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## CONGRESS COMMENTARY

### BAR ART

Designs are invited for mural paintings in the Bar of the University of Leeds Union Building.

The Union Committee offers a prize of ten pounds for the winning design. The design will be selected by a special Sub-Committee and the right is retained of withholding the award if no suitable design is received.

The designer of the winning entry will be responsible for the execution of the murals during the summer vacation. If desired, assistance will be available from members of the University Art Society. The cost of materials for carrying out the project will be borne by the Union.

Details of measurements, etc., of the wall spaces and plan of the Bar can be obtained on application to the Union Office.

The subject of the murals is left to the discretion of the artist, but it is emphasised that the site is a University Students' Bar.

The designs, in colour, which should be conceived as fully covering the wall space (scale: 1 inch x 1 foot), should be submitted to the Union Office not later than Saturday, June 30th.

### CARNIVAL

Theatre Group set a triumphant seal on the Spring Term with their Carnival, which took place on the 16th March. This was their second fancy dress Carnival and accomplished the almost impossible feat of surpassing its predecessor in gaiety, colour and organization.

The customary societies contributed their part with their usual vitality, not only by their performances but also by their picturesque and colourful appearance. Although the Spanish, Scottish and English Societies excelled themselves, special mention must be made of the contribution of the Ballet Club. This group is rapidly making a well-deserved reputation for a very high standard of production which in this case was superb both in design and execution. The whole gathering was whipped into a frenzy by the never flagging Y.J.B., who contributed a suitably bizarre quality to an eminently Bohemian occasion.

"STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING" WAS THE THEME OF THE SECOND N.U.S. CONGRESS HELD AT LEEDS DURING THE EASTER VAC

We came to Congress with the idea that it would be a glorified Freshers' Congress, running for seven days and nights, but it was a much more sober affair. Of the 300 delegates, who ranged from Cambridge University to Brighton Technical College and from Belfast to Swansea, many were highly serious. But this isn't to say that we didn't have any Mid-Easter madness; the nights blossomed forth into joyous dances which ended with parties in hostels that terminated with the rising bell. The morning was spent in sober consideration of sober subjects, the afternoons and evenings in drunken stupor. Two trips to the breweries turned day into night. One hundred and twenty pints between twenty-four goes a very long way even with Mr. Tom Brown and the Irish Delegation in the party.

#### What About the Border?

Who will ever forget the Irish Delegates? Some fifteen of them lived up to their ancestral tradition in more ways than one; their incessant War Chant—"What about the Border?" was a daily ritual. One of their number was always ready to entertain a small circle by demonstrating that riding on top of a car was a far better method of getting home than riding inside. He it was, too, who showed that walking down the Union steps on his hands was another pathway to fame. Sometimes that Irish blood became too overheated, and Dr. C. E. M. Joad, the speaker at one of the sessions, spoke against a background of fireworks, hooters, and the Irish border question.

#### London Taxi and Russian Delegates.

Among the other alien sights at Congress was a London taxi belonging to Congress Organiser Martin Ennals. This contraption of 1933 vintage, was driven up to Leeds without any great loss of life in 6½ hours, though it caused some concernment to rural inhabitants. It did trojan work in the transportation home of Theatre Group Binge, the Barmen, Congress Bulletin Staff, and the Russian Delegates. The latter spoke to Congress on various aspects of Russian life, and stood up to rigorous questioning successfully. They were under the wing of Mr. Fred Singleton, whose capacity for smoking



One of the well-remembered features of Congress, Ennals at the wheel, Geddes collecting the fares.

Russian cigarettes would have amazed even the Kremlin. My last memory of Mr. Fred Singleton was in Lyddon Annex at 4-30 a.m. Saturday morning, sleeping fully clothed with his head hanging out of the window.

#### Easter Parade.

The Fancy Dress Dance on Friday night proved to be the best dance of the session. Notable amongst the funsters was a tribe from Brighton disguised as Indians, carrying an enormous wigwam twice the size of Colin West. Drinking went on until 12 p.m. and dancing until 1 a.m. The scene afterwards resembled the A.G.M., only more so.

#### Late News.

A word must be said of Congress Bulletin Inc. It produced eight daily Bulletins between the hours of 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. without the aid of liquor or Fred's Russian cigarettes. The News Offices occupied the whole of the top corridor, situated between hell below and Mr. Large above.

#### Business as Usual.

But to the more serious side of Congress—the Plenary Sessions and Commissions were an outstanding success, and academically the Congress reached a high level. The majority of speakers were M.P.'s, but the most outstanding speech was by the one-time Labour M.P., Mr. K. Zilliacus, on the "Curtain of Ideas." He said that our policy of re-armament was signing our death warrant—we must dismiss the attitude that we cannot treat

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### CAF. SURVEY

By our Engineering Correspondent—  
J. R. GREENWOOD.

It has been apparent for a long time that the seating capacity and serving rate of the Cafeteria are inadequate. To make any study of this problem it is necessary to have some statistical data concerning the factors involved. It may surprise some to know that such an analysis has actually been conducted by members of our Engineering fraternity and **Union News** is able to bring you the results of that painstaking work.

To make the observations, a table was installed in the very midst of the Student Valhalla itself, and the number of people entering and leaving over a series of consecutive five minute periods, during the whole of a representative working week, was enumerated.

There were of course numerous problems presented by this system of calculation. Consider, for example, the type who is looking for a friend in the Cafeteria and is not intent on making even a modest investment. Not content with flattening his nose on the glass door he must hover in the doorway, swaying gently back and forth and confusing the whole issue.

In spite of difficulties of this sort, however, it was possible to show that on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the number of people en-

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## EDITORIAL

It has been said that the sea is in the blood of an Englishman—and British Railways tea, even the Festival brew, seems to give sufficient ground for this observation. In the life of a student, however, it is the "C" which is becoming week by week to play an ever increasing part. "C" for Committees, "C" for Councils, "C" for Conferences, "C" for Congress, all of which are growing in number, and many of which are becoming annual events as one generation of students succeeds another.

We feel it is time that serious consideration be given to the question of whether the student calendar is overburdened by such events and whether conferences serve any useful purpose. It may be argued that these events, and especially committee meetings, are an essential part of democratic life, for it is only by such proceedings that everyone has an equal chance of throwing his own particular spanner into the works.

Nevertheless, it is frequently the case that a conference is held merely because there is a precedent for it, or that discussion in committee or over caf. table has reached a state of no progress. Moreover, when the conference does take place it is often over-organised and, more to the point, badly planned. With regard to political conferences, of which we in the student world have almost as many as do normal human beings, we feel that little could be more futile than to group round a table and cover ground that has been worn bare by the myriads of others who have already passed over it.

International Student Congress normally results in about as much progress as could be expected from a meeting of the Foreign Ministers Deputies.

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# This and That

### THE OTHER SIDE.

The two Russians who visited Leeds during the N.U.S. Congress at Easter were the bearers of an invitation to a delegation of British students to visit Russia this May. N.U.S. thereupon asked all Unions to submit nominations from which the delegation could be selected. At the Union Committee last week, the President of the Union was unanimously elected to be the Leeds nominee. Arrangements for the visit are still in a state of flux, but it is expected that the party will leave in early May. The time of return is not yet exactly known. It is hoped, however, that there will be a return.

### POST EARLY.

For some time the University has been the proud possessor of a large red post box just outside the Enquiries Office in the old building. Consumed with jealousy, an ardent upholder of the reputation of the Union requested that the Union should also have a pretty pillar box. Official wheels moved, and we are now proud and happy to announce that the Post Office authorities are to install a box and clear same twice a day. And all for three pounds a year.

### GOOD-BYE BALL.

As per the Union diary, the Good-bye Ball will be held on June 8th. Arrangements are now going ahead, and it is hoped that the Green Howards Dance Orchestra will be acquired for the occasion. Tickets, we are happy to say, will be ten shillings double. Union Committee has just re-emphasised that people coming to formal balls must wear formal dress—in this case, flannels and blazers for men. In connection with matters terpsichorean, a second band will in future provide music for old time dancing in the Social Room at Saturday "hops"; and Tuesday lunch-time hops will cease as from next Tuesday owing to climate (we hope) and exams.

### COMPETITION.

By the time that this appears in print, it is hoped that lots of people will have bought tickets for the Rag Guessing Competition. In any case, they will be given the opportunity very shortly. Tickets will be on sale at a table to be set up in the Union, from whence hoarse cries of appeal will doubtless assail the ears of those who wish only for quietness in which to digest a Refec. lunch. Still, the first prize being a television set, and the second prize a free holiday in Austria, perhaps its worth it.

### BAR MURALS.

The burning question of what to do about the walls of the Bar has again been under consideration on Union Committee. It has now been decided that the competition, reported some time ago, will be for a prize of £10, judgment to be given by a committee consisting of Mr. de Sausmarez, Miss Martin, the Planning Engineer, and three members of the U.C. (to represent the users of the Bar). The winner of the competition will be expected to supervise the work, which will be done by members of the Fine Arts Department and the Art Society. The competition will be open to members of the College of Art. Exact rules, and any further details will be published later.

### DEBATES.

The A.G.M. of the Debating Society will be held in the Social Room at lunch-time on May 7th. It will be followed by a debate on the motion "That this house agrees with the proposer." This, of course, opens a very wide field, and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come along to roll in it. Major contributions will be from Messrs. Khusro, Small, Foster and Gray. We are not quite sure who is doing what, but on a subject such as this, it really doesn't matter.

PETE.

## Music in Leeds

by TAPIO.

It has occurred to Tapio that he has not yet devoted any space in his column to the excellent recitals which take place on Wednesdays at the City Museum. This week, therefore, he proposes to devote himself to a consideration of one such occasion which took place at lunch-time on April 25th last. The artists were Joan Gray and Robert Keys, contralto and pianist respectively.

Miss Gray, looking cool and graceful despite the unaccustomed hot weather prevailing, indulged in no annoying, restless movements, her technique seemed adequate, and she sang the words as well as the notes—an admirable and far-too-rare accomplishment these days. Her first song-group contained items by Dowland, Campion, Bartlet and Purcell, of which the last-named's "If Music be the Food of Love" was the most searching test of her powers.

### Organisation.

The field of battle was then left to Mr. Keys who, after dealing manfully with the piano-lid himself, made a pretty little speech to excuse himself for not playing his group of pieces from memory. There is nothing particularly iniquitous in this, one feels, but Mr. Keys would have done well to enlist the aid of a turner-over, especially in his first piece, Dawson's arrangement of "Rest Here in Peace," by Bach. Next came three slight but charming little preludes by Delius, and Mr. Keys completed his group with two appalling pieces by William Baines: "Tides," sub-titled "The Lone Wreck," and "Goodnight to Flamboro'." Both consisted largely of gobs of arpeggios with a superficial layer of daring discords—third-rate water-colours, to go with the aspidistra in the front room.

### Song-Birds of Spring.

Miss Gray returned, this time with a clutch of songs by present-day composers. There were two by Rubbra, of which "Come, Gentle Spring" was particularly charming, its length being exactly suited to its slender content. "King David," by Howells, made effective use of local, national colour; there was a silly little song by Bliss, called "The Hare," after which the programme ended with John Ireland's "My True Love hath My Heart." The Lunch-time Music hath Tapio's Generous Contribution to the Collection, with a heigh and a ho, etc.

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## Pieces of Eight

The Rhythm Club presented one of the highlights of the Easter Term, when Harry Gold and his band gave a programme in the Riley Smith in aid of the T.B. Fund. This band, worth its weight in wool, gave a programme which pleased everybody. The playing of Tony Young on drums and Larrie Gold on saxophone was first class. For sixty glorious minutes the R.S.H. rocked to the strains of such tunes as "Muskrat Ramble" and "The Saints go marching in." During the rests in the music the sound of the audience resembled a Boy Scouts meeting marching home.

### Old Timers

The band also presented with gusto such numbers as "Old Macdonald Had a Farm" and the Dixieland treatment of it was unique. If only this Band could come one Saturday night! Two members of the Clubmen said that their playing was out of this world.

Once again we ought to congratulate the Rhythm Club on their initiative in presenting this programme, and also Harry Gold and His Pieces of Eight for giving their services free of charge in aid of this deserving cause. Miss Godlove informs us that 700 people paid £18 10s. 9d

### Congress Commentary, Cont.

Russia except by force, what was needed was a compromise. We must make the Americans realise that we are indispensable to them and force them to realise the folly of their ways by pursuing a more independent path. Dr. Joad's speech was not "out of the ordinary," but we went to hear him because Joad is—Joad. The Commissions were highly attended, and much useful discussion took place.

### N.U.S.—a Reality.

This Congress has made N.U.S., which before was only a name to many, a living reality. Its wide scope concerning Grants and Welfare, travel, education, vacation work and the part it should or should not play in politics was well brought out. Mr. Fred Singleton should be congratulated on his fine handling of the administrative difficulties of Congress, for the hospitality offered to Delegates, and for the efficiency for which LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION is fast becoming a by-word.

One Of The Stewards.

## DO YOU WANT £5 ? ? ? ? ?

You have a chance of winning the £5 prize offered to the person who sells most tickets for the Grand Rag Competition.

The first prize for this Competition will be a T.V. set, and the second a Holiday in Austria, as well as about twelve other prizes of considerable value. The idea is that people have to estimate the amount of money collected by 3 p.m. on the Wednesday in Rag Week.

Books of 22 tickets will be available, the price is 1/- per ticket but we only want £1 from you for each book sold, viz., you keep 2/- and there is £5 for the person selling most.

If each student in the Union can sell only two books this will mean that Rag Funds are over £5,000 to the good even before Rag Week commences... and this means there is an extra £5,000 to go for Cancer Research, Institute for the Blind, and all the other organisations hoping to benefit.

So please when you see the tickets on sale at the Tables in the Union take your two, if not more.

### RAG... LATEST NEWS.

Latest developments for Rag are announced by Rag Chairman Barrington Black. On the Eve of Tyke Day, at the Clock Cinema, Leeds, there will be a Midnight Matinee, the film will be "Swanee River," with Al Jolson (himself as himself) and also a stage show with several stars of stage, screen and radio.

Rag procession will be bigger than ever, and it is intended to take it up to Roundhay Park, where we have been given two hours to put on part of the show for the Festival of Britain Gala. We are guaranteed a crowd of over 60,000 there...

A meeting of Soc. reps. is called for the 4th May, Friday, when Rag Day manager, Leo Small, will discuss tactics for Rag Day itself. There will be people from all over the North of England in Leeds on Rag Day, for it is on this day that the Festival of Britain exhibition in Leeds opens... all the Northern Lord Mayors will be here too... rumour has it that

Rag is sending its own Lord Mayor... complete with Stage Coach and Horses... TYKE is to be sold in Harrogate, Wakefield and Bradford this year... raiding parties of students will be sent out to these towns... Rag Revue rehearsals are well under way and the show looks like being better than ever... seats will be bookable in a week or two... Rag Revue is to be broadcast... a half hour excerpt will be included in the Works Wonders series on the Monday of Rag Week... several crazy non-money raising stunts are also being planned... any suggestions or ideas always welcome at Rag Office...

### LATER NEWS.

One of the novelties of this year's Rag will be a select Dinner-Dance in the Banqueting Hall of the Queen's Hotel. Cabaret, novelty dances, competitions, and other attractions will be added to that of a seven-course dinner. Tickets will be limited to 400, and though these are 25/- each. Rag Committee is reserving a number for students and their families. Applications for such reservations should be handed to John Gledhill within the next fortnight, after which time the tickets will be on sale to the general public.

A General Meeting, to be addressed by Dr. Still and other important guest speakers, has been arranged for 1-15 p.m. to-day. This is likely to be extremely interesting and informative about ALL aspects of RAG

## MISS-TAKEN

At the Universities' Conservative Association Conference at Hoddesdon, a Miss Elsie Minson, of Leeds, was nominated for Women's Representative. Mr. L. C. Minson, Vice-Chairman of the Leeds Conservative Association states that there is no member in the Leeds Association of that name and that he is definitely not the woman in question.

## EXAMS. AND ALL THAT

Being a condensed version of a longer article "Examanship."

There now being some 18 shopping days to the Exams. it now behoves us to give some advice on how to pass the aforesame. The first meal of the day, breakfast, should be spent in contemplation of the day's programme. Then having decided to visit the Union, go straight to the Porter's Office and book a Snooker Table and or Table Tennis Table. Then coffee, the time should now be about 11-15, it is now too late to start work so start queueing for lunch. This is the meal par excellence for the Exam. Candidate, and should be eaten with due solemnity.

In the afternoon, a visit to Weetwood may be desired, having first ascertained that the Brotherton is packed. Then coffee at 3 o'clock and a discussion as to whether you are to spend the evening at the Cinema or the Tonbridge. You should now be too tired to start any work. Some people say that our Exam. Results are not to be envied, but we have a damned good time.

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## PROF. BROWN ON RE-ARMAMENT

On Thursday, the 26th of April, Prof. Brown, of the Economics Department, spoke to a large Peace Society meeting on "Rearmament." Without wishing to rival Messrs. Bevan and Wilson he mentioned the dangers to British economy and standard of life a large-scale rearmament programme entailed. However attractive it might be to place this country in the position of Switzerland or Sweden there was no guarantee that our neutrality would be respected, and Russian relations with Eastern and Central Europe did not leave him very hopeful. Prof. Brown stated briefly and dismissed rather too sweepingly the pacifist view, the strength of which is presumably that the destruction caused by another war would be so vast that it should be avoided at all costs. The speaker came to the conclusion that no one wanted rearmament but it was necessary, and he ended on the hopeful note that after a period of stalemate the great powers would probably come to some working agreement.

### Verbal Battles.

Paradoxically one always expects fireworks and heated arguments at a peace meeting. A few verbal battles were fought in an atmosphere very restrained for a discussion on such a controversial subject.

Mr. Evans mentioned the Russian atomic control scheme. Mr. Lenton doubted the practicability of disarming and of the great powers reaching agreement on any such plan. On Germany we were back on familiar ground, with talk of Russian tanks and the release of Nazi generals.

Towards the end of the discussion a speaker deplored the absence of consideration of the moral questions involved in rearmament and urged us to bear in mind the importance of human life.

Summing up, Prof. Brown stated that peace would be obtained either by the setting up of some vast power bloc dominating the world by armed force or else by the establishment of a rule of law between nations. The discussion as a whole was stimulating, though one felt the root of the problem had not been reached and perhaps will not be reached until students begin to think in terms not of party propaganda but of obtaining peace.

## DER BOYS

Within a few hours of the end of term festivities (!) the Clubmen were fortunate to gain a contract for the 5 weeks overlapping period of the Easter vac. Successfully outpointing 8 other dance bands, they gained a resident post at the new Festival Hall, Castleford. Under the auspices of Castleford District Council the dances proved a great success and a triumph for the University's own dance band

## FORSTER The Committee Maker

Gordon C. F. Forster, having already nominated candidates for President and S.V.P. and supported the present J.V.P., has now heard he is entitled to nominate 15 candidates for the open seats. Rumour has it that there are still about 6 vacancies in the Forster stable.

### Editorial, Cont.

while the N. U. S. Congress appears to be developing into little more than a series of extension lectures. It is rather a paradox that those events which are basically competitive—the various sports—tend, far more than all the solution-finding committees, councils and congresses, to draw together in closer understanding and admiration students holding essentially opposed beliefs.

Is it not time that the powers-that-be considered the relative values in the student world of the conference table and the sports field and devoted some much needed, and, at the moment, wasted, funds to the latter?

## Caf. Survey continued

tering the Cafeteria was respectively 3,107, 2,914 and 2,939 and after entry each stayed an average of 22.8, 23.3, 21.7, 22.2 minutes. For each day the total time spent in the Cafeteria was approximately 1,000 man hours.

Overcrowding occurs every day but may be due in part to some parts of the Cafeteria being more popular than others, but assuming an even distribution of the good looking women an addition of 70 chairs above the existing 250 should be enough to provide everyone with a seat even during the peak periods.

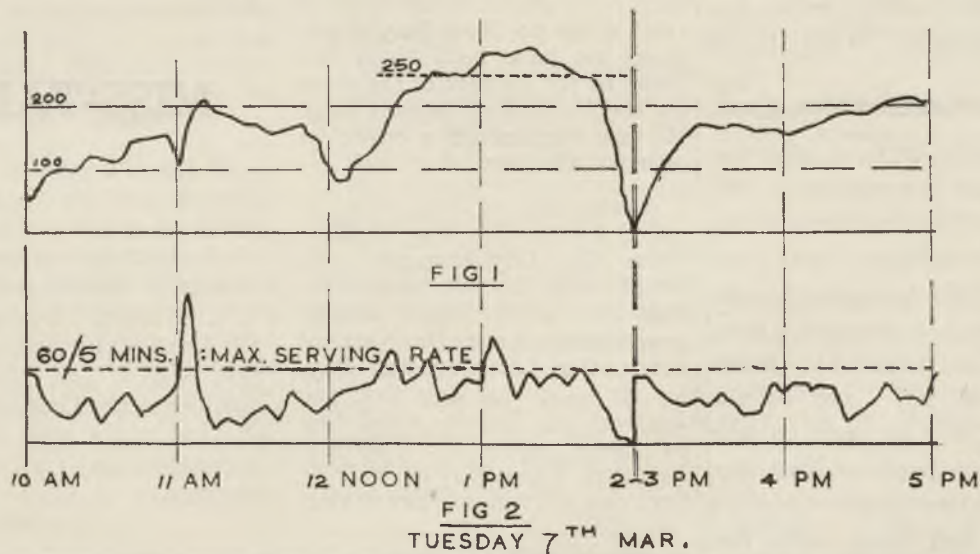
Fig. 1 shows the tendency on Tuesdays, the number of people present being plotted against time. The dotted line indicates the maximum seating capacity, so that those above the dotted line were employing alternative means of support.

The maximum serving rate was found to be about 60 coffees in each five minute period. Fig. 2 is a graphical representation of the number of students entering the Cafeteria. This time the dotted line represents the theoretical maximum serving rate so that queueing should only

occur at the time corresponding to the parts of the diagram above the line.

It is of interest to note that during the whole period of the determinations more people were observed to come out of the Cafeteria than went in. The cause of this is not certain but errors in counting have been suggested as one possible cause.

If you still are unable to choose the most sensible time to have your coffee, **Union News** has at least done its best to help.



## SOC. STUD SWEEPSTAKE

On Thursday, May 10th, the Social Studies Society will present its Tuberculosis Fund "effort" in the Riley-Smith Hall, at 1 p.m. This will consist of a sweepstake (tickets 6d. each) race on fairy cycles (loaned by courtesy of Curry's). The Riley-Smith floor (on Union Committee advice) will be suitably clothed in rubber mats and competitors will "race" round a chair-speedway. Union officials, celebrities, and notorieties are among the jockeys.

The result of the draw will be announced before the race and all drawers will be assured of a prize of £2, there and then. Three heats each of two bikes will be run and then a grand final with the three winners.

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## SOCIETY NEWS EDITORIAL

This term, most Societies, if not entirely in temporary retirement from public affairs, are having a period of very subdued activity. Anyone foolishly asking why this is, is likely to be slain on the spot by deranged Society secretaries in their final year. There are some A.G.M.'s in the offing and the political Societies have been more active than most but on the whole this is the quiet term at least until the exams. are over. Then feverish preparations for Rag will no doubt begin. English Society deserves a special pat on the back for organising an expedition to the Miracle Plays at York Festival in June, and it is expected that all Societies will take advantage of anything the Festival offers to them.

## SPANISH SOCIETY OUTING TO BOWES MUSEUM

Sunday morning saw the Spanish Society set off with almost unprecedented punctuality, due to a little strategy on the part of the wily treasurer, for an outing to Barnard Castle. Here the object in view was not the Castle, although a wonderful panorama of the surrounding gardens could be obtained from the 20 foot elevation of its solitary tower on receipt of three pence, but rather the nearest source of refreshment.

Duly refreshed they proceeded to Bowes Museum, confidently expecting an exhibition of Spanish paintings to be awaiting them.

The number of pictures by Spanish painters was perhaps somewhat disappointing, although a few were rather impressive, especially those by

Now that the Peace Society has rightly emerged from the slings and arrows of outrageous logic unleashed against it at the A.G.M. it may well prove fruitful to enquire how its 80-odd members are to fulfil their appointed task of the preservation of peace.

There is no doubt that any major breach of the peace would be between the U.S.S.R. and the "Capitalist" countries of the West (Members of the Labour Party may be surprised to learn that the Russian definition of Capitalism is anything that is not Communism). Most pacifist organisations claim that peace can be achieved by mutual negotiation and understanding, but if our Society should decide to tread this path it will be doomed to the failure of its predecessors. Not only do we find a complete absence of any desire for co-operation on the part of Russia,

"El Greco" and Goya, and one to which Velazquez may have contributed a good deal. These last also had the virtue of their artists having been previously heard of by even the lowliest members of the party.

Having decided not to spend the further sum of one shilling to view the "Festival of Britain Exhibition of Gems of Art and Superb Period Rooms," most of the Society members proceeded to explore the Museum under their own steam. The rest of the Museum seemed as haphazard as to arrangement as the Spanish paintings. Melanesian war clubs by the score interspersed with Ancient British flints, period furnishing and pots of all description. Pots in fact were the most impressive and long to be remembered feature of the day's excursion.

we find the direct antithesis—and that in the Communist doctrine itself. "The ultimate defeat of Capitalism by Communism CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS" is a sentiment one finds time and time again in the writings of Marx, Lenin and Stalin. This we are told in books which are the life blood of Communism—and one is tempted to comment that the contents of these documents have been overlooked by those who do not realise that Russia is pledged to the struggle between Capitalism and Communism, and is equally determined that the result shall be the overthrow of the powers upholding Capitalism and all that they stand for. The only way in which peace is going to be assured is by ensuring that Russia is not in a position to put into effect her avowed aims—and who can doubt the reality of those aims in view of international developments and Russia's general attitude to the rest of the world during the last five years?

If the Peace Society come out strongly in favour of rearmament and building up our defences against aggressors, if they look at the ruthless principles guiding Russian policy (many of them written or endorsed by Stalin) if they refuse to be led astray by verbal camouflage of that policy, if they abandon talk of peace at all costs (which can only mean a Communist peace) and if above all they spare us from the farce of peace campaigns and petitions (of course we all WANT peace) then perhaps our Peace Society will be one which can really achieve something and at any rate will not be turned into yet another vehicle for the disguised transport of Communist propaganda and treachery.

MICHAEL J. COOK.

## THE TEN CLIMBERS

From our Climbing Correspondent—P. STEINBERG.

Unlike the song of the "Ten Little Nigger Boys," these ten climbers did come back despite the fact that four people lost their lives in the Welsh mountains during our stay. The University Easter Climbing meet was a success, although the weather was far from good and we could not do as much actual rock climbing as we wanted because there was snow everywhere.

### Perishing Weather

But this was a novelty, as few of us had been in the mountains when it was a necessity to use ice axes to cut steps up steep snow gullies or be roped-up together because of an oncoming blizzard. This we experienced when we ascended "Tryffin." But there were some warm days, so warm in fact that members stripped to the waist on top of a three thousand foot peak and threw snow balls at each other. These days were infrequent and usually a strong cold wind blew into our faces as we toiled up the snow covered mountains.

There were some opportunities when the snow did clear for the more experienced climbers to test their prowess of going up the difficult and severe routes of the "Idwell Slabs" and the "Milestone," although the whole party managed to climb or be hauled up the "Monolith." The latter is a climb with a character all of its own—a route of 150 feet, consisting of a series of long, narrow and steep clefts in the rock. It is so narrow in fact that in order to go up the third pitch we had to dispose of most of our clothing to squeeze through an opening and even then some of us cursed and bellowed as if we were being led to the slaughter. Once we had surmounted this obstacle all of us vowed never to climb the "Monolith" again, but our Honorary Secretary had made this vow twice before and after having led us up had now broken this vow for a third time. (Hence to some climbers we are a mystery and to others fools).

### The Rest of the Day

But as on most climbing meets climbing only occupied a small amount of the day. The general routine of civilisation and the meaning of time was forgotten, as we lay in our beds late in the morning or as we sat late at night in front of the fire singing songs. Despite the cramped and primitive cooking facilities I have never seen so little disharmony among ten different people doing ten different jobs in a fortnight.

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# TECHNOLOGY WIN THE INTER-FACULTY SPORTS

Although it is yet early in the Summer Term it looks as though the University Athletic Club are in for a successful season. The fine weather and the enthusiasm of the new members made a very successful meeting out of the Freshers' Trials on 21st April. Some good performances were put up for so early in the season, especially by Bonham and Morris, who cleared 5 ft. 6 ins. in the high jump.

The Inter-Faculty Sports on the 28th April were just as successful in spite of the weather which maintained cold and windy conditions for most of the time. The Technology Faculty won with 58 points, having a lead of 19 over the runners up, the Arts Faculty. The Medics scored 33 and Science 19. Among the best performances of the day were the 100 yds. in 10.2 secs. and the 220 yds. in 24.0 secs., both won by G. Grace (Technology), a win in the 3 miles by D. W. M. Haw (Medic.), who finished without being pressed in 15 mins. 1 sec., and a fine effort by Boreson (Technology) to claim a first in the Discus and Shot. Again the two Freshers, Bonham (Technology) and Morris (Science) proved to be in a class on their own in the High Jump, the former clearing 5 ft. 7 ins. and Morris 5 ft. 6 ins.

Taken on the whole it was a very successful Sports Meeting and showed the Club that they have a good reserve of talent.

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The Inter - 'Varsity season opens with a match at Nottingham on the 5th May, and the following week-end the annual Christie Sports will be held in Manchester. The second team opens its account in a "miniature Christie" on the 9th May, when the Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool second teams meet at Weetwood.

The Club welcomes all students interested in athletics to come along and train on Wednesday afternoons. The second team has many vacancies still and Freshers in particular would be welcome. Contact G. W. Rhodes, the Hon. Secretary, Leeds University Athletic Club.

## SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Union News Snooker Championship is running behind time. The following matches remain to be played off as soon as possible:—

Robertshaw (Engin.)	}	*
Nield (Agric.)		
Lofthouse (Agric.)	}	
Houtby (Tech.)		
Wrennal (Arts)	}	*
Eastwood (Tech.)		
Crawshaw (Tech.)	}	*
Godlove (Dental)		
Thomas (Medic.)	}	*
Bleazard (Science)		

If the four semi-finalists (marked with \*) will then contact me I can arrange the finals.

May I remind competitors that any match, up to the semi-finals, which remains unplayed by Wednesday, 9th May, will be scratched due to shortage of time.

(U.N. Sports Ed.).

## TENNIS CLUB NOTES

On April 18th, the Tennis Club held its first practice match, and over 40 enthusiasts attended. From the form exhibited by the players at the two subsequent practices it is safe to say that the Club will have a successful season. The first Club match is due to take place at Weetwood on Saturday, and the team hopes that this year it will be able to rely on some support from members of the University.

As in previous years two open competitions, a Men's Singles and a Mixed Doubles, are being organised. Any member of the Union is eligible and those wanting to compete should enter their names on the lists provided on the Tennis Club board, before April 30th. The draw will be posted on May 1st. The finals of both events will be played off on June 6th, on the Union courts, the winner in each case receiving a silver cup. We hope to see some keen competitive tennis on this occasion and the Club invites all those interested to come along and watch the matches.

## COMING EVENTS

CRICKET (Men)	Sat. 5 May	Durham University (A).
	Wed. 9 May	Catterick (H).
	Sat. 12 May	Liverpool University (A).
	Wed. 16 May	Manchester University (H).
CRICKET (Women)	Sat. 5 May	Sheffield University (A).
	Wed. 9 May	Liverpool (A).
	Wed. 16 May	Leeds Women (H).
CRICKET (M. & D.)	Sat. 5 May	Clifton, York (H).
	Sat. 12 May	R.A.F., Topcliffe (A).
ATHLETICS	Sat. 12 May	Christie at Weetwood.
TENNIS	Wed. 9 May	Liverpool (H).
	Sat. 12 May	Sheffield (A).
	Wed. 16 May	Harrogate (A).
TENNIS (Women)	Sat. 5 May	Y.C.T.H. (H).
	Wed. 9 May	Sheffield (A).
	Sat. 12 May	Durham — W.I.V.A.B.

## EDITORIAL

To those who cast their eyes upon this page note that there are two important items this week—(1) I need a relief for next year and (2) the Snooker Championship must be finished during the next week or so.

Since this is the first issue of this term may I congratulate the Hockey team on winning the Bridlington Hockey Festival at the end of last term.

The U.A.U. Athletic Championships are to be held at Perry Barr, Birmingham, on the 18th and 19th May. It was noted at the last U.A.U. meeting that the 1st claim rule concerning athletes belonging to athletic clubs before entering a University was causing some trouble in Universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Mr. Duncan, of U.A.U., has undertaken to investigate the matter with the A.A.A.

D.C.

## CYCLING CLUB PLANS TIME-TRIAL

The Leeds University Cycling Club has started on plans for a University Time-Trial. Since it will be privately run and timed, i.e., not under R.T.T.C. regulations, the time and place of the race can be announced. It will be one lap of the Pool Triangle (12 1/2 miles), commencing at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, 20th June (note: after exams.). The event will be open to ALL members of Union and further details will be put up on the Cycling Club board later on this term. It is understood that the winner will be awarded a bronze medal.

Later on that same day all Club members will be invited to attend the A.G.M. in the small Card Room at 6-30 p.m. It is hoped that everybody will turn up and then the meeting can adjourn to the Bar when the official business is dealt with.

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