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## A.G.M. slumps after long discussions

BY FRANK ODDS, UNION, THURSDAY 3-30

DESCRIBED afterwards by one union member as 'ridiculous,' yesterday's A.G.M. folded inoperative after 90 minutes' discussion on the proposed abolition of Union Committee.

Up to last year, Annual General Meetings were recognised as an excuse for flour throwing and general rowdyism. But yesterday's meeting proved that the tight restrictions on behaviour instituted last year have paid off.

A packed Riley-Smith Hall listened to the proceedings with very few outbursts of cheering. No missiles were thrown and there were no accidents of any other kind.

### Adopted

The minutes of the last A.G.M. and the Secretary's report for 1963-64 were adopted unread. The Treasurer's statement for 1963-64 was accepted with only a few questions from the floor.

Next came discussion on constitutional changes. Vice President Alan Hunt, proposing the adoption of a change of constitution to government by general meetings of the union instead of by Union Committee, was greeted with some stamping from the back of the hall. He remarked, "I hear the rattling of little feet. Perhaps next time people will wear bigger boots so they can express their disapproval more effectively."

But the general tone of Hunt's remarks was more serious. He advocated the general meeting system of government because he feels it is more democratic.

### Mandate

He said that election of Union Committee members under the present system was unsatisfactory since candidates were not covered by a general mandate stating their views on all topics that might confront them on the committee.

Speeches from the floor were prolific. Debates Secretary Philip Quille opposed the setting up of a general meeting system because "as

Debates has shown") a meeting can be packed by pressure groups which could turn the voting in their own favour.

Jeremy Hawthorn claimed that larger meetings would conduct business more rapidly than smaller meetings since the bigger the meeting, the more people would be annoyed with time-wasters.

Ex-Editor of Union News Peter Gregson felt that the mere fact of Union Committee proposing its own abolition was a sign that a change from the present system of government was needed. But he felt that the proposed changes were not entirely satisfactory.

On a point of information, John Urquhart expressed worry about the possibility of repealing the general meeting system if it proved unsatisfactory. "Once you've got something in, it's much more difficult to get it out."

### Dropped

Voting was 335 for the changes, 185 against, with 9 abstentions. Thus the necessary two-thirds majority was not achieved, and the proposals were dropped.

At this point the quorum was challenged by John Urquhart, and the meeting was found to be short of the 638 necessary.

The meeting was closed in a flurry of challenges, points of order and points of information.

Union President Ian Morrison has ruled that the challenge to the quorum has rendered the voting on the constitutional changes invalid.

## Morrison tears down recommendation posters

# ENGINEER ELECTED TO HOT SEAT

## White tops poll with big win

POST-GRADUATE Civil Engineer and House Secretary Roger White was elected Union President for the next session in Tuesday's voting.

With a majority of over 400 votes, he beat Union Secretary Robin Young in a four-cornered election.

Thirty-two per cent. of the Union's 6,400 members voted on Tuesday, slightly less than last year's thirty-six per cent. poll, when Ian Morrison was elected with a 131-vote majority.

Among the 2,048 votes cast, there were 27 spoilt papers. This number is only slightly higher than last year, and seems to indicate a fair interest in this year's elections.

The majority of 428 is unusually high, being exceeded in the last ten years on only two occasions (see table), and is the highest "Winner's %" since 1958.

White, a 22-year-old native of Bingley, comes from a family of hunters. He has in the past stated that he is a-political, and as House Secretary wanted to "try to run the Union efficiently." He is at the moment busy with plans for the refurbishing of much of the Union building, and this should be finished by the time he takes office as President of the Union.

Although a triumph for White, the validity of this year's Presidential Election was, at times, very much in question.

### Posters

On the day of polling, rumours began circulating in the Union that Engineering Society posters recommending White for President were on show in the Engineering block, where a ballot box was located.

Union President Ian Morrison, acting as Returning Officer for the election, went over to the department to investigate. He found three posters like the one shown, recommending White, hung in what he considered to be positions too near to the ballot box, and decided to remove them.

"I took down the posters," he said, "not because the legality of

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

RECOMMENDS

ROGER WHITE

FOR UNION PRESIDENT

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Posters like this were taken down from Engineering Block by Morrison on Tuesday.

the election had been jeopardized, in which case I should have had to cancel the election, but because I did not wish to set a precedent for future Returning Officers whereby this sort of thing would go unnoticed."

Morrison told Union News:

"These posters are not illegal at present, but I do not think the bye-laws, as they stand, are explicit enough in this matter."

Robin Young also felt that the bye-laws were inadequate. "If this sort of thing were to become general practice," he said, "it could

White, Roger ... ..	1,123
Young, Robin ... ..	695
Williams, Bryan ... ..	112
Dawson, Roger ... ..	91
Spoilt Papers ... ..	27

Total Poll ... .. 2,048

snowball into something complicated and expensive. The Engineers are given a ballot box for convenience. They are expected to run it properly," he said, "and not to have posters recommending particular candidates in the immediate vicinity of the ballot box."

"However," he said, "I do not think the result would have been very different whether posters of this sort were displayed or not."

### Well known

White said it was well known that Engineering Society recommends candidates for elections. "Since all society recommendations and decisions are communicated through posters," he said, "I see little reason why posters recommending myself should not be displayed, although I do feel that a bye-law restricting the proximity of posters to the ballot boxes would be useful."

Engineering Society Student President Chris Clough, in a letter to Ian Morrison, stressed that the clerks on the ballot box were instructed to observe strict impartiality and did not in any way influence voters.

Morrison told Union News that if he had had to declare the election invalid it would have put back the Vice-Presidential election, nominations for which close tomorrow. More important, he said, the fact that this in turn would have delayed Union Committee elections following.



## STOP PRESS

At time of going to press two male candidates and two female candidates had taken out papers for the coming Vice - Presidential elections.

Union Treasurer Mervyn Saunders and Rag Chairman John Sutton are the male candidates and ex-W.U.S. Secretary Kate Edwards and ex-Union News Business Manager Chris Fielden are standing for Lady Vice-President.

## Presidential Voting over the last decade 1956-65

Year	Elected	No. of Cands.	Winner's %	Maj.	Total % Poll
1965	WHITE	4	55.0	428	31.5
1964	MORRISON	3	39.0	131	36.0
1963	LAVENDER	3	42.6	64	32.2
1962	HALL	3	49.2	283	29.5
1961	MACARTHUR	3	49.9	618	53.7
1960	BATEMAN	3	35.3	9	23.0
1959	SCHUMER	3	53.1	198	37.0
1958	LEE	3	75.0	1,022	40.5
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1956	SIDEBOTTOM	7	35.0	17	44.0

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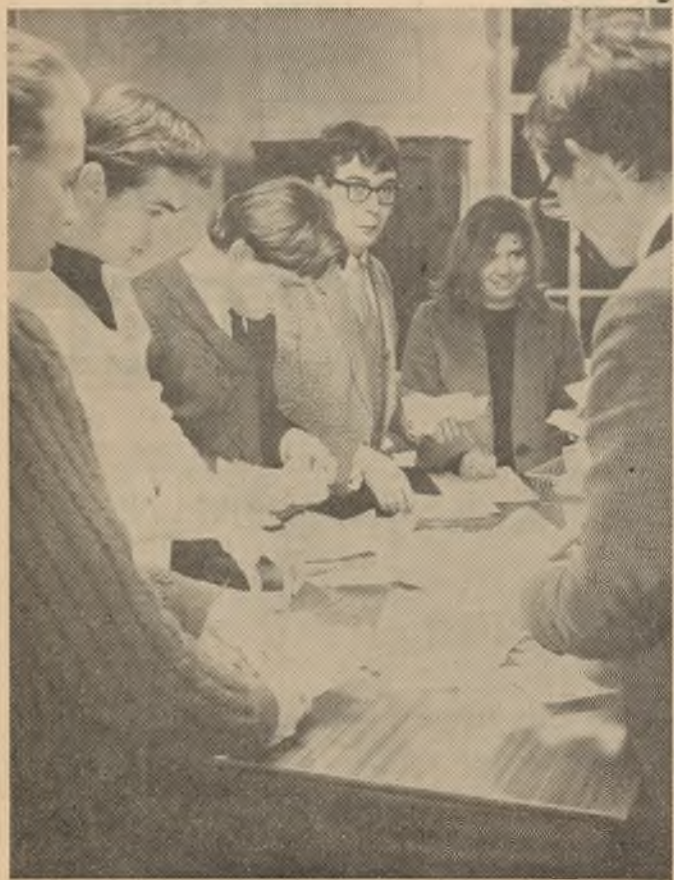
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# It happened elsewhere

A look round the other student newspapers

## Birmingham

SEVERAL Birmingham students have recently found themselves unwittingly involved in police proceedings.

Four students tramping homeward along Bristol Road a week ago last Saturday witnessed what was apparently an attempted murder, and certainly a case of assault and battery.

Near the junction of Bristol road with Speedwell Road, a man began to drive his car at another group of young men on the pavement, and when they shielded themselves behind a tree, he pulled up on the opposite side of the road, got out, took a starting handle from the boot, and ran across to the group.

Then, with cries of "I'll kill you," he started to struggle with one of the young men, beating him round the head with the starting handle.

The students and the members of the other group who witnessed the incident rang the police, and as a result of the information they were able to give a man appeared in court recently.

by  
A. J. COLE

Teams from the Commerce and Social Science Sports Society were drinking in Manchester Union bar after matches against Manchester when police asked four of them—all 5ft. 8in. and blonde—to help in an identification parade concerned with a case of indecent exposure.

After the parade the students whiled away a couple of hours in the police station playing brag; the police didn't seem to object to gambling on their premises.

## Sheffield

THREE students at Sheffield have been in trouble with police—but unlike the Birmingham students their trouble occurred abroad over the Christmas vac.

Second-year engineer Bob Townsend was visiting his parents in Aden where his father serves with the R.A.F. On the first day of his holiday he was at a party given by some friends of his sister.

Just as everybody was preparing to go home, a bomb was thrown through the window, killing one 16-year-old-girl and seriously injuring two boys who were in the room.

Fortunately Townsend himself was in another part of the house during the incident.

Third-year lawyer Edwin Reavley last week received a letter from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, informing him that a warrant is out for his arrest following his non-appearance in a Malibu, California, court on a drinks charge.

Reavley has been warned that serious consequences might result from his failure to pay \$76 bail.

"It might be a bit tricky if ever I want to go back to the States," said Reavley.

"When I get into New York I suppose they could fly me out to the Pacific with an armed escort, where I could spend three months in a sunny San Quentin. Bit of a drag, really."

Union Secretary Neil Rackham was mistaken by Hamburg police for a member of the Soviet Military Mission when he drove his car down a one-way street.

Unable to speak German, Rackham had unintentionally given a policeman the impression he was trying to evade arrest. The situation was eventually resolved by an interpreter.

## Lisbon

OVER 70 Portuguese students were arrested a fortnight ago by the secret police in the biggest wave of arrests since persecution of students began three years ago.

The Minister of the Interior claims that the arrests were made to prevent the Communists from "preparing a future ruling class through a Communised university," and threatening the cohesion of the armed forces "by infiltration of Communist elements."

## Southampton

ON Wednesday seven men faced charges of conspiring to publish obscene photographs.

Among them was Peter Spencer-Kraus (24), a 3rd-year philosophy student at the University. He was charged with publishing to a Mr. David Lewis Cannings a number of obscene photographs.

Three of the others charged are also alleged to have been concerned together in having sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old girl.

Another is accused of publishing an obscene cine-film to David Lewis Cannings.

Evidence was given by Scotland Yard detectives of the alleged seizure of about 16,000 obscene pictures from Soho bookshops.

The hearing was expected to last four days.

## Conservative

### A.G.M.

elects new

### blood

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION'S AGM was held in a calmer atmosphere than in previous years.

Both the Chairman, Robert Allum, and Secretary, Robina Milnes, spoke of the healing of the society which had taken place, and how the Association's activities had shown an improvement with the "passing away" of members purely seeking personal notoriety.

The effective way of propagating Tory views in the Union was for a greater diffusion of responsibility within the members. Elected to carry on the rebuilding of the association were: Chairman, Hugh Aldons; Secretary, Neil Eldred; Vice-Chairmen, Josephine

Gabe and Geoff Russell; Treasurer, John Loftus.

Mr. Allum was also elected as a Honorary Vice-President in respect of his chairmanship of the last 18 months.

## APOLOGY

WE have been asked to point out that the Bursar, Mr. E. Williamson, is in no way connected with the Vic Allen appeal. In fact, Mr. J. E. Williams is one of the appeal organisers.

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'ACTION' meeting 7-30 p.m., Monday, Tetley Hall, Moor Grange. Coffee.

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With reference to an article which appeared in this newspaper on the 22nd of January, the following is an objective report compiled at the request of the University authorities concerning the facts of the case referred to in the article.

- THREE** women students lived in a flat.
- COMPLAINTS** were made to Mrs. Sledge by a neighbour:  
*Party on November 21st; police were called in by neighbours at 1-30 a.m.; party broke up at 4-30 a.m. according to neighbour, 3 a.m. according to students.*  
*Mrs. Sledge investigated complaints and saw the students involved.*  
*Further complaints about a party on December 7th till 4 a.m. and a party on December 10th till 3 a.m.*  
*Further complaints about a party on December 13th. One landlady neighbour complained that her students were unable to work because of the noise. Bottles had been thrown through the stair window from the inside.*  
*Mrs. Sledge visited the students again before the end of the term.*

3. **THE** University Authorities decided to withdraw the privilege of living in a flat from these three girls; they were requested to leave the flat and to move into lodgings for the rest of the session (letter from the Registrar, December 30th, 1964). The Registrar also wrote to the Estate Agents, cancelling the tenancy on December 30th. The students appealed to the Registrar against this decision; the Registrar wrote again to them on January 9th, 1965, to say that their appeal had been considered but that the decision would not be changed. The Registrar wrote to the parents of the three students, informing them that the students had been requested to live in lodgings for the rest of the session. Mrs. Sledge was asked to find lodgings for the three students.

4. **MRS. SLEDGE** found lodgings for two of the students. The other student was pregnant and it is not easy to find lodgings for pregnant women. Mrs. Sledge offered to try one landlady who she thought might agree to take her, but the student did not wish to go there, preferring a flat. The University authorities therefore restored to her the privilege of living in a flat. Mrs. Sledge then found her a flat in a house where there are about eight or ten women students who could help her, and further, this flat was chosen because it was near the Student Health Department and the Maternity Hospital. The student accepted it.

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## EMOTIONAL OUTPOURINGS

### All change

Dear Sir,  
**SO** Andy Tudor and Doug Sandle wanted to slate Union News for refusing to print an advert reminding people of the Dresden bombing, did they?

I was under the impression that Union Committee was a body intended to govern Union affairs—and in particular to check the expenditure of Union money. But on Monday it became a slanging ground simply because Messrs. Tudor and Sandle were a little upset at having one of their clever jokes nipped in the bud.

What I would really like to know is why the matter was discussed in the first place. Surely an impartial chairman should have ruled the matter out of order on grounds of irrelevancy? After all, no newspaper is under any obligation whatsoever to accept advertisements or contributions.

But no; at Monday's U.C. we had to watch members painfully wrangle over the merits and demerits of the late Winston Churchill.

Well, if this is the best U.C. can do, I say let's change to the proposed general meeting system—and the sooner the better!

Yours, etc.,  
**JOHN HODGSON**

### Dear Mr. Moore

Dear Sir,  
... **HAVE** your opinion by all means, but why be so rude about it?

I would not dream of belittling you by calling you a "so-called Medic."

I do not do this glass phenomena and also discourage others from doing it.

I agree that lots of messages do originate from the sub-conscious with this form of phenomena, but not all.

This kind of thing is not Spiritualism.

It is obvious to me that your knowledge of this work is very limited.

May I quote one of my letters to you that I still have—from Professor Ian Stevenson, Department of Medicine, Charlottesville, Virginia, February, 1963:  
"Dear Mrs. McLean,

Thank you so much for your letter. It was very good of you to write me such a full account of your experiences.

I was particularly interested in your vision of your husband after his death. I am sure this must have been a very impressive and reassuring experience for you.

I agree with you about the difficulty in developing mediumship and its undependability and refusal to be coerced."

By the way, I was told by more than one of my sitters that I had impressed and amazed them at the Ball and as I gave my services for charity I felt quite happy. Thank God for the help of external forces.

**ELIZABETH McLEAN**

Dear Sir,

**THE** emotional outpourings that were printed in this section last week were too much to resist.

Markham seems to have decided that unmarried pregnant women are outside the laws of humanity and does not even afford them sympathy or company. He assumes that only Darrow or "... some of his sordid friends," will be those kind enough to care about the girl. Really, Markham? In your righteousness you have no pity, and call those who have, sordid?

Concerning the nightbird minority, they obviously have made their University life "beer, gin, etc., free and easy birds," and to tell them that this life doesn't exist is slightly futile.

Winter, "whoring" may be a lovey-sounding word, but it usually means a prostitute. I imagine very few women at University ask for money for their favours; they would probably soon leave with a small fortune if they did, you presume?

Another definition: Slut . . . a slovenly woman, a dirty, untidy woman (such a nice word). I see a lot of such people about, but I confess I didn't know they were all on the verge of prostitution.

Sterilisation (lovely word!) probably is the answer, but not a permanent sterilisation: it would be a great shame to leave the world to you and your ilk, with such intolerance. I hope your handkerchief shrinks from the tears.

Leeds ratepayer, your letter is too emotional for real comment, but I would point out that although beer is good for courage, it is reputedly shocking for effectuality. Otherwise, since your letter boils down to a complaint about noise, it is a fair objection. Puke on, quietly.

Lastly, insensitive: this letter seemed the only one with any real sympathy for the problem Darrow raised. The last comment, "those bound to come forward in her (Mrs. Sledge's) defence," was obviously an accurate prediction.

While the girl should take about 50 per cent. of the responsibility for her "interesting condition" (assuming she wasn't set upon and raped by some whoring, V.D.-carrying nightbird, boozed up at two in the morning), the attitude that she is somehow unclean and no longer human is interesting. The girl in question is probably able to take care of herself; she will have enough worries over the next few months, however, without some petty moralists hoping she'll be drenched in hellfire for doing something they disagree with.

Rant and rave about immorality, promiscuity, vice, lewdness, lechery, lasciviousness, libidinousness. But please, don't just say its all immoral. Say why, if you can. In logical terms, as something you have thought about, not as something you have been taught and have just accepted. Can you?

Yours, etc.,  
(I think I'd better remain anonymous, please!).

### Blood-stained It's sad...

Dear Sir,

**I** WOULD like to remind our "valiant fighters for freedom" that had it not been for the "awful" bombings authorised by the late and "murderous" Winston Churchill they would now most certainly be slaving within the four blood-stained walls of a concentration camp.

It is time our rebellious bill-stickers grew up and made a serious effort to quell their petty exhibitionism.

Yours, etc.,  
**DAVID APFEL**

Dear Sir,

**IT** is a sad commentary on the state of a newspaper when its staff does not even bother to read it.

In connexion with travel to North America, we refer you to the Personal Column of your January 22nd edition. It states therein that ALL travel requirements (including BUNAC and NUS) are now handled in the Services Section of the Union, NOT the NUS Office.

Further, the BUNAC Charter agreement requires that students should first be members of the Club, before receiving flight details, and thus we disclaim any information disclosed within your column.

Yours, etc.,  
**DAVID G. ROBERTS,**  
Hon. President;  
**JON B. LEWIS,**  
Hon. Secretary, LUUNAC

### Sensationalism

Dear Sir,  
**WHO** does this man Winter think he is?

His gross generalisations about "the fair sex" and promiscuity among University women were, apart from any other consideration, totally irrelevant to Darrow's article. The circumstances of the case cited by Darrow are unknown, and therefore we fail to see the pertinence of moray judgments by Mr. Winter, or any other Union busybody.

Such cases are not apt material for propaganda against University officials, but nor should they be used as an excuse for sensational comments in Union News.

Yours, etc.,  
**AVERIL OSBORN**  
**SYLVIA T. NORMAN**

### Understanding

Dear Sir,  
**AN** article under the name of Gilbert Darrow has been under violent fire recently. It was an article couched in somewhat impolite and over-emotional terms, but surely the sentiment and moral behind the insults is defensible.

It was directed basically against lack of charity, lack of tolerance and lack of understanding. It was based on a single illustrative incident, but it was our first real clue to a situation which should be investigated and dealt with urgently.

The student's world is an insecure one; for many of us there is no-one on whose help we can rely. In any kind of situation one needs a detached, helpful hand, free of condemnation, and equally free of condemnation. The position of any person with a social responsibility to students involves an understanding of this need; it is material help, given with an understanding and uncommitted attitude, that is required.

That, in one case at least, and probably in many more, this help was not given, was shown by the Darrow article. And this problem is far more serious than the supposed original moral offence on the part of the girl involved, against which so much malicious and uncharitable comment was directed in the letters of the last issue of Union News.

We may regard the Darrow approach as unfortunate. But the attitude which he attacks is insupportable, and before we come out with a tirade against his manners, we must remember that his article has been valuable in pointing out an attitude which we must, as mature and tolerant individuals, deplore.

I hope that we can now settle down to dealing with the real problem behind this printed badinage in a capable and responsible way.

Yours, etc.,  
**KATE EDWARDS**

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## OBITUARY

"ASK yourself whether you are happy and you immediately cease to be so." These often-quoted words of John Stewart Mill are appropriate when mourning the loss of an old friend. Few of us will forget the feuds and discussions that have, over the years, given this Union such a pronounced individuality. But on the chilly night of Wednesday, February 3rd, in a stuffy, smoke-filled room, the death sentence was passed.

After intensive argument, involving fist-pounding from Mr. Hunt and regular interjections from the ex-officio representative of the Debating Society—Mr. Quille, judgement was passed. "Do you, the elected delegates of the members of this mighty union plead guilty or not guilty to the charges of corruption and irresponsibility in the line of duty?" A very large majority of the defendants sheepishly raised their hands and thereby acknowledged their guilt. The few who considered themselves innocent were given no chance to defend themselves. The judge donned his black cap. The verdict: "Union Committee shall cease to exist. The new constitution shall be presented to an A.G.M. for ratification." Whether the A.G.M. ratifies the new laws or not (this article was written before the result of the A.G.M. was known), the Union will never again be the same.

The cunning schemers who planned the charges against our once-noble rulers have indeed succeeded. How can a committee which has demanded its own abolition continue to give its subjects the due care and attention they deserve.

We will miss those long conversations about how useless UC is, when UC will no longer be with us. We will miss the eloquent oratory that Mr. Hunt used to make on those bleak Monday nights. We will miss those monotonous Penny Walt speeches, those witty Quillian interjections, and those fatuous points of order from Messrs. Kent, Sandie and Smith. It is with great regret that we now mourn the death of our old friend, Union Committee.

"The lighting ever attempted amateur stage in the show Tony Corbett, named for Theatre Cation of Brecht's "ery in the Third Reich" the play's lighting. On worked in the prore for the past four Union News that the light effect lighting.

Part of the Arts Festival, the play consists of ten scenes portraying the lives of ordinary men and women under the Nazis. Each scene requires a separate combination of lights. In all, some one hundred and twenty lights—the equivalent of 300,000,000 candles!—are being used.

Throughout, authentic pictures will be projected onto a gauze and the wall at the back of the stage. They are to provide continuity. When lighted from behind, the gauze is invisible, but when lighted from the

front, it acts like a cinema screen.

This is a technique very difficult to perfect. So much so that a whole week of technical rehearsals will be necessary—in sharp contrast to the usual one or two before a Theatre Group production.

### No audience trickery

During performance all technical equipment will be visible to the audience. Brecht himself was very much in favour of this for it destroys any illusions the audience might have about their reasons for being in the theatre. But in this case the lighting barrels were visible to concentrate the action into a small area more easily—something which is very difficult to do on a small stage.

### Special lighting

Both Belgian and German highly specialised narrow-angle equipment is being used, also to facilitate this concentration. A ton of scaffolding is necessary to carry the lights.

The play can be seen every evening next week in the RSH at 7 p.m. and on both Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.



Anthony Corbett directing operations.



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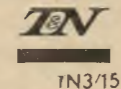
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## RULE OF THUMB

is, for obvious reasons, most students' hitching ground. However, there are certain general rules to make your trip easier.

Union Jack. It makes all the difference in illustration and success, especially in countries where it is discouraged or banned for inhabitants (Sweden) or in strongly pro-British (i.e. ...)

Inevitably you'll be dropped in the middle of some large town. The best way to get out is to ask one of the locals for the best hitching-off spot. (Ask someone who looks about student age, because (a) he'll know where to send you, and (b) he's more likely to speak English). It's inadvisable to try to walk out of large towns, if only because trams or buses are much easier on the feet.

If you're in a hurry, or just want to get places, don't be afraid to ask drivers for lifts—at traffic lights, road junctions, petrol stations, ferries or Customs posts.

### ILLUMINATION

If you're in a real hurry try hitching at night. Wear something light-coloured, and try to make yourself obvious to drivers.

So, with well heeled boots, heavy jacket, waterproof and Union Jack proud in the breeze, you set off for the continent of Europe. You are faced with a choice of three major ports—Calais (cheapest, but most difficult to get out of), Ostende (reasonably cheap—4 guineas—and reasonably difficult to get out of) and Hook of Holland (most expensive, but little used, and with good autobahn connections to all parts of Europe). From there on the world's your oyster. Hitch-hiking is not banned to foreigners in any European country, except U.S.S.R. In some countries it is hedged round with regulations but pleading ignorance and/or being English will usually get you out of any brushes with the law. In no European country are you allowed to hitch on motorways, so stick to slip roads or service areas. If you are stuck on a motorway, keep an eye out for police—they can inflict on-the-spot fines in some countries.

### UNINSURANCE

In Denmark and Sweden, there is no compulsory third-party insurance for car drivers, so they are unwilling to risk having to pay damages to hitch-hikers injured in their car crashes.

With the roads of Europe becoming more and more crowded, you may want to go further afield. Hitch-hiking is allowed in Rumania, Czechoslovakia (you must get a coupon from their Embassy), Poland (necessary to register at one of the State Tourist Bureaux (O.R.B.I.S.), Morocco, Turkey, Gerece, Yugoslavia, Israel (and for the really adventurous) Australia.

# FILMS

I SAID last term why films like "The System" and "Goldfinger" stood out not because there was anything necessarily good about them, but because they were fresh — they presented the public with something new.

The same applies to *The Train* (dir. Frankenheimer, with Burt Lancaster, Paul Scofield and Jeanne Moreau), which is showing at the TOWER next week after a recent two-week run at the Odeon.

*The Train* is a stark film. Stark in its preponderance of darkness, stark in its realism.

The tale is of the defiance of a group of French railwaymen who exert themselves to the point of getting killed in order to prevent a ruthless Nazi officer (Paul Scofield) smuggling a train of

French art treasures into Germany during the recapture of Paris by the Allies in the last war.

The irony is that none of the devoted railwaymen really know why they are fighting so hard to save them.

But above the story of the actual train ride from Paris, and above some rather irrelevant but fortunately not overdone love scenes between Lancaster (as the leader of the railwaymen) and Jeanne Moreau, there develops the great animosity between Scofield — determined to get the art treasures back to his home-

land — and Lancaster — equally determined to keep them in France.

This clash of personalities, this great hatred, reaches its brilliant climax at the end of the film. It is the ending which makes *The Train* unforgettable. Its shattering reality is bound to drive home even to the minds of the back-row smoochers.

The ODEON is showing *The New Interns*, *Ulysses Against Hercules* and *God Help Us All* are the double feature at the MAJESTIC, and *Oklahoma* will be drawing the crowds at the ODEON MERRION CENTRE.

And don't forget the two late-night Arts Festival showings of *The Trial* and *Cuba Si* at the TOWER.

Reviewed by M. F. Bull

## Eastern Rivalry

Cherry Whitney reviews some of the Union's Foreign Societies

THE aims and activities of many of the Foreign Student Societies of the Union are remarkably similar. Indian Society, generally regarded as the most powerful and best organised, seems to be the model for other societies, such as the Iraqi and Pakistani.

The highspot of the year is the National Weeks. India Society had, they claim, a very successful week—far superior to the Pakistani week held last term. Both put on Bazaars and Exhibitions but India Society went one better than the Pakistanis in putting on a concert. Both societies arranged lectures, but the big difference here, to quote India Society's president, was that "they (the Pakistanis) arranged lectures that didn't work. Eight people at a lecture!" I almost expected him to add "and half of those were Indians," as he had already expressed his opinion that Pakistani Society could not exist without Indian support.

Arab Students' Association has some original ideas and a more balanced programme than the imitation-India societies. Thus they arrange parties, films and sporting activities.

Most of the societies run football and basketball teams, and India Society is holding its own championship for the first time this year (bets on Pakistani Society doing the same soon?).

### Turkish friendship

Turkish Society stands aloof from this inter-society rivalry and status-climbing. They are more interested in co-operating with the Turkish Societies of other university unions and in unity among Turkish students than in outdoing other foreign societies.

Thus last Saturday, Turkish Society was host to a joint meeting of the Turkish Federation of Students in the U.K., at Bodington Hall. This was an outstanding event in the life of Leeds Turkish Society. There were sports competitions in the afternoon, films and folk dancing; Lord Kinross spoke on Ataturk and Professor Hanson moved the vote of thanks. But perhaps their real achievement lay in the very friendly atmosphere that prevailed.

All the societies say they want to have people of all nationalities in their society and so attempt to help people understand more of their respective ways of life. Arab Students' Association is particularly enthusiastic about the promotion of better relations with English students. They plan to send questionnaires to all sections of the university in an attempt to understand why it is that there is a lack of contact. "We want, you see, to find out what the Leeds student really thinks of the Arab student" as one member put it.

### Political involvement

Arab Students' Association prides itself on its political involvement. The only other society confessing to any political activity at all is the youngest, Iraqi Society, who rather self-consciously admit to introducing motions in debates—"but only on Iraqi affairs you understand."

Both Iraqi and Indian Society claim to be doing the job of the Lodgings Warden and to be running an Evelyn Home service for its members.

A final aim common to all: to get more money from the Union, no doubt to help towards bigger, brighter and better bazaars and exhibitions. Oh yes, and lectures...

*Footnote:* It was hoped to include Afro-Asian Society in this survey. Unfortunately, despite repeated attempts, no member could be contacted. It was therefore concluded that Afro-Asian Society had ceased to be.



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**UNION PRESS**

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**BOOK REVIEWS**

Edited by Tim Elliot

**GRIFFITHS SPEAKS**

TEN out of ten for "Blue Rag" for getting round the Union ban on Griffiths by giving him the opportunity to reply to it through their pages.

Griffiths naturally exonerates himself from having anything to do with nigger-neighbour slogans, and as I wasn't in Smethwick at the time of the bye-election (how many UC members were?) I feel I should do him the justice of taking his word for it.

In any case, whether or not Griffiths was involved in any dirt-campaign, this is not the immediate point. The point is, as expressed by Griffiths himself, that people might have reservations about his policies "but I cannot understand people who do not wish to know the facts and yet are prepared to condemn unheard."

Yes, mate, there is "a politically bigoted minority in positions of power," and the sooner I see some of this freedom of expression I keep hearing about around the place the happier I shall be. It's about time we had a General Meeting set-up, and (get this, Mr. Sutton) I'd be glad to take along ninety-

nine of my friends to make the thing quorate.

Finally, I can't help feeling that Leyton lends a certain amount of weight to Griffiths' claim that the people of Smethwick "preferred a local Alderman to an absentee M.P."

**Darrowesque**

One of the best items is "Backwater," which is a sort of Darrowesque miscellany of Tory cliches. It tells us that Morrison doesn't stand during the National Anthem (neither do I, but then I'm not Morrison, so who cares); it describes the informalised Union Ball as a Wednesday night hop; it informs us that Debates have reached an "all-time nadir," which I quote because it's illiterate; it knocks the Hunt-Hawthorn crowd in

connection therewith; it is realistic about Vic Allen and how he can't break the law and get away with it even if he is a lousy Communist; it has a few good jokes like "Union £800 down: stay in the Red with the Reds."

This is all quite readable: unfortunately it bums everything up with the usual crap about Churchill. It's the Messiah-myth, people. Now I am not a left-wing puppet, and/or a personal friend of the Messrs. T. and S., but let me ask you a few questions.

Even supposing that Churchill did save us (single-handed?) in our hour of desperation, does this make him unconditionally the greatest man of the century?

Is it justifiable to dismiss his stand on the General Strike with the words "but that was forty years ago"?

Even supposing that he was the greatest man of the century, does this warrant closing the place on the day of his funeral? Can you impose grief on people by inconveniencing them?

**BETTER THAN BOND**

H. G. Wells, *The Valley of Spiders* (Fontana, 3/6).

**MOST** people have read some H. G. Wells at some time or other, so the stories in this volume will not be entirely unfamiliar.

Through the medium of these stories, the power, originality, energy and freshness of Wells came over very well indeed. Wells describes unreal situations in a concise dead-pan manner which makes them seem even more unreal. These stories were all written years ago, yet their freshness is a timeless thing.

If you have not read any Wells, this edition is a good place to start. If you have, this is a must for your book collection.

Mickey Spillane, *"The Snake"* (Arthur Barker Ltd., 15/- in hard-back).

**MIKE HAMMER** has followers just as fanatical in their own way as those of J. McPuke Bond. And for good reason — the Hammer stories are never implausible, but sometimes horribly real — the pace is as fast or faster than Bond.

Hammer is also slightly, but only slightly, more moral than Bond. He has a steady girl friend instead of laying around all over everywhere like James.

"The Snake" is the latest in the saga. In a pre-

vious story, Mike Hammer tangles with a Soviet mob, loses his girl Velda, and goes on the bottle for seven years because he thinks she's dead. One day someone whispers in his ear that Velda's back.

"The Snake" opens as Mike goes to see Velda again for the first time since her return from behind the Iron Curtain. He finds that she's taken in a runaway girl (who, as one might expect, is somewhat nubile) who swears that her father is trying to kill her. Straightaway the action starts and literally does not stop till the last page. Great red-hot stuff.

Spillane, although just as escapist as Bond, seems more earthly attractive. Both are meaty, but Spillane is steak where Bond is lark's breast.

**MUSIC**

By Mike Vyner

**THE** three brilliant young musicians who comprise the Meridoc Trio are Cam-

bridge undergraduates, and all three have been members of the National Youth Orchestra.

Anthony Pay (clarinet), who reads Mathematics, was soloist with the N.Y.O. when they toured Germany, Russia, Finland and Sweden, and again last Christmas in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

Christopher van Kampen led the 'cellos for two years. He is now reading Mathematics at King's College. He has

played numerous concerts with orchestras in and around London.

**Clarinet Trio**

David Atherton is the President of the Cambridge University Musical Club and assistant conductor (to David Willcocks) of the University Musical Society. He is conductor and founder member of the Lancashire Chamber Ensemble.

This Trio will play the Clarinet Trio in A minor by Brahms and the trio in B flat by Beethoven in the Great Hall, on Wednesday, February 17 at 1-20 p.m.

**Be a soldier, little man**

THIS is an experimental production by Ballad and Blues Society.

By Mary Holton



We decided that folk-songs could be presented effectively in a setting other than the usual one of the folk-club, where much of the value and meaning of song is lost. By presenting them dramatically, we hope to be able to bring out the full meanings of the songs, to make people think about them and perhaps discover aspects of them they had not considered before.

**War**

This present production is on the subject of war. It is not a folk-opera or a musical, but something entirely different. The script has been written by members of the club. It is divided into three units, which are a progression of time, each expressing a different attitude to war.

We hope that the songs will, in their relationships to each other and to the context of the action, bring out certain different reactions to war in a new way.

**Escapists**

For those interested in folk-song it should prove an interesting way to look at them from a different viewpoint; for others it may show that folk-songs really are worth singing, and are not simply for backward-looking escapists.

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LEEDS on 22nd February

## Home team avengers earlier defeat by Newcastle

# LEEDS SMASH GEORDIES

IN excellent conditions at Weetwood Leeds avenged their earlier defeat by Newcastle by playing good, fast, open rugby to win by 15-6. However, for the first 20mins. their play was without purpose and during this period Newcastle established a 6-0 lead through a penalty by Brittle and a try by Bowker. Leeds soon hit back with a well-taken penalty by P. Watson. This was closely followed by a try by G. Relph, who dived over the line to score a fine try.

With the scores level at half-time Leeds started the second half full of fire and got repeated possession from both scrums and line-outs. It was not surprising when they took the lead through a try by M. Yandle who broke through the Newcastle defence, as on many other occasions, kicked ahead to score an unconverted try.

Soon after Leeds went further ahead when C. Fay caught the ball from a '25'

and outstripped the defence to score a try in the corner. Victory was ascertained when G. Relph dropped a goal from a penalty.

### Well-earned

All the Leeds players played well, especially Relph, Yandle and Ryan in the backs and Fay, Williams and Rees in the forwards. Altogether a well-earned win.

Team: D. Thomas, D. W. Thomas, G. Relph, M. Yandle, D. Florence; T. Ward, J. H. Bryan; A. Vickers, B. E. Williams, D. Whittaker, P. Watson, P. Ashton, P. Rees, C. E. Fay, S. P. Y. Jones (captain).



## CYCLO - CROSS UNLUCKY

BRITISH Cyclo-cross history was made at Roundhay Park last Saturday when a large crowd saw Mick Stallard of Wolverhampton win the National Championship for the third successive time.

This was the 11th National Championship and the fact that it was sponsored for the first time by a large national newspaper is a sure indication of the growing popularity of the sport. Perhaps the most popular rider, both among the crowd and the competitors was Harry Bond, the Northern Champion, who came third and won selection for the World Championship in Italy next week.

more headway and eventually finished 30th. Ken Ascroft was close behind and Ian Holtby was one of the 80 riders who did not finish the 16-mile race.

Geoff's 30th place means that he will finish 7th in the Yorkshire Championship table, a creditable position after his first season of cyclo-cross.

### Late Results

#### False start

The race had a chaotic beginning with a false start, probably caused by the Lord Mayor of Pudsey having a dummy run with the starting flag for the benefit of the television camera, and the riders had completed half a lap before they could be recalled to the start.

After the first lap Geoff Isle of Leeds University was lying 74th in the 127-strong field which had strung out quite considerably. Isle pulled up to 40th place on the next lap but couldn't make much

### TABLE TENNIS

## Leeds outstanding

THE four-man team which travelled up to St. Andrew's to represent Leeds in the B.U.S.F. Individual Table-Tennis Championships met with universal success on Friday and Saturday of last week.

M. Das and S. Tan, this year's U.A.U. finalists, outclassed the best from the British Isles to take the doubles title.

M. Nasr-Aly reached the semi-final and N. Stribling, Leeds' captain, reached the quarter-finals. Nasr-Aly lost to D. Monca (St. Andrew's), the eventual winner, and Stribling lost to G. Maxwell, the other finalist, in two of the most exciting matches of the tournament.

A trial then followed, from which Stribling, along with Monca and Maxwell, was chosen to represent British Univer-

sities in an international exhibition match against Scotland, held at Dundee on Sunday.

### SWIMMING

## FIRST WIN AWAY

THE L.U.U. Swimming Club on Wednesday last scored their first ever away win against Barnard Castle School. The short bath causes difficulty to swimmers used to a normal-sized pool and the impressive vocal support of the assembled school makes one feel very much the underdog.

Westerman began the day in the right fashion with a win in the 220 yds. crawl in the smart time of 2 mins. 21

secs. Blucher finished strongly in this 12 length event to take third place and ensure a useful haul of points. McKee next easily won the 100 yds. crawl in 6 2secs., with Howe finishing extremely fast to take second place by a touch over a tiring Barnard Castle swimmer. Hambridge won the breast-stroke in customary style and after these three events the University had piled up a substantial lead in points.

### Trepidation

Success was not ours in the butterfly where Westerman was second and the breast-stroke where Cooke came in third, so the medley relay was approached with some trepidation. Cooke began the relay and Hambridge was left with some distance to make up which he did with a mighty swim, handing over a lead of about a yard to McKee at the start of the butterfly leg. McKee forged ahead and handed over the final leg to Howe who comfortably held the lead, the points gained being sufficient to win the match for the Newts. Perhaps the free-style relay was an anti-climax, but Leeds lost by a touch after being neck and neck with the Barnard Castle team all the way.

The match was conducted in a friendly though hotly competitive spirit, and it was a tired team which retired to the luxurious comfort of the piping hot baths which adjoin the swimming bath.

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