

## STUDENTS RETURN TO SMALLPOX SCARE

### Don't Blame Pakistanis

by the News Editor

**L**AST term we walked into a digs shortage; this term it is a shortage of a more serious type. Smallpox has hit the northern cities and the authorities are unprepared: there is only a little vaccine available.

When asked about the crisis, Dr. Still said that there was no cause for panic: people should behave normally and not believe everything that they read in the Press, which had exaggerated the situation.

In a note to Union Exec. on Wednesday, Dr. Still said that vaccination was being reserved for essential cases. At the Park Row vaccination centre this week the queues have been enormous. Many people had to queue for up to three hours for vaccine, but others preferred to take a chance and did not queue for a jab.

#### COUNTRY UNORGANISED

It is appalling how unprepared and unorganised the country seems to be. Maybe the reports are exaggerated, but that is no comfort to a mother worrying about the safety of her children, and unable to obtain protection for them. Surely the priority should have been given to children and expectant mothers? Why, moreover, should Leeds bear the responsibility of thousands of students at such a disturbing time? All students returning to Leeds should have been required to receive vaccination from their own doctor or officer of health before term started.

Vaccination was made available for the Yorkshire College of Housecraft on Tuesday. This seems to be one sensible move but it should

not stop here. Let us hope that by the time you read this paper, vaccine will be available at all schools.

This smallpox outbreak is a severe blow to the Anti-Racist Society. Commenting on the situation, Keith Jones said that it was ridiculous to make scapegoats of the Pakistanis. Already the landlord of the Cambridge Hotel in Otley Road, Bradford, Mr. Sheddon, has banned Pakistanis from his premises. He makes the feeble and rather surprising excuse that his action is aimed at drawing the attention of the city authorities to the bad living conditions of the Pakistanis in Bradford. Barring people from a pub is a rather peculiar way of achieving this end.

#### DANGERS OF EPIDEMIC

We are all fully aware of the considerable dangers of a smallpox epidemic, but we are also fully aware of the very real dangers of racialism which accompany the present scare. It is for the responsible Press to present the facts of the situation to the public and pinpoint the real causes of the epidemic—the laxness of the Pakistani health authorities and the inefficiency of the British Government—in an attempt to curb at least some of the rising tide of racialism. Pakistanis in Bradford have been insulted and beaten up. The people of Bradford can be excused for being angry, but their anger is misdirected. The Pakistanis are not to blame. It is the Government which has failed in its duty to ensure that immigrants arrive in this country with a clean bill of health. If the Government claims that it has been caught out this time, it will have no excuse next time.

#### Sir Charles to Lecture in Union

**S**IR CHARLES MORRIS, Vice-Chancellor of this University, is to give the next Union Lecture. He will talk on "Some Reflections on the University of Leeds."

It is hoped that as many students as possible will attend this lecture, to be given in the Social Room at 1.5 p.m. next Tuesday. Sir Charles, an influential authority on the policies of higher education, is Chairman of the School Broadcasting Council and of the Advisory Board of "Universities Quarterly." From 1952-55 he was Chairman of the Committee of University Vice-Chancellors and Principals.

## GRAVE MENTAL HEALTH STATE Women More Prone

**I**N a survey conducted by Dr. Still between 1949 and 1960 and presented at a conference on the "Student and Mental Health" this month, it was estimated that 15.9 per cent. of students were subject to mental disturbances. Women students, it appears, are more subject to psychological ill-health than men.

Attending the conference were Professor Morris, Director of the Institute of Education at Bristol, Dr. Sinclair-Gieben, of the Department of Mental Health, Aberdeen, Professor Niblett, Dean of the Institute of Education, London, Rev. Bennett, Chaplain of King's College, Durham, and Dr. Still.

Professor Morris said that students in lodgings needed better living conditions and less interference with their private lives. "It is absolutely preposterous," he said, "to have ridiculous regulations about returning to halls or lodgings at 10 or 11 p.m. We are not grandfathers to students, and they will never be responsible until these rules are abolished."

Rev. Bennett criticised overseas students for forming cliques restricted to students of their own nationality. He claimed that the three main causes of mental breakdown among these students were an inadequate educational background, a lack of intellectual capacity, and a lack of financial stability.



During the vac, contractors have begun demolishing more buildings along University Road to make room for the third stage of the New Arts Block.

## Andrew and Hall Win Debate

**A**LAN ANDREWS and Peter Hall won their second round debate in the N.U.S. tournament for the "Observer" Mace on Tuesday night.

Debating at the University College of North Staffs., the Leeds "A" team were compelled to support the motion "That Britain is Still Great," and defeated teams from Liverpool, Swansea and Birkbeck College. Mr. Louis Blom-Cooper, the "Observer's" legal correspondent, who was the chief judge, commented on Alan Andrews's ability to turn an argument of his opponent's on its head. Peter Hall was commended for the solid presentation of his opening speech which was never threatened by the opposers of the motion.

The team now goes forward to the national semi-final of the competition.

## NEW DESIGN

Today "Union News" comes to you in an improved format and new design.

The changes are explained in detail in the Editorial on Page Two.

## BETTING SHOP OPPOSED

MAC IN COURT

**B**RIAN MacARTHUR spoke in defence of Albert Linley when he successfully applied to Leeds Betting Licensing Committee on Tuesday for a licence to operate a betting shop on the ground floor of premises in Cottage Road, Headingley.

Miss Pither, Warden of Oxley Hall, objected to the proposed betting shop. She claimed that it was placed in an area patronised by students with neither the time nor the money for betting. The president of Carnegie Training College, Mr. Bousler, and the principal of City of Leeds Training College, Mr. Rich, also objected to the proposed betting shop on the grounds that it would encourage students to gamble. The Rev. Barrow, Minister of Headingley Methodist Church, speaking against Mr. Linley, said that there were certain things from which "young people" should be guarded until they reached "balanced maturity."

Miss Shirley Schofield, appearing for Mr. Linley, abhorred such an apron-string attitude. The students in question, she said, were men and women who are perfectly capable of looking after themselves.

## LYNCH LEAVES PARTY

**R**UMOURS that Communist Society secretary Gerry Lynch had both resigned his post and left the Communist Party were confirmed this week.

But when asked for details, he said he was not prepared to comment. "It won't do any good to anyone on the Left," he said. Speaking of rumours that he had left the party because of the Communist attitude to the bomb, Gerry, a member of C.N.D., said that "it was much more involved than that."

Since the departure of Roy Bull for Moscow at the end of last session, Gerry, who is married, and also an editor of "Icarian," has been the Union's most prominent Communist.

## STUDENT SOCIAL SURVEY

**T**HE Central Office of Information is organizing a questionnaire on behalf of the Robbins Committee on Higher Education. The aim is to collect information on the backgrounds of university students, including their previous schooling, academic achievements, activities between leaving school and coming to university, applications to university and reasons for coming. The survey is also interested in the courses of students (how they are taught—and examined), and in student life in general (extra-curricular activities, residence at university and grants from local education authorities).

The aim if for interviewers, six of whom will be working

in Leeds for the next five weeks, to see a random sample of one student in 22. Interviews will last an hour or slightly more, and will take place in the new Albert Mansbridge College of the Department of Extra-mural Studies in Clarendon Road (formerly Woodsley Hall). Students whose names are chosen will be asked to arrange a convenient time for interview, and letters from interviewers to students in the sample will be placed in the pigeon holes in the Union today.

At the same time, a number of final year students are being asked by two interviewers from the Institute of Community Studies about their attitudes to University life generally. This enquiry is also being made with a view to presenting evidence to the Robbins Committee.

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## STAFF MEETING

A meeting of ALL staff of "Union News" will be held in Committee Room "A" at 4 p.m. TODAY.

Would-be Photo staff also welcome.



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## REFORMED

THIS week sees the first issue of "Union News" in its new format. The smaller size may at first be disturbing, but we feel that our readers will come to appreciate that it is in fact a much more manageable form—the same size, incidentally, as the "Daily Mirror" and many other university papers. There has been no loss of space, due to our change to a slightly smaller body type, restrained headlines (which will be more apparent in future issues), and the use of six columns per page. This latter change in addition will give a more pleasing appearance to the page.

Since our change this year to weekly issues, with a smaller format than previously, it has been evident that the selected size was in fact cumbersome and disproportionate. The length has accordingly been shortened by more than three inches, with the width remaining the same.

Another change taking place at the same time is that of printers. Until now, "Union News" has always been printed with a commercial firm in Leeds; the advantages of this were the obvious ones of being very near at hand. With this issue, however, the printers are the commercial printing department of the "Huddersfield Examiner," and we feel that their years of experience in the production of newspapers will be of great advantage to us. There is also the advantage of their possession of

type faces more suitable for newspapers than those of commercial printers. The arrangement is at first for a trial period of four weeks.

All in all, we feel that these changes will be of great future benefit to the paper—but we would appeal to our readers to bear with us until the initial difficulties of making up a paper at long range and in a new style are overcome.

## ENGINEERS' BALL

UP 'N' ATOM is the theme of this year's Engineering Society Ball, to be held a week today.

Three big-name outside bands have been booked to appear—Ronnie Aldrich and the Squadronaires, the celebrated Merseyside Jazz Band, and Gerry Brown's Jazzmen. According to Ball Chairman Jack Simpson, this latter band can rank as the new Acker Bilk!

Nine hundred tickets of unique and eye-catching design have been printed. The "gimmick" consists of a wheel revolving inside the ticket, with bands' names and the time and place of their performances appearing in windows.

## SMALLPOX SCARE



Thousands of people have queued every day this week to be vaccinated at the City Square centre in Leeds against smallpox, after the outbreak of the disease in the Bradford area recently.

## BRISTOL WIN N.U.S. DRAMA TROPHY

### HOSTS TRIUMPH

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' play "Camino Real," presented by Bristol University, won the "Sunday Times" Trophy at the N.U.S. Drama Festival held at Bristol this year. This production was acclaimed by Harold Hobson for succeeding with a difficult play that had defeated even the ingenuity of Peter Hall.

Harold Hobson was criticised by many at the Festival for his choice. It was felt that Liverpool, who brought Pirandello's "Henry IV," should have won. Martin Jenkins as the King was superb, nor did the rest of his cast fail him. One fault, however, condemned this play. Mr. Hobson felt that the perpetual screen of unalleviated rhetoric wearied him. Nevertheless Liverpool won the producer's prize for the Best Actor of the Festival.

Leeds was criticized for inconsistent production. While most of the play was presented in an expressionist manner, various parts (the court scene, for example) were completely naturalistic. Harold Hobson felt that the only excuse for presenting a play of this type would be if some new light could be shed on it. This, he felt, could have been achieved if it had been pointed out that the people who were responsible for the socialist revolution in 1917, put Hitler in power in the 1930s.

The standard of the one-act plays presented at Bristol was poor, with one brilliant exception. "The Dumb Waiter," produced by Edinburgh, was superb—so much so that it is to be taken to Theatre Workshop for a fortnight.

The last-minute cancellation of the Russian visit to the

Festival was a great disappointment. Yet Madrid University almost made up for this with a programme of drama, music, and mime.

Their main dramatic offering was "El Rey" by Ghelderode. Here a powerful, straightforward production completely held an audience whose knowledge of Spanish was limited. The programme of music and dance was not just another performance of Spanish dancing that is so familiar in this country. The seven students performed with spontaneity and zest, enjoying themselves no less than the audience. Their contribution reached a climax with five mimes by Emiliano Redondo. This is a form of drama rarely seen in this country, perhaps because few British actors seem capable of the relaxed and uninhibited physical style of acting which is so essential.

## Fly to America

AMERICA for under £50 sounds incredible but this could be the price of a trip organised by a Leeds student. All that is required are 100 members of Leeds University Union who wish to visit the home of jazz, Senator McCarthy, Martin Luther-King and Bugs Bunny.

The numbers must be fairly large because the price of a charter plane is around £5,000 and a little quick calculation leads to the price quoted above. There are two possible flights and the prices are £40 or £52 10s. The more going the lower the price, so don't miss this opportunity.

## British Bombs Used in Angola

BRITISH bombs are being flown to Angola from Southend Airport to safeguard our financial interests there.

So claimed the Rev. Eric L. Blakebrough, of the Angola Action Group, at the national U.N.S.A. Conference in Camberwell a fortnight ago. He was replying to a question from the Leeds delegation after an address in which he had said that the Portuguese were trying to exterminate the educated African. Conference went on to pass a strong resolution which condemned Portugal and urged the British government to withdraw its support.

Temper and personal animosity were roused by a Leeds motion requesting that U.N.S.A. be represented in the I.S.M.U.N. delegate to the forthcoming International Youth Festival in Helsinki. Jane Shaw, proposing, said that although the Festival was Communist sponsored, it was important that the non-Communist view be presented to delegates, especially to those from Asia and Africa, who had left their countries for the first time to attend the Festival. The opposition contended that the name of U.N.S.A. would be connected by the Communists with resolutions it condemned. However, the motion was finally approved.

In March, the U.N.S.A. in Leeds will launch a drive to gain support for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. This is in line with a motion at the conference urging all branches to support the Campaign.

## Hull Talk by Mosley

SIR OSWALD MOSLEY'S son Max, ex-secretary of the Oxford Union and Union Movement Agent at the recent Manchester by-election, was due to speak at a meeting of Hull University's Debating Society on Wednesday. The motion was that "This House condemns the policies of the British Union Movement." It will be remembered that an invitation to his father to speak at this Union was considered but finally over-ruled last year.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

A VACATION course in English for foreign students is being organised by London University for the summer vac. Fees will be 14 guineas, and board-residence will be charged at £7 10s. 6d. per week. The course lasts from 20th July to 16th August. Students interested should write for prospectus and application forms to the Secretary, Summer Vacation Course in English for Foreign Students, London, W.C.1.

STUDENTS wishing to leave a valuable in the Union can now do so without trusting to the cloakroom's insecurity. A store for valuables has been set up in the old Gryphon office (opposite the porters' office), in which articles other than clothing may be stored during the day. House Secretary Martin Forrest emphasised that the store is not intended for overnight storage, but will be open during the whole of normal Union opening hours. The procedure will be for students to sign articles "in" and "out" in a book specially provided. Intending users should contact the porters.

THE smell of fresh paint greeted Caf's patrons at the beginning of term. This, apparently, is just the start of wholesale redecoration of Union and University House premises—the Riley Smith Hall and several other rooms are due for a face-lift during the Easter vac.

DURING the first fortnight of this term a group of Film Society members are making a film to illustrate the eroticism of advertising. During the Christmas Vac the members spent their time recording T.V. commercials for use during the film, and it is hoped to have music specially composed by a member of the University. Help is needed with the technical aspects of the film. Anyone interested should see the Film Society notice board. Filming will be mainly at evenings and week-ends, in Leeds.

## Coming of Sound

"THE COMING OF SOUND" is the auspicious title given to the Leeds University Union Film Festival, which started on Wednesday and will continue until Monday. Leeds is believed to be the first student community to undertake a Film Festival of this nature.

The aim of the Festival is not to present a compendium of the latest films, but to trace the evolution from silent to sound films between 1925-1935. Each day is divided into three sessions of two hours—2 to 4 p.m., 5 to 7 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m. Tonight Pabst's "Kameradschaft" will be shown, and other notable films in the programme include "The Hounds of Zoroff" on Sunday and H. G. Wells' "Things to Come" on Monday.

Season tickets for the complete programme are offered at five shillings, while individual performances can be seen for one shilling.

On Saturday the federation of Film Societies are holding a special viewing session of modern films from 9-30 a.m. to 9-30 p.m. at a cost of two shillings and sixpence. "Le Passage du Rhin" is the star attraction and was awarded the Grand Prix at the Venice film festival of 1960.

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# POLICE VERSUS C.N.D.

## *Dutch Attitude not so Sympathetic*

by

**ERIC SCHUMACHER**

*Past President of Leeds University Union*

I WAS walking through a rather busy shopping street in Amsterdam on Saturday, 16th December, when I was passed by a group of about twenty or so youngish people carrying banners, some of which showed the familiar nuclear disarmament symbol. The group was fairly orderly and were causing little physical disturbance to passers-by.

Some of the group were handing out leaflets to the shoppers, most of whom dropped them on the ground when they had looked at them.

A short while after they had passed me some police arrived in a car and motored up to the group. I hurriedly returned to the scene.

### "Ban the Bomb"

When I arrived some were sitting on the ground holding their banners and chanting "Ban the Bomb" in English. Some sat on the pavement, some in the roadway. A few chose not to sit.

The police tore the banners from the demonstrators, using their truncheons where the slightest resistance to giving up banners was shown. I saw some of the sitters hit quite forcefully about the back of the head and the back.

### No Attempt to Talk

After the banners had been removed the police didn't seem to know what to do. I saw no attempt on the part of the police to talk to the leaders, although I was watching carefully.

After a while a man of about 30, who was leading the chanting, was dragged into the police car and truncheons were again used. A second car had arrived by this time and the first was driven away. The second car was driven at one of the sitters and he successfully avoided injury by putting his feet against the car bumper and allowing himself to be pushed along the road by it. He was pushed about a yard.

Some of the police spotted a girl of about 18 standing at the side of the group handing out leaflets. The police forced her to give up her leaflets, using their hands and elbows rather roughly.

Finally a Black Maria arrived and the demonstrators were lifted into it and taken away.

### Permission Not Given

During the demonstration I spoke to one of the sitters about it. I learned that permission to hold a march had not been asked for on this occasion. This was because, he said, experience has shown that throughout Holland permission is never given for a procession to demonstrate against nuclear weapons. I was also told that marches had been planned for New Year's Day in a number of Dutch towns. Permission had been asked for these but was refused. I did not learn on what grounds this was so, but I was told that permission is often given for other demonstrations.

### Britain Should Know

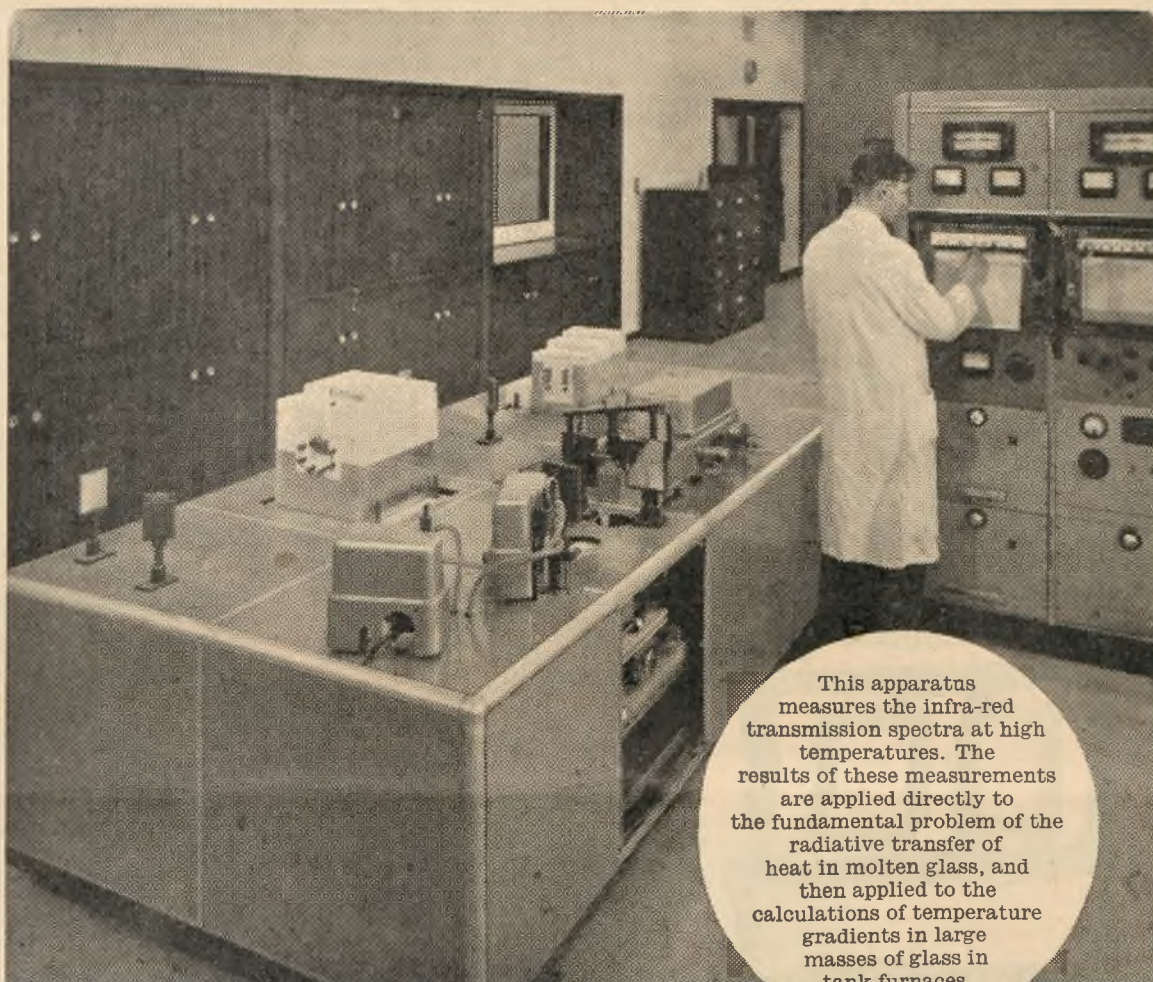
I was so concerned at what I had seen that I felt the British public would wish to know about it. I decided to telephone one of the Sunday newspapers with a reasonably wide intelligent readership and a reputation as an upholder of justice. I telephoned the "Observer" as soon as I could, which was about 3-45 p.m. British time. I got through about 4 p.m. I was referred by the telephonist to the News Desk and explained to the listener that I had a first-hand eyewitness account of a sit-down demonstration which was broken up by police violence. I was told that the paper was not interested, and this was followed by a remark which I heard as "The Amsterdam edition has gone."

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# FUTILE OR VITAL?

## Survey of Debates Record

It loses meaning, but you go on. I feel like the whisky priest in "The Power and the Glory." So what if the ritual is bunk. Someone must still perform it. So it is I turn up every Wednesday to report debates. I could not keep away now, in any case. This is in spite of hallucinations I get. Time rolls on during a debate, and I wonder if I am in Purgatory. For my sins, I must sit and listen to Mr. Laycock, Mr. Whan, and Mr. Kidd for the rest of time. Hell is other people. The Woodbine haze makes the fumes of the pit. I am here for being unfair to Martin Forrest. The MacArthurs must be Paola and Francesca. Maybe Tim May suffers for losing the gavel.

### EXCITEMENT

Then something exciting will happen. All at once debates become worthwhile again. They become that attack on prejudice, that stronghold of reason, that

by  
**Our Debates  
Correspondent**

they should be. Controversy and argument remind one that debates can still be the most vital institution in the Union. It happened last term at the corporal punishment debate. Peter Hall was giving his hard-hitting opposition speech: "I don't believe the motion. I don't think this House would bring back the birch. There is only one purpose for raising this motion. That is to have it overwhelmingly thrown out."

One remembers Steve Gould's maiden speech. For an American to criticise America when abroad—that is an act of courage. But he did not falter. Step by step we heard of America's suppression of minority views, the unfair treatment of the

Negro, bribery in politics, and turpitude in diplomacy.

### LIKE A DIAMOND

There was Alan Andrews at the Annual Political Debate. Mr. Roberts, M.P., had done his cause more harm than good. In concise, documented reasoning Mr. Andrews probably saved the case. The government minister opposite could do nothing. There was David Eastwood bravely upholding euthanasia. He pleaded: "Men must not be regarded as cogs in some kind of theological machine." He would not agree that every situation fitted a pre-determined set of rules. He should have won. There was Miss Seller at the debate on industrial scholarships. Mr. Gunawardhana had finished ranting. She followed with a speech that was as clear and incisive as a diamond. I hope the academics present listened when she reminded them that universities are for producing people, not personnel.



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## BOOK REVIEWS

### LAW AND LAUGHTER

#### The Thurber Album

(Penguin, 3/6)

James Thurber is a man of many parts. He is probably best known for the fantastic slightly-satirical doodles illustrating fantastic slightly-satirical stories. But there is only one doodle in *The Thurber Album*, and that is on the front cover.

Inside there is what is aptly described on the title page as a "collection of pieces about people." Fifteen biographies, and a sort of appendix, explain the characters and temper of various Thurber ancestors and acquaintances, among them, a distant aunt who smoked a clay pipe and chewed tobacco; Dr. Beall, "a broad-minded man, who could oppose both sides of an argument," and to whom everything with which he did not agree was "Tom-fool-ery!" or "Pop-py-cock!"; Aunt Magery (as everyone called her) who "held that thermometers were just pieces of glass used to keep patients' mouths closed while the doctors thought up something to say about conditions which baffled them" and who cured her husband of a fever with a stew of sheep droppings; and many less interesting people.

Most of the anecdotes are mildly entertaining, partly because they are brief unconnected sketches, and partly because they are written with Thurber's usual wit and humour. Only three of them however stand out as stories worth re-reading. "Newspaperman: Head and Shoulders" is the best of these. It is not a typical Thurber anecdote, nor is it the best from a literary point of view: Norman Kuehner was a forceful down-to-earth man; he did not believe in schools of journalism, and to temper his reporters he gave them almost impossible assignments until they proved their worth, and he only gave praise where it was due. He featured blood and violence, and was happiest as

a crime reporter. The story is powerful—perhaps because it deals with a powerful character.

The best of these short stories from the literary point of view is "Snapshot of Mr. Ziegfeld." Thurber met Ziegfeld when they were both registrars in the 1916 elections, and the story he makes of their one meeting is well constructed and fascinating. The third of these hand-picked pieces is "The Tree on the Diamond," a story full of vitality, and all the marks of James Thurber. *The Thurber Album* is one of the best Thurber books reproduced as a Penguin: it is Thurber without drawings, but it is Thurber.

K.A.

#### Six Great Advocates

(Penguin, 2/6)

The author himself comments on "the Difference Between Speaking and Writing," and one feels that the broadcast version of Lord Birkett's talks on *Six Great Advocates* must have been much better stylistically than this, their written version. Occasionally the style becomes so bogged down in subordinate clauses that only re-reading will convey the hidden meanings.

Nevertheless Birkett's book has considerable interest and he conjures up several very

real portraits of his subjects. He also emphasizes some little-known facts, such as the extreme poverty into which many of Britain's legendary advocates were born. Sir Edward Clarke, who defended Oscar Wilde in the famous trial at the end of the last century, left school at 13 to help his father in a London silversmith's shop. Even Thomas Erskine, son of the Earl of Buchan, spent much of his early life in great poverty.

Birkett also attempts to demolish some popular myths about the legal profession, answering such charges as "how can you possibly defend a guilty man?" ably and clearly.

Not the least interesting thing emerging from the book is the portrayal of Lord Birkett himself. He reveals just as much about himself as about the other lawyers through his discussion of them, and this is all the more fascinating when one considers the profound influence Birkett has had on the English legal system over the past 30 years.

He concludes the book with a chapter on the art of advocacy which sums up the reasons his six lawyers have remained famous long after they ceased practising at the Bar. Once the muddy style has been conquered, this book is undoubtedly interesting and useful.

E.D.S.

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CONCERNING REGIONAL ACCENTS  
HOW TERRIBLY UNCOUTH  
THEY ARE!

QUATE SO!



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SPEAK ENGLISH IN THE CORRECT  
MANNER, TO ME IS **BRANDED**  
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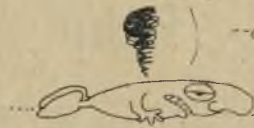
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THEY ALWAYS FIND  
OUT IN THE END

'ELL'S FLAMIN' BELLS!  
IF AH COULD GEARME  
RUDDY 'AN'S OUT GREET  
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## Profile FRED KIDD



Fred and the Telegraph in the M.J.

MR. FRED KIDD has lost confidence in the Government. To the majority this would seem like the beginning of the end. Lady Dorothy might just as well start packing the crockery now: the wind of change would seem set fair for Number Ten.

This is not, however, intended as an indication of the influence wielded by Mr. Kidd in high places. Neither is it a political Met. report with any immediate significance. Rather it reflects the gross misapprehension under which a good part of the Union is labouring—a misapprehension which Mr. Kidd himself, it must be admitted, does little to dispel.

For the jolt one gets on discovering that he may have misgivings about the policy of the present government, and that he could be what Mike Murphy once described as "that strange thing, an honest Tory," is not wholly accounted for by the Leftish bias prevalent in the Union: Mr. Kidd, third-year Lawyer and pillar of the Establishment, to all intents and purposes exudes that peculiar brand of High Toryism which has done more for the Labour Party over the years than Suez and Mrs. Barbara Castle put together.

★ ★  
HE was born, and still lives, in Stockton-on-Tees, where his father owns and manages a light engineering factory. On coming

to Leeds in 1959, he joined the Conservative Society and became First Year Rep., Secretary, and finally Chairman, his present position.

Mr. Kidd can be seen most days between one o'clock and one-thirty striding purposefully through the doors of the M.J., complete with three-piece suit, pipe, umbrella (in case of rain), and "Daily Telegraph" (in case of fire). He is much in evidence at debates, where he has been known to bring the House down on occasions with statements such as: "With reference to the motion, Mr. Speaker, I would like the House to cast its mind back to 1921" (occasions memorable if only because they were the means of jolting the back rows of the debating chamber out of their Wednesday afternoon stupor).

His lack of confidence in the present government stems from disapproval of what he considers to be their weakness over wage-restraint, and in not standing out against U.N. aggression. He also feels they are "rushing things a little too much in Kenya."

Speaking of C.N.D., he is brief and to the point. Its members, he says, are "muddle-headed idealists," whose opinions represent only a small minority in the country. Although ready to admit that a section of their ranks is sincere, he feels that there lurks behind the actions of many, ulterior political motives (could it be Communism?) and "a

ON Friday, December 8th, 1961, the first ever conference of Rag Organisers of Great Britain took place at Manchester.

The conference, organised as the result of an idea by Manchester and Liverpool Rag representatives, was a tentative approach at instituting some sort of national policy and co-operation in Rags.

It was first intended that the conference be held on a more regional basis, but according to Andrew Tyman, Manchester Rag Secretary, the response to his idea was so encouraging that he decided to lay open the conference to all colleges and universities which run Rags. The result was that there were delegates from as far afield as Glasgow, Cardiff, and Belfast.

The success of the conference was indicated when on a motion by Bristol, and amended by Leeds, it was overwhelmingly agreed to hold the conference twice a year, provisionally in Manchester.

The morning session was rather disappointing, consisting of discussions on various rather

specialized aspects of Rags. For example, one university would explain its troubles in getting co-operation from the authorities concerned; another delegate would stand up and say how agreeably everything went in his town. But nothing concrete arose from this bandying of ideas, since Rags must, of necessity, vary according to the character of the town concerned. One takes for granted, for example, the fact that Rags in Liverpool would be more rowdy than those in puritan Bristol.

### Vandalism

The afternoon discussion, however, proved to be far more lively and fruitful. Many of the universities complained of the bad reputation that Rags were getting because of the increase in

by

NIGEL RODLEY  
The Rag Chairman

vandalism which was becoming prevalent in some Rags. Eventually Keele

tabled a motion, which was re-drafted by Leeds and which won the unanimous approval of all delegates. The motion was as follows:—

*"This conference remembers that Rag must be treated as a matter aimed at raising charitable funds, and delegates categorically condemn all irresponsible and hooliganistic acts detrimental to this aim."*

Although it was felt that no "supra-union" authority could discipline any deviation from this principle, it was hoped that all unions would do their utmost to ensure that students comply with the motion. At all events, the least a public declaration of this sort can do would be to establish a firmer basis of trust between university authorities, the student body,

and the public with regard to behaviour in Rags.

### Publicity

If a motion tabled by Leeds is successful, Rags generally are going to have the best publicity they have ever had. The motion, which was again carried unanimously, proposed that the conference approach the governing bodies of "Look at Life," and B.B.C. and I.T.A. television with a view to producing a national film feature on Rag. Other universities have thought on similar lines concerning their own particular Rags, but the prospect will have a far greater appeal in a national context.

Finally it was decided to elect a working committee and draw up a constitution for the guidance of future conferences. If the conference continues to progress in the vein which this initial success has indicated, future Rags might develop into a cause of friendship and national co-operation which will really give them a much-needed new look.

## Rag Review

Preparations are now well under way. Those interested in writing sketches, music, lyrics, etc., or helping in any way should go to Rag Office or ring Leeds 681610 as soon as possible.

Auditions will be held before the end of this term.

All societies are reminded that Rag Week will be one week later this year, due to the longer term.

Feature articles of any kind are always welcomed for publication in "Union News." Please note that all such copy must be submitted 10 days before publication.

certain amount of anti-American hysteria."

Mr. Kidd may not be everyone's cup of tea, but Union S.G.M.s have sometimes shown that he cannot be dismissed as lightly as he dismisses C.N.D.

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# INTOLERANT XENOPHOBIA

## Bestiality of Fascism Attacked

SIR.—I should like to explain to Mr. Grenfell-Banks (whose letter appears in your last issue) why most of us cannot extend tolerance to the so-called British Nationalist Party.

Apart from the enormities for which Fascism has been responsible during the last thirty years in Europe and in most other places, which

alone stand as a tremendous indictment of such beliefs, we can see in the activities of similar bodies in Leeds and neighbouring cities ample grounds for not respecting the dogmas we are asked to respect.

The assumption that a negro (or other "inferior") is unfit to inhabit certain rooms, drink in certain bars, and dance with girls of a certain pigmentation, by definition, causes great suffering and humiliation to those discriminated against, which can turn very easily into anger and disgust; so evil brings forth evil. When those who are responsible try to excuse themselves by saying that a negro once caused a fight there it is only a front to the same attitude. Not even Mau-Mau could compare with white fascism over the past three decades for expertness, scope and dedication.

It is because I will not tolerate the vicious expression of intolerant, cruel, and self-glorifying xenophobia that I write in protest against what may have been a well-intentioned letter. The woolly and amoral interpretation of "free speech" that Mr. Banks assumes is smeared with so much innocent blood because of the assumption in it that all doctrines are of equal validity and truth. Yet it is

axiomatic that some beliefs are less true, valid, or morally defensible than others, and the worst of all these must be resisted—not by persecution, of course—but by a clear, firm, and persistent denial.

Let me then differentiate between the hysterical version of C.N.D. propaganda (hysteria derived from fear mixed with love), and B.N.P. propaganda (hysteria derived from fear mixed with hate). The one, it is true, does no service to the growth of love between peoples; the second does blatant disservice.

Mr. Banks headed his letter from Wesley College, and I am sure no true Methodist would do other than pass on Christ's instructions, "Love thy neighbour." When this is answered with "Who is my neighbour?" Christ could answer with the parable of the Good Samaritan. Even when the foreigner seems to be an enemy, the Christian is not absolved, nor would he wish to be; he will still forgive his enemies. If this seems a "holier than thou" attitude, I am sorry, but I think anyone who aspires to follow Christ must not be afraid to rebuke the evil-minded. We are left with no excuse for accepting any dogmas of hate.

Yours, etc.,  
NORMAN TALBOT.

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## C.N.D. also Infantile

SIR.—I read in your recent front-page article that members of the B.N.P. are "infantile and insane," which is shown by "their futile dabbling and hysterical propaganda." However I fail to see the subtle differences between this and similar activities by members of C.N.D., except perhaps that C.N.D. appears to have done more of it. I have not seen references in the same vein to this in your paper.

Let me state that I have no sympathies with the B.N.P., but if "Union News" is to continue its "campaign" against these idiotic antics, let it also include the equally infantile daubings produced by members of C.N.D.

Yours, etc.,  
W. I. ROBINSON.  
Leeds University Union.

Dear Sir...

## Students Evicted

SIR.—It was with disgust that we read your article reporting the eviction of three women students from their lodgings. Although painfully aware of the dangers of this present letter being misinterpreted, in the interests of all concerned we feel constrained to place the full facts before readers who relied on your article for their information.

In fact only one student was actually given notice to leave the following day, the others being given until the end of term. The incident cited as the cause of eviction was in fact not an isolated one, but the culmination of a series of provocations on the students' part.

Secondly, was "Union News" told the hour at which Mrs. Sledge, the Warden of Women Students in Lodgings, was telephoned by the girls concerned? We would suggest that gross lack of consideration was shown in phoning

her home number twice between 10 and 11 on a Sunday evening.

If the leaflet issued to students when entering lodgings is consulted, clause one of the "Notes for Hostesses" stresses the legality of the action taken by the landlord—I quote: "The hostess undertakes to give a week's notice, or refund a week's fee in lieu of notice in the event of requiring a student to leave the lodgings during a term."

Mrs. Sledge did, in fact, despite being disturbed at such an inconvenient hour, make the suggestion that the student concerned should stay for the duration of Monday night only, at the Y.W.C.A. until she could give them a permanent address. The following day (Monday), the students called to see Mrs. Sledge at her office, although outside the hours clearly indicated on the notice-board in Cavendish Hall. Miss Hollis, Mrs. Sledge's secretary, actually booked a room for the evicted student at the Y.W.C.A., thus ensuring that she had temporary accommodation.

I refer now to the italicised phrase in your article to the

effect that Mrs. Sledge was not available all day; we wish to emphasise that Mrs. Sledge personally inspects and approves lodgings for women students and the impossibility of doing this from her office will be readily acknowledged by the more intelligent students.

The students then took it upon themselves to find their own accommodation. If, as stated, their lodgings had been approved by Miss Abell, why, when the student accommodation situation is so desperate, are they not being utilised? But that is aside from the main issue.

When efforts are being made to improve landlady-student relationships it would seem regrettable that "Union News" should be implicated in an article hardly calculated to make a constructive contribution to this end.

Yours, etc.,  
P. TURTON-HART  
(President),  
JOAN GRUBB  
(House Secretary)  
Cavendish Hall for Women  
Students in Lodgings.

## Facts Misinterpreted

SIR.—I should like to endorse the comments of Mr. P. B. Smith on Margaret Maden's two articles, and add to it a complaint that she has even yet failed to make sure of her facts. Her whole argument seems to be a misinterpretation of shaky facts seen through the distorting lenses of red-tinted spectacles.

The real reason for the building of the Great Wall of Ulbricht and the closing of the Berlin border is far from being the exchange rate in West Berlin (such a facile explanation is not even used by Ulbricht himself). This has been going on for a good number of years and reflects fairly the relative buying-power of the two currencies. Apart from this, exploitation by West Berliners is impossible; in the only two restaurants in East Berlin, both State-owned, not even a cup of foul coffee can be had without producing a pass; and if there is no residence permit for East Berlin on it, then only Federal marks can be used.

No, the real reason is that Ulbricht's so-called State is liable to collapse into complete economic chaos. So many workers have shown their preference for being exploited by capitalist bosses to living in a socialist paradise, that there is grave danger of the whole industrial and agricultural system grinding to a halt through lack of manpower. The glorious Seven-Year Plan has been abandoned as useless. Rather than lose the few workers left to him, Ulbricht prefers to lock them all up in the biggest concentration camp in history.

Yours, etc.,  
L. E. FOULGER,  
Leeds University Union.

## Condemn all Daubing

SIR.—Although fully in agreement with the comments on the British Nationalist Party expressed in your leading article some weeks ago it would appear that some of the points raised are also applicable to other organizations. Is it not about time that we condemned all daubing incidents, etc., whether we agree with the sentiments expressed or not?

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## A Week's Festivity and Instruction in the Union

by  
**VIJAY CHAUDHARI**

**G**OA, a little dot on India's West coast, ceased to be a Portugese colony and an American naval base last month, and was integrated into the Republic of India.

A tumult of clashing opinions was voiced throughout the world over India's action in Goa. The voice of big business with oppressive colonial interests round the globe did its utmost to distort the facts, but in the face of World Socialism it was the dialectic that triumphed over obstinacy.

The face of India, who herself was a colony a mere fourteen years ago, still bears the marks of colonial slavery. These marks are a constant reminder of India's struggle for the right to independence and self determination. It was the hard earned independence in 1947 which opened the gates of this vast sub-continent to an integrated Republic practicing parliamentary democracy.

### Rejoicing

The ancient India, the land of learning and of gold—the India whose recorded recent history consisted largely of kings and battles—the colony bearing the yoke of a foreign rule, became a Republic on the 26th of January, 1951. There was a full week of rejoicing throughout the length and breadth of this vast sub-continent.

To an Indian a week is too short a span of time to justify celebrating the anniversary of this long-awaited event, which took generations of struggle and a sea of blood from him. The Leeds Indian is no exception to this. "Republic Week," popularly known as "India Week," is the liveliest event in the calendar of the 110-strong Indian Association of our Union.

An attempt is made to show all aspects of the country's many-sided personality, through cultural entertainments, art and craft exhibitions, films, talks, seminars, etc.

### Food

The rejoicing as with most of us usually starts with food. The "Republic Dinner" gives us a chance of tasting a generously spiced real Indian curry, which takes a bowl full of imported Alfonso mangoes topped with cream to moderate its effect. The Guest of Honour at the dinner on this January 22nd is to be Dr. Dadoo, the President of both the South African Indian Congress and the South Africa United Front. A very appropriate Chief Guest for the "Republic Dinner," and a distinguished visitor to the Leeds University Union.



**Miss Vija Vetra**

### Saris

India Week's "Exhibition of Indian Art and Craft," with a "Handicraft Sales Counter" is a must for every person with taste. This Exhibition is to be set up through the joint effort of the Indian Association and the Art Society. Apart from the contemporary Indian paintings, the Exhibition is to have a large "Handicraft Counter" with a wide variety of dainty gift

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The performance of Indian Classical and Folk Dances by Miss Vija Vetra in Great Hall, on the very day of the 11th anniversary of the birth of the Indian Republic, is one of the highlights of India Week. Being the Principal of her own Dance School in Melbourne, Australia, Miss Vetra appears regularly on the Australian Television System in her own Dance Programme series. Last year she toured India on a personal cultural mission and gave a number of dance recitals in Delhi and Madras.

Miss Vetra, with her experience of scores of dance recitals in various parts of the world, has plenty to offer to the Leeds University audience, especially to those who have a keen eye for graceful eloquence of arms and hands and a quick change of mood.

### Culture

Dr. Basham, of the University of Cambridge, will be another distinguished visitor to the Union during India Week. He has kindly agreed to come over to Leeds to give a talk on Indian culture. As everyone knows, Dr. Basham is the Reader in Indian History at Cambridge and an expert on Indian culture.

### Seminar

A seminar on social and economic development in India is also to take place during the Week. This will be the second in the series, the first having been held early last year on India's Third Five-Year Plan. The "Socialist pattern" of the Indian economy, how it differs from large-scale Socialist Planning, and what it means to the Indian people, are the most likely questions to be discussed.

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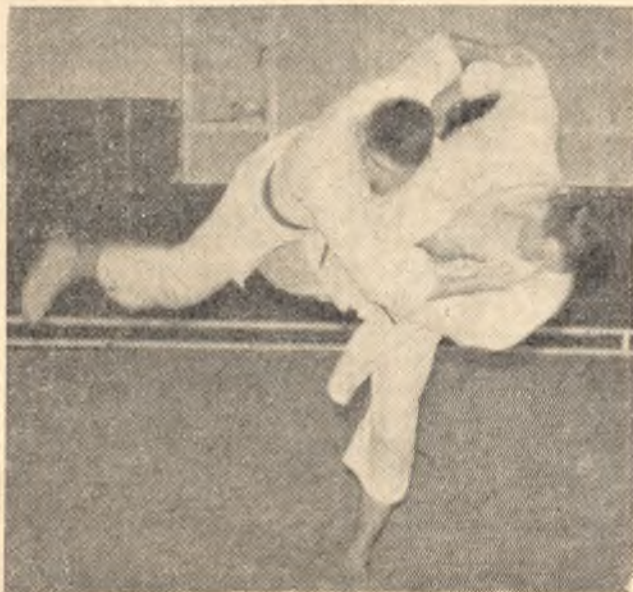
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Graham Holling throwing Don Smith with a sweeping hip throw.

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"Judo," literally translated from the Japanese, implies "the Gentle Way," which, as an ideal should suggest skill as opposed to strength, but, in practice, power plays an important role. Part of the success of our club has been due to the high level of theoretical and idealistic appreciation of this way of life.

As well as defeating University teams, the club's successes this year have included the addition of four more Black Belts to their books and the title of North Eastern England Open Team Champions. Leeds University have at times provided half the Northern Universities' judo team and this club is bringing great credit to the University.

The feelings of the club's members are probably best expressed in captain Don Smith's words: "We practice rather than preach."

A GREAT fighting rally during the latter half of this match by the Nottingham team was the highlight of the game. Trailing 27-6 it looked as if they would finish the match humiliated by a much faster and direct Leeds team.

However, a try by inside centre Hutten between the posts infused new life into the Notts. team and for the first time in the match their backs looked dangerous.

Only magnificent defensive work by the University, inspiringly led by Phillips, kept them at bay, but even so they managed to score two further tries late in the game through Miller—a forty-yard run—and Hutten.

### Early Lead

Leeds, playing with a strong wind behind them, went into an early lead when Anson ran on to a cross-kick and increased this lead soon after when Griffiths touched-down. For most of the first half the University were on top with their forwards dominating the line-outs and loose scrums, and it was no surprise when

they had increased the points margin, through a drop-goal and converted try, to nineteen.

Immediately after the turn around Leeds scored again and although the visitors fought back after this setback it was the University who remained in command until Nottingham's great rally.

### Scrappy Scrums

This game produced some very good open rugby, especially in the second half, but the game was marred by scrappy scrummaging with the ball rarely being put into the set scrums cleanly.

TEAM. — Train; Anson, Ward, Griffiths, Archer; Giddings, Williams; Fleming, Gomersall, Shorrock, Hailey, Bridge, Phillips, Evans.

## SENIOR CUP LOST IN FOG

Univ. 0, Neville Sports 3

ON December 16th the University were knocked out of the Leeds Senior Cup in a game that was played under very bad conditions, with thick fog reducing visibility to 40 yards. The University never produced true form and found it difficult to alter their style of play to suit the conditions and the class of football of the opposition.

The first twenty minutes of the game saw Leeds on top and only bad luck, and occasionally bad finishing, prevented them from taking the lead. Connolly did in fact score but after the referee had blown for a free-kick in favour of the University instead of applying the advantage rule.

Gradually, however, Neville Sports came back into the game as an attacking force having adapted themselves to the conditions better than Leeds had and the home team soon went into the lead. Although the University hit back after this setback it was the home team who remained on top and they went further into the lead before half-time.

In the second half play was very scrappy and although Neville Sports did score again the standard of play was poor. This was the first time this season that the soccer club has failed to score and the Neville defence deserve praise for holding such a free scoring forward line.

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## Provincial Universities to Take Lead

AT a meeting held in Birmingham last term of U.A.U. soccer secretaries, Ken Wilson, secretary of U.A.U., emphasised the growing need for the Provincial Universities to take the lead in Amateur Football in this Country. In the eyes of the Football Association the Provincial University is now in the ascendancy and there exists the distinct possibility of University players gaining a full England Amateur Cap.

If full advantage is to be taken of this situation the Provincial Universities must take steps to improve their reputation. This, Mr. Wilson suggests, can be done in a number of ways.

Firstly, each club must develop a set training schedule for their players and this

entails the whole-hearted support of each player in the club. More is required than just playing the two matches per week. Excellent indoor training facilities now exist, particularly in our own University.

Secondly, a high level of discipline must be maintained on and off the field. For each U.A.U. game the referee is required to send a report to the F.A. and reference to bad conduct on the field or lateness of teams in arriving could permanently damage the reputation of the Universities.

Thirdly, there is a need for a permanent link with the local associations so that information concerning promising players can be fed through to the F.A. It is believed that Leeds at the moment has potential England Amateur Caps. With a concerted effort on the part of players and committee, who knows, we may well have a player at the Tokyo Olympics.

### RESULTS

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Leeds 1st XV 27pts.  
Notts. 1st XV 17pts.  
Gryphons XV 24pts.  
Notts. 2nd XV 3pts.

#### SOCCER

Leeds 1st XI 3  
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