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SECRET BUILDING

York Nuclear Shelter Revealed

AN underground nuclear shelter, to serve as the nerve centre of all nearby rocket bases, is being secretly constructed at York, say the Committee of 100. They have consequently organised a large-scale demonstration, to be held in York tomorrow. The support of over 70 Leeds students has been pledged for the proposed sit-down. Hundreds more from Leeds have said they will take part in a march.

About 200 of the demonstrators will assemble at 2.15 p.m. to march round the town. 500 others will meet at the Empire Theatre a little earlier, joining the other march at Castle Museum. Later they will break away to sit down in the entrance of the barracks where the shelter is allegedly under construction. Those marching will probably leave York at about five o'clock, but the sitters, if not arrested, will stay to distribute leaflets in the town during the evening.

The extent of obstruction which the sit-down will cause is not known. The police are unwilling to indicate their attitude to the demonstration, but there will be a court sitting all day in York to deal with any arrests that are made. The demonstrators' legal position is uncertain. However, the Committee of 100 has recommended that anyone arrested should refuse to give his name and address. The effect of this would be refusal of bail and those who refuse to pay fines, after being given time to pay, will be imprisoned.

Sitting down can be punished by the Authorities in a number of ways—conditional discharge, being bound over to keep the peace (refusal meaning a maximum of six months' imprisonment), fines between 40s. and £5, or imprisonment for between one week for minor offences and several years for minor crimes.

Pirate Stations

The York demonstration is the first of its kind in the North. It is largely a passive demonstration, whereas those to be held simultaneously at Ruislip and Wethersfield, which aim at actually occupying nuclear installations, are more militant affairs. The ultimate aim of the Committee of 100 in Yorkshire is to organise demonstrations on the scale of the other two. They hope also to make it possible to call on several hundred C.N.D. members at short notice whenever it is felt necessary to protest against the government's defence policy. To make this proposal more effective, they are trying to establish mobile radio stations to contact members quickly.

It has been claimed by York sources that the demonstration is unnecessary since nothing is happening at the barracks. This is denied by the

Committee, whose spokesman said that the denials probably arose from fears of being charged under the Official Secrets Act.

Reasons

Union News interviewed at random CND members who will sit down outside the barracks tomorrow. Some of their reasons for demonstrating were as follows:—

"We can have no democracy with the bomb; democracy is a sham because the delegation of responsibility with nuclear weapons is so complete that ordinary people have no say."

"The world's leaders have failed completely in their duties to mankind. We must show the sense of responsibility they have failed to show."

"I want as a really free individual to co-operate with other really free individuals in really changing the world."

"In order to focus the attention of the public on the immorality and the murderousness of the government's military policy."

JAZZ BAND BALL

TOMORROW there will be a Jazz Band Ball held in the University.

Six local bands will be playing: Casey's, Ed O'Donnell's, Dave Wilkinson's, Cal Finigan's, Brian Priestley's, and the Merrymakers Steel Band. Better still, two excellent outside bands are visiting the Union that evening; they are the bands of Fair-weather Brown and Bruce Turner. Everyone is advised to attend—we guarantee an enjoyable time will be had by all.

Hilary Ashworth, Entertainment's Secretary, stated that should anyone get arrested at York, they could have their Jazz Band Ball tickets refunded.

WRITING ON THE WALL

Not responsible — say anti-racialists

EARLY on Saturday morning slogans were found splashed across the walls of the Locarno ballroom in Bradford; they read as follows—"Dance to the Little Rock" and "No Colour Bar."

The police immediately suspected members of the Anti-racialist society here and came on Monday to interview Keith Jones on the subject. He assured them that the society had nothing whatever to do with the daubings and subsequently issued this statement to the press:—

This committee wishes publicly to dissociate itself from the persons who recently painted slogans on the Mecca Locarno dance hall in Bradford. This action was completely irresponsible and nothing could have been more calculated to alienate the sympathy of the general public from the important work being done by our organisation. In our view the way to change the management's policy is by demonstrations, leafletting, letters to the press, the musicians' union and cancellation of public and private functions in this establishment. In short, the mobilization of sufficient public opinion against this policy of racial discrimination. The daubings of the Mecca-Locarno walls may well gain sympathy for the management who can now attempt to dismiss anti-racialists as vandals. We therefore view this act of vandalism with disgust. It can only harm our cause."

KEITH JONES
on behalf of the anti-racialist committee

BLACKMAIL
Mlle. Bardot supports us
Threatened by French fascists,
she said, "Je ne veux pas vivre
dans un pays nazi"



More Daubing

ONCE again the University buildings have been daubed by Fascist vandals.

On Wednesday, "Keep Britain White" appeared in 2 ft. high letters on the wall of the Textile Dept. in University Road.

Later the same day, some members of Cath. Soc. turned out to remove the slogan. They were jeered by some people who thought it was they who were responsible for the slogan. In a stop press letter to Union News, Cath. Soc. said they wished to make it quite clear that they were not responsible for the slogan and that their action in removing it was "motivated by sheer disgust."

TEA IN REFC

A landladies' tea-party is the latest effort by the Union to help solve student digs problems. Tonight, about fifty landladies, most of whom are of long standing or keep coloured students, will partake of refec. food at the invitation of the Senior Vice-President, Mary Squire.

At the tea-party, which is aimed at improving student-landlady relations, will be members of Union Committee and the Grants and Welfare Committee. During recent years, accommodation problems have become acute, yet the University has so far done little to provide living space for the 500 to 600 extra students expected during the next five years. By emphasising such problems as these at the situation at the beginning of each Session when many students arrive without digs to go to, it is hoped that the tea-party will help to get landladies really interested in student problems and at the same show them that we are very grateful for what they do already.

ELECTION RESULTS

—Millward Top

GRANTS and Welfare Secretary Irene Millward topped the poll with 624 votes in this week's elections to Union Committee.

A little way behind was Australian post-grad. Bob Whan with 583 votes. Leon Silverstone, though he did not turn up at the pre-election hustings in the Union, was also elected, probably through solid support from the Medical and Dental Schools. The two other candidates elected were Melvyn Eastburn and Ian Morrison. Not elected were Gordon Court, who gave a rather poor showing at the hustings, and Keith Carabine, who stood and lost to Dave Eastwood in the recent JVP elections. When questioned, all the candidates except Miss Millward thought that Fascist speakers should, like anybody else, be given the opportunity to speak in the Union, and to be judged accordingly by the members of the Union.

LABOUR SOC.

REFORMS

SWEEPING operational changes were decided upon at last week's meeting of Labour Soc. Committee.

The Society's newly elected president, Peter Hall, proposed to divide the 250 strong membership into working groups concentrating on Theory, Industrial Action, Propaganda, Social Affairs, and other problems. It is proposed that future propaganda should be of the strictly functional and factual type, and that "concentration weeks" devoted to the particular aspects of different problems should be arranged to run consecutively throughout the year.

An SGM of the Society will be called before the end of this term at which members will be asked to volunteer to work with the various groups and to be allocated specific tasks connected with the new Committee's objectives.

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We have been asked to point out that Mr. Richard Atkinson has not been associated with the paper in any way for the past three weeks.

Editorial

OUT OF APATHY

DO you, as students of an English University, consider that sufficient regard is given to your opinions? From the particular subject of University administration, to general political attitudes, the student in Britain is treated with condescension and indifference.

The only political organisation where the majority of members are students is C.N.D. Even this is regarded by most people as a dolls house, within where safe confines power politics can be played to small effect. This is not so in other countries, and it should not be so in Britain.

In Spain, a country which suffers in the hands of a dictator, the students are controlled by the S.E.U. a Franco monopoly. Any student who stands out directly against his policy is swiftly silenced—even so there are those who dare. The same applies to the U.S.S.R., where students in Kiev are protesting against indoctrination through compulsory lectures on Lenin and Karl Marx. East German students, who are among the most pampered members of the community, are causing increasing trouble by their opposition to the government, opposition which comes largely from the Christian elements in the Universities.

The most active student body on the Continent is undoubtedly France. The U.N.E.F. — the national student organisation — has committed itself to a policy of action concerning general political problems. Although at a National Conference in Strasbourg a few years ago, a break-away party was formed, that claimed strictly apolitical views, the majority of students still belong to the U.N.E.F.

The great issue that concerns French students at the moment is Algeria. They demand negotiations for peace in Algeria, a denunciation of the conduct of the French police in dealing with

Algerians in France and a condemnation of the use of torture in interrogations. Pressure has been put on them by the French government in an attempt to discourage any interference. The last two Presidents of U.N.E.F. have had their military deferment withdrawn (conscientious objection in France is a crime) while General de Gaulle has refused to accept the petition. He claims that student organisations should not presume to give him political advice, but should stick to domestic concerns within the Universities.

The students in France are the only section of the community left who can lead an active opposition to the government. There is, it is true, opposition from left wing Catholics, particularly the Dominicans, and the protestants, but they are not very strong, while the other parties, such as the Communists and Socialists have largely crumbled away. The students support "Algeria for the Algerians"; they also take the leading part in the fight against the O.A.S., and their bitter enemies are the police.

When a professor of the Sorbonne had his flat blown up, and the students protested against it, the police broke up the demonstration with undue violence. This is just one example among many others of the influence that the strong anti-intellectual, anti-student feeling has among the police.

British students are too timid. There exists in them a strong middle class respect for the Establishment and a fear that if it is challenged, chaos will be let loose. Not until the British student drops this attitude and realizes that there is not necessarily justice and freedom in Britain, not until he admits that our legal system can be as unjust now as it was in the eighteenth century, and that here one can say what one likes but do what one is told, only then can we start to build a free world that will be worth living in.

ONE MAN STAND

Student Defies Bursar

ABOUT four students have so far responded to Alan Andrews' motion at the beginning of this term that the 7/6d. lodgings administration should be withheld on the grounds that it is unearned.

One of them, Education student John Miller, was this week summoned before the Bursar, Dr. Williamson, about the matter.

The point had been made by Miss Abell that the 7/6d. fee was not to cover the cost of finding digs, but only the cost of sending the fortnightly payments to the landlords.

Miller estimated that at the most, the real cost could not possibly be more than two-thirds of the 22/6d. demanded each Session. When asked where the 7/6d. went, the Bursar just answered "I don't know—you'd better ask the Vice-Chancellor." He said that the Vice-Chancellor would probably be prepared to see him, since he had made a stand. "What the Vice-Chancellor really wants is student representation," he said.

Enquiries about the present activities of the Lodgings Committee set up by the University, which should have reported back in September, met the reply: "I expect it's still looking for new light on the subject."

On the question of student responsibility, he remarked that students can't be expected to be "entirely responsible for themselves."

The next move seems to lie with the Union. If Andrews' motion is not made official Union policy, negotiations are likely to be ineffective. When asked, President MacArthur said the motion had come before Union Committee under private business. He had subsequently written to the Registrar on the subject and the latter had said that the University "is looking into it."

WESTWARD HO!



"DRAW THE FIRES"

The boilers — part of the scenery that has to be removed to Bristol

Theatre Group for Bristol

CONGRATULATIONS to Theatre Group — "Draw the Fires" is going to Bristol!

With four other plays it will appear at the N.U.S. Drama Festival somewhere between January 1 and 6, which will mean a major manoeuvre getting cast, stage crew, and props there in time. To assist with any expenses that will occur, Union Committee have voted the Group £75. One great problem will be the removal of the boilers, which are so large that they will probably have to be bent in order to get them out of the Riley Smith Hall.

Such was the enthusiasm accompanying this production that ten members of Theatre Group waited on Leeds City Station at 3.40 a.m. on Sunday morning for the arrival of the dent productions Leeds has for the third time been chosen for the semi-Sunday Times, which punished the results. Out of more than forty finalists. Moreover not only is "Draw the Fires" going from the University, but also a one-act play, Three Actors and their Drama" which was judged at the Civic Theatre earlier this term.

Next term Theatre Group productions will be "The Mandrake" (Machiavella) produced by Noel Wits, a second year English student, and the "Resounding Tinkle" (Simpson) which will be produced by Jeffrey Wilson, a first year English student.

THE MONSTROSITY

—Telephone Booth

The House and Estates Committee, an advisory body of the University council is responsible for the siting of a new telephone box outside the Parkinson.

When questioned about it the Bursar said that it was there for the benefit of both students and public; he appeared unaware that a public telephone box existed only one hundred yards up the road from the new one. He was also unaware that there was a body of opinion within the Union violently opposed to this decision and that Brian MacArthur, on behalf of the Debating Society, was lodging a formal complaint.

DIFFERENT RULES FOR WOMEN

Students Evicted

THREE women students of this University are in trouble over their lodgings and are receiving little sympathy or help from the authorities.

"The Ghetto"

The first of these three wrote a letter home on Sunday night and left it upside down on a chair in her room while she went for dinner. The landlord read the letter while she was away and noticed that she had headed it for a joke, "The Ghetto, Leeds"; his sense of humour was, however, lacking, and he gave her twelve hours notice. Mrs. Sledge was informed immediately and agreed with the landlord when he claimed that he was well within his rights to give the girl £4 in lieu of a terms notice. It was suggested that she live in the Y.W.C.A., and on Monday when Mrs. Sledge was not available all day her secretary insisted that she should obey the suggestion. Finally at 4 p.m. the student found her own lodgings, (approved by Miss Abell) and Union Committee advised her to move in.

Not Approved

As for the other two girls, one is unhappy and wishes to move out. The other was in danger of being thrown out on Sunday after she had burned the light after 11 p.m., used the bathroom, and disagreed with the landlord when he claimed he had a right to know always, exactly where she was going and whom she was going with. Due to the influence of his wife, he gave her until the end of term to find some other digs. Since both these girls are friends, together they found excellent lodgings near the University which had been approved by Miss Abell. Yet Mrs. Sledge was not accommodating. She said to them "All existing lodgings must be filled first . . . You cannot necessarily be with your friend . . . What Miss Abell approves, I do not necessarily approve of."



Consternation reigns among Bristol Union officials. It is estimated that only 20% of the university use the facilities offered by the Union. In a recent inquiry into the matter, members were asked the identity of Union president. One of the more enlightened replies was "Winston Churchill," and someone else remarked airily, "I know him well by sight; it's much more personal that way." Members were also asked if they had ever attended a U.G.M. "What's that?" answered one student, "I've never travelled abroad before." This was typical of the response, and reflects the general apathy towards Union activities at Bristol.

A spot check was held at Ashbourne Hall, Manchester, on Sunday, and it was revealed that a number of women were absent all Saturday night without permits. The students have been fined anything up to 10 pounds, depending on the gravity of their offence.

"Beatniks beware." That is the attitude of the Devonshire House Committee at Exeter, and to ensure at least a partial removal of dirt, they have provided a towel hire service. The towels, for use in the showers, may be hired at a cost of 8d. a week. The committee is now expecting a newer, brighter look!

At Oxford the newly formed Social Democratic Group has begun its career with a resounding success. In the Labour Club elections, its supporters have won nine of the seventeen seats, thus gaining a majority on the committee. This is the first sign of successful organized opposition to the CND and left wing bias of the club over the past few years. Another important result is that the two chief posts went to women. This adds momentum to the perennial agitation for female admittance to the Union.

Attention girls! At last the assertion of female prerogative! University College, London, have instituted a series of women's living classes where the women gyrate happily unhampered by painful male assistance. Furthermore they have been elevated to the rank of film stars, and have dazzled a stalwart Film Soc. camera with their lightning footwork. The enterprising instructress says it is natural for the "lady to lead!"

On Tuesday, it was learned that the first American elected as President of Cambridge Union in 66 years, Mr. Augenbaum, had been disqualified on the eve of his inauguration on the grounds of canvassing. There was a new election on Thursday.

In the previous election his opponent was Brian Pollitt, 24 year old son of the late Communist leader. Pollitt had lost to his right wing opponent by only 26 votes.

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THE COMMON MARKET

Conflicting Views on Membership

by BERNARD STONE

WHERE do the main political parties stand at the moment regarding Britain's entry into the Common Market?

The Liberals

Britain's entry is regarded as one step towards the wider application of the Liberal ideal of free trade. At

FILM SOC.

THIS year Film Soc. has broken all membership records with 515 members to date, compared with last year's total of 280.

Some credit for this must go to the establishment of a "stills board" opposite the porters' office and to the number of films so far provided free to members. The main reason, however, is probably the general revival of interest in the cinema.

Film Soc. members can hardly complain of not getting value for money; so far this term they have been offered Buster Keaton in "The General", "The Childhood of Maxim Gorky", "All Quiet on the Western Front", "Death of a Cyclist", "Intolerance" and "The Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz".

Next term's programmes have not yet been fully booked but the following films have been ordered: "Hue and Cry", "The Pilgrim", "Eroica", "Le Testament D'Orphee", "Le Sarg d'un Poete", "Foolish Wives", "The World of Apu" and "Diary of a Country Priest". About twenty full programmes, and more to be added, for a five shilling membership fee; this works out at less than threepence per programme.

Recently we have announced that early next term, probably the first week, a Film Festival is to be held in the Union. There is certainly an increased awareness this year of the potentialities of the cinema as an art-form.

their Assembly in Edinburgh in September, the Liberal Party carried a resolution supporting British entry with only five of the 1,300 delegates voting against.

The Conservatives

Apart from some agriculturalists and those whose ideas are best expressed by the League of Empire Loyalists, most Conservatives have been able to see the enormous opportunity presented for British Industry to receive a much needed stimulus, ridding it of the inefficient firms which have been protected (and very nicely too!) behind the British tariffs, and allowing the efficient producers free access to a large and rapidly-expanding market.

Meeting at Brighton the Annual Conference of the Conservative Party agreed to a motion that "We would lose no time in negotiating for a form of closer association with the Six." It was stressed that the choice was not between Commonwealth and Common Market; Britain needed both.

Labour Party

In spite of a recent great internal struggle, it is impossible for a major political party to have no policy on one of the main issues of the decade; this is a mistake for which the Labour Party may pay heavily when we enter the Common Market.

English Socialists have always been able to pursue an economic policy much more insular in character than the most die-hard Tory; they fear now to enter a Europe composed of capitalist countries. It is to be hoped that some Continental Socialists will point out the facts that industrial security is better in some Continental countries than in the U.K., and that in others as well as having nationalised industries, State-owned firms compete with private companies.

Recently, a Labour Common Market Committee has been formed, the objects of which are to rally Europe-minded members of the Labour Party,

the Trade Unions and the Co-operative Party, and to co-operate with Socialists in Europe in order to strengthen progressive forces within the Common Market.

PROBLEMS

Three problems are constantly posed when Common Market discussions take place: E.F.T.A., the Commonwealth, and Agriculture. However, upon investigation none of them appear insurmountable.

1: E.F.T.A.

The "Outer Seven" association was first formed to bridge the gap between the Six and the other countries of Europe. Britain holds the key to the future of E.F.T.A. If she joins the Six, Denmark and Norway will certainly follow. The Common Market countries have already shown that they appreciate the special position of the neutrals in Europe (including Finland), and would be prepared not to impose political conditions on these countries but offer them association.

2: Commonwealth

The factors we must consider when discussing entry into the Common Market (European Economic Community) are economic, and the E.E.C. is possible because of the great similarity in the economies and standards of living of the component countries. The strength of the Commonwealth lies in its diversity of component countries; in their coming together for discussing, respect for differing viewpoints and a tradition of helping one another. Imperial preference diminishes every year, and this would occur whatever path Britain chose to take. The one case where genuine hardship would arise is in the New Zealand butter industry, should Britain enter the Common Market without some safeguard for that country which has geared its economy to that of the U.K. However, the E.E.C. has shown itself sympathetic to Britain's Commonwealth commitments and a system of

either guaranteed quotas or reduced tariffs could be obtained.

3: Agriculture

A great deal of opposition to Britain's entry has come from the farming community and many fears have been expressed. However, when the Prime Minister announced that negotiations with the Common Market countries were to be opened (July 31st), he declared the Government's intention to "continue to protect the standard of living of our agricultural community." Since then there has been a growing appreciation that much of the earlier anxiety of the farmers was unjustified. The President of the National Farmers Union has supported the government's action, believing British farmers to be well able to face the challenge and to grasp the opportunity which membership of E.E.C. would bring. Of the feared increase in the cost of food through entry, the recent estimate is that, although it would cost a shilling per head per week extra, this would be offset by a saving in Government subsidies to the farmer.

For the farmer himself some adjustments will have to be made. The hardest-hit section will be horticulture, due to the stiff competition from Holland and Italy. But even here inten-

sive research has shown that a cut in employment and land used will not exceed 25%, and it may probably be much less. Article 123 of the Rome Treaty provides for a European Social Fund from which grants may be made towards occupational re-training and the cost of re-settling workers displaced from their jobs.

What has been rarely advertised is that some sections of British agriculture will do very well from our possible membership of E.E.C., in particular the English poultry farmers and the producers of lamb and best Scottish and English beef

OBJECTIVES

Regarding the wider political objectives of E.E.C., Sam Watson, the Durham Miners' leader, said recently: "I am all in favour of Britain's joining the Common Market. I am confident that before the end of this century, this market with its traditional civilisation and many practices and customs similar to our own will be the only bulwark in Europe to stop the further spread of totalitarianism. Mistakes may be made and losses have to be suffered, but in the long run unification of Europe, together with the Commonwealth, will be a source of very great strength to the civilised world."

QUOTES

"Why does the day have to start so early in the morning?"
—P.G.C.

"How far are women allowed to go in this place?"
—3rd yr. Textiles Female on Bodington

"Have you heard Union News is 200 years old today?"
—Two females overheard outside the Union the other week

"I'm going to have a chat with the Prof. about my statistics."
—First year Psychology female

"We're all queer in this game."
—Civ. Eng. Lecturer

"What's all this?"
—Vice-Chancellor, passing U.N. Office

"Trotsky was an ass."
—Dr. Kettle

Yorkshire accent in North Carolina



In a field in North Carolina where cotton once grew, a £20,000,000 chemical plant has now arisen. Here Fiber Industries Incorporated is producing a new synthetic fibre known as 'Fortrel', whose silk-like threads, cascading out of spinnerets, are going to textile mills throughout America. But among the voices to be heard above the whirr of machinery are some that are unmistakably English; for this is a joint venture by Britain's leading chemical company, I.C.I., and Celanese Corporation of America, in which experts from I.C.I.'s 'Terylene' polyester fibre plants in Yorkshire are supplying the scientific skills.

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Short Story

The Fall of the Idol

Part two

by ALEX BARR

EVENTUALLY we came round to talking about politics, and here Champigny said something which, although I have heard it before and since then, from him seemed so much more terrible. "You and I, my friend,"—he tapped my knee—"we will see another war." I said nothing for a minute, then: "I hope not." He gave vent to a cynical laugh, and waved his hand in the air. "Oh, I hope! I hope as well, but . . . it will come."

"You really think so?"

"I am sure of it. I . . . I am a soldier, I have seen these things. I should know."

What really depressed me was the man's certainty, and for the next few kilometres I sat in stunned silence.

At length he aroused me with some more information.

"You remember my colonel that I told you about?"

"Yes."

"There is a transfer scheme where young English people can travel to France free, and vice versa. Now if we're lucky, when you get back to Paris my colonel may be able to get you a free seat on a plane back to England."

I was amazed. "Are you sure?" I said.

"Of course, it's an official scheme. Anyway, I'll try my best with my colonel. Now I'll tell you what. Tonight we'll press on as far as we can—"

This was great. Things were really going my way.

"Sleep in my car tonight, and to-

morrow we'll go to Lyons and I'll drop you there. Then when you've finished your tour of the Mediterranean you can come back to Lyons and I'll pick you up again. We'll return to Paris and you can stay with me before going back to England on the plane. I live in a windmill."

Windmill

In a windmill! Surely this kind of thing could only happen in France.

"Oh and another thing. When we get to Lyons, I have a friend who may be going in his car to St. Raphael."

I looked at him wondering where St. Raphael might be. He indicated on the dashboard. "Cannes—St. Raphael. On the Cote D'Azur."

It all seemed too good to be true.

Lifts all the way to the Riviera, a stay in a windmill in Paris, and a free ride home by plane. The dismal mood in which the day had started had completely disappeared to be replaced by a feeling of complete satisfaction, and as dusk began to fall I sat back listening to the radio and watching the French countryside speeding by.

In the region of Saulieu there are several potteries along the roadside. At such places the walls by the side of the road are lined with great armies of gaily painted pots of all shapes and sizes, and it was by one of these potteries that we stopped for petrol. It was advertised by a huge surrealist painted jar, the size of a man, suspended over the roadway. Beyond this was a wall of which hundreds of pots were standing, while behind the wall was a terrace covered with more of the fascinating objects. When we stopped I left the car and walked slowly back along the side of the wall, completely enraptured. I was lost in an endless paradise of painted ceramic, the colours enhanced by the faint red glow of the gathering dusk. As Champigny called me back, I took a last glance along the wall at the great pot hanging at the end, and said au revoir to the potteries of central France.

Hungry

He asked if I was hungry. I had not eaten that day, except for a cup of watery coffee in the morning, and as it was about seven o'clock the answer was a decisive "Yes." He promised me a meal later on, and offered me a drink from a bottle lying at

my feet. It was called "Schoum", and had a peppermint taste, entirely refreshing without being too sweet or too bitter. It was, he told me, a speciality of his country, Alsace.

Cottage

It was getting on for nine o'clock when we pulled up at a tiny cafe in a small village lost in a maze of side roads. The place was in fact a country peasant's cottage inside was a low roof, a huge stove, a worn and scrubbed table, and two men with fishing tackle cheerfully drinking wine. Here Champigny left me to the ministrations of a peasant woman who spoke with a curious accent which I had great difficulty in understanding. When she spoke slowly it was even worse. Eventually we understood each other sufficiently, and I sat down to an excellent meal of eggs, bread and cheese, and wine. The cheese was sweet and slightly watery, the best I have ever tasted.

Waiting for Champigny to return we tried to make conversation. I with my schoolroom French and she with her peasant patois. She called her two daughters downstairs, presumably for my inspection, and they sat looking pleasant and laughing at the jokes made by the fishermen. They were healthy, fresh looking girls, one about sixteen and the other fourteen, each with a gay sense of humour. It seemed a pity to think that they would probably marry among the local farmers and develop into fat old women.

bending over stoves, like their mother.

At length Champigny came in, and we drank another glass of wine together before setting off on the road once more. It was dark now, and the headlights picked out the regular pattern of the trunks of the trees that lined the road. About eleven o'clock we reached Beaune, in the heart of the Bourgogne, the wine country of France. We drove past the famous Hotel Dieu, and he promised that in the morning he would show me the wine cellars which a friend of his owned. Then we made our way to a camping site to stay the night in the car.

Disgusted

I never saw the wine cellars. I never had my lift to Lyon or to St. Raphael or a free flight home, and never stayed at a windmill in Paris. The man whom I had admired as a hero, famous personality and champion flyer was a homosexual. I was disgusted and disappointed. My idol had feet of clay.

We rose at about five o'clock, hardly speaking a word. He bought me a cup of coffee and gave me his address in Paris. I think we both knew that I would not come back to stay with him. I thanked him politely, and we went our separate ways. The cold light of early dawn was bathing the cream coloured buildings, as the yellow saloon drove off into the morning and I stood by the road to Lyon, waiting for my next lift.

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QUALITY OF REFEC. FOOD

Students' Letter to Greenhalgh

Department of Botany,
The University,
Leeds 2.
December 4th, 1961.

T. Greenhalgh, Esq.,
Chief Catering Officer,
University House,
Leeds, 2.

DEAR SIR,
As some of the unfortunate beings that dine in Refec. we think we have the right to complain about certain aspects of the "service".

On Saturday morning (December 2nd, 1961) we were sold one of the worst meals Refec. has yet produced. Cold soup, cold potatoes, cold Brussels sprouts and cold gravy, obviously the remains of the meal the night before. May we ask if the Princess Royal was served with cold gravy and inedible sprouts the previous evening (December 1st, 1961)? On our table of 16 not one was able to eat half, let alone the complete meal. For this we paid 2/6d. Would the staff that served this meal eat it?

Dreadful Standard

We expect the odd meal to be poor, but the standard of meals of late has been dreadful. Although the food after cooking tastes indifferent, perhaps it is not too much to hope that they might be served hot. Is there any reason why this cannot be so?

Another aspect which you might like to look into at your leisure is the dirty cutlery that we are forced to use. In a basket of forks on Friday we could find only 4 forks that were clean. All

the others were smeared with egg. Did the Princess Royal have dirty cutlery smeared with egg on Friday evening?

It does not aid quick service when one has to stop at the entrance to the servery to sort through a whole stack

really are the limit. We are all aware of the Senior Technician in Botany who had to have glass removed from his gum after eating a Refec. sweet.

Other Aspects

Other aspects of the "service" can be criticised. For example:—

Cold greasy chips.
High price of fried eggs. Could this be explained to us?
Food left to stand and get cold.
Unsympathetic managers.
Slow clearance of dirty plates from tables in the evenings.

You may regard students as being the lowest of the low, but perhaps we can be fed in a decent way.

Yours faithfully,

E. B. GARETH JONES, M.Sc.,
(Wales)

MISS J. I. EMMOTT, B.Sc.,
(Leeds)

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(Dunelm.)

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G. SOUTER
R. C. FOSTER, B.Sc., (Leeds)

This letter is a copy of one sent to the Catering Officer this week. Although neither an article nor a letter to us, Union News believes that it should be brought to the attention of all Union members.

of filthy trays to find one clean enough on which to deposit one's cutlery, etc.

Further to all this, more and more people find alien objects in their meals. The odd bit of wood or string can be passed by as accepted, but bits of glass

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University Life in Retrospect

Make the most of it while you've got it — that would be my advice to everybody who is lucky enough to have the opportunity of coming to university. Of course, very few of us realise right at the beginning just what opportunities are open to us. We think of university as an extension of school, a place to extend our knowledge of subject we have chosen and eventually to get a degree.

But the term higher education has this as its very narrowest definition, for education in the full meaning of the word is a leading out—we are led out of the clouds and illusions of childhood into the consciousness and hard reality of the adult world.

The first reaction on leaving the care of our teachers and parents and fending for ourselves is a tendency to break away from convention and do the things that we weren't allowed to do before. We grow beards, dress strangely, get drunk, stay out late, and often lose contact with morals. As we grow older many of these manifestations disappear, although beards actually suit some people and to stay out late occasionally is fun at any age.

Like Adults

Students cannot be expected to behave like adults on all occasions, for they are placed in a situation unmatched by any other, an artificial world which necessitates at times the strain of concentrated mental work. It can only be expected that this should be counterbalanced by outbursts of "childish" activities. Rag is an example of such activities, it seems childish on the surface but it is quite essential as a mental balance and an outlet for the student's feelings, and at the same time it serves a good cause. The only really childish ones are those who destroy the efforts of the people who have put a lot of work into Rag and other things in similar vein.

When the fresher at some point in his first year (it may even be his second) realises that at no other time in his life will he have the vast range of opportunities offered him, there await him the whole scope of activities that the Union has to offer. A university without a union would be a hideous grinding house devoid of communal life, an entity without a soul. The only problem is to find a balance between the work he has to do and the number of activities he

can fit in. This problem is very real, and can only be solved by a careful and honest consideration of what is going to be most useful to him in his life ahead.

It is very difficult to solve beforehand—the only way is to give the interests complete liberty for a time to decide whether one is to have a first class degree or a full education. The better ones among us manage to obtain both, but the point is that the time spent on the "left bank" of University Road may be just as useful in future life, and occasionally more useful, than undivided attention to the subject studied. Even just sitting in Caf drinking Coke gives one time for mental reflection, a process which is essential in the balanced individual.

The opportunities are numerous, and unrepeated later in life. One can meet people on a similar intellectual plane, of all nationalities and representing all the different branches of human art and knowledge, all as equals without distinctions of class or race. Many of one's fellows are great writers, scientists, leaders or artists in the bud; genius abounds, and by speaking to some of the really enlightened ones some of the enlightenment is found to rub off on to one's self.

Another aspect is the high concentration of people of the opposite sex of one's own age and intellectual capacity. If one does not find a permanent mate during one's university career, one does at least learn something about the other kind of creature, which stands one in good stead later on. Even Leeds can provide a romantic background to such activities, for duty and smoky though it is, to many it is a foreign or strange city, and the same sun shines on Leeds as shines on Italy.

At no other time in one's life is there so much time to one's self, and

in the vacation one is still being educated. More students have time to work during the summer at a job they would not normally do, and to meet the people who have such occupation regularly is an experience in itself. There is time and money in most cases for foreign travel, which it is said broadens the mind and which is exhilarating and amusing to say the least.

Much of this may seem obvious, but to those to whom it isn't—may you realise what you might be missing. When you start off in business or in industry you can't go to work feeling all nice and relaxed in a sweater and jeans, can't drink coffee at any time of the day, and can't (unless you're very lucky) discuss Freud or Feiffer with the boss or the typists. The world outside is strangely rarefied as far as the things that count to a student's mind go. If one judges the mental activity of any section of the community by the number of publications it turns out, then the grey cells in this university are certainly seething like mad. It is probably true to say that we have one of the greatest selections of periodicals per head of any section of population in the country.

Responsibilities

Finally, a word on responsibilities. As a thinking person, a student has social, political and religious obligations—he is the one person who cannot put off thinking about the fundamental things of life to some vague future date. This is growing up—realising that the world is a horrid place without getting too cynical about it.

Nobody is standing behind you now, you're on your own feet whether you like it or not. So wake up and look around, then when you leave and you know you have explored the possibilities as far as is reasonable—whether you get a degree or not—you can look back without that tinge of regret. It's only when you have left that you know just how good it is to be there.

Ideas For A Socialist Christmas

by Gerry Wallace

THE PUDDING

First take a small island about the size of Britain. Make sure it is well beaten and then stretch it with a rent act. When the geiger counter starts rising add a common or garden market, and, finally, preserve a dash of USEFUL colour if you wish but the all-increasingly popular. (For housewives white immigration variety is becoming with little time to spare the easy-to-mix leprosy mixture gets good results).

When this has been done place it in an economically freezing oven and leave without attendance for as long as possible. Try not to open the door lest a vitalising dose of socialism gets in. This can be easily done by getting some friends to fit up your stove with a transparent Educational System surrounded with a television and some newspapers, so as the door-knob will not be seen.

While this is stagnating the other ingredients may be prepared. Buy £3 million worth of blue votes. As soon as possible start to baste them with a degouted Health Service (stewing the older ones up is always a good dodge). Don't throw the guts away—they can always be used for a Thanksgiving Cake ("Institute of Directors" written on it in Prussian blue). If, for electoral reasons—they are 5/- a unit, you don't want to do for two years running for the family then try helping our well-feathered surnax payers. Remember that they are having a hard time of it now that the wage-freeze is on the ground.

Now the most important part—the pastry. Take about 95 tons of self-raising rocket and sift it through a navy security net into a British Aluminium bowl. Add a cup of milk of iodinic kindness and mix in a couple of well beaten-up demonstrators. Whip and flog to the Right consistency (guage pastry tension againsta check-

point). Roll out on a Civil Defence bin lid and cut in C.N.D. badge shapes. Now carefully place the pastry in a high tariv wall and bake to bright Aryan.

The fruit and fat must be chosen carefully. I find it most convenient to start filling the larder with Africa, India, America, Australasia and Irela India, America, Australasia and Ireland as soon as possible. This is quite a strenuous job but is well worth the evort. The male members of the house-hold should be persuaded to do it (you can get them to put up a few decorations later—they have some very nice posthumous ones this year). The odd brutal murder or rape should amuse them while they are doing it. To get the job done properly supply them with a butcher's apron and some Black and Tan gloves. If by chance the fruit becomes ripe and starts giving trouble there are several remedies. The crudest is trinitrotoluene. But if they are very ripe this takes up a lot of time and expense. A more elegant treatment is to roast them on a Mau-Mau spit jeasily drummed up. If all else fails and they are past redemption you'll have to invest a lot of money and buy some monopolies and cartels instead. (On our correspondence page two of our correspondents discuss cookery diwiculties in the hot countries. Mrs. Portuguese does her work before the rainy season, and Miss S.A. of Sharpeville speaks very highly of the improved Saracen graters).

On completing the preparations, tie the ingredients up in industrial chains and (John) Locke them well with a hide-bound constitution. Add ginger (or S.L.L.) to taste. Oh! And don't forget the mushrooms—they're becoming increasingly plentiful. Maybe next Christmas they will be within the reach of more of us! I hope so. Of course serve with white sance—enough for eleven Hola portions.

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Leeds University Union has this

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PUGWASH AND SURVIVAL

Lord Russell's Book Reviewed

by ALAN ANDREWS

"Has Man a Future" by Bertrand Russell. Penguin Books 2s. 6d.)

ONLY an intellectual ostrich will want to avoid Bertrand Russell's latest pamphlet on the ills that contemporary flesh is heir to.

In *Has Man a Future?* he answers his question with a brief sketch of the development of nuclear weapons and an assessment of the seriousness of intention behind the gestures in the direction of disarmament, which together force him to the conclusion that some form of supra-national authority is an essential condition of survival.

Weapons

"I am afraid it must be taken as practically certain that scientific man will not long survive if the present international anarchy persists. So long as armed forces are under the command of single nations, or groups of nations, not strong enough to have unquestioned control over the whole world—so long, it is

almost certain that sooner or later there will be war, and, so long as scientific technique persists, war will grow more and more deadly." (p.70).

It is an essential prerequisite, as Russell points out, that nations and groups of nations should honestly admit the possibility of obtaining "unquestioned control over the whole world."

Scientists

Russell's account of the role of the scientists is brief and at times startling. It is frightening to learn that an appeal from Niels Bohr—after Einstein the most eminent physicist at the time—urging the United States not "to be the first to release this indiscriminate destruction upon mankind" because of the consequences for public opinion and for future international control, was found unopened on Roosevelt's desk at his death.

The persistent concern of the scientists with the consequences of nuclear research is manifest and is appropriately symbolized in the "Pugwash

Movement". This arose out of a statement which Russell himself sent in draft in 1955 to a number of eminent scientists, among them Einstein, who signed it two days before he died. His intention was to secure co-operation between Communist and non-Communist scientists on matters within their technical competence, including measures affecting the international control of nuclear weapons. Thus the original Pugwash resolution simply reads:—

"In view of the fact that in any future war nuclear weapons will certainly be employed, and that such

weapons threaten the continued existence of mankind, we urge the governments of the world to realise, and to acknowledge publicly, that their purposes cannot be furthered by a world war, and we urge them, consequently, to find peaceful means for the settlement of all matters of dispute between them."

It is incredible how far the actions and statements of politicians resist the good sense of this declaration.

But if the scientists come well out of this account, it would be difficult to exaggerate the stupidity and dishonesty of what passes for political acumen among the professional rulers. Besides the cool willingness to contemplate nuclear war, the blasé cynicism of the disarmament conferences,

consider the case of Eatherly, to which Russell refers. He it was who gave the signal for the dropping of the bomb at Hiroshima. He was not told what the bomb would do and was utterly horrified at the consequences of his action. He therefore devoted himself to a personal campaign of civic disobedience both as a means of publicising the atrocity of nuclear weapons and as a personal expiation. The authorities decided that he should be considered mad and he was locked up in a maximum security ward for six months. Subsequently, after pressure on the authorities, he was transferred to a section of the hospital where he enjoyed unusual privileges and was promised an early release. He was not released but has for the time being escaped.

It is for the revelation of little known facts like these as much as its general argument that Russell's book is valuable. It desperately needs a wide public.

Politics, Life and Action

TO understand the annoying pranks of those who believe in C.N.D. and Unilateral Disarmament, one must attempt an understanding of the fundamental idea which motivates intelligent people to acts of common vandalism and disregard for the laws of our land. You may have gathered from the emotional speeches at the C.N.D. rallies and their propoganda that the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament aims, not at world wide disarmament but—Ban the Bomb in Britain and let the rest follow our moral lead.

Have those, who proudly display their affiliation to C.N.D., really considered the possible consequences of the policies which they advocate? May I put it to them that their hope of our impressing the opposing nuclear camps by a great 'moral' lead is blindly unrealistic? The economics of the situation is debatable, but I believe increased expenditure would result from the enforced maintenance of larger conventional forces, corresponding in a wastage of industrial manpower. Further, may I suggest that the upset in the balance of power could ever precipitate a nuclear war? The decrease in the ability of the free world to defend itself would serve only to encourage a likely aggressor—I don't think we need reminding of the fact that the rulers of the Soviet Bloc are basically aggressors by political faith. Yet having rejected our only means of defence in the face of considerable threat and having broken existing obligations to the countries who relied on our power for their defence, wherein would lie our qualification to influence the decisions and judgements of that nuclear power to which we had entrusted our defence. Would Lord Russell and his friends have the impertinence to request protection under these conditions; to be more to the point, would that nuclear power display the magnanimity to agree to our protection? The consequences of unilateral disarmament are quite obvious, yet the supporters of C.N.D. refuse to see that their policies are less than a half measure for the solutions of the problems faced by mankind.

Human Race

If we are so concerned about the future of the human race, and if we

are so eager to act, would it not be a good idea to review the whole world situation so that our resulting actions are relevant?

The creation of a world community, which recognises the prime importance of the fraternity of mankind, is possible, given the universal desire for this community, where there is respect among persons and states. Only when this fraternity of mankind is universally recognised will the wars cease and peace and happiness reign. The experienced statesmen and philosophers must work out the best way that this could be achieved, for the solution will not be so simple as rejecting our nuclear weapons and then living happily ever after.

Common Yoke

It may be useful to note that any fraternity is the result of labouring under a common yoke with a common end in view. Perhaps our leaders could create the yoke, under which the peoples of the world could labour, and direct it towards the eradication of poverty, disease, ignorance and oppression.

If our leaders are moving too slowly toward this goal, new leaders must be elected who will further this prime cause with increased vigour. Yet we must make known that we are more concerned with this issue of future peace than with petty domestic issues. Here perhaps is a useful opportunity for our friends who are eager to be active for the cause of peace to impress this fact on the visiting M.P. I have a feeling, however, that they will prefer to wave banners, squat in the road and enjoy the fuss rather than partake in the hard work of reconciliation among the nations.

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Sport in the U.S.S.R.

An Article on the Organisation of Sport in the Soviet Union

This article is an extract from "Physical Education & Sport in the Soviet Union", a report based upon a visit to Russia by three P.E. experts. They were J. S. Calvert of King's College, Newcastle, C. Somer of Loughborough and R. E. Morgan of Leeds Union, who edited the report.

THE Central Committee of the Union of Sports Societies of the U.S.S.R. is the co-ordinating agency for sport and physical education at all age levels among the two hundred million people in the 15 republics of the Union.

Mr. Kukushkin, Head of the Research Department, who met us on behalf of the Central Committee, was equally at home in arranging visits for us to research centres or children's dancing classes, in discussing the movements of the Soviet Gymnastic team at home and abroad, summoning the national swimming coach or authorising our admission to the Soviet Football Cup Final. His is an organisation of which we have no parallel in this country.

Twenty-five Million

It was set up in 1923 and there can be little doubt that it was largely instrumental in creating the sports societies of which it claims to be the union. Early in its existence the Central Committee dispensed large sums of money to the sports groups which grew up in factories, trade unions and collective farms. It helped particularly in the building of stadia and sports centres and it encouraged the small groups to unite into sports societies to use and administer these facilities. Today it is claimed that the sports societies are self-supporting through gate receipts and membership fees. The total membership of the sports societies is in the region of 25 million. There is no standard pattern for a sports society. Since 1958 most of the trade union sports societies have been grouped on a territorial basis within the republics, rather than along industrial lines, but some still retain their connection with particular industries, either within a republic or, in three cases, throughout the USSR. Most of them cater for both

CROSS-COUNTRY

HIGH HOPES DASHED

HIGH hopes that Leeds would regain the Senior Christie championship and retain the Junior Christie championship were dashed utterly on Saturday by the superior running of the Manchester teams.

BAD CONDITIONS

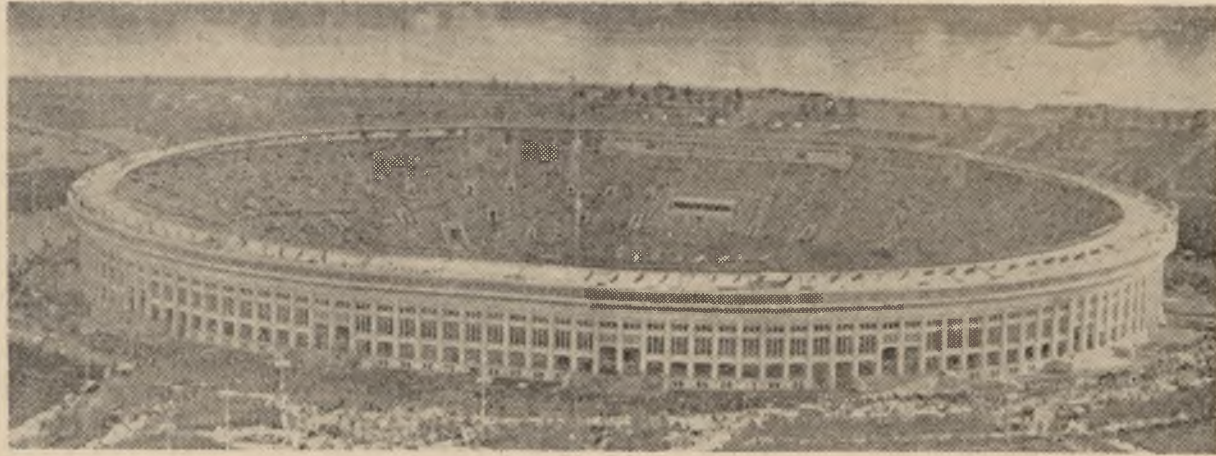
In the senior race at Wyntenshaw, in conditions not at all conducive to fast times, it was Manchester's tremendous strength in depth which proved decisive. The top Leeds four of Wood, Jefferies, Harris and Vaux once again shone, all being placed in the first eight, but this was to no avail since they received poor support from the rest of the team. Manchester packed in all their scoring runners before another Leeds man appeared.

Not surprisingly, Ron Hill, of Manchester, was an easy individual winner.

- 1 Manchester (39pts.)
- 2 Leeds (55pts.)
- 3 Liverpool (93pts.)

In the Junior race held at Liverpool, the Leeds team again failed to do itself justice and was beaten by the narrow margin of 6pts.

- 1 Manchester (36pts.)
- 2 Leeds (42pts.)
- 3 Liverpool (117pts.)



CROWDS ASSEMBLING IN THE LENIN STADIUM

sexes and all ages; all provide facilities for a wide variety of pursuits; all (except perhaps Dynamo) are centred around some social or industrial grouping. Sea Eagle is the sports society of the students, Torpedo of automobile workers, Spartak of the Co-operative Movement, Trud of the Labour Reserve.

Dynamo formerly had a connection with the Ministry of the Interior: it is widely held to have been the sports society of the M.V.D. Certainly it



NO BARE KNEES HERE

appears to have been favoured in the provision of facilities, but membership is now open and it is proudly said that Dynamo is the only "independent" sports society in the USSR.

Vast Sports Park

The Dynamo Stadium in Moscow is set in a vast sports park. Besides the stadium proper there are several gymnasia, a fifty metre swimming pool, a sports hall with earth floor for tennis, a children's arena with spectator accommodation, and outdoor facilities for tennis, ice hockey, basket ball and volley ball. In the pool we saw a gala for several hundreds of children, all members of Dynamo. At times the pool may be used by other organisations, but it may only be used by persons belonging to a recognised group. An open-air pool, having water continuous with the present indoor pool, will be started and completed in 1961.

Four Hours Training

At the Lenin Stadium we saw the men's and women's gymnastics teams of the Trud sports society practising for a competition. At this stage in their preparation they were training four hours a day for five days a



LEAPING TO FAME

week. Like all Russian athletes they are amateurs, and paid for their jobs in the factory, and not for their sport.

The Sports Societies are what might be termed the social units of Soviet sport. In addition there are the Federations or governing bodies for the individual games, such as the USSR Football Association. These organise the national competitions and international fixtures and tours, but here again there is a Protocol Section of the International Department of the

Central Committee which plays a controlling part. A member of the staff of this department is Mr. Leo Saitser, secretary to the USSR Olympic Committee.

Staffs of Coaches

The Federations both within the separate republics and at Union level have their staffs of coaches. These coaches, like those employed by the sports societies or clubs, have all been trained at one of the physical education institutes and have the diploma which safeguards their status and salary. The chief coach and his staff, at each level, are entirely responsible for the selection and training of the representative teams.

SOCCER

DOUBLE OVER DURHAM

LEEDS UNIVERSITY ... 2
DURHAM COLLS. ... 0

BY beating Durham Colleges at Weetwood on Saturday, the soccer team completed the double over them, having won at Durham 5-2 earlier in the season. ...

The University went into an early lead when Edwards headed home a Hutchinson free kick, and it was Edwards again who crashed in the second goal after 18 minutes following a period of pressure from the visitors. Although Durham played some good football in midfield they were uncertain in front of goal and their scoring efforts were reduced to long range shots which gave goalkeeper Kirby no apparent trouble.

In the second half the game was virtually a dual between the Leeds attack and the visitors' defence, with the Durham goalkeeper in constant action, bringing off great saves from a shot on the run by Harness and a long range drive by Connolly. The

Towards the end Durham came back into the game as an attacking force and tried hard to score a consolation goal, but the home defence held firm and kept their goal intact.

TEAM: Kirby; Lanigan, Mellor; Hutchinson, Lycett, Connolly; Harness, Barnes, Edwards, Hamber, Robinson.

RUGBY

Leadership Brings Success

Kendal 3 pts., Leeds Univ. 6 pts.

BY virtue of last Saturday's win Leeds have to date won 11 out of their 14 fixtures. They beat Kendal by a try and a penalty to a try. In short they have an excellent record which is the result of fitness, enterprise, and above all leadership.

In appalling conditions Leeds outplayed Kendal and after Train had given them the lead with a penalty goal, Ward and Morris executed a scissors movement which led to Ward scoring an unconverted try. In bad handling conditions the Leeds three-quarters showed aptitude and no little skill behind a steady pack in which Howe hooked well. They outplayed Kendal; but the elements had the last word and restricted points scoring. Kendal's only score was a try—the outcome of an unfortunate misfielding of the slippery ball in defence.

It will surely be of exceptional interest how the University fair at Kirkstall against the Headingley XV on Saturday. For to achieve victory the University pack will have to pull out all stops and the threequarters, for their part, must emulate their performance in Manchester.

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DURHAM PACK ON TOP

Durham University 11 pts., Leeds University 10 pts.

Official Reply

Please allow me to comment on your "Little Sportorial" complaining of the condition of the 3rd Division intramural soccer pitch.

This pitch has recently been brought into commission to meet the apparently insatiable demands for intramural soccer. I have a feeling that if we had more such mud-patches to augment our present grounds, people would still come forward to use them and I am happy that there is this enthusiasm.

Naturally the University is planning further development at Weetwood. but it is my personal opinion that the provision of grass pitches cannot possibly keep pace with the demand. For years I have urged the provision of a few Redgra soccer and hockey pitches (preferably floodlit) but the idea has been passively opposed and obstructed, not least by the Union representatives. Now we have been shown the way by a neighbouring secondary school which has two Redgra soccer pitches in use several times every day of the week.

Yours etc.,

R. E. MORGAN.

Department of Physical Education.

CRICKET

LOOKING AHEAD

Last Wednesday Leeds acted as hosts to the cricket representatives of the Northern Universities who met to discuss and prepare a tentative fixture list for the new 'league' system being introduced next season.

It was decided to select a Northern Universities XI to play against a Minor County XI so that selectors can look at Northern talent rather than having to select U.A.U. sides on reputation alone, as in the past.

LEEDS lost the chance to meet Bristol in the semi-final of the U.A.U. championship when they were defeated on a snow carpeted pitch at Newcastle. Durham achieved their object in playing a tight game and in consequence the Leeds backs in trying in vain to open the game found themselves well stalked by the Durham back row.

Durham had the edge in line-out play and their pack worked efficiently throughout the game. In Edgar they possessed a grand tactician who kicked well and who never opened the game to the detriment of his side. Swift heeling also contributed to his side's success.

Anson Try

In the first half Ward and Hailey nearly scored but Warwick had a sound game at full back for Durham. After scoring first Durham continued to work the touchline and added when a try resulted from stern forward play. Anson, however, ten minutes before time kicked ahead and scored a try which was converted by Train.

Dropped Goal

Train was caught in possession and Edgar dropped an opportunist goal. 5-11 down Leeds retaliated and Griffiths burst through magnificently to score a converted try. It was Leeds' first defeat at the hands of another University this season.

TEAM: Train; Anson, Ward, Griffiths, Williamson, Morris, Williams, Fleming, Gomersal, Shorrock, Hailey, Sanderson, Evans, Phillips, Bridge.

HOCKEY

LEEDS ROBBED

Leeds 2, Leeds Corinthians 2. "A CRACKING game" this was the opinion of the few spectators present at the Leeds Corinthians' ground. On this fine cold Saturday afternoon the University side played hard against tough opponents and the result, a draw, was fair.

Leeds attacked from the start and soon had the opposing defence in trouble. After ten minutes continual attack the University was awarded a short corner and Wickham scored. This fired the home team, who playing the new 4-2-4 formation needed time to settle down. They pressed the visitors goal and under the strain Stockums forgot himself and decided to play football. Corinthians were awarded a penalty flick, tension mounted, but the ball hit the post. Just before half time they were unfortunate to have another penalty given against them from which Corinthians equalised.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first. Leeds obtained a quick goal when the ball was passed out to the right wing and Merlin cracked it home. However Corinthians fought back and gained a late equaliser.

LACROSSE

Sharpshooting Sharples

WALLY BLAIR reports
LEEDS UNIVERSITY 11
URMSTON 8

An unexpected victory over league leaders Urmston brought the Lacrosse Club's best performance this season. Against a very strong side, with the best attack and defence record in the division, Leeds came from being two goals down to a comfortable 9-3 lead at half-time, and although the visitors made a spirited revival the home team superiority was never seriously challenged.

The Leeds attack, with wing man Pete Sharples outstanding, scored some excellent goals and sound performances by Gay and Creighton in the defence proved just too much for Urmston. After being two goals down Leeds suddenly clicked into gear and five goals in a row by Sharples gave the Urmston defence their biggest headache this season. Lowe, Adams, Wilson and Thorley brought the first half tally to 9.

After the interval Leeds were under pressure for long periods and with the light fading and the ground in a bad condition, Urmston managed to score through Clarke (3) and Cudworth (2). Leeds however kept cool and two final goals by Watts and Lowe completed the scoring.

Leeds are now fourth in the division and a win over fellow Yorkshiremen Old Grovians next Saturday could well put them into second place.

TEAM: Gay, Creighton, Martin, Watts; Blair, Thorley; Lowe; Sharples, Adams; Gallagher, Williams, Wilson.

2nd Team: Leeds 5, Old Hulmeians Extra A 8.

FIVES

BEST RESULTS EVER

The first team has ended the Autumn term with the best results in their history, having won eight, drawn one and lost one—that being to Cambridge by a meagre 11 points. The draw with London is most noteworthy, since this places Leeds with London, after Oxford and Cambridge, as the top five Universities.

The victories have included wins over the Universities of Oxford, Durham, Manchester and Sheffield. Also, in the Halifax open doubles tournament, three pairs were beaten by the holders, including Berry and Nelson in the semi-final and Carlisle and Slater in the finals. Next term the team should retain its unbeaten record and U.A.U. prospects are very high.

SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK

GORDON GILLETT

by ANN BOYNTON

COMING from such a famous hockey school as Kingston Grammar, it is hardly surprising that hockey is Gordon Gillett's main sport. At school he was in the 1st XI for three years, captaining it the last year. His achievements with regard to hockey were numerous even at this early stage. He played for Surrey schoolboys for two years, captaining them the second year, and in his last year at school was chosen to play for the English Schoolboys' XI.



got his first Yorkshire trial in which he really proved the selectors right—by scoring five goals. "It was just one of those days" he said. After his second Yorkshire trial he was chosen to play for the county against Nottinghamshire. His comment on this match was that he made a dreadful mess of things, but the real reason was that he was unfortunate enough to twist his ankle. This injury prevented him from playing for the U.A.U. in two representative matches but when picked again he turned out against Kent.

Already this season Gordon has team and in both county trials and has recently played for the U.A.U. again. These are all amazing achievements for a second year Mechanical Engineer and he will no doubt go on to achieve even greater success.

SAILING

FIRST WIN OVER MANCHESTER

Sailing on Waterloo Lake in Roundhay Park on Saturday, 2nd December in a wind that varied from a mere zephyr to vicious gusts, Leeds University Sailing Club first team beat Manchester University Sailing Club first team. The racing was tense, keen and close. At no time was the result a foregone conclusion. The result was in the balance in the final seconds of the last race when the Manchester boats began to creep up on the Leeds boats, which had lain becalmed a short distance from the finishing line. The wind came at the right time and the Leeds boats managed to retain their lead.

The second team, sailing at Bangor, lost to Bangor University by 4 points.

Spotlight on . . .

THE BASKETBALL CLUB

by NARI DHULDHOYA

WHY don't we call it "International Basketball Club"? Well, it has twelve nationalities among its members and seven among its 1st team which includes Turkish, Lebanese, Israeli, Canadian, South African, American (I mean Uncle Sam's lad!) and strangely enough, British. Who can refute the international character of our university?

Unlike all other clubs in the Union it is not hit by perennial committees of apathy and dearth of talents among its members. On the contrary, with a modest membership of fifty it has to have twelve players for the 1st team, exactly twice as many as required who play in turn to give a game to the maximum number of talented players; and that is not all! They have a team in a local league as well.

Captain Megrel, with Dave Collie and Brian Milner, all last year U.A.U. players are in the vanguard of scoring activities of the club and form an admirable nucleus to build around. In fresher Bob Pilliar, Roy Bevan (yes he is back with us again) secretary Ruben Cirvasil, Dov Sagiv, Roy Seddon and Reedman they have able and useful team mates.

No Complaints

When asked about the usefulness of training, secretary Cikvasvili replied "For all our success we owe him (Mr. Mitchell) a lot. He has given us his best training."

Unlike all other clubs Basketball Club has no complaints to make except to point out the need for a standard size court. They stressed the first class condition of court, encouraging co-operation of gym staff, and adequate six hours a week allotted to them.

Vast Knowledge

Unmoved by victory in the Christie Cup last year Megrel and his men saw in the halt at the semi-final stage of the U.A.U. Championships a catastrophe to their ambitions. Mr. Mitchell the secretary of the national association, a member of the P.E. department, with his vast knowledge and experience of the game was therefore asked to take charge of coaching. This gave direction to the talents and brought strategies into force coupled with strength. It is a gratifying note to his labour to find that the club has already won the Christie this year, and it will not be surprising if they add the U.A.U. championships to their list of successes.



Another one for Megrel

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