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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WEEK

Despite repeated warnings a group of intellectuals has for some time been trying to disrupt peace and order. The leaders concerned in these outrages come particularly from the Universities. On the 28th October and the 15th November they were caught... nine of the culprits have been shot, a large number of the participants have been arrested and all Czech Universities have been closed for a period of three years.

This was the proclamation of the Reichprotector for Bohemia and Moravia on November 17th, 1939. The deaths and sufferings that followed were expressions of student solidarity in the struggle for freedom. The anniversary of the executions is now observed as International Students' Day and the preceding week as International Students' Week, when students all over the world unite in recognition of one common quest for intellectual liberty and one responsibility towards peace.

Students and Peace.

Our first meeting of our International Students' Week, when 11 students from 11 different countries told of their life back home, brought out very clearly the fact that students, whether they have coloured-faces or are just white, whether they come from one side of the Curtain or the other, want just one thing... Peace. Well, the students of the world to-day are the politicians and the leaders of to-morrow. If the 11 students who spoke on that Monday evening ever get to UNO things might begin to move better.

The week's programme had a decidedly International flavour, including an U.N.S.A. debate, an U.N.S.A. film show, two meetings arranged by the International Society and a dance given by the Catholic Society in aid of I.S.S.

Flags for Money.

Few people could let International Students' Day pass unnoticed, for a Task-force of young women clutched lapels and eagerly took our money in exchange for small but significant flags. Those who attended the lunch-time meeting—a pity we couldn't get more people into the Riley-Smith Hall—will perhaps have now new ideas as to the way in which we can tackle the problems of Peace.

“...eating leaves, bark and clay.”

As a practical expression of international student solidarity, all money collected during the

week will go to World Student Relief (as does all the money we put in I.S.S. tins). Where will the money be used? Some in England, but it might be used in any of some 30 different countries where the need is much greater than it is here. Perhaps it will go to Rumanian students, where, as the Report of the International Red Cross, August, 1947, states: “Starvation is general... people are now... eating leaves, bark and clay.” In the same areas the dead are collected almost as rubbish is collected here. This is the result of two years' drought piled on the aftermath of war. Such a country needs more than we can ever give, but we can at least do something to help Rumanian students regain their health and self-respect. Then they also may be citizens able to fight against tyranny, as did the students of Prague eight years ago.

Relief is the cement with which we can build the Peace.

I.M.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The excellent attendance at Mr. Gordon Schaffer's lecture on the Soviet Zone, testifies to the keen interest aroused by his subject.

Answering the vital question as to why co-operation is lacking between the fused British-American Zone and the Russian Zone, he stated that while propaganda on both sides is great, the answer lies in the fact that in the Soviet Zone de-Nazification had been thorough. Occupying high posts there were many Germans who had fought in the International Brigade and in the resistance movements of Europe. He said, however, that “In the fused Zone many administrators were carrying out in or name where the Nazis left off,” and that many Nazis and their supporters were still in power. Hence the fundamental cleavage between East and West.

The two most outstanding reforms in the East were in Educa-

After signing the minutes of the previous meeting the Secretary, Mr. West, announced the resignation of Mr. Foster, N.U.S. Secretary; of Mr. Vickers, Catering Secretary; and of Miss Sheila Berry. After expressing their thanks to the resigning members, the committee appointed Miss Fallows as the new N.U.S. Secretary and welcomed Mr. Underwood as the new representative from H.O.R. Mr. Goldthorpe was elected Catering Secretary.

The sub-committee, investigating the possibility of printed lecture notes, has decided that issuing of such notes would not be on the whole advisable, but suggest that in some departments it might be possible to issue syllabuses of lectures.

The N.U.S. Secretary reported the various activities of the sub-committee. A panel of speakers is being drawn up to visit various technical and training

colleges in the Leeds area, in connection with the N.U.S. plan for increased co-operation between universities and these colleges. The N.U.S. Drama Festival caused considerable discussion. The Union Committee was attacked for its own lack of interest in the culture of the Union by refusing to finance the theatre Group to the extent of £200, when £5,500 are spent annually on sport.

The S.R.C. representative gave the good news that the medical refectory is being re-organised, and although he did not give any details, he said the S.R.C. were not only satisfied but amazed at the recommendations.

The Debates Secretary, after a brief resumé on the debates held this session, said they had all been badly attended. Although this may have been partly due to competition from other events he felt that the present scheme of commencing at 7-30 p.m. was not popular, and suggested in future that they should begin at 5-15 p.m. The House Secretary's report included the news that the quota of formal Balls has been increased to 10 a year. Two applications have already been received and were accepted, so the quota is again full. Applications are from the Faculty of Arts for an “Arts Ball,” and from the **Union News** and **The Gryphon** for a “Press Ball.”

The Secretary read a letter from the S.T.C. and Air Squadron expressing their apologies for the cancellation of their Ball and for any inconvenience to which students had been put. The Union Committee extended their sympathies to the S.T.C. and Air Squadron. Mr. Wigglesworth said he thought the failure may have been due to the Ball being “Fancy Dress,” but he felt the S.T.C. should be congratulated on their courage in attempting something original and hoped other Societies would not be discouraged by this one failure.

L.C.



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EDITORIAL.

Much of the space in this edition has been devoted to International Student Week, arranged by the I.U.S. and I.S.S. to stimulate interest in international problems, not only from a student aspect but in a wider sphere.

There have, in the past, been many criticisms from the chauvinists that in these times of overcrowding at Universities, we should not give so many places to foreign students. We feel that these critics view too narrowly the function of a University.

International discussion and co-operation is an integral part of the broader issues of University life. Students have a unique opportunity of creating friendly and constructive relations between countries throughout the world; they have the opportunity to discuss on an informal and free basis, political, cultural and social topics.

Not only have we the chances to discuss the problems and ideas of foreign students, as well as our own, and obtain opinions from almost every national political and religious group. We can also put things on a more practical basis, by student exchange and the adoption of a foreign University.

Despite this obvious need for increased understanding with students from other nations of the world, discussions during this week have been badly attended. Students cannot afford to neglect these problems; we have an extremely important part to play in world affairs which needs an appreciation of the problems and ideas of other nations.

International bonds of co-operation and friendship established between students can have great power in designing future world peace.

The Editor welcomes letters and articles. Correspondents are reminded that all letters and articles must be signed, although names will only be disclosed if the contributor so wishes.

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The next issue of *Union News* will be published on Thursday, December 4th.

This and That

CO-OPERATION.

Following on the N.U.S. Council this Union is launching a scheme for greater co-operation with other Technical Colleges in the district. Doubtless some with the Art School has already been effected but the ideas of the N.U.S. sub-committee are a little more lasting than these flights of fancy. Personal visits to their Unions will be the first move followed later, it is hoped, by discussions on student problems and welfare, finally leading to a conference in the middle of next term to discuss the increased need for Higher Education.

NOW, CHUM....

Mention of N.U.S. reminds us that Bill Foster was stopped recently outside the N.U.S. office and asked whether he had now become a member of the permanent staff of the Union.

HOPPING & CHANGING.

No longer will these hardy Amazons who disport at Hockey Netball and other unladylike sports, peer at their opposing team through a net of cobwebs or enjoy the thought of spiders crawling over their toes and even of mice and rats gnawing at the wainscoting in Borden Hill Changing Rooms; for the chivalrous gentlemen on the Athletics Grounds Committee have decided that a part time woman attendant shall be appointed to clean the place. Further, there will then be no excuse for the scanty clothing in which we have seen some of the fair sex arrive for the Summer Socials on Saturday evenings.

TEARS, TOIL & SWEAT.

Judging by the number of small notices surrounding the words "Theatre Group" on the notice board this production of *Athalie* is costing some people a lot of tears, toil and sweat. Already we hear that they've persuaded the Manchester English Society to come to see it, so they must have something up their sleeve.

CUTS AND SCRATCHES.

Surprising as it may appear we have it on good authority that there are only about 250 more students this session. As a result, Athletic Clubs have not been able to have all the cash they had hoped for this coming season so don't be surprised if a few fixtures will have to be scratched. To any objectors we would

merely point out that, counting the maintenance of Weetwood, Athletics swallow 59% of the Union's annual income; and even then the sportsmen have the use of the Union and its amenities.

DUST TO DUST.

As if they had not got enough soil at Weetwood we understand they have ordered 100 tons of soil for experimental purposes.

PETTICOAT LANE, LEEDS, 2.

It seems that our Union financiers are trying the Cripps tactics to reduce the annual deficit on current expenditure. If you leave your coat in the cloakroom overnight it has a purchase-tax of 6d. on it in the morning. Better, however, that we should add 6d. to Union funds and have Mr. Conroy keep our coat for one night only, than pay now to have it kept for all time by someone else. The goods that their owner's don't value above 6d. will be sold by auction at the end of the term.

PRINTED

LECTURE NOTES.

The Staff-student Committee which met last week to discuss Printed Lecture Notes was representative of every Faculty and almost every Department. The general feeling was that the institution of the system as a whole would be ill-advised, but the Committee recommended that Departments should issue synopses of courses, book lists and useful material, in cases where the subject lends itself to such treatment, at the beginning of the term. Detailed reports from staff members are still coming in.

WORKERS FORWARD.

An opportunity for students to get greater contact with the world outside the University will be coming along shortly when some plans for the Young Men's Institute are put into action. One of the recommendations of the Committee concerned reads: "That the Union should take active part in running the Club and have at least two members on its committee; and that it should send students to take part in every activity there."

Anyone interested should get in touch with Mr. Sanderson, Social Studies, who is the Union representative on the Institute Committee.

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WHILE GERMANY WAITS.

"While Germany Waits," a film produced by the Friends' Relief Service, was presented in the Riley-Smith Hall on Tuesday, November 4th by U.N.S.A. The film was very well attended.

It portrayed the devastated towns, where relief workers hope to reactivate local organisations and build up the social life on a broader and more democratic basis.

Youth Clubs, based on a love of individual freedom and responsibility, are also guided, where possible, by the relief teams.

The film showed how the country has suffered little comparatively, although it did not escape the consequences of defeat. Food was seen to be in more abundance there than in the towns where rations are so inadequate that supplementary feeding is essential.

The film gave a general overall pattern of the wrecked towns and shattered lives and minds of the people. It also pointed out the way in which everyone can and must contribute to the solution of this problem.

U.J.

Union Muse

I can take new the restrictions
With a philosophical smile;
I can face financial ruin
With a grin;
I'll agree we over-rate-o
All the virtues of potato
And that really one is far more
Healthy, thin.

I don't mind increased taxation
On the football pools and dogs;
I'm amused by Parliament-
-Y affairs;
And (with the grace of Isis),
All the other forms of crisis
Haven't caused me any heart-
aches
Or despairs.

As you'll readily admit now
I'm a happy little soul;
(If you saw me during break-
You'd agree). [fast
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Who puts condensed milk
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DEBATES

The past fortnight has seen a heavy programme of debates—perhaps too many, for all reports tell the same tale of poor attendances. It is difficult to avoid comparison with the recently broadcast debate at Cambridge, where not only was the standard of speaking resplendently high, but the attendance was somewhere in the region of five or six hundred.

The motion "that **Open-air Political Meetings Enhance the Dignity of the Union,**" proposed by Mr. Chesner and opposed by Mr. Khusro, was carried, although there seemed to be more than a trace of doubt whether the Union possessed even a trace of dignity.

A keenly contested debate on Tuesday, November 4th, saw the motion "that **this University Should be Residential**" carried by 23 votes to 6, despite the firm belief of Mr. Epstein that "love would die in the University" if students were cooped up in Halls of Residence.

The U.N.S.A. sponsored debate on the motion "that **the right of Veto by the Great Powers Should be Abolished,**" held on November 11th, was poorly attended, although in fairness it must be said that there were, unfortunately, many other interesting activities clamouring for attention. The President of the Union was in the Chair, Mr. Wrigley (seconded by Mr. Halliday) proposed the motion, whilst Mr. Chapple (seconded by Mr. Rothman) opposed.

Mr. Wrigley outlined the set-up of the Security Council of UNO and said that the big Five have no common policy, voting mainly to serve their own interests and using the veto for the same ends. All nations, great and small, should have equality, and in this way UNO could bridge the growing gap between East and West. The speaker ended with a call for sacrifice in the interests of world peace. American Capitalism, British Imperialism and Russian Communism must take second place to World Peace.

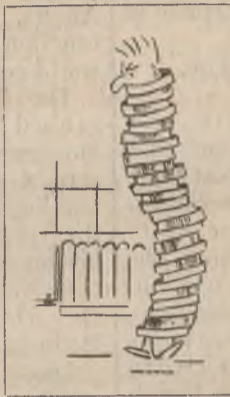
Mr. Chapple, opposing the motion, said that Unity was the most important thing. The Yalta Conference had stressed the importance of carrying into World Peace the same unity which had smashed the Fascists. He preferred to call the Veto a "unanimity vote," which prevented any large group in UNO imposing its desires on a smaller group. Examining the occasions when Russia had used the Veto, he stated that at these times she had also put forward constructive suggestions. If the Veto goes, then not only will Russia vanish, but Britain and France will come under American domination. In the interests of World Peace it was necessary that Britain should help keep the Veto.

After the seconders had had their say, the motion was debated by the House and finally defeated.

S.L.

WEAK MATTER

Before I commence this week I should like to lodge a complaint against those inconsiderate people who, although in the minority, persist in dancing and performing to strange and disturbing music in the Social Room between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, annoying those who have paid their money for a nice sit down and a little peace and quiet. The majority of these quiet types seem to be, surprisingly enough, Engineers who recline, admire the scenery, but do nothing about it, maybe a notice could be printed and stuck on the door "Quiet Please — Rest Centre."



Duty done, I would like to relate a most alarming experience I had in the new refectory the other day; my lunch had just finished me and I was about to leave when I felt my arms pinioned at my sides and an ever increasing tightness ascending until I was up to the prunes and custard in aluminium rings. I admit I am tall and thin and that mistakes can happen and all sorts of excuses, but this is really going too far and I feel I must issue a warning to others who are also tall and thin:

"Remember those tall students who, against their wills, were made giraffe-necked and now to earn a living, perform for Bertram Mills.

Soon we shall be deprived of one of the few pleasures yet remaining to students, that of looking at other students' cars. Perhaps the term cars is an exaggeration, for some of them should surely have a red flag man to walk in front of them. Never let it be said that the spirit of adventure is dead—

anyone with the courage to ride in some of the contrivances seen around the Union should be on an expedition to the North Pole, Siberia, Ossett or somewhere, they'd make a name for themselves. Before concluding I'll just mention rather an interesting method of starting I saw the other day, the owner in question jammed the starting handle in some railings and turned the engine over by twisting the car round and round. Personally, I think he was showing off.

I have no car.

You may have noticed the new sales technique which has been developed for the disposal of the **Union News**. Two people work together and I think you can best get the idea by my repeating a conversation overheard two weeks ago. "Right, Bert, you trip 'im up, I'll ram a **News** under 'is arm and whilst e's down you whip 'is tuppence." An it works too!

MATCHETE.

Police and The Law

The Chief Constable of Leeds, Mr. Barnett, spoke on "Police in Relation to Law," at a meeting of the Law Society, held on October 10th.

Mr. Barnett sketched the history of the Police Force from the 6th Century to the present day. The duties of the police, he said, are threefold, the protection of life and property, the detection and the prevention of crime. He gave an interesting account of the present day beat, which is a "discretionary working," an area being given to a man who covers it as he thinks best, reporting at certain intervals to be given his general directions. The Chief Constable emphasised the duty of "prevention of crime," and described how a potential criminal can be turned into a useful member of the community.

Speaking of the "detection of crime," Mr. Barnett told his audience that it usually involved not the "detective book" technique, but a great deal of hard work and routine enquiries.

S.L.

VIVISECTION

Has an opinion ever been changed by a debate? One doubted this after hearing the debate held by the Medical Society on October 31st, when Mr. Ellesmere, of the National Society for the Abolition of Vivisection proposed the motion "That vivisection should be abolished," and was opposed by R. Mahabir.

The prejudice of the audience was easily reinforced by Mr. Mahabir's description of the "dear old ladies," whom he supposed to form the bulk of the Society. Mr. Ellesmere, however, was far from an old maid, and presuming that his audience could not be moved by vague emotional appeals, presented facts and quotations to show that no good had come of vivisection. Criticism and discussion followed, but were marred by the hostility of some speakers.

The motion was lost by 28 votes, with six abstentions.

R.G.

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AMERICA AND US

Professor D. W. Brogan addressed a meeting on the Present Position in America in the Philosophical Hall on 11th November.

He spoke of the unprecedented power of U.S.A., a power economic, military and atomic; but said that beneath the surface impression of strength and ease, the American people have neither the happiness nor the confidence which these powers would suggest.

He also mentioned the dangerous inflationary trend and considered that the Marshall Plan will aggravate this trend, but because they desire peace which comes with political stability they are willing to continue this "political export."

The Americans feel a strong moral desire to help the world back to stability for they fear instability throughout the rest of the world would ultimately invade the U.S.A. The Americans see themselves as the healthy, wise leaders of the world, and are indignant when they are not recognised as such. Prof. Brogan told us: "We in England must be prepared to take the sermons with the dollars."

Although we have much in common we must not forget that America is a foreign nation with foreign outlook and ideas of her as "the lost colony" are dangerous.

Professor Brogan said that during the coming elections when personal problems will supercede great ones, we must be prepared to hear many foolish things said with regard to affairs in Europe and the Marshall Plan. Should condition in Europe give the effect of hopelessness, the Americans will be tempted to turn their affairs inwards toward the two Americas.

The Americans recognise that England plays a very integral part in the stability of Europe. They give us a high place in the Marshall Plan because of this. The intelligent American respects our dignity and pride, and realises the need to restore to Great Britain her self-confidence.

The chances for mutual and friendly collaboration are reasonably good, but Professor Brogan said that it is up to us to show that we are doing everything in our power to help ourselves.

S.L.

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[The Editor does not necessarily share the views expressed by correspondents. Will correspondents PLEASE keep letters SHORT.]

Dear Sir,

I would like to reply to the criticism levelled at me by the Chairman of the Conservative Society in your last issue. The facts, which were, I think, unfortunately unknown to him, are these:

A note from the Conservative Society stated that although we disagree with the motion, we feel we cannot oppose it *in public*, as this would be tantamount to agreeing with dollar diplomacy, which we do not... The Secretary later definitely agreed to an alternative motion. I did not hear to the contrary until the day before the debate.

I feel that the words used by your correspondent to describe my actions were rather unfair to my usual docile and inoffensive nature, although, whilst maintaining I had justification, I am prepared to admit I was unhappy in my choice of phrases.

As Bevin's policy is so intimately linked with that of the U.S.A., one can only deduce that the Conservatives also support American policy, always understanding, of course, their fear that American Imperialism will push British ditto to one side.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JON RUMMELSBURG.



Sir,

The matter of the cancellation of the Fancy Dress Ball, quite apart from the additional refinement of postponing the announcement of it till the last possible moment, should not be allowed to pass without comment. The gentlemen who are responsible for this cancellation might be interested to learn that their action has caused some little inconvenience to more than a hundred members of the Union.

We are told that the affair would not have been a financial success. The fact that a large number of people went to quite a lot of trouble and expense in providing themselves with costumes for the occasion apparently counts for nothing in comparison with the awful threat to the finances of the Senior Training Corps. It has perhaps not occurred to organisers of the venture that in the harsh outside world any enterprise entered into with a view to profit is usually attended by a certain

element of risk. No commercial organisation would have been allowed to withdraw from their obligations in such a fashion.

The Union Committee has (of course) nothing to do with the whole affair. It would, however, be gratifying to receive from them the assurance that the student body will not be subjected to a similar surprise in the future.

V. NEWHOUSE.

Sir,

One was delighted to hear from your recent edition that Miss Ellis' other interests are broadly divisible into two classes: outdoor and indoor. Are we to understand from this that the Senior Vice-President has interests in other category, *i.e.*, halfway through a doorway? This position is not conducive to study or activities in the fourth dimension. But the entertainment value of the *Union News* did not stop there; it increased with addition of a third page. The last reverberations of the demoniac *Kumati* proceeded to die away while the orchestra peeped demurely from the massed flowers. Pausing to consume a cup of the beverage which cheers, but which does not inebriate, yet another passage occurs to us. The common man is romantic at heart and so the Fifth Symphony must never be underrated. It's nice to know that, even if Berlioz does become jealous of Tchaikowsky! Before we lay down our pen, we hasten to say that we consider our tuppence well spent.

A good time was had by all.

F. J. WEST.

[Mr. West has now been appointed to our Staff and we are expecting great things.—ED.]

Sir,

At the presentation of "Les Bas Fonds," by the Socialist Society, the opening address "to present the film" consisted of a political commentary on French affairs since 1944, and had extremely little to do with films in general or that film in particular. It was so overtly political as to provoke an interruption, and to prompt a comment when it was over on the amount of propaganda dragged in.

That sort of thing is a gross abuse of a privileged occasion. The time spent on arranging it would have been better devoted to a smooth presentation of the film and good tuning of the sound-track—which was poor.

Yours, etc.,

P. W. EDWARDS.

DEBATING SOCIETY

A BILL to . . .

"ABOLISH FORMAL DANCES IN THE UNION."

will be presented to the House Tuesday, 25th November at 5-15 in the SOCIAL ROOM

Westminster - 1948

January 4th and 5th will see a Conference held at Westminster to discuss the many urgent problems confronting a harassed world. Wide publicity is being given to and considerable interest has been aroused among many of our leading statesmen and educationalists. The four main problems to be discussed are: Persons in the Modern World, British Affairs, International Affairs, and the place and function of the University in the world-complex.

The Conference is being organised by the Student Christian Movement, and its object is to attract a cross-section of British and Foreign Universities. Among the speakers will be the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of New York, and Dr. Hanns Lilje, Bishop of Hanover.

Leeds University has been asked to supply 57 delegates, and Miss Honor M. Burgess, President of the L.U.U. Student Christian Movement, will be glad to hear from all those who are interested in what promises to be a most vital and important Conference.

ELECTION NEWS

There will be an election for one open seat on the Union Committee, caused by the resignation of Miss Sheila Berry. Nominations should be made between November 17th and 21st; voting will take place on November 29th and Dec. 1st.

The seat is open to all members of the Union except Freshmen, although they are included in the electorate. Much criticism has been levelled in the past at members of the Union Committee; we hope that candidates in this election will be prepared to take a really active part in Union affairs.

THEATRE GROUP

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M.H.

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As many composers, notably Haydn and Beethoven, reached their sublimest heights in the medium of the string quartet, quartets usually repay the closest study. Difficulties involved in quartet application are considerably lessened if the listener will learn to read a score. The fascinating subtleties of the higher musical forms are always more accessible if the eye corroborates the assaults made upon the ear. The Zorian Quartet recently delighted appreciative audiences in the Great Hall with music by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Britten, and a South African composer called Raincier. Raincier's composition is wittily and rudely exotic, and as string quartet audiences are readily shocked, one imagines that many people must have left in anxious embarrassment after the concert.

Even those who detest Wagner (*pace* Mr. Newman) will not deny the contemplative beauty of the Siegfried Idyll which the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra played with delicate sentiment on November 8th. Romanticism of this order is all the more enjoyable when it is offset by a fine pointed classical perfection, a quality apparent in Mozart's "D" Major Violin Concerto, graciously executed by Jean Pougnet. The rhythmic impetus of Beethoven's 7th swirled the audience, as usual, into enthusiastic applause.

Swiftly descending the Parnassian slopes, and avoiding with difficulty the pitfalls at the bottom, we arrive at the Informal Evening held by the Music Society on October 30th. Mr. F. Tomlinson's "Mastersingers" performed with familiar praiseworthy gusto. Mr. R. Gendall and Miss Lois Murrell are to be commended for their duets played on tenor and descant recorders—instruments beloved of Samuel Pepys. Four duets were composed by Mr. Gendall. The only other instrumental item in a very ideal programme was a little Haydn trio.

P.T.B.

Thorntons

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Society Notes

International Students' Week.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. B. Mouat-Jones, presided, and Mr. Daggett was in the chair, at the opening meeting of the International Students' Week, held in the Riley-Smith Hall on Monday, 10th Nov. Speakers from 11 different countries gave accounts of education in their home lands and it is impossible to do justice to them in such a short space. We were pleased to hear how eager they all were to develop their indigenous culture, rather than have imposed on them that of another country, which has often been the effect of imperialism. Their problems, particularly those described by the Indian, Polish, Arabic and Chinese speakers, make our grumbles about cafeteria queues rather ridiculous. Many of the problems are, however, common to all students and the need for international student bodies to deal with them, and to give material assistance where necessary, was made very clear. Picturesque touches by the speakers enlivened the meeting. The South American system of election of professors by students and the Dutch students freedom from regulations aroused envy. Not so the Indian student's experience of education in a Temple competing with the worshippers.

About 80 students were present and a collection was taken for I.S.S.

M.A.

English Society.

Above 50 students attended the English Society Meeting on Thursday, 30th which was addressed by Miss Phyllis Bentley. Her subject was the Art of the Novelist, and speaking without notes, she compassed this mighty topic within the hour to the intense delectation of her audience. She introduced the terms "Scene" and "Summary," which together make up the novel's forms and quoted Thackeray and E. M. Foster as novelists whose skill in the use of these was surpassingly good, and Scott and Virginia Woolf as novelists who had over-emphasised one of these mediums at the novel's expense.

Hemingway was routed for inefficient use of "Scene," half his repetitive dramatised "Scenes" being not only superfluous but introduced originally without definite purpose. Very graphically she indicated the novelists' attitude towards his "created world," and the manner in which he can speed up and slow down, close up or diminish events.

Miss Bentley considered the function of a novel to be the same as that of any art forms, to portray truth through beauty, the latter not to be confused with niceness of matter.

Narration, the ability to tell a story well, to "create" characters in action, to use

effectively the tools of "Scene" and "Summary" composed the novelist's art, she concluded.

M.H.

U.N.S.A.

By courtesy of the Central Office of Information, U.N.S.A. is presenting five 50-minute sound-film shows at 1-5 p.m. in the Riley-Smith on Friday, Nov. 14th, Nov. 21st, Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th. These are concerned with problems of world peace, and life in different countries. All staff and students are asked to come if at all possible. Further details on posters.

German Society.

Professor Gillies addressed the Society at 5-15 p.m. on Monday, November 3rd, in the Staff refectory. His subject was "Deutschtum in Amerika"; the meeting, which started with the traditional tea, was well-attended and highly successful. The New Year Social has been fixed for January 12th, from 7-10 p.m. in the Staff Refectory.

L.U.C.U. Notes.

Without dilating upon the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ "the best proven fact in history," Mr. S. Reynolds, at Roundhay School spoke to the L.U.C.U. Meeting, on Tuesday evening, of the meaning this had for every one at the present day. The Cross was the starting point of the Christian life, and those who come to Him find not only the atonement for past sin, but power to live their lives in future, for the risen Lord lives again in the lives of all who open their hearts to Him.

The Natural History Society Social.

Without doubt the Society Social, held on November 1st, can be described as a highly successful project.

Over 600 students, including 200 N.U.S. Council delegates—plus the numerous gate-crashers who hopped in through windows, crawled past officials and dropped from the balcony, shuffled their way round a crowded Riley-Smith and conga-d through the Union building.

Our thanks go to Ted, our M.C., who in his usual breezy manner, coaxed reluctant dancers on to the floor.

J.A.

Sketching Society Social.

The Social held last Saturday, November 8th, was the first indication many people in the Union had of the existence of the Sketching Society. We welcomed the advent of our old friend the R.S.M. as M.C., whose organisation lifted the evening out of a certain suspicion of apathy which faintly hovered over the affair. There was not such a large assembly as we have been accustomed to in recent socials, and by 10-30 p.m. there was actually enough room to dance

PLATO AMONG THE WEAVERS

Mr. Mayer-Marton's lecture (readers may remember his able if rarified exposition at the Exhibition of Contemporary Painters some months ago) on "Principles of Form and Purpose in Pattern" to the members of the Textile Society on Nov. 11th, originated high in the empyrean where Platonic and Aristotelian definitions of "Form" do battle. It was throughout considerably above the reporter's head. The lecturer chose the Platonic view, by which "pure form" is archetypal and never known except by variations on itself. The purpose of the lecturer was to illustrate that form exists. Descending a shere or two he winnowed out various definitions of the nature of form in painting (as a painter Mr. Mayer-Marton kept mainly to his own subject) which seemed to him satisfactory and universal and conferred validity on anything associated with it.

He then set out to show, by a series of lantern-slides, beginning with a slightly obscene postcard and ranging through unintelligent distortions by bad artists, cave drawings, Italian tapestries, a cinema projector and abstract "space-shapes," the forms and intellectual contents that perennially appear and combine in pattern, and the philosophical implications of such changes of idiom as cubism. He also suggested how the tendencies of "pure" design filter into the terrene of "impure" commercial design and in accordance with this philosophic pressure.

Design in industry was hardly touched on until question time, and the audience felt that Mr. Mayer-Marton spent too long displaying and illustrating his own eremitic thesis. He did, however, keep to his plainly stated purpose, and criticism should rather turn to re-assess the value of thorough aesthetic analyses in the enjoyment of painting, music, poetry or any art.

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with comparative comfort Monday morning's cafeteria recapitulation, however, formed the conclusion that the evening was on the whole a success, and we can but hope that this new Society will flourish and occupy the place in Union institutions that it undoubtedly deserves.

★ SPORT ★

Outlook Unsettled.

From the latest weather reports it seems likely that this page of **Union News** may become bankrupt for news. During the week-end snow fell in Leeds and by the time this copy is issued the delightful landscape of the town may be smoothed out by several inches of snow. Although this may enhance the beauty of this admirable city, it certainly cramps the style of our athletes. Remembering the fiasco of last year we hope that the hard grounds and bad weather will not be with us long. Curtailment of matches will, however, have one advantage in that the Sports Editors will not have to ring frantically to Club secretaries to procure Saturday's results for the next issue!

It was hoped that we would be able to report on the N.U.S. Council discussion on the re-organisation of the U.A.U., but unfortunately time was too short at Council to deal with the expansion of the organisation to include several large Universities and Technical Colleges.

Swimming Club.

Victory. This time by the Swimming Club against Leeds Training College. All the swimming events were won by the Club, whilst the polo team ambled home to a 9-1 triumph.

An interesting addition to the evening's entertainment was provided by the presence of a large number of young ladies from the college as spectators. Whilst this is not the true attraction of the game we hope that this may attract more supporters from the University (there was one!).

Full details of forthcoming matches are always to be found on the Notice Board in the Union and we assure everyone that the matches will be well worth watching.

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Soccer Progress.

The record of the Club shows a wide divergence of fare in the various leagues in which it competes. The results of the Half-holiday League team, with a 100% record and those of the 2nd XI in the W. Yorks. League make a very clear comparison. The good start to the Christie Competition was marred by a 3-1 defeat at Manchester, so that the team must win all the remaining matches to keep an outside chance in the Cup. It is remarkable that the 2nd XI, despite its bad League record, maintains an unbeaten record in the Christie Competition. Considerable reconstruction of the teams has taken place to pick an all-winning team, but in spite of this the 1st XI were unable to defeat Pudsey Old Grammarians in the away match in the Leeds District Cup-tie on Saturday. Bad playing conditions were blamed—too much treacle on their boots?

BOXING : Leeds beat Brum.

Leeds completely defeated Birmingham University in a friendly Boxing Match held in the Gym. on Friday night. Of the seven contests Leeds won five with one walk-over, and in one case a knock-out in the first round. The evening opened with H. Glover beating J. Harris in a closely-fought contest, showing plenty of dash and energy, although much less skill. In the next encounter A. Dunne completely outboxed his opponent in the light-weight class, showing great skill in his foot-work and dodging ability. He deserved to win, if only for the amount of blood drawn from his opponent's nose. The heavy-weight scrap which followed was short and sweet, P. Brewer K.O'ing his opponent at the expense of approximately three well-timed punches in the first few seconds. K. Sloman hardly lived up to his name in the middle-weight clash. He laid on a hail of blows which won him the verdict in the first round, the referee stopping the bout. R. Milligan had the dis-

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tion of recording Leeds' only defeat of the evening, after putting up a lion-hearted show against a more skilful opponent. D. White narrowly defeated his light-heavyweight contestant in a bout which satisfactorily rounded off the successful evening.

D.A.P.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB. Co-operation.

The greatly increased membership this year, and, more important, the co-operation of the Men's Hockey Club—have made it possible for a request to be met from the Staff mixed Hockey Club for a regular match to be played against them every Saturday. In this way, many more people are given the chance of regular play than would otherwise be the case.

It is hoped that, in conjunction with the men, many more mixed clubs will be played later in the season, and several fixtures have already been arranged.

Strictly within the confines of the *Women's Hockey Club*, the season so far has been successful. The first team are undefeated, having drawn two of their matches and won all the rest; the second team have won all but one; and the third team have only played one match this session and we regret to say that they lost it.

The first W.I.V.A.B. match was played on November 8th, against Liverpool, who have already played and beaten the other two opponents—Manchester and Durham—for the Christie. The result was a draw after an exhausting do-or-die game. Durham were played on Saturday last, 15th, and were beaten 6-2.

The Club has been very fortunate in securing the services of R.S.M. KcKenna for umpiring some of the matches, particularly the W.I.V.A.B. matches.

If the first part of the season can be regarded as an augury for the future, the Club can indeed look forward to a bright future.

INTERFACULTY. Past.

The Interfaculty Netball Rally was played on Wednesday last, November 12th, resulting in a decisive victory for the combined Education and Social Science teams.

Four teams took part, there being, besides the winning team, representatives from the Arts, Science and Medical faculties. The most unfortunate team was perhaps that from the Arts faculty, who won none of their games and whose only point came from their drawn game with the Medics. They were, however, the only faculty who were able to field a full team. There should be a moral to this. . . .

Results :—

Edu. and Social Science	17-5	
	6 points.	
Science	9-8
	4 points.	
Medics	8-12
	1 point.	
Arts	5-14
	1 point.	

Future.

We strongly recommend that all those of you who have not been to Swillington yet do so on Saturday, November 29th, when you will be able to cheer your faculty team to victory.

The Boats Interfaculty Races have always been exciting and this year promises to be more than ever so, as this will be the first time ever that the men and women will have a joint regatta. The men's races will be in two divisions—six teams in the first and five in the second; the first division for the "Sir Michael Sadler" Cup and the second for the "Walker Garstang" Cup. The five teams taking part in the women's races will row for the "Vice-Chancellor's" Cup.

The draw takes place on Saturday 22nd; the heats will be rowed on Wednesday 26th, and the semi-finals and finals will take place on Saturday, November 29th. Note the date.

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