

N.U.S. VOTE STRAW V-PRESIDENT

By UNION NEWS REPORTER

JACK STRAW, Union President-elect, topped the poll in the Easter elections for the National Union of Students' Executive. He will now become a vice-president of N.U.S.

Also elected on to the N.U.S. Exec. was Linda Tinkham, who is the leader of the London student teachers. She will be the only woman on the Exec. and is a former council member of the Radical Students' Alliance.

Both Straw and Tinkham defeated N.U.S. Exec. backed candidates. Current Exec. member Tom McNally lost his seat. Immediately after the election, Jack Straw said, "This represents a certain move to the Left in N.U.S. It is certainly no longer political suicide to toe against the Executive line."

TEAM

He stressed that Linda Tinkham and he would not be acting as a splinter group within the Exec. but would work as a team with the other members. N.U.S. President Geoff Martin viewed the election in a different light and stated that really Straw and Tinkham were not different to the Present Exec., and once they found themselves on the platform at the N.U.S. Council their views would be modified. Jack Straw will take his place as vice-president in November, and at the same time will be in his term of office as Leeds Union President.

NO CONFLICT

He does not see any danger of conflict between the two positions. "I will be the same person representing the same views whether I'm in London or Leeds. In Leeds, I shall be dealing with internal matters and N.U.S. policy formulation; on the N.U.S. Executive I shall be dealing with the implementation of that policy." He is also confident that he will have time to do both jobs effectively. He emphasised that as Union President he will be working full-time. He added that on the N.U.S. Exec. he will be no different to the other members who are doing full-time jobs outside N.U.S.

Most members of N.U.S. Exec. are not students but are employed in industry and commerce. Only the President and

Secretary are full-time officials. In conclusion, Jack Straw commented, "As President, my allegiance will always be to Leeds."

Current Union President, Mervyn Saunders, also topped the poll at the N.U.S. conference when elected on to a commission for investigating the methods of training lecturers.

It was felt that the standard of training at present was not good enough. This commission will continue until a "satisfactory" standard is attained.

HONORARY SEAT

At the end of the council, N.U.S. Exec. member Alun Evans surprised everyone by nominating Communist Alan Hunt, at his last council as a Leeds delegate, for an honorary seat on the Executive.

In his proposing speech, Evans said that Hunt had "Made us question our values and ask, 'Where are we going?'"

The motion was carried with only Hunt voting against.

In his speech, Alan had said that he was against honorary seats, "Whether in the House of Lords or in Heaven."



Jack Straw in action at Liverpool. He says he'll have time to be President of Leeds Union and a Vice-President of N.U.S.

"Union News" Wins "Best Features" Award

"THE FORGOTTEN ONES," the Union News article on homeless families won the Sunday Mirror Cup for the best student feature of the year, at this Easter's Student Journalist Conference. The award for the best paper went to "Manchester Independent" and that for the most improved paper (which Union News won last year) to "Venture" of Loughborough.



Michael Christensen, Editor of the Sunday Mirror, holds up the Union News prize-winning feature for the Students' Journalist Conference to see.

Sunday Mirror Editor, Michael Christensen, praised the article as "the stuff of journalism." He thought it very commendable that Union News had not been satisfied with the answers

received from the Council, but had gone on to investigate independently.

Meanwhile, in Leeds the Council are beginning to move some of the homeless families into Corporation houses. One of the families from the Marsh Lane "rehabilitation centre", which is an old police station, has already been moved.

When Marsh Lane is empty, it will be repainted and the families from the other hostel, South Lodge, will be moved there. Families there say they have not been informed of any plans to move them, although in the television programme in March, following the Union News article, it was said that they would be moved.

CORRESPONDENCE

A heated correspondence has been going on between the President, Mervyn Saunders, and Richard Knowles, Organiser of the City Labour Party, since the article was published. In an article in the Leeds Weekly Citizen, Mr. Knowles criticised Union News, accusing us of trying to discredit a Labour-controlled council and "grubbing" for "an unsavoury story." He went on to suggest that similar articles could be written about some students: "I have noted some of the conditions in which they live—of their own choice—when they are too lazy—or too tired from their studies—to pull the chain of the W.C. when they have used it."

Mervyn Saunders wrote to him, describing his article as "self-righteous and carping," and said that there had been enough justification for the article from outside observers "if I am to judge by unsolicited comments from television viewers throughout the North."

APPRECIATED

"It is significant," he continued, "that this particular article, which made you so hot under the collar, won the National Features Award at a recent Student Journalist Conference. It is clear that the article was appreciated in some circles for what it attempts to be—a true social awareness in journalism."

Mr. Knowles does not agree. In what Mervyn Saunders described as a "typical politician's" letter to him, he says it is "distressing" that Union News should have made the plight of a "tiny minority in this city" into "a scurrilous story in order to win the National Feature Award."

Reinstatement of Adelstein and Bloom 'Act of Clemency'

DAVID ADELSTEIN and Marshall Bloom, the two students suspended from the London School of Economics last term, were allowed to continue their courses when the school's summer term began on Wednesday.

The Court of Governors of the school had decided on 'an act of clemency' after hearing a plea to remove the suspensions from the right-wing LSE President, Peter Watherstone, and receiving a written statement from Bloom and Adelstein.

Bloom had been unfairly disciplined; welcomed the NUS Executive's offer of financial support from the Legal Aid Fund of NUS; and hoped that from this 'unfortunate conflict' a radical reappraisal of university and college education and discipline would emerge. The motion was carried with only one vote against.

REGRETS

In their statement the two students had expressed their regrets at the events which had arisen, and stressed that they were 'intent on working with the School authorities through constitutional processes.'

They also promised to make every effort to re-establish good relations in LSE.

Before this decision had been made, the situation at LSE had been one of the major items of discussion at the Easter Council of NUS.

A motion backed by nearly 40 universities and colleges supported the students of LSE; recognised that Adelstein and

RESPONSIBILITY

Union President Mervyn Saunders stated, "We are saying to the academic world, 'If you treat us responsibly, we will act responsibly.'"

At LSE during the vacation, students held an open University and discussions between staff and students have been taking place for altering the school's machinery of government.

The outcome of the staff-student talks is going to be a complicated issue, as neither side can meet the demands of the other. The staff are standing firm and the students on the working committee intend to seek guidance from their union.

Exec. Wrangle In Camera

MONDAY'S four-and-a-half hour Exec. meeting discussed only twelve motions out of an agenda of seventy-two.

Most of the time was spent on an in-camera discussion on the terms of employment for the Union Education and Welfare Officer.

Chief architect of the discussion was Cultural Affairs Secretary Pete Stark. He claimed that the new officer would be "Either purely doing administration work, in which case he would not be worth his salary, or couldn't be fulfilling his job unless he had a full-time secretary."

However, Committee Secretary John Tough had other views, "Stark held a drama festival, but being in-camera, he was deprived of a large audience."

Eventually, after over two hours, Mervyn Saunders' initial proposals were passed.

Exec. also agreed to:—
renew the duplicator;
replace the transit van if operation proved legal;

investigate the purchase of a 27in. TV set;
keep offset litho prices low in order to encourage business;
the principle of shops on the campus.

S.G.M. IS INQUORATE

THE twice inquorate S.G.M. will now not be reconvened for a third time.

It was originally called at the end of last term to discuss U.C.'s decision to send a mini-bus to L.S.E. in support of the sit-in there, but because of a lack of members, the meeting was reconvened last Monday, when again numbers were insufficient.

Mervyn Saunders said, however, that he would be willing to answer questions in Debates.

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EDUCATION OR DEGREES?

THE Summer term is primarily the Exam. Term. Already the talk in the M.J. is of the forthcoming trials, and in the next couple of weeks, activities in the Union will grind to a near halt as the erstwhile, gay Unionites ebb away into the shadows of the Brotherton.

The pros and cons of the present examination system have already been discoursed on at length, both in this paper and elsewhere: our exams are unfair because they impose a physical strain which some stand up to better than others; because they become speed-writing or memorising contests; because they can be passed with good "exam technique" but little knowledge or comprehension of the subject; because they can become a question of luck, of whether the "right" things come up on the paper.

On the other hand, they do not structure a student's work on the way a system of continuous assessment might; they are relatively objective, compared with continuous assessment, theses or vivas and leave the student free from strain for the rest of the year.

In all the discussion on the methods of examining, however, the necessity for examining and grading students is rarely queried. Yet such a question is pertinent to the whole function and purpose of universities today.

What are the Universities trying to do? What do they do? Is there any relation between these two? Answers to such questions must surely lie at the basis of any rethinking of our exams system.

The main criticisms of the system imply that it is "unfair", i.e. that it is not grading people accurately, or according to the most desirable criteria. Such criticisms accept implicitly that grading is the main function of exams.

LABOUR MARKET

If the question is then asked—grading for what?—the answer comes out simply in terms of the labour market. What the Universities do is to turn out people labelled for future employment: to be a graduate at all is important. And to be a good graduate often—for example, teaching or Civil Service entry—affects salary or chances of entry.

If it is accepted that this should be the main function of Universities, then exams must stay, and all we can do is make the system of assessment as precise as possible.

But the suggestion that Universities are just a funnel into certain types of occupation meets with cries of horror: Universities are seats of learning, where study is pursued for its own sake; people are supposed to come to University because they want to study and because "University life" will stimulate them; will develop their potential.

If this is so, then where do exams come into the picture? The idea of a fixed syllabus, probably started in the second year and leading to exams, one, two or three years later, is in considerable contradiction with any ideas of developing oneself through study, or pursuing learning along the paths it leads one down.

A certain amount of clear thinking is called for on this issue. Do we want education or good degrees? The two seem largely incompatible and the Universities are falling neatly between two stools at present, neither grading people accurately enough for the labour market, nor providing a milieu for deep and fruitful study.

If we have come to University merely to get good degrees, then the exam system in some form is inevitable and we've no right to squeal. Before protesting about it, we must decide what we have come here for.

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THE HOMELESS: COUNCILLOR REPLIES

DEAR MADAM,
 It was with great interest that I read the article "The Forgotten Ones" in your Union News.

I feel that all of us have the responsibility of a social conscience in matters of this nature, and despite the prominent publicity given to this problem over the years it is well that all sections of society are reminded of such social problems existing in this country.

Nevertheless, whether your article contained a constructive criticism is in some doubt. The problems associated with homelessness were fully explained to your reporter and yet there is no mention of these problems in the article. The article implies that if people do not conform they can be dismissed from consideration. In this City, this is not true.

The Local Authority is deeply concerned at the disruptive effects of homelessness on family life and the fact that only Public Authorities can show the necessary concern, then we must provide care, support and development of inadequate families. At the same time we have to avoid, if at all possible, the probable effects of making provision which would encourage such parents to seek to avoid their own responsibilities to their families and the Society which has assisted them.

In Leeds, families who are rendered homeless through circumstances not entirely within their control are re-housed almost immediately and in cases of doubt, the family is given the benefit of such doubt. It should be remembered that the obvious is not always the real cause of a problem, and those whose need is greatest often have the greatest difficulty in seeking help.

In a City of over 500,000 people, there are large numbers of inadequate families who require constant support. Officers of Housing, Children and Welfare Departments are fully engaged in providing this support for upward of 1,000 families living in their own homes. At the same time, a considerable grant is made to the Leeds Family Service Unit who provide concentrated and continuing support and guidance over long periods, to families in need of such support and guidance.

KEEPING COUNT ON BREAKAGES

DEAR MADAM,
 I would be most grateful if you would allow me once again to use your columns to publicise my campaign against the breakage deposit in the Department of Chemistry.

I would like to point out to my fellow Chemists that the accounting system for the deposit is pitiful, and the charges made upon the deposit rarely bear any relation to the cost of the equipment actually broken, and are often much higher than they should be. Last year, students received bills for up to £2 on top of the £6 paid, when in fact the equipment broken was worth nothing like £6.

To prevent this happening again, I would like to ask all students doing lab. courses in Chemistry, to keep a list of all they break, find out about how much it costs (from the stores or lab. notice boards) and to compare this with the charges actually made when the cheques are returned in August.

SELF CLEARING IN REFEC

DEAR MADAM,

I would wish to bring to the notice of all members of the Union the starting of the self-clearance scheme in the Refec.

This scheme has now been in operation for five days and so far we have not seen great changes. One might, indeed, conclude from this that the aims behind this scheme are basically wrong, but I am sure that this is not the case.

In all, a considerable amount of effort is put in by the Local Authority in preventative and rehabilitative work. It is inevitable that some families for a variety of reasons, find themselves without a home. The Local Authority is then required to provide a shelter for them. The process of rehabilitating these families back to normality is often found to be a long and arduous task because of these disruptive effects of homelessness on of these disruptive effects of homelessness on family life.

Therefore, if these problems are to be solved a constructive approach by everyone is necessary. It is felt that the inaccuracies contained in the Union News report savoured of the type of sensational reporting but did not go very far in contributing anything new or illuminating in this particularly difficult field of social work. The approach to the problem by entering these premises without authority was discourteous, and rather than helping these unfortunate families it seems that you have exploited their predicaments by showing them to public view. The immaturity of the article is of some concern and is highlighted by the suggestion that you re-decorate or re-furnish these premises.

Social work in all its concept is the process of helping people with the aid of appropriate social services to resolve or mitigate a wide range of personal and social problems which they are unable to meet successfully without such help and this process calls for both knowledge and skill. If you had been aware of this concept I am sure that the contribution could have helped society in view of all the resources within the Union.

It would be seen therefore that there is a great deal of hard work to do in this particular field of social work and to those of you who are interested, I believe there are bodies who would welcome voluntary effort in that field.

So far as the accommodation at South Lodge is concerned, 8 weeks ago it was decided by the Local Authority to house these families in adequate properties in accordance with this programme of rehabilitation.

A. SMITH
 Chairman, Welfare Services Committee.

If representation to the University authorities can be made with such a well detailed case (results will be collected in October) we may at last get some justice on this matter.

Finally I would like to remind all readers that the University has given an undertaking to abolish the deposit as soon as an extensive review of fees is possible, which should be at the end of this year. This undertaking was given by the University as soon as the Union approached them on my behalf. This is a classic example of the influence of the Union upon the University authorities, and I feel that if more students played an active role in the Union and took their complaints about any matter within the University to the relevant Union official or to Union Committee, courses and departments could be markedly improved, making University life a much more beneficial one.

Yours,
 LEO N. SMITH.

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Birds Eye View

RECENTLY, I was looking round for a car to replace the one I sold some months ago.

The type of vehicle I had in mind had to be capable of towing a boat and taking a considerable quantity of equipment; so I wanted something of at least 1½ litres, preferably, nearer two.

The vendors of all the cars I went to see were men who assumed that my husband would be driving the car. When I pointed out that this was not so, and that the car was for me to drive, I received the same sort of reaction in every case: "You! But this isn't a woman's car, you know. You'll never cope with it."

Now of all the man-made myths surrounding cars, this is the most ridiculous; but what is even more ridiculous is that the majority of women blindly accept the idea that they are not able to drive certain types of car.

I contend that once you can drive, you can drive anything. My own experience ranges from our present sports through various small, medium and large saloons, to a furniture van converted into a horse-cum-cattle-truck.

I have never been able to pin a man down as to what exactly does or does not constitute a "woman's car". In my opinion, it is a figment of the male imagination, designed to prevent girl-friends and wives from expressing a desire to use the car, so that it can remain an exclusively male preserve in which, as the psychologists tell us, they can work off their inhibitions and frustrations.

SAFER

Don't stand for it, you women drivers; the car will be safer in your hands, anyway... if the insurance companies' claims registers are anything to go by. So far as they are concerned, women drivers are a far better bet than men; they rarely have accidents caused by reckless or dangerous driving, and less than 1% of drunken drivers are women.

But how many men, after a party at which they have had too much to drink, would ask their wife or girl-friend to drive home (assuming she was sober)? Very few, I suspect; and the cause? Pride, most probably. With cars, as with sex, men dislike having to admit either to inability to perform with satisfaction and safety or (what's worse) inability to perform at all.

JANET SPAVOLD

'Fluoridation Urgent'-Prof.

TWO new reasons for the fluoridation of public water supplies were given by Professor Douglas Jackson, of Leeds University, in his inaugural lecture on Tuesday.

According to Professor Jackson and Dr. Philip Burch, also of Leeds, fluoridation has some beneficial effect on the bone tissue as well as the teeth.

Professor Jackson also predicted a manpower crisis in British dentistry unless fluoridation was widely adopted in the United Kingdom. Recently, the General Dental Council launched a campaign to attract more school leavers to train for the profession.

Professor Jackson said, "Dr. Burch and I have propounded a new theory for the cause of periodontal disease (or pyorrhoea) and there is further evidence to suggest that fluoridation delays or prevents this disease."

At present only one-third of the adult population of the United Kingdom demands regular dental treatment and any increase in this demand would certainly bring about a very critical situation.

"Even if the dental manpower could possibly be found within the next 30 years, fluoridation would still remain an urgent social necessity," Professor Jackson concluded.

SELF CLEARING PROPOSED FOR REFEC—AGAIN

YET another attempt is being made to introduce a self-clearance system into refec.

Mike Paine, the Student Catering Secretary, and Mr. Greenhalgh, the Catering Officer, are co-operating on a scheme to improve the functioning of refec.

Posters have been put up around the Union, requesting students to take dirty crockery to collecting points, where trolleys have been placed.

Paine commented: "Students cannot expect to be waited on hand and foot when they are paying such modest prices for meals. This Union has had the reputation of being in the forefront of British Universities, yet other Unions, whom we have condemned as reactionary, have had self-clearance schemes in operation for many years."

Mr. Greenhalgh explained why the scheme had been introduced this time. "Owing to illness in their families, etc.," he said, "we seldom have a full complement of staff. Furthermore, our staff cannot be expected to cope with the peak pressure periods, although they are perfectly capable of dealing with ordinary numbers."

TIDIER

It is hoped that the scheme will result in a better and tidier



Students clearing their crockery onto the trolleys.

refec. Mr. Greenhalgh said that staff might be able to improve facilities in other ways if the scheme was successful. If the students co-operated in this plan he thought that a better atmosphere would be created all round.

Leaflets have been distributed

round refec. and it is hoped that various people will do "picket" duty. Mr. Greenhalgh suggested that the last attempt to introduce self-clearance "fell through mainly because of the lack of personal contact with students."

MESSY

Some of the cleaning staff have staged a rebellion against the scheme. They have asked students to leave crockery on the tables, and have removed trays to prevent them from taking crockery to the trolleys. One of the staff said: "We have discussed this amongst ourselves and we feel that we can do the job better ourselves. The students make the trolleys very messy by piling up platters with food left on them."

The new scheme will be introduced to the freshers next term by means of the freshers' conference literature. It is hoped that this will accustom them right from the start to clear their own crockery away.

CATERING QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

THE results of the catering questionnaire, which was given out at the beginning of the year, are at last coming from the computer.

Mike Paine, Catering Secretary, said: "The questionnaire was very badly designed and many questions were almost impossible to process. Also, many people had not bothered to answer fully. But when the idea was first mooted, we had no idea of the programming difficulties."

Two thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight people completed forms, of whom 71.3% were male and 27.8% female. Most criticism of eating facilities in the Union and University House came from the men—44.8% of them thought that refec and caf food was mediocre; 21.7% thought it unsatisfactory; 4.1% found it very unsatisfactory and only 1.1% thought it very good.

Breakfasts in the Union, which had been suggested by the Assistant Registrar for Accommodation, Mr. Stevenson, were not favoured by the vast majority.

40.1% of the students preferred the medium-priced meals, 10% the cheaper ones, and 11.8% the dearer ones. 38.1% did not know which of the fixed price meals they preferred. The majority were in favour of the fixed price system.

The Union Bar was compared unsatisfactorily with other pubs by 42.7% of men, while only 1.7% thought that it compared very favourably.

Paine noted: "It was an ambitious scheme and the results were worthwhile, although to analyse the whole thing completely would take two or three years."

£615,000 Med School Extension Planned

DETAILS of an interim £615,000 plan for the University Medical School were announced by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Roger Stevens. "With this help from the University Grants Committee, the University hopes to play the fullest possible part towards solving the national emergency caused by the shortage of doctors," he said.

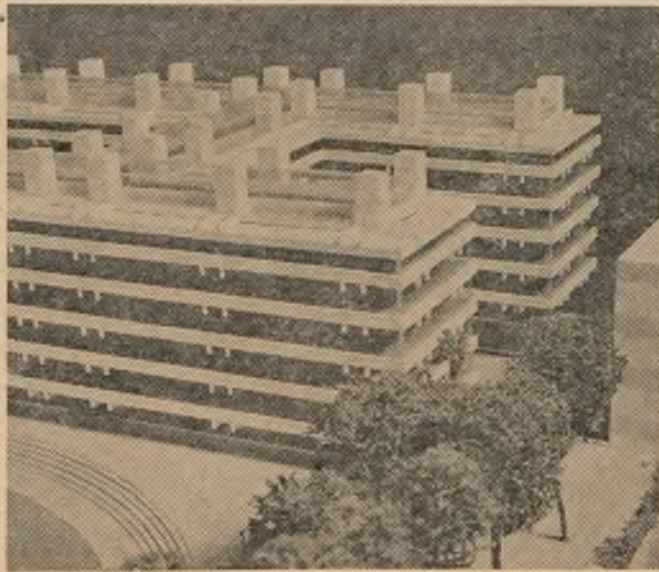
A new building costing £520,000 will enable the student intake to be increased from 80 to 130 by October, 1970. It will be included in the Biology Multi-purpose block,

part of which is already in course of erection.

Over 60% of the 36,000 sq. ft. available in this building will be occupied by the Department of Physiology. The remaining 40% will be taken up by additional teaching accommodation for Biochemistry and Genetics. Additional space for the Departments of Pathology and Bacteriology will be provided by moving the Department of Experimental Pathology and Cancer Research to the new building.

The space vacated by Physiology and Biochemistry in the present buildings will be used to expand facilities for the Departments of Anatomy and Pharmacology, the Medical Library, the School administration and student common room. A further £95,000 will be used to modernise and refit these existing areas.

Sir Roger Stevens said: "The long term plan for a new Medical Centre fully integrated with the proposed new Leeds General Infirmary remains a prominent feature in the development programme and is no less pressingly required than before."



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WAKEFIELD GAOL DEBATE — An Observation

"WHAT can you possibly say against the legalization of the rights of two consenting adult etceteras?"

"That's the problem! The debating society took it on and gave them the easy side—pro the Wollfenden Report—because we are supposed to be smarter."

Inside. Assembled and robed. Boys and girls together. Opposite men sit neatly in a single grey-jacket row. All men. I cross my legs modestly.

The bell rings begin. Chairman (?) for Wakefield side declaims. He says it's terrible that the Wollfenden Report, which recommends the legalization of homosexual behaviour in private, has not yet been implemented.

Meantime we girls look across at the greymen and congratulate ourselves for coming to divert them if even for a short space of time.

"This house believes . . ."

HISTORY — Chairman (?) for Leeds says, "Do you want your twelve-year-old child to see that kind of thing? Do you want these things to go right on the streets where your children will be subjected to anybody's advances? History shows us that the private morals and public strength of a state and society are one. The greatness of a country fails when its private morals decay. Look at Greece! Look at Rome!"

"Homosexuality must be condemned because it is bound to travel beyond the bedroom. The young are very impressionable! And they KNOW what their teachers and parents do! Legalize and junior will be seeing father and uncle hop off together for an evening's entertainment in the bedroom."

PHILOSOPHY — Wakefield African solemnly rises to speech, "I came here from Africa. And before I came here, I never heard of this 'homosexuality.' Africa does not have homosexuality. It is only part of Western culture. It comes from Greece. In Plato's Symposium it is described how man came and woman came. In the beginning they were only one but the gods decided to split them because they were getting too saucy. This is where homosexuality comes from! I say you should prohibit this corruption of your society!"

Leeds rises—"I may not be in a position to have children—" and Wakefield interjects—"Impotent?"—"But I wouldn't want my child—or any child—I mean would you want your child?—(turning grandiloquently to all)—to be accosted on the street by an adult, with intent to corrupt."

Meantime. A note passes down Leeds column: "Why doesn't a girl bring up the 'waste of men'?"

MEDICINE — Leeds—"You said before that doctors had discovered that homosexuality can be biologically determined. Perhaps these doctors are only setting forth these theories to further their own ends? Suppose the doctors are themselves homosexuals?"

Wakefield—"I don't approve of homosexuality. I mean I'm kept here with all these men—and—(gestures all-embracingly to his column)—I'm not attracted to any of them at all! All male confinement does not necessarily lead to homosexuality! But I believe that there should be freedom for these men who are."

POLITICS — Leeds—American girl—"Speaking as a foreigner, I will point out the political aspect of the legalization of homosexuality and would advise against it. You might know—or you might not know—that England has a rumoured reputation in America for being—well for being very homosexual. My point is that if you are concerned with the position of your reputation in the world . . ."

Wakefield—"Your house had pointed out the parallels with Rome but the fact is that when Britain was most powerful, there were no laws against homosexuals."

SOCIOLOGY — Leeds—the fact is, whatever part biology may play in it, it's a social problem; its unnatural and decadent social behaviour which can't be allowed on the streets. And legalizing it in any respect means legalizing it on the streets. As Lord Devlin has said . . .

Wakefield—man—older—all this talk about where they should be and where they shouldn't be. In my opinion, there's



only one place they should be—people like that—should be in an incinerator!

Leeds girl—"There has been a lot of talk about 'homosexuals,' 'males,' 'females.'" With the present fashions in dress, in which "males" are beginning to be able to wear printed colourful shirts, and "females" low slung trousers, and everybody being able to be colourful—"Not everybody!" comes the sardonic comment from the grey jackets—she smiles heedlessly—we ought to become more tolerant and make less distinctions and separations of people.

Bell rings end after chairmen repositure themselves for the final declamation for each house.

Leeds chair—Let's be logical. All forms of moral corruption go hand in hand. Allow homosexuality, and you're allowing all manner of sodominest, rape, murder . . .

Still, we girls say, it's not the substance of debate so much as diverting these poor prisoners for a while.

THE FACTS — chit chitting trip tripping we then wait for the awesome door to open to us while merrily we opionate. The fact is the basic function of man is to procreate for the continuation of the race . . .

there are many kinds of relationships after that . . .

there's no dearth of children . . .

I didn't think anybody would use that argument anymore. . . . ok but of course we exaggerated.

It isn't normal.

It isn't natural.

Procreation all.

It is decadent.

SERENA.

UNIVERSITY OPENS £25,000 MARINE LAB

By UNION NEWS STAFF

A WELLCOME TRUST grant of £25,000 has enabled Leeds University to transform a seafront coastguard cottage in Robin Hood's Bay, near Whitby, into a fully-equipped marine research laboratory. It was officially opened by Brigadier Sir John Boyd of the Wellcome Trust.

The laboratory will provide research facilities for the Zoology Department at Leeds University and also for marine zoologists from any parts of the United Kingdom and from Europe.

Dr. John R. Lewis, Director of the laboratory, said, "For zoologists, the pickled specimen era is over. It has been superseded by more elaborate and lengthy studies of live animals under controlled conditions." The laboratory can take in 8,000 gallons of sea water twice a day to maintain hundreds of fish, shellfish, bacteria and other coastal fauna, enabling research workers to observe animals for long periods.

FROGMEN

The inhabitants of this quaint cliffside village are accustomed to seeing zoologists turned frogmen exploring the waters of the bay. The Zoology Department has made great efforts to develop the laboratory in harmony with the surrounding village. The external appearance of the laboratory was worked out by the Fine Art Commission. A red pantile roof and dormer windows give minimal indications to either seagulls or sight-seers of scientific purpose.

The residence problem for visiting staff and students has been solved through the

generosity of a Whitby businessman, the late Mr. Harold Wright, whose bequest enabled the University to convert a school-room into a hostel which can accommodate up to 20 people.

RESEARCH WORK

Present research work includes Endocrinology of Skate (a group of fish very suitable for hormone studies); reproduction and biochemistry of the common lobster; sand bacteria studies; pituitary gland investigations of flatfish. Communities of sea-shore animals such as mussels, barnacles and whelks are marked each year so that such factors as reproduction rate, settlement and mortality rates can be assessed.

The laboratory is to be used as a base to study pollution along the North Yorkshire and Durham coast as part of the International Biological Programme. The waters off Robin Hood's Bay are unpolluted and will be used as a control zone for comparison with areas further north affected by industrial effluent. Another experiment shortly to be started will study the parasites of commercial fish species.

150 STUDENTS

Over the last twelve months, 150 students from Leeds University and various parts of the United Kingdom have attended intensive field study courses. Many graduates from the Uni-



The University's new marine laboratory built at Robin Hood's Bay near Whitby, with a £25,000 grant.

versity Zoology Department are currently engaged on oceanographic and marine research all over the world.

Professor James Dodd, head of the Zoology Department at Leeds University, said, "A large part of our marine zoology research programme can now be operated full-time in the new laboratory. Marine Zoology is no new specialism; it is as wide as Zoology itself and we expect that an increasing number of our graduates will make a career in this important field."

EXEC. PROBES INSURANCE ADVERTISING

STUDENTS have again been receiving circulars from an insurance firm over the vacation.

Letters were sent to the homes of many final year students and others by the insurance firm of Harrisons of Cambridge.

This also happened in January, 1966, and the Union Executive have issued a statement saying that "At no time have either the Union or the University given permission for the addresses of students to be released. They have also received no satisfactory explanation from Harrisons as to the source of the addresses, in spite of a letter from the Union solicitors requesting this information."

"The Executive Committee deplore the use of this kind of very unethical business method and advise students that the rates offered by Harrisons are not necessarily either the best or the most competitive."

Colonial and Mutual are the official underwriters and details of their plans are available from Services Section.

The Harrisons circulars contain a letter and a reply paid card. Commented one student: "We should all send back the printed postcards so that they are charged for the postage on them."

Study Rooms

ADDITIONAL rooms will be available in the Union for studying this term.

Students will be able to use committee rooms A and B and the O.S.A. room, all on the first floor of the Union, for studying, except when they are booked for meetings.

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1967

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RILEY-SMITH HALL

A G E N D A :

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

NOW — N.U.S.

Train Groups

THE main new feature of student travel '67 is the operation by the N.U.S. Travel Dept. of its own train groups, controlled through Endsleigh Street, the London H.Q. of the N.U.S. Travel Dept. As a result, all N.U.S. train bookings can be made direct with the Union travel bureau in Services Section, who will be providing these bookings with immediate confirmation and a no-delay ticket facility.

Although there have been train group facilities in the past for students, these have all been operated by other organisations in Europe, chiefly the German Student Travel Service.

N.U.S. have felt for some time that train groups operated by their own travel department would provide an even better service for G.B. students, and at long last they have gained permission to operate student train groups from London to nine European destinations. These are as follows (single fare in brackets):

London-Athens	(£17 8 0)
London-Barcelona	(£10 0 0)
London-Basle	(£6 5 0)
London-Brussels	(£3 5 0)
London-Copenhagen	(£8 0 0)
London-Istanbul	(£16 19 0)
London-Milan	(£8 10 0)
London-Rijeka	(£9 15 0)
London-Rome	(£10 0 0)

The London-Brussels service should be in great demand, as it gives students one of their most requested services, a really cheap cross-Channel fare, especially useful to those who plan on hitching for some of their journey.



LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

TRAVEL NEWS

Friday, April 28th, 1967

Services Supplement



Piazzetta San Marco — Venice

YOUR SERVICES SECTION

LEEDS UNIVERSITY N.U.S. TRAVEL
 UNION houses the only travel bureau in the Leeds area which specialises in travel for students.

Open to all students in the city and the surrounding area who are full-time students at a college of higher education or University, the office is situated on the ground floor of the Union building and is open daily from 09.00 to 17.00 Mondays to Fridays.

During term time, the bureau is also open Saturday mornings from 09.00 to 12.00 hours, especially for the benefit of students from other colleges.

The bureau is an integral part of the University Union Services Section. It is an official National Union of Students local student travel bureau and as such the bureau can handle any booking for any of the travel facilities listed in the two N.U.S. publications, "Student Traveller" and "Long Vacation".

The chief advantage to the student from using the Leeds N.U.S. bureau is that it is an over-the-counter service provided by full-time staff who are experts on the student traveller's requirements and how best to obtain them.

GENERAL TRAVEL

The bureau operates as a normal travel agency in the sense that bookings can be handled for any journey to any destination by land, sea or air.

Services Section holds agencies for the principle services operating from the Leeds-Bradford Airport. The staff can also give you the fullest details of all scheduled travel services and any reduced rates you may be entitled to as a student.

In short, if it's travel abroad you require, then the Leeds Student Travel Bureau can obtain it for you quickly and cheaply.

British Council Visits

THESE visits are certainly the best value for money trip available to British and Commonwealth students. The cost to the participant is absolutely inclusive of everything.

This year, visits have been arranged with the U.S.S.R. (£50), Hungary (£40) and Rumania (£40).

DETAILS

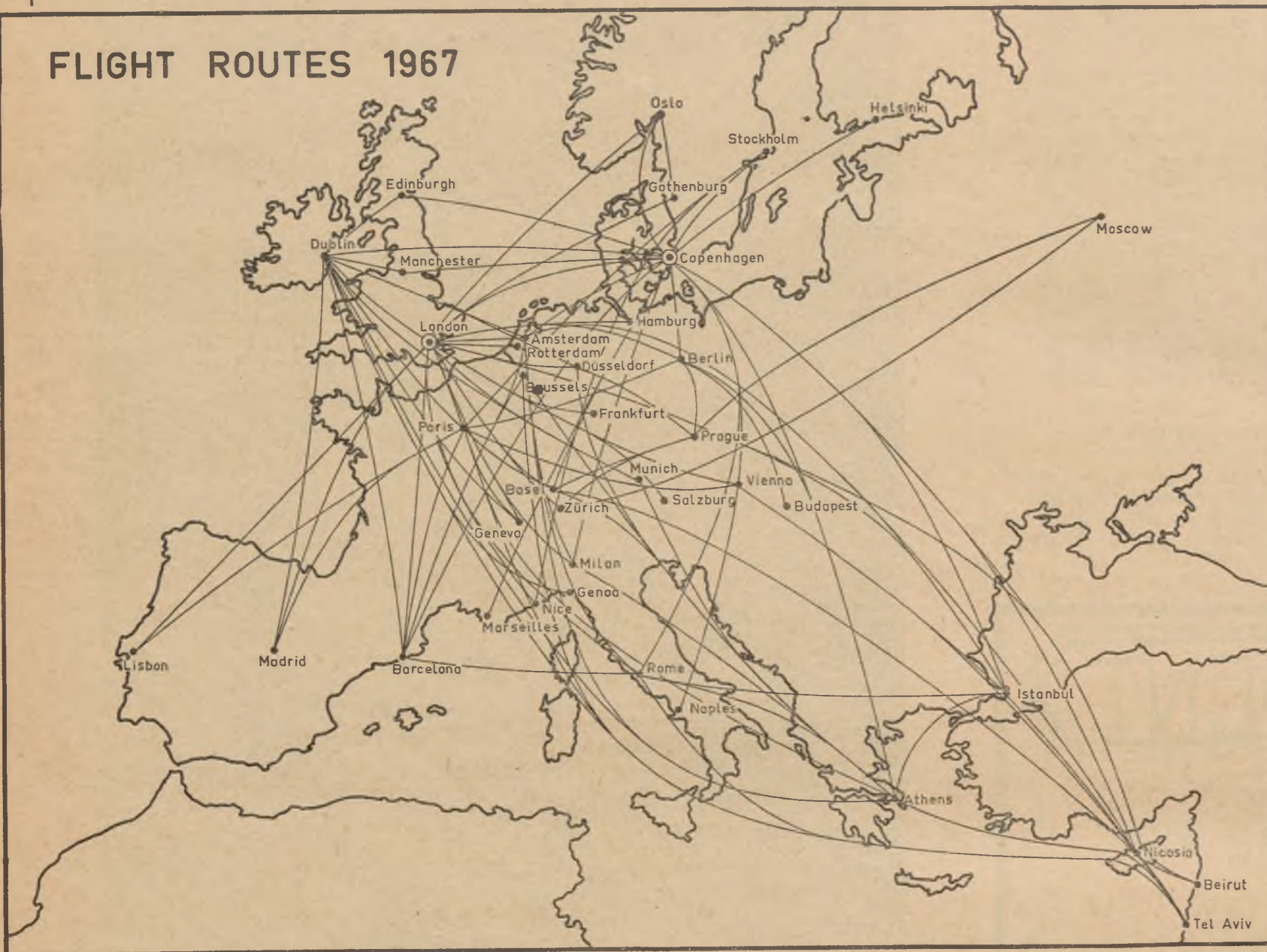
Full details and application forms can be obtained from Services Section, and as applicants are finally selected by interview, you must apply early to be one of the fortunate ones who are accepted.

GET UP AND GO PLACES

Come fly with N.U.S.

Here's how

FLIGHT ROUTES 1967



New Facilities for 1967

THE information on N.U.S. train groups given on our front page is the big news of 1967, but there are many other new facilities or developments of existing services. The flight plan shown above gives some idea of the enormous network of student charter flights operating in Europe this summer.

N.U.S. Flights

A bigger than ever programme with brand new facilities. First of all, departures ex Manchester. The North has been discovered! This year there will be student charter flights from Manchester Airport to Copenhagen and to Athens.

N.U.S. have put these flights on to gauge just how true the demand is for flights from a Northern departure point. If the bookings justify this experiment, we could well see more developments for the future for the Northern-based student.

Daily Paris Schedule

The ever-popular London-Paris flights are being operated daily from mid-June to the

end of September. With over 100 departures in both directions, it is still pretty certain that demand will exceed supply, so get your bookings in pronto.

Middle East

The flight of the year must be the 30th July, returning 27th August, flight, London-Beirut, on an Ilyushin 18 for £60 return. Services Section manager Mike Hollingworth goes into a state of blissful nostalgia over this one for some reason or other; anyway, he says it is his "highly recommended" trip for this year.

London-Cairo is another service which has been greatly expanded, with three flights a week during most of the long Vac.

East European Facilities

One point worth noting is that travel to and from Eastern Europe is expanding all the time.

Moscow, Prague and Budapest all have student charter flights laid on or trains-group facilities for those who prefer them. Yugo-

slavia and Poland are also well catered for on well established services. A flight to Moscow by Ilyushin 18 would be off-beat enough to raise an eyebrow even in Services Section.

Leeds-London-Leeds Bus Service

The big news on the local front is that Leeds shares with Manchester in being a terminus for N.U.S. student bus transport between London and the North.

Leaving Leeds University at 09.00 every Tuesday from 5th July to the 6th August, the journey will take approximately eight hours to the N.U.S. H.Q. at Endsleigh Street, for a single fare of £1. During the same period, the return services leaves every Wednesday from London at 09.30, arriving at the University for around 17.30 hours. All seats may be booked in advance through Services Section or the N.U.S. Travel Dept.

Again, this is a new venture which has been put on in answer to student demand. The level of demand in terms of booking will again determine whether these facilities expand or not.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL

THE foreign exchange control regulations restrict Britons travel abroad for holiday purposes to a sum of £50 per year in foreign currency and travellers' cheques. The year runs from November to November and any foreign currency used abroad for that year entered in your passport.

Tour operators who pay for facilities abroad on your behalf (hotels, meals etc.) deduct this amount from your allowance by the use of the "V-form" simple form which declares the amount deductible from your allowance. You simply fill up the form, return it to your tour operator and the rest is done for you.

NO V-FORM REQUIRED

Bookings on sea, air or land transport are payable in sterling. In other words, if, for example, you book an N.U.S. charter flight through the Union Services Section you pay for it directly in sterling without touching your travel allowance.

Remember to book your journey before you leave it to be purchased whilst you are abroad, it can only be bought on your £50 allowance.

You are also permitted to take £50 sterling out of the country each time you go abroad. This means that if you purchase all your rail, sea or air tickets

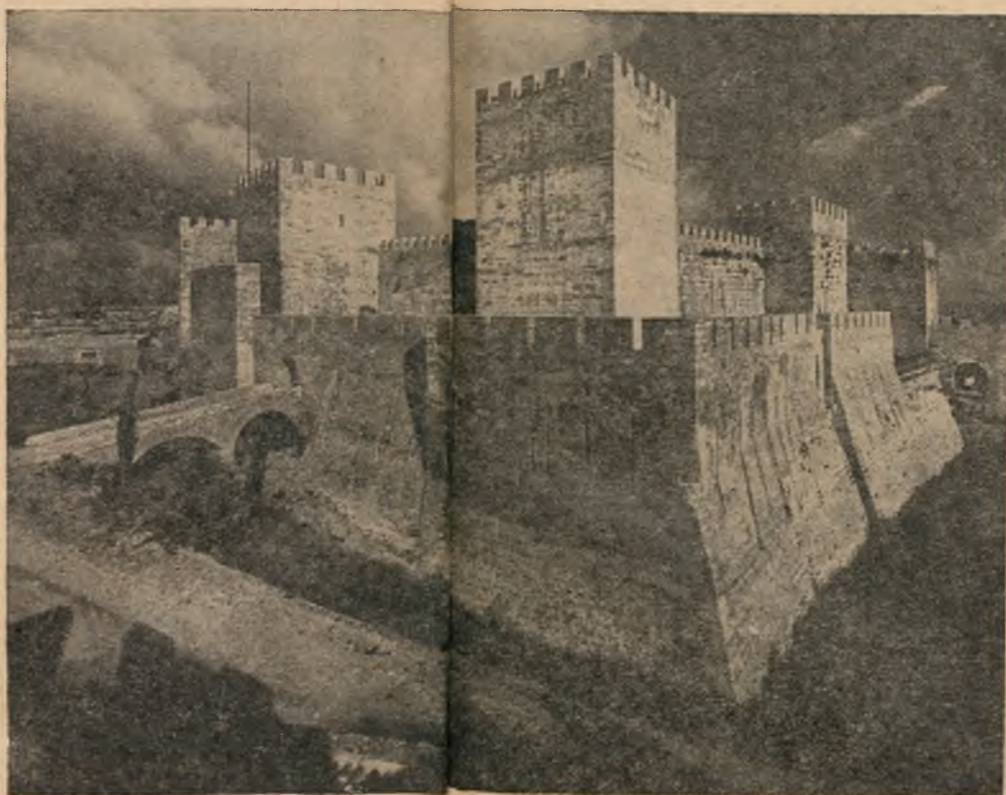
before you go you will have a total of £65 for all other expenditure.

Of course, if you go to Malta or Ireland or take an Educational tour, then



Kurfürstendamm — Berlin

there is no problem, the V-form does not apply in these cases.



Castelo Jorge — Lisbon

INCLUSIVE TOURS

Programmes such as those in the N.U.S. publication, "Long Vacation", which can be obtained free from Services Section travel bureau, really makes the allowance problem very simple.

Each tour has stated after the total cost, the V-form content. For example, the fantastic value-for-money air tour to Haifa costs £67, inclusive of bed and breakfast accommodation, transfers from airport to hostel and vice versa and charter flight London-Tel Aviv-London.

The V-form content is £20. You would book through Services Section in the Union and later, when you fill up the V-form, you declare £20. You would then be able to draw from your bank the balance of £30 in foreign currency or traveller's cheques and also take with you £15 in English pound notes, making a total of £45 for meals and spending money.

Inclusive tours will always give you better value for money than you can obtain yourself. To keep the British tourists coming this year foreign hoteliers and restaurateurs will be offering the lowest possible rates to the N.U.S. programme tours management so that the V-form content is kept as small as possible.

TWO TRIPS ABROAD

By travelling nearer to home, your V-form content on inclusive tours will not usually be much affected. Hostels and meals can often be dearer in France or Germany, say, than some Mediterranean countries. As the cost of transport is payable in sterling there may be no difference between 21 days in France and 21 days in Greece.

The answer here is to keep the stay period down. The V-form amount for eight days in Copenhagen is only £11, for example. Or you can try travelling out independently and take half your allowance (£25) plus your £15 sterling currency and see how long it lasts, leaving a suitable amount to cover you for hitching back home.

Either way, you will still have something left to give you, say, a Winter Sports holiday or a life saving weekend in Paris later in the year. But remember, after November you would be spending the allowance for '67/68 and your guess is as good as ours about whether the allowance will still be £50 for next year.

MOTORISTS

An additional allowance of £25 "petrol money" is available to the motorist travelling abroad. Everything depends, of course, on how far you travel and particularly how economical your trans-



Petrodvorets, Palace of the Tsars, Leningrad

port is with regard to fuel consumption.

The motorist travelling by cross-Channel ferry, particularly on the Townsend services, can avail himself of a special voucher system whereby purchases made on board ship may be paid for in advance with sterling.

The motorist, even more so than other travellers, must make absolutely certain his foreign expenditure keeps within the limits. Remember that the reception given by British consulates to anyone who has "just thoughtlessly 'spent up'" will be decidedly cool and, moreover, any assistance will be very expensive indeed.

Motorists are strongly advised to use A.A. "5 Star" or the R.A.C. "Cordon Bleu" services to cover themselves against expenditure incurred through breakdown or accident.

PLANE OR TRAIN ?

THE "Student Traveller" booklet is divided into two sections, flights and train groups. The fullest possible details are given for each transport and you will find that there are usually three or four destination points for each country listed. Often the principal cities of these countries are covered both by rail and plane services, the train group fare being usually 15 to 20% cheaper than the flight fare.

In practice, however, there is really very little difference, especially on long journeys, for example, London-Athens flight, £20; train group, £17/8/0. But it is three days and nights on the train as against seven hours inclusive by plane. On a return trip this could mean losing five or six days from one's holiday.

Perhaps this is the reason why so many students are going abroad by air this year. In any case, you can always go out by rail and return by air, or vice versa, fares are usually quoted for single journeys as there is no reduction for return fares. You pay your money and you take your choice.

HOW TO S.T.R.E.T.C.H YOUR CURRENCY

by

MIKE HOLLINGWORTH
Services Section Manager

WHILST £65 seems to be a considerable sum for many students, if you travel independently, your accommodation, meals and any rail or bus tickets bought abroad will soon make a big hole in your traveller's cheques.

Of course, you can pad out by exchanging your sterling at a bureau-de-change for foreign currency and often your £1 notes will be accepted for payment in some shops or other service establishments when the banks are closed.

But you will still find that your funds go all too quickly. Points to note that will save your resources, are to make sure that unnecessary expenditure is not made abroad.

WHAT TO TAKE

For instance, make sure your clothing and toilet articles are bought in the U.K. before you start your trip. Especially if you are female; make-up can be very pricey in some European countries.

Films are also often quite expensive abroad and can be just as easily taken with you. A tip worth remembering for those who travel cross-Channel by sea

is that the duty-free shops on board can often save you quite a bit, especially where tax is a high rate, e.g. films, spirits, etc.

ENTERPRISE

Remember that on the Continent a bit of private enterprise can be a useful way of augmenting the funds and possibly cementing a friendship. The writer buys duty-free Scotch both ways cross-Channel. Johnny Walker is an expensive fellow much sought after just as much on the Continent as he is at home.

A bit of genuine Carnaby Street gear will swop very nicely for that highly desirable foreign garment you are so anxious to be able to wear back home. Incidentally, many foreign visitors to the U.K. usually spend a packet at Marks & Spencer's establishments, Saints Margaret & Michael brand wear being highly prized.



On the banks of the Seine, Paris

Fares on Scheduled Flights

SCHEDULED air services are the regular flights operated by the principal world airlines and listed in their timetables.

Students may be granted a 25% reduction on normal air fare, subject to certain conditions. Generally speaking, these are that the student must be a full-time student, between the ages of

12 and under 22, and the journey must be between his home and his place of study.

The concession does not apply to special short period fares.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Since April, 1967, a new fare structure has been applied on European sector flights. Persons between the age of 12 and 21 are designated as young persons and the normal RETURN fare is reduced by 25% for persons in this age group. The reduction is only applicable on travel within Europe and does not apply to single flights or domestic flights.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Domestic flights are the services within the United Kingdom. Whilst at the moment the young person's fare does not apply here, the situation may change. In any case, a London student, for example, may gain a Student travel rebate for travel Leeds-London or vice versa as he is travelling between his home and his place of study.

FURTHER INFORMATION

There is also a possibility of a standby service on the Leeds-London route. For all enquiries and bookings for air travel, visit your student travel bureau in Services Section, who will ensure that you obtain any concessions you may be entitled to and will confirm your booking immediately with an over-the-counter ticket service for all airline bookings.



Beach at Calella, Spain

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BEFORE YOU GO

Finally, have a chat with your overseas student friends here at Leeds, they really know the ropes about travel to their own country and how to save money, especially if they are second or third year.

If your answer is that you don't know, say, any Finnish students, then go along to an International Soc. meeting advertised on their Society notice board. I don't guarantee she will be there, but everybody else knows her. In any case, conversation with other European students can give you ideas for holidays which will be often much more original—in more ways than one!

WHERE TO FIND IT

STUDENT TRAVELLER 1967

Flight and Train Groups

LONG VACATION

Inclusive Tours

GO AS YOU PLEASE

Off Season Travel Facilities

STUDENT HOSTEL and RESTAURANT HANDBOOK

Accommodation and Food

FREE FROM SERVICES SECTION

N.U.S.-WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Big Split over R.S.A. at the Easter Council

FOR five days, delegates from universities and colleges discussed, shouted, wrangled and voted at the National Union of Students' Easter Council in Liverpool. But what effect will all these man hours have and just what will the thirty-one motions passed actually achieve?

Nine of these motions related to the procedure and constitution of N.U.S. Itself. The others are all concerned with student politics, government policy and general educational policy. Their future implementation is not so definite.

Under the system of government within N.U.S. these motions are treated as bargaining tools for the N.U.S. Executive in their talks with academic leaders and Government officials. The only real weight they carry is that they are the views of the N.U.S. Council if officialdom wishes to lend an ear to their views.

Without doubt, the most important function of a united national body of students is to give their views on general education policy, and it is these issues which people care about most. But once these become policy, then the final result depends purely on the personal ability of the part-time executive. This system is what causes most of the frustration that exists within N.U.S. and is the root of the

internal wrangling that dominated parts of the Easter Council.

The N.U.S. Executive, apart from the President and the Secretary, have other jobs or are students and have, therefore, commitments at their own universities, colleges or other organisations. They also seemed to have decided that part of their terms of reference is to destroy the dreaded R.S.A.

At the last Margate council it was decided to set up a commission to produce a black list of colleges and universities who run examinations to simply cut down the student population for the next session, or who have given unfair treatment to students over examinations. This has not been done. The way that the Executive acted over the increase in overseas students' fees and the London School of Economics did not satisfy most of the N.U.S. delegates.

This council has given the Executive another ration of educational motions to take to the various officials.

by
BRIAN GLOVER

R.S.A. ISSUE

R.S.A. when it was first set up was essentially a body in which the frustrations over educational issues could be worked off. The members were going to try and force the Executive into action on the issues already agreed at council, and on issues where nothing seemed to be happening they would take up the matter themselves to try and make people listen to their cause.

Immediately, the N.U.S. Executive seemed to take the line that they were the only ones allowed to attempt any implementation of policy and declared all-out war on the R.S.A., and R.S.A. went on the defence.

RESPECT

This council saw Leeds Leeds elevated to the position of one of the most respected delegations at the N.U.S. conference and this was achieved simply by the sincerity of their speeches and the way in which they could be seen to be working for the student body in general and interested neither in the fall of Executive or of R.S.A.

They received undivided support along this line and this Easter council passed some very intelligent and well-worded motions that could help all students in the country. It would be a pity to see them lost or inadequately implemented due to a continuation of internal wrangling between the Executive and R.S.A.

The tragedy of N.U.S. at present is that there is no division of opinion over issues concerning student rights or education and welfare, division occurs only on methods of putting them into practise or internal politics within the N.U.S.

Under the existing system, the Executive of the N.U.S. is elected by just over 50% of the voters. Perhaps the single transferable vote system, which would allow all sides to be



Phil Kelly, one of the Leeds delegates

represented on the Executive, would help to alleviate the antagonism between the two sides.

Under the multiple transferable vote used at the moment, the top candidate's vote is redistributed. Under S.T.V. it is the bottom candidate's vote which is redistributed and so a ticket system or canvassed vote does not have the same opportunity of taking place.

However, before any real success can be achieved the leaders on both sides must drastically change their views and work for a compromise.

CHAOS

N.U.S. Executive must take much of the blame for the chaos that often ran wild in the council for taking such strong lines and converting every motion they disagreed with into one of confidence in them and no confidence in R.S.A.

There is a difference of opinion in N.U.S. but this is split straight down the middle. If any side is to win, then it will be a long struggle of brinkmanship at the expense of the bargaining power of N.U.S.

N.U.S. in brief

THE N.U.S. Eastern Council passed motions which:—

- called for Universities not to discipline students on non-academic matters.
- * * *
- attacked examinations.
- * * *
- censured the NUS Exec. for lack of leadership on the increase in fees issue.
- * * *
- condemned any introduction of replacing grants with loans.
- * * *
- set up an enquiry into teacher recruitment and remuneration, and urged that Dip.Ed. students at Universities be given a post-grad. grant.
- * * *
- regretted any regionalisation of intake.
- * * *
- agreed to investigate student housing schemes.
- * * *
- opposed the binary system, discontinued Graduate Service Overseas.
- * * *
- supported polytechs in their fight for autonomous Student Unions.
- * * *
- pressed for membership of NUS on the Transport Users' Consultative Committees.
- * * *
- deplored the amount of money spent on supplying lavish washing facilities in some halls of residence.

N.U.S. Council:

A Personal View

"THIS is the first Council I have come away from without feeling that I have been banging my head against a brick wall," was the comment of Mervyn Saunders.

Unlike our beloved President, I came away from my first Council feeling as though my head had been on the receiving end of several substantial pieces of machinery intent on reducing my mind to the status of a badly bruised computer.

Being a member of the Leeds delegation seemed to endow me with a certain air of unholy mysticism.

Indeed, many members of the delegation appeared to take advantage of this unsavoury yet interesting group image in the mixed halls of residence which Leeds successfully ran in one of the all-male halls. It is an oft repeated but true adage, that the Union prelates let their hair down only when released from the vestry of Exec. office on to the fertile female laden plains of Council, where drinks and fags can be freely plucked from the branches of other canvassing delegates.

The character of Council was, perhaps, most closely shown in the myriad of cocktail bars, coffee, beer, etc., scattered around Liverpool's magnificent Union. Here, from nine in the morning to the early hours of

the next, were small groups of delegates intent on conversion or subversion, election or defection.

Wandering from group to group, one heard the three main issues at Council being discussed in seemingly endless repetition but with no less enthusiasm and no more information, ISG, RSA, STV (with a smattering of IUS, MTV, CIA, FISC thrown in for good measure). This Councilse alone without the drink and lack of sleep tended to induce a brand of punch-drunkenness.

At the same time as this constant activity, outside the Council Chamber, however, were running the debates themselves and the endless composing meetings. Not one of us envied Mark Mitchell in his job of delegation leader and not one of us failed to be amazed at and annoyed by his stamina in arousing us all at some ungodly hour in the morning.

Council is complicated, long, tiring, and fascinating. The Leeds delegation has a long tradition in it and an unequalled knowledge of it. This Easter Council was the last one for Alan Hunt, Mike Gonzales and Mervyn Saunders as delegates from Leeds, and the fact we have achieved our present eminence in Council is largely due to their hard work.

PETE STARK.

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Gilbert Darrow

WITH dismay, I hear that Rag are to be chucked out of their office at the end of this term and moved to the Terrapin. With dismay, indeed, because I understand that the Terrapin won't be ready for them in time.

Ever since they lost their office on the first floor corridor (where Goldilocks and the nymphs in merry glee did frolic), Glover and his band have been wandering round the Union like a shower of tattered nomads. If someone on Exec. thinks we can raise £12,000 for charity when the organisers of the appeal are cramped into a corner not much bigger than their chairman's nose, then that someone is a full pedigree loon.

Come on, Mr. Oakes. We all know what a mess you made over the size of a certain stage. But here's your chance to redeem yourself. Find an adequate home for Rag.

HALF expecting Jack Straw to pop out of nowhere, and come top of the poll, I was as relieved as I was pleased when Sandie Shaw won the Eurovision Song Contest. Aha, I thought to myself, TV, if nowhere else, is one place where our self-ordained wonder-boy hasn't plonked his hooves.

Imagine how distraught I was, therefore, when I turned the telly on a couple of days later and saw that old familiar face grinning at me.

There's something about this guy Straw, you know. You just can't get away from the fact, or the fellow. He's even managed to star in every nightmare I've had in the last two months.

WHEN I was last in the Union's ladies' lavatory, I noticed on the wall a rubber-stamp sign reading something like, 'The property of Christopher Swann—copyright of the photographer.'

The whole business seems rather odd. I suppose it is possible that some biology student has an academic interest in the heaving buttock, but all I can say is, I'm glad I'm not the subject of any such self-publicity.

SINCE the Arts Festival finished, I've heard several people remark what a pity it is that the fifty weeks between Festivals is such a cultural void.

I agree—it's a crying shame in a city of this size. But let's at least be thankful that someone with a bit of nous has decided that Ikon, the official Arts Festival magazine, will be published between Festivals instead of during them.

Perhaps this clears up the considerable amount of doubt over whether the Ikon that accompanies this week's Union News is seven weeks late or forty-five weeks early.

IT'S not often that we get a free film show in the Riley-

Smith. Monday evening was an exception. No charge was made to those wishing to see tourist films of Rumanian beauty spots.

The trouble was that only six people turned up, and four of these were members of the Rumanian delegation visiting the Union. The other two were probably financed by the C.I.A.

THE students of a women's educational establishment near Scarborough are so frustrated that they've asked Leeds dental students to come to one of their Saturday hops. The girls intend to pay for the dentals' transport, beer and the coach and hop tickets, and are arranging a five-a-side soccer game to amuse their guests in the afternoon.

After the hop, will it be a case of, 'Open wide'?

personal column

WANTED: A CAR—Citroen, Renault, Riley, Jowett, M.G. (ZA/ZB), Morris Minor, or anything else likely to captivate the imagination. Good nick and cheap.—Andy Tacke, U.N. Office.

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E.S. SPOKES IS A BIG WHEEL IN UNIVERSITY CIRCLES. STUDENT with Hot-Rod requires cooling system.—Contact M.P.H. 5 for Sweat.

COME home, mother! All is forgiven. WHAT have Margot Fonteyn and C.S. got in common? CONGRATULATIONS to the Labour Party on their astounding performance in the Local Elections. TO L. & J.: Ro and I are now living a highly civilised life.—SUS.

dateline

Friday, April 28th

Marxist Society: Wajda's "A Generation", RSH, Tickets 1/-. 7.00 p.m. . . . Devonshire Hall Hop: Reg James Explosion, Mark Fender and the Traders, Bar, Tickets 3/-. 4/-. 8.00-12.00.

Saturday, April 29th

Hop: The Cream, Midnight Train, Moss Chapelown Band, Tickets 6/6, Union, 7.30. . . . L.U.U.C.U., Saturday Fellowship, 7.30. . . . Ballad and Blues Guest Night, Swan With Two Necks, Woodhouse, 8.00. . . . Anglican Society Dinner Dance, Double

Ticket 38/6, Parkway Hotel, Lawnswood. . . .

Sunday, April 30th

Methodist Society, Retiring Presidential Speech, Mr. A. Flintham, B.Sc., Brunswick Rooms, 4.15. . . . Sunday Cinema, 'Sergeants Three' with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., R.S.H., 7.00. . . .

Monday, May 1st

Marxist Society, Eisenstein's "Strike" and "An Eisenstein Survey", Tickets 1/-. R.S.H., 7.00. . . .

Tuesday, May 2nd

Union O.G.M., R.S.H., 1 p.m. . . . University of Leeds Organ Recital, Philip Dore playing Hindemith's Sonata No. 1, 1.20

p.m. . . . Scottish Dance Society, Women's Gym, 7.00. . . . Film Society, "La Belle Vie", R.S.H., 7.00. . . . Ballad and Blues Guest Night, Swan With Two Necks, Raglan Road, Members 3/-. 8.00.

Wednesday, May 3rd

Debate, Union, 1.30. . . . Jazz Society, Peel, 7.30. . . . National Folk Week Concert, Guests include The McPeakes, Cyril Tawney, The Young Tradition, Tickets 6/-. Wakefield Technical and Art College, 7.30. . . .

Thursday, May 4th

Scottish Dance Soc., Women's Gym, 7.30. . . .

Period Pieces

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VIEW

MOVING SHAKESPEARE

OTHELLO
at the
MERRION CENTRE
ODEON
this week and next

OTHELLO has always struck me as being at one and the same time the least Shakespearean and still the finest example of the monumental technique of the Bard.

Devoid of the comic relief for which Shakespeare has never been equalled, Othello is a beautifully constructed study of racial hatred and jealousy.

And now we are privileged to have in Leeds an immaculate film production of the play.

Director John Dexter has resisted the temptation to make the setting of Othello 'realistic.' He claims, quite rightly, that Shakespearean English is a pretty unrealistic quantity in the modern world anyway, and instead uses the sets and the cast of the recent National Theatre production of the play.

Yet Othello is not just a filmed version of the stage play. We have had too many samples recently of the technique of planting a camera in front of a stage and letting the actors make or break the film.

Dramatic use of close-ups and cuts make Othello, whilst still a film of a play, a film in its own right.

Olivier's performance as the unhappy Moor is excellent, though I feel not quite perfect. Whilst Othello's epilepsy is developed with immaculate timing, the histrionics in the last half become so continual one feels that Olivier is screaming, not acting.

It is Frank Finlay, as the scheming Iago who steals the acting honours. Every line is enunciated flawlessly — for the first time an actor gets behind the difficult character of Iago.

This film is spellbinding. Shakespeare himself would be moved by it.

as in Pussycat; Peter Sellers, Ursula Andress, Woody Allen — the music is again by Burt Bacarach.

It seems to be the done thing to slam this film, so I've nothing to gain by repeating all that's been said.

For me the best laugh is when a Rolls Royce rumbles up to the mansion of Sir James Bond (the original, ungadged, unromantic James Bond, that is). The drive is liberally sprinkled with lions (pets of Sir James), one of which jumps on the roof of the car. Instantly the score changes to a quick snatch of the Born Free theme music.

It's not strictly true to say that the film bears no relation to the Fleming book *Casino Royale*. *Le Chiffre* is still there, played by Orson Welles, so is the card game with Bond.

Otherwise, there is only one joke — everybody, including a seal and hordes of cowboys and indians who turn up in the finale, is James Bond.

Casino Royale was clearly intended to be an extravagant, raving, hilarious, satirical freak-out. Unfortunately, it is just a freak.

HOTEL
coming to the
A.B.C.

I HAVEN'T seen a decent potboiler for some time, so



David Niven enjoys a bath with a friend in a scene from *Casino Royale*.

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CASINO ROYALE
at the
HEADROW ODEON

NO matter what anybody says about it, this film is going to take money.

Plotless, overcrowded, and largely unfunny, *Casino Royale* cost over four million to make. But the film is so highly reminiscent of *What's New Pussycat* that they really needn't have spent so much on it.

The cast is largely the same

this one puts in a very welcome appearance.

Set in a crumbling New Orleans hotel, due for demolition and redevelopment, the film tells of the lives and loves (I use the cliché unashamedly) of the manager and a few of his guests.

Most of the characters are deranged one way or another. Michael Rennie plays the Duke who is worried stiff over the child he has killed in a hit-and-run accident. Richard Conte plays the hotel detective who tries to blackmail the Count.

Karl Malden does a great job of his role as the neurotic thief.

But the main story of *Hotel* concerns Rod Taylor (improving noticeably with each new film) as the young hotel manager, and Melvyn Douglas as the proud, reactionary owner, fighting to keep the hotel from the clutches of modern tycoons.

Lovely Catherine Spaak is there too—a fact which Rod Taylor takes good advantage of.

The film is a ham; and as such a good example of the stuff of which movies have always been made, and which will still be made long after James Bond is forgotten.

CASTLE OF EVIL
and **INVASION OF THE**
BODY SNATCHERS,
coming to the **PLAZA**

I MENTION the second feature because, although I've never seen it (it's an old classic), I have it on good authority that it's far from dated, and in fact a very good film.

Castle Of Evil, on the other hand, suffers from becoming a rehash of so many other films that it becomes redundant.

CRIB ...
After an uninspiring beginning involving lengthy explanations, six people are summoned to a remote Caribbean island for the reading of a will (crib of *Ten Little Niggers*).

When the will has been read the story turns to conventional horror with a scar-faced monster stomping woodenly about in search of victims.

CRIB ...
Scott Brady and Hugh Marlowe, who eventually kill off the monster with a laser gun (crib of *The Projected Man*), act well, and certainly deserve better than this.

A COUNTESS FROM HONG KONG
at the **TOWER** next week

THIS is, of course, Charlie Chaplin's first contribution

to celluloid in over ten years. And by gum, has he made up for the break!

Not only has Chaplin written, directed, scored, and appeared in the picture, but he has also dragged in nearly every member of his family in bit parts and technical work.

The trouble is that a lot of changes in technique have evolved in those ten years of absence; and the old, well-tried trick of using the camera to film what is in essence a stage set has severe limitations in these days of pop-art cinema.

The story of an expatriate Russian countess (Sophia Loren) who stows away in the suite of an American diplomat (Marlon Brando) is amiable enough, but not really sufficiently taut for Chaplin to get away with no close-ups and no sharp cuts and pans which are really the essential difference between the cinema and the theatre.

A few little cameos, notably the one in which Brando's valet finds it impossible to settle down to sleep in the same room as Sophia Loren, clearly bear the mark of Chaplin the comedian.

But jokes about running from room to room so's the ship's steward doesn't see you, and belching, and seasickness, and so on are laboured in the extreme.

SYLVIA PLATH—

The woman who died

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published by Faber & Faber
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published by Faber & Faber
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published by Faber & Faber
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THE most important thing about Sylvia Plath is her death.

She committed suicide in 1963 at the age of 32.

"You died before I had time —" she says in her poem "Daddy." This is exactly how I feel about her.

Sylvia Plath died almost unknown, except as the wife of the well-established poet, Ted Hughes. This is why, now her fame is rising, so little is known about her life, about what she did or thought.

GRUELLING BUT ABSORBING

The book has an overwhelming immediacy and realism and yet is too ironic and acutely written to be obvious. Sylvia Plath is clearly obsessed by physical suffering, particularly its impact on the human mind. "The Bell Jar" is a gruelling book to read, but quite impossible not to continue once started.

If the novel fascinates you, it inevitably leads on to the poetry. Here, the starkly original imagery of her prose style is compressed into fluid yet controlled poetry.

The earlier volume, *The Colossus*, contains many descriptive and a few subjective accounts of experiences which

life and collected posthumously, are mainly of the latter type.

MORBID FIXATIONS
Although her obsessions with mental and physical illness colour all her thoughts, she is deeply concerned with such things as Hiroshima, the Jewish Concentration Camps and has a hatred of Hitler which embitters many of her poems.

There is no denying that Sylvia Plath is often hard to understand, introspective and morbid. I still find her a sympathetic, approachable personality and a fine poetess.

PERSONAL DISCOVERY
There is still a lot to find out. The reprinting of Sylvia Plath's works shows their growing popularity: a cult is growing up around her which, I am afraid, will destroy some of the personal privacy of her poems.

However, to see her justly famous would more than compensate — so I am furthering the cause of the cult here.

Anyway, if you are quick, there is still time to discover Sylvia Plath for yourself before the critics really get to work.

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have left deep impressions on her. "Ariel", poems written during the last few years of her

SCAVENGER HUNT

Finding out about Sylvia Plath is a fascinating scavenger hunt, carried out in back-dated literary magazines and, of course, principally in her actual works. This is rewarding, since they deal largely with her personal moods and experiences.

The most approachable work is, I believe, her novel, "The Bell Jar." If you have ever vaguely wondered what mental illness feels like, it will tell you. If you reckon you already know, read it only when you are feeling very optimistic and cheerful. It gives a terrifying picture of sophisticated American society, of the mental breakdown of a sensitive girl who is too lacking in self-confidence to adjust to it.

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MUSIC TRIENNIAL HELD IN LEEDS

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Among the many works that it has produced is Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast". This year's specially commissioned work—Richard Rodney Bennett's "Epithalamion" ("A Nuptial Song . . . on Sir Clipseby Crew and his Lady")—has received a wide-ranging Press, and it is difficult to tell, as yet, whether it is likely to gain a permanent place in the choral repertory.

The big choral and orchestral concerts take place in the Town Hall—built just before the first "Festival" and excellently suited as a home for the "Festival" from all except the musical point of view.

The principal events of this year's "Festival" were the six big choral and orchestral concerts, three of which were given by the London Symphony Orchestra, and three by the New Philharmonic, the chorus in each case being the specially-trained "Festival Chorus". Four world-class conductors and no less than twenty-two world-class singers participated in these events.

CENTRE-PIECE

The centre-piece of the Festival was the British premiere of Prokofiev's opera, "War and Peace", from Tolstoy's great novel. Despite being severely cut, from thirteen scenes down to nine, the effect has been a Press demand to have the opera staged in this country. This was altogether one of the best events of the Festival, with the orchestra (New Philharmonic) and chorus, led by Edward Downes, excelling themselves. Of the soloists, Elisabeth Vaughan's "Natasha" will be remembered and, generally, the other soloists sang well.

The orchestras, predictably, proved the most consistent participants. Praise, however, should go to the chorus, who in ten days, had to tackle a wide range of works—from the "Creation" by Haydn and Beethoven's "Mass in C", written at the turn of the nineteenth century, to the Bennett "Epithalamion" written in 1966, not to mention the "War and Peace", Walton's "Gloria", Rossini's "Stabat Mater" and Berlioz' "Damnation of Faust".

GIULINI

UNDOUBTEDLY the most renowned of the conductors who visited the Festival was CARLO MARIA GIULINI, the 52-year-old Italian. After the rehearsal on Friday morning for the televised 'Mass in C Major' we interviewed him:

M.G.: Can you tell us what made you become a conductor?

Giulini: Necessity. I had to do it. I must express through movement how the music affects me.

M.G.: Did the prospect of becoming a great conductor involve great problems?

Giulini: Yes, great, great problems. Achievement in music always means problems.

M.G.: What would you say are the essential qualities of a professional conductor?

Giulini: Unity of interpretive inspiration, a deep interest in your work, enthusiasm, equilibrium, technique—above all, technique. You must be capable of the deepest expression.

M.G.: In this country you are known as mainly a choral conductor. Do you have a preference for conducting choral music?

Giulini: I love conducting choral music. It has the finest instrument—the human voice.

M.G.: What do you think of our English amateur choral tradition?

Giulini: It is a great thing. You must maintain it at all costs.

M.G.: How do you find the standard of amateur societies compares with that of professional choruses?

Giulini: I can only speak of the Leeds Festival Chorus and the New Philharmonia Chorus in this country. The amateur chorus needs much more rehearsal, but an almost professional standard can be attained.

M.G.: You have been reported as saying that you will never again conduct opera?

Giulini: I cannot say never; a man's views change with time, but for the time being I am NOT conducting opera.

M.G.: Signor Giulini, thank you very much for this interview.

DISAPPOINTMENT

The only disappointing performance came in the Walton—most regrettably, since this was conducted by Donald Hunt, who had



GIULINI — the Italian conductor at the Town Hall.

trained the chorus so well. The national Press damned the chorus in the "Damnation of Faust" conducted by Colin Davis, but having attended all the rehearsals, I am sure that the real devil was the Town Hall (not to throw any discredit on Raimund Herinx, who was very good as Mephistopheles).

In fact, whenever the tempo, at every performance, increased beyond 'moderato', the bathroom acoustics took command. "Faust", with its prodigiously detailed choral and orchestral writing, suffered most.

Of the singers, Janet Baker (Beethoven's "Mass in C" and Rossini's "Stabat Mater"), Nicolai Gedda ("Stabat Mater"), Elizabeth ("Creation"), Yvonne Minton and Ronald Dowd ("Faust"—the latter taking on the part at three days' notice) sang exceptionally well.

Kertesz ("Creation" and "Epithalamion"), Davis, Downes and Giulini ("Mass in C" and "Stabat Mater"), the four conductors, all demonstrated profound understanding of the scores, unaffected musicianship and control of both chorus and orchestra.

There were also a number of chamber concerts and recitals. Rafael Orozco, winner of the "Leeds International Piano Competition", gave a recital in the Town Hall but the rest took place at Temple Newsam, the Great Hall and the Grammar School. The music of Schubert was featured in these recitals. Artists taking part included the Melos Ensemble, the Delme Quartet, Hans Leygraf (piano), M. Parikian (violin) and Barry McDaniel (baritone).

MIKE GOODWIN

U.N.S.A.

MODEL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STUDENTS! Do you ever get the feeling that there is something wrong with the world? Do you sometimes find yourself filled with an overwhelming desire to pull the world out of the mire and self-destruction in which it is now floundering?

Well, you've just missed your chance. While you were idling your time away during the vacation, in a famous corner of London, momentous decisions concerning the world's problems were being made.

A meeting of the United Nations was held at Westminster, and you could have had your say. Well, not actually at the Palace of Westminster, but at Church House, just round the corner. And although the gathering consisted not of top international diplomats but of an assortment of British students the occasion lost none of the atmosphere of authenticity.

The Third Model General Assembly of the United Nations Students' Association met from the 29th March to 1st April to put a theoretical end to all international conflicts.

At first, you felt with a slight embarrassment that it was no more than a highly

organised but rather meaningless game. But so skilfully was the game played, that at times you half-believed that this was the real thing, and would have very real consequences.

In caucusses and commissions, delegates zealously defended the views of 'their' governments, in formal debate they addressed each other as 'distinguished delegate', and in the lobbies they canvassed urgently for support for resolutions, the U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. delegates characteristically organising their minions behind them.

Most delegates remained true to U.N. procedure by making boring, repetitive and predictable speeches. (One notable exception was a magnificent and stirring speech made on racial conflict by the leader of the Zambian delegation.)

Fortunately, all speeches were limited to eight minutes, a procedure which could be introduced in the U.N. itself. Debates were not without their

lighter side, however, and accusations of Imperialist aggression in some speeches were quickly followed by counter-accusations of Communist infiltration.

One U.S.S.R. delegate went one further by announcing that the M.G.A. itself was biased towards the West as it was financed by that 'lackey of Imperialism' — The Sunday Times.

In the final debate, the leader of the U.S.A. delegation stole the show by delivering his speech in a broad Southern American drawl. This seemed to drive the Assembly into a schizophrenic state, for while some delegates jumped to their feet demanding that such an insult to the dignity of the Assembly should not be allowed, many more shouted them down, obviously having decided, 'To hell with the Assembly, we're enjoying it.'

If the M.G.A. taught us anything, it was that it is amazing that U.N. achieves anything at all, its procedure being so extraordinarily subtle and complex.

RUTH STEIGMAN

O.G.M.

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CRICKET CLUB FACES UP TO NEW SEASON

STEADY rain falling from leaden skies throughout last Saturday afternoon heralded the arrival of the new cricket season in typical Yorkshire fashion and deprived Cricket Club of much-needed match practice. The game against Halifax Nomads was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

However, despite this early setback, there is an air of quiet confidence within the club. Roger Westley, the club captain, has at his disposal the majority of a successful side and a number of promising freshers. Satisfactory integration of this new blood should result in the emergence of a very competent side.

A new venture this year is an end-of-term tour. Cricket Club is scheduled to visit Norfolk for a week in early July at the conclusion of what its members hope will prove to be a rewarding season.

Bradford Co-operation on Facilities

GENERAL ATHLETICS SECRETARY GRAHAM HOLLING is approaching the University of Bradford with a scheme that may well result in better sports facilities for our own clubs.

Mr. Holling said that there were instances where each University had the facilities for a particular sport which the other had not. "This may apply especially to sports like rowing and horse riding," he said.

A STRONG team of seven from Leeds University Canoe Club travelled to Llandyssull, Carmarthen-shire, on the river Teifei for the British Universities canoe slalom championships held on the last weekend of the spring term.

Though University Championships have been held for over five years in canoeing, this was the first time it had been sponsored by the B.U.S.F. and a record number of Universities, including Cambridge, Oxford, London, Loughborough, Birmingham, Bristol, Salford, Manchester, Southampton and East Anglia, totalling some 90 individuals were entered.

A long 22-gate course had been laid out for the slalom events over a half-mile stretch of rapids, and though the river was rather low, there were plenty of capsizes. Leeds took no major honours, but were well placed in all the events, which included kayak slalom, team and individual; down river race, team and individual; and Canadian double slalom, proving the versatility of the team.

The competitive events started with the down river race, run over a course of five miles of light rapids, culminating in the falls of Llandyssull, where many capsized. Leeds, represented by Robin Witter, Mike Robinson, and Jim Burrows, stayed up-

right, and gained fourth place in the team event. A very creditable performance, as all three were paddling slalom boats, which are much slower than racing boats.

Robin Witter was placed fifth in the individual event, being beaten for the U.S.U. title only by British international John McLeod, of Salford.

In the team slalom championship, the Leeds first team capsized on the first run but made a good showing on the second to earn second place in the U.A.U. event, with Loughborough first. The second team, although completing the course, picked up a large number of penalties and were placed tenth.

The individual slalom kayak event, with 90 entries, was won for the second year by Mike Couch, of London. Witter, despite two clear rounds, could only make sixth place, and was again beaten for the U.A.U. title by McLeod. Robinson, in his first full year of competition, put up a good performance and was placed 12th. But for an unfortunate penalty of 50 secs. he would have been much higher.

Philippa Slack, partnered by Robin Witter in the Canadian doubles, had a clean round but with a slow time, ended up third. All the remaining crews capsized.

A great boost has been given to the club by the news that Robin Witter, together with his brother from Birmingham University, has been selected to compete in the international slalom at Zwickau in May (in the Canadian doubles class).

This is the first time that Great Britain has had a C.2 representative at international level, and selection for the World Championships to be held in July in Czechoslovakia will be based on performances at Zwickau. The Witter brothers, who only started canoeing together 10 months ago, have been beaten only once this season.



Witter brothers negotiate Hambledon Weir, River Thames.

GET LOST-IT'S A SPORT

IF you were dumped in a wilderness with a string of unintelligible numbers and figures and a copy of an ordinance survey map and if you're lucky, a compass, you would probably be Orienteering. This absorbing and physically exhausting sport was originally developed in Norway as a training exercise for their crack commando troops.

Most Norwegian wildernesses are fairly well covered with a dense carpet of Sidka spruce forest—dark, even-floored and almost impossible to find your way around in. Just to add to the complications—trees are about the best natural barrier against anything trying to travel in a straight line. For orienteering is really nothing more than following a compass bearing from one map reference to another and from A to B in the shortest time possible.

From Norway the exercise spread to other forested areas and was taken up by large numbers of climbers who rather than climb the heights and admire

the view, submerged themselves in the darkest forests and promptly tried to find their way out again. Indeed, there are today, people who parachute into dense forest and see who gets out in the shortest time.

Orienteering

Although well developed in Scandinavia, with many well organized events, the sport has not caught on in England and Wales. While this may be explained by lack of adequate

forestation, the principle of the game is open to easy adaptation to the large tracts of undistinguished moorlands which, devoid of all landmarks, mainly untracked, sprawl up to Scotland from the middle of industrial Yorkshire.

If you would like to don a stout pair of boots, brush up your maps and map reading, and head for the open spaces, the University of Bradford is sponsoring an open orienteering event (six miles by best course!) on May 28th. The General Athletics Secretary, Graham Holling, would welcome any enquiries.

Tordoff at Motor Club Dinner

MOTOR CLUB held its annual dinner on the last Monday of last term at the Guildford Hotel.

The chief guest was the well-known rally driver, Jack Tordoff, whose speech departed from normal practise in that it took the form of an 'any questions', interspersed with a few jokes.

After this very enlightening discourse, the year's trophies were presented by ex-Leeds student Chris Nash, who is rapidly making a name for himself as a first-class navigator.

The Committee Cup award for the best driver went to Phil Short; navigator's award was taken by Dave Bardsley, while Pam Henson took the Ladies' Trophy.

FINALS DEFEAT ENDS BRILLIANT SEASON

SAILING CLUB have been having one of the most successful year's racing since the Club was formed ten years ago. Having won the ANUSC Northern League, and against such formidable opponents as Manchester and Newcastle, during term-time matches, they reached the final of the Northern Universities Championship held at Leigh Flash, Manchester, in the second week of the Easter Vac.

The other finalists were Trinity College, Dublin, who had beaten Nottingham, Newcastle, Manchester and Sheffield in the preceding rounds. The Leeds path to the final was by way of Bangor, Aberdeen, Liverpool and Belfast.

The final itself was sailed in strong, gusty wind conditions which produced very exciting sailing. After a close start, Leeds held a winning combination of second, third and fourth, which was reinforced when a Dublin boat capsized downwind. On the last beat, however, a Leeds boat also capsized, leaving Dublin ahead by a quarter-point.

Dublin went on the following weekend to win the overall British Universities' Championships down in London on the Welsh Harp.

The Leeds team was G. Stredwick (capt.), J. Woffenden, R. Brooks, J. Clack, A. Hanna and P. Walker.

sailing



University 1st eight from Hammersmith Bridge.

Steady work on Thames

ON Saturday March 25th the Boat Club entered for the largest of the year's head races, the Tideway Head of the River Race in London.

From the 344 competing crews drawn from all parts of the British Isles, the University first eight started in 81st position. From there they worked steadily over the 4½-mile course, overtaking several slower crews and finishing in 61st position.

This performance placed them fourth in the U.A.U. championship, which was won again by Durham University.

The second eight started down in the ranks of the new entries at 309th, and despite having to row with a reserve, jumped sixty-six places to finish 243rd.

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LEEDS STUDENT SPARED IN AVALANCHE

Pill for Students

A BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY doctor recommended that birth control pills should be made "easily available" to girl students "who have had the possible risks and the actual advantages explained."

Dr. Philip Cauley noted that it sometimes costs more than £1,000 a year to educate a girl at university. "If she has an unwanted baby, she may have to leave altogether, resulting in a terrible waste of taxpayers' money."

Dr. Cauley said: "You can't control the sexual behaviour of young people. But there is a safe contraceptive method which costs practically only a few pence and which could prevent this situation arising at universities."

"As well as a pregnant girl having to leave her studies, it also distracts the boy students. A recent survey has shown that two-thirds of the fathers of unmarried girl students' babies are student boys."

He went on to suggest: "The Authorities in institutions of higher education should give serious consideration to empower those who are medically responsible for the students, to supply them with contraceptive pills, when they believe it is in the interests of the person concerned."

AMBASSADOR VISITS LEEDS

A COLLECTION of books covering every aspect of Rumanian culture was presented to the Brotherton Library by the Rumanian Ambassador, Mr. Vasile Pungan, last Monday.

Mr. Pungan said, "I hope it is only the beginning of con-



tact between our Universities and yours."

With his wife and the Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Walsh, he attended a reception in the Union, given by Mervyn Saunders.

By UNION NEWS REPORTER

LEEDS University student Robert Bottomley was the only survivor of the Austrian avalanche tragedy this Easter. His two companions were killed.

He gave Union News an exclusive account of the terrifying hours he fought to stay alive under deep snow.

"Because the road was blocked we had to walk to Zurs to catch our train. We set off along the steep mountain road—there was a precipice on one side. After three-quarters of an hour we reached an exposed stretch with no trees on the mountain side. There was a deep drift, about twenty yards long. It was hard going and we had reached the middle, knee deep in snow, when there was a rumbling up the hill side.

"WAVE OF SNOW"
"Suddenly a wave of snow hit us. As it buried me I could hear the sound of it piling up behind. The first ten minutes was hell. I hadn't blacked out. It was intensely cold, completely dark, and I was fighting for breath. I had no idea how deep I was buried.

"I managed to force my hand above my head and make an air space. The most difficult job was getting my rucksack off. I couldn't undo the bucklers because my hands

were already frostbitten, and my elbow. It took literally hours to work. "By now, I was absolutely exhausted. I had been digging upwards with my elbows and breathing faster than normal because of the cold. I went to sleep for about three hours, at a guess, and woke up to find light filtering down a shaft in the snow about three inches wide. I was about eight feet from the surface.

"TEETH AND HANDS"
"With my teeth and hands I pulled a towel from the rucksack to protect my neck and got a shoe to dig with. I found some gloves but my left hand was too swollen to get them on. "I started digging about dawn and broke through about 4.30. By an incredible stroke of luck I had surfaced just above the road, which was now open to traffic. A snow plough and some cars stopped and rushed me down to the hospital in Lech. "I had been buried under the snow for about 26 hours."

Robert is now at home recovering from frostbite, and is expected to return to University within the next week.



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marxist week continues

FROM April 24 to May 1 Marxist Society is presenting a programme of meetings and films designed to arouse and develop the interest of Union members in Marxist approaches and theories and to discuss their relevance to past and present political situations.

The aim has been to attract people who may regard Marxist ideas as outdated or inflexible, by inviting them to question and discuss these ideas with speakers who have had experience in working class political problems.

Tonight at 7 p.m., in the RSH, Wajda's film "A Generation" will be shown. This is the first of the trilogy about the Polish Resistance, the other two being "Kanal" and "Ashes and Diamonds."

On Monday, Eisenstein's "Strike" will be shown, accompanied by "Eisenstein: A Survey", which will include extracts from "Potemkin", "October", "Ivan the Terrible" and "A Time in the Sun."

T.V. Man goes to U.S.

MR. DEREK HOLROYDE, Director of Leeds University Television Service, is to undertake a five-week tour of the U.S.A.

He will visit university and college educational TV centres in eight states.

He inaugurated teaching by television at Leeds, using a converted potato warehouse as a studio. The new University TV studios will be completed by 1970.

Already experimental programmes have formed part of the teaching course for students in several Departments.

When in the U.S.A., Mr. Holroyde will be examining the financial and structural organisation built up by American educational TV authorities.

He recently criticised the United Kingdom broadcasting authorities for lack of 'perceptive responsibility' in their present trend of television broadcasting development.

Student shot in Vac.

JOHN WALL, a first year student from Leeds, was found shot dead during the vacation.

His father, mother, and 17-year-old sister were found with him, in a house in Harwicke, near Gloucester.

A .22 rifle was discovered in the kitchen of the house.

Mr. Wall was reading Spanish, Portuguese and French, and was an active member of the University Spanish Society.

"He was very clever and hard-working," said a Spanish student who had known Mr. Wall. "He didn't talk a lot about himself. We were all shocked to hear of his death."

It was reported that the police were not looking for anyone in connection with the shooting.

N.U.S. MEN TO PROBE 'SPY ORGANISATION'

INVESTIGATIONS into the alleged financing of the ISC (International Student Conference) by the CIA are to be carried out by NUS Exec., after a debate at NUS Easter Council.

This follows recent admissions by President Johnson that the C.I.A. had been giving finance to the National Students' Association in the U.S.A.

A motion at the Easter Council calling for N.U.S. to withdraw from the "Western Bloc" I.S.C. but also to keep out of the "Eastern Bloc" International Union of Students, was successfully amended by the Executive into a motion mandating the Executive to investigate the position fully.

To withdraw from I.S.C. without investigation would be "proof by suspicion," said N.U.S. Vice-President Leon Kietzman.

R.S.A. WRANGLE

Two hours of constitutional wrangling at the end of a debate on RSA produced the most complicated and controversial issue

of the whole Council.

Farnborough Tech. had proposed a motion which condemned the Radical Students' Alliance.

An amendment by Leeds and several other universities was proposed by Philip Kelly. This changed the initial motion into one expressing neither support or criticism.

CARD VOTE

On a show of delegates' cards, the amendment was narrowly defeated by 189 votes to 184, so a call vote was then made and again the amendment was defeated, this time by 2,114 votes to 1,982.

In a call vote each centre is allocated a number of votes,

depending on their student population, and all these votes have to be cast the same way. Leeds has 141 votes and cast these in favour of the amendment.

In the Bristol delegation all except the delegation leader wanted to support the amendment, but the leader cast the votes in abstention.

CHALLENGE

Alan Hunt, of Leeds, claimed that delegation leaders could not do this. He challenged the Chairman's ruling on this point, and his views were supported by the Council.

Some delegations were split over their decision and his demand for a re-vote was not accepted, however, and immediately, Farnborough Tech. withdrew their original motion, saying that it had not been taken in the light they had hoped.

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