



It was a tense moment at the Elland Road pitch last Wednesday. The Belgian side, Standard Liege came out onto the pitch first, and the 25,000 home crowd waited for their Boys. Then 12 figures in all white emerged from the dressing-room, and were met by a huge roar from the Stadium. But they weren't there to play football for the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. Something far more important — they were engineers to publicise Rag. But the crowd still saw the joke and cheered them, Leeds won by the way, 3-2.

Rag's off with a bang but... meanwhile...

PLANS ARE MADE FOR THE 27TH.

AS the Sunday 27th flashpoint draws hourly nearer and scores of Leeds students are making last-minute travelling arrangements for London, David Smith, the University's V.S.C. secretary, announced last night: "We will stick to the official march. We are not going to Grosvenor Square.

"There may be some people from other places who just want violence," continued Mr. Smith, "but no-one from Leeds is going to London with this intent."

Yesterday, official reports estimated that a hundred people would be attending the rally from Leeds, but unofficial sources put the number at many hundreds.

Mr. Smith said: "We are not going to provoke the police. If we are attacked by the police, we will try to defend ourselves, and to protect individuals who are being attacked by them." However, his confidence was not shared by any of the students we interviewed, most of whom were reluctant to give their names.

One student said: "If it wasn't for the police, the demonstration wouldn't be worth having." Another student said: "The police will provoke us. They'll hit

for any reason at any time."

Mr. Smith declared: "We are not taking any weapons with us." But another student said: "How does he know what people are going to take down in their cars."

And at a Direct Action meeting last week, John Quail told the listeners: "Pick up your weapons at the other end. Wear a box, some form of head-gear, heavy shoes, thick clothes on the chest and do some circuit training if you are going to the demonstration."

HOOLOGANISM

Mr. Smith claimed that, by and large, the various groups who would be going to London were united. But he admitted that there were minor differences, chiefly about collective responsibility for individuals who commit acts of hooliganism. "If one individual starts trouble, we won't help him if he is arrested,"

by John Josephs

he added, "but there are other groups who feel differently."

Amongst these groups are the Anarchists, one of whom said on violence: "It depends on the situation. If it was in a mass democratic revolution, I would throw a bomb at a policeman."

He continued: "If my best friend threw a brick at a policeman, I'd try to get him away because of the consequences involved if he were arrested."

"Nothing should happen to someone who throws a brick at a copper, even if the copper hadn't provoked him. There will be a minority who will go deliberately to cause violence."

Mr. John Coates a member of the Young Liberals, said that he would go to the demonstration except for the fact that it was too far away. He said: "I agree with the aims of the demonstration, although I'm not a violent person."

When asked if this meant that he thought that there would be no violence, he

replied: "It is certain to end in violence, because of the way it's been built up. I hope it is not hooliganism, but deliberate political action. I don't condemn people who use violence in this way."

The belief that the demonstration will end in violence appears to be shared by all shades of political opinion. "While I have strong sympathy with the aims of achieving peace in Vietnam," said Mr. Tim Caudery, a 'moderate' of Union Council, "I am utterly opposed to any demonstration which is being arranged with the intention of being violent, as I believe this one is."

BOYCOTT

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the situation is the fact that, while although every other Left Wing group is supporting the demonstration, the Marxists and the Socialists' Labour League are boycotting it.

One Left Winger said: "The S.L.L. is boycotting it because they didn't think of it first!" Mr. Bernard Diamant, a member of S.L.L., refused to comment on this statement.

However, Mr. Robert Lizar, a Marxist, said: "I'm against the demonstration because it won't have any effect on the mind of the student. They'll realise that they are politically impotent. V.S.C. is only dealing with part of the problem. The answer isn't to stop the war, but to change the whole system of communism and capitalism."

Student studio for local radio

by Union News Reporter

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION have constructed a recording studio to enable students to produce programmes for BBC Radio Leeds. The Union is also to spend more than £300 on recording equipment which is being specially designed for the studio.

President of the Union, Miss Shona Falconer, said: "It is quite appropriate that we should be spending money to help local broadcasting in this way—particularly as we have just received a considerable sum of money from Granada for television appearances."

The studio with adjoining control room is located on the top floor of the Union Building. From the control room, producers and controllers can see through a large soundproof window into the studio.

Student productions will include concerts, debates and drama, as well as the weekly programme 'University City'. University City' is a 30-minute programme of features and stories about the University community and can be heard at 11.30 a.m. every Sunday on BBC Radio Leeds.

All programmes will be pro-

duced for the Union by Network 4, a Union Society which already produces a weekly closed-circuit student television programme.

John Tough, Vice-President last year, who first proposed Union local radio programmes, said: "With our own programmes on Radio Leeds we have a great opportunity to draw ourselves closer to the people of the city."

Fire at Hall of residence

FIRE broke out in the kitchens of Bodington Hall at 6.30 on Tuesday morning, when a roasting oven caught fire. The Fire Brigade was called and the fire was extinguished by 7.25 a.m.

The breakfast menu had to be revised but it was served at the normal time.

In an interview, Mr. D. G. Holmes, the catering manager, said that the fire was only a minor one and that no serious damage was caused either to the centre block or the kitchens.

closely for three weeks.

And our report (pages 6-8) is startling. Just what is the Big-Sell all about? Turn to centre pages.

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See the finalists for the Rag Queen title on page 3, together with an unusual contender.

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A typhoid scare at Bodington. See page 12.

INSIDE

"The Knowledge Business" is the name given by encyclopaedia firms to their own profession. And we've discovered one company in Leeds who likes to keep its business to itself.

But Union News has been investigating its activities

'No time to prepare nominations'

UNION ELECTIONS DELAYED

UNION elections, due to have been held on the 4th and 5th of November, have been postponed for a week.

This was decided at last Monday's Union Council when Fine Arts postgraduate Chris Swann brought forward a motion suggesting the delay.

It was stated that although notices had been circulated by the Returning Officer and Clerk to the Union, Mr. Blood, a week last Tuesday, giving the date of the Close of Nominations as 16th October (last Wednesday) and the date of Polling as November 4th and 5th, as originally planned, the posters advertising the elections had not been displayed until last Monday, giving people insufficient time to prepare their nominations.

English Student

Further, last week's Union News should have printed a notice on the elections but did not do so. Second year English student and editor of U.N., Paul Dacre said that the notice, although handed in to Union News Office, had never reached him and was not found until Thursday when it was too late to print it.

Last year's male Vice-President, P.G. Engineer John Tough, said that he had ordered the posters as soon as he had heard the

dates involved but they had not arrived until Monday.

At the meeting it was also discovered that there were either 7 or 8 places to be filled on U.C. and not 5 or 6 as previously thought.

The Bye-elections are thus for: a Union Male Vice-President; a Disciplinary Tribunal Chairman and either 7 or 8 members of Union Committee (depending on whether the MVP elected is now a member of that body).

Union Card

Nominations must now be in by noon on Wednesday 30th October. Hustings for M.V.P. and Disciplinary Tribunal Chairman will be held on November 5th(!) There are no hustings for U.C.

All polling will take place on the 11th and 12th of November, by the usual method of presenting a Union Card for stamping.

Coppard Dumped

Dear Editor,

It was with great difficulty that we were able to find out where to send this letter, due to the lack of help from more senior students. Having no minds of our own, like dear Sandra Coppard, we too were at our wits end on bazaar day.

And we are sure that when we are second years we would love to indoctrinate freshers with our thoughts and our societies so that they would be just like us. Wouldn't it be nice to have half a dozen or so freshers tagging along for the first few weeks so we can show them all the short cuts to the nearest convenience. I hope that's as far as it would go.

Of course, we refer to Sandra Coppard's letter in last week's News.

Seriously, though, freshers' conference, basically, is a good idea, but no longer, please, and surely freshers are old enough to find their own way around after the initial introduction, and able to choose the societies they wish to join.

After all, is this a university or a prep school, as Sandra Coppard would like it.

MICK GOLDEN
R. J. CLORE
G. FISHWICK

The Irresistible Wall... back by popular request

Dear Sir,

Your editorial last week suggested that we should laugh at Patrick Wall when he comes on his forthcoming visit. May I suggest that we go one stage further and not go to the meeting. The laughter will turn to jeers and once again the poor

man will not have a chance to say anything at all... after all, he is said to be an extreme Fascist, yet he wasn't given a chance to show that this was true last time.

If all level-headed anti-extremists failed to go to this meeting then the Comm. Soc. and Tory Association could shout at the tops of their voices, and then all five of them would not prove much of an interruption for this second-class speaker!

Yours, etc.
H. MERINGUE.

Non-Co-operation

Dear Sir,

I was surprised at the "Radio Leeds" recording session in the R.S.H. this week to hear how ill-informed the academic staff, represented on the stage, were on the matters of staff-student co-operation and non co-operation, as the case may be.

I would like to think that this was due to apathy on the part of the staff. However, I feel this is unlikely. It is more likely that communications between staff and staff are not as good as offered between student and student on the body of the Union News.

Although this may well be looked upon as the staff's problem, I would suggest that an effort be made to distribute Union News more widely among the academic staff, as I'm positive there must be many hundreds who would benefit from its enlightened comment.

(Being a fresher, I do not know to what extent this proposal could be enacted under any regulation which may govern the sale of Union News or to what extent the staff would support it.)

Yours,
S. G. SHERWEN.



Lodgings Complaints

Dear Sir,

I wonder if I might have the use of your columns to draw to the attention of all students the fact that the Lodgings Office is, as a matter of normal practice, always ready to receive and explore complaints about accommodation.

May I, therefore, invite all

those unmarried undergraduate students who have any complaints about either the structural conditions of the place in which they live or the facilities provided, to report the details to the Lodgings Office, either in person or by letter, so that the necessary action can be taken as quickly as possible.

Yours truly,
G. N. STEPHENSON,
Assistant Registrar,
Student Accommodation.

PARKING PROBLEMS

LETTERS were left by the police, last Monday, on all cars parked in Lyddon Terrace and Lipton Place, pointing out that they were causing an obstruction.

When interviewed, P.C. 608 Waller, of the Traffic Warden H.Q., said that the penalty would be the customary issue of parking ticket 18, and that action had been taken only after complaints from residents.

"This problem occurs every year with the influx of new students," said Waller, "but it will soon resolve itself."

A resident of Lyddon Terrace complained that there was no indication to motorists that they should not park in this area: "If there was something definite to co-operate with, we'd co-operate. As it is we don't know where we're supposed to park. The Union and University car parks are too far away."

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UNION COUNCIL BYE-ELECTIONS 1968-69

1. Nominations are now invited for:—

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Nomination forms can be obtained from the Porter's Office. When returned, nomination forms should have the name of the candidate and that signature of the proposer and seconder on them.

(a) Candidate MUST be a Student Ordinary Member.

Proposers and seconders MUST be Student Ordinary Members.

(c) A member who is NOT a candidate may not propose, or second more candidates than there are vacancies: a member who is a candidate may not propose or second more candidates than there are vacancies LESS one.

2. ONE COMPLETE NOMINATION FORM, together with eight copies of the manifesto and eight photographs of the candidate, affixed to the manifestos, should be returned in a sealed envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, by the candidate, by 12 noon on Wednesday, 30th October, 1968 to the Clerk to the Union, in the West Wing.

3. VOTING will take place on Monday and Tuesday, the 11th and 12th November, 1968 and will be by means of a stamp on the current Union Card.

THE ATTENTION OF CANDIDATES, PROPOSERS, SECONDEES, AGENTS, SUPPORTERS AND ALL OTHER UNION MEMBERS IS DRAWN TO THE COPY OF GOVERNING ELECTIONS.

(Sgd.) HAROLD BLOOD,
Returning Officer.
23rd October, 1968

Here are the finalists for the Rag Queen title; but our money is on 'Prudence' the pretty Rag Pig



SPECIAL SCHOOL BOYS HELP OUT

LEEDS RAG is being helped in one of their projects by a working party of boys from a local therapeutic residential community.

The boys, under the supervision of their building instructor, will repave a small, shabby garden area near the junction of Great George Street and Cookridge Street, next to St. Anne's Cathedral. When the area has been cleared and the flagstones laid, seats will be put up there

for the use of old people. The boys, who have their own farm and learn agriculture, building, and other trades at the school, will do all the work themselves but any students who want to help will be very welcome. Mr. Emerson, the headmaster of the school, said: "This is a way of helping to bridge the gap between

the school and the community."

In exchange for their help, Rag have promised to get hold of some second-hand bikes and bike spares for the boys, some of whom have an opportunity to work between four or five miles away from the school and need transport. Rag will also donate "something" to the school after Rag.

Girls robbed while they slept

SIX second year girls in a student flat were robbed of goods worth more than fifty pounds last week.

The burglar entered through a downstairs window and took a leather coat worth £35, two other coats, a radio, money from the gas meter and about five pounds in cash.

The intruders went upstairs and entered a bedroom, disturbing one of the girls sleeping there. The girl, Viv Hutchinson, half woke to see the reflection in the mirror of a hand closing the door and the light going off.

"I was too sleepy to realise what it was," she explained, "so I just went back to sleep. I thought I was dreaming."

After finding fingerprints on the window-sill, the police have identified and arrested three negro youths who have since been charged. All the goods except for the radio have now been recovered.

The Union will insure all personal property for the sum of £5 p.a. and students are strongly advised to take advantage of this service.

Reach Your Friends through the UNION NEWS Personal Column

AT LAST!

Student Evicted

GARETH DAVIES, a third year politics student who appeared anonymously in B.B.C.'s 'Look North' programme, which was 'Looking' at his flat, has been evicted. On the programme he described his flat as: "Cold, damp, terrifically draughty and rather primitive."

The Lodgings Office inspected the basement flat, found it unfurnished and falling short of University standards and informed the landlady, Mrs. Jasper, about this.

She then told Mr. Davies, curtly, "You've got your notice," though she did not

say from when, nor had she seen the programme.

Mr. Stephenson, the Assistant Registrar, remarked that if the flat had been well-furnished and cared for, there might have been a case for leniency. When told that Davies had intended to furnish it on the day it was inspected, having only just received his grant,

he said it was "a strange coincidence."

Asked what would happen if an undergraduate defied the Lodgings Office in a matter of this kind, he said: "The matter would be pursued to an acceptable conclusion."

On Mr. Davies' eviction, the B.B.C. said that they would take note of the fact but are not prepared to comment at this stage. They will "discuss the possibility of further action."

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Mis-Fortunes Hit Rag

RAG have had to make fresh arrangements at the last minute to get a group for Rag Ball on October 31st. It had been arranged that the Fortunes should play and a contract was drawn up at the end of August.

Rag Chairman John Standline and Harry Blood, Clerk to the Union, both signed it and sent it off to the London agent, Kings Agency (Variety) Ltd.

"That was the last we heard of it," said John, "and when we rang up to ask why they hadn't sent it back to us they told us we'd cancelled it; but we hadn't done anything of the sort."

The agency insisted that they had written to Rag on Sep-

tember 25th to tell them that the Fortunes would not be able to appear but the letter "must have gone astray at your end."

HERBY GOINS

"Apparently, The Fortunes had another contract abroad with an extension option which they decided to take up," continued John. "We insisted that they got us another group, as good, if not better, and Herby Goins will be coming now."

"It's too late to change the tickets or the posters now, we'll just have to explain to people."



From left to right, Jack Pritchard, Dr. Hall, the programme compere, Mike McGowan, Shona Falconer and Professor Evans.

L.U.U. RADIO DEBATES

SIT-IN ISSUE

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NON-VIOLENT direct action the Anglo-Rhodesian Society and soccer violence were discussed by a panel of university celebrities in "Check Point Leeds" last week.

The programme, which is very similar to the B.B.C.'s "Any Questions" was recorded in the Riley Smith Hall with an audience of about two hundred and fifty students.

On the panel were Union President, Shona Falconer, Professor Evans late of Leeds University Civil Engineering Department, Jack Pritchard, an external member of the University and Dr. Hall, a graduate of the University and a Conservative member of the Leeds Council.

SIT-IN

The question of last session's sit-in was raised and the panel agreed with Miss Falconer that the action taken was the only one possible after the University Senate had cut communications with the Union Executive. Professor Evans blamed the University Administration for breaking off relations in the first place.

Questions followed on the Anglo-Rhodesian Society which the panel thought should not have been formed after the Union had thrown out the proposal,

Exec. Slams Idle U.C.

UNION Council members were censured by Exec. at the Union Council meeting on Monday night, for being inefficient and inactive in Union affairs.

Union Secretary Martin Verity, in the chair, condemned the U.C. members for their lack of assistance at Freshers' Conference when, in spite of election promises to help the students, only three or four of them were actually group leaders or helped in some other way.

NON-ATTENDANCE

He commented on their lack of participation and frequent non-attendance at General Meetings and the fact that very few of them were members of any Union sub-committees. They did not always come to the Union Council meetings and did not take part when they did attend.

Miss Viv Hopkins suggested that the front two rows at the General Meetings should be left empty for U.C. members and they should be asked to sign a paper to check on attendance. Measures of this kind are being considered.

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NOTICE OF BYE-ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the posts:—

- (i) Male Vice-President, 1968/69
- (ii) Chairman of Disciplinary Tribunal 1968/69
- (iii) Seven/Eight Members of Union Council.

Nominations close on Wednesday, 30th October; Hustings for M.V.P. and Chairman of Disciplinary Tribunal take place on 5th November. Polling 11th/12th November, 1968.



Pick of the Week's Reviews

**New and vital
Student drama
looks promising**

IF you think that University Theatre Groups are an excuse for booze, lust, debauchery and general academic indolence—if you imagine that they are populated by hairy archetypal Creeping Jesus student types, you are, of course, right. On the other hand, if you think that this is all they are you are likely to be sadly disappointed, at least as far as the Leeds group is concerned.

I attended a series of auditions this week and was astonished by the energy and single-mindedness of this group.

From what little I have seen to date, they are certainly among the most ambitious and talented groups I have ever come across, and their very full programme of productions should afford plenty of food for comment.

Rag is the next item on their agenda, but there is also a Fresher's Play and two One-Act plays by Joe Orton under the general title of 'Crimes of Passion'. The casting for this has just been completed, and apparently the response was of an extremely high standard. So

high in fact that the auditioners—if that's the word—are anxious to point out that people who did not get parts were more often than not turned away merely because there were too many others after the same part, and not because they lacked talent.

at the theatre
with
Tim Griggs

It's reasonable to expect then that this production should be well worth seeing. As 'The Times' would have it. "I look forward to this play with interest."

**Weak LP. from P.P. Arnold
but watch Jethro Tull**

SINCE last week's phonographic dissertation I have received several indignant letters "But these records aren't new" "You never mentioned the Bee Gees who are fab" "Obscure drivel."

I should perhaps explain that I don't think that there is any point in repeating what you can read in any number of music papers, concerning the regular occupants of the Top Forty. I'd rather mention some of the things which I find interesting and which are currently available even if they've been around for a while.

Island Records is a comparatively new label, but has a wide range of creative talents. Traffic, Spooky Tooth, Wynder K. Frog, to name but three. A new Island name to me is John Martyn, who has an L.P. out called 'The Tumbler'. Martyn is a very "non-traditional" folk singer whose style inevitably makes one compare his

work with that of Bert Jansch, Roy Harper, and even the Incredible String

Discourse
with
Martin Stuart

Band. However, any occasional similarities with

these don't detract from one's enjoyment of this record.

A very different proposition is P. P. Arnold's 'Kafunta'. (Non-freshers will remember her two appearances at the Union last session). The album has a very well designed open-up cover, revealing an impressive list of tracks including "God Only Knows", "As Tears Go By", "Eleanor Rigby", "Yesterday" and "Angel of the Morning." The arrangements by Tony Meehan (of Shadows fame) are excellent, but in my opinion, the quality of Pat's voice does not in any way approach the quality of the music. Frankly, I found it a painful experience listening to the L.P. all the way through.

Reports have been filtering through for some time that Jethro Tull is a group to watch. Their new L.P. 'That Was', fully confirms this. They are basically a guitar and drums blues band, but tending toward a jazz thing with their use of the flute. This is exemplified most in the Roland Kirk number "Serenade To A Cuckoo" which is excellent—often group drummers are too heavy handed to play good jazz, but not so in this case. At times the sound is almost like Chico Hamilton, and that can't be bad. (If you don't know what Chico Hamilton sounds like, the Union record library contains one of his albums which won't disappoint you).

I was in town the other day shopping for potatoes, when I passed by chance the offices of the Yorkshire Post. In the windows were displayed the winning entries in a painting competition for children, to celebrate the golden jubilee of Her Majesty's Royal Air Force.

The paintings, apparently all watercolours, were arranged in the order of the ages of the young artists. They ranged from a graceful Sopwith Camel soaring through the blue to a flock of Spitfires swooping dramatically down upon German bombers, and graceful R.A.F. bombers dropping black clouds of bombs over Germany.

I remember my own efforts in this direction when I was about ten or eleven. In common with the other boys in class we would delight in innumerable pencil drawings of swooping aeroplanes, bomb explosions, and so on (Meanwhile, the girls drew pictures of ladies with extravagant dresses and doll faces). This was not the result of genuine patriotism, but more a rather nasty result of the comics we read and the blood and thunder films we watched so avidly.

To us, Germans were hideous sadists who were either devilishly cunning or very stupid. They went round ejaculating emasculated oaths



Gail Pryor is producing this year's Rag Revue which opens at the City Varieties on October 28th. Seats 4/6d. to 7 bob.



Seen getting down to the serious business of rehearsing are two of the cast, Geoff Durham and Martyn Watkins.



**When children start
destroying**

by DICK WILCOCKS

like 'Donner und Blitzen!' and were always smitten by the cheerful tommies. The Japanese had prominent front teeth and chuckled as they sliced out the white man's liver with their wicked oriental bayonets. The blacks were amusing savages, but often good-natured. We never realised what were the true facts about war and bombing raids.

We found out about German and Japanese Imperialism but did not realise that the British had worked on the same principle in India and Africa. We soaked up all the nationalistic rubbish they aimed at us.

We had won a war against brutal foreigners, not against international fascism. Most of us, I hope, developed out of this phase.

So it is depressing to see the local commercial newspaper celebrating the R.A.F.'s jubilee with an exhibition of juvenilia. We hear talk about Art being concerned with the realities of life and death. These paintings are childish reflections of the sentimental myths of adults and reactionaries.

And when the first prize is a V.I.P. tour of an R.A.F. V-bomber station to see the graceful giants that can obliterate half a continent, that sentimentalism becomes revolting.

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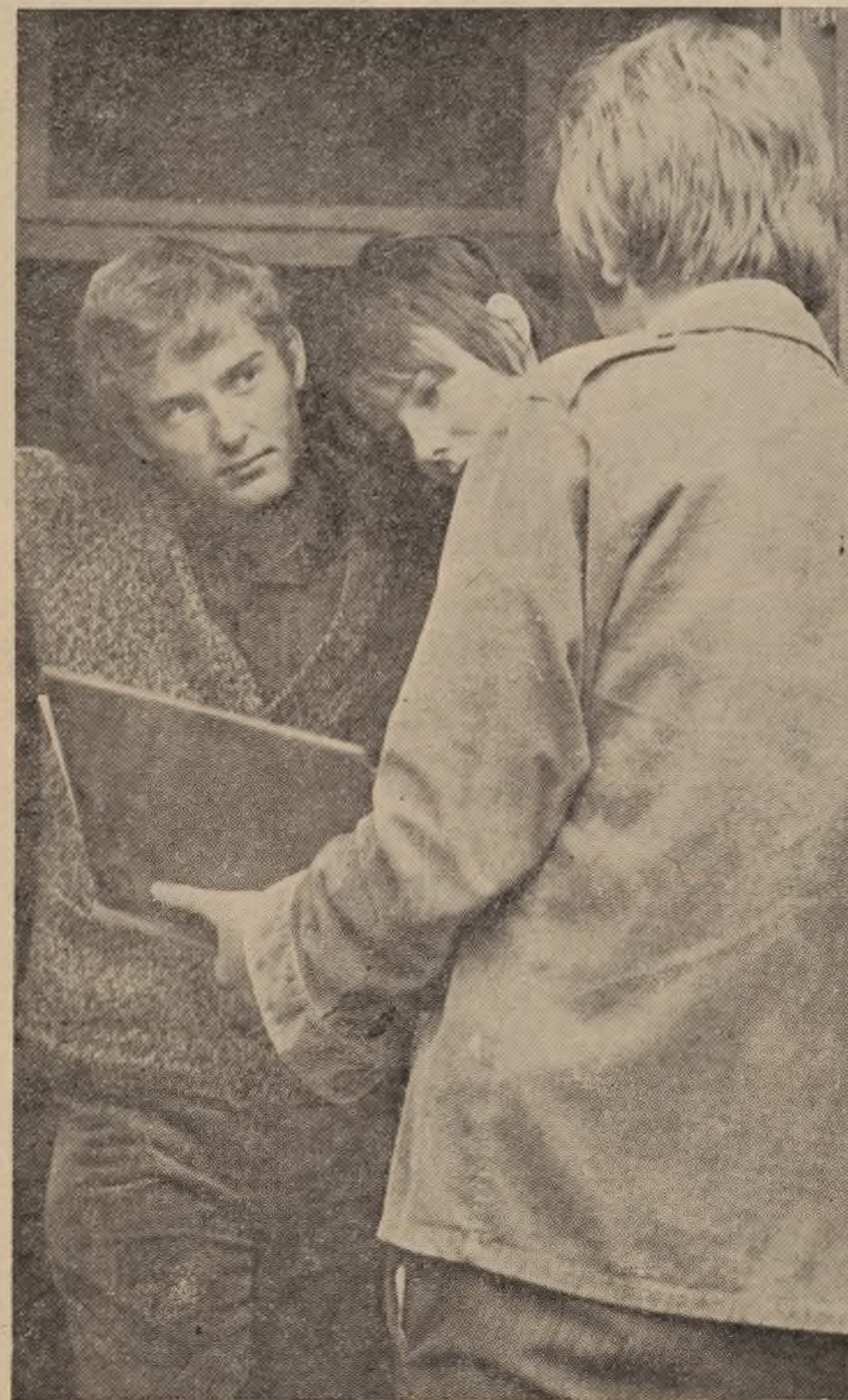
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Above left: The beginning of the sell in a specially posed photograph.
Centre: Mike Anderson leaving the Leeds office of Merit.

Right: What the whole set of encyclopaedias, year books and dictionaries look like.

UNION NEWS PROBE

by David Durman
Paul Dacre

pics. Joe McLoughlin

and the Union News Team of Keith Pepperall, Elspeth Lang, Pat Brown, Jane Feinman.

BOUGHT any good encyclopaedias lately? Even if you haven't, chances are, that your friends or relatives have been entertaining in their homes highly-trained salesmen and women posing as researchers for one of the biggest sellers of learning in the world.

Even now an 'interviewer' from Merit Inc. is probably reciting lines from a memorised script to someone you know and persuading them to sign away £162.

In fact, much of the operation is a hoodwink. In fact, this firm is employing an illegal technique which demands investigation.

Merit Inc. — a loosely-linked subsidiary of the American-based Crowell Collier MacMillan complex — claim to be "one of the nation's leaders in education and communication."

But we claim that they are guilty of deception and of breaking the law.

1. Disregarding certain provisions in respect of the 1965 Hire Purchase Act.
2. Disregard of the ethics of accepted commercial conduct.
3. Lying, in certain cases, in order to sell their products.

And we hope to show in this investigation that the way in which this firm operates is immoral and not to be tolerated in this country.

Richly Bound

Just how does Merit set about disposing of their "20 richly-bound, easy to handle volumes of learning with over nine million words."

"Students, wanting to earn a lot of money should contact" This was the ad. that many students followed up in the recent vacation. It sounds promising, doesn't it?

But exactly what does it promise?

Janet Littlechild, a 20-year-old Leeds student, was one of the hundreds who answered and went along for an interview in the drab back-street offices of the

Leeds branch of Merit. She takes up her own story.

"I answered this ad. and was told over the phone that if accepted, I would earn a minimum of £34 a week.

"I went along for an interview with about 12 others, was given a brief outline of what Merit was all about. (Incredibly brief, as I afterwards found out.) "We were to be door-to-door salesmen of encyclopaedias, it seemed. If we 'placed' less than two sets a week, we would be sacked.

"Over the next four days, those students who by now remained underwent the most intensive training.

"We were given a long script to learn by heart. We went through mock sellings about 30 times with our trainers. Those who couldn't recite the script perfectly were sacked. "And all the time, there was this enforced enthusiasm. We would have sessions of screaming and shouting to passages from the script.

"The office manager kept yelling at us, 'Think positive.' And one day he lectured us on: 'Directing your sex urges into making money.'

"At the end of five days we were allowed to go out selling on our own.

"During the next three weeks, I placed six sets of encyclopaedias. Later, I was told, of these orders, five had been cancelled.

"I finished, having earned £17, and sickened by the whole thing.

"At the time I think it was wrong, must have been washed. I was away. Everything such a high press was always being ye

"There is no about it, we go family's homes und pretences.

We spoke to Merit's top sellers — week he earned £50 is a member of the rent staff, who, for reasons, wishes to anonymous. We sha him Tom.

Dishonest

"It's got to be said Tom, "when physically sick approaching the fifth of the night. I have courage to knock.

"I know what I am a little dishonest. I didn't have a con about the job. But realize that it is wrong

How exactly does persuade the man street to sign a contract

We obtained a of the script memorised by word, by each salesman. It is 3,000 long, has obviously compiled by psycho and represents all the worst in the American Sell Game.

We examine its techniques. The salesman's first, greatest obstacle to come is to gain adm into the family's hou

He continues: "What I about to show you is not

THE GREAT KNOWLEDGE BUSINESS SCANDAL

thieves this by claiming be 'interviewing' families out "a programme that all affect this area." He asks: "Do you have a few minutes." But, in fact, the 'can take anything up three hours.

He now has to gain the family's confidence. As it ys in the script: "Proceed with small talk."

The seller is now warming to his job. He brings the conversation around to advertising techniques and their influence. The sales- man has previously received special instructions from his trainer to get the family to y that they are most influenced by 'personal commendation'.

He explains that Merit, create BRAND IDENTIFICATION and that is why Merit, realising how important 'personal recommendation' can be to their success, is calling on families in order to get their cws on one of their newest products.

He is at pains to point at that Merit can 'com- pensate' them for their help. At this point, we have the first allusion to the encyclo- paedias. The carrot is being first dangled in front of the greedy donkey.

He continues: "What I about to show you is not

being offered for retail purchase at the present time and will not be offered until our name becomes better known."

He concludes: "So please don't ask me to sell it to you (The encyclopaedias) as I cannot."

We allege, in the light of information supplied to us, that Merit's sales men have been told confidentially, that the set of encyclopaedias are not going to be made available on the retail market at all.

It seems that techniques employed up to this stage are designed to pull the wool over the prospective's buyers eyes. The hard sell begins and the rewards become tempting.

Red Herrings

The salesman then shows the family the actual-size model of the set of encyclopaedias and produces an actual-size volume. Merit is prepared, he says, to 'place' the encyclopaedias with "certain qualified families."

We allege that of the 3 qualifications mentioned, the first 2 are psychological red herrings designed to draw the family's attention away from the third—the money.

Firstly, the family must undertake to write a testimonial on the encyclo-

themselves have to pay, for the updating service. He emphasises: "We will however allow this concession for ten years and ten years only."

So we can see how at Merits, encyclopaedias are not 'sold', but 'placed'. The families are tempted by the golden carrot of 20 free encyclopaedias but eventually sign away £162 for the compulsory extras.

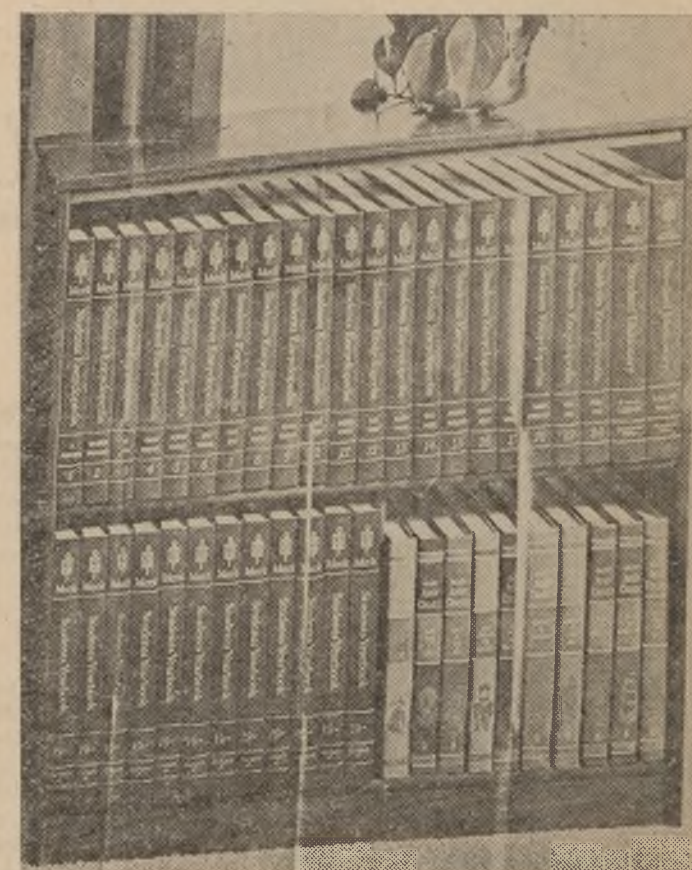
We would remind you, that we allege that the set of encyclopaedias will not be made available on the retail market within the foreseeable future.

Water

But still more carrots are to come. The salesman produces a calendar bank and says that a shilling a day for the next 10 years will pay the £162. And a collector will call, every month the salesman tells them, to collect the money.

At this stage, the Merit man has been told to ask for a glass of water. The psychology behind this, is to isolate the husband and wife, so that both during this pause, reflect how utterly undemanding the shilling a day payment will be.

But when the wife returns, the salesman suggests an alternative plan. Under this, the family will pay 3/- a day for the next 35 months. Since this scheme saves Merit 7 years book-keeping and administration costs and 10 years collectors' fees, the salesman claims, Merit offer "at no extra cost what so ever" a



existing and this we maintain, is deception.

A good salesman though, will always be able to persuade the family to take the three year plan. If he is successful he concludes: "Well, in that case, there's just one thing I would like to say and that is . . . Welcome to Merit (Shake Families hands)."

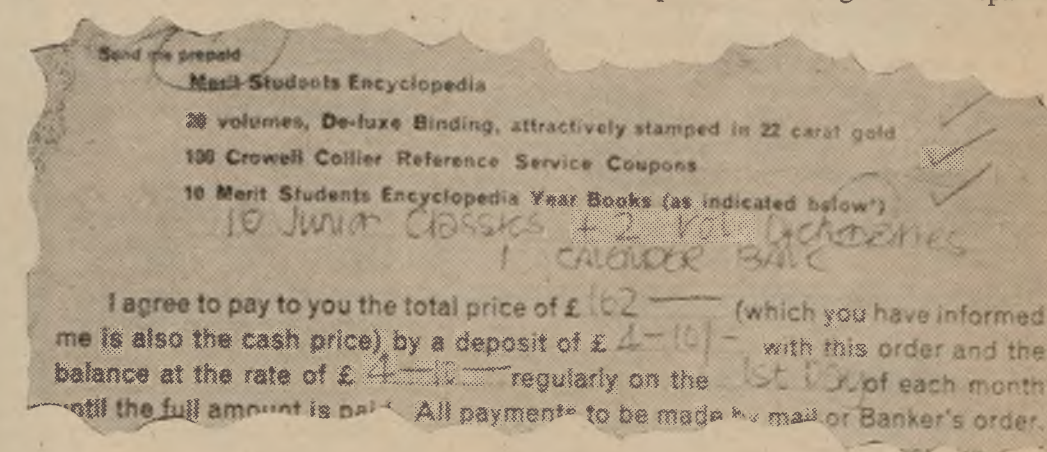
The salesman has now been instructed to gently bring the family down to earth with more small talk. As the script says: "Accept a cup of tea if it is offered. Do not discuss the pro-

supplies, "in case it is lost."

Our lawyers inform us that this deliberate concealment appears to be an aggravated offence against the Hire Purchase Act.

One of the most disturbing aspects of "the knowledge business" is the techniques employed by Merit to brainwash its staff. Merit's aims, seem to be, are to blinker its employees into unquestionable loyalty and subservience to the great company.

The higher members of the organisation sparkle



10-volume set of Junior Classics and a 2-volume set of Funk and Wagnall's Standard International Dictionary-'Standard' being a mere registered trade mark of the company.

We allege that in point of fact, the 10 year plan does not exist. It is the 3 year plan or nothing. Therefore Merit do not employ collectors to empty the calendar bank. The families who opt for the longer plan are left with the impression that if there is a collector in the area the agreement will go through. In fact, this family is now ignored.

We allege that since Merit have no collectors on their pay-roll, the 10 year plan is thus non-

gramme or the company during this time."

The family then signs the contract.

Under the 1965 Hire Purchase Act, a representative must bring to the attention of his customer the right of cancellation within three days—known in legal terms as the "cooling off" period.

We allege that Merit not only fail to do this—and are thus guilty of a criminal offence—but instruct their salesmen to fold this part of the agreement in such a way that the cancellation form is hidden from the family.

The salesman has then been instructed to place the agreement inside a small booklet which Merit

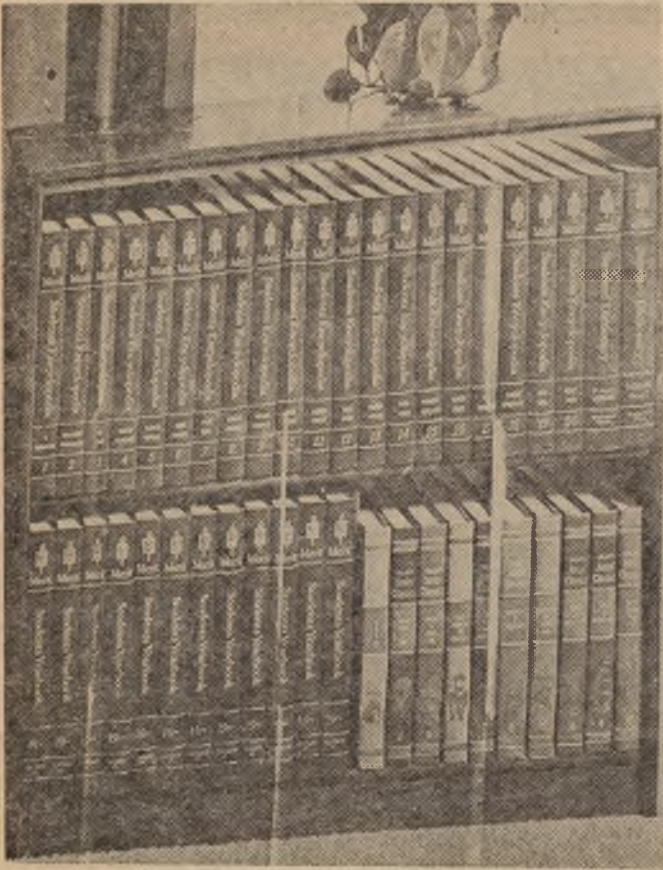
with a kind of fanatical love to the great golden god that is the firm. Merit is exalted almost to a religion. Its aims become ethereal. And its members become devoted disciples.

Slogans

The Leeds office, for example, has been dotted with slogans, painted in big letters such as: A WINNER NEVER QUILTS — AND A QUITTER NEVER WINS, SUCCESS HAS NO EXPLANATIONS, FAILURE NO ALIBIS, AND THINK POSITIVE.

As Janet Littlechild put it: "The organisation is fanatical. People's personalities change when they join Merit. Mine did, I know."

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Each area has its own trainers who take on the role of priests watching over the moral welfare of their flock. As the sales members are driven by van to the areas they have been assigned, the trainer leads them in communal singing designed to get them into the right mood for selling. They chant such lyrics as: "I wish you a Merit Christmas and a happy new year-book", etc., etc.

Confessions

And there are the confessions. Though in the car, no private conversation is permitted, a trainer makes it is duty to watch out for any sign of depression amongst his team. The slightest sign of worry or fatigue by any member, will affect that evening's performance and influence the rest of the group.

The more we learnt of this company, the more it took on the role of a sect.

We asked Dr. Derek Boyle, a member of the Department of Psychology at Leeds, to examine the script for us. He commented, "Taken as a whole, the document is an admirable example of the salesman's dictum: Never give a sucker an even break." Dr. Boyle recognised certain principles which he said, "have been known intuitively to mountebanks of all generations."

These are (i) the need for affiliation and (ii) the need for esteem. "Many of the points in the script," he said, "are designed to make the prospective buyers feel that they belong to a select group. And from time to time, it is implied that to expect to get these

"We wish you a Merit Christmas, and a Happy new Year Book"

volumes free, would be mean. In as much as most people do not like to be thought mean, they will be eager to take the steps suggested by the salesman to remove the taint of meanness."

"Nevertheless", he concluded, "it is an impressive piece of chicanery." — Another expert who has studied the script is Prof. Maurice Beresford, Prof. of Economic History and a member of the Government-appointed Consumer Council for the last 2½ years.

"The one word to describe it is cunning," he said. "All this friendly generosity and indeed, the imitation friendliness leading into a hard sell is quite distasteful."

Distasteful

Prof. Beresford showed particular concern at what he called "the manipulation of the ordinary person." He criticised Merit for arranging the deal in such a way "that the most substantial bit of good appears to be free — but by charging so much for the supplementary services the word 'free' though technically correct, is just made laughable."

Finally we put our accusations to Mike Anderson, the office manager of Merit Inc. in Leeds. His reaction to the questions that we put to him was "No comment."

He is slickly dressed, 22, and claims to have been Americas' number two disc-jockey before joining Merit. It is thought he can earn up to £250 a week.

In his office, next to the Orientation room, at the company's grimy headquarters in Water Lane, the curtains were drawn. Photos of the firm's American directors, look down omnipotently from the walls. Facing him on his desk is a picture of himself.

After refusing to answer one of our questions, Mr. Anderson said, "I'm ignorant. I don't know anything. I don't even know my own age. I don't ever speak to newspapers. I don't like reporters. I hate them. I used to be one myself."

Asked if it was his company's policy not to speak to the press he said: "It's mine." And continued: "Do you think I'm being rude to you. Because I'm trying damn hard to be." We refer

Mr. Anderson to a passage from the Merit script: "PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AT ALL TIMES YOU ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF MERIT INC. THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU MAKE IS THE IMPRESSION FORMED OF OUR COMPANY. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR COMPANY AND PROTECT ITS NAME AND IMAGE AT ALL TIMES."

Inquiry

Mr. Anderson finally consented to give us the name of a person to whom enquiries could be made at Merit's head office in London — a Mr. Montague Howard, but on telephoning we were referred, however, to a Mr. Rex Anderson who also refused to answer any of the points we made to him. "You must write me a letter on proper note-paper", he said, and added, "We certainly have no problems."

There, then, is the Merit way of selling Encyclopedias.

It is not hard to see just why Merit have not signed the Code of Conduct for Doorstep Salesmen drawn up by the Consumer Council which their parent organisation received in January this year.

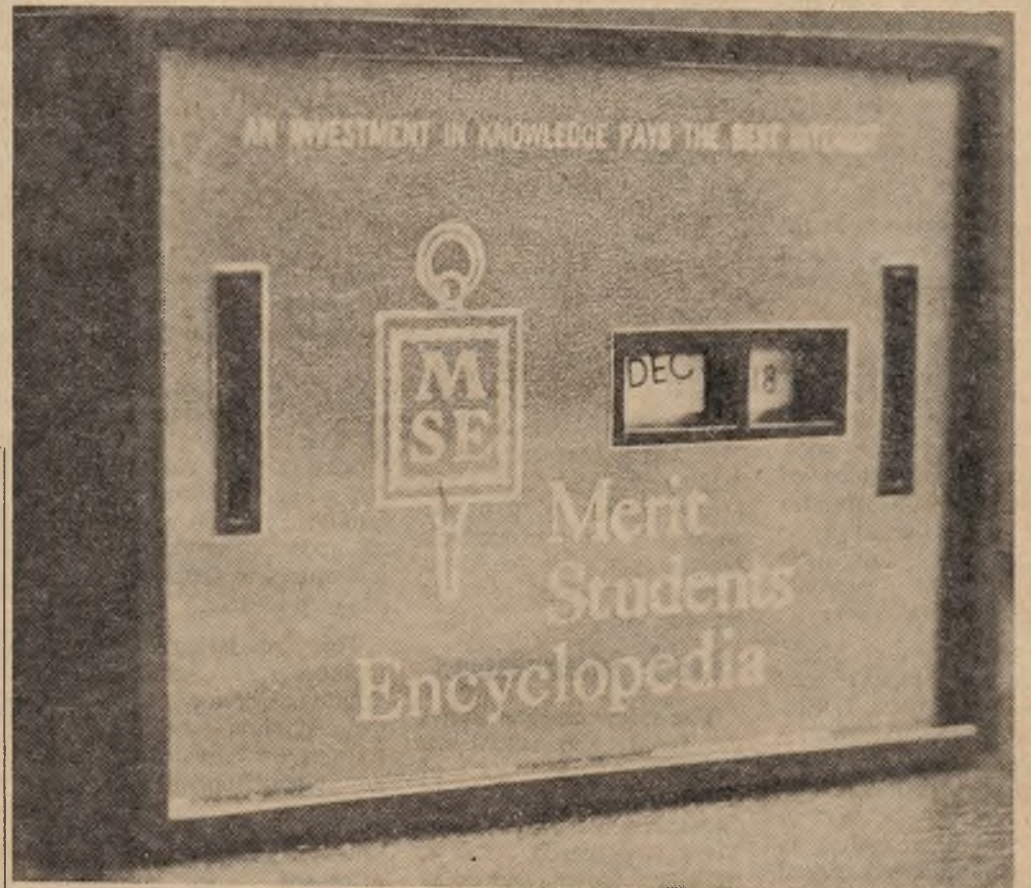
And besides the points we have raised, there remain other questions to be answered. Why is Merit's telephone number in Leeds ex-directory?

And why, if Merit really believe that their encyclopaedia is "the greatest product of its kind in the world today" do they use the methods we have outlined to present their product to the public at large?

So you think that you have no problems Mr. Rex Anderson.

We suggest you have.

And we demand a public inquiry into the activities of the Leeds office of Merit Incorporated.



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STANLEY KUBRICK'S (director of Dr. Strangelove) latest film **Space Odyssey - 2001** (A.B.C., Vicar Lane) is the limited success that one would

films
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expect. Having traced man from the ape we are taken to a space station built on the same lines as the G.P.O. Tower, involving "a breath-taking view of Earth". Inevitably, on reaching the moon, snapshots are taken of the travellers lined up in space suits before their strange craft. Little is seen of the stars Keir Dullea, who gave a magnificent performance in 'The

Fox', and Gary Lockwood. Indeed, the most interesting character is the cyclopean computer, who speaks in an obvious New England tongue. He decides to eliminate the human beings, as the weak link in the mission—not a bad idea—but falls to human cunning, and as his swansong gives a touching performance of "Daisy, Daisy".

Falling into sections, as it does, the end product is a unity, a unity achieved by the eternal presence of the space and the stars. The film is generally slow moving but by its slowness makes a comment on the nature of time. The photography (by Jean Renoir) is perfection and Kubrick has resisted the temptation to turn it into a soap opera.

It's a fascinating and compelling study of the year 2001, and will probably still be playing to audiences then—but don't wait all that time to see it.

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BIRDY pics MUST GO GET OFF our front page, Totties. USE PERSONAL COLUMN—3d. a word. GET ON our front, Totties. GET ON your back, Totties. HOW bloody unoriginal! IS YOUR cousin a Zombie? GET IT IN, sweet Coz. KEEP IN contact, Sukie. JAN MERITS a prize. JOIN GROT. WRITE BCM/Mensa, London, W.C.1. FOR YOU is G.R.O.T.

AND IT CAME TO PASS that he was smitten and on the third EdBoard rose again, saying, LET there be Debates. SUPPORT your local Christ. ETERNITY with Jesus, at 10% discount—Ain't death wonderful? POSTGRADS. Lounge in peace. In your own lounge. 5/- a year. Contact the Lounge Sec., P.G. Pigeon-hole, near Porters' Office. FLAT to let. Kelso Rd. — See G. Davies, U.N. Office.

personal
column

EVERYONE READS Personal Column. WHERE ??? SHLURRRPPPP. DAMSONS ARE green! HAVE YOU? HAVE YOU paid your syntax this week? HAVE YOU a Personal Column INSERT this week. THE SOCIAL SCENE has moved this year to Cromer Terrace. FRODO BAGGINS lives!!!! THIS INSERT cost me 1s. 3d. GIVE BLOOD during RAG WEEK.

gilbert
darrow

tells you how the power
boys spend your money

I WAS pretty worried at first when I heard that someone was after my blood. When I discovered it was the National Blood Bank I cheered up.

Exec, of course, have put all the names down. Mistaken of them, as usual. What they need is an infusion of fresh blood.

Mind you, they seem to be developing a sense of humour at last. The minutes for the summer Exec. meeting contain the following consecutive items.

SX/68/16 Recommended that no more than £25 be allocated to the publishing of Mr. Williamson's document on . . . the sit-in.

SX/68/17 Recommended that a further dustbin be purchased. . . .

THE PRESS have been showing even greater interest than usual in us lately.

First, the accommodation crisis. Shona Falconer denounced the Lodgings Office in a Press statement that ended up in several nationals. She was very worried, however, because one paper she hadn't spoken to printed her comments.

Just as she was considering indicting the Union News staff for being undercover 'Observer' agents, someone pointed out that she'd sent a Press release to a News Agency. The function of News Agencies is to funnel news to newspapers!

The funny thing is, Shona has been going round since the beginning of term telling everyone that she'll handle Press relations herself this term because she learnt so much about the Press when she worked for Union News.

Second, I discovered Colin Coalbrook, rising 'Yorkshire Post' errand boy, snooping round the Bar

yesterday week. "Ah, Gilbert, where's he hiding?"

"Who?"

"Tariq Ali."

It took me ages to convince him that he wasn't really here.

THE SECOND ROUND of the Wall game is to be played in the near future. This game, traditionally played between Right and Left Wing, usually gets plenty of spectator participation.

The last round resulted in a Stewards' enquiry, a sit-in draw, and eighty quid in solicitor's fees. Your money, of course.

STILL, if you think the Patrick Wall bunfight was a waste of money, consider the Offset Litho. This piece of ironmongery was bought three years ago. No one knew how to work it. One of the Union typists was sent on an operators' course. She went on the understanding that she didn't have to work it full-time. When she'd been trained, she was put on the Offset Litho full-time. When she had resigned the press lay idle. Exec then commissioned a report from Services Section. The report said, in essence, that the thing was bloody useless. Exec, with their usual honesty, suppressed the report from U.C. and recommended that the machine be kept. U.C. rupper-stamped this.

Then, this year, Exec decide to sell it. Cost: loss on machine £500, plus wages of operator while training. Yet again, your money.

BEFORE you came to Leeds you received a pamphlet from Lodgings Office. This told you that Leeds is a multi-racial Uni-

versity. Wasn't that nice to know. This pamphlet explained that accommodation is provided without regard to race or creed. This doesn't work out in practice. When the Lodgings staff go and inspect digs they ask, "Are there any sort of students you don't want?" Only too often the answer is, "I'm not having any blacks." The Lodgings staff then make a note and send the landlady nice white students.

So, remember, you're at a multi-racial University, but some students are more multi-racial than others.

UNION POLITICIANS have a habit of claiming, when standing for office, that they will always be 'one of the people'. Once they're elected they have as little to do with the Ordinary Union Member as possible.

Latest example of this is the decision to have 'Exec lunches' on Friday. And where are they eating? Special dining room: the only place in Union where they're sure of not meeting students at lunchtime.

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Fencing Team Overwhelm

by U.N. SPORTS REPORTER

IN opening the new season, the first team overwhelmed Newcastle by 21 fights to six. Of the Newcastle team, the only person who gave our team any real trouble was K. Gordon, who gained all their victories.

Each of the Leeds foilists lost to Gordon but won their remaining two fights, giving a score of six to three. R. Holland came nearest to defeating him, but went down on the final hit.

The same team, fighting sabre, came out easy winners by eight fights to one. J. Thorn (capt.) and L. Wall (both U.A.U. sabre team) were undefeated, and Holland, although he lost one fight to Gordon, fought well on his first team debut.

The last first team weapon fought was epee, which Leeds won by seven

to two. For Leeds, D. Holliday was undefeated, although he came close to it in his first and last fights.

fencing

A. Roberts and S. Hammond both lost their fights against Gordon but had convincing wins over the other two Newcastle epeeists.

The epee team made up a scratch second foil team to give the Newcastle ladies a friendly match. This was lost by five fights to four, not a bad result considering at least two of the team were really epee specialists.

Netball Convince

THE NETBALL CLUB played its first match of the season at Bradford on Saturday, winning with a convincing score of 17-0.

SLOW

The first-half was rather slow, both teams feeling their way, with a half-time score of 6-6. However, the pace hotted up in the second-half, with some particularly good shooting by Leeds.

basketball

The players deserve congratulations for the way in which they played together for the first time as a team!

Team: P. Sprules, M. Frankland, K. Osborne, V. Orr, H. Sherriff, S. Pymont, P. Rodgers



Great tackle—but where's the ball? One player seems a bit surprised at the answer. Part of last Saturday's game between the first XI (Rugby Union) and Widnes who won.

Runners Deserved Better Result

DUE to a fixtures clash, the Leeds cross-country team split into two, and for the first time in five years were beaten by a UAU team, Durham.

Titley managed a creditable third, but support was a little sparse with the next Leeds man, Rawnsley, finishing 13th.

cross-country

The other half of the team were at a local league race, over an incredibly hilly eight-mile course at Harrogate, where the team result was, unfortunately, third. Briscoe again won, and a good run by Stagg gave him seventh place. Hook also performed well to be fifth Leeds man home in 18th place.

Although at first sight a disappointing day, a survey reveals that the full team would easily have won either race.

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THORPE based this win on their forward supremacy and well-drilled cover defence which nullified the slight edge of the Leeds centre backs. Although the Leeds pack tackled well, they never showed any of Thorpe's eagerness to run into the ball and time after time a half-speed run by a Leeds forward was stopped with no gain in ground.

The game started well for Leeds when Leadbetter stole the ball in a one-man tackle and before the Thorpe defence could gather itself, scored in the corner. The breakaway try was, in fact, a feature of this game, with each team taking advantage of the others mistakes, rather than creating openings.

rugby

Leadbetter, who decided to go inside and was caught very near the line.

FITNESS

The second-half was largely a defensive stalemate until the final ten minutes, when the lack of stand-off Leadbetter and, no doubt, match fitness, told on the Leeds cover defence and Thorpe ran in three more tries.

STOLE

Thorpe scored one try in this way, and Leeds came desperately close when Wright intercepted and passed to

Team: Clark; Procter (sub. Grassam), Rylance, Knowler, Wright; Leadbetter, Davies; Fairhurst, Parker, Rowland, Burgess, Narey, Thompson.

● The Sunday team lost 9-15 to the Kershaws — a match which they could so easily have won. Last minute withdrawals, however, made a major reshuffle of the backs and they never really settled down.

Scorers: Hacket (3 goals), Stawfield (1 try). (capt.)

Soccer Defence Succeeds

DURHAM ... 0 LEEDS ... 1

IN this newly arranged fixture against Durham the overriding factor in the victory was the superiority of the Leeds defence. With both teams fighting to control the windy conditions, neither team made any headway in the first fifteen minutes.

soccer

The Leeds defence, marshalled by Strong and Horne and well supported by Davies and Pike, gave the Durham forwards little chance in front of goal.

This pattern of play enabled the Leeds forwards to exploit

the weaker Durham defence. Samwell and Salter, running well up front, laid on the first goal for Griffiths, Salter's cross finding the head of Samwell, he flicked the ball onto Griffiths, who fired in from close range.

The Leeds team virtually dominated the game in the second-half, the back four, winning every ball in the air, snuffed out all of Durham's attacks, giving Thompson, the Leeds goalkeeper, very little to deal with.

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ON Sunday at the Merrion Centre, Leeds welcomed Leicester in a friendly first fixture of the season. To give more bowlers a chance to take part each side fielded four men's and two ladies' teams and the match was played in the 12 lane section of the bowl. The strength of Leeds was demonstrated by the overall match result 19-5, only the ladies' 1st team losing (1-3 to the strongest

by C. J. Walton

ladies' team in inter-varsity bowling).

RECORD

The Leeds 1st team excelled itself to roll 2669, a new national universities team series, with four of the

team hitting 500s. Highest was 584 by R. Mitchell, with 552 by G. L. Tait. The third game was a 931—another all-time record. The 2nd team as usual won 4-0, high series being 552 by C. J. Walton. The team achieved 924 for the second game. The 3rd team had little difficulty in defeating its opposition, but the 4th team could only manage 2 points, all the team bowling below their ability. The Leeds Ladies 1st were defeated basically by the 506 of Leicester's Elaine Wood, although Nicky Jones managed a good 462. Leeds Ladies 2nd took all 4 points in a close match.

RETAIN

With such outstanding scores in this friendly match it is confidently expected that Leeds will retain the Inter-Universities Championship, the defence of which begins on Sunday with a fixture at home against Liverpool. On Sunday November 24th Leeds will compete in the first ever UAU Tenpin Bowling Championships and will be favourites to win.

Apology

THE SPORTS EDITOR APOLOGISES THAT NOT ALL COPY RECEIVED COULD BE PRINTED. HE IS, HOWEVER, VERY GRATEFUL FOR ANY CONTRIBUTIONS, TO BE SENT IN WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AND MONDAY MORNINGS.

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JUDO THROWS THEM

ON Saturday the Judo team started the season well, beating Newcastle, Durham and Sheffield at Newcastle. In the first match against Sheffield R. Green and S. Kaiser succeeded in gaining full points and then a newcomer to the team J. Spurrier knocked himself and his opponent out attempting to throw him but both recovered sufficiently to fight later.

UNLUCKY

L. Marks, tag captain, got half a point and R. Newbold was unlucky to have a decision of superiority awarded against him, leaving Leeds the winners 27-5.

EASILY

Against Newcastle we were awarded two contests by default. J. Squires and L. Marks easily beat their opponents and once again R. Newbold lost the decision, Leeds winning 40-5. Durham put up a good fight before losing 33-5, the highlight of this match being R. Green's superbly executed throw.

Team: R. Newbold, L. Marks (capt.), J. Spurrier, S. Kaiser, R. Green.

Reserves: M. Clark, B. Priest.

HOCKEY ON TOP

Mens Hockey 1st XI 3 - Rotherham 2

THE men's hockey club clocked up their second win in three games on Saturday at Rotherham. Although the score suggests a hard close game, the University were well on top in all spheres of the game; a more direct approach when in scoring range will prove profitable in future. At half-time Leeds were 2-0 up, thanks to goals by Hardy and Vickery.

THWARTED

Rotherham got one back early in the second half only to find their fight-back thwarted by another goal by Hardy. Rotherham scored another at the very end of the match. Slay had a very fine game for the University at right half.

Team: Smith; Burton, Ellam; Slay (capt.), Bointon, Dyde; Bywater, Vickery, Dew, Hardy, Causer.

Other Results

2nd XI 5, Rotherham 2nd 1
3rd XI 0, Rotherham 3rd 0

Geordies win the day

LEEDS 3 ... NEWCASTLE 4

GOALS came thick and fast in this game at Weetwood between two evenly matched sides. With Newcastle electing to play with the wind and sun at their backs, in the first half the Leeds defence was under pressure right from the start. It was this slight advantage that allowed Newcastle to take the lead. A high cross from the right had the defence in trouble and with the sun in the keeper's eyes the ball went into the net via the goalkeeper's hands

ACUTE ANGLE

Despite the wind both sides played controlled football with neither side gaining the advantage. A good move down the left flank ended with Leeds' forward Samwell netting from an acute angle. Leeds took the lead just before half-time when Horne made no mistake from the penalty spot after Griffiths had been fouled in front of goal.

It was another penalty, this time awarded to Newcastle, that restored their lead, the full-back ably putting it into the net. Almost immediately Leeds replied, a move down the middle found Samwell in a good position in front of goal and a great chip shot from outside the area had the goalkeeper helplessly caught and the scores were all square again.

SQUARE

Newcastle came back strongly in the last stages and from a move which caught the defence square the forward slipped the ball past Thompson for the winner.

FENCING TEAM WIN MATCH

On Wednesday Leeds fencers gained another 2-1 to six victory, this time their opponents being Salford University. The foilists won very convincingly, J. Thorn being the only member to concede a fight. Four of the fights went to Leeds five hits to nil.

The same team fighting sabre were again in crushing form winning seven to two. R. Holland and J. Thorn each lost a fight leaving L. Wall the only member with a 100% record.

In epee A. Roberts and D. Holliday won all their fights giving Leeds a six to three victory.

Rifleman are on form

SHOOTING their first full match of the season, Leeds soon proved to be quite out of Sheffield's class, eventually winning 760-681. This performance showed once again the exceptional all-round ability of the Leeds side, a feature commonly non-existent in University sides.

NEWCOMER

Solid performances by M. Thompson (95) and J. S. Hind (96) supported a brilliant effort by P. H. Jesty (99) a newcomer to the 1st VIII. Morris (95) and Rea (97) completed the destruction of Sheffield, in spite of N. L. Crockford, the British National Junior Champion, applying his talents in the latter stages for Sheffield.

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But the incident proved to be the result of rumour and speculation, and was merely a case of Salmonella food-poisoning.

Dr. R. J. Still, the University Medical Officer, issued the following statement on Monday night: "Reports have now been received on the bacteriological tests which have been performed on the three men from Bodington Hall who were admitted recently to Seacroft Hospital.

"The first had been admitted because of a suspicion of mild Salmonella food-poisoning. Since his admission, repeated tests have been negative, and the tests on the other two have been quite negative from the start. It has been confirmed that there has been nothing in any of the tests to suggest the presence of typhoid fever. The men are well and are expected to be fit to return to Hall shortly."

Debates talk on demon- stration

WITH the new chairman, Tony Boyden, admitting his complete ignorance of procedure, this week's Debate had a shaky start.

The motion "This house would demonstrate" was proposed logically by Ken Davis, who declared that the reason for demonstrations were spontaneous and simple, yet effective, and called for people to call by on the 27th.

Mr. John Anson, opposing, said demonstrations were an oppression of a small minority who knew better, anyway, and that the Grosvenor Square demonstration was a vast organastic outing. It was pointed out that Mr. Anson would be on the coach next Sunday.

Mr. Jim Greaves believed that demonstrations alienated people, and mentioned the affects of crowd behaviour.



This is 19 year old Jane Wilson, she's the second in our series of Leeds Lovelies. Jane hails from Shipley and says her favourite hobby is going round old buildings. So we took her to Kirkstall Abbey: Jane's reaction to the ruins: "I've fallen in love with the place." There will be another like Jane next week.

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The Need for Perspective

Sunday's demonstration in London will be a testing time for both police and public.

And also for the press. But make no mistake — the gathering on Sunday has little to do with Vietnam, and now, little to do with students.

We have seen so often before, that the best way to create violence is to predict it.

Union News trusts there will be none. We have not practised the policy of other newspapers — both national and student — of featuring repeated sensational accounts of what may happen on the 27th.

We feel that violence in London on Sunday will be as pointless and as unjustified as the violence still raging in Vietnam now.

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