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TERM BEGINS WITH DIGS SHORTAGE

By the News Editor

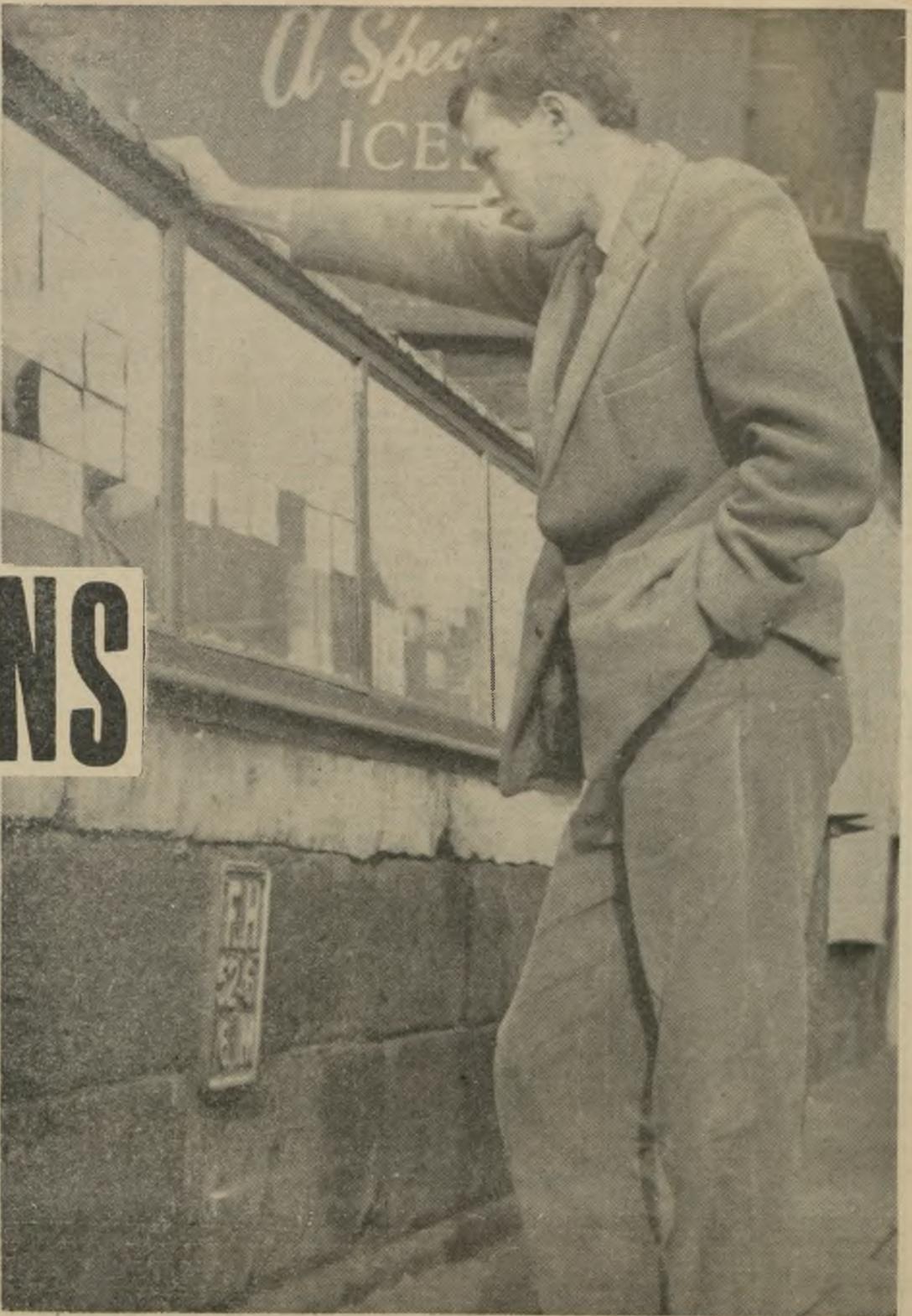
AT the end of last week the University Authorities made an appeal through the local press for lodgings for 120 students. Dr. Loach the Registrar told a Press Conference "With the ever increasing pressure to expand the University more and more accommodation facilities are required."

This year 1500 Freshers are arriving and some of them have still nowhere to live. On Wednesday Miss Carol Abell, Warden of Men's Lodgings told Union News 'Although the position has improved slightly since last week, the problem is still with us.' Miss Abell and her staff are working as fast as possible to remedy the situation—but are being continually hindered by the lack of co-operation from students themselves. ...

Yesterday there were still 32 men students, many of them from overseas, who had still not been found accommodation. This was obviously an improvement on Friday's figures when 50 men students and from 50-60 women students were without a roof over their heads.

This weeks figures for women students were not available at the time of going to press.

Dr. Loach told the press conference that it was becoming increasingly difficult to house married couples not only from overseas but also British students too. He said that the sort of people who he would like to see come forward to help the University in the matter were head-



THE ENDLESS SEARCH

But a 4d.-a-week board rarely advertises suitable lodgings for students

masters and schoolteachers who were particularly sympathetic towards the problems of students.

The recently finished Bodington Hall, he said, had absorbed about 300 men and it was hoped that further development might alleviate the situation even more. The University was prepared to open the Refectory at week-ends if necessary in order to cater for a large number of students only receiving bed and breakfast.

When asked whether the situation might lead to a relenting on the 'no flats for under 21's' rule, he replied "This is no solution." Miss Abell later pointed out that since the number of offers of flats coming in was so small a discontinuation of the flat rules would have little effect. Few houses in the district were suitably equipped to be let as flats and most landladies preferred to let rooms on a bed and breakfast basis.

The British Council have helped tremendously in finding digs for overseas students and have not only advertised for rooms but have themselves answered and inspected many of the consequent offers.

Jazz Ball Attractions

A JAZZ Band Ball is one of O'Donnells Band, Finnigans the many attractions that Band, Dave Wilkinson and his Hilary Ashworth, Union Entertainment Secretary, has in store for hop-happy Union members prove popular with the Union. this session. The Ball will be held on Saturday, December 9th, and Hilary tells us that there is to star bands appearing include Fairweather Brown, Bruce and that there will be a special Turner, Caseys Hot Seven, Ed Xmas Thrash to replace it.

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LEEDS STUDENTS ARRESTED AFTER SIT-DOWN DEMONSTRATIONS

MANY Leeds students have been fined for taking part in the recent demonstrations organised by the Committee of 100 in Trafalgar Square and at Holy Loch. Many of them have not yet paid their fines and are liable to re-arrest during term time, for they were given 28 days to pay.

Staff and students of Leeds who were concerned in the demonstration

a week last Sunday included Dick Atkinson and Alan Andrews, who were both fined £2 and £1 respectively. Pete Terode, Geoffrey Guest, Geoffrey Lyons, Mike Murphy, Peter Abell, Michael Templeman, Alasdair MacIntyre (who lectured in the Philosophy Department last year), Hilary Ashworth, Alan White and Kevin Fitzpatrick.

Mary Riengleben is reported to have been fined £15 at Holy Loch and Dick Milner was also arrested there.

Dick Atkinson brought back to Leeds many accounts of violence on the part of the police. He told Union

News "A Catholic Priest was dragged off along the road by his dog collar. A woman was thrown over a crash barrier by the police. Peter Terode and myself were dragged across the road, stamped on and thrown into a bus. Later at Brixton Prison we heard of a deliberate charge by 1000 police just after midnight when they had systematically punched, kicked, dragged and thrown people in fountains before they had resorted to arresting them."

Similar reports of violence were instanced by Lord Bracken on television, and the Guardian has called for a Home Office enquiry into the matter.

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EDITORIAL

Disarmers' Dilemma

STUDENTS have played an important part in the recent demonstrations organised by the Committee of 100 as a protest against the government's defence policy and the resumption of Russian nuclear tests. Many of them were jailed and later fined, but some of them, as a deliberate action rather than a temporary financial embarrassment, have not paid their fines.

They have been given time to do so and if their fines are not paid by the time the period expires then they will be liable to rearrest. If they continually refuse to pay they will, of course, render themselves liable to imprisonment. How would the University Authorities react to this?

If the people concerned were jailed during the vacation and registered on the appropriate day at the beginning of term they would not concern themselves. What a student does in the vacation is his own concern.

But if a student should be arrested and imprisoned during term-time this would be another matter and the University would rightly concern itself. And so might grant awarding local authorities. Students who were jailed for a length of time might find that they would be sent down or that they may lose their grant. One can only speculate about such things but these seem real possibilities.

Many students will be faced with the question as to whether they should support the Committee of 100 to the extent of going to jail during term-time and thereby endangering their University careers, or support them to the extent of paying a fine.

For some this is a dilemma; for they believe what they are doing will be instrumental in changing the policy of the government and ultimately the whole world. For others there is a belief that, although the demonstrations do serve a real purpose in helping to convince others of the folly of a defence policy based on nuclear deterrence, the part that Trafalgar Square demonstrations play is relatively small. They might perhaps be prepared to take part in demonstrations which might be a great deal more effective.

This is an issue which will be receiving a great deal of attention during the next few weeks amongst Leftist circles in the Union.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Freshers who have won outstanding distinction in obtaining Boothman Entrance Scholarships, which have been awarded by the University Authorities from among over 1,500 new entrants to the University this session:

- Olive Newby (Newton-le-Willows Grammar) for Latin.
- C. N. E. Prescott (Kings School, Chester) for Russian.
- Margaret Reay (Seaham Harbour Co. Grammar) for Zoology.
- J. J. Shepherd (King Henry VIII, Coventry) for French.
- P. Sutherland (Wintringham Boys' Grammar) for B. Com Accy.
- R. Williams (Pontypridd Boys' School) for French.

Radical advice to Government

AT the end of last session a sub-committee of the Leeds University Union prepared and submitted a memorandum to the committee set up by the Minister of Education to review the pattern of full-time higher education in Great Britain. The committee was also to advise the Government on what principles any long-term development should be based.

The L.U.U. sub-committee suggested that students would benefit from an introductory year—"a year of orientation." They were concerned too about the general tendency to look upon the University merely as a means of attaining a degree. University education in itself was consequently not receiving its due appreciation. They suggested that students "take a degree at the conclusion of their studies" only "if they so wish."

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the reliance placed upon time-test examinations, and also on the courses in the faculties of Science and Technology which were considered to be too heavy.

The memorandum went on to state that it deplored University courses being in any way dominated by the demands of industrial and professional institutions. Research should be financed by the state and not by industry.

Turning to the subject of accommodation of students, the memorandum proposed that Halls of Residence should be contained within the precincts of the University and that more emphasis be placed upon life within the walls of the Union. Halls of Residence often became isolated and independent communities because of their distance from the Union buildings.

Since there was not time to submit the memorandum to Union members before the end of term it cannot be regarded as being official Union policy.

Sir Charles Morris—a heart-attack

WHILST on a visit to the University of Hong Kong, Sir Charles Morris, Vice Chancellor of the University, suffered a mild heart attack. On Wednesday, however, he was well enough to make the flight back to England but even so many of his engagements during the forthcoming weeks will have to be cancelled.

His place at the Fresher's Conference where he was to have addressed students on Saturday Morning will now be taken by Professor Durward, the Pro-Vice Chancellor.

New Insurance Scheme

A SUPPLEMENT to the Union handbook for this session has been the information concerning a new insurance scheme. The scheme will cover all registered full-time students of the University, the cost being met by both union and university.

Accidents sustained while taking part in the "usual activities organised by the University or its approved societies" will be covered should bodily injury be involved. The insurance is, however subject to certain exceptions, a list of which will be found in the handbook together with information concerning the scheme.

Labour Society Festival

LABOUR SOCIETY is starting off in a big way this session with a Festival which will last a week. There will be lunch-time meetings from Monday, October 9th, to Friday, October 13th.

Speakers will be Peter Shaw (Labour Party Research Officer), Edward Thompson (New Left Review Editorial Board) John Rex (Lecturer in the Social Studies Department), Raymond Fletcher ('Tribune' and Stuart Hall (New Left Review).

In addition to this an evening Jazz session, a coffee party in Cavendish Hall are being organised, and a showing of the anti-war film "Paths of Glory".

UNSA Programme

TWO M.P.'s and an ex-M.P. are among the speakers due to address UNSA (the United Nations Student Association) this term.

Labour Shadow Defence Minister Denis Healey is booked for 11th October, Nigel Nicolson, former Conservative member for Bournemouth East, will speak on 10th November, followed a week later by the Rt. Hon. A. Creech Jones, Labour member for Wakefield. UNSA hope that one or more of the speakers will talk on the urgent problems created by Mr. Hammarskjold's death.

COMPLAIN WHEN NECESSARY

—say officials

MOST students will have been aware that in past years the quality of food and service in the University catering establishments has often led to dissatisfaction. In many cases dissatisfaction may well have been justified and in other cases the student may have had little ground for complaint.

Unfortunately, however, so rarely have these complaints been brought to the notice of the management that little has been done about them. Union President Brian MacArthur and Catering Secretary Paula O'Neil are urging a change in attitude on the part of students and we print their letter to this effect:—

SIR.—In the past catering has been a source of latent, but rarely manifest, complaint. Many students have had various complaints, but have rarely vented them on the people concerned—the people who could put them right.

A situation like this quite obviously creates difficulties for the catering management, who do not wish to serve inferior food or coffee to their customers.

We are, therefore, writing to ask any Union member with any complaint about the catering facilities to make them known to the people concerned: in Refectory, Mr. Greenhalgh; in the Cafeteria or the Mouat-Jones Lounge, Miss Miller. Only when criticisms are known, can they be put right.

It is hoped to make some changes in refectory by the introduction of a table d'hote service this term; for the time being this will mean that there will be no rise in the prices of meals, better service, and, better preparation. The stabilisation of lower price meals will enable the possibility of better and of course, more expensive meals to be made at one servery. Any marginal loss of choice will be amply compensated for by the publication of weekly meal lists.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN MACARTHUR,
President.

PAULA O'NEILL,
Catering Secretary.

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How artificial satellites will help astronomers

James Joyce

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The City as "Both Heaven and Hell"

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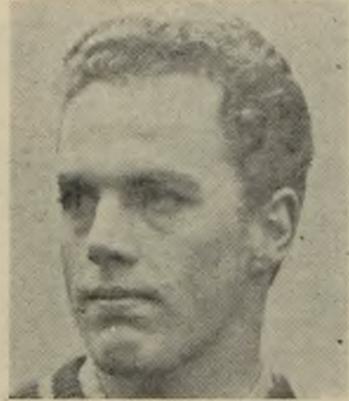
This Year's Executive

NO LACK OF IMAGINATION

WHAT A HAPPY BAND

WHO are the Executive Committee? What do they do? What have they to offer? These are questions that every newcomer will want to know.

The Union hand-book can supply the answers to the first two questions but the third requires a more incisive and informed medium. Inevitably the Executive is described as being not as good as last years, but everybody knows that if this was the case then the first exec. must have been a band of super-bureaucrats and that we are heading for a bunch of morons. In the words of the prophet, it remains to be seen.



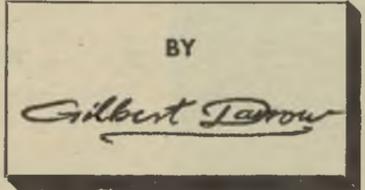
KLAUS KAISER
Greek God or Bavarian Playboy?

Heading this happy band is President of the Union, **Brian MacArthur**. Renowned for his resemblance of Cliff Richard (in looks only!) Brian is a real go-getter. Despite his opportunism and single-minded approach to the job in hand he loses nothing in charm and diplomacy. His major problem may be to convert some of

his less enthusiastic Exec. members to his own far-reaching radical views.

His undoubted ally in this cause (and here nepotism creeps in) will be the first lady of the Union. For Senior Vice-President **Mary Squire**, has recently become engaged to Brian. Not surprisingly both hold similar views, so there will be little division of loyalty in this quarter.

House Secretary **Martin Forrest** is the thirteenth member of his family to study here at Leeds. Unsupersti-



tious he presses on—some say to next years presidency. Martin is the perfect diplomat and is also prepared to work. His lack of ideas is no drawback and he manages to carry it off without embarrassment. He is always ready to listen to complaints and to hear suggestions for improvement.

General Athletics Secretary **Klaus Kaiser** is a Cockney and is not to be mistaken for a Greek God or Bavarian Playboy. His interest in sport is singularly amazing but his success as G.A.S. depends largely whether or not he develops an interest in Union affairs. Frankly he appeared clueless when he was elected, but he has time and ability, and will surely learn. (An exercise which he is surely acquainted with for in learning lies the betterment of his beloved sport).

Another member who is not versed in the intricacies of Union Committee wrangling is **Chris Tideman** (say it Tidy-man) who is Student

Treasurer. At the election hustings he confessed 'I have never been to watch a Union Committee meeting' and was duly elected. But inexperience is far from being proved as a prerequisite of inefficiency, and Chris has a strong character, a sound economics background (he is doing finals in the subject) and most important, guts.

Secretary to the Union **David Eastwood** is a 'bookworm' but secretaries of the Union should be well versed in the Constitution and Dave's knowledge of that is encyclopaedic.

Dave waggles an anti-corruption banner heartily but I feel he is rather late in this field. He will be better employed using his ability and capacity for hard work in more positive tasks. I believe that he has a real contribution to make.

Oh, by the way. At the moment the Union has no junior vice-president. **Roy Bull** was elected but has since won a scholarship to Moscow University. Although many people were prejudiced against him because he was a Communist, he had a real and valuable contribution to make to the life of the Union. His last years' term of office showed that.

The elections will be held two or three weeks after term begins, but even I don't know who is standing yet, but you can rest assured that I shall be hiding under the seats in the M.J. to find out.

GILBERT Darrow is a regular feature in **UNION NEWS**. Week by week he presents stories about the personalities who make the News in the Union, and although this week he writes a light-headed, light-hearted pen portrait of the Executive Committee, the personalities do not all come from the Union's establishment.

If you persist in walking round the Union with no shoes on or suddenly discover that your landlady is a man then don't be surprised to find yourself in **Gilbert Darrow's** column.

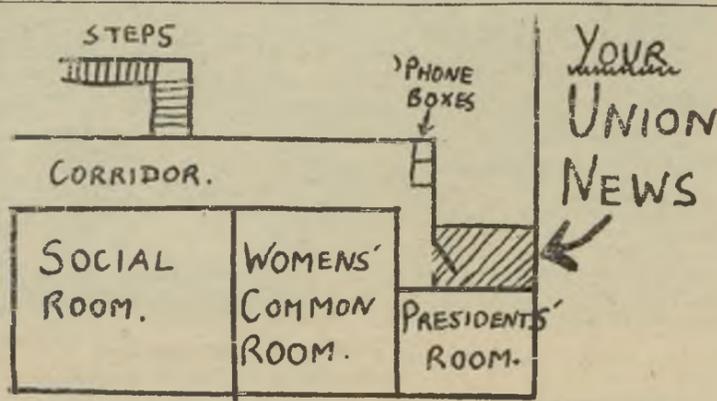
"**HIS** picture of public schools is largely derived from vague memories of reading the **Magnet** and the **Gem** in his childhood and he would be as sorry to see the end of the toppers and tails of **Eton** as he would be to see the end of the changing of the **Guard**. (Working-class women deeply and rightly regretted the end of court presentations. It meant the loss of yet another bit of fun and colour for their lives.)"

I quote from an article, 'the public schools and the Meritocracy' by Mr. **Colm Brogan** in the **Yorkshire Post** on Tuesday. How imaginative can he get?

No doubt Mr. **Brogan** conjures up in his mind a picture of the average working class woman wiping her eyes on her dirty apron whilst she is cooking the tea for her husband, three children, and two students, because she has just read in the **Evening Post** that the **Queen** has decided not to hold any more receptions for debutantes at **Buckingham Palace**. Indeed, the news must come doubly hard after a strenuous day at the factory.

And at the local, the ordinary working man pictures in his mind (or so Mr. **Brogan** might like to think) his unknowing misconception of the public school with its **Bunters** and its **Smith majors**. As he downs his sixth pint he can, no doubt be heard to say "I hope to God they don't abolish toppers at **Eton**. I mean to say, where would **Bunter** put his tuck?"

Well Mr. **Brogan**, we all realise that it is sometimes necessary to write about the misconceptions of the working classes, but please, let us not have any about theirs.



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ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR RAG

By **DAVID POLLARD**
(Last year's Rag Publicity Manager)

"**BIGGER and better in 1961**" was the headline in *Union News* some months ago. For once *Union News* was right. Rag 1961 was bigger and better than ever before. Bigger Rag Day Procession, better Mid-Week Entertainments; Bigger stunts, better publicity; bigger "Tyke", better "Rag Revue"; bigger and better proceeds for local charities. It was some Rag in 1961.

Rag Committee, led by Chairman Clive Phillips—(big, handsome Rugby player) went into action in December. Rag Office was chaos—organised of course—until July.

The biggest money spinner was as usual the Car Competition. Many prizes, including a gramophone, picnic hamper, bottles of various contents, and of course a brand new Ford "Anglia," were begged, borrowed and otherwise obtained. There were many incentive prizes for ticket-sellers. Champion seller was Ian Cartwright who sold more than £150 worth of tickets. Mollie Drake and her helpers should be proud of the record total of £6,628 which Car Comp. raised.

Another big money raiser was "Tyke" magazine, edited by Peter Brady. This year "Tyke" was a "take

off" of Punch and even, after censorship, contained many new jokes for this year's debates. Tyke Distribution

was in the hands of John Howie whose slogan "Take TYKE To Town To Try To Top The Thirty Thousand Total" was easily realised.

"Rag Revue" this year made its debut at the "City Varieties." Produced by Martin Glynn, the show was full of colour, glamour, music and laughter. It would be indeed difficult to single out anyone from the star-studded cast. Paula O'Neil and Beth (alias Bert) Stirrup did excellent work as Business Managers. Rag Revue made a record profit of over £950.

Rags are of course associated with stunts. Pete Fleming and his merry men gave us some excellent publicity here. York Castle was captured and held to ransom; Hull Rag Chairman was kidnapped etc. Members of Woodsley Hall narrated and declaimed outside City Museum non-stop throughout Rag Week—their racing tips were very useful. It is also rumoured that signs on the Engineering Building had something to do with Rag . . .

During Rag Week, the citizens of Leeds were entertained on the Town

second with a covered wagon. Special buses were laid on to take an army of students to Roundhay Park where large crowds were entertained by displays of Judo, Gymnastics, Fencing, Weight Lifting, etc., etc.

We then sat down to count the profits. Income was as follows: Car Competition, £6,628; Rag Day, £1,079; Tyke, £2,015; Dances, £944; Rag Revue, £1,790. Total, £12,529. As expenses were kept to a record low total of 22% donations to charity came to £9,550—yet another record!

Rag 1962 is still a long way off. Very soon, however, the new Rag Chairman, Nigel Rodley, another second year lawyer, will be starting preparations. Rag is fun; Rag is so worth all the effort you put into it. To make Rag 1962 bigger and better depends on you.



Photo Courtesy of Yorkshire Evening Post
A NOVEL MEDIUM FOR ART
But the Magistrate's car was splashed



RAG QUEEN KATHLEEN BLACKBURN
Derek Ibbotson's choice



Photo Courtesy of Yorkshire Evening News

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Some of the major charities to receive money were:—

- British Students' T.B. Fund £400
- Dr. Barnardo's Homes £800
- Guide Dogs for the Blind ... £300
- Hostel for Stranded and Homeless Women and Girls £100
- Leeds Council of Social Services £1500
- National Institute for the Blind £900
- N.S.P.C.C. £300
- St. George's Crypt £350
- Yorkshire Association for the care of Cripples £700

These and many more local charities benefitted from Rag 1961. When one visits some of the places to which the money goes one can realise how worthwhile our Rag is.

Hall Steps. It all nearly ended on the Monday when during a display of "action painting" the Stipendiary Magistrate's car became a novel medium for this "art." All was smoothed over and the programme of eating onions, Coca Cola, and displays of Judo and beard shaving kept vast crowds busy while students relieved them of all surplus cash.

Hula-hula girls, Romans, knights, baby dolls and many more met for Rag Mans Ball. The Rag Queen was elected by Derek Ibbotson. "Rag-able" car rally ended with a Barbecue at Ilkley. The Engineers and The Houldsworth School fought a "water battle" on Roundhay Park Lake—yes there was plenty to do and see during Rag Week.

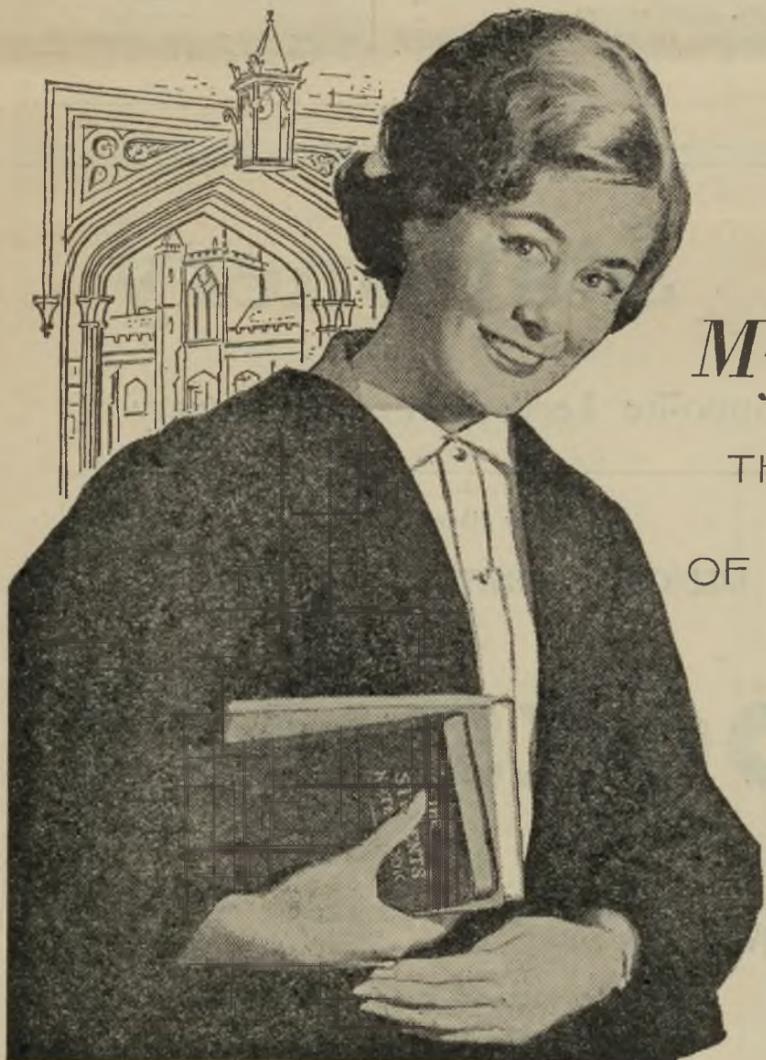
How Many Bikinis?

Rag Day dawned bright and sunny. The Sunday Pictorial rang up to enquire how many bikinis (and contents) would be on display. Rag Day was opened by Lewis Jones from the



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CAR WINNER
VALERIE FERGUSON
Cheap at a Shilling

Town Hall steps. Woodhouse Moor saw the start of the Rag Procession complete with decorated floats, bands and oddly dressed students. Champion float was a paddle steamer constructed by Leather Society, and the Youth Hostelling Society came



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One can say though, that a University life spent without the stimulus which the Union can provide will be stillborn. The majority of the undergraduate members of the University cannot enjoy the quasi-Oxbridge delights of hall and even the best lodgings do not generate the right atmosphere for relaxation from academic work. For the student who wants it to, the Union can therefore play a central role in undergraduate life.

Students of all departments can meet each other over a meal, a drink or for coffee with none of the segregation of the sexes there is at school. All interests, outdoor, indoor, recrea-

tional, athletic, political, religious, are catered for by one or other of the societies or athletic clubs.

The N.U.S., besides running a cheap and comprehensive travel service for its members amongst its other services, is also greatly increasing its influence as a body of radical, but responsible, student opinion.

If you are interested in student politics, and some of us have got to be, then you can follow or criticise Union Committee in its attempts to run the Union, and represent it to the University. Membership of the Union also entitles you to many concessions throughout the country and makes you ipso facto a member of the National Union of Students (N.U.S.).

Leeds plays a large part in its councils as the second largest constituent member.



PRESIDENT MACARTHUR
Enjoy yourselves

As a Union official I want to improve the facilities of the Union. But I also feel that one of our most important tasks is to represent students on the issues which vitally affect them, chiefly grants, welfare, lodgings and catering, and it is here, chiefly, that we need your active support.

Enjoy yourselves.

Brian MacArthur

CHANGES IN CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

THIS is the thirteenth and largest ever Freshers Conference organised in Leeds. The first conference in 1949 was attended by 549 freshers, who paid 28/6 each for the privilege. Fifty members of staff and 100 students lead the groups for tours and bouts of learned discussion.

Very idealistic, the organisers aimed not only to lessen the shock of the new life, but also to stimulate the freshers to the idea of a University. Discussion groups that followed the stimulating talks were found to be disappointing.

Queuing and boredom were rife and altogether it was an interesting but not terribly successful experiment.

The conferences were continued and grew in size and in 1957 it was found necessary to split the conference into two independent parts, but



CONFERENCE SECRETARY BROWN
"Toilets rather than Tolstoy"

there was adhesion to the main principle. The problems were simply shelved, until this year the new approach was pioneered by the

students, though the staff were in full support. Discussion groups were discontinued after twelve painful years, and the stimulation cut accordingly.

A practical approach was required, for undoubtedly the most valuable contribution of the conference is a practical one. Freshers are more interested in toilets than Tolstoy. They will be students soon enough, but for the present they require down to earth help not airy argument. This is the new approach. Whether it is to be successful remains to be seen.

This year 1200 freshers and 250 helpers will crowd the Union—the old problem of queues is still to be overcome and is more important than ever. An attempt has been made by introducing alternate lunch-time attractions. The real answer is more space, but that is another matter.

Peter Brown

A Defence of Civil Disobedience



ALAN ANDREWS

Validity of risk is beyond question.

THE thousands who demonstrated at Holy Loch and Trafalgar Square on September 16th and 17th knew that in consequence we were risking prison sentences and the possible sacrifice of jobs, careers, the company of friends and families and all the rest. To us the validity of such a risk is beyond question when the world's rulers have succeeded in bringing us closer to nuclear war, and the total destruction of humanity, than we have ever been before.

Kennedy and Krushchev, Macmillan and Gaitskell, Adenauer and De Gaulle are quite prepared to perpetrate policies which depend upon a willingness to use nuclear weapons at an ultimate stage. By definition and of necessity the stage would be ultimate; there will be no-one left to debate whether it was avoidable. It is against these destructive and

suicidal policies that we have deliberately chosen to demonstrate in the most effective ways possible. The conviction is growing among ordinary people everywhere that they are not prepared to allow their world to be destroyed, for whatever reason, by men who have already become the victims of the most horrible and obscene weapon ever invented.

We find the world in a state of great international tension, which the so-called deterrent has done nothing to prevent and is doing nothing to alleviate. In such circumstances the silent hope that nuclear weapons will never be used comes to seem the blindest of blind faith. We know the bomb exists and cannot be ignored. But because it exists, it does not yet follow that it has to be used. What we wish to achieve is a breakthrough in thinking, a transformation of the political imagination, to the point at which the use of nuclear weapons is publicly renounced.

Until that time, personal risks will seem of little account beside the general threat to the whole of humanity. That is why we did what we did.

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ROY BULL IN MOSCOW

By Gordon Walsh

WANTED — one Junior Vice President. That is the unusual position facing the Union at the start of this new session, following re-elected J.V.P. Roy Bull's decision to leave Leeds and study at a higher education institute in Moscow.

Roy, the man responsible for the enormous success of the Communist cell in our union, had been trying repeatedly for two years to find a place in a Soviet educational institute without result. He told *Union News*, "The idea is that, after eighteen months in Russia, I shall have a real command of the language. I shall return equipped with a deep knowledge of their way of life, and of the set-up behind that life."

He will be studying, in Russian, Marxism, Economics and Soviet Institutions — their legal, social and political aspects. Roy believes that this will benefit both himself and the Soviet Union: for them, it is obviously an advantage to have students who are willing to return to the West with sympathy for their way of life; and for himself, his knowledge of Russian (his special subject at Leeds) will be improved beyond recognition.

Politics or Teaching

His original intention was to teach the language, and he thinks that this will still be his career on his return. "However," he said, "I may drift into politics in the vague sort of future. But this isn't something that can be planned: it depends on opportunities and circumstances."

He will not be returning to England during his vacations. When we asked him, his only reply was, "Oh, Christ, no! What's the point of that?" He prefers to use the time for travel to places he would not otherwise have the chance of visiting: Georgia, Armenia and Kazakhstan

Introducing . . . Union News

UNION NEWS is the Independent Newspaper of Leeds University Union and as such it has almost unbounded editorial freedom. 'Almost,' because it is forbidden by a Union bye-law from publishing any criticism of the Union staff—the Clerk to the Union the Secretarial staff, the porters, and the Bar steward and his staff).

To produce a newspaper such as this involves a lot of people. At the top there is the Editor who is ultimately responsible for the whole paper, but he has to assist him a number of people who are in charge of their own sections of the paper.

When members of the Union pay 3d. and buy *Union News* they are buying the results of a concerted effort by 50—60 people.

On the first three pages there will be News, which has been gathered by News reporters who will tackle perhaps one or two stories per issue under the direction of the News Editor. In the centre pages are the features which have been brought together by the Features Editor and his assistants. Sometimes they are written by members of the staff, and sometimes by informed people who are at the University.

In common with the large circulation National dailies, *Union News* runs sport on the back two pages. Sport is gathered in much the same way as news although it quite often involves travelling away with one of the University teams.

Usually there are one or two photographers assigned to the News, Sport and Features sections. The snap-happies have to provide their own cameras but films and developing materials are paid for by *Union News*.

The subject of payments introduces us to another side of the business of finance. The business manager has general supervision over Advertising and Sales, which are of course, the two sources of income. He also keeps an eye on the Publicity Manager. The day before the paper is sold posters must be placed about the Union to tell what is in the paper.



An Editor's fate. Last year's Editor, Cal Ebert, was ceremoniously hanged after an alleged libel of the Houldsworth Society.

It is quite clear that *Union News* 'employs' many people of varying shapes and sizes, interests and outlook, but they have one common denominator — they are keen to learn the business of producing a paper.

Some ex-members of the staff have joined newspapers when they have left University, and there is no doubt that through working on *Union News* useful experience is gained.

Whether you are contemplating journalism as a career or just looking

for an interesting and rewarding Union activity, *Union News* can provide you with the necessary outlet for your ambitions.

One last word. Through experience it has been found that people consider you have to be a literary type to be on the UN staff. Don't believe it. Anybody who can get to a University has a reasonable writing style, and that is all you need (plus keenness) to join *Union News*. If you can only do arithmetic you can join the sales or the business staff.

This indeed is a very small limit of editorial freedom; a freedom which has been used where necessary to criticise Union Committee and the University

**By
LAST YEAR'S
EDITOR**

authorities, particularly over lodgings. Over the years it has maintained a fiery independence of the Union 'establishment' of which it could so easily become a part.

For over 15 years the paper has been published every fortnight 12 times a year. This session for the first time, the paper is to be published every week on a Friday, and it will appear no less than 24 times this session.

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HOME FOR THE VAC?
"Oh Christ, no!"

are among the regions on his list. Since all expenses (including his fare to Russia) will be paid and he will receive a living allowance as well, he expects all this travel will be possible.

"The only time I've been in the East before," he said, "was when I was in the army." Apparently he was not a Communist then, and was employed in signals. "But the only secret I ever heard was told to me in the bar one night. A chap came up to me and very confidentially whispered that Nasser was a Communist . . ."

Finally, *Union News* asked whether he would be able to send us news items from the Soviet Union from time to time. He enthusiastically agreed; and we shall be printing the first despatch from "Our Moscow Correspondent" in a few weeks.

● On his way to Russia, Roy stayed at an East German work camp for three weeks. Among others in the Leeds party—not all of whom were Communists—was Margaret Maden, whose report will be published in *Union News* next week.

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A LOOK AT LEEDS

By VALERIE ANN

WHILE it will present no surprise to the Northerner, the city of Leeds may well cause some perplexity in the mind of southerner whose first glimpse of slag tips and pit wheels coincided with his train passing Doncaster.

It is actually an excellent example of the West Riding wool town. A city originally composed of cottage dwellings where home industries were carried out, the large-scale introduction of textile machinery led it to considerable prosperity in the mid-nineteenth century. The results can still be viewed in various stages of disrepair—the large stone houses of

find, to a varying extent, some acceptable features.

Theatrical speaking the position in Leeds is not wholly satisfactory. There is a yawning gap which could be filled by a good professional repertory company. The Grand in New Briggate is a No. 1 touring company theatre. It offers pre-London plays usually of the safe entertainment type, D'Oyly Carte. Sadlers Wells and Old Vic touring companies and an annual pantomime which seems to run interminably during the spring term. The Civic Theatre offers weekly runs of amateur productions by companies from societies of all types from the Pirandello Society to the Montague Burton Players.

The theatrical trio is completed by the City Varieties, affectionately known as the C.V.s. A must for a night out with the boys, it has a repertoire of shows with such inviting names as "We Never Clothed."

'locals,' the Carlton, off Woodhouse Lane, the Hyde Park on Brudenell Road, the Cottage Road Cinema and the Lyceum on Cardigan Road are all student favourites and the latter has an excellent Sunday film club.

Jazz Clubs

The jazz scene is improving. On Friday nights trad fans may choose between Club Casey at the Trades Hall, Ed O'Donnell at the Star and Garter, Kirkstall, and the Leeds Jazz Club at the Peel Hotel, Boar Lane. Modernists will be able to dance to first class visiting bands at the Esquire Club in Hunslet Lane.

Ballroom addicts will find a refined atmosphere and a fair selection of indistinguishably well-groomed city chicks at the Majestic in City Square or the Capitol at Meanwood. There is the alternative possibility of rock-



THE CITY OF LEEDS
In all its expensive tastelessness . . . some acceptable features

When eating out, the many Chinese restaurants in Leeds are tops for variety and reasonable prices. Recommended for blueing in a sudden windfall or satisfying a mad urge for one crowded hour of glorious life are the Metropole, the Griffin, Jacomelli's or the Guildford.

After sampling these delights the journey home comes as an inevitable conclusion. Most last 'buses are in the region of 11 p.m. but Leeds City Transport runs late night (double fare) buses to most parts of the city at about 1 a.m.

United at Elland Road (in their appropriate seasons) while Elland Road also furnishes greyhound racing. Followers of the horses will have to travel to Weatherby.

For your especial delight Leeds Corporation maintains numerous parks and open spaces. Try rowing on Roundhay Lake next summer, or cramming on Woodhouse Moor as a less palatable alternative.

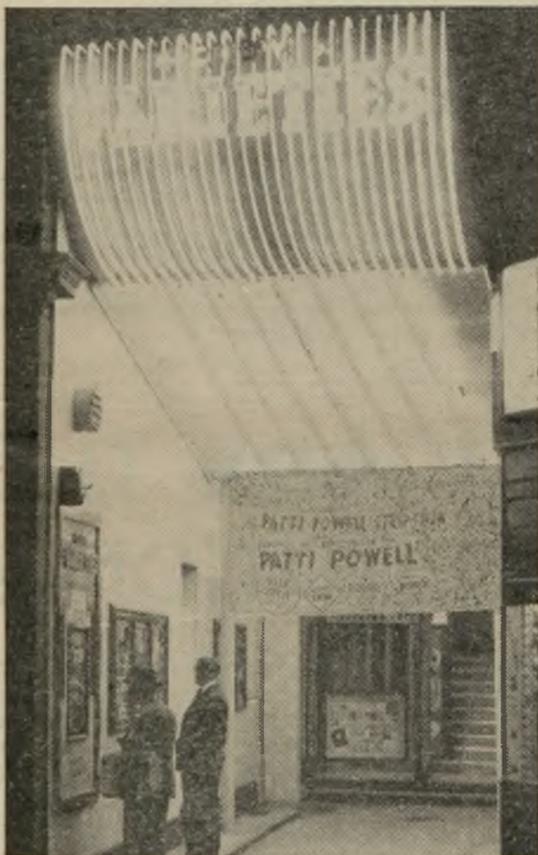
At the City Museum you can go down a model coalmine while the Art Gallery next to the Town Hall features various exhibitions in addition to a permanent collection and also offers a modern Art Library and Print Room. In the same building is the incredibly Gothic Reference Library which will often furnish a needed book where the Brotherton has failed.

And on this slightly discordant note we leave you to start groping your way through the gloom in quest of the sensuous delights so effectively concealed therein.

Healthy Week-ends

If you desire a healthy weekend hike there is an excellent train service to Ilkley. You will be less troubled by Sunday School Outings, orange peel, transistor radios etc., if you plough further northward to the Dales beyond Skipton.

Sports fans may watch cricket and Rugby League at Headingley or Leeds



THE CITY VARIETIES
A must for a night out with the boys

Coffee Bars in Plenty
THE CAROUSEL — OPPOSITE THE A.B.C. CINEMA



the Wool Lords on the outskirts, the solid ornate Town Hall in all its expensive tastelessness, and of course the iniquitous back-to-back slums where, although the housing authority are now effecting considerable clearance, the washing lines still stretch across the street on Monday mornings.

This grimy morass has not, however, been wholly impervious to the onslaughts of civilisation, and the culture or entertainment seeker, will

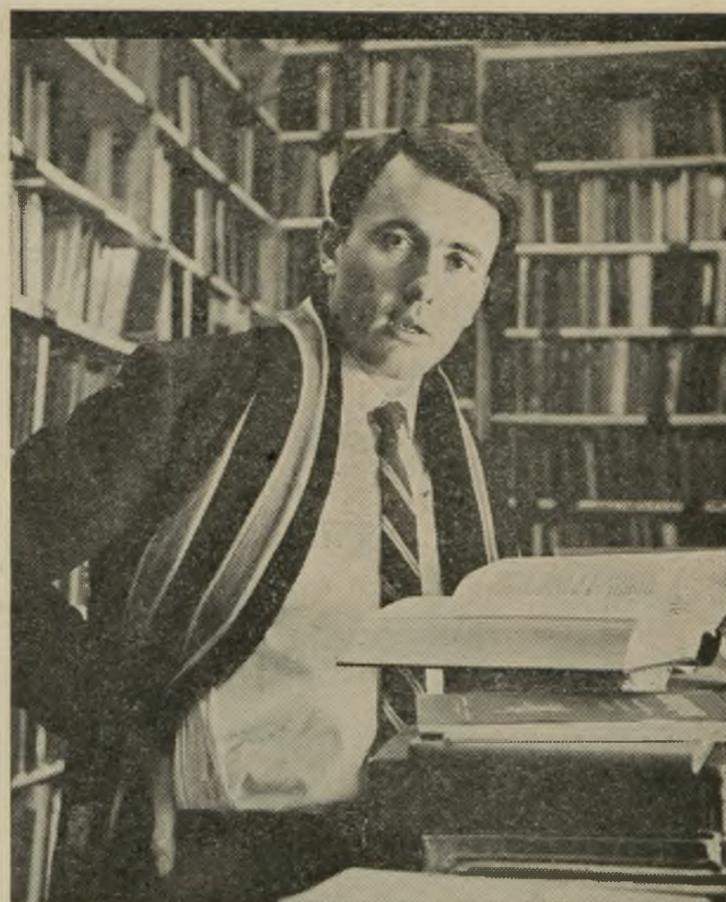
Popular Cinemas

The most popular cinema with the student population is the Tatler, which alternates sex and horror programmes with really excellent minority-appeal foreign films. The Odeon affords all the plushness which the seat prices lead us to expect, while the Majestic specialises in long-running epics and the Plaza distils horror unlimited. The Tower in New Briggate and the Gaumont both show films only a week or two after the larger cinemas at much more reasonable prices. Among the

ing with the same city chicks at the Mecca (tie-wearers only of course).

Coffee bars exist in plenty. The Flamenco offers a good view of passers-by while the Piazza and the San Remo are handy for the University, Hernando's at Harehills is popular with students based in that region.

Pubs not to be missed by the student drinker include the Tonbridge, the New Inn at Headingley, and, on Briggate, Whitelocks (famed for its ales, its sandwiches and its genuine Dickensian decor).



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CONSTITUTION REFORM

Origins and course of an epidemic

UNION politics last session were almost completely dominated by proposals for a complete change in the constitution of the Union. Reform, inevitably, has its origins in dissatisfaction with an existing system, and in this particular debate the dissatisfaction came from the Unions' leftists — the Socialists and the Communists.

During the last two sessions the Labour Society (200 members) and the Communist Society

(rumoured 40 members) have been particularly active in an inactive Union, and they have, as one might reasonably expect turned their attention to the sphere of Union politics.

An encouraging step forward came when Communist Roy Bull was elected Junior Vice-President and Dick Atkinson, one of the Unions prominent Socialists, was elected to Union Committee in a later by-election.

Here were two of the Left's best spokesmen on the Unions' governing

body; progress was on the horizon. The left wanted, generally speaking, a 'better Union' (vague but promising), a tougher line with the University (action over lodgings, better and more powerful representation on University-Student affairs), and the Union taking action politically (not merely over matters agreed upon by right and left, like condemning South Africa for her racial policies, but also over issues which were more debatable — for instance Nuclear Disarmament). Usually the Union only takes political action when something affects students as students. Undoubtedly the left wished to see the scope of political action considerably widened.

One or two major success were accomplished — notably the banning of fascist speakers from the Union — a matter hotly contended in some circles.

But there was no real change of attitude within the committee; the minor influx of the prominent leftists had had little effect.

Publishing Minutes

Towards the end of the Christmas term, JVP Roy Bull decided that it was within his scope as JVP to publish sub-committee minutes to the ordinary Union member before they were ratified by Union committee. This was an unprecedented step. On top of this Bull also unilaterally called a discussion meeting of Union members to discuss the minutes even before they were discussed by Union Committee — in spite of the efforts of President David Bateman to restrain him from doing so. Bull was duly censured for his actions by the Executive committee — of which he was himself a member.

Bull collected the 400 or so signatures necessary to call a general meeting of the Union and attempted to get the vote of censure — but unsuccessfully.

In spite of the fact that the idea of discussion meetings had entered by the back door, the Union as a whole expressed its approval of the idea and they became 'legal.'

The Unions' attitude towards discussion meetings was taken as being indicative of the future attitude of the Union revising the constitution so as to give the Union member more direct and active part in Union government.

The document which came to be known as Bull's constitution was published a few days later. It outlined a system of government of the Union by general meetings — a similar idea is working at the London School of Economics and at the University College, London.

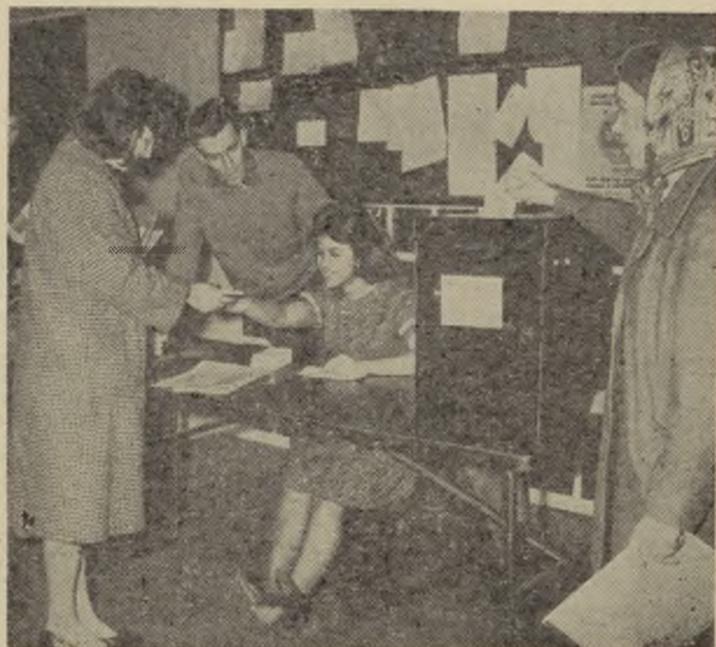
Vague Instructions

Bull's constitution was by no means a finished blue-print which was ready for ratification by the Union; there were many points which needed to be clarified, and Union Committee set up a special Sub-committee to do this — but gave it rather vague instructions. The lack of any forthright directive to the committee was to be the source of much wrangling later in the term.

The constitution sub-committee met for over 20 hours at various times and eventually after the resignation of two right wing members, they sent a finished constitution to Union Committee. The right wing objected to the constitution being sent to a special General Meeting of the Union because they said that the Union ought to be able to indicate its preference for some other kind of government if it so wished. There were vague suggestions of representations on a faculty basis and other ideas.

After the resignations had taken place Union Committee did eventually send the finished constitution to an SGM — but for discussion purposes only. And consequently nothing concrete was agreed upon.

The night that the Constitutions sub-committee Constitution came before Union Committee, several members of Union Committee resigned because of the decision not to send the Constitution for ratification by a Special General Meeting.



UNION ELECTIONS IN FULL SWING
In any democracy, the ballot box is present

And the whole of the issue began to recede more into the background as the end of the summer term approached.

What will happen now? The militant leftist representatives on Union Committee are no more. At the Union Committee elections last session there were about a dozen leftist candidates, but only one or two of them were elected. There was a resounding victory for the right.

Roy Bull was elected JVP for this session but he has now left the University to go and study in the USSR.

Agitation for a new constitution is undoubtedly harder to carry out from outside Union Committee, and whether or not there are enough militant leftist orators on Union Committee to keep the ideas alive remains to be seen.

In the words of Asquith we must 'Wait and see.'

WHAT ARE THE CONSTITUTIONS?

THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION is given formally in the Union handbook but the newcomer is likely to be blinded by its legalistic jargon.

The general idea is that the Union elects by secret ballot a President, a Senior and a Junior Vice-president, and 19 committee members — 4 of whom are Freshers at their time of election.

In turn this Union Committee elects from its own number a House Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a General Athletics Secretary, who together with the President and the Junior and Senior Vice Presidents make up the Executive Committee which is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Union. The majority of decisions made by the Executive have to be approved by Union Committee.

Union Committee elects, again from its own number, certain other officers of the Union like NUS secretary, catering secretary, and also members of a number of sub-committees.

The sub-committees of Union Committee do all the ground work for Union committee and send to Union Committee a number of recommendations which Union Committee may or may not approve.

Thus the Union elects a number of members to a committee and they are allowed to 'get on with the job.' If the Union does not approve with

what the Union Committee is doing it may protest in Private Members Business during Debates, or it may call for a Special General Meeting (SGM) of the Union. Before an ordinary Union Member can call an SGM he must first obtain about 400 members signatures. An SGM (or the Annual General Meeting) is the final and ultimate decision making body of the Union.

Theoretically, abuses by Union Committee can be rectified but it is a cumbersome and lengthy process of procedure to bring about.

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION BY GENERAL MEETING is the idea first put forward in Leeds by Roy Bull in the form of a new constitution. Under this constitution the Union would elect by secret ballot 15 officers who would be responsible for the day to day running of the Union, and general meetings of Union members would take the place of the present Union Committee. It would be the final decision making body.

The quorum of these General Meetings, that is the number required to be present before the meeting becomes 'legal' would be somewhere in the region of 150-250 Members out of a possible 4,500 members.

This form of Union government would undoubtedly give the Union member more say in Union affairs.

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Leeds Musical Festival presents a varied programme

THE Music festival originated to mark the opening of the new Leeds Town Hall being first held in September 1878. The occasion marked also a new phase in the history of the city. The famous names connected with the first fifty years included Sullivan and Hallé and the festival has continued to attract international artists. The aim of the festival is to sustain and encourage artistic activity in and around Leeds and to satisfy its cultural hunger.

On first looking at the programme it appears to be typically of a festival—obscure! But on further study it is found to be most interesting. During the week all forms of music are represented by artists of a wide age group from many countries, the festival being noted for its absence of nationalism. Janet Barker a local girl who is rapidly being internationally recognised, is appearing on Tuesday, 10th October with such famous people as Heather Harper, James Pease of Covent Garden and Peter Pears, the friend and fellow composer of Benjamin Britten.

The evenings programme is well balanced beginning with a truly classical symphony of Schubert. This is followed by a first performance in England of a Schoenberg piece. In violent contrast follows a little known but lovely Bach cantata—"Christians,

grave ye this glad day." The evening ends with Nocturnes by Debussy, in the last movement of which "Sirenes" female voices are used instrumentally.

**By
HEATHER
CLARKE**

On the Thursday Verdis' Requiem is a unique occasion (although previously performed at the festival) as rarely do a large enough orchestra, an amateur chorus, such a young Italian conductor—who takes the rehearsal without a score,—and four European soloists meet to perform such a fine work, in both a musical and religious sense.

It is most memorable for those singers (who until 1895 came only from Leeds), who have passed the initial test—a factor which led to the abandonment of the festival in 1861—and attended the weekly rehearsals for a year, to sing under "Toscaninis' successor".

Carlo Maria Giulini also conducts 'Les Noces' by Stravinsky in which a chorus of 80 is accompanied by 4 pianos and timpany.

In contrast to the Requiems' grandeur Arthur Rubenstein and Mattiwilda Dobbs are giving solo recitals. The Monday programme

includes music by Mozart, A. Goehr—a commissioned work thus following a festival tradition—and Elgars—his Violin Concerto by Andre Wolf.

The Grand Theatre proudly presents the Covent Garden Company under Sir John Gielgud and also a Triple Bill which comes from the Edinburgh Festival.

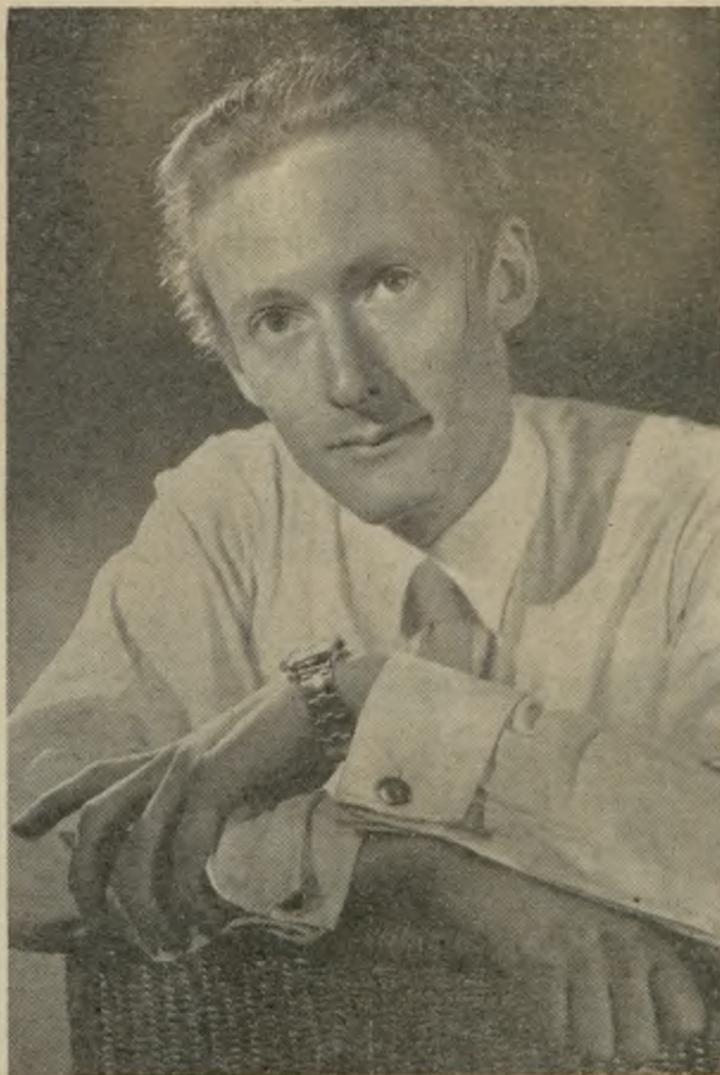
Although the emphasis is on music the Arts Guild presents "Much Ado About Nothing" and exhibitions of glassware and Print-making are being held; also visits to local important firms are possible. Events are being held in Temple Newsam House, the University Great Hall, the Civic Theatre, and the Leeds Parish Church as well as the Town Hall.

Booking for the Festival has been very heavy—there are expensive seats available for some of the performances, but cheaper seats have long since sold out. The Festival Booking Office is opposite the Public Library on the Headrow.

The Gramophone Record Library

MEMBERS will be interested to know that even if they can't get a seat for performances at the Musical Festival they can always avail themselves of facilities offered by the Gramophone record library in the Union.

The Gramophone Record Library is situated in the Card Lounge and has a varied selection of Classical Records and is now starting a jazz section. Activities include recitals which are held each Wednesday afternoon; also tickets for the Leeds Concerts may be booked through the Library.



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Conductor : Carlo Maria Giulini
Soloists: Eva-Maria Rogner, Janet Baker, Heather Harper, Floriana Cavalli, Rita Gorr, Peter Pears, James Pease, Alvinio Misciano, Ugo Trama, Andre Wolf.
On Oct. 9th the programme will include 'Sutter's Gold', by Alexander Goehr, which has been commissioned for the Festival, and on Oct. 10th the first performance in this country of 'The Dance round the Golden Calf' from 'Moses und Aron,' by Schoenberg.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH
Oct. 12th, at 11 a.m. Bach Concert
The Parish Church Choir
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RECITALS

LEEDS TOWN HALL
Oct. 8th, at 8 p.m.
Mattiwilda Dobbs, Soprano, accompanied by Geoffrey Parsons
Oct. 11th at 8 p.m.
Arthur Rubinstein, Pianoforte.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY
Oct. 13th, at 12.45 p.m.
Music Today—John Carewe
First performance in Leeds of 'Le Marteau sans Maitre', by Pierre Boulez.
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TAKE YOUR PICK

A Variety Of Sport

YOU'VE never had it so good in the way of sport until you came up to Leeds. Most freshers come from schools where they have played Rugby or Soccer in Winter and Cricket in the summer and look in awe when they see the dozens of sports in which to indulge in here.

We are indeed fortunate to possess the finest playing fields and pavilions in the whole of U.A.U. plus a fine new P.E. centre and a not so fine men's gymnasium. Well over £15,000 of the Annual budget is devoted to sport and most equipment and travel is provided free.

Soccer or Rugby

You can either decide to try to make the first team at Soccer or Rugby along with a few hundred other young hopefuls, or you can forget about your past sports and attempt something new. Perhaps you have always had an urge to box, row, shoot or fence, but have had no opportunity, then now is your chance.



Weetwood Cricket Pavilion

You may want to partake in more than one sport but must remember that most clubs compete on Wednesdays and Saturdays and that you can't play both Soccer and hockey regularly. However, many sports take place at less usual times such as Judo, Badminton, Weight Lifting and Boxing, and others which are mainly recreational as well as competitive, so you can also fit these in as well.

The P.E. department staff under Mr. R. Morgan will be only too pleased to give coaching in Tennis, Fencing, Swimming and many other recreations and you can also swim free at Cookridge Street baths on any weekday.

The main events of the University Sporting calendar are the University Athletic Union (U.A.U.) championships, competed for in most sports by all English Universities with the exception of London, Oxford and Cambridge, the Christie competitions between Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester and the W.I.V.A.B. (Women's Inter-Varsity Athletic Board) championships for women. There is also the opportunity of representing

U.A.U., or indeed British Universities Teams both at home and abroad.

The majority of clubs have fixtures with all Northern and Midland universities and often go on continental tours.

For those who don't want to take sport too seriously there are intramural competitions—soccer, rugby, basketball, and tennis, cricket, athletics, and don't forget, you can read all about sport on the back page (at least) of UNION NEWS every Friday.

SPOTLIGHT

Fives ★ Rowing ★ Soccer

A SMALL club, an unknown club, but at least a successful club. You may not even have heard of Rugby Fives, but the small band of Leeds enthusiasts keep the flag flying over the courts at Devonshire Hall. "It is like squash without a racket"—the substitute being padded gloves and a steak in a palm to prevent bruises.

Chemical Engineer Bill Nelson is Captain for the second successive year and for sheer enthusiasm takes some beating. The majority of members such as other first team players Carlile and Slater come from the South of England though the club has a full fixture list up north, in addition to which they find time to go on tour to London, Cambridge, the West Country and Scotland.

Last season John Slater reached the singles final in the first ever U.A.U. Fives tournament at Bedford—a notable achievement, while in partnership with his club captain was defeated one stage earlier in the doubles. This season with improved court facilities this record will surely be bettered.

ON the banks of a sewage infested stretch of the river Aire at Swillington the men's and women's boat clubs have their Headquarters. Probably the most exacting of all sports since nearly all of the bodies muscles are utilised. The club provides facilities both for the experienced and the newcomers—who find themselves in the majority. They will

be organised into maiden crews and stay together all the year till they go pot-hunting on Northern rivers during summer months. If you are around the eight stone mark and feel less energetic there is always room for you as cox.

THE Soccer club didn't exactly do a "Spurs" last season and often were lethargic and unimaginative, but at least there was the encouraging feature of over half the team being composed of freshers which ought to pay dividends this coming season.

John Frame is still the last line of defence and will have able support from a nucleus of a strong defence, which should include Mellor at full-back with Wombwell and Conolly at wing halves though Dawson will take some replacing at pivot.

The forwards stay together en bloc, led by the enthusiastic Price and skippered by inside forward and arch schemer Jim Edwards. If only they would adopt some concrete and constructive plan and at least train together regularly since many results went the wrong way last season through sheer unfitnes they should be a good, if not a world beating side.

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