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Union policy implemented on lodgings

FLATS FOR FRESHERS

By Andy Chapman

U.C. in brief

- Lasted 9½ hours and:
- Censured the President for failing to call a special meeting of Convocation as she was required to do by the last U.C.
 - Agreed to send a stiff memo to the University about lack of space in the Union next session.
 - Is asking the July meeting of the University finance committee for an increase in the Union fee.
 - Recommended that Summer Exec. be allowed to take emergency decisions over the long vac.
 - Agreed that a list of pledges made at hustings by successful U.C. candidates be compiled and displayed during their terms of office.
 - Recommended that disciplinary action be taken against the people who wrecked the Games Room.
 - Recommended that if the the University refuse to set up catering facilities in the evenings and at weekends the Union should consider providing its own.
 - Asked that the Vending Room again be brought under Union control.
 - Agreed that the Union should contribute to a set of trophies to commemorate the deaths of four Judo club members in a road accident.
 - Donated small sums of money to numerous charities, including C.O.R.E., Medical Aid in Vietnam and Shelter.
 - Recommended that the Accommodation committee publicises next term the services it provides to help individual students.
 - Mandated the student members of the staff-student committee to protest about the Lodgings Office.
 - Recommended that Brewing Society be not recognised.
 - Dissolved, and became Joint U.C. with Mike Redwood as Chairman which Elected: M. J. Evans as the Catering Secretary; Mike Dillion as Accommodation Secretary; Janet Jurica as Overseas Secretary; Martin Verity as Education and Welfare Secretary.



Jane Feather, the star of Network Four's show "Rolling Over" relaxes whilst she waits to rise to stardom.

Leeds delegate slams Lord Mayor

LAST Thursday, the Lord Mayor was accused of uttering offensive remarks at the inauguration of Leeds Council for Community Relations held at the council chamber. The accusation occurred during an election for the post of chairman of the council.

After a vote was taken for the successful candidate, Rev. J. M. Furness, a request was made for a count to be taken of votes for the other candidate, Mr. Errol James (United Caribbean Association).

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Bretherick, who was in

the chair, then said, "I suppose I'd better take the other vote to please them."

This produced sharp rebukes from Mrs. Maureen Baker (Leeds Congress of Racial Equality) and Frank Moore, (representing Leeds University Union).

Having confused amendments to the draft constitution of the council, the Lord Mayor

ignored a resolution proposed by Mrs. Baker which was seconded, Mr. Moore then attempted to point out the correct procedure on a point of order but was told to "be quiet and sit down". The constitution was accepted by 30 votes to 10 with 8 abstentions.

Later, an attempt was made by the Lord Mayor to remove one election from the printed agenda and to fill the post with a nominee from the City Council. This idea met with the disapproval of a large section of the meeting, and the chair bowed to pressure.

Apology

In closing the meeting, the Lord Mayor apologised for, "What was a very difficult meeting." Frank Moore commented, "I have never attended such a poorly organised and blatantly undemocratic meeting. I never anticipated that we would be treated with such contempt by the Lord Mayor."

Alderman Bretherick denied that he had been rude to Mr. Moore. He said, "He jumped up on a point of order and wanted to make a long speech, which cannot be done. This is a basic rule of procedure. When he refused to sit down, he was shouted down by the delegates, not by me."

He continued, "My statement about the election has been completely misconstrued. I only meant that I wanted everybody to have a say."

Finally, the Lord Mayor added, "Mr. Moore kept on wanting to rule things out of order, and was not doing any good at all. There was difficulty because there was no constitution and we were trying to fix one."

SENATE has ratified a new system which removes the element of compulsion from regulations governing student accommodation.

This follows recommendations which were put forward by the student representatives on the Joint Committee on Student Accommodation.

The staff-student working party on regulations discussed the problems over a series of eight meetings and forwarded a report to Senate making proposals that will be brought into complete operation in time for the next intake of students in October 1970.

Interpretation

Meanwhile the present regulations will be interpreted as liberally as possible.

The main change is that from 1st October 1970, the University will operate two services. One for inspected and approved accommodation governed by regulations, and one simply providing addresses where accommodation may be found.

First year students may opt into the 'approved' scheme and will then be allocated accommodation before they arrive in Leeds.

Approved accommodation which may be allocated to first year students will, from October 1970, include the additional category of private flats (as well as the present types of accommodation) provided the parents' approval has been obtained for those under the age of majority.

Under the "addresses-only" system, students will not be

able to recruit the aid of the lodgings office if they have a complaint over accommodation.

Mr. Ian Morrison, University Information Officer explained, "A student will be able to get hold of a flat for a pound a week if he wishes, but will not be able to complain to the lodgings office if it is sub-standard."

The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Roger Stevens, said, "The University has adopted the policy which is most helpful to students."

"Our basic responsibility to provide accommodation for those who ask to find it, remains, but the restrictions on those who wish their own responsibility to live in unclassified and private accommodation of their own choice, have been lifted.

Majority

"It is expected that the majority of students will choose to enlist the University's help to find them good accommodation and accept such rules as go with it."

Detailed residence regulations will be drawn up by the staff and students serving on the Joint Committee for Student Accommodation.

Union President Shona Falconer said, "This is something for which we have been working over the last five years or more. We are delighted that the University has recognised the sense in our arguments."

Strike at Bingley

AFTER a dispute at Bingley College of Education, students went on strike. The official strike, which lasted approx. 1 week, ended on Wednesday after a meeting between the principal Dr. Butcher and the strikers.

The strike started unofficially and was made official at an O.G.M., at which about half the students attended.

Motion

The motion was carried by quite a large majority, but it was apparent that a large number of students did not agree with the strike. There are 600 students at the college, 200 of whom came out on strike.

The strike began over the suspension of two 3rd year students for moral reasons. The student body did not disagree with this ruling but with the way it was handled by the principal.

The principal asked for a letter from the students guaranteeing good behaviour. These letters were somehow mislaid but they arrived eventually.

The students then went on a trip to Blackpool and the principal considered this to be a breach of the agreement.

The two students, who had previously been suspended until their exams, were suspended from the college for a further period and regarded in the future as non-members of the college.

No Comment

The principal refused to comment to the press. On Wednesday, he called a meeting of the strikers and said that the consequences of the strike could be dire indeed. The dispute has been passed on for the Governors to decide.

Meanwhile, the strike is suspended. Two years ago, the staff of the college successfully removed the previous principal. The college has seen a great deal of unrest in the last few years.

Union Help For Student Delegates

STUDENT Representatives on Staff-Student committees discussed their success and compared notes at Wednesday's meeting of the Education and Welfare Committee.

According to the reports received, they have had major successes with minor problems, but when they raised the questions of exams and alterations to courses they encountered serious opposition.

A member of the Engineering Department Staff-Student Committee said that it was worth being on them to prove how ineffective they are.

The Education and Welfare Committee plans to bring out a bulletin next session for all students who are on these com-

mittees to help them by disseminating information.

"The Union is not trying to take over the Staff-Student committees," said Martin Verity. "This meeting was held at the request of students on these committees to provide a central forum for discussion."

The result of the meeting was that the students on the committees asked,

Anne Suffolk said, "The Union can play an important part in helping Staff-Student committees through meetings such as this and by circulating information about what is going on in other departments and in Union administration."

HELICOPTER LANDS TO POLICE PROBE

by Kevin Overbury

THE Police last week came to the University to investigate the landing of an R.A.F. "Wessex" helicopter in front of the new Mathematics block.

Said the Pilot, Squadron Leader Morrell: "They came to see if we had permission to land. We invariably get them if we land anywhere near a large town or city."

Permission

"We had landing permission from the Leeds/Bradford airport and we had informed the local police. There seems to have been a lack of communication somewhere."

The helicopter was on the campus for about four hours. Its pilot, together with Professor Price of the Mathematics department were investigating the possibility of lifting a second helicopter on to the roof of the new Mathematics block.

The other helicopter, a Sketter Mk. 12 two-seater, has

recently been purchased from the R.A.F. by the Mathematics Department to help students studying aerodynamics. The University bought it much cheaper than it would otherwise have been on conditions that it was not flown.

Professor Price, head of the Mathematics for Applied Science department, who was responsible for the purchase, believes that it will help students understanding of a difficult subject if they can "get their hands on to the hardware."

Roof

At present the Skeeter is in one of the Physics Labs and will probably be transferred on to the roof in a month to six weeks time.

Professor Price says, "We could have got it moved by a crane, but there is a certain publicity element in all this, it is good for the R.A.F. and it is good for the University."



The R.A.F. Wessex helicopter which landed on the campus

Students help Armley children

A PLAY Centre has been started in the Armley area of Leeds by a group of University students who call themselves "Avenues Action."

Tim Hawkins, one of the organisers said that the Play Centre sprung from the "Leeds Poverty '69" exhibition held in the Union foyer earlier this year.

It has been in operation for six weeks and regularly has an attendance of up to one hundred and fifty children between five and eleven years old.

Activities

Activities organised for the children vary between drawing pictures for the youngest to riding on an aerial ropeway for the older and more energetic.

"We provide as many activities as we can, both indoors and out" said an organiser, "and the children keep coming back, so they must enjoy themselves."

The group hopes to extend its activities to include film shows

and demonstrations by local societies as well as local artists who think they can entertain children.

Children

The play centre is held every Saturday morning in St. Mary's Church Hall, Tong Road. It lasts for two hours but:

"It feels like twenty, but it's very enjoyable really."

"The main qualifications are a liking for children and lots of energy."

Avenues Action set their aims more at helping the area in general than simply providing a play centre, but feel that helping the children is a good way of getting through to the parents.

One problem the group has met is that many of the students will soon be going away. This is somewhat countered by the number of nurses who are members, but even so more helpers are required for the vac. and for next year.

Students' stress investigated

THE Union Working Party on Psychological stress, which was set up last term has started work.

The major task being tackled is the building up of a body of information about drop-out rates in the Universities and departments.

Inquiries are being made into the systems used to prevent the high number of drop-outs who fail their exams for non-academic reasons. These

include personal tutor systems.

The working party has set up an offshoot of 'Action Society', known as 'Internal Affairs', to help students who have no one else to consult, and will deal with any kind of problem. They will hold an experiment during 'Freshers' Conference.

The working party is organised by female student Rose Newport.

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Turkish Graduates 'Exploited'

AFTER they have completed their degree course, all Turkish students have their passports stopped and are forced to return to Turkey and work for a minimal wage of about £11 a week for the Turkish government.

This is a condition which the Turkish government demands before it will pay the £5,000 it costs for a student's education.

Students have to work for their government for double the time their education takes, often as long as sixteen or twenty years. This usually means the government makes a profit of £25,000 per student, which is seen by many as "criminal exploitation."

It is theoretically possible for a student to buy himself out of this condition if he is able to repay the £5,000 which his education costs. This is generally impossible as the low wage paid does not allow this amount of money to be saved.

Turkish students typically take eight years to obtain a bachelors degree as they must spend some years learning English before they begin their actual degree course.

O.G.M. INQUORATE

ONLY about 80 people turned up to the O.G.M. on Monday, the meeting was inquorate and was dissolved by Union President, Shona Falconer, with the permission of the meeting.



STUDENT WORLD

EXETER

Following a recent decision of Senate, all students will be free to decide where they wish to live. First year students will no longer have to live in halls or lodgings. The ruling is a success for the Guild of students, who have been campaigning for freedom of residence for some time. A representative of the Guild said that the success was due to, "Informal pressure and informed argument."

ROME

About 300 students barricaded themselves in Rome University's chemistry faculty. They were demanding the abolition of a rule that bars them from taking third-year examinations without first having passed those for the first and second years. They also demanded the abolition of written tests for subjects in which they are examined orally.

DURHAM

Mr. John Bell, a former president, alleged that officials of the Conservative Association had supplied the police with the names of militant left-wing students in the university. The allegation was made in the Daily Mirror. Mr. Bell said

that a member of the special branch asked him to "let him know the names of students who were potential trouble-makers."

The allegations were strenuously denied by the Conservative Association. The president said that the allegations had been made completely out of context, as the incidents concerned a visit to the university by Mr. John Boyd-Carpenter, a Conservative M.P., and they feared that a kidnap plot might have been arranged. As a result, the Association had asked the police to provide protection.

SUSSEX

Council has stopped the Union grant to Wine Press, the newspaper of the University of Sussex. This follows a request by the paper to Council for a subsidy of £1,650 to enable it to be published in its present form next year. The Finance committee had recommended an allocation of £1,400, but an amendment proposing that Council should "delete all references to Wine Press and to re-allocate the money", was passed by 24 votes to 7 with 8 abstentions.

An editorial headed, "The Presses Fall Silent" says that "Council has removed its only constant critic, the only coherent voice on the campus,

the only forum for free expression undistorted by the gnawing chains of doctrinaire policies."

SALFORD

An emergency general meeting has reversed an earlier decision of Union Council that the University of Salford should not be affiliated to N.U.S.

The proposer of the motion, Mr. Koj Rogers, maintained that it was local negotiation that counted, and that N.U.S. was irrelevant to Salford's needs. He also said that N.U.S. held no advantages for obtaining concessions and insurance.

SHEFFIELD

A second year Geography student has claimed that he was assaulted by his 78-year-old landlady, following a disagreement about rent.

He alleged that she grabbed him by the throat, hit him with a two-foot dowel, and then later walked into the bathroom and insulted him while he was taking a bath.

The student said that he later asked a friend to come in and stay the night as the other students in the digs were away, and he feared further actions on the part of the landlady.

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TRADE UNION ROW IN SECURITY

A ROW has broken out in the security office over the promotion of Mr. Jack Smith, who was at one time the most volatile critic of the force, and in particular, the para-military system of ranks.

Union News received a letter violently attacking Mr. Smith for accepting promotion. The letter, which also accuses him of betraying his friends in the service, was signed, "Security Patrolmen."

Tractor

Part of the letter reads, "... He seems to have forsaken the principles he said he was willing to strike and fight for, and in the eyes of every patrolman has sunk so low that a snake is a friend by comparison. What we would like to know is ... how the University can trust a man who is a known traitor without any integrity whatsoever as seems to be the trait of the Smiths of late."

The rest of the letter is written in a similar vein, but is, in the opinion of our legal advisors, defamatory, so we cannot publish it.

A second letter was received from the shop steward of the National Union of Public Employees for the security force, Mr. Eric Squires.

The letter purports to be a copy of a letter sent by Mr. Jack Smith to Mr. D. Smith,

volunteering for extra work, and says, "Re Patrolmen's complaint on Mr. J. Smith. This is a copy of a report (typical) that Mr. J. Smith has sent in to Mr. D. Smith."

"Union News" asked Mr. Squires exactly what the men's complaint was. He said, "Jack Smith gave his notice in, and withdrew it two days later. Then he was made a corporal."

He continued, "He had always been most adamant about getting rid of the system of ranks, and yet he has taken this promotion. However, the system of stripes has been abolished, as have the 'army' ranks."

When asked what action the men had taken, Mr. Squires said, "We have all sent him to Coventry and we want to get him expelled from the Union."

Jack Smith commented "Nothing has been said to me about this matter. The part about having betrayed my friends and giving up my principles is absolute rubbish, as the ranking system, which we had all been fighting against, has been abolished."

When asked about his reported resignation, Mr. Smith said, "I tendered my resignation and was offered a better job, which I turned down."

However, after thinking about it, I changed my mind and asked if I could withdraw my notice."

He continued, "The reason why I changed my mind was that I was offered promotion. Would you refuse promotion? I am certainly not going to refuse money."

Amongst the allegations made against Jack Smith is one that the promotion was offered by Mr. D. Smith in return for assurances that he would not cause trouble.

Mr. Smith replied, "This rumour, like all the others is completely false, and malicious. Someone obviously has an axe to grind."

Mr. Smith then lashed out at Mr. Squire's efficiency as shop steward. "I would remind these people including the shop steward that there has been an abysmal lack of Union procedure. The golden rule is that when there is an internal dispute between members, the shop steward should remain impartial."

Intimidate

He continued, "Squires should learn about his job as shop steward, as he has no idea of the procedure."

Finally, Mr. Smith said, "No-one has ever said anything to me about this matter, and I am going to ignore it. I have never uttered a document in my life that I daren't sign. They are merely trying to intimidate me, and I shall never be intimidated by people who daren't sign letters, as they are cowards of the worst kind."



Mr. Jack Smith

LEEDS CLUBS CLOSE

A NUMBER of Blues and Folk Clubs held in public houses in and around Leeds have recently been closed down.

The Farmers Inn, on Thorsby Road, one of the clubs which has closed said: "One week, the organisers of the club, George and Dave, came in and told us that they would not be coming again. No explanations, no anything."

The Meanwood Hotel stopped its club four to five weeks ago following police action over the fact that they had no music licence. The manager tells us that licences cost £1,000 and that the club was not making enough profit to make it worthwhile to obtain one.

We are informed by the licensing department of Leeds City Police that there has not been any sort of purge against the clubs and that it is "purely coincidental" that so many have stopped at the same time. "I think somebody has been making two twos equal five" said a spokesman.

APATHY AFFECTS DISCOUNT SHOP

IN November 1967 Jason Enterprises approached the Union with the object of introducing a discount scheme for students.

Preliminary talks were held between Jason Enterprises, Jack Straw, and Mike Holingworth.

The outcome was a verbal agreement to try out the scheme, but nothing concrete was done until August 1968, when Jason Enterprises approached the Union again.

Minimal

A contract was drawn up between the Union and the Dealers for the scheme.

The contract will last for one year, either party being able to terminate it by giving three months notice. During the year the parties shall examine the operation of the scheme with the Union on a profit sharing basis.

The Scheme is the only discount scheme in the Union and as such pays all the expenses incurred by the scheme.

The membership fee is five shillings, of which four go to Jason Enterprises. The Union has guaranteed that Jason Enterprises shall receive £400 in fees during the first twelve months, after deduction of the Union portion.

The membership at present is 809 — so the Union may well have to make up the amount needed.

At the beginning of this year — partly through lack of advertising and through apathy on the part of the students, the response was minimal so it was decided that Pete Archer of Jason Enterprises should open up a shop in the Union on a temporary basis to boost sales. In the Spring he opened the shop which was situated in Rag Office.

He said, "I think you'll agree it is not the best place to be seen, though it may have been the only one."

JENNINGS DUCKED

AT the N.U.S. Regional Conference held at York on Saturday, Regional Chairman Pete Jennings was thrown into a lake.

This followed a constitutional wrangle, after which, Mr. Jennings said, "The Leeds and Bradford delegation and other assorted deadbeats walked out."

Mr. Jennings continued, "I was then dragged from the meeting and thrown into the lake by this gang of hate-crazed maniacs."

Fortunately the water was only about four feet deep and Mr. Jennings survived to tell the tale.



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NEWSIGHT "Remember at all times that responsibility is to 8,400 students not 150 in O.G.M". says Shona Falconer

THE SECOND WOMAN PRESIDENT

by John Josephs

WHEN Shona Falconer took up the office of Union President last year, she was only the second woman ever to do so. Many people thought that she was in for a tough time, and some even thought that she would not last out the year, but despite this, she has ridden out all the storms and has enjoyed a very successful year of office.

How has being President changed Shona? She believes that her strength has been the fact that she was an "ordinary student," before she became President, and feels that she is still so. "I still think like a student", she commented, "and I still eat fish and chips in the street". However, despite this, she has come a long way from the girl who was going to wear the same pair of jeans for a year or until they walked off her, and went a long way towards doing so.

She is more self confident and self-assured, and is

trusted by students and staff alike. She added: "The general relationship between the University and the Union has always been good; it only received a slight jolt at the time of the sit-in. There is mutual trust between us."

Charter

How successful has Shona been as President? I reminded her of her "10 point charter" outlined in the first UNION NEWS of the session. She looked through it and said, very pleased with herself "Well, I've done most of those. I've fulfilled my promises as far as

accommodation is concerned, although there is still a lot to do. A model contract is being drawn up with the Union Solicitor, which I hope will make it easier for students to come to agreement with landlords." She continued, "Also, an Executive group has been set up to help with complaints and difficulties over the relaxing of regulations. It consists of the Accommodation Registrar, and the Chairman of the Lodgings Committee." Finally she added, "From October, students living in private flats will be able to pay their landlords direct, without going through the Lodgings Office, although students in lodgings will still have to pay through the Office."

However it has not been all wine and roses for Shona. Her



Shona Falconer in serious mood.

chairing of meetings has, lasted long after the Union has closed, on several occasions, partly if not mainly due to procedural and petty wrangling, which Shona has not been able to control. Also meetings have often degenerated into continuous babble, which a chairman should deal with. Similarly with O.G.M's. These two have frequently been tangled up in procedure.

But the inability to control these things is more the characteristic of a woman, than Shona in particular. Shona could never be another Jack Straw, who dealt with meetings with the ruthlessness of an autocrat. No woman or few men either could do this in Jack's way.

Idiots

Shona spoke about the opposition she had received during her term. "I have learnt the lesson, that no matter what you do, someone doesn't like it and says so loudly," she said. "I am sick of the destructive attitude of some people. I think that the Union is worth something, and I hate to see it being torn apart by idiots." She continued, "Where changes are needed, these must be made from within, not by trying to smash it from outside. Constructive criticism is needed, not just moaning, and being obstructive and destructive." Finally, she commented, "Some of the people involved in Union politics should grow up."

I then asked her what other problems she had been confronted with during her presidency. After thinking for a while, she said, "There have been 3 main problems, all of which are somewhat linked."

The first problem she mentioned was that of O.G.M's, in particular, those which are inquorate. She said, "O.G.M's are totally unrepresentative of the University. The quorum is only 150 out of 8,400, when we get one. There is a lack of time and interest in the Union. O.G.M's must become more representative if they are to command any respect at all."

Coupled with this, is the problem of elected officials. At present the state of affairs as regards the election of representatives on University committees is chaotic, following the passing of a motion in U.C. stating that the members shall be elected by U.C. itself, and is complicated by the fact that certain members are trying to get this resolution rescinded by an O.G.M. Shona said, "Personally, I think it is better if they are elected by U.C. I fight for greater participation on University committees and have increased representation on general, including 4 extra members on the Housing policy committee, and these have to be elected by an O.G.M., but the last O.G.M. was inquorate, and the next one isn't until the end of June. Thus it is over a month since the representation was given, and the members are still not on the committee." She continued, "If they are just 'put on' the committee, there is quite rightly, a row about their not having been elected. It is more practical for U.C. to elect the members, since the O.G.M. system doesn't work. It's excellent in principle, but I think it's time its adherents admitted that as the main ruling body of the Union, it is a disaster in practice."

Finally, there is the problem of mandates. These occur when the Union appoints delegates and instructs them to do certain things in a certain way. Shona commented, "The Union should state its opinion and instruct its delegates to negotiate, but I dislike the system of detailed mandates. The staff especially dislike these, because they are too rigid and there is

no scope for working out a solution. What is needed is a general mandate, which gives the members some scope in which to work. The students must trust their officials."

Advice

Next, I asked Shona if she had any regrets about her year as President. She said that her main regret was that staff-student committees had not worked as well as she had hoped. She continued, "It is a pity that like all elected officers I have only just managed to get on top of the job, and now its practically ended." When asked if she would like to stay on for another year, however, she said that she would not. When asked if she had any advice for Mike Redwood, the next President, she said, "I would advise him not to flog himself in the 1st term, or he will wear himself out. Also, he must realise and accept the fact that there will always be someone who won't like what he is doing, but he must stick by what he thinks is right, and remember at all times that his responsibility is to 8,400 students, not just to 150 or so in an O.G.M., and 22 in U.C."

Successful

This then is Shona Falconer, the "ordinary student" turned Union politician, who has had an extremely successful year in office, despite her critics and those people who were dubious of her ability to run the Union, even though they may have been proved right as far as her chairmanship is concerned. She has achieved most of her aims, and feels that she has benefitted by her experience as President, which will help her in her new job in the Foreign Office. Despite this, Shona is still an undergraduate at heart, and this should be a great asset to her in the future.

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BIAFRAN PROBLEMS FOR LEEDS STUDENTS

by John Josephs

AS the Nigerian war drags on into its third year, and the deathroll runs into millions, the question arises as to how this is affecting the Nigerian and the Biafran students at Leeds, and the degree of help and sympathy they are receiving from their fellow students.

The Biafrans are extremely concerned about the apparent lack of interest in the situation shown by students at Leeds, especially as the British government is playing such an active part.

Involved

Said one Biafran student, "We are surprised and concerned that the Union, which is normally so involved in issues, has been so quiet on the Nigerian war. Is it because Britain is directly involved or is it because a black man is being killed?"

He continued, "The student agitators only agitate where Britain is powerless such as in Vietnam, but they do nothing in this case where a telephone call from Whitehall could stop this war. I want students to take an interest in the war because their government is financing it. I don't care which side they take so long as they get involved."

Also, the Biafrans are unable to comprehend why the British government should side with Nigeria.

Said Mr. Osita, a Biafran student, "Biafra has more in common with Britain than any other country in West Africa as 80% of Biafran intellectuals were educated in Britain.

Confident

He continued, "Other Federations have been allowed and even encouraged to break up, such as Malaysia, so why not Nigeria. They are trying to keep the Black Man in his place, but they must realise that Unity cannot be forced on people.

Despite the phenomenal losses that they have suffered, the Biafrans are confident that Biafra will survive. Said Beno

Okwuosa, a Biafran post-graduate, "Survival is no longer in question. The problem is how and when. Nigeria will win only when every Biafran is dead."

The Biafrans are cynical about concern shown for Europeans captured or killed in the war. Said one, "They got so concerned about 12 Europeans yet millions of Biafrans and Nigerians are being killed."

He continued, "Ojukwu is beginning to lose patience with the world. The TV and papers show Biafra as a dot on the map, while Nigeria claims to hold vast areas, yet the oilmen were captured in so-called Nigerian territory by Biafran forces. The Nigerians may control the cities, but we control the bush."

Propoganda

Union News tried to get comments from the Nigeria Friendship Association, but met with surprising resistance and even hostility. In fact, a reporter was threatened while attempting to interview a student.

However, one Nigerian interviewed said, "This is an internal problem, and nothing to do with you." He continued, "Nigeria House in London has expressly told associations to ensure that students do not comment on the situation."

A spokesman at Nigeria House denied that there was any such order. He said, "The attitude of the Leeds students is very strange. Why shouldn't they talk about their own country. After all, the students are very active."

The inquiries made sparked off a letter to Union News from the Nigerian Friendship Association. Part of this reads, "It has come to our notice that (you) have been hunting for Nigerians in order to get (your) so-called 'fact-finding' interview."

"Moreover, you even went as far as to contact the Action Committee of Nigerian Union



This is what it is all about.

in London. The Nigerian Friendship Association views with serious concern the desperate attempt of your Editorial Board to be used as a partisan propoganda media in matters which are strictly internal in Nigeria."

How do the two groups get on with each other at Leeds? The Nigerian letter goes on, "The Nigerian Friendship Association exists to cater for the interests of every Nigerian in this University, irrespective of their states of origin."

Apathy

But a Biafran said, "I don't pretend friendship when my people and relatives have been killed." Said another, "I do not hobnob with Nigerians and avoid personal contact with them."

This then is the situation in Leeds. The Biafrans are concerned about the apathy shown by students, while the Nigerians contend that it is no-one's concern but their own.

Yet, while all the wrangling is going on, millions of people are being killed and wounded.

This is what it is all about.

New Editor Union News

THE new Editor of 'Union News' is Mr. Ken Hind, a first-year lawyer, who has succeeded Miss Jane Fickling. He has taken over the Editorship from this issue and will continue next session. Miss Fickling resigned because she is a finalist next year and wishes to maintain the continuity of the paper.

Y.H.A. Soc. Members Walk Forty Miles

EIGHT members of the University Youth Hostel Society last week set out on the forty-two mile Lyke Wake walk.

This walk, from Osmotherly to Ravenscar is a recognised test of endurance for avid walkers and must be completed within twenty-four hours.

Five of the eight entrants completed the course, the three who did not being the only two girls in the group and a boy who had completed the walk previously.

The University Youth Hostel Society has about 50 members and organises two or three weekends away from Leeds, in and around Yorkshire, each term.

Library wants Old Mags

If you are clearing out your flat at the end of the session and find yourself with a pile of old Union magazines don't throw them in the dustbin but take them along to the Brotherton Library for their collection of Leeds University magazines.

This already contains a mass of fascinating material, ranging from the *Gryphon*, the Union's first magazine, which reflected student life here for 65 years. It earned its place in literary history by publishing the poems which the young Herbert Read sent back from the trenches of the First World War.

Available

Alongside there are the most recent ejaculations of *Moma* and *Black International*.

But there are gaps, and these can only be filled by asking departing students to give their collections of magazines to the Brotherton.

Old issues of *Poetry* and *audience* are especially welcome.

Although the archive is kept in a locked room rather than on open shelves any items from it will be made available for reading and loan on request.

EXEC. BULLETIN

ARE you concerned about the suffering in Biafra? Then you can give concrete help now—by chipping in to the collection for a mobile dispensary. Initially £600 is needed; this is sufficient deposit to send a dispensary to Biafra. The Union has already promised to donate £100, and will match pound for pound money collected to a total of £300. It is up to you therefore, to raise the extra £300—please give generously.

There are four new leaflets available from the Porters' Office at present. The first is a revised version of the leaflet on vacation grants and how to get them; the second, a detailed description of how to use the O.G.M. This leaflet also contains the standing orders for General Meetings as revised at the A.G.M. The third leaflet discusses overcharging on gas and electricity meters, and gives details of how to work out if you are being overcharged, the last leaflet describes how to take a year out from your University studies.

More accurate counting of O.G.M. votes—that's the aim of a new voting system to be introduced at General Meetings. To avoid the chaos of trying to count Union Card clutching hands, voting will be by ballot paper. Collect a ballot paper on the way in to the meeting and fill in the names of the candidates proposed for any post.

Mark your vote in as instructed. When papers are to be collected, hold up your completed ballot paper with your Union Card—it will be collected from you by a teller. The result of the election will be announced later.

The Joint Union Council met last Tuesday and elected many Union Officers and Committee members for next session. A full list is available from Executive Office, but the following elections in particular should be noted. Martin Verity is the new Education and Welfare Secretary, take up with him any welfare problems such as grant difficulties. Mike Dillon stays on as Accommodation Secretary and Martin Evans as Catering Secretary — take problems or complaints to them according to their field. These people are there to help you—please don't hesitate to come and see them. The best way to contact them is to ask in Exec. Office or to leave a message on the U.C. letter-rack (by the bar).

On your return to Leeds next session, don't forget to buy a Union Diary—this year they will be cheaper than before, while retaining their quality.

Exec. Bulletin enters its second exciting year next October. Contributions to the Internal Vice-President or Union Secretary.



A Fairground Arcade in full swing. On right: an evening's pleasure with fruit machines.

Fruit sours on machine operators as taxes kill profits.

The One-Armed Bandit Trade in Leeds is failing. It is far from on its last legs, and the operators are far from paupers. But where six months ago there was optimism, today there is depression and uncertainty.

Why is this? What has made the One-armed-bandit bubble burst?

The operators blame it on Government legislation. Until recently, the tax on a fruit machine was 25/- for three years. Now it is £75 a year for the first machine, and £150 for all others. This makes it hardly worthwhile for many places to have machines on the premises. As one operator said:

"It's sickening. How on earth do they expect us to make a profit?"

On top of this, prizes are not allowed to exceed 5/- in tokens, or 1/- in cash, and the machines must pay out eighty per cent of their takings. "Who's going to pay sixpence to win sixpence however many times he does it?"

Fruit machine companies claim to be really worried about these restrictions. Manufacturers report a five sixths drop in sales, and hiring companies an equally large fall in hirings. They foresee many companies failing unless something is done.

Visits

Yet despite the restrictions, "Inland Leisure Arcades" are springing up all over Yorkshire. There are not yet any in Leeds, but we visited one nearby. We stood and watched one woman spend one pound in sixpence in only half an hour. She was not the exception.

This arcade had about fifty machines, most of which were one-armed bandits. They were all being played, almost continuously. Most of the daytime patrons are middle-aged women having a break from the shopping. We spoke to a couple of them.

"We come here about three times a week, whenever we are in town. You don't spend very much, only about fifteen bob, and it's great fun."

Often the women have young children with them who pull the lever while the mother feeds the sixpences. Aren't the parents worried about the effect these places might have upon the children?

"If it's good enough for me, then it's good enough for them" commented one woman, while another said: "I don't think it will have any effect. The place is quite respectable and you don't get many youngsters here anyway."

The local police disagree. They are not allowed to give any official comment, but one constable we spoke to said:

"It's in the evenings that the trouble really starts. You get a lot of undesirables around these arcades, drug pushers and the like. The darned places ought to be banned."

Leeds Council of Churches is also against these arcades. Recently, one of their local branches passed a resolution upholding Leeds Corporation's decision not to allow planning permission for an arcade in the city centre. They too feel that arcades attract the wrong types.

"We're not against all forms of gambling" said a spokesman, "But we feel that an arcade would be detrimental to the amenities of the city, and would attract bad characters."

The arcade managers strongly deny such charges. They say that they try and cater for the whole family.

"We get whole families who come here regularly every weekend. They spend a few bob, have a laugh and a joke with their friends, and enjoy an evening out. We don't want the youngsters in here, they would only spoil our family trade."

Some arcades employ four bouncers to throw out anybody who they don't like. On an average night, these number five or six, and on a Saturday often as many as fifteen.

One company is trying to open such an arcade in Leeds, in the area around Boar Lane. Judging from past experience they are not very hopeful. They feel that the Local Authority in Leeds is against them.

"Licences in Leeds are ridiculous. Until about twelve months ago they were almost impossible to obtain. Even now they are very difficult and often take about three months."

Pleased

Many of the companies feel the situation will become even worse, with birth certificates being required, and licences refused to anybody with a criminal record. Most of the operators are pleased about this as it will clean the trade up. But they are worried that many respectable firms will be discriminated against in the process. Says one operator:

"It's a good way of getting money out of the clubs, but they have gone about it in the wrong way."

Despite licencing difficulties, one company claims to have seven thousand "machines of all types, Bandits, Juke boxes and Pin Tables" in and around Leeds.

Most pubs and cafes who have one-armed-bandits on the premises hire them from one of the ten local companies. The profits are usually split equally between the hiring company and the publican or cafe owner. Sometimes a brewery will have a contract with one company which supplies to all of its pubs. In such a case, the brewery will take a third of the profits.

A machine on a good site, for instance a central Leeds pub, can be expected to take about forty pounds a week, twenty per cent of which is profit. Out of this, the publicans must pay the licence fee, and the hiring company must keep the machine in good repair. Comments one company:

"With all of our overhead costs, it doesn't leave us much profit."

"It's not very profitable today operating fruits. You can play them anywhere now, in the pub or at the cafe"

ONE-ARM - BANDITS GOV. STEALS PROFITS

People think we make thousands of pounds through thugs and bullying, but we don't. The government make sure of that."

Machines themselves can cost anything between four hundred and a thousand pounds, according to their design. Most of them today are the more expensive "Upright electrics" which are freestanding and have a rocker bar on the front rather than a lever on the side. They are supposed to be more efficient and are more sophisticated. They allow the use of the "Hold 'n' Draw" feature, whereby one or more symbols can be held and only the remainder allowed to spin.

Says one operator: "It doesn't increase peoples' chances of winning, but it looks as though it does and makes people more willing to spend their money."

We spoke to the sales manager of one large supplier of fruit machines around Leeds. He was very bitter about the recent new laws and unwilling to say very much in case it prejudiced the council. The suppliers are very aware of the power the council wields.

"You have to be very careful how you step; they are on your back at every opportunity. It doesn't worry us much as we're well inside the law anyway. But is daes make you watch your step and to that extent it's good."

We asked him if he thought the fruit machine trade in Leeds is very corrupt. He would not comment, but he did say:

"It would not surprise me if one or two people didn't get licences in the near future."

This company is also a manufacturer. They supply the latest model fruit machines all over the country, mostly to local hiring firms. We could get no information on sales, although they claim to have recently won an order for almost half a million pounds worth of machines.

We asked about the Psychology behind the business. He smiled.

"The basic psychology is that they want to win. No, that's too simple. There is more behind it than that, but if you find out what it is, please tell me."

One company has two machines, both exactly the same but for the name. One always gives greater returns than the other, and it just cannot fathom out why.

The Psychology department of the university supplied the answer. People like speed. If you have a machine whose name sounds "faster" than another, it will be played more. One with car racing pictures on it is always better than one with horses.

That's why the new, gaudier machines are more effective. It's very much like owning a new car, the more attractive it is, the better you like it.

One lecturer said: "There are various reasons why people play fruit machines. With the male, it's a castration complex. He feels that fruit machines are an alternative to castration. With the female, it's a phallic symbol; penis envy."

One company told us that after a machine has been on the same site for more than about a year, its takings drop drastically.

"People want something which they think will win. After some time, people realise that they don't win. We have to change the machine so that they will think they can win with the new one. Many places who buy their own machines are only too keen to sell them back to us after a year or so."

Some Leeds clubs have fruit machines on the premises. Although they have to pay the tax, there is no limit on prize money, and often jackpots up to six or seven pounds can be won. Said the manager of one club:

"People don't play on them now like they used to; the returns are very, very poor. The newness has worn off and the trade's really died a death. We'll probably do without them altogether if it doesn't pick up again."

A side-show operator at Armley summer fair agreed:

"We don't have to pay the tax because we are only open a few nights each week. Most of our machines are the old penny ones, more for the kids amusement than for making money on. We've got a few sixpenny ones, but nobody's interested."

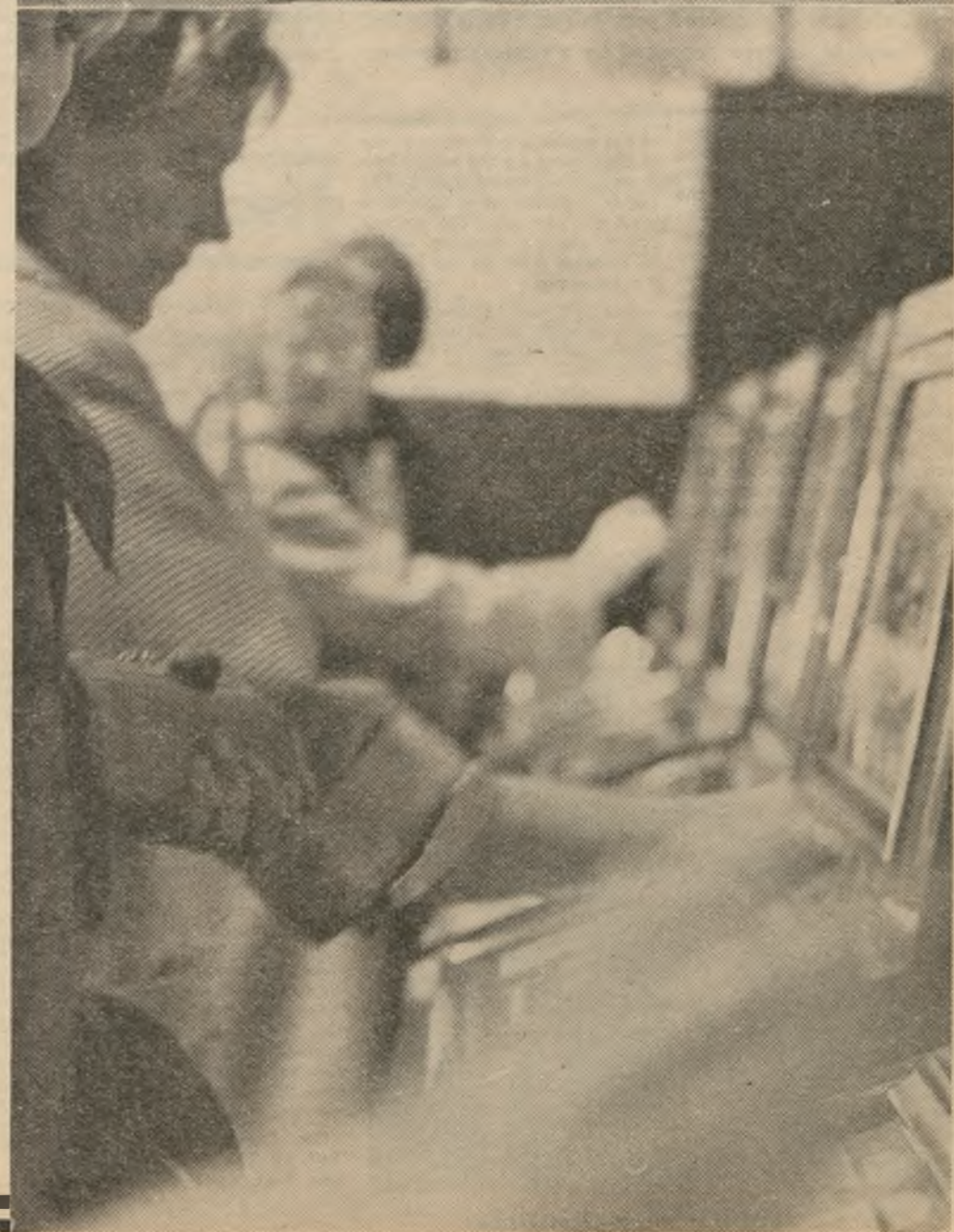
This showman buys most of his machines secondhand, for about twenty pounds each. Some of them are fifty or sixty years old, but are basically the same as modern ones. He has them re-chromed, and puts them into a Formica case and they look like new.

Old Hat

"It's not very profitable today, operating fruits. You can play on them anywhere now, in the pub or at a cafe. People don't come to the fair to spend money on the machines any more, it's old hat. I'm getting really worried. I think I'll pack it in next season unless things improve."

This story is common to the whole fruit machine business. Wherever you go people are worried about what is going to happen. Pressure is being put onto the government to reverse the legislation, but unless things alter, fruit machines will disappear.

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REVIEWS

theatre

ONCE again THE PEOPLE SHOW left its scars on the minds of a large audience.

A minority still shudders no doubt at the memory of such ruthless butchering of pet attitudes to sex, or still think they watched a sort of depraved strip show, but most people I talked to think they watched a very original performance of a good show-cum-play which, though rambling, was at least enjoyable.

These are the people who look at their scars as if they had been left in their minds after a particularly stringent form of therapy, or some useful operation. Of course this is a moral judgement.

But then, *The People Show* and the writer of their latest production, the ubiquitous Jeff Nuttall, are a certain species of moralist, whatever the unfortunate associations this word conjures up in many minds. They are not decadent nihilists, but

haters of conceit, affectation and taboo. Human foibles and tragedies are presented in an enthusiastically grotesque pantomime.

Nevertheless, the show we saw last week had several weaknesses. One of these was the lack of trimming minutes could easily be chopped from several scenes. Also, the exhilaration caused in the audience by Nuttall's opening gambit and the bombarding of Mark "the most pathetic Manx in the world") with beach balls was largely allowed to drain away.

But the action never really lagged, and only a few people walked out in horror. I still cannot figure out why more people marched out during the profane rendering of "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven" than at any other time. Perhaps they were affronted Anabaptists. In that case, should they not have walked out long before the hymn, during Laura's and Mark's mutual striptease?

by Dick Wilcocks



Mutual striptease in the People's Show

artist. It was noticeable even in a television lounge, the audience went especially quiet whilst Jane was singing.

The show was rounded off by "The One Time Syncopated Cod Piece" which believe it or not is a jug band of no mean proficiency. Their humour though excellent was partially lost on the television medium. In the first song they introduced themselves, they appeal greatly to live audiences. Live performances of this type by this group are to be recommended. The groups

second song was a rag time number illustrated well by fading images such as tins of beans which combined in a hilarious way with the songs. This was unfortunately lost on the audience.

Jimmy Savile held the whole programme together with his chatty humour, and the show turned out to be an orderly show well put together. The programme was a credit to the producer and to the whole of Network 4 who worked on it. It was an excellent lunchtime's entertainment.

by Ken Hind

discourse

SAN FRANCISCO's new earthquake of a success the Creedence Clearwater Revival has arrived in Britain! At least that's what earliest response to their version of "Proud Mary" would suggest.

In the States they've already had two or three big album successes, and their treatment of the oldie rock number "Suzie-Q" showed what good sounds were on the way.

There seems to be a Southern USA feel about the tracks on their latest album "Bayou Country" which seems to mix country, blues and Indian accents in an exciting blend. Watch out for their already-massive success Stateside "Lodi" with "Bad Moon Rising".

Staying on the West Coast jazz folk seem bent on doing their thing with recent rock numbers. The most popular of these "Light My Fire" has recently been handled by Gerald Wilson on the album 'California Soul' and now Woody Herman and his new Herd tackle it with great effect. Three Dog Night who scored with "Try A Little Tenderness" in the Spring of this year and who have had a widely publicised British tour have a great new one simply titled "One".

The Doors come up with "Tell All The People" which is their best surely since "Fire"

and a super-soft combo the Arbors do a magnificent job on "I Cant Quit Her". Also very new to my ears are Elephant's Memory, "Feeling Alright" by Joe Cocker" and "In The Year 2525" by Zager and Evans.

After all this I'm not going to mention r'n'b for any length as Britain seems to be going through a spate (or sickness) of re-issues. Suffice to say the Miracles newie "Doggone Right" is super and the MPG (Marvin Gaye) album is well worth a listen. Elvis keeps up his new topical approach following "In The Ghetto" with "Clean Up Your Own Backyard", as yet unreleased, which is such a welcome change from all those dreary ballads of sadness and disappointment.

Booker T & The MG's do their version of "Mrs. Robinson" and Soul Brother No. 1 comes up with 'Popcorn' and "Mother Popcorn" the first single an instrumental, the second a vocal offering. Herb Alpert could be the mastermind behind Checkmates Ltd. and Sonny Charles as the combination appeared with the Alpert Brass during their nationwide tour last Autumn, all through U.S.A.

by Ian Squires

books

PROBABLY the most useful advance news this week is that Mowbray's Bookshop in Albion Place (between Albion Street and Lands Lane) is having a sale of all types of books.

Although they are famous as stockists of religious works they also have many paperbacks, maps, novels and large coffee-table editions so the sale could be a good chance to get some real bargains.

The shop closes this week but will re-open on Monday just for the sale: if you've any grant left wander down there.

There are only two novels for review this week and both are good for the trip home.

Leslie Thomas, author of "The Virgin Soldiers", has entered secret agent fields with his very good "Orange Wednesday" (Pan 5/-).

Orange Wednesday is the code name for a top-level meeting to re-unify Germany. A hotel in a quiet German spa is chosen and the book concentrates on the disruption of a life of a British officer, Brunel, in charge of the long-forgotten Moribund Documents Section which lives in the town's mineral baths.

These disruptions include having to wear uniform again and working for Security, a love affair and a touch of torture.

Mr. Thomas has a delicate touch which makes this amusing and very different from all the other spy stories around.

Have you ever been glad or sorry that you missed National Service or wondered what it was like?

In "The Conscripts" (Pan 5/-) Walter Winward follows the calling up and training of a section of Marines, and their reactions in the Cyprus and Suez campaigns.

The essential humanity and common sense of the author ensures a balanced novel without the screaming soul-searching on violence-for-violence's sake of other writers.

The convincing and diverse characters are very well drawn and the feeling remains that this must have been just what National Service was like to go through — neither totally bad nor totally good, but not too enjoyable.

by Chris Swann

pop

"ROLLIN' OVER" is the first time Network Four has produced a purely pop programme, if the Worried Mind and the "One Time Syncopated Cod Piece" will forgive the use of the word pop. In fact this is the first programme of its type produced by a student television service.

The programme was opened by the Worried Mind Blues Band who played two numbers in the late fifties Chicago blues style. The powerful feeling of the voice of lead singer Giles Hedley aided by good backing, was only marred by unimaginative camera work. However Network 4 cannot be blamed for this as it was due primarily to the limited time that was allowed in the television recording studio to make the programme.

Worried Mind were followed by the three girls Jackie, Rona and Jane who make up the "Turn You Ons", dancing to a record by the Supremes called Honey Bee. This was excellently

filmed and in complete contrast to the rest of the show. In terms of time value on the total show it was an expensive luxury. The untidy building site formed a great contrast with the smooth dollies dancing, gyrating would be a better word on the soul of the Supremes.

Jane Feather followed the dancing with her quiet songs, "Never My Love" and "This Girl's In Love With You". This girl is obviously very talented, her diction is perfect, a product of her opera training. Her serenity in front of the camera enabled her to put real feeling into her songs forming a real link between audience and



Worried Mind lead singer Giles Hedley.

films

IF the idea of a little flag-waving at the end of term attracts you, or if perhaps you are one of that number who can manage to muster an interest, or even an enthusiasm for the motor car, beyond its uses for pure transportation, you might enjoy "THE ITALIAN JOB" (next week, A.B.C.).

The particular brand of jingoism exhibited quite flamboyantly in this film is in the form of an open tournament between B.M.C. and Fiat, and there are no prizes for the correct selection of the winner. Anyway before I get carried away and begin a discourse on the demise of the horse, I will attempt a short synopsis of the plot.

Noel Coward plays a prisoner who is both deeply patriotic and respected by staff and inmates alike. With his immense influence Coward directs and supports Michael Caine's plan to rob Fiat of 4,000 million dollars (we can quite rightly suspect that their motives are purely to enrich the gold reserves of the Bank of England).

Needless to say the success of the whole operation depends on that noisy little contraption in

enabling a fast getaway, but also it is necessary to reduce the centre of Turin to a traffic chaos, for success.

Machines aside, there is some attractive small-part playing — Simon Dee as an effeminate tailor, Fred Emney as a xenophobic football supporter (aren't they all?), and Benny Hill as a professor with a taste for fat women. Unfortunately, the heterosexual male isn't satisfactorily catered for, since most of the gorgeous lovelies exposed for our delight are clothed in the 'U' certificate.

However, the Review's resident psychologist assures me that the He-men of the road are often sexual failures, so perhaps there is something to wet your appetite. But sweetheart, where does that place me, I haven't even got a car?

by Andy Fielder

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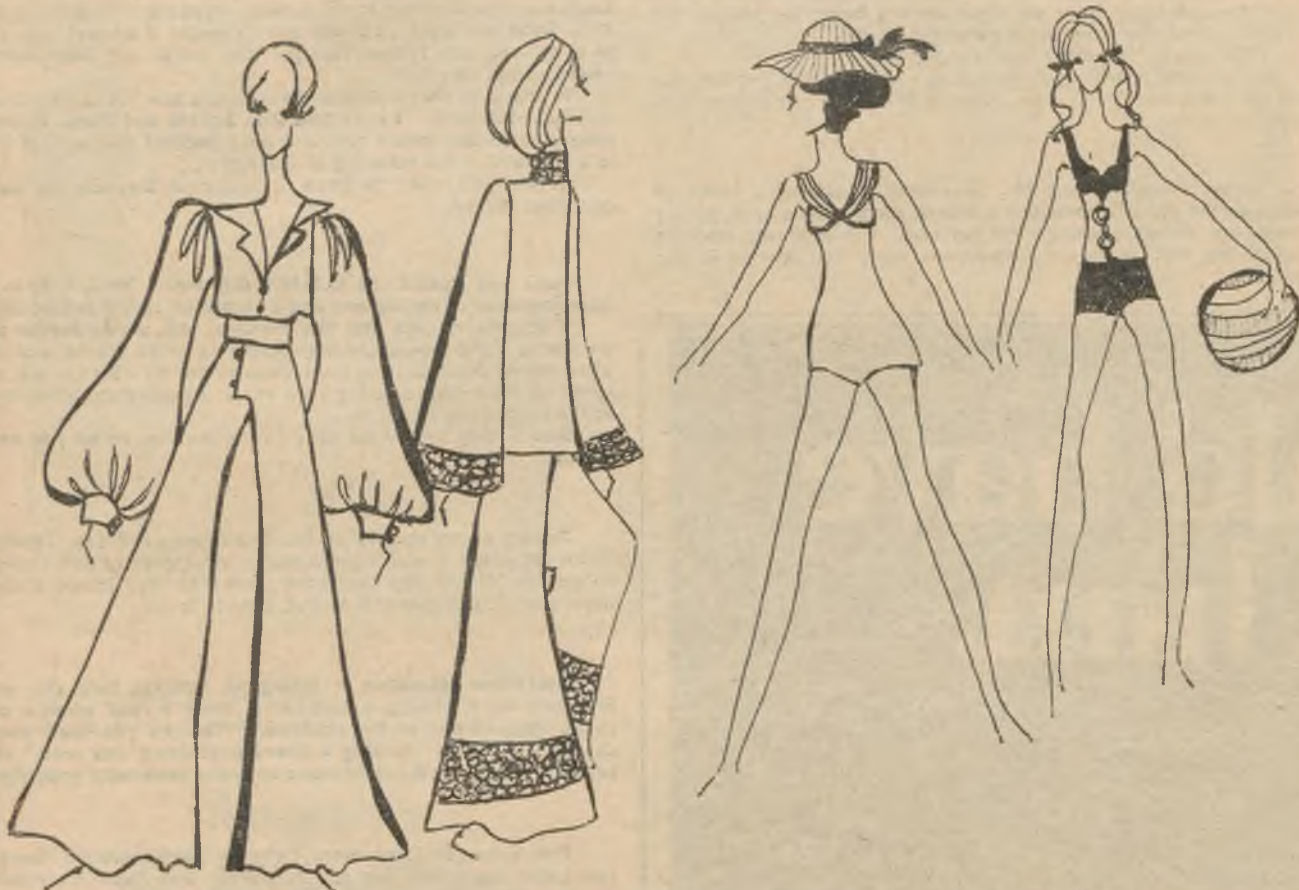
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Bikini defeats the unisex look

by Mary Wise



THE sex barriers are well and truly down and this is the age of the Unisex. The shops are full of wide, long trousers and wide sleeved shirts caught in at the wrists in a Louis XIV style. Towing catsuits in fluorescent colours come under a Unisex heading, too, but I don't really know any self-respecting male who would have the nerve to wear them. The one sex look can look very attractive on the right people, but beware of an image which is strictly neuter gender.

The worst examples of Unisex that I've seen are trouser suits made completely in white jersey lace; the best are terylene lawn shirts, with wide, beautifully billowing sleeves and turned back cuffs, in sugar mouse colours of pink and mauve. They look extremely dishy on Romantics of either sex.

French 'ciré' material which still looks wet even when it's dry.

Wigs which still look dry even when they're wet have definitely taken the place of bathing caps, and banish all those worries about flattened curls and straggly rats tails. They are fairly expensive, but well worth it, I think, as they really don't leak, and look pretty even when you've just been ducked for the 24th time!

Beach-Scene

The one scene in which the one-sex influence cannot perpetrate is the beach-scene, purely on anatomical grounds. Swimsuits and bikinis are really good this year, whether you want to spend 16 guineas on a flaming pink silk Nina Ricci special, or two pounds ten on a black shiny bikini made into a one-piece by two bright gold hoops down the midriff. The Greek Goddess look has spread to swimsuits, with soft, flattering drapes across the bust and a deep scoop at the back. Jungle print bikinis are still in, but the newest idea is the

Cover-up ideas for apres-swim are stretch-towel jumpsuits in poster colours with large zips up the front, if you're just one of the boys, and broderie anglais smocks if you're a little girl lost. Which ever you decide to be, a large floppy hat is a must, in pastel coloured felt or straw.

LATEST IDEA for bikini wear: a thin gold chain round your middle to catch the sun and people's eyes as you pass. This and a scarf round your head worn red-indian style brings the twenties look right back to the beaches.

THE modern move in education is, we are told, towards free enquiry, a libertarian system in which students would not be afraid to criticise and argue with their teachers.

Paradoxically, therefore, we should teach our children to question our teaching in view of the fact that their really basic attitudes will be embedded in the formative years.

Most British schools, however, remain authoritarian and paternalistic in outlook. But the school is not the only source of education — there is also the comic magazine.

Some comics have changed little since George Orwell wrote of them in his essay *Boy's Weeklies*, being packed with class snobbery and banal jingoism. Bestial Japs with buck teeth and gold-rimmed spectacles still hack their way through the jungles of many a child's nightmare, to be beaten back by an athletic white man with a cleft chin. The apopleptic Huns are still bashed up by the grinning Englanders, despite their unsporting Teutonic habits.

Comic-strip schoolboys still dress in full school uniforms in grovelling parody of public-school inmates despite the fact that the vast majority of the British primary-school population will be relegated to the Secondary Modern slagheaps at the age of eleven while the cream (that is, you and me) is further processed.

By far the best comic in circulation today is the *Beano*. It has about it a predominantly working-class atmosphere, and concessions to class snobbery are few. The reader can easily identify himself with the cartoon heroes, an identification which is very healthy, because *Beano* heroes are seldom the

BEANO SHOWS THE WAY

bungling failures like Little Plum, loveable villains like the Three Bears, and magnificent, persecuted rebels like Dennis the Menace, Minnie the Minx, and the Bash Street Kids.

The girl readers of the *Beano* are predominantly tomboyish, it would appear from the popularity of Minnie the Minx. Minnie is a persistent rebel against paternal authority, and is savagely beaten in every issue by her sadistically-grinning father. Dennis the Menace

is a similar kind of rebel, with a shock of black hair. Dennis's father, who wears a pin-striped suit, holds up the neighbour's child, Walter, who is an effeminate middle-class conformist, as the ideal boy, to the mutual disgust of Dennis and the reader. Dennis's father, too, is a sadist.

But undoubtedly the most pathetic petty tyrant that any cartoon heroes had occasion to rebel against is the foolish schoolmaster of the Bash Street Kids. The gang of bored children whose high spirits he attempts unsuccessfully to curb with his long cane and loud voice are led by a sullen lad named Danny who wears a skull and crossbones on his sweater and leads them to a variety of interesting experiences which their school could never provide.

The apathetic headmaster does little except drink tea, rest his feet on his desk, and have his boots licked by the disgustingly servile teacher. The authorities bully the headmaster, the headmaster bullies his staff, and the staff bullies the poor kids at the end of the pecking order.

In spite of the pressure of their environment the *Beano*'s heroes fight back and resist, sometimes as determined individuals sometimes organised into a group. They are fiercely independent and are surely a vital, though unofficial, part of the British education system.

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Our beloved Lady President has been appointed to the Foreign Office recently so she went off to Austick's to buy a book on the Foreign Office. Judging from happenings at the Devon Ball I can think of at least one potential diplomat who needs to read it.

Shona Falconer went to see Mr. Stephenson the other day. She took a cigarette for herself and lit it. Mr. Stephenson looked sheepishly at the fags. Shona apologised and offered him a fag, saying, "I didn't know you smoked Mr. Stephenson."

He replied, "I didn't until you came along." New he chain smokes.

During the exams the Union has gone mechanisation mad. The juke box has been installed so the groovers can rock in any part of the Union. One cannot even drink a cup of lousy M.J. coffee in peace now without listening to the sober tones of those two great evangelical reformers John and Yoko. Did you go in refec. during the hot spell? Could you get a salad — answer

simply no. We must put up with "preheated sludge" all the year round it appears.

If you have time, shed a tear for Stuart 'Nut' Almond. He was beaten at his favourite game of "Challenge the Quorum" at last Monday's O.G.M. To crown it all, it was his old friend, Shona 'Shut Up Almond' Falconer who beat him to it. She announced, with a tear in her eye that since there were only 80 people there, we might just as well go home.

Said young Hazelnut himself, "Well you can't win 'em all." Cheer up Stuart. You'll be able to play in a brand new nursery next session, and might go down as the first bloke to get 8 X's in a line, as the Pools Promoters are bringing out a new treble chance just for you. Spot 8 Inquorate O.G.M.s' and win the wooden spoon award.

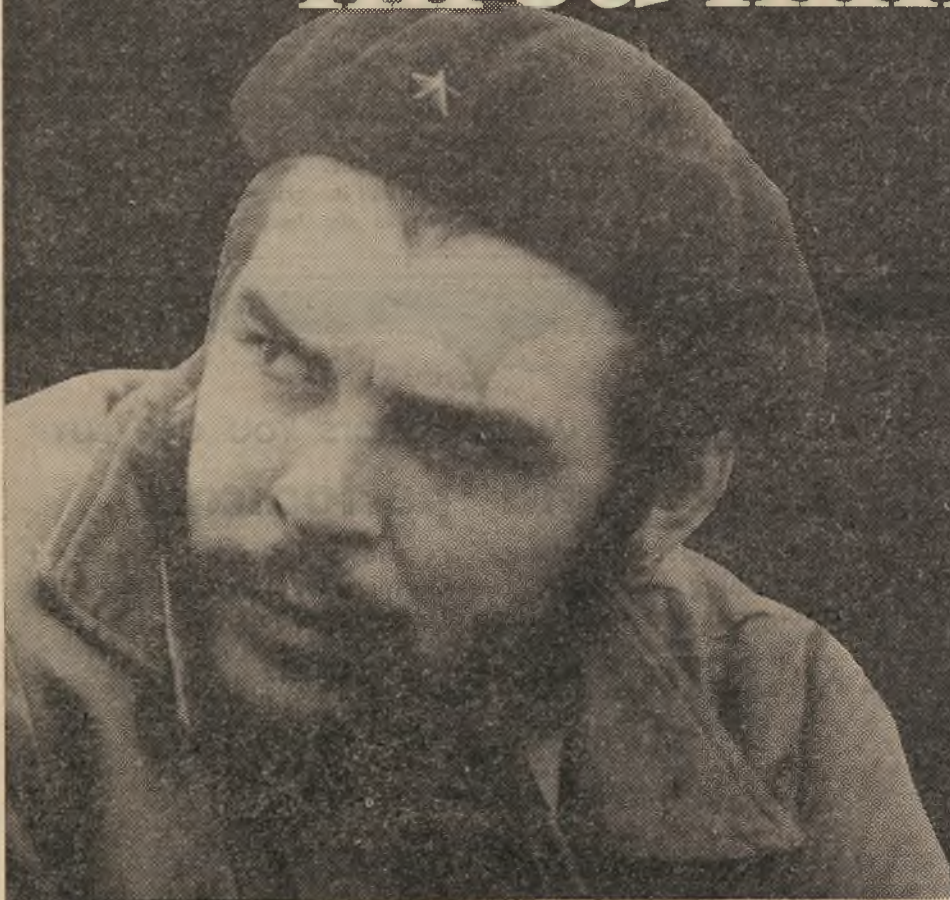
Down in the Gryphon Grill the other night my attention was dragged away from my steak-cutting battle by one of the ladies behind the counter murmuring sweetly:

"Oi you've forgotten yer change, luv."

The embarrassed young lady who picked up her pennies was Union Treasurer Ann Suffolk. Nice to know that our money is in safe hands.

Later, I noticed that Mr. Greenhalgh is adding a touch of class to the place by installing coloured spoons: Blue ones, yellow ones, but strangely enough no red ones. Has he heard students muttering that there are already too many red stirrers in the place?

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Talking of which, that noble highlight of N.U.S. Pete 'Intelligence' Jennings and House Secretary Pete Dean were squabbling over the possession of a water pistol a couple of Union Councils ago.

To scort out the thorny problem they decided to shoot it out: At least it was quieter than their normal dribblings.

It's been Intelligence's week for getting wet. He has managed to get elected Chairman of N.U.S. Region One, the meeting of Northern Universities and Colleges. Those of us who know him will realise what dynamic characters must be involving themselves in N.U.S. outside Leeds if he's Top Dog.

However, there was a meeting in York last Saturday. And his chairing was so bad (he must have learnt it from Shona Falconer) that he managed to infuriate almost every delegation. There's a lovely large lake in York University and into it splashed our hero — sexy black underpants and all.

There are rumours on the news pages that there is to be a Contraceptive Machine in the Union. Opposition is growing and Pete Dean has tried to sneak one in under a blanket rule that says he and the House Manager can install any non-catering machine that they like.

It also says that such machines should not "constitute a risk to Union Members." I hear that Ann Suffolk and Shona Falconer have studied the failure rate and have decided that one of 14% is a risk within the meaning of the Act . . .

What I do want to know is just how they carried out a consumer survey.

Have you missed the O.G.M.'s this term? Well, they've all been inquorate. The last one had a record of eighty people there.

If it goes on like this the Politicos will soon realise that we spend eight weeks electing people to work for us and that when we've done that we want them to get on with the job, not spend all their time running back for us to tell them what to do at the Fortnightly Farce.

And if they go off the rails I'll be the first to let you know about it.

Talking about massive action, Intelligence and Leo 'Teach-In' Smith organised a meeting and march in support of Art Colleges — on the Wednesday that Exams started. They issued a statement that 150 people turned out. I made it 43.

Post-exam relaxation is taking an amusing turn this year. Five lads were kicking a beer-barrel along a road when a constable stepped out of the shadows. "What do you think you're doing?" he asked. "Kicking a beer-barrel down this road," they replied. "Well, you'd better move onto the pavement; goodnight."

Two more students were hurrying home through the rain one night when first one and eventually five Panda Cars pulled up alongside. They convinced the police that they were just going home but were told to put their umbrellas back where they had found them. And not to use No Parking signs for that purpose again.

Meanwhile, down in Weymouth an Applied Science tour had stopped for the night. One debonair young man was drinking in one of the pubs and contentedly chatting up a very attractive young lady at the bar.

Patting himself on the back he murmured "Are you with anybody this evening?"

"Well, yes, my husband. He's over there . . ." All 6 2 of him, in a butcher's apron, so our rake didn't wait for the clever.

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- BADMINTON.** Gryphon: Burleigh, A., Bullivant, P. Full: Bigglestone, E., Wilson, D. Club: Colby, L., Vile, F., Harwood, M., Barnes, M.
- BASKETBALL (Men's).** Gryphon: Lord D. Full: Copley, M. Club: Harland, J.
- BASKETBALL (Women's).** Club Watson, J.
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- CYCLING.** Gryphon: Watson, K. Club: Nobbs, J., Redfearn, J.
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- GYMNASTICS & TRAMPOLINING.** Full: Russell, M., Whitmore, P.
- HOCKEY (Men's).** Full: Dew, M., Wall, C. Club: Wilson, I., Heaven, J., Bointon, A., Ladkin, N., Hirjee, N., Hale, J., Wilbraham, P.
- HOCKEY (Women's).** Gryphon: Perry, B., Hyde, S. Full: Blomley, S., Coates, A., Sheaf, A. Club: Brown, P., Fitchett, A., Gorin, K., Porter, A.
- JUDO.** Club: Usher-Clark, M., Sherwood, A., Edwards, A., Grasby, K.
- LACROSSE (Women's).** Full: Morgan, M.
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- RUGBY UNION.** Gryphon: Crerar, P., Crossley, G. Full: Hosty, R. Club: Chorzelewski, B., Brown, P., Johnson, M., Harwood, J., Ash, J., Evans, P., Donovan, T., Birkett, P.
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- VOLLEYBALL.** Club: Zablocki, J., Westray, A.
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- TENNIS (Men's).** Full: Arthur, D., Gaubert, R. Club: Chapleo, C.
- TENNIS (Women's).** Full: Gale, K., Fitchett, A. Club: Osborne, K., Hirst, Sheila.

Colours awarded to Fencing Club and Tenpin Bowling Club have been referred back to General Athletic Committee for further consideration.

Regatta at Roundhay

THE 22nd Leeds Regatta is being held on Saturday on Waterloo Lake, in Roundhay Park.

The Regatta, organised by members of the Boat Club, will be the largest ever held at Leeds and the biggest in the north this year.

There are 150 crew (over 450 oarsmen and women) from all over the north and the midlands competing. Racing takes place on a 650 yard course, with three abreast racing for all classes.

Leeds' President, Shona Falconer will present the prizes at Waterloo Lake at the end of the day's racing.

B.U.S.F. Rowing medal

DAVID STANLEY, a first year member of the Boat Club won a bronze medal on the Single Sculls in the British Universities Sports Federation Championships at Pangbourne last Sunday. With his best performance of the season he came third behind London and Cambridge.

Another success last weekend was the winning of Senior Coxless Fours at York Regatta last Saturday. The Leeds crew beat York City Rowing Club in the Final by half a length. The crew was—Bow: A. Clenn, P. Thomson, D. Dunn. Stroke: I. Lenthall.

The Club will be competing at Leeds Regatta on Saturday, which will bring to a close a reasonably successful year for the Boat Club, with eight trophies won.

THE Cricket Club has had a very successful season so far. Having got to the U.A.U. quarter final they were knocked out in a very good match against Southampton. Their progress to the quarter final included beating Liverpool and Manchester. The last match in the Northern group was played against Lancaster who were bowled out for 26.

Set Backs

The side has suffered set backs such as at Nottingham where in the absence of two batsmen on U.A.U. duty the side was beaten by ten wickets. This can be blamed on the exceptionally hostile wicket and the weak bowling of the Leeds team.

R. Cragge and W. Kelegan both played for the U.A.U. XI on the tour last week. At Southampton both made good scores so Leeds declared at 187-7. This seemed a comfortable score on which to win but Southampton's strong batting side soon demolished this score to win by five wickets.

Depth

One of the strengths of the Cricket Club this season has been its in depth talent. The 2nd XI is very strong as batsmen such as Pete Bayless illustrated when during an excellent innings at Nottingham he saved the club's face when the second team won by nine wickets. Accurate hostile bowling by McKenna and Waddington clinched the victory.

bridge

THE Bridge Club enjoyed a very successful congress at Scarborough. Alan Hodgekiss and Pete Franklin came second in the championship pairs tournament, beating more than 200 pairs from all over the country. Previously, they had won two open pairs competitions. R. Mitchell and C. Barnard also won an open pairs and joined with another pair to win an open teams competition. The other members of the Leeds team were Martin Garfield, Ian Dobson, Alister Crimson, and Derek Holliday.

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by U.N. Reporter

TIM CAUDERY, the Internal Vice-President, and **Anne Suffolk**, the Student Treasurer are both resigning from their posts.

Said Tim Caudery, "The main reason why I'm resigning is that my finals are next year and I've done very little work this year. If I'm going to get any sort of degree at all I shall have to do a great deal of academic work next year and as this job doesn't leave much time for academic work, regretfully I am resigning."

He went on, "Also, I feel that I have done this job long enough and that it is time to let somebody else have a go."

Finances

Anne Suffolk commented, "The reason I'm resigning is that my finals, too, are next year, and I'll have to work."

She added that she could not work with Mike Redwood as President. "I am not being childish. He has so little experience and as two other members of Exec. are resign-



Anne Suffolk

ing, I would have to carry the Union along, and I am not prepared to sacrifice my career for Mike Redwood, although I will do all I can to help until my successor is elected.

Commenting on her year in office as Treasurer, Anne said, "I wanted to get an overall

picture of the Union Finances and I have succeeded.

The Tour and Events funds have both been increased and student loans have been liberalised." She added, "We will have to be careful about money next year, with the extensions being opened, but I hope that the Union fee will be raised by 10/- to cover this."

Involvement

Speaking about the Union in general, Anne commented, "There are always individuals who play a large part in running the Union, but organised bodies such as U.C. have failed, as these are negative rather than positive."

On O.G.M.s she said, "I have not altogether lost faith in them, but the Union won't really be representative until more people get involved. But when we get longer O.G.M.s next session they will be better."

Finally, she added, "But students must realise that if they want things taken up on their behalf they must take an active part. Complaining isn't enough."

Miss Suffolk's resignation at U.C. caused a great deal of



Tim Caudery

comment. Chris Swann said that he would rather have her as Treasurer than Mike Redwood as President.

He later denied saying this and added, "What I said was that Anne would be more use to the Union at that time, i.e. as a member of Exec, Anne is of more value than a president-elect until he takes office."

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DONALD SMITH RESIGNS

Mr. Donald Smith, the head of the Security Service, is to leave Leeds at the end of the session to take up the post of Administration Services Officer at Cambridge.

Mr. Smith was at the centre of the sit-in held last June in protest over the security force.

He is going to Cambridge to a similar post he held at Leeds. His term of office was noted for his disagreements with a member of his staff, Mr. Jack Smith.

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