

STRAW DOES A GEORGE BROWN

U.C. in brief

MONDAY'S Union Committee breezed through its business in an incredible 24 hours and:-

—Heard that a colour TV would cost about £300 and referred the matter to the Executive for discussion.

—Agreed to withdraw £2,000 from reserves for the building of a Nursery in conjunction with the University.

—Asked the House Secretary to research into whether the Riley Smith rostra had been destroyed and asked that he give priority to the purchase of new staging for the Riley Smith.

—Heard that the Catering Officer, Mr. Greenhalgh had agreed to install change machines and a milk machine.

—Agreed that of the canine species only those who can identify themselves as guide dogs, will be allowed in Refec.

—Proposed that the proceeds of the French play, presented last Wednesday, should go to the French drama group.

—Elected Jean Matthews and Pete Stark on to the Town Relations Committee.

—Elected Miss Shona Falconer as Accommodation Secretary.

—Heard that the Management Report had been duplicated and was available to members of U.C. and any Union member who wanted to read it.

—Proposed to consider the question of holding mid-week hops.

—Resolved that no juke-box would be installed permanently in the M.J.

—Recommended that only sports trophies be transferred to Westwood Bar when Foyer noticeboards go up.

—Agreed to install bar billiards table and dart board in the Union.

—Received report from Steward on Showers. Cost of converting either Barbara's or Men's barbers into shower rooms would be between £2,500 and £3,000.

Other issues discussed are covered by news items.

by Union News Reporter

FOR the second successive Rag, Union President Jack Straw has landed himself in trouble with Rag officials.

Charity fund-raising work should be separated from "fun activities," he said in a speech at a dinner organised by the Leeds Council of Social Service on Tuesday — Rag's major beneficiary.

A reply came on Wednesday evening from Rag Chairman Brian Glover. He said: "We are annoyed. He was invited as a representative of the students by Rag's major beneficiary and was not entitled to give his personal opinions against Rag."

AMOUNT DOWN

Straw said the amount raised by Rag was down on last year. "Why, we are not sure, but one thing we are sure of. The time has come for a radical rethinking on Rag."

Referring to last week's paper dart stunt in the House of Commons, he said it was almost inevitable that the irresponsible sides of Rag received the most publicity.

Charity efforts were sometimes regarded as a licence to act less than responsibly.

Straw suggested a charities week, possibly in co-operation with the Council of Social Service, and an entirely separate period for "fun activities" to be held "at the best time—after exams."

Glover told Union News: "Rag should retain its procession, Tyke magazine and Rag Revue, which gives much pleasure to old people. These projects are the backbone of our money-raising efforts."

"Raising money in a separate charity without a Rag would be very difficult. We get our money from Tyke, the car competition and the Rag Day collection," he said.

"This would be impossible if they were not attached to Rag."

SELF-SUPPORTING

"At present," said Glover, "Rag social functions are self-supporting and all money collected from the people of Leeds goes to charity. Separate the fun from the funds and you kill them both."

Last year Straw clashed with Rag over comments he made to the Press. Rag Committee sent a motion to Union Committee condemning Straw, then Vice-President, after he was quoted in the Daily Mail to "the detriment of Rag."

He later apologised at Union Committee.

On Wednesday evening Straw said that, "After consultation with Rag Committee I will put forward proposals along the lines I suggested at the dinner, to the Executive Committee."

The Yorkshire Post Editorial on Thursday morning said, "Students not only at Leeds but in other University towns must be rubbing their eyes with astonishment at the proposals of Mr. Jack Straw, Leeds University Union President."

It went on, "It is good that the largest Students' Union in the country should have elected a man with so responsible an attitude as its President... It may be questioned whether separation of Rags from charity fund raising would serve a useful purpose. If the two functions were separated, the proposed 'Charities weeks' might attract little attention among the public or even among the students, while the Rags stripped of social responsibility, might become out of control. The question is open. Students everywhere should revise their ideas of what are reasonable high spirits."

Meanwhile Rag breaks cash records

RAG have collected £11,000 so far and more is still to come. Last year the overall profit was £10,000 after expenses amounting to £5,000 but Rag Committee expect this year's expenses to be less. A record £1,300 was collected on Rag Day alone.

Sales of Tyke brought in a record £3,000 as against £2,900 last year. 35,000 Tykes were sold, an increase of 5,000.

A slight profit was made on Rag Ball although it has been usual in the past for this event to run at a loss.

CAR COMP.

Car Competition proceeds were down on last year because tickets were sent out for sale by students at the wrong time. Freshers who received the tickets in September were not sufficiently interested to make a great effort and apart from this they did not have long enough before the beginning of term to sell many.

Some tickets were sent out in June but this was too far ahead of Rag to inspire interest in selling them.

Response from the students was better this year and more help was offered, especially on Rag Day. A further asset was the greater number of colleges taking part in this Rag Week. This was made possible by changing Rag to October. The new date will be kept because it clashes with exams when it is held in June.



Phil Kelly proposing anti-Anglo-Rhodesian motion.

Anglo-Rhodesia Society rejected

PPRIVATE member's business in Wednesday's debate carried a motion calling upon Union Committee "Not to allow the formation of a branch of the Anglo-Rhodesian Society in this Union" was carried by 167 votes to 38 with 14 abstentions after an hour's heated debate.

Mr. Kelly proposing said: "Our principles are being put to the test and I ask you that they be not found wanting." He spoke of "5,000 political detainees" in Rhodesia and attacked the proposed society on the grounds that "it is not a Rhodesian society but a white Rhodesian society. The formation of an Anglo Rhodesian society in this Union would be a concession to extreme right wing racialism."

Conservative Association chairman, Ian Shuttleworth, said that Mr. Kelly was attempting to obstruct the work of the Activities and Events committee. He said that the leader of Zapu had said "that we will not settle for peace in Rhodesia until the waters of the Zimbabwe run red with the blood of the white settlers and their

the people behind it were known to support Fascist policies.

Mr. De Lee attacked the motion, claiming, "This motion is morally bad. It must not pass."

After several other speakers Mr. Boyden attacked members of the House because "week after week we see this chamber used as a lavatory wall on which the Left Wing etch their opinions."

Mr. Wood, an exiled white Rhodesian, assured the House that the activities of the Anglo-Rhodesian Society were a source of great comfort to the Smith regime. He warned the House: "If you oppose this motion you will be helping Smith."

Winding up, Mr. Kelly alleged that the Anglo-Rhodesian Society was associated with Fascist movements. He claimed that at an Anglo-Rhodesian meeting in Leeds known Fascists had ejected and beaten up would-be hecklers.

The motion has no direct effect on Union Committee approval of the Anglo-Rhodesian Society but will be taken into account when the matter comes up a week on Monday.

Grants Panel Set up

A FACT Finding Panel to look into student grants is being set up by the Ministry of Education. The Panel, which will not contain a N.U.S. representative, will make proposals on grant increases, proportionate to the rise in the cost of living. Although the N.U.S. has not been able to augment its powers with respect to student grants, it has now secured a permanent means of adjusting grants to correspond with the general wage-price spiral.

After its investigation, the Fact Finding Panel will present a report to the Minister of Education; a copy will also be sent to the N.U.S. Executive. The Minister will then be free to make any increases he might think necessary. It must be stressed that the Panel's functions are only consultative.

WRITE FOR T.V.

Last year Network 4 were concerned with training people for the technical side of T.V. communication. But now that a full weekly programme is under way (every Tuesday lunchtime), Network 4 need students to write and collect material for these programmes. Though at first this will mainly consist of news reporting and editing, there will soon be the chance for exciting film and T.V. feature work. Working with Union News is no bar to working with us, since we are in no sort of rivalry with them, and welcome experienced reporters along with the inexperienced.

If you are interested, come along and see me in the Network 4 office (top floor of the Union) one lunchtime. I am always there from 12-1 on Fridays and 12-2 on Mondays.

CHRIS BULLOCK,
General Editor
and Scriptwriter.

Isolation over?

UION President Jack Straw has proposed in a letter to Chris Fay, President of Engineering Society, that he should meet the Engineering Society Committee to discuss ways and means of ending the isolation of the engineering student.

In addition it is proposed that Hustings should be held in the Engineering blocks. This might enable students to become more politically conscious during presidential and Union Committee elections. Both moves will be discussed at an Engineering Society committee meeting.

Newly elected Male Vice-President John Tough, himself a member of the committee, feels it is important for the

Union to take the initiative in healing the breach. He denied that engineers as a body felt as involved in Union affairs as other students and said that the general feeling was one of apathy. He added that this was the norm in most other Universities.

With a thriving society catering for many of his needs, the average engineer finds it difficult to accept that the Union is just as much part of his life. If he could be persuaded of this, however, both engineer and ordinary Union member would benefit, concluded Mr. Tough.

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It is to this sombre background that today's teach-in on economic aid and development (Riley-Smith Hall, 12 noon to 5 p.m.) takes place. The speakers, who include Mr. Mettrick, Overseas Development Institute; Mr. G. Cunningham, Ministry of Overseas Development; David More, Oxfam; Humphrey Berkley, U.N.A., and Frank Hooley, M.P., will give a general introduction, discuss the Government's aid programme, and the roles of the individual U.N. and various governments, respectively.



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UNION NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S RAG BOOB

The question is not whether Jack Straw's proposed student 'Charities weeks' are sound or not, it is whether any right to express a personal viewpoint at a dinner Rag's largest beneficiary, Leeds Council of Social S Last year Rag presented them with £2,500.

Jack Straw was invited as President of this Union, as a representative of Rag Committee and as such had to give vent to his anti-rag feelings. He did not consult Rag Chairman beforehand. He has not only betrayed majority of Leeds University students but has fallen in trap of thinking that Rag is a Union venture. It is not organised by all Leeds students. The Presidents of two colleges have been heavily involved with Rag and he has let them down. What sort of liaison does he expect now to come from these Presidents and what does he expect from N.U.S. Council in November after he has publicly let them, for both Presidents took part in Rag stunts.

By all means call together a meeting of all Leeds Committees to discuss the future of Rag, and then make proposals. But it is unwise, nay, foolhardy, to suggest proposals to the townspeople without consultation and expect students to applaud them.

The whole question of the future of Rag has been in national publicity when only the President of this Union as the Union body is concerned, is against its continuati

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Mister Unknown writes

DEAR SIR,

In his manifesto, one of the candidates in the Union Bye-Elections claimed he "understood the difficulties of communication in the Union." I wonder if he really does. Apart from the Union President, I am unable to put a name or a face to the present officers. This is entirely my fault because, for various reasons I am unable to attend Union meetings.

On the other hand I do attend lectures, tutorials and services within the University and am in the second year of a large department. During my stay here only two students within the entire department have managed to address me by name (as distinct from the eternal "you") despite considerable efforts on my part.

The matter does not end

there. At University or Societies there seems an unwritten rule, "though you speak to thy neighbour fortunate disregard of led me to believe otherwise consider me as a (homosexual) maniac. assure disbelievers that quite easy to spend the Union without benefit to by any fellow student.

I wonder if this is characteristic of Leeds city or if it is a sine qua non that higher education necessarily involve isolation a near complete breakdown of communication between Perhaps it is true student who hopes some sort of social escape better off in prison than at a university.

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POLEMICOS

JOHNNY ANSON, Editor of Left Wing and prominent member of Socialist Society, writes this week.

In days gone by, just as Mr. Wilson's "weeks not months" pledge on Rhodesia was fast becoming a stale "years not months", an article appeared suggesting that Fat Harold would have to start looking for a dramatically new headline catcher, and that, rather in the manner of Supremac, to whom he was then being favourably compared, Europe would be the issue he would choose.

Sure enough, not long after, 'we' (through our most able of spokesmen, H. Wilson) declared 'our' intent of joining the Common Market. The well known bundle of fire and dynamism assured us (and de G.) that we would not take no for an answer. After an irrelevant round of debate and abstentions, 'our' application was presented. Wilson must have known what the General's answer would be—no more 'special relationships' (debated in Parliament!) with Uncle Sam (politely ignored), and no more 'International currency' games. As our economy sails further up excretion estuary, and the Government's paddle (based on questionable statistics) gets weaker, this becomes open for negotiation. In a remarkable BBC boob, de Gaulle is reported at death's door ('and the Lord hardened de Gaulle's hearties . . .?'), and now comes the remarkable leak, and immediate denial, about shifting our political axis, and forgetting NATO if we don't get in (see above!).

Accurate or not, these latest happenings indicate a spurt of desperation to get in—and please note ambivalent U.S. quotes on this latest. The U.S. is particularly interested in seeing Britain in the EEC, in order to fulfil its great aim for Europe—the amalgamation of European industry in an attempt to provide viable international competition for Uncle Shhhh . . . you know who.

In selling this political line, this avuncular gentleman's growing control in Western European industries should be brushed aside as irrelevant. Surprisingly (?) there is more to the whole operation than this. The 'terms of trade' over the last few years have been moving dramatically in favour of the industrialised nations (see U.N. reports), as raw materials get cheaper relative to manufactured goods.

With European and U.S. industries behind high tariff walls, and 'developing nations' (fatal euphemism) desirous of developing industries, will be offered "aid" in the form of cheap capital equipment. This generosity is matched only by the inability to sell these manufactures in the rich markets of the West due to a generous percentage increase in price.

The rich get richer, the poor get poorer, and those in the middle (that's us) pay higher prices. Wilson, it seems, is prepared to sell out more than just his policies.

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World speaking champ.--138 hours

AT one minute past eleven on Monday night, Victor Vilimas became the world's biggest bore, having spoken non-stop for longer than any other person, living or dead. As the chimes of the Parkinson clock died away, Vilimas was pronounced unofficial world champion and was driven off, still talking, to the B.B.C. studio in Woodhouse Lane. He was unable to reach his target of 144 hours and fell asleep in Bodington Hall at 4 a.m. on Tuesday morning after a total time of 138 hours.

The attempt was begun at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th, outside the City Art Gallery. It ended on the rainswept Parkinson steps. The scene and the audience had changed, but Victor was the same: clothes and all. Until Vilimas's feat is officially ratified by "The Guinness Book of Records", the record remains with an Irishman, Kerrin Shehan from Limerick, who spoke non-stop for 133 hours in Dartford, Kent, in 1955. Mr. Shehan was not available for comment but a Rag official remarked, "This is the sort of thing only an American or an Irishman could do."

INCOMPETENCE

Before Vilimas broke the record, however, he accused Rag Committee of "non-co-operation and incompetence." He claimed that Rag had promised to keep him alive for the five days he would need to keep talking, but had very soon lost interest.

He alleged that Rag was refusing to pay his expenses and the expenses of his witnesses; the eternal attendants necessary to validate his record.

Interviewed, Rag Chairman Brian Glover said, "He would have to buy his own food anyway, so why should we pay for him?"

"They also promised to provide witnesses," said Vilimas, "but apart from one or two people, no one seemed to care. Twice I went to all-night parties and once to a late-night bowling alley, just to have someone around."

AWARD TO EX-LEEDS PROFESSOR

PROFESSOR GEORGE PORTER, a Leeds graduate, has been awarded the Nobel prize for Chemis the Nobel prize for Chemistry. He shared the prize with Professor R. G. W. Norrish.

Professor Porter, who was born in Yorkshire, studied at Leeds from 1938 to 1941. After a period of war service, which lasted until 1945, he attended the University of Cambridge, Emmanuel College. He became Professor of Chemistry at Sheffield in 1955 and later occupied a special chair in chemistry. He has been Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Royal Institute in London since 1966.

JOINT AWARD

The Professor was awarded the prize together with Professor Norrish for their joint work on extremely fast chemical reactions effected by disturbing the equilibrium through very short pulses of energy. An application of this method is in use in the Leeds University Chemistry Department.

Professor Porter will be coming to Leeds to give a lecture to the Department of Physical Chemistry. The lecture, entitled 'Faraday', will take place in the Rupert Becket Lecture Theatre on the 20th November.

One student, Paul Holborn, was with Vilimas almost continuously from Friday night. "I didn't get much sleep," he said, "but it was a very interesting experience."

MISORGANIZED

"The whole thing has been misorganized from the start," said Vilimas. "Rag has treated it as one big joke. If they didn't want to take the attempt seriously, they should have disowned it from the start."

Differences were finally settled when Brian Glover met with Vilimas to try to resolve the difficulties. Vilimas pointed out that he would have to pay for meals he couldn't have in Bodington Hall. After discussion it was agreed that Rag would pay "necessary expenses".

RECORDING

After breaking the record, Vilimas was driven to the BBC studios in Leeds, where a news reporter made a recording "re-enacting" the scene at 11 o'clock. A further recording was made early the next morning after Vilimas had finally finished speaking. This was played on the first and second editions of the BBC "Today" programme.

On this he was reported to be still talking at 8 a.m.—four hours after he had stopped. Commentator Jack de Manio said, "The quality of his voice has deteriorated since an hour ago."

A further interview for BBC TV News employed the same technique. A spokesman said later, "These are normal broadcasting practices . . . it isn't always possible to be on the spot when things like this happen."

NEXT ?

Asked if there were any other endurance records which he intended to break, Vilimas replied that he had no plans at present; he would first like to recover from the speaking marathon.

He stressed his gratitude to all those who had helped him, especially those who acted as witnesses.

Stark's Sunday

SUNDAYS in the Union will be much livelier if Monday's Union Committee proposals to extend opening hours are approved by the University.

Ex-Cultural Affairs Secretary Peter Stark asked that the Union stay open until 11 p.m. on Sundays with a corresponding Bar extension. The Union at present closes at 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Stark also wants a tea service in the coffee lounges, the lounges open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for serving coffee, the removal of the screens in front of the Refec serveries and their replacement by movable barriers.

Union President Jack Straw is to approach University Catering Officer Mr. Greenhalgh and Union Treasurer Dr. Belton about these proposals, as both sit on the Union-University Catering Committee.

Further Bar proposals asked for a Saturday sandwich service and a fuller sandwich service during the week. A justification of the rationale behind beer prices was requested. Stark remarked that his favourite beer, Newcastle Brown, was overpriced.

The motion was passed unanimously.



The record is broken, handshakes all round.

UNION SHOP OUT ON TOP

THE service now provided by the Union Shop is generally considered to be superior to that provided by its predecessor. The shop, which opened in enlarged premises on October 1st, was given unfavourable publicity, a number of people claiming that even basic things like refill-pads and pens were out of stock

Under the management of Mrs. Kenworthy, who has a permanent staff of three, the shop now offers a wide selection of goods, ranging from balls of string to University scarves. The previous shop sold mainly newspapers, periodicals and notepaper.

ENQUIRIES

During the vacation, extensive enquiries were made in Leeds about the prices of such articles as refill pads. Union Steward Mr. R. Graveling estimates that the average price of these pads is now 3d. less than in other Leeds stationers. For certain articles, there is quite a considerable reduction in price; a calculator, costing 9/-, sells for 6/- in Union Shop.

"We don't have a crystal ball to predict the needs of students," explained Mr. Graveling, "and we cannot be expected to supply items without a slight delay."

STORE-ROOM

Union Shop lacks the support of a nearby storeroom, whereas Austicks could call on a large variety of stock at very short notice.

"However," continued Mr. Graveling, "it would help if people collected their newspapers on time."

"One of the main reasons for the adverse publicity," said Union President Jack Straw, "was the fact that people have facility to complain."

COMPLAINTS

He stressed that complaints to a private organisation would be likely to pass unnoticed. The excessive publicity given to too few complaints has given entirely the wrong impression, explained Mr. Straw.

The manageress, Mrs. Kenworthy, pointed out that demand had often exceeded supply in the

first few weeks of term. "Although we had difficulties in obtaining certain items, we can now plan ahead. We certainly won't sell out again."

Asked if there was any chance of extending the premises of Union Shop, Mrs. Kenworthy replied that there was a strong possibility. "We are already considerably enlarging our stock," she said.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT?

A DEQUATE meal service from the machine room alone has been promised by the University Catering Officer, Mr. Greenhalgh.

Union President Jack Straw met Mr. Greenhalgh to discuss the matter after Union Committee had expressed dissatisfaction with the existing service. There had been numerous complaints about the inefficiency of the food and drinking machines, which were taken over by the Catering Department at the beginning of this session.

More change machines are also to be installed. "I'm shopping around for the best ones," said Mr. Greenhalgh.

In answer to the complaints, he promises the Union a vastly improved service. All machines should be functioning properly by the end of this term.

CORRECTION

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STUDENT WORLD



RUSSIA

MANY more applications are made for Soviet universities and colleges than there are places available. High standards are expected from students in the entrance exam, but the procedure has a number of deficiencies. One of them is the examiner can only interview each candidate for 15 minutes. Thus, many unsuccessful candidates blame their failure on inadequate attention.

In 1966, at one University, 30,000 candidates were examined within 20 days. There seems little prospect of any improvements in the examining procedure.

PUERTO RICO

STUDENTS in Puerto Rico are protesting about the military draft. They claim that three times as many Puerto Ricans are being drafted for Vietnam as U.S. students. Nearly one thousand students eligible for call-up have refused to serve under any circumstances.

HONG KONG

LESS than 30 per cent. of the men on the University campus have ever kissed a girl. This was revealed at a discussion

by students on sex and marriage. "Chinese are shy and less precocious," commented one student.

PENNSYLVANIA

THE largest Monopoly game ever played was recently organised by a student leader in Pennsylvania. Human counters used the specially painted streets and footpaths of the campus as a board and the moves were decided by huge foam-plastic dice thrown from a third storey window.

The players communicated with each other by walkie-talkie radio and sent reports to the local radio station which covered the game live.

ANGLO-AFRICAN

ALL Biafran students studying in Britain have been asked to sign an oath of allegiance to the Nigerian Federal Government.

If they refuse to sign, or having signed, break this oath to remain loyal to the Federal Government, then they will be faced with the loss of their scholarships.

The N.U.S. are taking this up with the Nigerian High Commissioner.

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New left emerges in brief

BERLIN PROTESTS

WEST German officials are showing concern over the emergence of an ultra left-wing group pledged to use "unarmed guerilla tactics against the existing order," after further demonstrations of its influence.

Reflecting almost every facet of left-wing thought, the "New Left" is the answer of young intellectuals to re-emerging nationalist thought and the recent successes of Neo Nazis in Germany.

The acknowledged leader of the group in the universities is 27-year-old radical Maoist Rudi Dutschke, who escaped from East Germany six years ago.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Recent demonstrations against the Shah of Persia and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey were described as some of the biggest in Germany since the war. The Shah of Persia narrowly escaped death when a driverless car carrying high explosive was directed into the path of his motorcade.

SPECTACULAR

The most spectacular action yet, occurred last week when a short range rocket was sent up over the U.S. Army Headquarters in Berlin, releasing a flood of leaflets advising U.S. troops on how to avoid Vietnam service. They were offered refuge in Canada, Sweden and Denmark.

INFLUENCE

Although numbering less than 10,000 active members, the New Left is described as having influence far out of proportion to its size. Its main supporters are found in high schools and colleges.

They are now profiting through public disaffection for the Socialist government, but are still a long way from winning nationwide support for their activities.

Red guards go back

CHINESE students are being urged to return to the Universities they left eighteen months ago. The Red Guard closed schools and universities for "six months" whilst educational methods were overhauled.

The Chinese 'progressive forces' attacked the system by which University candidates were accepted. The system of selection on the basis of examination results and scholastic success, was claimed to lead to 'domination by bourgeois intellectuals' and ignore 'revolutionary consciousness'.

It has been decided that henceforth candidates for school and university will be judged on their class background and revolutionary consciousness! In this way preference will be given to sons of peasants, workers, soldiers and proletarian cadres, with purely academic merit being given less consideration.

For the last fourteen months, students and schoolchildren, largely comprising the Red Guards, have marched through China bent on leading the second Chinese Communist revolution.

Last February, the Government banned all travel and ordered the schools to reopen. Many Red Guard students continued to stay away.

In July, the first Institute for Higher Education reopened but

it was agreed that the first few months should be spent on a criticism of the old order with normal courses being gradually restarted from September. By September 29th, only two of the three Institutes in Peking were open. On Monday, October 23rd, the Chinese Government ordered a Press campaign with the theme 'immediate resumption of classes'.

The situation is complicated by lecturers who are afraid to return to the institutions where they were humiliated only a few months ago.

It was a common practise in the anti-deviationist fervour for lecturers to be forced from the lecture rooms to clean lavatories and sweep passages.

Resident observers of the Chinese educational scene estimate that over one million university students and four million secondary school students have lost at least one academic year.

A problem is presented in the revised curriculum. At the Peking Aviation Academy, the study of Mao's works leaves only twelve out of fifty-four hours free for technical subjects.

EGGS FOR WILSON

THE Prime Minister was given a hostile reception at Cambridge last Saturday, when he arrived to address a public meeting in the city.

Mr. Wilson's car was surrounded by about 150 jeering students as he arrived at the Guildhall. An egg thrown from the crowd broke against the windscreen of the car.

EXTRA POLICE

The demonstration, one of the most violent seen in the city for years, was organised by the University Labour Group, the Peace Action Group and the United Nations Students' Association. Extra police who had been drafted in were unable to stop the violence.

Although the demonstration was mainly directed against the Prime Minister's support of American action in Vietnam, posters were seen bearing such slogans as "Freeze profits, not wages" and "Right wing bastard."

JOSTLED

When Mr. Wilson alighted from his car he was pushed and jostled all the way to the hall, and was almost knocked over. A young student teacher managed to throw herself at his feet. She said afterwards, "It was the only way I could protest at all the fighting and pushing that was going on."

No arrests were made after the demonstration, which, but for driving rain, would have been much larger.

L.S.E. OUT OF NUS?

"THIS Union disaffiliates from the National Union of Students and instructs the External Affairs Vice-President not to pay the £750 subscription due for 1967-68. The Union will keep the disaffiliation under termly review and send the President and an elected observer to all N.U.S. Councils."

This motion was presented for debate to the Union of the London School of Economics last Friday. It had been passed by Union Council by five votes to two on the previous Wednesday. The arguments of those in favour were almost exclusively financial.

N.U.S. insist that richer colleges must finance N.U.S. efforts on behalf of the poorer ones; but a mere £2,700 of the N.U.S. total income of £77,000 goes on the visits which are the only items coming under the heading of direct aid to these poor colleges.

L.S.E. Union are questioning the use of N.U.S. income and in particular that of their £750 fee for Union membership and of the additional £350 for the two annual conferences.

Those in support of the motion insist that they do not get value for money and that they cannot afford such a large percentage of their budget in "aiding poorer institutions."

Union President Peter Watherston, one of the two Council members who opposed the motion, claimed that disaffiliation was an abdication of their responsibilities.

"Whatever people say about the politics of the executive, they are listened to in Government circles. If we withdraw we will be incapable of influencing their decisions."

BRADFORD

BRADFORD students followed their Rag week with a recreation of the events of the 1917 Russian Revolution. This 'experiment in public drama' took place in the streets of Bradford, beginning at 10 a.m. yesterday.

Various buildings near the centre of the city were designated as areas held by the provisional government and were taken over during the day by students representing the Bolsheviks.

The 'revolution' was thought up by Albert Hunt, Peter Brook's associate director in 'US' at the Aldwych Theatre.

CHATHAM

THE Editor and Assistant Editor of MCOFT, magazine of the Medway College of Technology, have been suspended for a week. This follows the publication of 'promiscuous' articles in the college newspaper.

NEWCASTLE

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY is in danger of being expelled from the National Union of Students if a motion concerning Union buildings is approved by the N.U.S. Margate Council in November.

The motion demands the expulsion of Student Unions which do not admit other students to their Union buildings. Only 400 non-University students have associate membership of Newcastle Union. Paul Brooks, Union President, said, "It is a question of space: the Union is crammed full already."

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

THREE L.S.E. students were among seven Americans who tried to return their draft cards to the American Embassy on Tuesday. Mr. Houston Dixon accepted their letters of protest against the Vietnam war but refused to accept the draft cards.

On leaving the Embassy, Harry Pincus, a sociology graduate from L.S.E., defiantly stuck the cards to the door.

Two L.S.E. members of the Socialist Society were arrested and charged with insulting behaviour while supporting the Picket Line at Myton's Barbican site.

Last term, the L.S.E. voted £50 to the Strike Fund. A motion to pledge further support was only prevented from being debated at a recent Union meeting by other urgent business.

LIVERPOOL

A 20-YEAR-OLD Biology student has been charged with unlawful possession of L.S.D. and cannabis at Liverpool Magistrates' Court. He was remanded on £100 bail with a further surety of £100 until March.

Liverpool is known for the number of its drug-taking students, although this is the first instance of a prosecution.

SCOTLAND

COMMUNIST and Trotskyist students are attempting to infiltrate and take over Scottish Universities. These allegations were made at a public meeting in Edinburgh organised by Mr. Victor MacColl, Chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students.

Said Mr. MacColl, "For the first time, subversive elements are at work in Scottish Universities. They use militant, but ingenious, students as a front to gain control of student bodies."

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Art nouveau at Leeds College

SIX people in a bumpy jeep are driven out of Leeds—destiny unknown. They are dropped in a lonely field on the Yorkshire Moors. A sleazy limousine picks them up and deposits them in front of Almscliffe Crag. Waiting for them, six chairs, each with a pair of binoculars. Through the binoculars they see figures on the crag above. The figures throw a coffin off the crag—release balloons off the top, which fade into the distance. Then the figures disappear.

The tutorial is over.



An art student prepares to take off in the Almscliffe Happening.

Fellini's next film? No! This is serious academic work. Leeds College of Art feel that, as far as they are concerned, conventional methods of teaching are out.

Said first year lecturer Robin Page, 'Knowledge is no use as such—it is only of value when it is experienced through the application of ideas.' So the students are given complete freedom to extend their self-expression. Their policy is that thinking does not depend on outside instruction.

Of the Almscliffe Crag happening, one of the group said, "Our aim was to make people external to us lonely. They had to react in a strange situation." Six lecturers had agreed to be involved in the happening, in any way at all. Thus, the long, uncomfortable jeep journey, followed by the short, smooth limousine ride. The group placed their tutors in a unique situation and watched them react.

This new approach to study began in the States with the Pop Artists. It is only within the last three years that it has been started in England.

A second year Art student explained: "The main idea is to destroy the image of the Art School—that painting and sculpture are the only ways to express oneself. Any form of visual representation is art—and so an art school has to expand.

"Group work helps to create more self-assurance. Collectively, people are more sure of themselves. The most important thing is to be conscious of the group. I don't think what we do is all that important—it's the different approach to work that matters.

"The main theme of the whole course is to realise what you are. Last year we had to create an 'alter-ego'. We were given a plank of wood, and told to cut it to our own size—and create the self which other people don't see. It was really depressing—nearly everyone just represented themselves as dummies."

Other happenings have occurred. In the same week, an invited audience walked into a room, unaware of the frustration ahead. Black walls, black ceiling and seven black chairs. Seven white-suited men with white carnations and brown skins sat in the chairs. They were the Ortocysts. The Ortocysts could ask any questions and try to fathom the meaning. The Ortocysts answered the questions with reference to a sheet that they had prepared before. Eighty minutes of dominating ortocysm—

Question: Why do rabbits have pink toes?

Answer: Parakeets are mostly green.

The aim of the happening was to illustrate how useless any form of discussion is. The audience became infuriated and frustrated at the meaningless answers. Students described the cult of the Ortocyst as 'selfish, narcissistic, egoistic and self-indulgent'.

"As Ortocysts, we were so egocentric," explained one student, "that we prepared about twenty answer to possible questions, so that we could maintain and assert our superiority."

"They remained Ortocysts to the end," said Patrick Hughes. "Ortocysm was hard and tense."

But Hughes agrees that much of the work has been a failure. "It showed no social criticism or consciousness, only personal and selfish motives."



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A coffin being thrown off Almscliffe Crag.

Henry Folding—

AS the taverns of Leeds put up their shutters for the night, last week, the patrons they disgorged, their appetites but partially satiated, descended as with one mind upon a building of unassuming aspect, close by the academic heart of our fair city.

Those of the University, always in the forefront of any new movement that ravages the country, had named this building 'the Strawberry Alarm Clock', thus making a bold show in affirmation of the rumour which had spread abroad, to the effect that psychedelia had struck the town.

Those who came to pay homage to this succulent chronometer, to be referred to henceforth as the Christian Centre, were apparently quite overawed by a sense of the grandeur of the occasion, of impinging upon the unknown, at least since the Arts Festival. Their approach was punctuated by sways and stumblings, some even prostrated themselves before the beast.

Once inside, I approached with caution, and due reverence, the room which seemed to contain the heart of the matter. From here issued forth a gentle cacophony of soothing sounds. There was but little light, and incense burned, though whether or not this had some ritual significance I could not divine.

Set apart from the mass, on a higher level, stood a creature who twitched with a great twitching around a box from whence came the cacophony. At intervals of perhaps three minutes, this creature would stretch forth his hands towards the box, and the sound which filled the room would change a little.

On the evening when I graced the proceedings with my presence, a group of four or five persons played upon weirdly and intricately shaped instruments, producing sounds of an incredible volume, which struck fear into the hearts of the assembled company—evinced by the frantic and uncontrollable stamping of feet, waving of arms, and rolling of eyes within their sockets.

One person, of enormous girth, and reputed parts and wit, seemed more fearful than the rest. He, attired in the striped clothing of a seller of ice-cream, imitated with commendable accuracy the actions and aspects of a large ape, thereby hoping, no doubt, to ward off the evil spirits there present.

I confess, my readers, that the proceedings disconcerted me not a little, for they were quite beyond the realms of my experience, and I was at a loss to know how to interpret them. I am not of an unusually delicate sensibility. My appetites and affections are as much in need of expression as the next man's, nor have I attained any particularly remarkable degree of refinement of manners, which might have rendered the sights which I was to witness distasteful to me. But in spite of all these things, I confess myself unmoved by the jollifications.

Having thus relieved, by confession, my burden of guilt, I can only implore the imitator of apes to contact me, and divulge the source of his inspiration, that I may thus accrue benefit from his greater sagacity.

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PHOTO-RAG



1967 Rag Queen, Barbara Allum (above), smiles to Rag Procession crowds. Riding in the parade in Mike Hollingworth's light - blue Jupiter, Barbara managed to continue smiling throughout the procession despite the cold, autumn weather.

Below: Hardworking Jerri serves Manuel Moreno in Rag's discotheque, 'Strawberry Alarm Clock'. Based on Arts Festival's 'Devil's Elbow', the disco took over the Christian Centre until two every morning all through Rag Week, with Jerri and her helpers selling bacon sandwiches and coffee.

Rag is dead. Whether it will live again next year is yet to be decided.

Although for many it was an eventful week, others

hardly noticed its passing. Whether you think of Rag as a student bacchanal or a charity drive, this year's

Rag offered the usual diver-

sity of events.

These were marby a few failures and successes.



Below: Marked by crisp but dry weather and enthusiastic if sparse crowds, Rag Day Procession slowly snaked its way down Woodhouse Lane to City Station and then back to Woodhouse Moor.

The many ingeniously-decorated lorries, filled with nubile young students, attracted

money as well as admiration.

After returning to the Moor, the floats were sent to various parts of the city to raise money. First prize for the best float of the procession went to the entry from Trinity and All Saints. Second prize went to the float from Charles Morris Hall.

RAG in October was a nature for Leeds which presented a committee with a whole set of new dilemmas.

Rag week was shared out six other Rags, all fighting for equal Press coverage. Out of it all, Rag did not fare too badly. Only Rag's Q4 episode at Blackpool outshone the efforts.

While collections may not quite so large as last year, much has learnt that will be of use in the future. Certainly, the main causes for the drop are the change of time, and to lesser extent, the weather and the bus strike.

The true verdict will not be known for a month or two—so we must just wait and see while recuperating from this year's effort.

Such events as the slave auction, five-a-side football, mixed rugby, judo and fencing exhibitions and a dratting contest drew enthusiastic crowds on the Moor. Above left: A player in the mixed rugby match finds it convenient to grab both ball and bird in his race towards a try.



Below: The Ten-Pin Bowling Marathon in the Centre Bowl. The Union rolled against Leeds Techs for four days, finishing with three lanes, with four bowlers a lane, University scored over 100,000 pins and the Techs over 90,000.



Above: Leeds University Union's Champion Talker. The boy with the big mouth is American Victor Vilimas, 19, from Cleveland, Ohio, who is taking a one-year general science course. His successful World Talking Record attempt over (see news pages), he has left his diet of fish and chips, cashew nuts and milk—but is still talking.

Jazz Corner with Tony Collins

SINCE last week, when I said that the years between 1942 and 1945 could be called 'The Golden Age of Jazz', a lot of ex-friends have seen fit to dispute this point. Personally, as an addict of modern jazz, this still holds true. However, I now plan to hold a 'Grand Competition'. If you disagreed with me, let me know your reasons, and also the period that you consider to be more rightly called 'The Golden Age of Jazz'. I'll publish the best answers that I get, providing, of course, that anyone does answer.

For the winner, a bottle of Newcastle Brown, which will be awarded in a grand ceremony (gowns optional) in the Union News Office, by the end of next week.

To get down to particulars, if you missed Jazz Expo '67 last week, as I did, you've still got a chance to hear more of America's best musicians this weekend. At the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London on Saturday, are the Oscar Peterson Trio, plus tenor saxophonist Coleman Hawkins for one night only. And at Ronnie Scott's, the blind instrumentalist, Roland Konk, is appearing for another week or so. Don't be put off by admission prices at Scott's (roughly 30/-) as production of a Union Card gets you a concession.

Next week, a review of either Roland Konk or Oscar Peterson in concert.

By the way, if you want to become a Union personality, put your name and course, etc., on your reply in the great quiz—Expo '67.

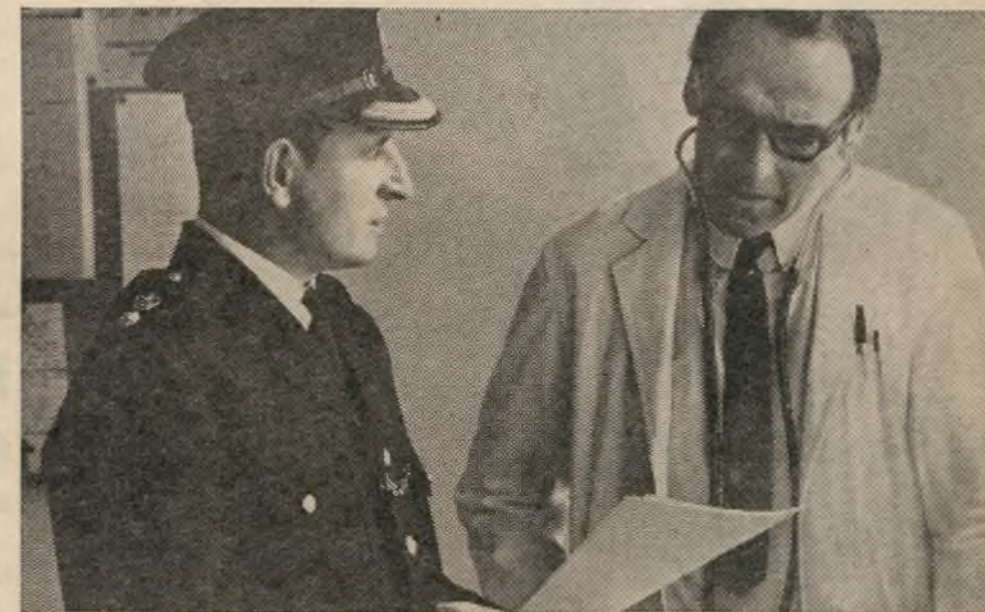
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A GOOD Rag procession marred by extensive flour throwing. That's the official verdict. The flour throwing bit is important. The last way to get money out of Leeds citizens is to cover them with McDougall's. Flour power isn't that persuasive.

UNION COMMITTEE was always good for a laugh. It was informative, too. Now under Jack 'Iron Hand' Straw these two aspects of U.C. have vanished. Monday's meeting was a listless affair and finished in just over two hours—one of the fastest on record. The only member outside Exec. who seemed awake was the inimitable Pete Stark, who also starred in the previous U.C. a fortnight before. Hustled on by clock-watching Straw, the Committee galloped through such business as it was presented with, with great dispatch.

IT could, of course, be that a new era of efficient decisive Union Committee is at hand. No more of that frivolous time wasting and so on. Alas, it's not so healthy as that. To start with, the Committee was

chopped from 30 to 20 at the last A.G.M. Even this smaller Committee had six unfilled places last Monday. And that doesn't count the members absent.

What has happened is that Exec., more united than usual under the Great Helmsman and Teacher Jack Straw is having its own way in the face of feeble opposition. A multitude of questions passed unasked on Monday. Perhaps U.C. is so satisfied with Exec. that they don't want to annoy them by asking 'Why did you do this, or this, or this?' Maybe, they all knew the answers already, though I very much doubt it.

This ascending of Exec. over U.C. members resembles too closely the operation of the seven-man junta of the management report. And you know what we all think of that.

The situation is paralleled on Exec. itself with Pres. Jack Straw trying to run the show by dictating his own recommendations and minutes to Secretary Kelly. One annoyed Exec. member suggested that Straw get Kelly to write the minutes before the meeting and bring them to Exec. for ratification. The trouble is that Jack might do just that. It's more efficient that way, you see.

RAG QUEEN and the car she rode around town in were the same age—20 years. There was much dispute among Ragmen as to which had the finest body work. Not any doubt about this, you say. Why, then, did I see on Rag Day six Ragmen fiddling with the car engine with great enthusiasm, leaving Barbara Allum to talk to herself.

NEXT time you go into the Gryphon Grill, I dare you to ask for grilled gryphon.

A PHONE rings in Union News Office. "Hello, Brian Glover here. Our Rag Day takings were a record, £1,117." Ten minutes later. Phone again. "Er—this is Rag Business Manager here. What was that figure? We've lost the details."

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ROB'S flies will overcome!

FESTERING FRED gets FOWLER every day.

ROG will come again—even from London, W.2.

PER GROTTEN needs a larger ball.

JUDE BROWN TRUST—TONIGHT AT SADLER.

POMPOUS POSTERS go home.

ECSTASY, is Scotti at Olinda.

ANN keep up the good cooking.

PAM sure is dynamic!

MINSTREAM is a self-opinionated twit.

ROGER—Are the French films as stimulating as Exeter? Diana.

TEMPERAMENTAL Tiger?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Michael Meadoncroft (Yorks. Area Fed. Secretary) will be speaking to the Liberal Soc. on the Organisation of the Liberal Party, in the O.S.A. room at 1.00 p.m.

Teach-in on Economic Development in the Riley-Smith Hall at 12.15 p.m. Speakers include Frank Hooley, M.P., and Humphrey Berkeley.

Methodist Soc. meeting, with Rev. Malcolm Furness on "Overseas Students".

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

N.U.S. Policy Committee. Committee Room E, 1.00 p.m.

Blues and Soul Soc.'s second meeting in Committee Room E, 1.00 p.m.

"Does God Exist": Professor J. Hick (Birmingham University) and Dr. L. Peters (Leeds University).

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Ballroom Dance Soc.'s Social and Dance in Dennis Altman's Ballroom, and NOT in Tetley Hall as previously arranged.

Railway Society. Houldsworth School. "The Festioniog Railway": Bill Cross.

Closing date for Car Competition.

Christian Union Open Meeting. Real Christianity, "Its centre is Jesus Christ": Mr. Don Hinchcliffe. R.B.L.T., 1.15 to 1.30 p.m.

"News on 4", Network 4's Broadcast at 1.15 p.m. every Tuesday in the M.J. and T.V. room in the Union, and the Rupert Becket, and L.g. in the Arts Block.

"God and Evil": Dr. H. Meynell and Mr. C. M. Cope (both Leeds).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

L.U.U. Debating Soc.: 'This house believes that God is dead'. Opposed by Rev. Malcolm Stonestreet, St. Chad's, Leeds.

"God and Morality": Fr. M. Jarrett-Kerr (Community of the Resurrection) and Mr. M. Milligan (Leeds).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Action Soc. Social and Discussion, led by Charles Kitchell (Samaritans). O.S.A. room, 7.30 p.m.

"God and Human Progress": Speakers to be arranged. Agric. Food Auction, 12.30 p.m., Union Steps.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Bar-b-que set at Wintersett. See notice board. Archaeological Soc. Outing. See notice board.

Pres. Cong. and Baptist Soc.'s Bonfire Night at Headingley Hill, 8.00 p.m.

The Fleetwood Mac, Diane Ferray and the Ferris Wheel. Hop. Union, 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Marxist Soc. 50th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution at St. Pancras Town Hall, London, W.1. See notice board.

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POMPOUS Poster Minestream must go.

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1967 FOLK BLUES FESTIVAL

THE great attraction of this festival lay in the names of **Son House**, **Skip James** and **Booker White**—all legendary figures in **Country Blues** for their classic recordings in the 30's and 40's, and all rediscovered individually some three years ago. They, alone, made our recent trip to Newcastle more than worthwhile.

Booker White was first on stage and immediately received full attention for his harsh vocal on 'Hello Central', and also for his thrashing bottleneck playing on a steel-bodied guitar. His other numbers included a dynamic version of 'Aberdeen, Mississippi Blues'. At a later concert in London the audience were treated to a version of his rare 'Poor Boy', featuring guitar played Hawaiian style, also to a fine version of 'Fixin' to die'.

The **City Blues** were represented by **Hound Dog Taylor** (guitar), **Little Walker** (harmonica), **Dillard Gume** (bass) and **Odie Payne** (drums). **Hound Dog** sang well in the **Elmore James** style, but the tone of his guitar sounded poor and his playing was somewhat clichéd. **Little Walker** was similarly disappointing on this occasion, although 'Blues with Feeling' was quite acceptable.

eric smith

The great **Son House** then treated us to a blues style little changed for some forty years, although, admittedly, this includes a fifteen-year period when he did not play at all. In 'Death Letter' (the same song that **My Black Mama** recorded in 1930) we heard an assured vocal containing some really expressive snatches of falsetto and witnessed some beautifully vibrant bottleneck playing on another National steel guitar. This style was admirably duplicated in 'Preachin' Blues' and 'Empire State Express'. **Son** is perhaps particularly revered for having taught some guitar to the truly legendary **Robert Johnson**. Recalling the standard of **Johnson's** playing prior to his untimely death, **Son** remarked later, "He was coming along real fine." Thus one wonders whether **Johnson** could have become even more of a superlative bluesman.

After the interval, **Skip James** was the final representative of **Country Blues**, and was particularly enthralling for his unique style, resulting from a self-taught guitarist singing his own compositions. Strange, unpredictable patterns emerged from his high-pitched singing and his exploratory finger-style guitar playing, particularly on 'Hard Time Killing Floor'. That he writes solely about his own experience was amply illustrated in 'Washington D.C. Hospital Blues', written at the

QUATERMAS EMERGES FROM THE PIT IN TRIUMPH

IT comes as a pleasant change after two or three weeks of quite serious films to have a couple of solid entertainment jobs to review.

First on the list, **Hammer** films' latest offering, **Quatermass And The Pit** (A.B.C. next week).

This one, you will doubtless remember as a television serial of some time ago. The film version is at least as good, and in many ways better. It has colour, for a start; it also has a good cast (**Andrew Keir** and **Barbara Shelley**).

The story concerns the discovery of a spaceship, buried near a tube station in London. The hull of the ship is unaffected by even the most powerful man-made drill.

Professor **Quatermass**, who arrives on the scene by

coincidence, determines that the spaceship must have come from Mars millions of years ago. Nobody believes his story, until the ship comes to life ("mass into energy," explains **Quatermass**), creating havoc which is stopped only by the heroism of **Quatermass's** colleague.

Nigel Kneale's screenplay shows a fair knowledge of science. Even though the events are clearly fictional, they bear that vague air of authenticity essential for a successful S.F. film.

Hammer have been known to produce films of this nature that have flopped miserably through crude special effects. Not so here. Director **Roy Ward Baker** has done a terrific job with his tube station set



Investigation goes on in "Quatermass And The Pit" (it's really Jack Straw?)

looking so ordinary and of this world that one is inclined to agree with the opposition to **Quatermass**, that the spaceship might be a World War Two propaganda stunt that misfired.

Particularly impressive are the final scenes where a normal, flippant mob of cameramen and reporters become terrified and flee for their lives as buildings crash to the ground around them, reducing what had only seconds before been an ordinary London street into a heap of rubble.

Only at this point does the film fail badly. This is when **Quatermass**, a man with no name—if anything surpasses **A Fistful Of Dollars**.

intersecting rings and says, "Aha! A pentagon."

Even schoolchildren (who, unfortunately, will have to miss the pleasures this film would hold for them because of its preposterous 'X' certificate) would notice that one.

IT isn't often that a sequel lives up to its predecessor—witness the recent attempts to revive **The Magnificent Seven** and **The Gunfighter**. But **For A Few Dollars More** (HEADROW ODEON next week)—the second of what promises to be a long series of Westerns starring "The man with no name"—if anything surpasses **A Fistful Of Dollars**.

Director **Sergio Leone** has captured a formula with these **Clint Eastwood** pictures that is sure to catch on as big as **Bond**.

The theme this time is bounty-hunting. **Clint Eastwood**, still wearing the same beat-up poncho, joins **Lee Van Cleef** (a welcome return to the hunting down **Indio** (Gian screen after a long absence) in **Mario Volante**, a notorious Mexican bandit.

Leone's style is positively cool. Long, soft-pedalled sequences of inaction are followed by brisk, beautifully filmed killings. All the twists and double twists of **A Fistful Of Dollars** are there, so is the grating percussion-ridden score.

Performances are first rate. **Eastwood**, of course, is required to do little other than remain stony-faced and chew cigarettes menacingly. This he could do (and in one sequence does) with his hands tied behind his back.

But among the rest are some neatly polished pieces of acting. **Van Cleef's** cautious, intelligent bounty-hunter is thoroughly convincing. Particularly notable is **Klaus Kinski**, who gets his in the guts not before he has given us a fine piece of neurotic villainy.

Only the opening of the film is a little dubious. A man, unknown, and quite irrelevant

HERE COMES FLEETWOOD MAC

SATURDAY night at the **Union** showcases two recently formed bands, both from the **Rik Gunnell** stable, fast making their presence felt on the club college circuit. The **Fleetwood Mac** consists of **Peter Green** (guitar, harp, vocals), **Mike Fleetwood** (drums), **John McVie** (bass) and **Jeremy Spencer** (slide guitar, vocals); the first three were formerly with **John Mayall's Bluesbreakers** and they retain their integrity as blues musicians. **Peter Green** is considered one of the finest blues guitarists in Europe; he is heard to good effect on the **John Mayall 'Hard Road'** album. The band has been chosen by **Mike Vernon**, Britain's foremost Blues record producer, to launch **CBS's Blue Horizon** label. Their act fea-



Diane Ferray and the Ferris Wheel, who appear at Saturday's Hop.

tures the contrasting styles of **Green**, playing in the idiom of **Otis Rush** and **Buddy Guy**,

time of his rediscovery, 'A Hard Time', written during the Depression, and 'Illinois Blues'. The picture of this pensive man singing his wistful songs will not dim easily.

The rhythm section then returned to back the 'soul blues lady singer, **Koko Taylor**. Her strident singing came over best on 'Rock me baby' and 'Wand dang doodle'. The show was closed by the well-known duo, **Sonny Terry** and **Brownie McGhee**, who never fail to entertain. They gave a spirited performance of 'Rock Island Line' while 'This Sporting Life' received a fine blues treatment. 'Walk On' was a rousing number which also acted as a finale.

In all, a pretty satisfying concert, if somewhat unbalanced, with three old-timers deserving top honours for doing a magnificent job by simply being themselves.

hop phil rawkins john evans

and **Jeremy Spencer** on slide guitar, in the **Elmore James** tradition. Their performance should prove that Blues can appeal to the unconverted.

MORE LEEDS NEWCOMERS

Diane Ferray and the **Ferris Wheel**, like the **Fleetwood Mac**, make their first appearance in Leeds on Saturday. The **Ferris Wheel** were formerly the **Checkmates**, while **Diane Ferray** sang with **Nicky Scott** back in the days of 'Ready, Steady, Go'. **Soul** and **Motown** are well represented in their repertoire, although their recently-released **Pye** single shows that their music is not confined within these limits.

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LEEDS SHINE IN NORTHERN LIGHTS

Univ. Motor Club come 2nd by ALAN RAM

AS the saner inhabitants of Leeds were taking to their beds last Saturday night, a battered A60 driven—I use the term loosely, by Paul Sinclair, could be seen thrashing its way along the York road in search of a motor rally.

The "Northern Lights" is the biggest event in the University Motor Club's calendar, and this year's (the 12th) attracted entries from motor clubs all over the north, including drivers of international repute like Jack Tordoff and Chris Short, to whom rallying is a way of life.

PREPARATION

Phil Short, the rally organiser, and a team of willing helpers had been making preparations for six months, starting with a trip down to R.A.C. offices in March, where the proposed route was submitted for approval. This approval is often difficult to get since the same road for a rally more than once in any month, and there are only a limited number of roads that will test driver's skill and nerves to the utmost.

The cars, souped up Minis and Cortina G.T.'s for the most part, started off at one minute intervals from Bradford, with the last car leaving at 11 p.m. Armed with enthusiasm and a set of map references, the drivers snaked their way through the North and West Ridings towards "Buckles Inn" Tadcaster, the finishing line, where breakfast was laid on for 7 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Having missed the start, Paul and I planned to meet up with the rally somewhere en route.

We knocked up the police at Tadcaster, who helped us to translate an illegible map reference and an incomprehensible note into some concrete point to aim for.

"Ampleforth's the place", they said; so Ampleforth it was. We negotiated miles of tiny pot-holed tracks, laughingly sheltered under the title of "B" class roads, but never found Ampleforth.

TIME CONTROL

Eventually we stumbled across a couple of rally stewards who informed us that we were in the middle of a "Time Control", and that if we didn't mind the idea of a bout of fisticuffs with the driver of the next car to arrive, we could stay right where we were.

We moved up the hill a bit. Every minute or so, a pair of headlights appeared in the distance, and a car flashed through a fearsome looking "S" bend before grinding to a halt



Jack Cooke and navigator Bob West study the map. They came second in the expert class.

at the time control. A few seconds later it was off again, over private land this time, sliding and skidding along a muddy path on one of the special stages, where time was lost for being a second either way of the specified time.

HALF WAY

At the half-way mark in the rally, there was a compulsory halt for an hour, where Paul would have taken some dramatic all-action pics, but the flash-gun was defunct, and headlights are a poor second best. We thought one of the shots we didn't get worthy of mention anyway—one of the Sec. of Motor club in a state of almost indecent exposure (unbeknown to her) in the execution of her duty. It would have been the photo of a lifetime.

EFFICIENCY

The efficiency of the organisation was impressive. Stewards ushered cars in and out of the check-points without any of the fraying of tempers which apparently, is part and parcel of the relationships between the rally officials and competitors. A tent had been erected by the roadside and here the results team—which included an accountant brought from London especially for the occasion—correlated the mass of information about times and penalties, which came in from various time controls.

Some drivers just walked about to stretch their legs; others sat in their cars puzzling over maps and charts. A few examined the damage they had suffered in terms of dents and scratches. A converted bus, supplied by York University Motor Club, served hot soup and coffee to the crews, who were obviously enjoying the night's sport. One poor unfortunate had been booked for speeding, and Brian Eadie had skidded round a left hand bend into a ditch and been stuck for an hour.

In my ignorance, I thought that the object of a rally was to get from start to finish as quickly as possible, with checks at various points to make sure that the cars followed the prescribed course. The charming Miss Henson (Sec. of Motor Club) assured me that this was not so. Apparently it is as much a test of navigating and being able to drive to time as anything else—although the most skilful and experienced drivers combine this with an ability to drive fast and still arrive in one piece.

The second half of the rally, much of it over rough country, and almost none of it over "A" class roads, proved, so I am told, sur-

prisingly easy to negotiate by rally standards. The faster cars were able to make up ground, and the first cars home pulled into the car park at "Buckles Inn" almost on the dot of 7 o'clock.

The pub was taken over completely by the rally. Officials worked feverishly on the results, and I was driven out of the room by the weight of disapproving frowns and comment my irrelevant questions produced.

COMPETITION

I hastened back to the lounge bar, a mass of bodies, standing, seated or just sprawled asleep in any convenient nook or cranny that presented itself. I had a word with Chris Short and Jack Tordoff the biggest names in the rally, who both said that it compared favourably in every way with any motor club rally. These sentiments were echoed later on by Bob West, navigator for Jerry Cooke, whose entry from the University Motor Club came



A disconsolate navigator shivers in the freezing Yorkshire night, after losing her driver in the dark.

second in the expert class. They both gave credit to Phil Short and Dave Faulkner, the chief marshal, and, added Bob, "top international competitors like Tordoff and Cooper make people keen.

There was a long wait for the results, but no one seemed to mind. Comments like "There we were in that last special stage, crash helmets on, doing 45 m.p.h. through wheel deep mud" and "Then we knocked down one of the damned arrows; ploughed straight through the bloody shrubbery," helped to keep us awake. Rallies can be won or lost by the meanest whim of fortune—a time card lost, a wrong turn taken, and it surprised no one to discover that it was the fourth seeded "Cooper S" of Gerry Clark and Tony Vibes who had won the experts section, and the first three seeds did not figure in the first six. But as Bob West said, "If it's a good rally they come again, and this was a good one".

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JOHN TOUGH NEW V-P

17 per cent Poll

DEBATES

The debate following Wednesday's motion on the Anglo-Rhodesia Society was, by contrast, completely frivolous. Its success testifies to the versatility of Phil Kelly and to the catholic taste of the House.

Proposing that "This House would grant Guy Fawkes an Immediate Free Pardon" Mr. Kelly crowned his earlier triumph and so confused dates that he convinced everyone that Guy Fawkes was merely implementing Wilson's policy on the Lords until George Wigg discovered the Plot. Vainly attempting to be serious he suggested that violence was sometimes necessary.

Anita Harding from Bingley opposed by likening Kelly to the traitorous Fawkes who would resent being pardoned.

She concluded that men had a right to rebel and to believe in what they were doing.

Tim Caudery, in an excellent maiden platform speech proved a brilliant advocate for Fawkes who needed his matches for smoking and whose confession was mere temporary insanity. Deploring the money collected by "guys" he said there were plenty of other straw effigies (sic).

Bingley's Karl Zanpt opposed on the grounds that Kelly would also have to be pardoned and burnt. This may be one reason why the motion was passed.

This week's eleven floor contributions were all good and it is most pleasing to see that more people are keen to speak. JOHN JONES

Landlord defends

MAJOR alterations are due to be completed shortly at 126 Otley Road where students who were accommodated there at the beginning of this session, complained of overcrowding and high rents.

After investigating the complaints, and talking to the landlord, Mr. G. Stephenson, Assistant Registrar, wrote to the students and told them that the landlord had agreed to make alternative rooms available in order that there would be no more than two students to a room.

Originally there were sixteen rooms to accommodate 28 people. There will now be nineteen rooms for 29 people.

Fifteen of the twenty-eight students who moved in at the beginning of October have found alternative accommodation.

The landlord, Mr. Flynn, who has housed students in two other properties for over five years, told the "Union News": "This is the first time I have ever had any trouble".

He invited our reporter to visit the rooms in Otley Road "to see things for yourself".

"I have nearly £16,000 invested in this property" said Mr. Flynn. "The house used to be a school, and when I bought it, there were practically no facilities here at all. I am now spending some thousands on the alterations.

Mr. Flynn went on to explain that after the first week of term he had had no complaints from the students at all, but 14 of them had found other accommodation without giving any reason. "If you don't know whose complaining, or what

they are complaining about, how can you be expected to do anything?" Mr. Flynn asked.

NOTICE

He said that he had had to give notice to one student, and that four others caused disturbances because they played musical instruments too loudly.

In answer to allegations of crowded washing facilities the landlord then showed our reporter the communal wash-room, which is equipped with five showers and seven wash basins. One of the basins was smashed beyond repair, and a shower fitting had been taken.

"As for the overcrowding, I have never seen queues here" said Mr. Flynn. "It's not as if everybody wants to use the washroom at the same time."

"I have no idea who broke the basin, or damaged the shower. Nobody has told me."

Mr. Flynn said that a new mattress had also been ruined beyond repair.

Questioned about complaints of overcharging, Mr. Flynn said: "I really do not think that eighteen shillings a day is too much for the facilities the students get here. He emphasised that he would not be putting rents down. "I am running this as a business concern. If students are not happy, they do not have to stay here. There is certainly no point in the dissatisfied few spoiling it for the others".

My Flynn added that he had had no trouble in payment of bills.

JOHN TOUGH, post-graduate in engineering and acting House Secretary is the new Male Vice-President. In a three-cornered fight he gained a clear majority over his nearest rival, Graham Oakes. Michael Bennett, a 2nd year engineer was the third candidate. On the first ballot the difference was 94; after alternative votes cast by electors who chose the third candidate had been reallocated, Tough's majority rose to 107.

The post of Vice-President had been vacant since September, when the previous vice-president left the university, after failing his exams. Mr. Tough, who has been temporary House Secretary since the beginning of term, will now hold office until the end of the session.

After his election the new Vice-President explained his job and announced his intentions for the coming session. He described himself as a permanent stand-by to the President adding that he would probably be called upon to perform presidential functions when Mr. Straw is called away on N.U.S. service later in the year.

LESS OPEN

"I'm less open to attacks than the President, and can shelter behind him if I need to. Although I'd like to refer to Union Executive as often as possible, I'm able to make decisions without executive permission."

Other duties of the Vice-President include responsibility for organisation of external and internal information services. He must inform Union members of events within the University and has oversight of Services Section.

NURSERY

Mr. Tough included as one of the main points in his manifesto the idea of a Union Nursery. "A working party has been set up," he said, "and if there are no construction and contract difficulties building should be completed in five months". He regarded the concept of a nursery as almost as big an advance in child welfare as in student welfare. "I consider it one of the biggest achievements of the academic year".

When it opens, the nursery will have room for thirty children—but the figure could easily be raised to a hundred. Children of members of the staff will be admitted if space is available.

MAY-WEEK

Another of Mr. Tough's proposals is to enliven the end of

the session by introducing a "May-week". This would give performing societies as well as students the chance to relax after exams.

In his statement as runner-up Mr. Graham Oakes, third year theologian said: "I guessed I've missed the bus again, but the Union has made its choice in a democratic manner. I only hope for its own sake that it has made the correct choice. I wish Mr. John Tough every success in his new job. As for myself I shall continue to serve the Union in the best way that I can. I am saddened by the fact that so few people voted in the elections".

VOTES

In the male vice-presidential election, the votes cast were: Michael Bennett, 275 votes; Graham Oakes, 427 votes; John Tough, 523 votes. After the 2nd and 3rd votes cast by those who chose Bennett had been transferred, the final figure was: Tough, 653 votes; Oakes, 544.

The following were elected to the five open seats on Union Committee: Leo Smith, 620 votes; Carol Smith, 590; Ian Shuttleworth, 556; Rosamund d'Estre Paul, 538, Elizabeth Wilcox, 519.

Polling was very slow over the two days and only about 17% of the Union membership voted.

Bar fire extinguished

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, the Fire Brigade were called to a fire in the kitchen behind the Union Bar. A Bar Steward told a Union News reporter that a smouldering cigarette end, which had been cleared into a cardboard box along with other rubbish, started a small fire and filled the room with smoke. Security officials who discovered the fire, called the Fire Brigade, and the fire was soon extinguished.

A large hole in the floor was made and a chair was set alight. Five pounds worth of damage in all was said to have been caused to the kitchen area but this did not interfere with lunch time service on Wednesday. The Fire Brigade congratulated the bar staff on their existing anti-fire precautions. Executive stated that precautions are being taken to prevent a re-occurrence of this nature.



Mr. Blood, Returning Officer, announces the result.

RAMELSON AT COMMUNIST SOC.

"The Red Plot is an absolute slander, a deliberate lie," said Bert Ramelson at the Communist Society meeting on Tuesday lunchtime. He denied the existence of a "a secret conclave involving Trade Unionists, to foster industrial strife to wreck the economy," loudly and vehemently.

During the meeting Ramelson, the Leeds Communist Party Candidate, stated that the government are trying to destroy the right of organisation in Trade Unions. He claimed that Trade Union officials aimed to frustrate the objections of the workers by not giving them any say in policies. While this continues, he said, the workers would form unofficial movements and the Communist party would support them.

Ramelson claimed that the Communist party has never made any secret of its activity in these fields. On the contrary far from being a conspiracy it is proud of the part that it takes in these struggles. He added that "with forty years experience of providing rank and file leadership" it will do its utmost "to extend solidarity an dorganise support" for any branch of workers.

The meeting which was mainly well-disposed towards Ramelson began to liven up when a heckler, John Gale, prominent Marxist, began to speak, and refused to be silenced. He became more subdued when threatened with ejection from the meeting. However he continued to interrupt the speaker.

Questions were then allowed and one marxist had a great deal to say about the inaction

of the Communist Party in the recent dock-strikes.

He was silenced with difficulty by those around him so that Ramelson could reply. He did so, rather unsatisfactorily, by claiming that his opponent was totally ignorant of the situation. The proceedings then began to get rather noisy. Tempers were simmering on all sides and the meeting considerably over-ran its time.

£4,400 for Union Extensions

£4,400 will be taken out of Union reserves to meet the cost of additional items requested by the Union in the first stage of The Union Extensions which could not be met within the limit of expenditure fixed by the University Grants Committee. It is hoped that work will start about Christmas, but every effort is being made to encourage an earlier start. In any case work must be completed by 1st July 1969 ready for use in the following October.

The £4,400 will cover the cost of the hot water system, a beer cooling system and wiring in the Debates Chamber, so that it can also be used for plays.

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