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WHERE CAN THEY ALL GO?

QUOTE: 'There is no crisis'
— Mr. Stephenson, Assis. Registrar

QUOTE: 'The situation is really desperate'
— Seonaid Falconer, President

by **DAVE DURMAN and JANE FICKLING**

Discipline new measures

FOLLOWING the Patrick Wall incident last session, the Union and the University have been negotiating the setting up of a new disciplinary procedure. At the last meeting of the Preparatory Committee on Discipline both sides were firmly opposed to each other.

The Union members proposed that all the regulations concerning the protection of communal property should remain and that the University should retain the right to discipline members who infringed these rules by fines of up to £20.

All other rules, except for those relating to academic discipline, should be abolished, and all students should be subject to common law and should be disciplined only by the Courts, as are their contemporaries.

This is a departure from previous policy, both here and in other Universities, and the Union's representatives will be seeking support at the next General Meeting on Tuesday, October 14th, at 1.00 p.m. in the R.S.H.

Meet 18-year-old Rosemary Cane, from London. She's up here to do English, and to distract male students from their work.



"WE'VE really nowhere for you to stay, but come up after all"—was the message in a telegram sent to over 60 new students at their homes last Friday. But they arrived to find themselves sleeping in . . . camp beds. The telegram contradicted a letter sent out earlier in the week by the Lodgings Office telling the Freshers not to come up for Freshers' Conference or for Registration as there would be nowhere for them to live.

Nobody knew of this letter until Chris Swann, Freshers' Conference Secretary, received cancellations from new students who said they had been informed by the University to remain at home.

But a staff meeting next day decided that the students must be allowed to come and emergency measures were taken to house the homeless.

Fifty students arrived in Leeds on Sunday to find that they were to sleep on camp beds set up in the Sports Pavilion and Common Rooms of Bodington Hall.

Seonaid Falconer, the Union's President, commented: "The situation is very, very grim. Though the Union is willing to help out, it is, and should be, a University service. Now the situation is really bad."

Mr. Stephenson, Assistant Registrar, interviewed in his office, denied there was a crisis—"Crisis is a word I've successfully avoided using so far,"

he said. "We have our troubles, we always have our troubles. It was not unexpected."



The Assistant Registrar, Mr. Stephenson.

He continued: "We are getting about five or six offers of lodgings every day and have placed advertisements in the paper."

The University population has increased this session by 400 to 8,400. The number of new students to Leeds is 3,300.

INSIDE

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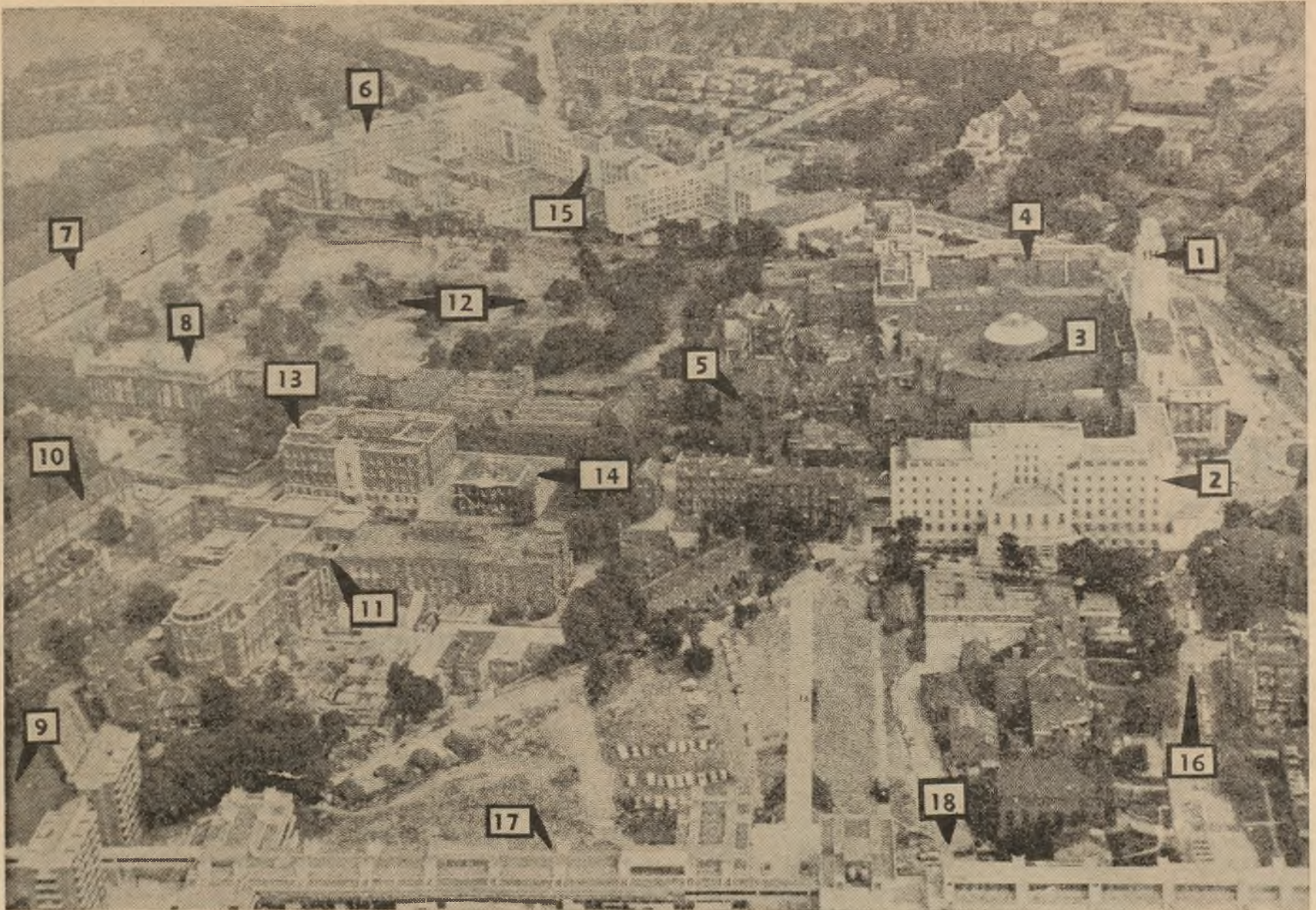
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by JOHN GROOM

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Male Vice Pres. Tyacke Resigns

Departmental pressure has compelled Andy Tyacke, this session's Vice-President to resign. After failing his degree examinations last year, his Department has permitted him to return to take his degree, but feels it would be better if he resigned his post.

His resignation will be tendered at the next U.C. meeting and arrangements made to elect a new Vice-President.

Union starts BIG discount scheme up to 30% off

STUDENTS will now be able to save up to 30% on their purchases thanks to a recently introduced Privilege Purchasing Scheme.

"This is undoubtedly one of the best things the Union

has ever done for the students," commented Mike Hollingworth of Services Section.

The Union has negotiated agreements with Mr. Pete Archer, a former senior sales executive, who has created this discount purchasing scheme which will knock up to six shillings in the pound off a wide range of goods including tax.

CLOTHING

The scheme offers discount on over thirty-five items, in contrast to the fifteen listed in the N.U.S. Concessions Booklet.

Discounts are also higher than those on the N.U.S. list. They range from 10% off hand tools and musical instruments to 30% off clothing and footwear.

Students can become a member of the enterprise on payment of five shillings to Services Section.



LAST YEAR'S RAG DOLL

This is Barbara Allum. Pretty, isn't she? But then, she ought to be. . . . Because Barbara won last year's Rag Queen contest. Already, dollies by the score are applying for this year's competition. So if you think you measure up to it, why not enter? But hurry.

Leeds Quiz Team Lose

LEEDS University scored 2 wins out of 3, in the popular Granada television quiz, 'University Challenge' recently. The team, captained by Geoff Shaffner, defeated Wadham College, Oxford and Royal Holloway, but lost to Keeble.

The first match against Wadham was screened last Friday, and the remaining matches will be broadcast on the next 2 programmes.

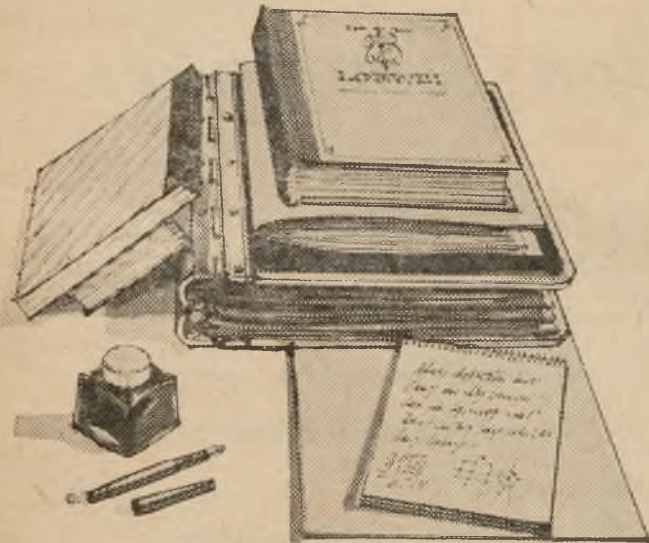
The other team members were Jane Marwitch, Richard Rose, both studying law, and first year English student, Alan Moore. The matches were recorded in Manchester on the 29th and 30th of August and about twenty supporters went along in a coach provided by Granada.

"They were all very exciting

matches," said Geoff, "and the tension while we were playing was tremendous. I spoke to some of the spectators afterwards and there was hardly a finger nail unbroken in the audience."

"Of course we were disappointed when we lost to Keeble but they were excellent opponents and we hope that they'll go on to win the rest of the games," he added.

Preliminary heats to choose participants for the competition were held in the Union late last term.



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Nurses Save Rag Draw

THIRTY nurses and Pud. school girls stepped in during the vacation to save Rag's largest single money-maker, the Prize Draw.

Tickets for the draw were to be sent out for students to sell during the summer, but in August there were not enough helpers to do the job. The tickets had to be out by the beginning of September.

"These labour problems could have jeopardised the whole of Rag week", said Pete Dickinson, Rag Vice-Chairman.

Luckily the nurses from St. James's Hospital along with some Pud. School girls solved

the problem by coming in to pack most of the seven and a half thousand envelopes. This is the first time for many years that nurses have been involved in Rag.

"It has been the aim of Rag Committee to involve non-university students in Rag to a greater degree this year," continued Pete.

"This policy has obviously paid off."

GRAD. PROBES CHANNEL TUNNEL

A model train, capable of attaining speeds of 60 m.p.h., is being used in the Civil Engineering Dept. to assist engineering scientists investigate problems of long-tunnel ventilation.

Tunnels such as the Channel Tunnel will require expensive ventilation equipment, but the experiments, being conducted by 23-year-old Leeds University post-graduate research student David Henson, will assess the capacity of the moving train to effect a certain proportion of the ventilation work.

"This should make ventilation cheaper", says Mr. John Fox, Senior Lecturer of the Dept.

The work, which has been continuing for two years, is

supported by a grant of £2,700 from the Science Research Council. Pressure measurements in the 40 model tunnel are taken by a series of transducers which are unique and developed in the Dept.

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FRESHERS PAGE

MY 10-POINT CHARTER

Seonaid Falconer is this Union's President for the coming session. That means she's in charge. She's only the second woman President that Leeds has ever had, and its first for 25 years. Many people think that she may be in for a tough year. Here Miss Falconer puts forward a 10-point President's plan . . .

1. Increased Student Participation

The old cliché that the Union is run by the students for the students holds good, but we need everyone's co-operation. If we don't know what's annoying you, or what your bright idea is, how can we help? If you don't know who to see, someone else will tell you. Union decisions ultimately affect all students, so make your views felt. This applies especially to people who feel they get a rough deal—halls, outlying departments, postgrads, etc.

2. Education and Welfare Committee

This committee EXISTS, and is going to be active this session. It will look at EXAMS in detail, inject life into staff/student committees, examine course contents and teaching methods, etc. This really does affect you and your degree. See Johnny Anson or Leo Smith.

3. Accommodation

The situation is chaotic—homeless freshers (and others) substandard flats and digs, archaic rules, an ineffectual lodgings office. The 'in loco parentis' attitude must go, and be replaced by an efficient service. Any complaint or suggestions to Ian Heywood (Accommodation Secretary) or me.

4. All rules and regulations

Must be re-examined in the light of:
(a) the fact that this is 1968.
(b) the Latey Report on the age of majority. This includes the Disciplinary system.

5. Increase of services offered to Union members

The new Discount Purchasing Scheme comes into being this term—see Services Section.

Other projects planned are an increase in shop space and in the variety of things sold, which we hope may include certain types of food, which MUST be got off the ground this session.

6. Better representation in the University

The committee structure must be overhauled so that decisions are always taken by the people qualified to take them, and we must see that the student point of view is always heard and considered. The University is supposedly run to benefit the students, and we must aim to see that this is so.

7. Financial Allocation

This should be rationalised. Money is tight, we know this, but departments and accommodation are suffering. We must see that the University and Union money is spent sensibly in the areas where it will do the most good. Inadequate equipment, too many students overloading the facilities and teaching staff—over-subsidised halls and non-existent new buildings of flats, do not lead to a proper education. Wastage of money must be eliminated.

8. A Second Sabbatical Union Officer

My job is to have an oversight of all policy and deal with long-term planning. I cannot do this when I am bogged down too much with routine administrative work, which increases as the student body grows. A sabbatical secretary to help with this is becoming a necessity.

9. My Job

To do my job properly I must have your co-operation. I

good food/drink guide

want to keep in contact with as many students as possible. A perfectly ordinary person; I will make every effort to have time for everyone who wants to see me about anything and would be grateful if sometimes other people showed the initiative and came to see me rather than always the other way round.

10. Any Questions

The concept of a University and how it is run is coming under fire these days. All we raise is questions. Is a degree worth anything? Are the best teaching methods being used? Is it the students' job to provide the services the Union offers or should it really be the University's? Are exams worth anything? Should we specialise in our courses to the extent that we do? If you have other questions, or more important, think you have the answer, join in the teaching and discussion groups, often with staff, that we intend to hold.

These are ten fairly random points. So much is going on—let the Union have the benefit of your views and opinions and complaints and we can hope to get somewhere.

REFECTORY Sort of a local Joe Lyons except the prices are dearer. The main eating house of the Union. Meals are two course and sometimes too coarse. Steak and kidney pie, peas and mashed potato sort of thing. Price range is from 3/- to 4/6d. Big queues from 1-2 p.m. well worth avoiding—some people have been known to start queueing at about 1 p.m. only to arrive at the counter needing a shave and wash. Food is not too bad though. Try the roast pork. The red wine is cunningly disguised as Coca-Cola and orange. ● RATING **

BALCONY Above refec. If you don't like your landlady's breakfast, this is well worth visiting. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and serves light snacks and nice coffee. Queues here build up at the same time as Refec. but they're shorter. Plenty of intimate cubicles if you want to impress a loved one over beans on toast. Avoid their hot-dogs, but try their pies with loads of brown sauce. Ideally suited for throwing food at know-all acquaintances down in refec. ● RATING ***

SALAD BAR Best place to eat. Frequented by girls with dieting problems so all the more reason to try it, especially if you missed out at the Freshers' Hop. Literally salads. All laid out in front of you and help yourself as you go along. You may tend to go a bit mad and find yourself paying five to six bob. Always ask for a glass of milk, not a plastic beaker—you get twice as much for 3d. more. Only open between 12-2 p.m., and the best time to get there is either at the very beginning or end of opening and closing. ● RATING *****

GRYPHON GRILL Higher up the price range and little more sophisticated. Steak and fish dishes. Meal, roll and coffee about seven bob. They give you a cloakroom ticket and call your number when the meal is ready—gets quite exciting after a while. But don't go there if you've got a weak heart, it may be too much. Close at 7.30 p.m. Try it now and again. Better class of person than refec. ● RATING ****

SPECIAL DINING ROOM

This place is so special, nobody from Union News has ever eaten there, so we don't know too much about it. service, 3 course meal sort of thing, at quite reasonable prices. Inhabited by professors and such like people, so you Rumoured to be good—waitress have to know about soup spoons and all that. ● RATING ***

DRINK

MOUAT-JONES LOUNGE Always known as the M.J. The inmost place in the Union. The coffee is awful and to match it they have Jimmy Young in the mornings. The walls are brightened up by some 3-d art, and some of the nicer women put in a personal appearance now and then. Open all day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. except for an hour between 2 o'clock and 3 when everyone is only just beginning to recover from J.Y. ●

R. H. EVANS LOUNGE The exact opposite of the above. Most people never find it or collapse trying to get there (end of top floor, west wing). Transport service would be handy. But nice and quiet. Tell friends you're going there so they won't report you missing. Colour television in the evenings, but no coffee. Should be more popular. ●

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Where to Now?

by
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Students block the corridor outside the Vice-Chancellor's office.

LAST May, Paris students revolted and De Gaulle tottered on the brink. A few months later, students in Cape Town offered the first real opposition to the Vorster regime. Last week, in a bloody struggle with police, students threatened to disrupt the Olympic Games.

STUDENT POWER is now—more than ever—recognised as a potentially destructive force. What is the situation in this country and more specifically, in Leeds?

In Britain, an explosion on the French scale is unlikely because violence is not yet accepted as a traditional part of the protest vocabulary.

For the first time, however, the membership of the National Union of Students tops the 400,000 mark—over 20,000 more than last year. And after a confrontation on the scale of Grosvenor Square demonstration last March, the threat of an unprecedented explosion cannot be ruled out.

An anti-Vietnam demonstration planned for the 27th of October, already risks a flare-up between students and police on the scale of Grosvenor Square. Over 20,000 are expected to march through the centre of London. The recent estimate of 100,000 is hopefully exaggerated.

DEFENSIVE VIOLENCE

The leaders are determined that the demonstration will make its point and not turn into a general riot. For that reason, the march is not scheduled to stop and will avoid the American Embassy.

A Leeds student who intends to take part in the demonstration commented: "There's not even going to be defensive violence because most people think this is synonymous with offensive violence."

Such preventive warnings are certainly not a guarantee for order. There is little doubt that the slightest scuffle would lead to further condemnation of student demonstrations.

Official policy will go unheeded. For the N.U.S. and the vast majority of student bodies in Britain deplore violence as a means to achieving their aims.

Despite this, the most isolated incidents are seized on by a hostile Press and blown out of all proportion.

The Patrick Wall incident at Leeds was a case in point.

INEFFECTIVE

At the national level, N.U.S., despite its traditional conservatism, is the only body likely to wring concessions out of the Government. In this, though, it has been remarkably ineffective in its recent fight against the proposed rise in university fees. It accepted the decision

by half and was only jolted into action by the threatened censure of its President.

Even now, N.U.S. is reluctant to move with the times. After its last session—with more and more Unions resorting to non-violent direct action in a bid to gain autonomy in the running of their own affairs and representation on University bodies—N.U.S. is offering no more than tacit support, with veiled threats of 'sanctions' if Universities don't agree to certain proposals it has drawn up in a 10-point plan.

Says Leo Smith, N.U.S. Chairman at Leeds: "More emphasis should be placed on the fact that N.U.S. is the student Trade Union. There's too much divergence between N.U.S. as a provider of services—and as a Trade Union."

Despite its traditional opposition to the movement, Leeds University Union is still prepared to work within N.U.S. Annual threats to disaffiliate have so far come to nothing.

Until the last term of last session, Leeds Union managed

attended the meeting. His wife was accidentally pushed to the ground. Wall, an indomitable ex-major, was unaffected by the reception. And it is now reported that he will soon be paying another visit.

Despite this, the incident was given sensational treatment in the Press. "The Times" commented: "Three hundred screaming students pushed to the ground and trampled on the wife of an M.P." A tribunal later fined five people for assault in each case against other students.

An indirect consequence of the May 3rd incident was the three-day sit-in in the Parkinson Court during the last week of term—the most serious clash with the University in the Union's history.

It was alleged that students who took part in the May 3rd incident, and some others who hadn't participated, had been visited by members of the University's Security Service—an activity outside their jurisdiction.

A number of those visited claimed that inquiries had been made into their political affiliations with the implication that this information had been placed on file—which proved later to be the case. As a result of this it was alleged that two of those involved in the disturbance came near to being sent down.

CIVIL LIBERTIES

The Union was told it had a case for an inquiry by its solicitor and the Council for Civil Liberties. The University refused to consider an inquiry and denied that the Security Service had exceeded its powers. The Union asked the University to submit the evidence to its own solicitor and then, if he said there wasn't a case, to an independent solicitor. If the latter ruled against a case, then the call for an inquiry would be dropped.

The University rejected the suggestion and the Union agreed at a General Meeting to block entrance to the administrative offices in the Parkinson Court. The University was again invited to join an inquiry and once again refused. With no positive gain, the sit-in ended and the impasse with the University remains.

Throughout the whole issue the Union's political societies took traditional stands. The Conservative Association, who

Wall to the Union, all direct action and negotiation with the

organizations, Liberal Society, which represents a majority of

leftist attitudes in the Union, and Direct Action, supported the sit-in. May 3rd Committee grew from the furore after the Patrick Wall affair, representing much of the non-aligned left.

Growing public hostility led to the formation of the Majority Movement, a body designed to represent those who disapproved of the damaging publicity certain activities were giving to the

student body in general. This, in turn, led to the formation of the Minority Movement, who wished to show that student activities were justified.

At the beginning of a new session, then, the situation is as confused as ever. In Leeds, the Security issue smoulders still.

Direct action has been proved to have some value and, in places like Leicester, considerable success. N.U.S. is slowly adapting itself to a

changing situation and new organizations like the revolutionary Socialist Students' Federation are symbolic of a new determination to oppose the Government on political as well as educational issues.

The next session might not bring another 'French Revolution', but the signs are that student agitators will become an accepted social phenomenon before it ends.

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



Gipsy Rosalee. Her mother and grandmother were both gypsies and told fortunes. She told the singer Eddie Cochran that he would die, and he was killed the following Sunday.

by DAVID DURMAN

Pics. by JOHN GAUNT

SHE comes every year does Maude Jenkins . . . widow. Every year for the past 60 years.

By the end of October, Maude will have been one of eight million people who will have visited Blackpool this summer. And they'll have spent some £75 million. Blackpool is that sort of place.

They take your money and then smile—and, as they'll coyly admit, there is often something to smile about. It's been the best summer for a long time, by all accounts. Plenty of sun, plenty of people—and plenty of money. Holidaymakers come, see, and are conquered. Blackpool, after all, is that sort of place.

Thomas and Mary Collitz sit in the vast but empty cafeteria in Woolworths on the sea front. The couple are both 63 and they've been to Blackpool every year since 1949. He is a small, surly man, wearing a green jumper that his wife has knitted specially for the holiday. "We've been here since Saturday now, haven't we, love? Oh, there's always something to do. We go and see all the shows every time—Oh, I do love them. We're going to see Josef Locke tonight, he's on at the Queens, isn't he?"

He's a retired miner from near Newcastle now working as a nurse in a mental hospital. His wife is plump with grey hair tied neatly on the top of her head. "You see, we're reaping our harvest now. I never go out once during the rest of the year, you know, but I'm quite happy with this."

She looks across at her husband and they both smile. They've come once already this year—Tom's winter leave in April. Now they're here for another two weeks, "and we'll get through about fifty pound, I reckon," says Tom. "Why do we come?" He looks genuinely shocked. "Cos we like it, that's all. Cos we like it."

BLACKPOOL is a curious mixture of the traditional and the bizarre. The donkey rides, the Punch and Judy shows, must now compete with the Freak Shows of the New Age. For a shilling you can see the 'Monster from the Bowels of the Earth'. And you can earn yourself an easy £1,000 by presenting its equal alive, so it says, outside the pavilion. The monster turns out to be a grotesque human body about 12 feet long, grossly over-proportioned, with two heads. The

loudspeaker claims it was discovered by "two eminent Professors of Anthropology". A notice says it is the property of the Museum of Brazil and it's not to be moved without the supervision of one of their officials. It looks genuine.

Despite all the new gimmickry, the donkeys don't seem to be doing too badly, though. Robert Carr, who works four on the beach every day, makes enough to just see him through the winter. He's a delightful old man, 62, almost toothless, looking elegant in scruffy clothes. "I won't tell you how many of them had a holiday in his life. I don't want to know the sort of place that just you?" He's . . . And down at the . . . them at you quite . . . promenade, seven . . . that, seven miles

in-law. The day for him, during the past summer, has begun at 9.30 in the morning and has ended at eight at night. He's too old to do much walking about, so he's helped by a friend who is 40, "I'll tell you this, sir," he says, "when donkeys go off Blackpool sands, Blackpool will be finished. The kids look forward to them, don't they?"

He looked at his favourite animal, Sally. Sally looked at him, and nodded approval. She's 9d. a ride, and impatient for her half-hour lunch break, and her . . . had a holiday in his life. . . sort of place that just . . . And down at the . . . them at you quite . . . promenade, seven . . . that, seven miles

BLACKPOOL—The seaside everyone likes to be beside



Robert Starr and Dorothy. His four donkeys, Prince, Penny, Tommy and Sally, cost about £10 a week to keep. There are 360 of them on Blackpool sands, and they are worth from £10-£60 each.

"I tell you sir, the day the donkeys leave these sands, Blackpool will be finished"

long," says an incredulous spokesman; the tower, 520 feet high; 5,000 hotels; 375,000 coloured lights, costing £400,000; and on any evening, Blackpool can seat and entertain 75,000 people. He pauses for breath. They've had 12 shows there this summer—Engelbert at the ABC, The Kaye Sisters at The Queens, all stars of today; supported, ably, no doubt, by Julius Nehring (Xylophonic Virtuoso) and Leonard and Beverly Weir, the stars of tomorrow.

But during the winter, Blackpool is a sedate, quiet town of .150,000. Then they'll manufacture biscuits and make dental equipment as a rest before the metamorphosis which begins gradually at Easter. It's rather like a prim schoolmistress who becomes a tart for the

summer holidays—she'll put on flashy rings, and dye her hair, and wear an eye-catching dress, while Blackpool makes do with lights, new paint and more Bingo stalls. And like the tart, the town is splendidly vulgar.

And if she'll forgive me for saying so, this splendid vulgarity is typified most of all at Blackpool by Gipsy Rosalee. She's got the most garish of all the fortunetelling stalls—huge pictures of her with about 100 big show-biz names, and lights flashing off and on all around the booth.

She's attractive, in her early 50's, with huge rings on her fingers. She says that she's been reading fortunes since she was two and tells our photographer that he'll live until he's 87—"You've such lovely, good hands," she affirms.



The sea front. More people visit Blackpool than any other resort in the United Kingdom. The guide says, "Our customs are friendly, pleasure-making ones and all you have to declare is a willingness to relax and join in the fun."

MIND you, it's all a bit confusing. Besides her, there are up to 20 others, charging from five bob to 10/6d. There are Gipsy Lee's, Gipsy Leah's and Gipsy Lea's, but they forget their summer rivalry and all meet for a drink at Christmas. Not to read each others hands though—"Just to talk about kids and things, you know." Sitting opposite her is her 20-year-old daughter, Cynthia, who'll take over from her mother, as Rosalee has from hers. Rosalee's husband owns an arcade nearby, and she makes enough in her five-month season, working 14 hours a day, to rest throughout the winter.

She lives in Blackpool in a nice house (no need for gypsy caravans any more) and has been on the sea front for 30 years. She fluffs her hair in readiness for a photograph and says, "Fortune telling is just a gift by birth. You can't learn it in books. You just can't," and her daughter nods, like Sally did, in agreement.

At night time none of the stalls close. And why should they? Four million visitors will come just to see the lights which Sir Matt Busby switched on this year on September 6th, and while other rival resorts have packed up to make way for the snow and rain, Blackpool remains open and takes money. The illuminations

are spectacular, and even the large imposing Town Hall down to the small, drab railway station are lit up like fairground attractions.

It's the place and time to lose all inhibitions—middle-aged couples walk around with huge pink and white ice-creams, heading for 'The New Roxy Bingo', some emerging later with a 'Comfy-Soft' blanket that has been won for 6d. And they're enjoying themselves, and that, after all, is why they came.

AND that's Blackpool. Brash, cheeky, unsophisticated. At the Town Hall, they're already preparing for 1970. They've made plans to get German visitors over here on a package tour, and are confident they'll come. They've just sent a brochure to someone in Tokyo. There's not one square foot of land left unexploited, not one attraction that hasn't been tried. And the people love it. It's easy to understand why people keep on returning—Blackpool is not just a name, it is a definition of all it stands for. And just off the promenade in Chapel Street, two Welsh women and a man stand arguing outside the 'Stanley Arms'. "Oh, let him have his pint, Gwyneth," the other woman pleads to his wife. "It'll be a year before he goes in again." And they will be back.

Blackpool, as I said, is that sort of place.

At Leeds Cinemas with Frank Odds

Drugged Dolls, the Pill, and Deflowered Virgins



Samantha Juste at her come-and-get-me best

FOR sheer, nerve-jangling suspense, **WAIT UNTIL DARK** (at the A.B.C. this week) takes a lot of beating. The final half-hour of this excellent film is guaranteed to bring the most hardened filmgoer to the edge of his seat.

But let's start at the beginning. Sam Hendrix (Efrem Zimbalist Jr.) is persuaded by the beautiful model, Lisa, to carry a doll through the airport customs. Hendrix neither knows nor suspects that the doll is stuffed with drugs.

Recovering the doll turns out to be more difficult than Lisa suspects, however. And it turns out that not only Lisa is interested in the doll—Roat (Alan Arkin), a clever, sadistic thug, wants it, too. So Lisa dies, and Roat enlists the aid of Mike Talman and ex-cop Carlino, a pair of con-men, to talk Hendrix's wife into revealing the whereabouts of the doll.

And here's the twist. Hendrix's wife, played by Audrey Hepburn, is blind (due to a car crash). So she can't see Roat or his henchmen as they enact an elaborate charade to win

her confidence. To discover what happens when Miss Hepburn realises the truth, you'll have to see the picture—something I can safely recommend.

OESROGENS

Prudence And The Pill (at the TOWER this week) is the first picture to exploit the subject of oral contraception for laughs. This is done without once raising any tone of sexuality or even humanity. Worse, the laughs are few and far between.

As aspirin and vitamin pills get substituted for the synthetic oestrogens, and the entire female cast become pregnant, one can only marvel at the tedium.

The films inaccurately premise that the pill is available only to married women and its pastiche Victorian Valentine titles belie its modernity.

Deborah Kerr and David Niven play up bravely in the face of the picture's built-in failings.

MENTALITY

At the PLAZA this week are **The Virgins**. Five of them to be exact. All but one are deflowered in the course of

this episodic French film, the latest offering of director Jean-Pierre Mocky.

The theme — attitudes to virginity — is familiar. So are the crude, visual gags and the host of grotesque characters.

By and large, then, not an overly successful film. Though one must admire the mentality behind the scene in which one of the virgins loses hers in the dragon's mouth ghost train.

FOR NEW READERS

Whether or not you're an avid cinemaphile, you'll find that Leeds cinemas cater well or ever taste. At the moment one of the two Odeons is closed—being converted into two cinemas. The other, in the Merriion Centre, and the A.B.C. in Vicar Lane play new films first. The Tower and the Plaza, in Briggate, take the pick of the crop from the Odeon and A.B.C. The Plaza also runs a nice line in sexy 'X's with lurid titles, about one-third of which prove to be really great pictures.

The Majestic in City Square deals in long-run spectaculars (Star at the moment), and the Classic (City Square again) shows re-runs of the best oldies.

Gilbert Darrow fills you in

Political
Diarist

GIRLS! If you haven't been compromised by your group leader yet, I'm afraid University may be a bit of a disappointment for you.

Still, there are two-and-a-half men to every woman here. If you keep meeting the half man, your only chance is to be a group leader next October.

I'VE BEEN checking up on members of Exec. recently . . . they're the people who run the Union and spend your money. A mere £100,000 of it. Exec. is really a sub-committee, but acts like a holy brotherhood. In practise it makes the Greek Colonels look like an advert for democracy.

Top person is English graduate Shona Falconer—our President. She was elected last February for opposing and defeating famous Liberal fun-person Philip Kelly.

The Vice-President has just resigned, so there will have to be a by-election. So if you are of limited intelligence, have a penchant for boring people, are conceited and obsessed with trivia—why not stand?

SECRETARY MARTIN VERITY, a third year philosopher, is trying to set a record for his job—he's been there since January. A traditional jumping off post for the presidency, this. But not this year, I suspect.

The man who protects the hardware in the Union is House Secretary Graham Walsh, a third year Sociologist.

SIXTEEN VOTES in search of a candidate for treasurer (the left wing's battle cry) met Anne Suffolk in a postal ballot last July. Anne a second year sociologist, was narrowly defeated the month before, by Chris Swann, in a botched up election for the job, when Anne forgot to vote for herself. Never mind, Chris—you couldn't have been Treasurer and Freshers' Conference Sec. as well.

Alex Templar, an Engineer, is the newly

elected General Athletics Sec. I can't tell you anything about him because there's nothing to tell—yet!

NOW LET GILBERT tell you a story. Last year there were six students who were very, very friendly. In fact, they were more than just friendly. Of the six, Martin Verity, this year's secretary, allegedly went out with Anne Turner, this year's Lady Vice-President. Martin also lived in a house (nicknamed 'the Embassy') with Graham Walsh, this session's House Secretary, Nick Baker, last session's Treasurer, and Nigel Seed, last term's N.U.S. Secretary. Quite a coincidence, you might think. . . . But read on. . . . Who should be this year's Treasurer but Anne Suffolk, Graham Walsh's alleged girl-friend. How's that for a small world?

TWO JOBS that are vacant are Vice-President and Cultural Affairs Sec. If you're ambitious, put up for them. Otherwise, Exec. might have to fall back on their flatmates again—and you wouldn't want that, would you?

LASTLY, for your entertainment, watch the political societies. your amusement is their first concern—and they don't even get paid for it. Last term they staged the super 'we don't like your politics, so get off the campus' show, starring Patrick Wall, M.P., and full supporting cast of left and right wing extras. Rated a huge success by all, though a little below Grosvenor Square standards.

This term, things should be even more exciting. Weekly sit-ins are planned with a demonstration every other Wednesday. Bonfire night could be the best of all. 'There's a lot of wood in the Parkinson Court', one left-winger whispered to me.

I'LL BE BACK again next week, so stay out of trouble, or I'll print it. I could even sell it to 'PARIS MATCH'!

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BOOKS WITH CHRIS SWANN | CAFE OWNER SAYS

EAGLE DAY, by Richard Collier (Pan, 6/-), is an illustrated account of the Battle of Britain. Refreshingly, this one not only details the strategy and tactics but also pays attention to the human begins on both sides from Air Marshals to Farmers, so that an excellent impression of the Battle is conveyed.

Adleman and Walton's **THE DEVIL'S BRIGADE** (Corgi, 5/-) derives its title from the nickname of the joint U.S.A./Canadian 1st Special Service Force of World War II. This is a very readable history of the force, which was a more deadly unit than even U.S. Marines or Commandos and was often treated as though expendable. This history provided the basis of the new film of the same name.

Back in the air, Rawnsley and Wright have **NIGHT FIGHTER**, published by Corgi at 5/-. Both the authors were aircrew when World War II broke out and flew in defensive night fighter patrols. Their first-hand knowledge leads to a fascinating book which not only centres on a little-known aspect of the air but also provides an intriguing history of the invention and development of combat radar.

Two new Ngaio Marsh novels have been published by Fontana: **DIED IN THE WOOL** takes Alleyn to Australia to find the murderer of the corpse which was packed in a woolbale; touches of spying are thrown in.

DEATH AND THE DANCING FOOTMAN is one of the traditional type: a houseparty where every guest arrives to find that he or she has good motives to murder most of the others—is the background. Someone decides to do just that and Alleyn.

Both are superb pieces of detective fiction, intelligently written and well worth 3/6.



'I'M NEARLY BANKRUPT'

SYED KHALID HASSAN, owner of Hassan's Restaurant in Fenton Street, near the University, admitted yesterday: "I am virtually bankrupt."

One of the most popular groups in the Union, The Spinners, making their third appearance here within a year.

His restaurant has been a popular haunt for students since it was opened last July, and Mr. Hassan blames the long vacation for his problems since almost all his customers are from the University or nearby colleges.

The restaurant is famous for its inexpensive and tasty curries and unless business picks up considerably in the next few weeks—it is quite likely that Hassan will be forced to close.

He said: "I have to work a 100-hour week now to keep my place going, but I am quite willing to let the University try and run the restaurant at a profit if they think it can be done."

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I kiss these pink, green and blue cards, taking to my breast all the tenets of food and Leather science, Semitics and O.T.C. I have strayed amongst strangeness, saved only by your grace, and form 'R' to comfort still.

FALSE TOOTH

It is not easy standing here, a dean bearing down, with a new pair of Hush Puppies and a B in Economics. For I have a keen interest in plant drawing and one false tooth at the back, there has been no bed-wetting in our family and I know nothing about Early Hiladic III.

And it is not easy. For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me, saying, "Take unto you Greek Civilisation, and half a bottle of Bristol Cream shall be yours at the Departmental."

But, Lord, I faint not nor fear. Let burning coals fall upon them, let them be cast into the fire, let them have lodgings at Alwoodley with ladies who love Edmund Hockridge and pink porcelain purses.

VIETNAM

So I pray for you to send also, unto me, sideboards and Josh White L.P.'s, Levis and endless blank verse about wombs and Vietnam. Thou knowest I will be a committee and an electron microscope, a debater and a deadly aesthete. My heart is well to the left of my body, my loins are anarchy, and I roll my own.

Preserve me then, Lord, throughout the day; my going out and my staying out, whether in sickness or in Student Health, for this is the new life, the trivia and the Ephemera, in the name of the Union Building Advisory Committee and the Senate Sub-Committee on S.C.A.R.D., the Lodgings Executive Sub-Committee and the Junior Disciplinary Board to the Indoor Hockey Temporary Selection Committee. For ever and ever, or till the Summer Exams.

INTRODUCING ALEXANDER....



"Look, believe me, it won't have any effect on your Duke of Edinburgh's Award."

UNION SHOW ON RADIO LEEDS

NETWORK 4, the University television service, is co-operating with Radio Leeds to broadcast a regular weekly programme for the Union. Two programmes were put on the air at the end of last term, but the regular broadcasts will begin on Sunday, October 20th, between 11.30 a.m. and mid-day.

Pete Dory, in charge of the operation, said that the programme will be of general interest. Because of copyright difficulties the Union may have to construct and record its own musical programmes. "This should make the venture all the more exciting," added Mr. Dory.

RAG have arranged a race from City Square to Trafalgar Square to celebrate the opening of the last stretch of the M.1 on October 18th. Contestants will travel by road, rail and air to test the quickest way of getting from Leeds to London.

The M.1 will be opened on the 18th by Mr. Richard Marsh, Minister of Transport, and as soon as the tape is cut, Rag officials will phone through to City Square and the car will set off. The train and plane travellers will start early in the morning. Each journey will be timed and the race judged on a

time basis, since it will be impossible for all the contestants to start at the same time.

"We're doing it for the publicity, of course," said Rag Chairman John Standerline.

"But also we want to show the Leeds public which is the best way to get to London. Three-hour travel times have been officially predicted for the M.1 and the train service has been considerably speeded up;

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JEEP STOLEN FROM RAG

A green, ex-Army jeep (GXA 493 D), being used for heavy transport purposes with Rag, was stolen from 20 Manor Drive early on Saturday morning, despite the fact that

someone was sleeping only a few feet away.

Its value is £300 and the C.I.D. are assisting in the investigations, but its owner, Mr. Dave Gilmour, urgently awaits its return. If anyone knows anything about its disappearance, Mr. Gilmour asks them to contact him immediately in Rag Office.

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TORY M.P. VOWS: I WILL NOT COME TO LEEDS

by JANE FICKLING

CONSERVATIVE M.P. Tim Fortescue has refused an invitation from the Conservative Association to speak in the Union, because of the way Patrick Wall and his wife were treated when they came to the Union last May.

In a letter to the Association's secretary, David Hughes, he states that the treatment which Mr. Wall received "made me more angry and disgusted than I can express."

He agrees that everything possible must be done to counteract the bad effects of that incident; but continues:

'AMAZED'

"I am amazed by your suggestion that this counteraction must be performed by inviting different Conservative speakers rather than by putting your own house in order.

"In common with many of my colleagues in the House of Commons, I swore that I would never accept an invitation to speak in a University where the students could behave in this way."

Without an assurance that such an incident would not

occur again, "I regret that I am unable even to consider your invitation."

ASSURANCE

Mike Redwood, Chairman of the Conservative Association, hopes to speak to Mr. Fortescue at the Conservative Party Conference.

"This has affected our first term programme very badly," he said.

"It's a great shame," he continued, "especially since we're the only society who seems to invite M.P.s into the Union. There was only one Left-wing M.P. in the Union last year."

SPEAKERS BAN

He said that many M.P.s thought that the ban on political speakers imposed by the Vice-Chancellor after the incident last session was still in operation, and they refused invitations because they thought they were being invited to the Union 'against the rules'.

"But we hope to have a word with him and one or two others at the Conference and drum up some action."



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Jinx hits Leeds Theatre group

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Two productions were taken — "Fairy Story" by Dick Wilcocks and "Onan Isle Ate" by John Quail, and a huge derelict storeroom was discovered for rehearsal.

Then came the first accident. Prop-girl Hilary Aldrick, dancing barefoot, cut her foot on a broken bottle and had to be carried to hospital. Then, only three hours before the performance, Chris Burden, the principal character in "Fairy Story", had a bad attack of laryngitis.

Lastly, Chris Szaidziski, "Fairy Story's" sound engineer, had a wash basin collapse on his left foot while washing the right one. The result was a trip to hospital.

Eventually, Chris Burden had to mime his part while director Nigel Robson read the part, sitting on the front of the stage. After the festival, it was discovered that personal property, costumes, and books had been stolen from several members of the group.

But there was one good feature of the festival—"Onan Isle Ate" was awarded an honorary mention by the international jury.

Precinct Parking

THE UNIVERSITY plans to take control of certain roads on the University precinct, to help alleviate the present parking problem.

Mr. D. Smith, Security Office, said that he hoped arrangements with the City Council to take charge of Cromer Terrace, Lyddon Terrace, Lifton Place and Mount Preston would be complete by the end of this year.

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A top level enquiry is being held to try to trace some sixty-two pounds found missing after last term's sit-in.

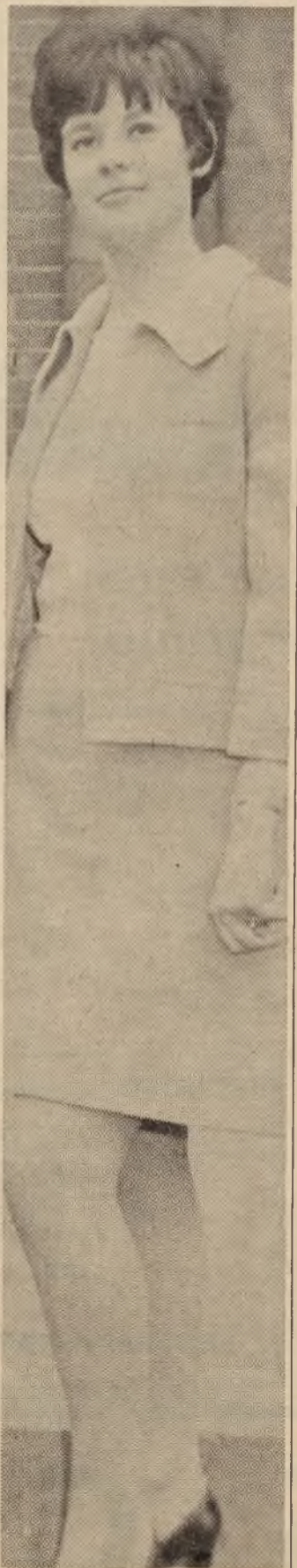
The money, proceeds from the sale of refreshments, disappeared on Friday, June 28th but was not missed for about ten days.

The food was ordered by the then Lady Vice-President Jacquie Tennant, now Catering Secretary, without official sanction or order form. This means that under Union Bye-laws Miss Tennant is personally liable for the missing money.

Interviewed, Miss Tennant said that she left Leeds over the weekend in question, and asked three people who had been helping her with the refreshments to pay any money collected to Finance Office. When she returned to Leeds she found an unsigned note in her in-tray which said £62 given in."

A week later, when the food bills came in, it was discovered that Finance Office had never received the money.

Union President, Seonaid Falconer, declared that "The money must be found. If not appropriate action will be taken."



Last session's L.V.P. Jacquie Tennant

TRUSTING

Miss Tennant pointed out that the sit-in was organised on an ad hoc basis in view of the urgency of the situation. As a result "Everybody was trusting everybody else to do a job that needed doing . . ."

Whilst stressing her belief that the money had not been stolen Miss Tennant agreed that unless an explanation materialized in the near future it would be necessary to consider asking the Police to step in.

Miss Tennant agreed that she was technically liable for the return of the money, but said that she could not possibly afford to reimburse the Union.

Union Finance Officer, Keith Robinson, pointed out that he was not concerned with the accounting of 'sit-in' funds since the food was not ordered in accordance with the strict Union official financial procedure.

"I merely put uncounted monies in the safe at the request of the Executive. Before I can take any action in this matter I'll have to seek guidance from the Executive."

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Camp Bed Crisis

To say that there is no lodgings crisis in Leeds, as Mr. Stephenson, Assistant Registrar, does, requires sublime optimism, crass hypocrisy or unforgivable ignorance.

Further, to send out letters to freshers saying: "Stay at home, we have no digs for you," without consulting University or Union officials, shows an unhealthy inconsideration for both the newcomers and the organisers of Freshers' Conference.

Last November, Union News highlighted the appalling digs crisis in Leeds.

The facts are these. In 1970 there will be a thousand more students at this University. Present accommodation plans budget for only 130—yet 400 more Freshers than expected arrived THIS week to begin THIS session.

We estimate that even now, 20% of Leeds students are living in sub-standard living conditions.

Only recently, an authority on University accommodation said: "It seems that, in the future, universities will be taking as many students as they can teach, even if it means camping them out in tents."

Mr. Stephenson has promised to find the homeless freshers accommodation within 10 days. We shall be watching to make sure he does.

If he fails, there will be some very serious questions to be answered.

Memo to Freshers

Union News welcomes you to Leeds University.

For the first time, most of you will now be members of a union—Leeds University Union.

This means that you will be able to enjoy Union amenities.

More important, you will have opportunities, through the Union, of fighting for improvements in the student world. Both here and elsewhere.

Apathy will get you nowhere. So for your own sakes, participate in Union affairs.

Attend Union meetings. Vote in the elections. Stand yourself.

Student politics can be boring and trivial. It's your duty to make sure they are not.

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