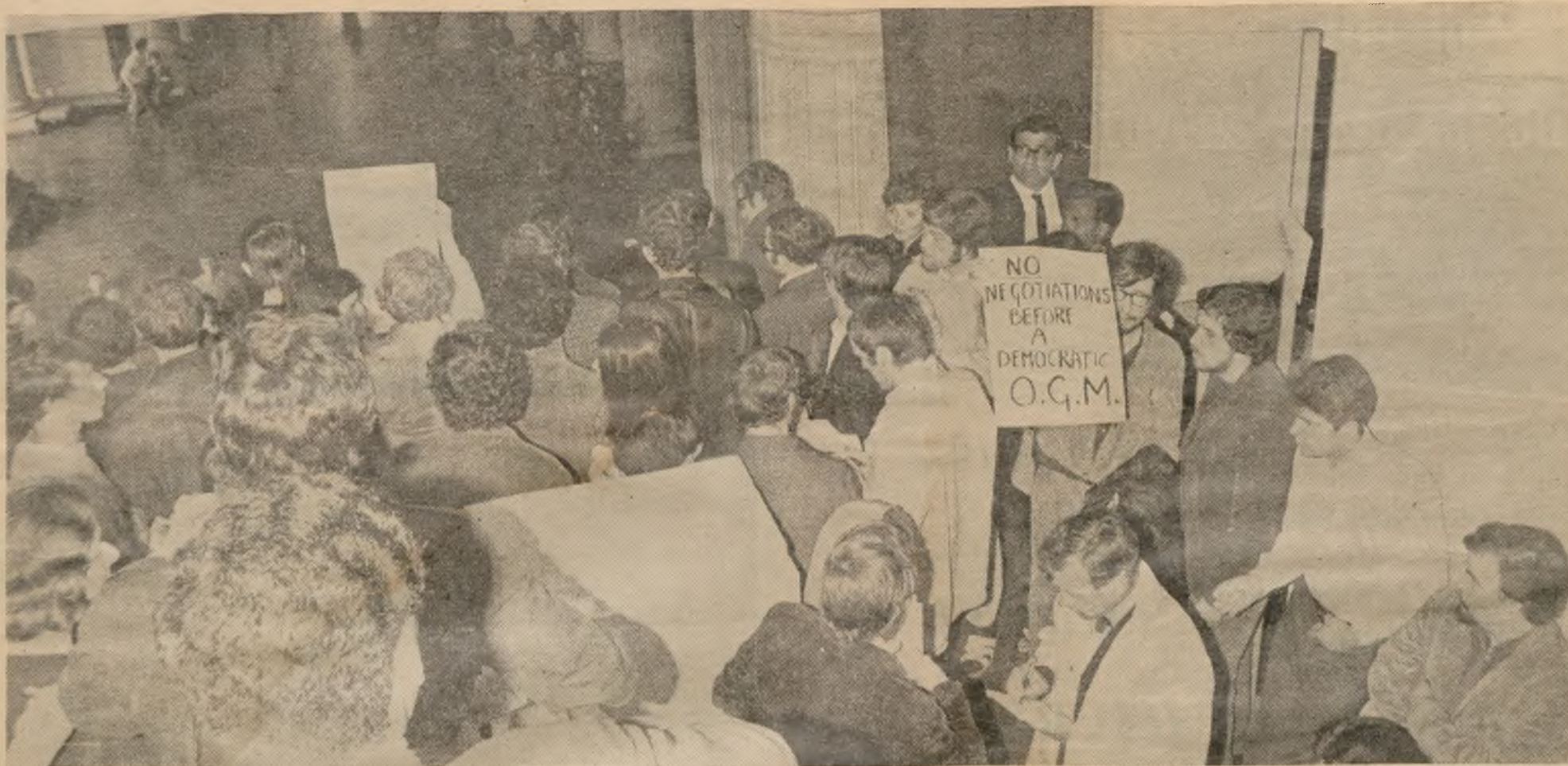
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Newsight Looks into the Events That Led to Campus Cops Sit-In



by
Paul Steele

Ostensibly their duties include traffic control, care of University premises and initial investigations into petty thefts. Recently grave doubts have been expressed about whether or not their duties go much further and upon the part played by the University in the security set-up.

Who are the security officers? Are they being used by the Vice-Chancellor, and if so, how?

Union News puts the questions. The answers will come out, we hope, as the result of a public inquiry.

Since the middle of term a disturbing cold-war has been simmering between the Union and the University, and at any time, perhaps, before you read this article, it could break out into open confrontation.

The issue is simple and unpleasant—should the University on whatever pretext, seek information about the political affiliations of students? Does the Vice-Chancellor have the right to contravene one of the basic principles of any University—that of freedom of thought?

Whatever your feelings—whether the activities of left-wing students sicken you—whether you think certain things have not yet been said about the Patrick Wall affair, you cannot deny that somebody is not telling the truth.

What is the Security Service?

A body intended to carry out traffic duties, to ensure the security of University proper and to make initial investigations into petty thefts on the campus.

Who are security officers? A body of about 40 men led by Messrs. Smith and Thorp, the Security Adviser and his assistant. Mr. Smith was until recently a detective in the Leeds City Police Force.

Even before the Wall incident the activities of the Security Service had given cause for concern.

(a) After the traditional O.T.C. demonstration in October, the names of certain students were taken, although there was no obstruction and no complaint from the Union Steward.

(b) After a spate of slogan-painting this year a left winger was called to see Smith. The only reason was his membership of a left-wing society.

Why have matters since then suddenly come to a head?

On May 3rd Patrick Wall and his wife were jostled and pushed during a visit to the University. The Union held an inquiry. The Union's solicitor ruled that nobody could be charged with the alleged spitting and kicking incidents. Yet the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Roger

Stevens continued with his own inquiry both before and after the Union's Tribunal.

The Union submitted a memorandum to the V.-C. in June and by the 18th all but one point in it had been satisfactorily settled. The one outstanding point is whether the University would publically accept that the Security Adviser had taken an interest in the political affiliations of some members of the Union, the evidence for which is quite irrefutable.

One of the most disturbing pieces of evidence is a photo-copy of an interview held by Mr. Smith with a non-University member, allegedly involved in the Wall affair, which included the section—

Q.—'I take it you are a Communist?'

A.—Yes, I am, but not a member of the party.'

The V.-C. then made two very puzzling and contradictory statements.

On Tuesday the 18th the President asked the V.-C. about the above interview. The V.-C. replied:

'Whatever questions the security officers might have asked he had no instructions and no duty to inquire into the political affiliations of members of the University.'

The statement was read to a meeting at lunchtime on Tuesday and it seemed

as though the matter would rest there.

But next day at a Council meeting the V.-C. made the following statement:

'The Security Adviser had no instructions and no duty to inquire into the political affiliations of members of the University and I am satisfied that he did not do so.'

Exec decided that this statement was a contradiction of that of the day before and tantamount to saying that the evidence on which Exec's memorandum was based was false.

The result was that Exec proposed a full inquiry at last Friday's O.G.M. in order that both sides of the case might be fully investigated (see news report).

* * *

Is the Union's call for an inquiry then justified?

● There seems almost no doubt that the Security Service has exceeded its terms of reference by interrogating certain students over the Patrick Wall affair.

● The Vice-Chancellor, having ultimate authority over the Security Service must have some idea of what is going on, and if he does not, then an inquiry is all the more necessary.

● If the Security Service were indulging in political fact-gathering, then should the Union regard it as a fact of University life and put

up with it? (as a speaker in last Friday's O.G.M. suggested).

● As a natural consequence of the last question, is freedom of thought and political affiliation a fundamental right of a University student?

The Union has already been assured that the Security Service will be reconstituted, as a result of Exec's memorandum. But until the activities of Security Adviser Smith are brought into the open, there is little point in reform.

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QUOTE : 'If you put these people in Buckingham Palace it would be a slum in a week' . . . Mr. Dudley, supervisor of homeless families at South Lodge.

Pictures:
by
JOHN GAUNT

by **PAUL DACRE**

ALEX WHITTON has six children, a list of evictions as long as his arm, and is out of work. At present, Mr. Whitton is living in Leeds Marsh Lane Welfare Unit—formerly a police-station. Because of the smallness of the "cells" he and his family have to live in, two of his children have to sleep in a bed inches away from a toilet.

In cold sociological terms Mr. Whitton constitutes an "inadequate person."

In the Ministry of Social Services Circular jargon, his family: "need intensive help to learn to manage their affairs, and may need a period, which may be lengthy, in a rehabilitation unit before resuming occupation of ordinary housing."

In reality: Mr. Whitton and his family are homeless.

He takes up his own story: "I was evicted from my last house — which was in my mother's name — when the landlord discovered I had six kids. I had been evicted before and this was the end. I gave up. I left my job and now I'm here.

"Look . . . you've got no chance when you've got six kiddies. Living in cells — you can't explain it somehow — I've got no heart for work. What have I got to come home to . . . nothing.

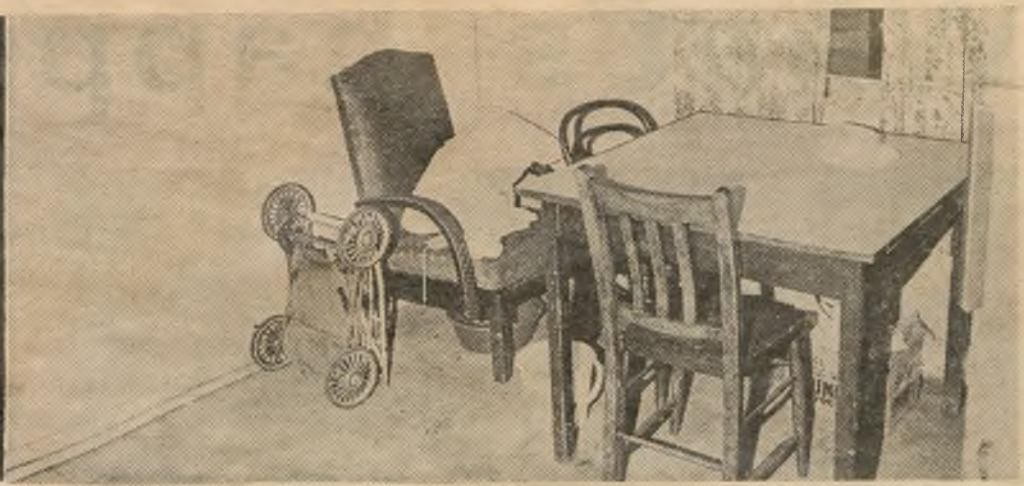
"What do I do all day? I just wander round all the Estate Agents. They're very nice to you 'til they find you've got 6 children."

There are two stages in the homeless families saga:

Firstly, those who have no accommodation — through rent arrears or other factors — are moved to South Lodge Welfare Unit. Formerly a workhouse, this cottage is about 20 yards long and 10 yards wide. On occasions it has "housed" 35 children and 9 women.

The living-quarters which are 15 yards from the kitchen are cubicalised. Said one woman, who has been there 8 months: "Have you ever tried living day in, day out, in an area four yards square?"

THE WELFARE STATE MISFITS



Above: two of Mr. Whitton's six children who — through shortage of space in their Marsh Lane flat — are forced to sleep inches from a toilet. Top Left: South Lodge: on one occasion 9 women and 35 children lived here. Top Right: A family of 6 children and their mother, have lived in this cubicle for 8 months.

Husbands are turned out of this rehabilitation unit by 10.30 p.m.

SUITABLE FLATS

From South Lodge, rent 11/- a week, some families are found suitable flats, while others are moved to stage 2: Marsh Lane. While many stay in the Lodge for only a few days, some remain for up to 9 months.

The inmates of South Lodge asked us not to print their names. Said Mr. A.: "Once people know you've been in here you're looked upon as scum for the rest of your life."

"The worst thing about this place," said Mrs. A, "is the complete lack of privacy. You can't talk to your husbands alone. You have no pride. No self-respect.

"Have you ever tried sleeping with 30 children and 7 women in a small room?" I asked Mr. Dudley, South Lodge's supervisor, what he thought of the people under his care: "If you put these people in Buckingham Palace," he said, "it would be a slum within a week. They don't value anything that is decent."

Mrs. A, who has 6 children, feels differently: "The Welfare people are always accusing us of letting our children run wild. How the hell are you meant to control children in a hole like this?"

"My kids were angels when they came here. Now they are animals."

But Miss B, 21 year old unmarried mother of 2 children, who had been in the Lodge 2 weeks, told me: "I'm glad of this place. I had nowhere to go and now I've got a roof over my head.

"What do I think of this place? It stinks and I want to get out as quickly as possible. But then, beggars can't be choosers."

"A BED FOR ALL"

Alderman Cardno is chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee — a voluntary body which, amongst other things, helps Leeds' homeless families. A trim, middle-aged woman, whose glasses are attached to her neck by a purple ribbon, she explained: "South Lodge is not all it might be. But this is the last resort for some people. I have got to provide a bed for everyone who is homeless.

"If we were to make this place so attractive that the people would never

leave then our problem would be a hundred times worse.

"If we are to give these people responsibility . . . they must first show that they can support themselves.

"These women," she continued, "sit around smoking all day. They don't do any cooking — just walk to the fish-and-chip shop and back. They have their kids around. And forgive me for saying it . . . they're happy."

But when I asked Alderman Cardno about the plight of South Lodge's children, she replied: "The children are dirty but healthy."

Like most of the Welfare officials I met — whose sincerity I never questioned and who are doing one of the hardest of jobs — Alderman Cardno seemed to be lacking in first-hand knowledge of the

people she was dealing with. The best that can be said of these officials is that they are well-intentioned.

Stage 2, Marsh Lane, is divided into small flats. Here the rent is 30/- a week and husbands are allowed to stay with their families. The "garden" for 16 children is a small, grimy yard. Their toys: dustbins.

SMELL OF POVERTY

Inside, the paint-work on the walls is peeling and light sockets are bare. Everywhere is harshness. A numbing sort of inertia. And that smell . . . the smell of poverty and death that cannot be described, only felt.

"When it's cold, the damp literally drips off the walls," recalled Mrs. Irene Chadwick, 30, with 6 children.

"And last winter the boiler broke down. There was no heating at all for two months. We just sat and froze while our clothes turned green with mould."

Mr. James Lawrence, Leeds Welfare Officer, while admitting that the boiler was faulty — it had to be replaced — denies that it was out of use for so long.

When I visited Marsh Lane, the outside drains were blocked and the most nauseating smell was pervading the whole house. The families claimed that it had been like that for 6 weeks.

Mr. Lawrence denied any knowledge of this, but pointed out that Health Dept. Officials visit Marsh Lane regularly. But the wives maintained that health visits "are once in a blue moon."

"Marsh Lane," explained Mr. Lawrence, "could be better, but, and I must emphasise, it is merely a relief from homelessness.

"These people have got to prove that they can pay their rent. Their stay in rehabilitation units is only temporary."

Said Mr. Daniel, who lives in Marsh Lane: "When we moved here from South

Lodge, we were assured that it would only be for a month."

Mr. Daniel, his wife and 3 children have now been in Marsh Lane for 9 months.

And why was this family originally evicted from their house? Mrs. Daniel alleges: "This welfare person was always making me scrub the coal cellar. The last straw was when she told me I was better off without my husband. So he just refused to pay the rent."

And so it goes on. To compare the welfare officials with Dickensian ogres is as absurd as to imply that the people they are dealing with are responsible, hard-working unfortunates.

Many of the parents of the homeless families seemed to enjoy the martyrdom of poverty — seem to relish soaking the Welfare State for all it has to offer.

And the welfare facilities are considerable. But still the children suffer. And equality of opportunity seems a mockery.

"Public opinion," said Alderman Cardno, "is against splitting up families. After all, any mother is better than no mother."

Having seen the plight of some of the children we visited, I wondered whether this was true.

SCHEDULED

Last year Union News was told that South Lodge would soon be closed. It is now scheduled to be shut by October. But only scheduled . . .

Said Mr. Lawrence, who has been with the Welfare Service 30 years, "I am trying to find new accommodation for these families. No, I am not short of money. But I could do with an extra £100,000."

Declared Alderman Cardno: "We have not yet found the solution to the homeless families problem. But we will do."

Last word from Mr. Whitton: "If the Welfare promised me a house, I'd start work tomorrow. I swear it."



"This is the last resort for some people . . ." Welfare Official.



Children play in the "garden" of Marsh Lane Welfare Unit.

What's happened to The

'Hope & Anchor'



THE 'Hope and Anchor' was surprisingly busy for half-past-six on a Thursday evening, and Donald the barman, flitted from customer to customer, singing raspyly to the juke-box in the next room. A solid, broken-nosed Irishman with a Gene Vincent haircut was eyeing him suspiciously — evidently fascinated.

Every few minutes he winged his way towards me and sat down. He was a little abrupt at first — obviously not about to forget the consequence of his last brush with Union News. But he liked to be asked questions and was soon recalling all the trouble that had descended upon the pub since the article.

It seems 'The People' was the villain of the piece; with great relish it had clamped its slobbering jaws onto the story, fabricating and exaggerating morsels of scandal to delight its readers. But worse than that, it had then climbed upon its invisible high-horse, shrieking of moral outrage to one and all, in apparent seriousness.

The publicity was disastrous. During the Fairs Cup match a jolly crowd of

Rangers' supporters hot from last Sunday's newspapers, came to the pub to have a look — or at least, a leer — for themselves.

It was not without distress that Donald recalled the dreadful evening — "I've never been so frightened in my life." Bottles were hurled at the landlady, all the windows were smashed and the cellar broken into. Eight thousand cigarettes were stolen — bottles of gin and whisky were swigged or smashed by the whooping, tottering marauders, as they terrorized all — queer and normal — out of their wits.

The chief constable wasn't too pleased either, that this hitherto quiet and inoffensive haunt should become a curiosity shop, a shady landmark for students of sodomy, or idle mockers.

For several weeks the police 'snooped' discreetly keeping things under control, and gradually the flood of sight-seers dwindled to a trickle. "Now," says Donald, "no one comes in to take the mickey." It is as homely and as intimate as ever it was. He was anxious to point out to me that there was more than one 'queer pub' in Leeds — the 'Hope and Anchor' just happened to be the unfortunate choice for exposé.

With pride he showed me a huge bouquet of red roses and yellow, white and pink carnations, tied up with a great red satin bow. It was a present to the landlady on her birthday, from "all the regulars. Indeed, it was certainly a magnificent display, and anywhere else would be a most loyal token of respect; but there, in the Hope and Anchor, tacked to the wall, towering above Donald's blonde head — I guess it looked pretty appropriate.

Birds Eye View

by
Margot Hilton

NOW that exams can be said to be out of the way for the time being — (for some at least), the drunken animal is raising his head to imbibe his customary 10 pints, or whatever, before falling flat on his face.

A theatre group friend who sips a truly amazing amount, informs me, that his wildest fancies can be, and are, fulfilled when in his cups. Seeing this fine, upright, articulate young man reduced to a bumbling clod in the space of a few

hours makes me rather wonder.

No doubt, his imaginary powers of potency do soar to untold limits, but from the point of view of the boozing outsider, he, and his mates alike, have 'nothing to declare' as you might say.

If people do tend to get in a state where they have 'nothing to declare', all one asks, really, is that they keep it to themselves.

At a folk do at the Charles Morris last Friday, those drunken sots who returned after the interval were quite incapable of listening to a remarkable performance given on guitar by one Martin Kenilworth. More fools them for they missed a great deal of interesting and highly complex music which was definitely worth hearing. Unfortunately, what with their incessant drunken mumbblings and bumbblings they interfered considerably with both the audience and performer, being distracting to a degree.

So it would seem that drunks among us can neither give out — except in the realms of their own fantasies, nor take in. I leave you with the words:

"O Dronke Man. Disfigured is thy face,
Sour is thy breath, foul artow to embrace,
... thou fallest as it were a styked swyne,
Thy tonge is lost, and al thy honeste cure."

by
Martyn
Ford

Mod Theatre - Here to Stay?

by Jane Feinmann at the Durham Festival

DURHAM, last week, was the centre for the second Inter-University Experimental Drama Festival. Universities taking part included Cambridge, Edinburgh, London, Newcastle and of course, Leeds.

The Festival lasted three days. Each of the University groups put on several short 'experiments', which varied in degrees of spontaneity.

In a discussion on the first night of the Festival, students tried to describe exactly what is meant by experimental theatre. The emphasis, most people agreed, must be on audience participation. Theatre has to be pulled down from its pedestal. The ideas discussed were put into practice next day by the Cambridge and Edinburgh groups, when they opened their rehearsals to everyone, and asked people to participate.

However, this eagerness to participate, was turned against at least one of the performers. The most lively part of one of the performances consisted of catcalls and laughs from the audience, at the actors' expense. A violent discussion followed when the actors concerned, defended their right to present the play as a whole, before accepting criticism from the audience. The London group, who were supposed to be following them, refused to perform because of the tension that had arisen in the Hall.

play ended with a somewhat forced revolution.

The technical side of Theatre Group produced a short drama which concentrated on experiments with lighting. It was based on a simple mime with an 'Eternal Triangle' type plot, in which sound and above all lighting produced the emotions, rather than the actors themselves.

The final contribution from Leeds was 'Incidents', produced by Nigel Robson.

It concentrated on group improvisation on several previously worked out situations — which vaguely represented the passage of man from a non-social to a social being. Basically, it was a light-hearted approach to the problems of man and society, performed with great vigour and enthusiasm by the cast of twelve. It was one of the few performances which brought wholehearted acclaim from the audience.

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FRANK ODDS: LIGHT BRIGADE JUST SUCCEEDS

TONY RICHARDSON attracted a blaze of publicity for his **THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE** by refusing to show the picture to the press.

Not that this seems to have unduly biased the London film critics; for once there seems to have been little disagreement between their verdicts on the picture.

Now **The Charge** has arrived in Leeds (MERRION CENTRE ODEON next week and for a season). In a way it's come home. Lord Cardigan's was a Yorkshire regiment and his name is perpetuated to this day in some of the streets at Headingley.

In the film, the truth about Lord Cardigan's dithering which caused the fatal charge comes out beautifully well, with Trevor Howard giving the same masterful treatment to Cardigan that he gave to Bligh in **Mutiny On The Bounty**.

OVER-LONG

But the **Charge** is (how many times have I said this?) far too long. The actual dash into the valley of death is contained in 20 minutes of gripping, magnificently filmed action. The rest is more than two hours of colourful "Olde

England" in which the characters talk and talk and get nowhere.

It used to be a maxim of film production that length is proportional to success. Nowadays I wonder. There are so many big budget films on the market that they can't all be financial or artistic successes.

Personally, though, I suspect that **The Charge Of The Light Brigade** will do well in Leeds, where acting seems to be a factor far outweighing technical merits of a film. And acting is what **The Light Brigade** contains in ample measure.

PELVIS SWINGS

Nearly twelve years ago, a young American lad burst into the public eye with his hip-swinging, hill-billy singing. Now, an uncountable number of records and films later, Elvis Presley is still going strong. His records may not top the charts any longer, but his films continue to pack in the crowds.

Clambake (PLAZA next week) is the latest Presley offering; it's as good (or bad) as ever. Here Presley plays the wayward son of an oil magnate, teaching the bikini-clad damsels how to water-ski.

The story is perhaps more flimsy than usual, and the script sometimes naive, but the humorous touches are there so is an engaging performance by James Gregory as Presley's drawing father.

All painless, forgettable fare, with the only really jarring note from Shelley Fabares as the very unpersonable heroine.

True stories don't always make the bases of good pictures but **YOURS, MINE AND OURS** (HEADROW ODEON next week) certainly doesn't suffer because of it.

The true story is of a widower with ten children who meets an attractive widow with eight of the same, falls in love, and eventually overcomes the mutual resentment of the two sets of kids.

The players are Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball, and their professional polish make **Yours, Mine And Ours** an agreeable (if sentimental) comedy.

The trouble is that the script-writers have been unable to resist giving Lucille Ball opportunities for the kind of eccentric comedy she perpetrates on television so the action degenerates into farce on several occasions, disrupting the balance of the film.

Never mind, though, there is still plenty of colour, the children are amiable, and there, are enough laughs to make an undemanding entertainment.

Christopher Lee fans will welcome his latest Hammer offering, **THE DEVIL RIDES OUT** at the A.B.C. next week, and further American comedy is available at the **TOWER** in the shape of **A LOVELY WAY TO GO**.

THE ROW over Security was getting vicious by the weekend. On Friday, Martin Verity wrote to the Vice-Chancellor telling him that he had till Tuesday to climb down or resign. After the weekend, the V-C hit back—he cancelled his Sherry party with U.C. That's with I call a Sanctions policy.

ONE OF last week's many meetings on Security was preceded by a collection for a visiting French student. Jim Scott was vehement in his request for money: "Chuck in what you've got with you. Half-crowns, ten shilling notes." When the bag went round to him, however, he threw in sixpence and passed the bag on. "After all—I bought him a drink, didn't I?"

THE NEXT DAY they all went off to picket the Vice-Chancellor, who, they thought, was holding a meeting on Security. Only trouble was, the meeting was on Discipline. Ah, well, that's show business.

CHRIS SWANN acquired the rare distinction last week of being elected to an Exec. job and resigning the next day. The reason being that ten minutes after Swann had been elected, Graham Walsh discovered that he had forgotten to hand in Anne Suffolk's ballot paper.

I ALWAYS knew that Graham was a bit incompetent, but this is bloody ridiculous. The funny thing is that Tyacke had been organising the elections for a fortnight before. Anne must be the first person to fall off the ticket. Tyacke's explained it to me—Glover voted the wrong way.

JACQUIE TENNANT denies throwing out ex-President Morrison. I'm loath to cast doubt on a lady's word, but Jacquie's memory for names isn't too good.

We were looking through a list of Honorary Vice-Presidents when she noticed Lord Morris of Grasmere. "Who's he—what's he done for the Union?" she asked. I explained that this refers to Sir Charles Morris, our Vice-Chancellor from 1948 to 1964, named often the Charlie Mo. Next term, who was Bodington, Henry Price, Riley-Smith, Mowat-Jones, and Gryphon?

WE'VE GOT a new Honorary President. Although Dr. Benjamin Spock isn't black, he is in jail and anti-American, so U.C. decided he was qualified. Very appropriate when you think of it. The world's biggest child expert elected by the biggest bunch of children in the Union. I know that John Tough's Nursery is foundering, but will a patron saint really help?

JOKE OF THE WEEK award goes to John Standerline for his letter to 'The Times'. John complained bitterly that 'a handful of militants' are giving students a bad name. And knocking Tyke advertising. I quite agree—it's about time we stopped making nuisances of ourselves and went back to throwing pepper at the Minister of Defence or painting runways or breaking up pianos—well, anyway, something constructive.

Light Opera Should Be A Success

FROM Monday, July 1st to Saturday, July 7th, L.U.U. Light Opera Society are presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's "THE GONDOLIERS."

In order to attract a large town audience (as students go home on July 3rd) they are taking over the Civic Theatre in Cookridge Street. This venture out of the Riley-Smith offers a new challenge to the technical staff, which they are meeting with a more extravagant set than ever.

The standard of singing and acting promises to be as good if not better than the society's outright success of Christmas—"Patience".

The orchestra that the society has assembled is the largest the Civic has ever seen, but the principal soloists seem well able to cope with it.

Gilbert's libretto—sub-titled *The King of Barataria*—is a romantic story of gay Venetian youth, with an element of mystery in it: the issue of monarchy versus democracy is raised.

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 HARRISON, J. M. — Rugby Union
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 HARGRAVE, Barry — Table Tennis
 LEKAREV, Stanislav — Tennis (Men's)
 STEWART, David — Lacrosse (Men's)
 HORNE, Francis Edwin — Soccer
 THORN, Jeremy — Fencing
 KEMP, Josie — Fencing
 COSWAY, Cathy — Fencing
 CHIPCHASE, Barbara — Fencing

ROUND-UP OF TENNIS

THE Men's Tennis Club have had a very successful season, the average standard throughout the 1st and 2nd teams being quite high without being brilliant.

The 1st team lost only one match, the vital U.A.U. game against Manchester, 5-4. Rog Gaubert and Dave Arthur, playing together for their 4th year, were easily the most successful couple, winning twelve out of 15 rubbers. If a good partner could have been found for Chapples, the team could have got to the U.A.U. final for the first time. Abley and newcomer Parulis made a steady 3rd pair.

The 2nd team more than held their own in their matches, and it is to be hoped that the newcomers to the Club will keep the Club going from strength to strength as it has done over the last few years.

WANTED—New Sports Editor and writing staff for next term. Apply Union News Office.



REGATTA

THE Leeds team at the Regatta last weekend. They have persistently done well this season, but have missed the high honours. They came 2nd this time. Their cox says Roundhay Regatta should be a better bet.

SPORTS ANALYSIS 1968

GRAHAM HOLLING

(GENERAL ATHLETIC SECRETARY)

ALTHOUGH the administration of sport during the period 1967-68 has been a little slap-happy the standard of our sportsmen has not been affected. In fact the reverse has happened.

From an analysis of results in University competitions and number of sportsmen selected for University representative teams this last year has been the best year for sport at Leeds, for at least 10 years and perhaps ever.

Significant achievements have already been made in the facilities available for sportsmen, in the form of the Weetwood Bar, and the new Sports Hall.

However, it is a bad reflection on the university that its indoor facilities are still not fit for the local "nunnery" when compared with our neighbouring universities. I would have preferred the "sit in" to have been directed at obtaining a "gym" complex such as Birmingham or Sheffield's.

I would like to name two of our outstanding sportsmen, who have been chosen to represent their country, Robin Witter (Canoe) and Frank Briscoe (Cross

Country). Frank also holds the European Student Championship title, the first I believe since my own a few years ago.

Yorkshire championships have been won by individuals and teams from fencing, judo, volley ball and wrestling whilst members of county teams have come from basketball (2) (men's and women's), cycling, lacrosse (3), and rugby.

B.U.S.F. and U.A.U. teams have been captained by Leeds men in badminton, fencing and judo and the number of Leeds men selected for these teams is too large for this article.

It is obvious that the new sports hall has helped our sportsmen in basketball, volley ball and badminton but has only just scratched the surface as far as catering for intermural and team training.

Special thanks are due to Dr. Jennings who has been very helpful. I only wish that more members of staff were as dynamic and helpful towards sport and the place it plays in university life.

coming in from Club Secretaries. Leeds sportsmen go all over the country and there are several venues in Leeds itself. So it is impractical to send out our own reporters, even if we had them.

Club news in the paper is good publicity for a sport—few enough students partake in it as it is, and the least the Sports Editor can do is make the remainder of students armchair sportsmen. (This Sports Editor is basically one of this breed himself.) So, next year—articles, articles, articles; keep them coming in.

At the same time, those club secretaries that have consistently supplied copy must be thanked, notable cases being those of Rugby—League and Union—Boat Club, Judo, Ten-pin and Rifle.

Sports Editorial

BEING Sports Editor on a University paper is not, at the best of times, a very rewarding job, especially when the night before the page goes to the printers, he loses 80% of his copy. For that, apologies are due to the Ten-Pin Bowling Society, Boat Club and the Regatta men. It is hoped a new Sports Editor next term will make amends.

One of the problems with Sports Page throughout the three terms has been the lack of written matter

They opposed... but failed.



They came... the Sit-in was on.



They were shut out... admin. staff.



They talked and talked and talked.



SIT-IN STAGE BY STAGE

STAGE ONE

O.G.M. — Tuesday, 1 p.m.

WITH the deadline reached, it decided:

- To withdraw the call for the Vice-Chancellor's resignation.

Even this move was opposed, but only by some.

- For the Union to hold its own enquiry.

This was accepted immediately.

- To start the sit-in straight after the meeting—to last until noon, Wednesday.

The Conservative amendment NOT to hold the sit-in was defeated by 382 votes to 244.

The substantive motion (Friday's motion minus the call for the Vice-Chancellor's resignation) was carried by 386 votes to 48.

STAGE TWO THE TAKE OVER:

Four hundred people immediately moved on the Parkinson. Inside, they found the administration had erected barriers. Groups made detours and gained entry through the New Arts Block. They removed the barriers and the rest soon followed to join them on the administrative balcony.

With the organizers shouting orders, the porters saw their defence was useless and retreated to their quarters. The first objective had been achieved—the occupation of the administrative balcony.

With a University official taking the ringleaders' names, the remainder voluntarily added their names to a list to prevent any victimization.

STAGE THREE THE EVENING:

At 7.30 p.m. the Vice-Chancellor issued a statement breaking off all negotiations.

The initial excitement over, the occupying students sat about in well-behaved groups discussing general aims and listening to messages of support being read out.

Discussions over, students started to settle down for the night. Light relief was provided by the folk group 'One Between Two' and assorted

films made by Leeds students. Fresh supporters arrived with sleeping bags and provisions. One individual made coffee on a primus. A girl sat down and breast-fed her baby. Lights were dimmed at 1.30 a.m. as students camped out as best they could on every floor. The anarchist flag flew high above the Parkinson.

STAGE FOUR WEDNESDAY MORNING:

From 6.30 a.m. groups of students departed to distribute leaflets to the workers as they arrived at the factories. By 8.00 a.m. they returned to join the others.

The Administration Balcony, which houses the offices of the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, was completely blocked off, with Exec. members in the front ranks. Neither the Registrar or the Vice-Chancellor appeared, but other staff were informed of the situation and turned away. Offices in the rest of the Parkinson remained open however.

During the morning, the Administration made frequent attempts to sabotage the P.A. system by turning off its power. Messages of solidarity

continued to arrive, one, notably, from Hornsey College of Art.

STAGE FIVE

O.G.M. — Wednesday, 12 noon

Tuesday's adjourned O.G.M. was continued in the Parkinson Court—the first one ever to be held there. Because the University had conceded absolutely nothing, the motion to continue the sit-in was discussed and was carried by the massive majority of 443 to 76, with 14 abstentions. Doubts about whether the meeting was representative were dispelled by Jack Straw, who pointed out that it had been given massive publicity in the Union—far more than any normal O.G.M.

Nick Baker urged that the sit-in be called off and restarted if the Vice-Chancellor still refused to change his position. Straw replied that the sit-in had to go on. It had growing support among the staff and the administration must not think that the Union was losing heart.

He refuted the Right-Wingers Redwood and Shuttleworth, who called for further negotiations, and attacked the

sit-in as ungentlemanly, by saying it was not a question of good or bad manners, but of civil liberties. The O.G.M. was adjourned till Friday lunchtime.

STAGE SIX WEDNESDAY EVENING— THURSDAY MORNING:

Discussions were resumed and it was decided that the sit-in should blockade the assistant registrar's office as well as the administration balcony.

Staff support for the students was demonstrated when during a teach-in, later in the evening, two members of the University staff, Dr. Jerry Ravetz, of History and Philosophy, and Alan Coxon, of Social Studies, both made speeches fully supporting the Union in its action and calling for University reform.

The doors were locked at midnight as the students settled down for their second night.

By 7.00 a.m. everyone was up and when the administrative staff arrived at 8.30 they found all entrances to their offices blocked. After standing around looking disconsolate, they left the Parkinson.

TOMORROW NIGHT !

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