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Have You Seen This Man?

Those of our subscribers who can actually read may have noticed there have been several changes of Editor recently. In order to keep you really up to date we publish here a description of the latest and greatest of this noble line, Mr. Sydney Harper Bridge.

Sydney is nine feet tall with a luxurious auburn beard cut in the latest Hot-Lips style. He wears earrings and a grass skirt to hide his wooden leg, and generally travels by trapeze. His eyes, of a bloodshot brown, are tactfully hidden behind Peltex bulletproof glass, and to help his friends to pick him out in a crowd he generally carried a rolled-up copy of the Farmer and Stockbreeder in his left nostril.

LURKER.

He is not often seen in the Union until after closing time on Saturdays, as he says at other times the natives are hostile, but visitors to his third floor flat in Tunbridge Street may well surprise him indulging his passion for music with a few tastefully chosen solos on a 1904 euphonium (slide - valve pattern) which serves, off duty, as a receptacle for unused hand-grenades, which he collected with jackdaw-like avidity.

He converses largely in Swahili, which is also his staple diet, but can be persuaded on ceremonial occasions to give a rather bawdy vernacular rendering of God Save the Queen. favourite hates are people and things, and his pet passion is snail-watching. Anyone who sees after dark a pyjama-clad figure on all fours behind the old refectory is advised not to offer it a bone but to proceed at once to the nearest 'phone box and dial 999.

At his Leeds home, Sydney is not given to reading correspondence, but letters to his country seat will receive every attention. Contributions for Union News should be sent on a post card, enclosing a bottle of Scotch and three dancing-girls, to Sydney Bridge, Garn Llellwellyn, Glyder Fach, N. Wales.

HEY'VE HAD

FIFTEEN OPEN SEATS:

J. D. GEE	4 TH	YEAR	Arts*
CHRISTINE PAYNE	2 _{ND}	,,,	Social Studies
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T. SETTLE	2ND	,,	THEOLOGY*
EUNICE BEATY	3rd	,,,	ARTS*
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H. WALKLEY	3RD	,,	SCIENCE
D. PATIENCE	3rd	"	Engineering
B. THEXTON	4 TH) >	ARTS
H. CALVERT	2 _{ND}	,,	Law
D. BERRY	3RD	,,	ARTS
D. UTTLEY	2ND	,,	Medicine
J. SETCHELL	2ND		Mining
S. LARTER	3RD	i)	Arts
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A. SMITH	MININ	G	
J. CHEADLE	ARTS		
RST YEAR WOMEN:			
JENNIFER SUTCLIFFI	E ART	S	
ADELE BUCKLE	ARTS		

* Sitting Member

Results in the elections for Points to Note: Union Committee present few union Committee present lew surprises, although an unusually high poll made it more difficult to gain election than in recent years. Polling figures were up by over 300 on the Vice-Presidential of the poll? Is Union Committee elections, and this in spite of a 37% poll in the Medical School—a surprising fact, with four medical candidates in the field.

Gains all Round.

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Probable cause of the high poll was the wide range of interests covered by the contesting candidates. Science and Technology gained five seats, Medical School and Devonshire Hall three apiece—in all cases a higher representation than on the present Committee. With the Arts Faculty.

The results do leave one or becoming popular? Why, with 700 women students in the Union, were there only three women candidates, and only two of these successful?

The new Committee will have plenty on its plate. Although no event of the importance of the Jubilee is anticipated next year, the business of running the Union will not be simplified by the present Committee. With the will not be simplified by the exception of one lawyer, the opening of the new building, it remainder went as usual to the is likely to raise more problems than it solves.

RHODES FOR MAYOR

We are happy to announce the election of Geoffrey W. Rhodes, President of the Union, as City Councillor for the Bramley Ward of Leeds.

This success comes at the end of an academic year that has been one of triumph for Geoff. Rhodes. He is Vice-Chairman of N.A.L.S.O., and takes office in November as Vice-President of N.U.S. The Union may take just pride in his election as Leeds' youngest Councillor, although for Geoffrey himself it is an achievement not without its drawbacks. As a Councillor, he will not be able to follow his teaching career in the city-it would obviously not do for a teacher to be a member of his own local authority.

Geoffrey will not sit on the Education Committee, as Councillors may sit on only one principal committee, but he will be a member of the Housing Committee and intends to give some time to other problems such as road safety and the fire service. On the Housing Committee his presence should be particularly valuable, as he did research work on housing in Leeds for his M.A.

It is not too much to hope that the recent elections will see the dawn of a new era in relations between the University and the City. Certainly we shall no longer be able to complain of a lack of representation, for in addition to Geoff., Mr. H. V. Wiseman, one of our lecturers, is re-elected Councillor for the Westfield Ward, and will incidentally be Chairman of the Grants Committee.

There can be no doubt that future relations between the Union and the various departments of the City Council will benefit greatly from the presence of a Councillor with such a wide and understanding knowledge of student affairs; Geoff. has promised to give every consideration to problems that students may wish to raise, and we should like to offer him our congratulations and best wishes for the future to our new liaison officer.

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EDITORIAL "Take Two Dry Sticks"

In a week's time most of our readers will be fighting the annual battle against the examiners. In less than a month many of them will be leaving us, victorious, with a load off their minds and letters after their

It would be unchivalrous at this stage, besides being unkind, to prejudice their chances in advance by suggesting that they are wasting their time. Nevertheless we feel that many of those who will graduate this summer must be wondering whether the game is worth the candle, the gown and hood sufficient reward for so much midnight oil.

The value of a university education has always been open to question, but never so vulnerably as it is to-day. The world is up in arms again, as it has been on and off since the time of Plato. But no modern Archimedes can ignore this challenge, which threatens to destroy not only himself, but the very dust in which he draws

Our generation has a responsibility of which its forbears never dreamed. That responsi-bility is no less than the survival of the human race. Education has enabled man to destroy himself; it has not as yet shown him how to survive. Everything we have been taught since earliest childhood has been based on the assumptions that life as we know it will continue, that human society is a permanent phenomenon. These assumptions are no longer valid.

In this respect Stone Age man was better equipped than his modern counterpart. What edu-cation he received was directed towards the fundamental need for survival. Cast up alone in a world devastated by the last World War, the man of the caves who could light a fire and catch

HOPELESS

In a disgruntled world where fear and distrust are the common currency, the work of reconciliation is supreme. You can take an active part in this work.

The tenth year after the war still finds 250,000 displaced persons in Europe. Their story is familiar but just for that reason we should make a special effort to remember their plight. Most of them have been carried hundreds of miles from their homes into a strange country. They have been severed from loved ones, they have lost their possessions in the most tragic sense of the word they are "homeless." They are the so-called "hard core" D.P's who through ill health, disablement and old age are no longer able to support them-selves. They live together in camps and receive a small allowance from the government.

Although donations are needed to provide homes for them we are not concerned here in an appeal for money, but for love and friendship. Their tragedy cannot friendship. Their tragedy cannot be expressed or relieved in pounds, shillings and pence. Their greatest need is to feel cared for and wanted. Part of the work of "Aid to D.P's" is to establish contacts between displaced persons and those who are willing to offer their friendship in regular letter writing. Letters can be written in English since there are translators available. The organisation is in need of more volunteers with a know-ledge of Russian, Latvian and allied tongues to act as trans-

The headquarters of the organisation is

"L'Aide aux Personnes Déplacées," 35, Rue de Marché,

Huy, Belgium.
If you are interested please write for further details.

hare would have a distinct advantage over most of us.

Those forms of life survive which best adapt themselves to drastic changes of environment. We have too long neglected basic principles in education; it may be of some comfort to the less confident of our readers that in the world of to-morrow a B.Sc. in Colour Chemistry could be of less value than the Woodcraft Badge of the Boy Scouts.

EXAMINATIONMANSHIP

(or the art of succeeding at examinations without actually cheating)

With apologies to S. POTTER.

There are many whose essential genius lies not in passing examinations; however, there is yet hope for this misunderstood majority in the realms of moral, if not intellectual, superiority. In the achievement of the moral superiority we distinguish three

Firstly, and perhaps most important, there is the preparatory period. During this time it is essential to appear completely unconcerned at the prospect of the examination; as Daudet says "jamais, au grand jamais" be seen to do any revision. Though you may be on the verge of a nervous breakdown, let your outward appearance give no hint of the inner turmoil. Give the impression that your knowledge is not only more extensive but also deeper than that of your examinees. At singularly inopportune moment (e.g., in the middle of lunch), stiffen suddenly, bang down your knife and fork on the refectory table, slap your neighbour (who should also be your fellow examinee), vigorously on the back and ejaculate "Hypocoristic forms," or some such phrase. This has been known to have startling effects; not only is your rival incapacitated during the rest of the day, and prostrated with indigestion (and thus can do no revision), but the seeds of an inferiority complex are sown. These seeds, once sown, can be cultivated until the poor unfortunate comes to regard himself as the most ignorant and lowest speck of matter that has ever sat itself at a Caf. table.

In the actual examination it is the debonair attitude which is most telling. The point can be driven home by frequent (and unnecessary) requests for extra paper and emphasised by idiotic grins at one's fellows implying utter and complete satisfaction, even pleasure, with the paper. But the final and most devastating blow is to finish five, if not ten minutes before time, loudly ask for permission to leave and make a carefree exit. It must be pointed out however, that this

closing thrust is to be used only by the more experienced and knowledgeable—its use by someone less so, implies not so much the simplicity of the paper as one's inability to answer it.

After the ordeal is over, the memories of the past must be erased. By casual reference introduce factors which jeopardised your success—a set of mourning clothes, similar to those favoured by the Union Committee, worn during the period of the examination and immediately afterwards, has been known to reduce one's sworn enemies to compassion. To the almost inevitable enquiry, let your lugubrious expression lighten for an instant when you explain that a relation (suitably distant) "passed over" recently. No one with any conscience can feel quite happy in rejoicing in your subsequent failure.

Another move is to explain that some shares you held in some mythical company (The Belgian Congo Uranium Um-brella Stand Co. does very well here) have suddenly slumped and that you are on the verge of penury. Startling effects have been recorded here—and it has been known to be useful in times of real financial distress.

But constant care must be taken to use these moves in moderation; constant practice makes perfect. You will, by the way, have plenty of practice, for by using such methods you will not pass the examination, but you gain a definite moral superiority over those singleminded pedants who do.

M. D. LUMB.

HOW ABOUT IT?

According to the Times Educational Supplement, candidates for honours degrees in history and philosophy at Calcutta University walked out from their examination on the ground that the papers were too easy.

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The Knight The Staff Got In

One of the best things in Jubilee Week was Theatre Group's triumphant production of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle." Here was theatre with the lid off, an ebullition of talent which boiled over the apron stage to flood the whole of the Riley-Smith Hall in simmering Elizabethan good humour.

The performance began long before the advertised time, when the first scudding wisps of the impending storm of high spirits swept into the Hall in the shape of a mob of costumed ground-lings. This horde of Holbeinites quickly set the mood for an evening of mirth, ad-libbing their way through twenty minutes of light-hearted fooling around and

about the empty stage. When the "real" When the "real" actors appeared it became obvious very quickly that "The London Merchant" had met his match in Barry Lewis's rampant grocer, and that progress with the advertised progress with the advertised progress. tised programme would be purely coincidental.

Ralph (Brian Taylor), the idol Ralph (Brian Taylor), the idol if the groundlings, in a variety of garbs and predicaments, cantered blithely through the show on his trusty steed—played by a meretricious bit of type-casting by Richard Price (front legs) and the substantial Fred Youell (back

Never was such a bawling, squawling, simpering, whimpering, pudding-basin-full of fracmg, pudding-basin-full of fractious femininity as the Citizen's Wife of Adele Buckle, who bounced through the performance like an animated pumpkin, constantly delighting us with the sallies of a hussif at a tuppenny rush, out for her moneysworth of sobs and frolic sobs and frolic.

There were too many good things in this Gargantua of a show for all to receive due plaudits; our favourites were Dennis Twiddle in his best debating manner as a Demon Barber of ferocious aspect, and a rotund urchin who borrowed Ralph's cuirasse and emerged from it with a Searly beam like some cartoon by Giles.

Toast of the evening to the tumblers, hard-working huck-sters from the Department of Physical Education, who threw themselves quite literally into an interval of abandoned tomfoolery with an energy their helpless audience would have given much to be able to emulate.

Among the many famous and among the many famous and infamous faces in the cast there was some promising bit-playing from Messrs. B. Dobree, A. Creedy, G. W. Ireland, J. Cameron, P. Alexander and J. Harvey. They should go far.

It was a healthy, knockabout, rumbustious show, ambitious certainly but never pretentious. If the Union as a whole had the enthusiasm of its Theatre Group, the House Secretary might complain-but not of apathy.

BAGWASH.

ROYAL OCCASION ... THE DEGREE CEREMONY



By courtesy of "The Yorkshire Post."

After the Ceremony :

SIR CHARLES MORRIS, SIR HARRY BERTRAM SHACKLETON, MR. G. W. RHODES, MR. A. D. K. OWEN, SIR HUBERT HOULDSWORTH.

THE EARL OF SCARBROUGH, QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER, THE PRINCESS ROYAL, MARY DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE. Left to Right, Back Row:

Front Row:

morning but the streets behind the Town Hall, instead of being grey and dull with empty cars and public notices, were filled with bands, uniforms and distinguished and undistinguished looking people in brilliantly coloured gowns and hoods. In front of the Town Hall a large Queen Mother was greeted by 1,500 cheering people. She first inspected the Guard of Honour, drawn from the T.A. and Air Squadron before going into the Town Hall and her Robing Room.

little room left for the vast number of people who were taking part in the procession; it was already almost filled by the Staff in academic dress and the many visitors. There were very few students and most of these were acting as ushers. I felt it was a great pity that such a small number, about 100 excluding the Choir, should be able to be present at what was for me the most important and impressive ceremony of the week.

PAGEANTRY.

At last the procession filed in myself a scientist, I was thrilled to see such famous people as Professor Sommerfelt of Oslo, Sir John Lennard Jones and Sir Edward Appleton among the many distinguished visitors from other universities and countries. On the entry of Her Majesty the Queen Mother into the Hall, she was greeted by a fanfare from 12 trumpets of the Royal Signals. degree ceremony and the honor-

which their wearers had risen, made an impression not easily forgotten. One could see how guished and undistinguished forgotten. One could see now looking people in brilliantly from a love of such pageantry coloured gowns and hoods. In people move on to a reverence front of the Town Hall a large and fondness for the Royal crowd had gathered, some of the Family who are rarely seen earliest people to arrive had been separate from or without there since 9-0 and at 11-0 the memories of such pomp and splendour.

The speeches were all good. The Chancellor spoke of the way in which the University had risen to meet the needs of the area, to produce scientists, tech-Inside the Hall there seemed nicians and doctors. Dr. Adrian, ttle room left for the vast the President of the Royal Society, brought congratulations from many learned bodies. Professor Stock from Hong Kong University spoke on behalf of the delegates from overseas and said that he thought Leeds was a University which had managed to avoid losing contact with the world around and yet had not developed into a school of technology. The Princess Royal was presented by Professor Shimmin with a copy of his history of the University, and the Music Society then sang the opening chorus from "Erchalht, ihr Lieder," by J. S. Bach. This I found very disappointing — the audibility and diction being poor. Fortunately they showed how well they can sing when at the close of the ceremony they sang the first verse of the National Anthem beautifully.

THE CEREMONY.

Then we came to the actual

It was 10-30 on a grey dull This stirring music, with a back- ary graduates were presented one ground of all the glorious colours by one-first the Queen Mother which were the symbol of the very graciously took her scroll high academic and civil orders to and then the Duchess of Devonshire, Viscount Hyndley, Mr. A. D. K. Owen and Sir Harry Shackleton followed. Of these other people the choice which pleased me most was that of Mr. Owen. Himself a Leeds Graduate it was gratifying to see there someone who in his days here was a very active student, a founder-member and the first secretary of the International Society in the early 1920's.

> The Queen Mother replied for all of the graduates. She spoke flatteringly about Yorkshire and its people and about the importance of Universities to-day, saying: "Universities have deeply influenced the country in the past and their influence is growing and will continue to grow." Sir Hubert Houldsworth and Mr. G. W. Rhodes replied and everyone was pleased to see the President of the Union acquit himself so well in such a distinguished gathering.

The ceremony was completed by the singing of the National Anthem and the procession filed out again, the Queen Mother, the Chancellor and manyof the guests moving on to an official lunch at the Queen's Hotel. I was lucky enough to see most of it-I only wish that more students had been there, for I am sure they would have enjoyed it at least as much and probably treasured the memory far more than some of the hundreds of official guests.

M. GRAY.

INSIDE RUSSIA

TONY DUCKERING writes on his recent visit to the U.S.S.R.

I he Editor has kindly asked opinion, they do not reach the the recent N.U.S. delegation to U.S.S.R., of which I was a member and your humble representative. As the next edition of N.U.S. News will also carry an impression of the trip let me say now that these views are personal, and not necessarily those of the other members of the delegation, although I feel they do not conflict violently with others' opinions.

The bare outline of the tour is that the Soviet Committee of compulsory, though this is still a studying higher education, and ations in which he gets an overall secondly to see as much of the grading from 1-5. If he gets 1 went were from most of the training colleges, and they were selected without knowledge of Jarvis led the group, and all

We flew by K.L.M. to Prague in the luxury of a competitive airline and there had to split into two groups as the Russian airline only flies a modified Dakota type and could not accommodate us Prague, visiting much of the historical part and some recently built dams. The city itself seemed rather dingy, window displays in shops being very poor by our standards, although the shops had plenty on sale.

Miss Horsburgh Please Note.

After joining the rest of the party in Moscow we had a meeting with the Minister for Higher Education (there is a separate Minister for Education) and several of his staff, which lasted all morning (would Miss Horsburgh do the same?) and from him we obtained much Peace. basic information. It appears that there are one-and-a-half million students in "Higher Education and 840 Institutes of Higher Learning," of which 33 are Universities and the remainder are training colleges of always to fall into two groups—various types. In order to enter those dealing with our way of life university candidates must be in between 17 and 35 and have completed ten years' schooling. If they do well enough in the final school exams they go automatically to university; if not they sit the entrance exams.

The ordinary degree course ascertain, though this is only an among the students.

me to write a few impressions of same level as we do at school, but viewpoint might be summed up take a year or so at university to as "we like you but not your reach the same standard, there-government," and while I felt after taking four years for the that the people we met were quite degree where we would usually take three. It was my impression friendly with Britain, it is obthey were rather more thorough than us, and there is more "parrot learning" and not so much leaving a student to his own devices.

Lectures and Grants.

Anti-Fascist Youth invited 20 sore point with some of both staff members of N.U.S. to visit them, and students. The student's grant find material there to substanwith the primary purpose of depends on his success in examin-U.S.S.R. as possible. The 20 who or 2 he is on the way out anyway, but if he gets 3 he has some Universities, plus several from difficulty on living on his grant. On 4 or 5 his grant is probably comparable to an average grant their political affiliations. Fred here, but many necessities, especially text-books, are very are women.

From Moscow we went to Kharkhov, to the University, Music Conservatoire and a state farm, then back to Moscow and all in one plane. This was to our Uzhbekistan. Here again we saw advantage as half of us stayed in the University, a textile institute (mainly cotton) and a collective farm. The weather was like midsummer in England and contrasted with the snow we had left behind in Moscow.

> After flying back the 2,000 miles to Moscow we attended the May Day Parade (general opinion: very boring after half an hour) and two days later attended a banquet of foreign delegations in the Kremlin, which lasted five hours (general opinion: not long enough). In our final week we went by rail to Leningrad, the finest of the cities we saw, again to visit the University. practically impossible.

taken up by educational visits. At all such establishments we and mixed informally with the students. Their questions seemed in Universities, and political questions. The latter showed that whatever is the primary reason, the students are almost unani-mously concerned with the problem of keeping peace. I will not go deeper into this question as readers will put whatever interpretation they desire upon the "Ca Russian" Peace Campaign," but ism. (they call it a diploma) lasts five there can be no denying the force years. So far as we could and sincerity of the fear of war

More generally, the political genuine in their desire to be vious that both in newspapers and general conversation the fear of U.S.A. is a different matter.

In such a short resume I wish it were possible to write at greater length about these controversial matters. My impres-Recently lectures have become sion is that those who go to U.S.S.R. with a preconceived Right or Left-Wing bias will tiate their ideas, for U.S.S.R. is very much a land of transition and contrast. Yet whatever one's political views I think all would have to agree upon the absolute magnificence of the Ballet and the inexplicable contrast of the general standard of poor taste in clothes and interior design exhibited even by those very people expenses were payed by the much cheaper. In all Higher hibited even by those very people Russians.

Education 51% of the students who create such marvellous theatre.

Freedom.

In answer to the most persistent queries I have received south-east to Tashkent, a city sistent queries I have received of over 500,000 inhabitants in since returning, I would like to say we were free to walk wherever we wished, whenever we wanted. without guides and without being followed to the best of our knowledge: we took photographs everywhere we wished except inside the Kremlin: in addition our luggage was not examined by the Russian Customs when we

> Usually in summing up one gives some general impressions, but we saw so much, and so much of it was to be admired, while other things, to my eyes at least, were uncongenial, that this is

Our most obvious impressions were of the generous hospitality and tremendous interest and Our trip was therefore largely friendliness shown to us by almost everyone. I, personally, was much heartened by this kept official talks to a minimum attitude, and the somewhat slacker tension of the last two years is, I feel, a good augury for the future.

> A visit to the U.S.S.R. makes one realise just how far we have travelled on the road to cynicism since 1945, and how all too easy it is for both U.S.S.R. and ourselves to become blinded by unreasoning hatred at the words "Capitalism" and "Commun-

Pardon my sermon.

TYKE BITES WAG

party of students from Bradford rode into Leeds on Saturday 15th, in fancy dress, armed with bold faces and stacks of Bradford's Rag Magazine. Little did they know—Ha Ha! that their attempt to anticipate our own Rag Day had been carefully noted by Rag Committee, and that preparations were in hand to give them a warmer reception than they expected.

Counterspies.

For in the Bradford coach there travelled two languid students from the "Dorothy Dixon School of Dance," who took mental notes of the Bradford plans. These were the archengineers of Leeds' counterplot, none other than Peter Gibson, disguised as a sock, and a lurker disguised as Martin Banham.

No sooner had the coach landed than the languid ones telephoned details of the raggers' plans to the Union, where picked gangs of toughs in armoured cars lay waiting for zero hour. The flying squads, armed with half a mile of unperishable rope, sped into town at the signal, and began methodically to pick off stragglers.

Saturday shoppers saw four of the Bradford gang lured or hijacked into waiting cars, which took them swiftly to the Large Card Room, empty and waiting, where they were left, locked in, to cool their heels.

Scrag 'em!

Climax of the day was a pitched battle fought at the West Riding 'Bus Station, when a bunch of Harry Calvert's Heavies raided the Bradford 'bus.

But all ended amicably, the rival gangs shook hands, and peace returned to the car-park. The marauders agreed to stay to tea at Devonshire Hall, presented the defenders with twenty tickets for the Bradford Rag Řevue.

YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Copy for the last issue of Union News this Session should be sent in by Friday, June 4th. Contributions which are typed double spaced on one side of the paper can be accepted up to noon on Tuesday, 8th.

The Editor would be pleased to hear from anyone with original intentions for the vacation

SOCIETY NEWS

Valley of Desolation

On Sunday, May 9th, the devil looked after his own, and so the Conservative Picnic commenced with the sun shining auspiciously overhead.

An onslaught was planned on the Valley of Desolation and Barden Towers, and was undoubtedly highly successful—the siege of Troy had nothing on the Tory attack.

It was essential, of course, for the success of the enterprise, that everyone should be thoroughly refreshed, and hence the first port of call was the New Inn. Thus, all Saturday night hangovers were quickly dispelled, wits sharpened, and a convivial atmosphere promised great things for the rest of the day.

"The Assyrian came down like a wolf in the fold," and in like manner, the members of the party bore down upon the valley. The first diversion occurred when one enthusiast chose an ant-hill for his resting place, and the surrounding hills rang with anything but party propaganda. The ladies were next treated to an unusual display by various Spartan gentlemen, when their untanned limbs assumed a untanned limbs assumed a strange bluish tinge, on their emergence from icy waters. The scenic beauty of the valley was marred somewhat by the insistence of one charmer to bare his milkwhite torso to the elements.

A session of amateur golf, the scaling of inclines equalled only in gradient by the Heights of Abraham, and the disappearance of an overardent hiker—all combined to make the outing extremely enjoyable.

Liberal Congratulations

At their last meeting for the session of the newly-formed Liberal Society, Mr. Philip Fothergill, the guest speaker, offered the congratulations and best wishes of the Liberal Party to the University and Union on their Jubilee.

Fothergill, Chairman of the Liberal Party executive, in a speech reported widely in the national press, commented on differences within the Labour

"The fact," he went on to say,
"is that nobody is more
grievously missed than Mr.
Ernest Bevin. Oddly enough,
Sir Winston Churchill, probably
more than anyone else, has for many of the more responsible Socialists filled the vacuum created by Mr. Bevin's death. Nobody has arisen within the Labour Party to replace its former Foreign Secretary, to speak with his unique authority on foreign affairs, or to keep the Left wing in quarantine."

F. AKST Hon. Sec., Lib. Soc. interesting event.

J.S.A.

The Jewish Students' Association, with 150 members, is one of the largest of the Union societies. Unlike the other religious societies it does not confine its activities to purely religious matters, but carries out an extremely wide and varied cultural and social programme. The association meets twice a week at lunch times in the Union, when it is addressed by speakers, both from out of town and from within the University on diverse topics, and different members conduct Study Groups on the Bible, Rabbinical writings, Zionism and other subjects of Jewish interest. Every Sunday evening, meetings take place in member's homes, and in rotation, social, musical and cultural evenings are held, whose popularity ranges in that order! For some of these outside speakers again come along, and the Association was extremely fortunate last term in managing to persuade Theodor Bikel to come up specially from London, and his guitar playing, singing and monologues provided one of the most entertaining and amusing evenings that we have

Two big and popular events are the annual dance and the dinner, at which, the session before last, the well-known humorist, George Mikes, was the guest of honour, and during this session the Association was very privileged to have Mr. Louis Golding speaking about his Golding speaking about his novels and travels.

J.S.A. is affiliated, like most of the Jewish Societies of other British Universities, to the Inter-University Jewish Federation one of whose functions is to hold week-end schools at the larger University towns in the country. The attendance at the last weekend school was a record. It was held in March at Leeds, when the Association had the headache for 64 out-of-town students who came from Manchester, Liverpool, London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Cardiff and Dublin. J.S.A. was also host to the I.U.J.F's annual conference in December 1952, and indeed, is one of the most active societies in the Federation, whose executive this year includes three past and present J.S.A. members. In addition J.S.A. is in very active contact with the Jewish community in Leeds, sending delegates to the Representative Council and holding occasional debates and meetings with various Youth Movements.

J.S.A. is planning an Israel Exhibition to be held next term, and we hope that you will all come and enjoy the photographs, films and speakers, which will comprise this extremely

MILITANT PACIFIST

dent of the Methodist Conference. since the days of Fox and only say we've got to trust there Wesley, has Christianity had if we are to get their confidence. such an outspoken advocate. A few more skirmishes, and His fearless forthrightness would do credit to any faith, and his burning sincerity makes criticism seem like carping.

Dr. Soper spoke harshly of modern Christians, who, secure in their own faith, do not trouble to present their beliefs to unbe-lievers with that honesty of mind the scientist displays. Christians, he said, can never hope to make converts until they are as open about their failings and critical of their own standards as their most scathing opponents.

THE SOAP BOX TECHNIQUE.

Those who came to hear how Dr. Soper deals with Tower Hill hecklers were not disappointed, for he left plenty of time for questions and coped with them adroitly. "Why worry about the destruction of mankind if there is a good life after death?" asked a scruffy young man in the corner. "Because I believe there is a good life to be had before death if we go about it the right

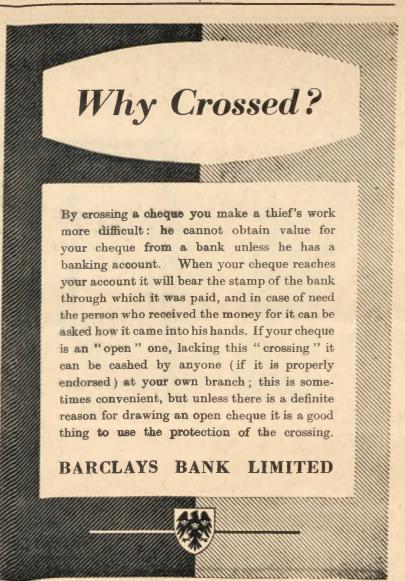
The House Secretary asked about Hell. "I'm afraid I can hold out no hope for you there,"

The Social Room was packed said the speaker, and turned to on the first day of term for the face a blast of political recriminavisit of Dr. Donald Soper, Presi-tion from an angry young man who refused to be placated by Doctor Soper is a pacifist, but he Dr. Soper's confidence in Russia. would be a brave man who called "I don't say Russia is any more him a coward. Seldom, surely, trustworthy than America — I since the days of Fox and only say we've got to trust them

A few more skirmishes, and Dr. Soper sat down to tumultuous applause. The Methodist Recorder (that "semi-religious publication '') should be proud of its President.

INDO-CHINA

On Wednesday lunch-time, a protest meeting was held about the state of affairs in Indo-China. The meeting was organised by Labour Soc., Socialist Soc., and Communist Soc., Mr. D. Hindley (Lab. Soc.) outlined the history of the country over the last 60 years and described some of the terrible conditions which existed there. One of the most horrible of the facts he brought to light was that the production and sale of opium and alcohol had been made compulsory under the French, to provide a steady source of revenue for the government. He was followed by Mr. I. Greenshaw (Soc. Soc.) and Miss M. Gray (Comm. Soc.), who put to the meeting a motion that British troops should not be sent to Indo-China." This was passed by 27 votes with 5 abstentions.



ROYAL VISITOR

On Tuesday, April 27th, the Union was honoured by a visit tea in the Women's Common from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Watched by crowds on Cutive and Union Committee. the Union steps, Her Majesty was welcomed on behalf of the students by the President, Geoffrey Rhodes and the Senior in the Social Room. Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Walsh.

All who spoke to Members of the Executive, the President and Vice-Presidents-

The Queen Mother had expressed a desire to see as much as possible of students "in their natural habitat." Her first visit was to the Cafeteria, which was crowded for the occasion, where Her Majesty passed among the rousing farewell cheer. tables talking to students.

Her Majesty then passed along the corridors, which were lined with students, and inspected the Library. In the large card room Her Majesty spent some considerable time watching the table-tennis, and then proceeded to the Riley-Smith Hall, where a dress rehearsal of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" was in progress.

Chancellor of the University, Sir Charles Morris, Vice-Chancellor, Sir Hubert Houldsworth, Pro-Chancellor, honorary graduates and many distinguished visitors. It was a day of honour for the Union and one which those who were present will long remember.

cutive and Union Committee, while other honorary graduates and distinguished guests took tea

All who spoke to the Queen Mother were impressed by the elect and the Jubilee Organisers, charm of her personality, and Bernard Shenton and June Herdhow easy she was to speak to. man, were presented to Her Her Majesty wore a blue-grey Majesty, who signed the Visitors' dress and coat trimmed with fur, dress and coat trimmed with fur, steel-grey shoes, a blue hat trimmed with velvet and a fine blue eye-veil.

> When Her Majesty left the Union building, crowds on the steps of the building raised a

> Her Majesty was accompanied by H.R.H. The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University, Sir



By courtesy of "The Yorkshire Post."



N.U.S. REPORT

The second N.U.S. Council of large loss but for the attendance

Financially the reports were far better than those heard at Bristol Council in November. The Travel Department after the scare it had last year (it lost (8,000) is running more smoothly. Measures taken to prevent a One of the most satisfying similar catastrophe occurring this features of Council was the whole cancelling of tours which are mum grant payable to teachers unprofitable because of lack of in training.

As a result of the Associate LEEDS IN Membership agreement with the I.U.S. (which was ratified by Council) and of the recent N.U.S. leave England in July and the cost will be £95.

NO FESTIVAL.

Festival would have made a very Nottingham men.

The second N.U.S. Council of large loss but for the attendance the session was held at Sheffield of the Malayan Teachers' was to hear Fred Jarvis, the during the Easter vacation. The Leeds delegation, one of the largest in Council, was Messrs. Cutive to look into the financial implications and general deand Mrs. Walsh, with Mr. Duck as an observer.

Financially the reports were The Malayan Teachers' was to hear Fred Jarvis, the current N.U.S. President, admit that he had been "rather hasty." This admission arose during a debate upon the Executive's opposition to, and interference in, a proposed Regional Grants conart and drama competition run ference scheduled by Leeds for art and drama competition run ference scheduled by Leeds for on the same lines as the Debates the end of last term. Coming competition. All three finals will from Mr. Jarvis, usually so be held during next Christmas rigidly correct, this concession vacation.

year include a tightening up on hearted recognition—long over-the costing of tours, the placing due—of the plight of many of an escape clause in the con-tract with the transatlantic motion was passed unanimously, charter company, and more rigid urging an increase in the maxi-

Rhodes and Barry Black to Vice- activities of the N.U.S.;

Perhaps the surprise of Council persuaded the Leeds delegation One of the most satisfying to withdraw the motion.

MANCHESTER OUT.

A disturbed Council heard the A statement of Mr. Goody, President of Manchester Men's Union, on their recent disaffiliation from the N.U.S. He alleged that the National Union was unduly absorbed in the needs of Technical Colleges and that what facilities Leeds now has the largest ever were offered to the university representation on N.U.S. admini- unions were already largely delegation to Russia, there will be strative committees. Shortly available in the unions theman exchange of students on tours after the defeat of a Leeds selves. A general debate on the between the U.S.S.R. and Eng-motion to amend the voting statement led to the appointment land. The tours, two of them, will system—supposedly to our ad- of a commission "to investigate vantage - Council elected Geoff. the scope of the services and Presidencies and John Gee to the ascertain to what extent they Finance Committee! Both the meet the needs of students." It Next Christmas there will be new President (Frank Copple- is to be hoped that when the no N.U.S. Festival. It was re- stone) and Deputy President commission reports to the next ported to Council that the last (Michael De Leon) are however, Council a Manchester delegation will be present to hear it.

HELP FOR HOLLAND

Mr. Inebnit, Chairman of the North Leeds branch of the United Nations Association, came to the Union on Friday, May 14th, to give a talk on "Reconstruction in the flooded Netherlands.'

He described in most vivid manner some of the sufferings the unfortunate inhabitants have had to endure. In many villages, Mr. Inebnit said, whole families had been drowned, and thousands had been left homeless.

A scheme has been formed by the United Nations Association to arrange for volunteers to go to Holland during the Summer Vacation to help in repairing some of the vast damage done by the floods. Mr. Inebnit asked for volunteers among students to help in this work of mercy. The work itself consists of demolishing flooded houses and building new ones by the men, and cooking and domestic work by the women.

Funds are being raised to pay the travelling expenses of the volunteers. The time spent in Holland will be a fortnight. Any people interested should see the Hon. Secretary of U.N.S.A.

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THE WOMEN'S CRICKET CLUB



Often a source of considerable amusement to the male section of the community, without being too biased I think we can say that the Club has one of the best records in the University. W.I.V.A.B. champions for the last three years and this year we have started off well by beating Manchester University in the first championship match last Saturday. Leeds made 75 runs and Manchester were all out for the magnificent total of 6 runs! This is the lowest score ever made against Leeds, being even lower than Liverpool's score of 11 last season. The bowling of Mabel Yates and Jennifer Topham was excellent and the fielding of the whole side very good, Pam Harris being outstanding.

We play Liverpool University on Saturday, where we will be faced by our old friend Joan Putman. As Manchester have already beaten them we are hoping to beat them as well and win our way into the semi-final. At present we are in the unusual position of having a team plus three reserves, unusual because many women seem to be afraid of the game and our numbers are always small.. If there are any more Freshers who are interested (inexperience no drawback) we have net practices at 4-30 every Monday afternoon at Weetwood.

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CRICKET

RESULTS :

- v. Medicals (H)—Draw.
- v. Yorkshire C.C. (H)-Draw. Yorks. 152; Univ. 119 for 9 (Whitaker 30, Shuttleworth
- v. St. John's, York (H)-Won. Univ. 109 for 3 dec. (Standring 62, Akeroyd 26). St. John's 39 (Simpson 4 for 19 Halford 3 for 18).
- and Christie)—Draw. Univ. 201 for 6 dec. (Standring 72, Halford 61, Shuttleworth 43). Manchester 91 for 9

Standring 5 for 15).

unit. Unfortunately, due to P. Halford and P. Binns, both "exam-fever," Jubilee Week, Medics, for the U.A.U. game. and the term being so short, Another member, B. Parsons, is cricket is bound to suffer from new to the Club and we wish lack of practice, but despite this good luck to all of them. members are quickly finding their form.

152 (Wardle scoring 50 not out) and in our turn reached 119 for 9 when stumps were drawn. This teams. performance might easily have been better but for a disastrous

Our first U.A.U. and Christie game was against Manchester Medics 105; Univ. 80 for 3. and was keenly contested, as are all these "Roses" encounters. Put in to bat we made 201 for 6 and then declared, leaving three hours to dismiss the opposition. Early successes gave us heart and when the last man came out to bat with 10 minutes to go we had great hopes, but the clock beat us. This means we must beat both Liverpool (Home on v. Manchester Univ. (A) (U.A.U. 22nd May) and Durham (Home on 26th May) to maintain interest in U.A.U.

The most outstanding newcommer is K. Standring, who has quickly settled down. This The cricket season has opened former Lancashire schoolboy has on a brighter note than is usually opened the innings and proved a the case, and early results bode very useful bowler. M. Akeroyd well for the future; the team is has also gained a first team place, settling down into a formidable and we have called upon

The second and third teams must also be mentioned. They Mention must be made of the are beginning to settle down game against Yorkshire, which despite last minute substitutes is usually a massacre. This year and early "teething" troubles, and we are trying to provide a full fixture list for both of these

Lastly: your support at start in which we were 20 for 5. Weetwood is always welcome.

BOAT CLUB KEEP THE CHRISTIE

On Saturday, May 15th, at Manchester, Leeds won the Christie Rowing Championship from Liverpool, who earlier in the day had beaten Manchester. The superiority of the Leeds four was such that the race developed into a procession, in spite of the short length of course available. The invitation race for second crews was also won by Leeds in a good race with Manchester. These victories were the result of solid ground work, culminating in entry in Trent Head of the River at the end of last term; the first four finishing a strong second to a good Nottingham and Union crew in the fine fours division and the second crew third in the clinker event.

The season has not been entirely successful. At Durham on May 8th, in the U.A.U. Fours Championship, the first boat was beaten by Edinburgh, the eventual winners, and probable representatives of Scotland in the British Empire Games at Vancouver this year.

With the second crew celebrating Labour Day by winning the Invitation Fours at Bradford and the freshmen showing promise, prospects for regattas are bright. Strong entries will be made at Leeds Regatta on June 12th, which we hope to see well supported by the University, at York on June 19th and at Durham on 22nd and 23rd of June.

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