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COMMUNIST I.U.S. NOT TO VISIT LEEDS UNION

INVITATION WITHDRAWN

The invitation to the Executive Committee of the International Union of Students to hold a meeting in Leeds, which was extended by last year's Union Committee, has been withdrawn.

At the December Union Committee meeting a proposal "that the I.U.S. Executive be not invited to this Union" was carried by eight votes to seven with three abstentions. In favour of the motion it was suggested that there was a danger of this Union becoming a mouthpiece for Communist propaganda and that its motives would be misinterpreted by the public at large. The general apathy of students on I.U.S. and N.U.S. matters did not warrant such active participation in I.U.S. affairs. Against the motion it was suggested that this was an admirable opportunity for Leeds

students to observe the I.U.S. Executive at work and to impress upon that body the attitude of Leeds students, namely, that we wish to co-operate with them on practical activities but do not wish to be associated with their partisan political policy.

N.U.S. President Censured.

A resolution that a letter be sent to Fred Jarvis, N.U.S. President, deploring the manner whereby he blocked discussion at N.U.S. Council on our future relations with I.U.S. by moving that "the motion be not put," was carried by 14 votes to none with three abstentions.



(Courtesy Y.E. News)

The Indian Debating team at the Union. Left to right: Jim Walsh (Leeds), Mr. S. Niazi (Aligarh University), Mr. V. Vishuanathn (Calcutta University), Barry Black (Leeds), Mr. S. Mukherjee (Hyderabad University), Geoff. Rhodes (Leeds). For a report on the Debate see page 5.

TEMPER AND TANTRUMS

The last meeting of U.C. will be remembered as one in which frayed tempers, loud voices, and rank bad manners predominated.

Admittedly there was an unusually large number of controversial issues to be discussed and admittedly there was some justification for members to feel a little tired towards the end of a meeting which lasted without a break from 5-30 until 10 o'clock. But neither of these factors excuse the raising of voices to fever pitch, the interruption of the chairman, and indeed the speaking in competition with him which occurred on more than one occasion. Nor does it excuse the launching of personal attacks on other members of the Committee in an endeavour to sway opinion in one way or another on the business in hand.

EDITOR RESIGNS

Mr. Semple tendered his resignation as Editor of *Union News* to the December Union Committee meeting owing to pressure of academic work. Miss Armenal Eidinow was appointed to succeed him. The new appointment will take effect from January.

It is to be hoped that a good Christmas holiday and a little reflection on their behaviour will restore the Committee to a better frame of mind and better manners before next January.

U.C. "DROPS" TELEVISION

Union Committee has discussed the pros and cons of having a television set installed in the Union and has decided that the matter "should be dropped" for the present. The difficulties which were outlined to the committee were:—

1. The Union Building closes at 10 p.m., and it would be expensive and hard on the porters for it to be kept open later. Television programmes proper do not start until eight o'clock and continue until well after ten o'clock. The set could only be used on weekday evenings when there was no Ball or Saturday night Social in the Union—unless viewers were prepared to pay for admittance on the same basis as dancers.
2. A television set needs constant supervision so that variations in tone, light and shade, may be adjusted. With

all the best will in the world, if students were allowed to adjust the set as and when they thought fit, there would be a danger of damage to the controls.

3. The question of principle. It was suggested that students should be capable of more profitably spending their time, than watching television.
4. It was reported to the Committee that Union members did not appear to be very interested in the question of television since no attempt has been made by members to put their views to Committee members.

Union News is not fully convinced by these arguments and suggests that if students are in favour of having television they should lose no time in putting their views to Committee members in order that the matter may be reviewed at the January Committee meeting.

WE'RE OUT OF I.U.S.

At the November meeting of the Council at the National Union of Students, the ruling of the President of N.U.S., John Thompson, that N.U.S. could no longer be considered a member organisation of the International Union of Students, was upheld by a call vote—850 in favour, 420 against, 69 abstentions.

The motion proposed by Sheffield University, upholding the President's ruling, was put after a stormy debate. The result was received with considerable applause from some sections of the Council, and with stony silence in others.

Leeds University alone among the Northern Universities actively opposed this motion and was in favour of fraternal membership of the International Union. The majority of the opposition to the ruling was from the South and Midland Universities and Colleges.

Below we print a report of the Council Meeting given to us by Ray Crownshaw, the official observer accompanying the Leeds delegation to Brighton.

The N.U.S. Council met at Brighton in the Royal Pavilion, on Friday the 21st November, and lasted three days. The Leeds delegation consisted of: Mr. J. B. Longson, Mr. J. D. Gee, Mr. G. W. Rhodes, Miss L. A. Conway and Black (B. M.). A man called Cook, who attended

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EDITORIAL

Theatre Group's production of "The Satin Slipper" has added to the fine reputation which the Group has established in the past eight years. The *Manchester Guardian* says that "The Satin Slipper" must be classed among the important theatrical events of the year." The *Yorkshire Post* says of Theatre Group, "No praise is too great for the energy and enterprise of this virile company." We should be proud of, and grateful for their achievements.

But we cannot hide the fact that attendance throughout the week of "The Satin Slipper" was sparse. Naturally enough there are a number of people in the Union who are disappointed that some of the Theatre Group's productions are "not quite their cup of tea." We would remind these people that the City possesses an excellent repertory company and provides a variety of plays and musicals, in many cases prior to London showings. Theatre Group feels that it is not called upon to cater for those audiences which can be competently entertained elsewhere.

Nevertheless, whilst we appreciate Theatre Group's motives for performing "pioneering productions," we feel bound to point out that a modern play in a modern setting, with a student producer, would be welcomed by a majority of Union members, and taking into account the disinterest of so many people in high tragedy and futuristic settings, we suggest to Theatre Group, in their own language, that they now and again

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"Going Down for the Last Time."

A well known Union Personality is shortly leaving us. Gordon Forster has been awarded the Knoop Fellowship in Economic History at Sheffield University.

Gordon has been renowned for his high standard of debating and his "political integrity." He was chairman of Debates Committee last year and chairman of the Conservative Association the year before. If in doubt as to his whereabouts in the evening the bar was always worth trying.

Gordon has perhaps done more than anyone to raise the dignity and reputation of Leeds Union Debates from the incoherent

"YO-HO-HO AND ..."

I take up my pen in the year 1952, having been asked by Mr. Abrey to withhold nothing of that fateful night when we set sail for that accursed island.

I well remember early in the morning standing outside the Admiral Benbow and there meeting many mining men who looked wondrously fierce. I bid myself beware of mining men. There it was I met Black Spot.

It was late that we travelled to Bristol, a fair city which was most busy, the evening being yet young, and I did behold many fine sights. In the distance, towering far above the city centre, stood the mast of the ship that was to take us over many days to that treacherous island. It was manned by a smartish crew, although one or two looked as though they had been much weather beaten.

The voyage was a success, the crew being well entertained. There was little risk of mutiny,

mutterings of three years ago to their present high standard.

"Well Done that Man."

Three weeks after the event, it is hardly news to most people to report the engagement of Anne Ritchie, the Senior Vice-President to John Hurrell, a graduate of the Textile Department.

Since they first came up to the University in 1949, Anne and John were rarely out of one another's company for long. John is now working with Tootal Ties Ltd., near Manchester, and Anne is reading for her Education Diploma.

John Hurrell is an old boy of Leeds Grammar School and until recently was a regular player for the Old Leodiensian Rugby Club—a big, burly forward.

We offer them our best wishes and assure John that if the ties he makes in Manchester are as good as this one, the firm have found "just the man for the job."

Black Goes Straight.

The President of the Union has declared that he will "go straight from now on." His reputation as a compere-cum-comedian, having been firmly established in the last three years' Rag Revue at the Empire Theatre, he has taken a part in Theatre Group's next production—Pirandello's "Henry IV." We have a shrewd feeling, however, that he will be "crooked" again when next year's Rag show comes round.

the food that was given us was good even for non-seafaring men and the drink was plentiful.

At a little past four bells, after the crew had shaken themselves up with some rigorous enjoyment on the quarter deck, a shout was heard "Land-Ho!" And now we saw the island for the first time. The island appeared lifeless and yet through the mist and haze we did see some movement—the inhabitants emerged looking strangely civilised. Men call them "The Saints," and they brought with them an "Angel."

The voyage home was uneventful, and it was near dawn when we reached port, the weather being cold and frosty so that the fogginess drowned the song of the miners:—"Fifteen Miners on a Dead Man's Chest, Yo-Ho-Ho and a bottle of rum."

My worst dreams are when I wake up in my bed at night with a start and hear, against the beating of "The Saints," the secretary shout, "340 tickets sold! 340 tickets sold!"

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by Tapio.

Sir Malcolm Sargent recently flashed through Yorkshire like a whirlwind with a red carnation in his buttonhole, conducted a huge clump of concerts with the Y.S.O., and then vanished southwards. I only heard the Wakefield concert, but I wasn't much impressed. What is really wanted is someone to come and frighten or bludgeon that orchestra into playing well right through a concert. Maurice Miles too often looks tired and worn-out towards the end of a programme: perhaps he needs a rest.

A case in point was the Leeds concert on Saturday, Nov. 29th. In the first half, Clifford Curzon and Mr. Miles collaborated—I choose that word specifically—in an extremely fine performance of Brahms' Second Piano Concerto. In the second half we heard Sibelius' "En Saga"—spoilt, to my way of thinking, by dragging *tempi*—and Schubert's "Tragic Symphony." The latter, in spite of its name, is a light-weight work, and it received little of the expressive felicity which could have breathed some life into its slender limbs. Conductor and orchestra alike seemed too cold or tired to bother, and I wanted to go home.

On Tuesday, November 25th, the Leeds Guild of Singers performed in the Great Hall in such a way as to emphasise the remarkable control which their conductor, Professor Denny, is able to exert over such a team of experts. That man, one feels, would die if he had no singers to conduct. Being experts, however, these singers seem to revel in *vibrato* to such an extent that the essential harmonies are too often blurred and muddy. One wishes, too, that they could adopt a less stilted manner of acknowledging applause. The conductor steps back to the ranks, who then bow when he bows, and the ensemble looks something like a jerky mechanical toy. Possibly democratic, but it looks ridiculous.

The Rubbra-Gruenberg-Pleeth Trio's visit to the University provoked the local press critics to complain that nothing by Rubbra was performed. For the love of mud, I say, be satisfied! When Rubbra wants to perform his own music he will. Let the fellow be.

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Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo,
Vera-Ellen—"WONDER MAN"
Also Walt Disney's "DUMBO"

ARTS BALL PLANNED

If permission is received from the Union Building Advisory Committee, an Arts Ball will be held on Valentine's Eve, Friday 13th of February. Dress is to be "Bohemian," and following the success of "The Saints" at the Mining Ball a provisional booking with them is being arranged.

A cabaret is to be staged, which may include "Mr. Universe," premiere strong man "of the world." Tickets will probably be ten shillings double, and even at this relatively low price decorations are to be more ambitious than for traditional Balls on "orthodox" lines in the

Union. There will be no Committee bar. It is anticipated that the Arts Ball will replace the Theatre Group Carnival, which at present is the only social event representative of the numerous and nebulous arts societies in the Union.

BAR CONSUMPTION

In response to a request for information we publish these figures:—

	OCT. '51	JUNE '52	OCT. '52
Brandy, whisky, gin, etc. (bottles) ..	59	83	67
Draught Beer (galls.)	605	737	684
Bottled Beer (dozens)	252	310	236
Cider (glasses) ..	1106	1100	1112
Lemonade (glasses)	1099	1520	974

"UPLIFTING THEATRE"

"The Satin Slipper," by Paul Claudel, translated by John Boorman. Riley-Smith Hall, December 2nd—6th.

Paul Claudel, the doyen of French literature, has been accused during his long life of many faults—of bad verse and worse reasoning, of tedium and tautology, of obsession, in his plays, with the spiritual and the morally desirable to the detriment of the temporal and real. And it must be confessed that the programme-note to this Theatre Group production, informing us that the play was written originally only for reading, did not raise one's spirits. In the event, however, all one's fears were confounded, and one could not but be gripped by a remarkably powerful play.

The stage should not be used for theological disputation; nor is it considered technically competent in a dramatist to have too many characters extraneous to the main action, appearing once for a short scene and then disappearing entirely. Claudel commits these errors time and again. Furthermore, he makes complex arguments even more difficult by overlaying them with illustration; and in this play he saves his most dialectically complicated scene, the final parting of *Dona Prouheze* and *Don Rodrigo*, until near the end, when the audience is almost benumbed. In spite of all this, the play is a success—an immense sincerity, a mounting

tension, a constant feeling of conflict inform it; and though one disagrees with the ideas expressed, and even doubts afterwards whether they were worth expressing, one cannot deny that their expression was extremely effective.

The production itself was very well done. The translation was eminently speakable, and Mr. Boorman's direction, always efficient, achieved moments of great beauty. The acting lived up to this high standard; Joan Oldfield, as *Dona Prouheze*, excelled herself, giving a most moving and impressive performance, which in itself contributed greatly to the play's success. Brian Lees' *Don Rodrigo* was, apart from one or two hesitant moments, another performance of considerable range and power, achieving true pathos in the closing scenes. Malcolm Rogers as *Don Camillo* (a more straightforward role than he has played for some time), gave these two valuable support by his imaginative interpretation and John Walker provided an effective *Don Baltasar*. Gordon Luck's *Isidor*, Geoffrey Scott's *Don Pelayo*, and in especial Tony Armstrong's *Guardian Angel* (mellifluously celestial), should also be mentioned. But this was a combined effort, which achieved unification of a very loosely-knit play, and was, in all, far and away the best thing Theatre Group has done over the past three years. CHARLES KINGHAM.

PROFILE • DAVID MORRIS



David Morris, Sec. of the Union

David Morris has lived in Leeds all his life, yet strangely enough appears to be able to see further than Quarry Hill flats and the Black Prince. Whilst he has yet to be convinced that anyone can beat Leeds Rugby League team when it is on form, he is an ardent supporter of the Somerset County Cricket team.

His earliest recollection of childhood is eating a worm in the back garden. He now lunches regularly in the Old Refectory.

At the age of ten, when still a very small boy (three foot six in his stockinged feet), David wandered into the playground of Leeds Grammar School. The school was short of pupils at the time so David was grabbed. For six years he was submerged in a world of homework-dodging and squeaky voices, but he later blossomed out into a prefect, Training Corps Sergeant and renowned mimic of certain members of the school staff.

He came up to the University in 1949, reading **Union News** regularly, and for an Arts degree occasionally. He played Lacrosse for the then newly-formed Lacrosse Club. His energetic methods earned him a place in the first team, which he has held for the past three seasons. David's contribution to the Union began, as with many people, by helping at the Freshers' Conference. It was at a Freshers' Conference debate that he made his debut in public speaking and after splitting the sides of his

audience in a debate on the American way of life, he was acknowledged to have won his spurs and was co-opted on to the Debates Committee. Thereafter he travelled the country representing the Union in Inter-Varsity Debates.

In 1951 he was appointed Business Manager of **Union News**. At the end of the year **The Gryphon** went out of business.

He has been an active member of the Music Society. This perhaps accounts for his extraordinary behaviour in the Executive Office this year. Each morning, on the arrival of Miss Ritchie, he contrives to make a noise like that emanating from a twenty-piece brass band. At the same time his right arm moves in an anti-clockwise direction as if winding up a barrel organ. The University Medical Officer has been approached by other members of the Executive, and is investigating the possibilities of psychiatric and spastic treatment.

At a by-election last December he was elected Junior Vice-President; in April, after the return of Mr. Khusro to India, David was temporarily appointed Student Treasurer. In June he was awarded his B.A. and he is now serving his apprenticeship to the gown and mortar board in the Education Department.

Outside the University he is known as a Rugby League supporter and takes full advantage of living within a stone's-throw of the Headingley County Cricket Ground. Rumour has it that he was seen last summer trudging through Northern France with some other lost soul, his back weighed down with tents and frying pans. When tackled on the subject he admits to a belief in economic if somewhat Spartan holidays.

As Secretary to the Union, David is open and outspoken in his opinions of what is good and what is not so good.

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The important happening of this past week has been the welcome return of the Concise Oxford Dictionary, still at 15/-, with revised addenda.

Among the new Penguins to be published on November 14th will be the latest Penguin History, "England in the 17th Century," by *Ashley*—"Science News 26," and a SPECIAL, "The Communist Technique in England," by *Drake*.

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★ SOCIETY NEWS ★

FOLK-DANCE IN ENGLAND!?

The thing that surprises most people when folk dancing is mentioned is the fact that there is such a thing in England. In other countries national dancing is regarded as a natural thing, but mention the topic to an Englishman and he "fights shy" of the subject, as one to be considered by other people but not by himself.

The English Folk Dance Society was formed with the object of providing an opportunity for recreational dancing and creating an interest in our customs, which are many and varied.

The country dances range from those collected by Playford in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, to the traditional dances still actively performed in their natural settings in such areas as Northumberland and South West England. Yorkshire, too, contributes its share of traditional dances; but the county is mainly renowned for its sword dances performed by men at Christmas in accordance with the pagan customs from which they originate. Further dances performed by men are the Morris Dances originating in the Cotswolds, Derbyshire and Lancashire. (Thus proving that you too can dance the Morris Dance).

PHYSICAL SOCIETY

The Physical Society has this year equalled last year's record membership of one hundred and thirty-eight. Activities include the Physics' Dinner and the Physics' Party, at which it is hoped to entertain parties from Sheffield University and North Staffordshire University College. All members of the fairer sex (even some Chemists!) will, in due course, be strongly encouraged by the President of the large increase in the number of

ladies in the Society since the new President took office.

Finally, a warning—the Electronics expert of the Society has increased the output of his amplifier to 280 watts. This will be used in next year's Rag procession. (Last year 40 watts Society to come to the party. Incidentally, there has been a were used). Ear-plugs may be obtained from the Porters' Office. N.B.—(Do the Porters know this?)

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Wot' No Hat!

Wot' No Walking Stick!!

The absence of the Engineers' "hat and walking stick" week was noticed by at least one member of the Union! The question therefore arises, "Are they going to have one?" Or, perhaps they do not want the "parade" to be established as a tradition—

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The Society's visit to Metro-Vickers Works proved interesting, but for some not so interesting as the later visit to the "Three Nuns."

Miners and Engineers.

After the splendid contrasting bands at the Miners' Ball, the Engineers will have a difficult task to surpass, or even equal this "Saintly," success. Maybe, however, Nat Temple is capable of re-capturing the limelight that normally shines on the Engineers' Ball, confirming the tradition that this is the best Ball of the year. (Could it have been an Engineer who told me this?)

N.B.—Whilst Nat Temple was in the Army he also played with the London Symphony Orchestra.

— OUT — INTO THE WORLD TO LIVE IN PEACE

The growth in the Methodist Soc is due to the value of our fellowship groups, where all manner of problems, lofty or otherwise, can be frankly discussed. Obviously therefore, they meet a need, for the person who has no problems is a "rare bird." The groups do not set out to provide all the answers but, at least, they afford an opportunity of thinking about the "why's," and "wherefores," of life with others. Perhaps that is the important point. Many of us think about these things a great deal by ourselves, but rarely do we venture to discuss them with others. Needless to say those who are Christians endeavour to tackle the problem in terms of the Christian concept of life, but this does not mean that the group consists only of Christians. We welcome into our midst all who seek to face these common problems, rather than ignore them or pretend that they do not exist. Whichever way we look at it, this is an essential part of our training for life. As the Vice-Chancellor has said, "we must send out students from our Universities, who have not only technical qualifications, but an ability to live in understanding with their fellow men." By facing the "why's," and "wherefores," of life in our groups, we learn to grow in understanding of others as well as of ourselves and therefore are better fitted to take our places in a world that depends for its existence upon the co-operation of man with his fellows.

BRIGHTON N.U.S. COUNCIL *Cont. from P.5*

to negotiate with I.U.S. for constitutional provision for associate (i.e., fraternal) membership was carried. Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield delegates were in favour of disaffiliation from I.U.S. and Leeds and Manchester (Women), Hull and Nottingham advocated fraternal membership.

It is to be hoped that the matter will soon be finally settled, for it took up a great deal of time, to the detriment of other important business.

CHANGING POLITICAL COMPLEXIONS By "Backbencher"

The term's political activity as not been as lively as some may have thought it would be. Political Societies seem to be more content to consolidate their Bazaar Day gains by political education and development, than to crusade in the Union for more members. Propaganda has been sparse. The left wing, strong though it is, has not launched a particularly aggressive attack on the Government, although a few skirmishes have appeared here and there.

Inter-Party Debate.

One such skirmish occurred on 20th November, when the Labour Society challenged the Conservatives to a debate that: "The immediate return of a Socialist Government is essential." The standard of debating was reasonably good and for once the debate did not resolve into a mere mud-slinging competition. The Socialists won once again, but the Tory Whips did very well to force the matter to a 5 to 4 margin.

The Leftward Trend.

Student politicians tend to the left of their various parties. The Labour Society is largely "Bevanite," but even more interesting is what is happening in the other Societies. For example, have you heard of "Crownshawism"? Well the Conservative Association certainly has. Their secretary, Ray Crownshaw, has resigned because of "lack of time and because the Conservatives are not sufficiently left wing for him." Mr. C. E. N.

Wilson steps into the breach here. Bob Hains is another Tory Association Committee member who has periodic jumps to the left.

The Liberal Radicals on the Move.

Like Lady Megan Lloyd George, other Liberals seem to be drifting left. My spies tell me that the Union President, Barry Black, Chairman of the Liberal Society last year, is "moving left" but that "he has not actually moved yet." This delightful stage of transition is watched with interest. If Barry did go to Labour he would not be the first President who did so. Last year's President, Gillie Gray, was in the Conservative Association in his first year, canvassed for the Liberals in his second year, and finished up on the brink of the Labour Society. It won't be long before he is a Parliamentary candidate some say.

Whither the Liberals?

Several of the now defunct Liberal Society have joined the Labour Society, but the majority are still in the political wilderness. I believe they can be written off now as they do not seem anxious to help themselves out of the rut.

It should not be assumed from this article that all roads lead to the left. There is at least one student politician who has moved steadily to the right since he came here. But he was so far to the left when he came that he has only reached "about the centre of the left wing of Lab. Soc." So be it. See you next term.

PANTO. IN UNION

A school desiring to book a block of seats for the "Satin Slipper" withdrew the booking on discovering that the performance was not of Cinderella; **What Price Art Now?** Perhaps others were under the same misapprehension and this accounts for the gradual disappearance of the audience "before the clock strikes midnight."

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INDIAN DEBATING TEAM

U.N.O. "A WASTE OF TIME"

Two members of the Indian Debating Team took part in the debate on December 1st, the motion being "In the opinion of this House the United Nations Organisation is wasting its time and our money." Despite the obvious lack of numbers in the audience the members of the debate were not deterred and proceeded to sway our minds in no uncertain manner for and against the motion. The principal proposer, N. Vishuanathn, brought greetings from Indian students, and then began to give his views on U.N.O. which, to say the least, were not very complimentary. He said that instead of preventing wars it gave a running commentary on them, and although he thought that its principles were sound, he could see very few ways in which its members had followed them—in fact he gave several concrete facts to prove that they had been overlooked in many cases. He compared the organisation to a train which was structurally sound but was running in the wrong direction.

Crosby and Hope.

Sultan Niazi offered his views in opposition to the motion. He admitted that the organisation was not infallible, due to its human aspect, and that it was the people not the machinery that were at fault. It was during his speech that we realised we had another Crosby and Hope with us, as he and Mr. Vishuanathn indulged in cross-talk across the table.

Mr. Gale, seconding the motion, tried to explain the failure of U.N.O. Everyone believes in

international government so long as it does not govern, and also because of the struggle for supremacy within the organisation itself. Mr. Walsh's views were that it is the principles that matter and that U.N.O. must be given more time before it can be judged.

There were eight speakers from the floor, including Miss Beaty, who advocated time for U.N.O. so that it can make some more mistakes; Mr. Collins, who got up and had a good look round, and an Indian whose name I was unable to catch, and who had to be stopped half way through his speech which although obviously well prepared was almost inaudible and went on and on and on . . .

The summing up was done to a background of closing hour choruses, ably performed by the Union Bar Multiplet. The motion was carried by a majority of five, the voting being 28 for, 23 against and 5 abstentions.

BUGBEAR BAITING

In the Inter-Varsity Debate, which was held in the Social Room on November 28th, at 7 p.m., the motion before the House was, "This House considers Consistency is the Bugbear of mediocre minds." Trinity Dublin, the University College of Wales, the University of Birmingham and the University of Durham sent representative speakers. Attendance at the debate and the standard of speeches was poor.

Voting was as follows:—
19 for the Motion,
57 against the Motion,
with 6 abstentions.

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on behalf of the Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations, seemed to be known to the delegation. To give a precise account of all that happened would be (1) impossible, and (2) rather tedious. Therefore this is only an attempt to outline the main events.

Act 1—Enter the Villains.

At 10-0 on the morning of the 21st November, a villainous-looking mob filed on to the platform of the Council Chamber. This was the Executive Committee (Please Mr. Thompson I don't really mean it), headed by Mr. John Thompson (President) and Fred Jarvis (President-Elect, who has now commenced his year of office). There was also Donald Turner (Vice-President), who is a Welshman, and John P. Bevan-Sheppard (Welsh Vice-President) who is an Englishman, George Semmans (Student Secretary), a wild-haired individual with a high voice, an open-necked shirt and a Labour Party Badge, and a number of others, including Fred Singleton, who arrived the following day, being unable to neglect his educational responsibilities in Heckmondwike on the Friday.

Students "as such."

Amendments to the Constitution were among the early items of business. The motion from the Northern Polytechnic to permit discussion by the Council of questions not relating to students "as such" was defeated, as was one from Oxford to prohibit the wearing of "any badge or other insignia of any religious, political, or other sectarian group." The Council felt, as you probably do, that this last motion was utterly ridiculous. The uncompromising

attitude of the Minister of Education towards letters sent to him by the National Union with a view to improving grants was generally deplored and a long executive motion on the subject was carried. Many matters concerning grants and welfare were discussed and members of the Union may be assured that a great deal of work is being done in this direction.

Travel and Vac. Work.

Some Council members soon became known by the frequency as well as by the contents of their speeches. A Mr. Barry, from Regent Street Polytechnic, rose to begin a speech with the words, "Sir, I'm eating a biscuit." It has not yet been established what he sought to prove by this. The travel facilities offered by N.U.S. were reported to be much in use and work camps (strange to relate) were said to be popular. The programme of educational tours is to be extended and attempts are to be made to improve the N.U.S. hostel where, we were told, members can stay, "almost for ever on a temporary basis."

International Business.

Finally, the international business, mainly concerned with N.U.S.—I.U.S. relations, must be mentioned. There were many motions down on the order paper and debates were long and stormy. The headline in a newspaper on Sunday, 23rd Nov., which said, "Students hurt in riot," had however no connection with the Council. The ruling which the President had given, at an executive committee meeting, to the effect that N.U.S. membership of the I.U.S. had lapsed, was upheld but an executive motion, by which the Council instructed the executive

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SOCCER REPORT

The record of the 1st XI is not an impressive one.

Won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 5. Yet unfortunately a full settled team has rarely been fielded, owing to the injuries and academic demands of the University. W. R. Landon, the captain, has been compelled to resign because of the pressure of work of his Post-Graduate course.

In the Wednesday matches against other Universities the team has played much better than in the Saturday games of the very strong West Yorkshire League. They have beaten both Manchester and Birmingham, and drawn with Hull University College. Their defeat by Liverpool was unfortunate after Leeds were leading 3-1 at one stage in the game.

With a little more care the University XI, including several promising Freshmen, should show a marked improvement.

The 2nd XI, despite the inevitable demands of the Senior team, have shown excellent form, losing only two of twelve games.

There has been a marked improvement in the enthusiasm of the whole Club.

INTER MURAL SWIMMING

On Friday evening, 21st Nov., at the Training College Baths, the Agricultural Dept. proved itself to be as much at home in the water as on the land, by winning the Inter-Mural Swimming contest. This was the first time the contest for the Shield had been held since 1938.

All the events consisted of four 25 yards relays in all three styles (and some others) and a long plunge. Six teams from Agrics., Dentals, Mining, Lyddon and Woodsley took part. Heats were swum off, the first and second teams qualifying for the finals. Agrics. won all their heats and three out of five finals. Lyddon, the runners-up, won all but one of their heats and also the free-style final.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. E. Wilde, of the P. E. Dept., who organised the competition, and to Mrs. Wilde, who acted as recorder and presented the Shield.

Final Placings—

Agrics.	27 points.
Lyddon....	21 ..
Woodsley ..	20 ..

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ON THE MAT

With vivid memories of victories over Edinburgh, Imperial College and Oxford, which brought the Inter-Universities Challenge Cup to Leeds, the Judo Club began this session in high spirits.

Although some of the old stalwarts of the Club inevitably departed at the end of last session the ranks of the Club have been swelled by an influx of keen Freshers. Out of these recruits the more experienced members hope to find sufficient talent for the Club to maintain its present creditable standard.

During the earlier part of this session there have been two outstanding dates in the Club diary. The first was the week-end of November 15th-16th, when we were visited by Mr. E. N. Doming, black belt holder of the South London Judo Society. Everyone enjoyed his visit and practised hard under his expert tuition. Although the following day brought a crop of aching

bones there can be no doubt that all who were present benefited from the instruction. On the Sunday afternoon Mr. Doming held a grading contest, and all the members of the Club who entered were upgraded. In Judo coloured belts are awarded to indicate proficiency, the colours being in the order white, yellow, orange, green, blue, brown and black. It is a good sign for the future that two of the new members were awarded yellow belts, although they have only had a few weeks' experience of the sport.

On November 19th, the Club visited Liverpool for its first match. Unfortunately, it must go down on record that Liverpool were the victors, but only by a narrow margin, the University winning one contest, losing two and drawing two. We hope to be more successful against Manchester, our opponents in the next match.

OUT OF SEASON

This is not as unreasonable as it may seem, because it is important that all members and potential members of the Women's Athletic Club should train regularly in winter. Increased membership last summer resulted in Leeds providing six of the English Universities' team of fourteen. This was at the end of the season. We were able to send only three people to the W.I.V.A.B. Championships in May, yet we gained sixth place and the shot-putting title. Regular winter training is essential to summer success. Coaching and instruction are available in all events in the Gym. every Thursday at 4 p.m., and as our special need is for more shot, discuss and javelin people Shirley Rodden will teach anyone who feels interested to start from scratch. The track at Westwood is always in condition—don't let it always be empty during winter!

THE GRASSHOPPERS

When David Haw went down in 1951, followed by Tom Bird and Des Birch this year, it looked as if the national fame of the Leeds University Cross Country Club would decline. But this term's matches have given some very promising results indeed, only one first team match early in the season having been drawn. The second and third teams have carried all before them. Good pack running has been responsible for unexpected success, and noticeably good has been the individual running of Eric Buchanan. Captain John Slater is at last finding his true form, and Ron Holt and Alec Morton are putting up consistently good performances. Buchanan is

FENCING CLUB

The Fencing Club has played four University matches since its last report to the *Union News*. On October 18th, it met Nottingham University at Leeds, when all three teams, 1st, 2nd and Ladies won their matches, the scores being 21-5, 5-4, 5-4.

The remaining fixtures were Northern U.A.U. matches. On November 8th, Leeds beat Manchester 19-8: after losing the foil 4-5, the épée team (Gentili, Grainger and Goode) made sure of victory by winning all 9 fights. A fortnight later Liverpool were beaten 17-9, again largely owing to a decisive 6-2 épée victory after a close foil result (5-4).

Durham was the only remaining University in the division: but this match (at New-

castle, November 29th) went the other way. The épée team was the strongest and won 5 fights, conceding 3. This, however, was not enough to counterbalance the foil and sabre losses, and Durham goes on to the second round of the U.A.U. after beating Leeds 16-10.

The Ladies' team has also been meeting other Universities: perhaps the most notable performance was that of the captain against Durham. Although the strong opposing team won the match, Miss Sanderson succeeded in winning all her fights.

selected for the forthcoming U.A.U. match with Slater as reserve: the remaining important matches being Christie Cup races at Manchester and Liverpool, in which we are confident of making good showings. We may even win! With a Club membership of 59 at the present time we welcome any who prefer gentle airings or even some exertion to the rude tussles of the soccer and rigger pitches. The Club has ordered a supply of Club ties—the design? A grasshopper.

1st v. Nottingham, W, 28-58.
1st v. Airedale Harriers, D, 40-40.
1st v. Birmingham, W, 36-42.
1st v. Liverpool, Glasgow and Sheffield. Won—Leeds 46, Liverpool 77, Sheffield 77, Glasgow 117.
1st v. Belfast. Won, Leeds 36, Queen's Un., Belfast 69, Trinity, Dublin, 80.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Women's Basketball team made a good start this year when they beat Manchester Un. by 43 points to 23 in their first game of the season. Much of the credit for the Leeds success must be given to Alice Combli, a new member of the Club, who obtained 25 of the total points scored. Miss Combli has played for championship teams in Greece and her standard of play is considerably above that normally found in women's teams in this country. At times during the game when she was in a position to shoot, the ball was not passed to her, but when the team has had a few more games together this fault will probably be eliminated.

Unfortunately some members of the team were unable to play in this match and as a result no substitutes were available, all the five players having to play for the full 40 minutes. The standard of play of both teams improved during the second half and the rate of scoring increased. On the whole the Leeds team played well throughout.

If anyone wishes to join the Club they will find ample opportunity for learning the game; the inter-mural matches are held at 5 o'clock in the Gym. every Thursday night, and it is hoped next term to increase the number of teams participating. Anyone interested should contact either Miss Hunter in the Physical Education Department, or any of the officials of the Women's Basketball Club.

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