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SHORT STORY PAGE

A serious deficiency has been apparent in the Union this session, following the non-appearance of the magazine Short Story. Where are the Union's budding fiction writers to have their work published?

To offset this to some extent, Union News has decided to introduce a Short Story Page. This new feature makes its first appearance this week (on page four) with the first instalment of a two-part story by Alex Barr.

To qualify for consideration for this page, a story must be

about 1500-2000 words long (or, if longer, easily divisible into instalments of this length). Stories on any subject whatsoever will be considered. Contributions should be addressed to Short Story Page, and either dropped into the Union News box outside the M.J. or handed in to the office.

We hope to illustrate each story in some way, and with this object in view it would be helpful if authors would indicate passages in the story suitable for illustration.

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CHILDISH RAGE

Fascists Daub Again

by THE EDITOR

ON Thursday of last week, Fascist slogans were found daubed on several buildings in the University precincts. The New Arts Block was heaviest hit — slogans and symbols were scrawled on both side of the new main entrance.

Also affected were the Parkinson Building, where Fascist symbols were painted on either side of the main steps, and Union News office window, each panel of which bore a symbol.

The green paint used sank deep into the surface of the stone, meaning that much time and energy had to be spent on its removal. Needless to say, the perpetrators of this infantile display were not to be found; but the fact that Union News was selected as a victim points to at least the connivance of certain Union members.

Fascists are, we know, glad of the sort of publicity that holds up their behaviour to the public gaze with condemnatory comments. This is as much a part of their perverse make-up as is their illogical assumption that one people, by virtue of skin pigmentation, can be considered superior to any other. We, however, think it absolutely essential that Union members and the public at large be made aware of the subtle evil that is in our midst.

The psychological disorder that gives rise to such attitudes is present, to some small extent at least, in every one of us. Its abnormal development in the case of Fascists should be taken as a warning of what may happen to anyone.

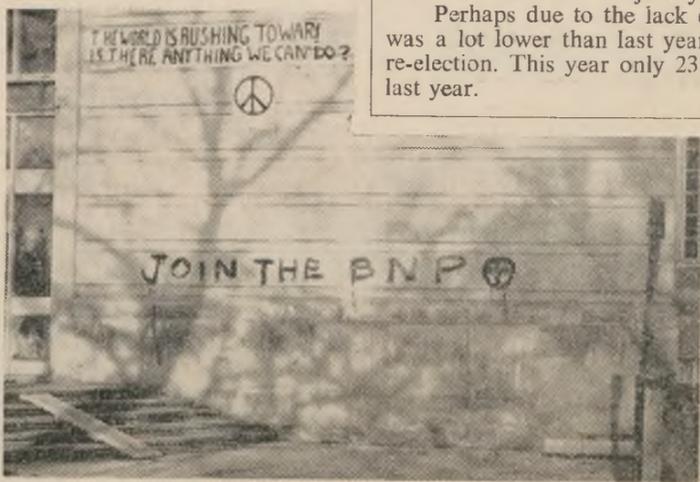
The evil of these men does not consist in their actions as such; as with all deranged fanatics, they cannot be

held altogether responsible for them. The evil lies in the insidious way in which their opinions may infect and excite the young. Throughout history, the Jews have a history of persecution; traditionally they have been shunned. Now there has been added the negro. Never until now a problem in this country, the increasing number of coloured Commonwealth immigrants have aroused a fear in the British worker for his job. Such targets are easy meat for unscrupulous agitators.

Hitler, said Chamberlain, would have been undistinguished in a crowd, and looked for all the world like the house-painter he was. Hitler, however, like Britain's Fascists, had an inferiority complex coupled with mental derangement; the chaos and bloodshed that followed his coming to power must never be repeated.

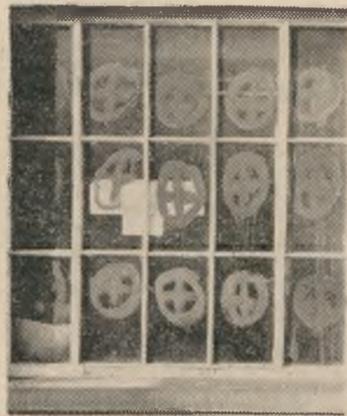
The Fascists are infantile and they are insane—their futile daubing and hysterical propaganda indicate this. But their madness is of a dangerous and infective nature; and we call upon everyone to guard against this menace.

Union News, for its part, will not cease its efforts to have such obscenity eradicated, no matter how many times they paint our windows.



DISORDERED MINDS

Daubings on University and Union speak for themselves



LEEDS WIN DEBATING TOURNAMENT

THE Leeds 'A' team taking part in the seventh preliminary round of the N.U.S. Observer Mace Debating Tournament at Hull last Saturday were apparently in good form. The panel of judges, led by Alex Stern, reached a unanimous verdict in record time: Leeds first, Leicester second.

The motion, that This House would not Support Civil Disobedience, was proposed by Hull, Newcastle, and Leicester, while Sheffield, Loughborough, and Leeds opposed. On a vote being taken, the Hull chairman declared the motion "overwhelmingly defeated."

A touch of colour was added to the formal proceedings by the

corduroy jacket, poplin trousers, and red tie worn by Peter Hall. Less striking but none the less improperly dressed, Alan Andrews sported red tie and grey suit. Both speakers were displaying OND badges. The Leeds pair arrived too late to change into evening dress.

This weekend, Leeds' two other teams consisting of Mary Squire and Tim May, and Ram Singh and Dave Pollard, will be tackling the same motion at Manchester.

Immigration Bill

THERE is to be a demonstration against the Immigration Bill tomorrow. The Anti-Racialist Society are organising a march, starting at the Town Hall at 2.15 p.m. Afterwards there will be a meeting outside the Town Hall, addressed by Tilak Gunawardhana, G. Pande, P. Kennedy and Keith Jones.

MR. L. HORSFALL

We wish to apologise to Mr. L. Horsfall for any erroneous impression that may have been given by our article on the proposed Landladies' Association, which appeared on page three two weeks ago.

EXEC. NEWS

NEW regulations are recommended by Executive for Union posters. These are that no poster shall be larger than 18" by 20" and that the maximum number of posters publicising any one event be four, not including advertisements on society notice boards.

Posters will not be displayed more than six days before the event and must be checked and stamped by the porters. Exec. committee accept that publicity is difficult but maintain that something must be done about the state of the notice boards.

Exec. also recommends that a committee be set up to review the constitution. This will not be ad hoc as was that set up last year but will be permanent, comprising four members. This sub-committee will welcome ideas from Union members and would

make every effort to find out their opinions, not by general meetings which are difficult to convene but by informal get-togethers.

These recommendations come before Union Committee next Thursday.

U.C. Election

SEVEN candidates have been nominated for the five vacancies on Union Committee. They are Messrs. Carabine, Court, Eastburn, Morrison, Silverston and Whan, plus one female, Miss Irene Millward. Arts and science seem to be fairly evenly represented this time and those of the candidates who have declared their politics favour the left. The candidates addressed the electorate yesterday and polling will be on Monday and Tuesday.

WIDE SUPPORT FOR ANTI-RACIALISTS

A FLAGRANT example of racialism was how the Committee of the Anti-Racialist Society described the proposed Immigration Bill.

How much support has this new, but exceedingly active, Society gained outside the Union? By all accounts, a great deal. The national press and radio have reported and commented favourably on the campaign at Bradford, and the people of Bradford themselves have expressed their approval by their criticism of the Mayor's decision to hold the Civic Ball at the Locarno. Likewise, Leeds Tories have protested about the decision of their Bradford colleagues to hold a dance at the Locarno.

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Editorial

THE CREAM

AT University, the cream of the country's intellectual talent is gathered in pursuit of academic distinction. Men and women of varying personality, whose fathers may cover all conceivable occupations, study, attend lectures, amuse themselves in a mild but harmless way. They are reaching maturity in the company of people who, like themselves, rank intellectually with the highest in the land.

This is the ideal. This is the picture students like to give the world—one of sound, steady responsibility.

Yet is it borne out by the actions of those who, removed from parental authority for the first time, drink more than their unaccustomed stomachs will take, indulge in new-found liberties with the opposite sex, and in general show every sign of reverting to some prehistoric archetype? This sort of conduct is surely not of the type that will convince the cynical public or the authorities that students can be trusted to look after themselves.

There is another, more serious (since it concerns society itself rather than individuals) aspect of current student behaviour. In such a community as ours, honesty ought never to be questioned; it is automatically assumed that in the atmosphere of a University one's companions would take such a matter for granted.

The news of recent weeks has shown the naivete of such an

assumption. Thefts from students are increasing, as they have increased over the past year or more. During the past week, a valuable tape-recorder has been stolen from the men's cloakroom and some money from a girl's purse. It may be argued that the owner of the tape-recorder should not have left such equipment around in the Union; but should this sort of precaution be necessary among students at a University? The theft of the money is even more disgusting, since it took place at a party last weekend, and the only possibility is that one of the girl's friends committed the theft. Apart from other considerations, the loss of seven pounds at this stage of the term is alarming for any student.

This practice is utterly despicable. We would suggest that, if students wish to be considered responsible human beings, they should take steps to ensure that occurrences such as these do not take place in future.

BERLIN

ON page five this week we print the first article received from Roy Bull since he went to study in Moscow; and it should be made clear that, whilst we consider the article in every way worthy of publication, the views expressed in it are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

In particular, the view taken of the Berlin dispute is open to question. Mr. Bull says that, in closing the Berlin border, "no troops were involved" on the Eastern side. This is not according to the facts; armed Volkspolizei tried to close the border and keep back the population during the building of the wall. They may not have been "troops" in the strict sense of the word (members of the armed forces), but their military function is undoubted.

In addition, he states that Berlin lies territorially inside East Germany, as a justification of the "laws" passed by that country's government concerning the city's servicing. The status of the city, as we all know by now, was defined at the end of the war by four-power agreement. The East

German government quite naturally resents the existence of West Berlin; but legally the East German government can do nothing about it.

It has been asked from time to time how we in Britain would feel if the same thing happened in this country. A comparable situation would be if Russia and China occupied Britain, Russia taking England and China Scotland, with London as a two-power city. Quite obviously, we should resent this; but our resentment would not be affected in the slightest by the Chinese having to drive down the Great North Road, through Russian-occupied territory, to reach London. This would merely be a tiresome inconvenience to the Chinese, and, in due course, a cause of irritation to the Russians.

Substitute, if you prefer, America and West Germany for Russia and China; the situation remains the same. To the divided, subject nation, it cannot matter which conqueror takes which part; the division and subjection themselves are of all-important concern.

GOLLAN SHOUTED DOWN

Communist Leader

"Insulted"

by The News Staff

THE Trotskyites in the Union were out in force when John Gollan, Secretary of the British Communist Party, spoke in the Riley Smith at Monday lunchtime. The main onslaught came during the questions after the talk, but there were several strongly-worded interruptions during the talk itself.

The subject was "Communism in our time". After saying that capitalism was "bankrupt" and that socialism was fast becoming the decisive force in world history, Mr. Gollan went on to describe how true communism was to be brought to the Soviet Union by 1980 by such means as a sixfold increase in the national income, free food, housing, and transport, a fourfold wages increase, and a reduction of the working day to five or six hours. Referring to the differences between China and the Soviet Union over Albania, he said "the capitalist press thrives on the hope that these two countries will fall out, but they will be disappointed."

Asked what he thought about the reintroduction of the death penalty

for economic crimes in the USSR, he said he disapproved, but added that it was probably only a temporary measure to deal with temporary difficulties.

It was at this point that the Trotskyites present began to question the speaker. This quickly turned into rowdy diatribes against Gollan and demands for him to tell the truth about the Trotskyite "deviationists" whom Stalin had liquidated in the 1930's, a policy which Gollan had fully supported. At one point the meeting got out of control, but order was quickly restored by the speaker's calmness and well-placed humour. He could not however answer the charges

of his opponents and merely said that they shouldn't get so excited about these matters. "Anyway, how much do you know about this particular issue?", he asked. "A damn sight more than you do" was the quick retort from the floor. Finally, amid further interruptions and cries from the floor of "Liar!", "Murderer!", "Tell the truth!", and "You're no Communist!", Mr. Gollan told the meeting: "I've never been so insulted in all my life".

As the meeting dispersed, a large number of Trotskyite leaflets were distributed.



Life has become chilly for 6 of the outnumbered female population of Sheffield University, who have had their unmentionables stolen. 36 pairs of a certain item of feminine underwear were removed from a clothes line in the dark of night last week. It seems that a rivalry has grown up between the men's Halls of Residence over the aforesaid articles. It cannot be said that the girls share their sentiments. The Manager of a certain well known chainstore remarked that "stocks on a certain counter are low".

It seems that the new boys are being naughty. The Principal of University College of North Staffs. reprimanded the students for their outspoken criticism of the actions of the authorities. He took exception in particular to some remarks made by columnists of Cygnet, the University paper. However "he noted with pleasure the proposal for close relations with the Potteries—a cause which was close to his own heart."

The Queen's University of Belfast newspaper GOWN received strong criticism from the University authorities last week. They had attempted to bring off a scoop by printing the result of a local By-Election in their stop press column. They had, however, made the assumption that the election would be won by Dr. Sam Rodgers of the Unionist party. The result of the election turned out to be a defeat for Dr. Rodgers by 252 votes and a win for Miss Murnaghan, the Liberal candidate and as a result the editor was "carpeted", and sales of the paper were frozen immediately. The copy of the paper received by Union News though still bears the wrong result.

University Rags need a new look! This is the cry of Sheffield Union's newspaper "Darts", which feels that in Sheffield at least, "saturation point" has been reached where Rag is concerned. It calls for greater novelty and dynamism in all Rags.

Manchester's Rag Secretary has answered the challenge by calling a conference of all Rag organisers, so that new ideas can be pooled. The conference will take place on December 8th, and Leeds will be among those represented. Another criticism of Rag has come from Durham University's paper, which says that Rag's real purpose, aid for charities, is becoming subordinated to the enjoyment of the students. This too, together with various other criticisms, will be discussed at Manchester.

Overseas Visitors to the Union



THE picture shows three overseas visitors to the Union last week, seen with members of the Executive Committee. They are left to right: Philippe Delay, treasurer of the Swiss National Union of Students; John Gohring, president of Geneva University Union; and Rameshwar Goel, secretary of the Indian National Union of Students.

SHORT STAY

Observers at N.U.S. Council in Margate two weeks ago, they were invited to visit Leeds Union by the President and the S.V.P. Unfortunately, their stay was short: they reached Leeds on Monday of last week and left on Wednesday for London.

At an informal reception in the President's Room, Mr. Delay presented an illustrated book on Switzerland to the Union. Accepting, President Brian MacArthur said that the book would be available from Union Library.

Colour Bar Digs

The Jaguar Committee revealed on Wednesday that 4 out of 5 Cambridge landladies will not accept coloured students. John C. Osby, the chairman, commented "we hope it is an exaggeration." They did not consider race prejudice however as responsible for the attitude of all landladies who turned away coloured people.

"DRAW THE FIRES!"

ERNST Toller's 'historical play' is impressively directed by Mike Mayfield who employs both Expressionist tricks—'ecstatic' group movement and the clankings of the Capitalist machine—plus a Brechtian humanity in his treatment of the court martial scenes. Wilf Carr as Köbis is outstanding; in fact the play is acted magnificently.

March at Bradford



YET another demonstration in Bradford was organized by the Anti-Racist Soc. last weekend. After a march, those taking part were addressed by four speakers, including the leader of

the Pakistani community in Bradford, Mr. Mohammed Hussain.

One significant (and alarming) point was that 50% of the leaflets offered to the public were refused. However, there was no trouble of

any sort, and fascists were nowhere to be seen.

As one group of demonstrators made their way back to the station, a bus drew alongside them and the Pakistani driver stopped his vehicle to ask how the demonstration had gone. "We're right behind you," he said.

A PART OF ENGLISH LIFE

Morris Dancing not a Survival from the Past

MORRIS dancing is not an antiquarian revival, or an attempt to resuscitate a dead and buried piece of so-called "Merrie England". It is as much alive and as much a part of contemporary life as cricket, football, or any other such forms of activity.

Although you might not guess it simply from watching the dances, the Morris has a very ancient history, so ancient that its origins are lost. It is quite probable that the Morris descended originally from the field of primitive religion. A widespread belief that clings to the practice of the primitive dance is that the man, through the very act of jiggling upon the surface of the ground, can communicate the vitality and exhilaration of the living to the recent dead, to the spirits of far-off ancestors and to the gods themselves. Thus the dance becomes a form of communication with the unseen forces which control human welfare and survival, provide food, regulate the weather, and promote fertility.

As the faith behind such primitive religious impulses weakens, the dances which express it are not immediately abandoned, but they gradually change their character. The form of the ritual remains, but some of the mystery and magical contents departs. The dancer becomes less and less of a medicine-maker, and more and more of a performing artist. In fact the ritual changes imperceptibly into art. It was in some such manner that the Folk Dances of the different parts of Europe grew out of the old pagan rites as the pagans themselves were converted to Christianity and gradually lost their primitive beliefs.

Elaborate Ritual

Thus in Europe, after the conversion to Christianity the peasantry still preserves some of their ancient seasonal customs. One of the most important of these was the vigorous dance performed by chosen young men in the early Spring. The young men leap and stamp, their rythmical actions emphasised by the sound of bells and the fluttering of ribbons. The whole effect, even to the most sceptical observer, is one of tremendous vitality. In many parts of Europe, only broken fragments of the elaborate ritual have survived, the dispensing of medicines and fertility by the dancer is not so wide-

spread. No doubt this was much discouraged by the Church, but the young men who dance, flutter ribbons, ring bells and blacken their faces, did survive in many places, and frequently appear in literary and historical references. Shakespeare called the dance the 'Morisco,' but its more popular name is the Morris Dance.

The word 'Morris' does not mean that the word came from Morocco. It need not imply anything more significant than that the dancer originally had a blackened face—a common enough disguise in ritual ceremonies—and thus appearing as Blackamoors gained themselves the title of 'Moorish,' which in former times was synonymous with 'Pagan.'

The Cotswolds

Thus, although it seems certain that the name was imported, it is equally certain that the Dance was not. Its geographical distribution relates to the oldest settlements in England, in the Cotswolds. It is generally accepted that the Sword Dance and the Folk Play that goes with it, which are to be found in the North East of the country, were probably introduced by the Danes about a thousand years ago. The Cotswold Morris must have been indigenous in the Midlands of England long before.

In the Cotswolds, the Morris Dance maintained its grip on the country life until about one hundred years ago. Then the village life, indirectly effected by the Industrial Revolution began rapidly to change, and the communities to decay. Many of the Morris teams died out at this time, the few that survived continued on to the end of the nineteenth century. But for once in a thousand years, no new generation of young men arose to fill the ranks. Education, and the new 'Town' attitude of slight contempt towards the old-established country ways were enough to blight the old custom.

Then in Christmas 1899 Cecil Sharpe happened to be staying in Headington and saw the Headington Quarry Morris side perform. This was the beginning of Cecil Sharpe's great work of rediscovering the Morris Dances. During the following years he visited village after village in the Cotswolds, finding the old dancers, learning from them the tunes, steps, and figures of their dances, and then teaching them to others. He did the same further North, with the Derbyshire, and the Lancashire and Cheshire traditions, and in the N.E. where he found many traditional Sword Dance Teams. Today most people who know the dance limit the name 'Morris Dance' to the Cotswold Dance with its many traditions-variations of style that grew up in the various villages, such as Headington (Oxon.), Fieldtown (Oxon.), Bledington (Glos.) and Brackley (Northants).

Nature

If we simply regard the Cotswold Morris Dance as an example of that Young Men's dance evolved for the purpose of quickening Nature in the Spring, that is sufficient an explanation of its character. The group of Men are initiated specialists; the form of the dance is a procession, circle or square, to frame the attendant characters, the movement and the bells are merely the paraphernalia of Rhythm, while the White Handkerchiefs, white clothes, and the ribbons and flowers with which they are decorated, represent that immaterial spiritual side of man, and nature, shared by the living and the dead.

In Leeds University today there exists the Leeds Morris Men's Club—an independent body, affiliated to the English Folk Dance Society. We elect our own Officers, the Squire (President) and Bagman (Secretary).

JOHN MOWAT.



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THE DANCERS
Morris Dancing
in Leeds
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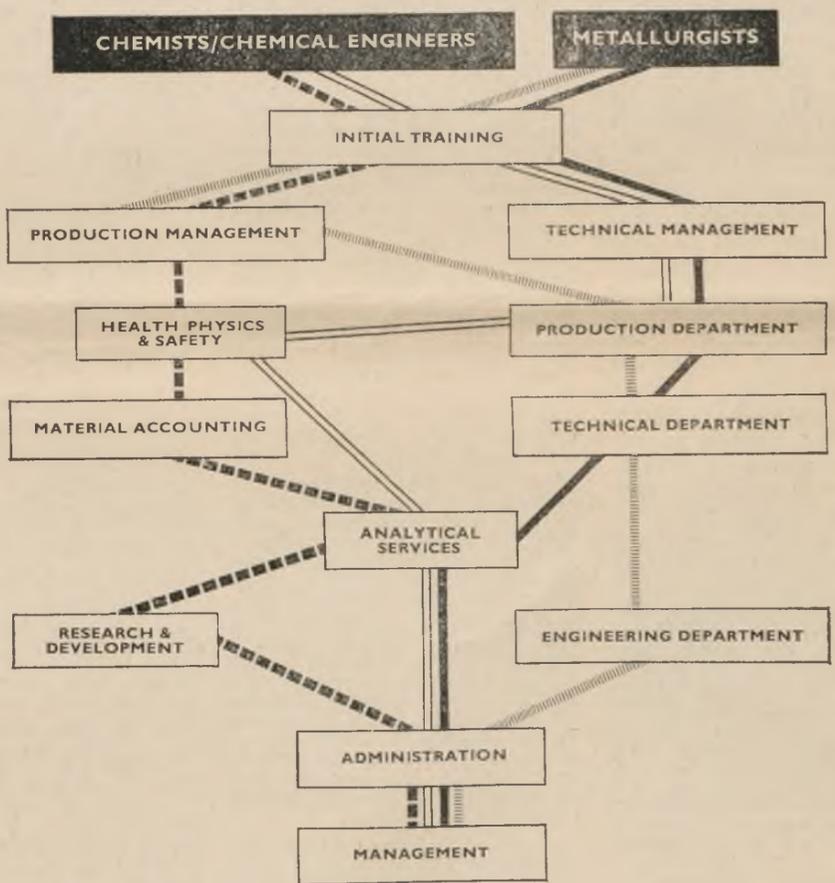
We make our own plans, meet regularly for practice, give shows in the open and at Barn Dances and undertake tours of Leeds and area, plus a grand tour of the Dales at Whitsun. Despite the flourishing existence of

Morris dancing throughout most of England, in Leeds, we seem to be back in the times of the nineteenth century, with no new generation of young men to fill the ranks. Perhaps this is due to the affluent society,

addition to the gogglebox, or just the active social life of our union. However if there are any aspiring males in the union who are interested in joining, please contact the Bagman, Mike Boddy, via the P.H.'s.

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The Fall of the Idol

A 2-part Story

People and things reveal themselves to us only through experience. How many words there are in our language which, although we have known them almost from childhood, suddenly become real and vivid to us as a result of a meeting or a journey. One meeting that particularly sticks in my memory took place during a hitch-hiking holiday in France. I had set out from Paris one dull September morning bound for the south which I had never seen, where the sea stretched across my inward eye and palms filled my imagination. Early afternoon found me on a bleak stretch of country between Fontainebleau and Sens, and it was while I was walking along the roadside that I came upon Champigny.

by ALEX BARR

HE was standing by his car, letting his engine cool, and offered me a lift as far as Sens. I gladly accepted, and we drove off down the straight road, a road lined with trees in the typical French manner. His car was slightly more luxurious than anything I had been accustomed to having lifts in, and as I eased my back into the seat feeling very comfortable we talked. He told me how he had hitch-hiked through France and Italy when he was my age. "But no more of that for me" has said, grinning and tapping the fascia with his free hand.

It was then I noticed that he wore a leather glove on his left hand, and I could see that the latter was deformed in some way. I noticed his appearance for the first time too — medium height, thirtyish, a squarish face with a hooked nose and blond hair, wearing rimless glasses and a rather loud striped suit. He spoke French with a faint German accent and I guessed, correctly it turned out, that he came from Alsace.

"So you are going to the Mediterranean," he said. "I saw in the paper that 4 million cars have returned from there to Paris this weekend—look at them." The opposite lane was indeed a mass of cars, many pulling boats or caravans and most of them full of nut-brown families. In due course he told me that he had been a soldier, a captain. I wondered whether he had damaged his hand fighting in Algeria, and whether he was bitter, as I knew Frenchmen were. He had a rather cynical smile and a dry sense of humour, and was already becoming rather a mystery.

Friends

After some twenty kilometres or so he pulled off the main road and said he had to visit some friends. The side road degenerated into a track by a lake and I waited for him in the car, listening to the radio and looking out over the bulrushes. He said he wouldn't be five minutes and greeted his friends on the porch of their house in what seemed a very French manner. Cigars and Cognac went all round, and he disappeared inside to be much longer than five minutes.

It was nearly an hour later that we moved off again. I was slightly annoyed at the delay, unreasonably perhaps, but I knew that to reach the

next youth hostel I would have to get another lift from Sens to Auxerre, nearly 60 kilometres further on, the same evening. However, the man's friendly, easy manner curbed my annoyance, and we began talking once more.

"That was my colonel," he said, speaking of the distinguished looking grey-haired man who was obviously the owner of the house he had just visited. From what he said, although with my knowledge of French I couldn't be too sure, I gathered that he and his former colonel were now civilians employed by the French army, and that he was on some kind of mission at present.

We talked some more covering a wide range of subjects. Our side of the road was almost deserted, while down the other side the stream of cars were still uninterrupted. "Always cars, cars, cars, to Paris, Paris, Paris," exclaimed Champigny with a wave of his hand. Some time later when we were discussing where I was going to stay that night, I mentioned that the next youth hostel was at Auxerre. My companion nodded but said nothing, and I noticed that we drove through Sens without stopping at all. I wondered with horrible glee whether he was going to take me all the way to Auxerre, although I didn't like to ask him.

It was on the road between Sens and Auxerre that we stopped at an antique shop. A French antique shop is even more fascinating than an English one. Outside the shop were a couple of old and beautifully made

rocking-horses, and inside were all kinds of objects—tapestries from pre-revolution days, items of iron-work from North Africa, and such things as lazy-tongs and candle-snuffers. From the conversation between Champigny and the owner of the shop I gathered that the latter was making or repairing some kind of medal for him. Little things like this all through my acquaintance with the man pointed at his being some kind of hero. The mystery deepened.

Before we got back into the car he showed me what I assumed was a quartermaster's store list, perhaps something he had to collect in his army duties. But it could have been a code for something far more excit-

ing as far as my fertile imagination was concerned. He had told the antique man, the owner of a grey Abraham Lincoln beard, that he was on his way to Dijon, and that he was taking me to Auxerre, but an hour or so later found us south of Auxerre, and certainly not on the road to Dijon. I was feeling quite buoyant; at this rate he might take me a long way on my journey.

Champion

"I hope you don't mind our frequent stops," he said "but as you see I have many friends all over the country. I am well known—you know — from newspaper photographs."

"Newspapers photographs!" I echoed. Not only was he a hero but famous as well. "What do you do to get into the newspapers?"

"In 19—," he said the year slowly for my benefit—"I was helicopter champion of the world."

This revelation stirred a good many of the vestiges of childhood hero worship. Anyone can fly an aircraft stimulates my admiration, but to be a champion of any kind of flying puts someone metaphorically as well as literally above the clouds. I asked him

if he had known Leo Valentin, the French birdman who had plunged to his death when his parachute failed to open. Yes, he had known him, in fact he claimed to know most people in the world of flying, a world in which the French are acknowledged experts.

It was then that he told me about his hand. He took off his glove and showed me a rather gruesome sight. Three of his fingers were missing and all that remained was a battered two-thirds of his index finger and thumb. It happened in an accident," he informed me.

"A flying accident?"

"No a car accident."

"It's unfortunate" was all I could think of to say in French.

"For me yes. Look what the Americans gave me."

He reached across and from the cupboard in the dashboard pulled out a plastic model of a left hand. It was made from a kind of waxy material, and was perfect in every detail, even to the small lines and wrinkles across the palm. It was made to fit his wrist, and could have passed at a glance for real. I held it on my knee for a long time, looking at it.

"It's perfect," I said, shuddered; and put it away.

(To be concluded next week)

FROM THE BEACH

by VIVIENNE C. WELBURN

A COUPLE of years ago I was sent to the seaside. The chief purpose of my going was to discover certain semi-precious stones which are to be found in that part of the country. I was to take a few of these stones and by describing them with sufficient clarity, to procure a certificate stating I was from henceforth to be accepted as an authority on the specimens I had described.

When I was eventually to be recalled it was considered cumbersome and unnecessary to have to carry these inanimate objects with me, the certificate being sufficient, and I was therefore to hide them judiciously, the easier for the next visitors to find.

So I set off with great hopes, to find upon arrival great difficulty in getting a place to stay. It seems the general principle is to hope for the best, look to the future and hang round waiting for a beach hut to be vacated. There are of course rules imposed on the use of these beach

huts, not being allowed, for example, to sleep two in a bed for fear of the beach attendants who will send the weaker one away, even before digging has begun. These attendants being, of course, answerable to the authorities on high who have sent you there with the rules but without the huts.

Set to Work

Once enstated however I set to work. I am of course restricted to the beach, only a few, much older (and therefore, naturally, wiser) people being allowed to paddle in the sea. Most of the sand has been dug and re-dug in these parts and the enthusiasm for exploration with which I initially embarked on my journey soon evaporated.

It is interesting however to note the different behaviour of the animal life I discovered on these wide, vast beaches.

There are some groups of sea urchins which cling to rocks protruding from the sand. These creatures seem content to remain static and feel their particular territory over with mechanical care, oblivious of the fact that it is now dry and purposeless and has long since been left behind by the sea.

Other little vermin there are who run all over the sand shrieking and stamping as though in mortal agony. I have learned recently that they do this because they are happy and expect everyone else to join with them in their fun and laughter, irrespective of the fact that much of the sand they disturb is of the finer, more delicate variety and should be carefully sifted.

I found a curious specimen one day—a long piece of seaweed which had trailed into the sea by some mistake and yet had grown roots into the sand. No amount of pulling could remove its roots so it could neither be totally immersed in the water, nor live sufficiently as a plant on land, the ground being too uncongenial. It was sad that such a remarkable thing

should dry up and wither when it could have been put to some useful purpose. I have noticed since a tendency for other plants to do the same thing.

There are many creatures which aspire to being birds in this area. Most of them are unable to fly at first but a few whose wings are stronger than others, through determination and effort, soar by varying degrees above the beach and hover, looking down on the life below them. Their life however is short and they soon fall into oblivion.

Nothing is permanent here. The beaches seem firm and dry but are treacherous quicksands. Many people I know have become bogged down in different parts. Once the sands have claimed a victim they are ruthless in their possessiveness. One particularly treacherous part is called Personalitisand, another Fanatisand and the largest Apathisand. Between these areas are narrow paths called variously Responsibility Road, Socialist Way, Potential Path and Freedom Fairway but those who walk on the extreme sides of these paths are in danger of slipping into ruts or ditches which lie between the paths and the sands.

Bleak Hills

Under the huge bleak hills which hem in the coast are small, damp, evil smelling caves which everyone passes through and few escape from without attaining their odor. In these caves, varying in size and stench, names, reputations and obscure opinions are passed from mouth to mouth, soiled and covered with slime they are then disposed of. The creatures who dwell perpetually in these caves are misshapen and blinded by the false light and the lethargy which surrounds them. They sniff and grunt and use a language all their own. When squeezed out they huddle their way back to the country and towns carrying with them their blindness and boredom.

I have been too long already on this beach. In the evening when I stand alone on slowly shifting ground and smell the fresh air blowing from the sea, I long to swim out and drown myself in its waters, it is so clean and cool out there. I have nearly finished analysing and describing the too-often handled stones I have found. They are poor specimens, small and lacking in lustre, yet occasionally when I look deep into the heart of them I see shining there a pure colour untainted by the drill of microscopic analysis. I should like to live with that colour forever—and the sea.

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RUSSIA
PREPARES
Scene in Red Square



B MOCKBE ("In Moscow")

HERE all is comparatively calm. Determination and confidence are very deeply rooted in the average Soviet person, who takes a fiendish delight in telling you how his country came right from behind despite everything that Armies of Intervention and Hitler's Germany did to it and has now overtaken the mighty United States in many fields and will soon leave it behind it in all.

Union News was absolutely right in calling upon all students to concern themselves for their future safety — and to take action. I would like to outline some facts, facts as seen from this side of Europe.

The Iron Curtain countries welcome the new tests while regretting that they are being forced to such truly grave measures. They are geared up for any eventuality and no amount of slander and abuse is going to change them. Once they are convinced that their very existence and independence are threatened, they will literally obliterate capitalism from the face of the earth.

Winning

The Russians now know that they are completely, overwhelmingly superior to the Yanks in every form of warfare that matters (and intend to stay that way) — land, sea, air, rocket.

T.N.T. power, nuclear power — are in cold-war propaganda. The Russians, clearly, are winning—without bombs.

Defensive

But, if you stay on the defensive, then sooner or later you will be attacked. If you leave a smouldering fuse lying about (like the West Berlin provocation centre), then sooner or later it will blow up. The West German neo-Nazis get stronger every day. Ex-Nazis swarm in Germany today in all the high positions of the state.

Therefore, now they are strong enough, the Russians are taking the initiative, are going to clean up the Berlin problem and put out the dangerous fuse.

But putting it out might lead to

from
ROY BULL
ex-J.V.P. of
this Union, and
now a student
in Moscow

war? But leaving Berlin as it is would have led to war anyway eventually, but with a nuclear-armed Germany. This way, the chances are that the Yanks and the British will climb down—if the peace movement plays its part and stops playing into the German fascists' hands by doing their work for them in demonstrations outside the Soviet Embassy.

The first step was to close the Berlin border. No troops were involved; the West retaliated with massive

troop movements. The next step will be to regulate the traffic between West Berlin and West Germany, to stop West Berlin being used as a spy centre. This step would require the minimum of troop and aircraft activity. The Western reply?—Presumably there is only one thing to do after bringing up massive troop reinforcements. And that is to use them. So the Russians have taken all measures necessary to be fully certain of completely crushing any armed sally by the West in the quickest possible time and with the smallest loss of life to themselves. I respect their judgement that they themselves know best how to achieve this without advice from Bertrand Russell or any other defence "expert." They have dealt successfully with two mass invasions from the capitalist world since 1917. They will just as surely deal with the third.

Bellicose

If all of this sounds very bellicose, I can only repeat that the Russians are determined to take action over Berlin. If the West refuses to alter the status of West Berlin in order to keep it as a loaded pistol pointed at the heart of the G.D.R., then it means the West is prepared to use war as a means of maintaining their position, for only by military methods

can they defy laws concerning the servicing of West Berlin passed by the East German Government (in whose territory the city lies).

Once the Russians show the slightest hesitation when threatened with nuclear war, then it will mean complete and final victory to the nuclear war lobby in the American ruling strata and the third world war will then be virtually inevitable. The Russians have no choice but to prepare their armed might down to the very last detail and to stand ready for the signing of the German Peace Treaty. Those who want peace and are fully aware of the enormous gravity of the situation can safeguard the world from nuclear war by forcing the British government to support the ending of the monstrously unjust and terribly dangerous position in West Berlin.

Protest

Clearly, there is only one place to protest; and that is at the House of Commons. Demand that Britain protest and act against the revival of the Nazi war machine in West Germany; and that she declare and act for an end to the West Berlin war-provocation centre. It is the cause of tension that needs eradicating: the provocation in West Berlin with its spies and saboteurs. Not its effect, the Russian strengthening of her armed forces. This means taking action over a matter that most students will only just have become aware of. But these are the measures necessary.

Superiority

The Russians want no war. They are deeply committed to the idea of proving the superiority of Socialism in a peaceful development of science and every aspect of social life. And to point to their armed might and their cold-blooded threats in order to ridicule their claims of peaceful intentions is most dangerous political inno-

Debates

INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION

by JOHN MOWAT

NEXT week, my dears. You will all come flocking into debates next week, won't you? The motion will be "That this House believes chastity to be outmoded." Oh course you are not sensualists, I know. You are lovers of true debate. Not many lovers of true debate turned up to hear "That this House believes that Industrial Scholarships are a threat to the Independence of Education."

Not even my favourite floor speakers could sit that one out. Either that, or they missed Martin St. J. Forrest's mis-spelled notice. He has resigned. We can hope for more publicity for debates, now.

At any rate, only 68 voted. Less stayed to the end. Mr. Gunawardhara proposed the motion. He pleaded that the state should pay for all education and research. He was supported by Miss Sellar. She said that in far reading terms the industries have their iron hand clamped on us. Once people come to a university for an education. Now the science student a specialized degree for a particular, pre-destined job. This is not an education. And it is the result of the subtle coercion of industrial scholarships. "Universities are now factories for turning out personnel." She closed by saying that we students should have to say "Thank you, industries,"

for his education. He has a right to education anyway.

GOOD SPEECH

Dr. Townend opposed. He also gave a good speech, apart from his jokes. Industrial scholarships did not impede the advancement of knowledge, he argued. Industries will propose a certain topic for the research student, or professor. But they need not touch them, if they are not interested. Usually the topics are interesting. Otherwise the firm would not be beaten. Again, the student or professor may propose a subject for the industry, who may pay him to pursue it. In any case, the industries cannot stop information from being published for monopoly reasons. After two years, the report will become public property. Later, from

the floor, Miss Brenner asked about drugs. If a valuable one was produced, was it right to keep it from all drug companies, while one company made a fortune out of the plight of people who needed it? When he summed up, Dr. Townend said that if the firm did not finance the research, maybe the drug would never have been invented.

Here is the flaw in the opposition's case. Should purely commercial concerns dictate on the time lapse before a product becomes universal? Miss Squire said, from the floor, that industries hamper with local Education Authorities to have courses channeled their way. Again, is that right?

Mr. Bob Whan, the champion of private enterprise, seconded Dr. Townend. He said that he had held three industrial scholarships. Never had there been any strings attached. The ratio was one good speech from each side of the House. Mr. Whan's speech did not have enough meat in it to alter the ratio. Added to this was the fact that questions from the floor had gone against the opposition. A crystal ball was not needed to forecast the voting which went like this: 36 voted for the motion; 27 voted against. There were six abstentions.

Mr. Peter Hall chaired the debate. Experience will give his native authority the unruffled quality of a good chairman. If he chairs next week, he will see all of you, and need it.

cence and a source of huge satisfaction to those who preach distrust of Russia — the extreme right and the fascists.

For, with anti-Communist hysteria to play on, war-bent generals and near-Nazi politicians can achieve anything. We have begun to see this in the U.S. and West Germany. If this hysteria is not overcome, people's minds will never be won from the influence of such as Strauss, Adenauer and Speidel over to the ideal of peace.

Union Library

WELL, where is Union library? This question is heard so frequently that those who know the answer must be a minority. Those who realise that in addition to being a less impersonal study-room than the Brotherton, Union Library contains books, are much rarer.

As an overworked scientist I realise only too well how little time is allowed for general reading by packed courses but it seems a great pity that this valid collection of books (and the union's annual grant of £100) should be virtually unused. The library contains well over a thousand books, chiefly novels, but including sections on art, poetry and drama, sport, sociology politics, religion and philosophy travel, etc. It is hoped that the Climbing Club's collection of books and guides will be incorporated with Union Library, and enlarged. New books are bought about twice a term and suggestions are more than welcome — after all, it is YOUR money which buys them.

The library is on the top corridor of the Union, next to Rag Office (or opposite the billiards room if that gives a more helpful bearing). Books can be borrowed any lunch-time, and joining the library involves merely filling in a membership card.

The somewhat dispiriting task of those who help with the library would be worthwhile if there was a little more to do. If you have the time, make use of Union Library — and if not, remember that mindbroadening education you expected from University.

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HUMANITY IS HORRIBLE

Nausea of Existence

SIR,—I noticed in your columns last week a letter complaining of apathy in the Union. I on the other hand advocate apathy. Whether or not there is a J.V.P. interests but a handful of social climbers although it is doubtful whether they know in which direction they are climbing. The whole object of the Union seems to be to allow a few potential back-scratchers to play at politics with other people's money, generously donated by students who have no choice in the matter. The Union, if its existence is of any value, is to provide a place where students can eat, drink and talk in reasonable comfort and amuse themselves with the opposite sex. It should not exist to manifest examples of nauseating idealism. It should not exist to enhance the growth of, or even to recognise such societies as continue to emit the putrefying smell of mediaeval superstitions. It should not exist to squander money on petty activities such as sport. Far better that it should be spent on expansion and libraries and places to work undisturbed by the constant contact of sickening, seething humanity. At least in this way students would get to know themselves instead of attempting the futile and impossible task of getting to know other people.

What a shock humanity gives you when you see it in a boxing-ring or attacking itself on a rugby field. Humanity is horrible. The only way out is to withdraw into yourself. However, to do this all the time is psychologically impossible: but at least from time to time pull back the curtain of deception and feel the nausea that is existence. Be a cynic, a misanthropist and laugh at the disgusting and revolting idealism of the nuclear disarmers and anti-racialists. Go to Bradford dance halls, and watch them parading their banners and slogans. They think they are defending humanity, but in fact they are attacking it. They in their idealism

think they can change it. It's laughable. Human beings are fools, and it's funny.

Yours etc.,
P. R. BERESFORD-TEBBIT
Leeds University Union.
(3rd-year French).

Conduct in Lodgings

SIR,—Your violent correspondents who are too disgusted to sign their names seem to have allowed their resentment of a purely imaginary slur on workmen to lead them into irrelevant allegations as to the ordinary students' (say 5,500 of us) conduct.

The inference that all students are in the habit of indulging in immoral behaviour with women in their bed-

rooms late at night is an insult which must be deeply resented by most students, and certainly by those people who are aware of the situation. If such conduct takes place it is within the landlady's power to stop it.

In a university attended by thousands of students, it would be surprising indeed to find no-one whose behaviour was shocking; what is more surprising to me is the concept that the word "student" is a synonym for "playboy".

No matter how good the conduct of workmen or students, their different ways of life are an effective cause of

200th Issue

SIR,—Please accept the congratulations of the undersigned (all now living in or around London) on the occasion of the paper's 200th birthday. We wish *Union News* good health and continuing success for at least another 200 issues.

As you were honest enough to point out in the 200th edition, the

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paper has had its "downs" as well as its "ups". We have made mistakes, but we have learnt by them—and we would not wish to be dissociated from one line of copy printed during our days on the paper. In the immortal words of Hugh Cudlipp: *When in doubt, "Publish and be Damned"*.

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Standard of Photography

SIR,—We, as unwilling subjects of an old and uninteresting photograph in today's issue of *Union News*, feel we must protest against the deplorable standard of photography displayed in this paper this term. Is it completely impossible that new photographs be taken?

Yours etc.,
TWO IRATE "VIRGINS"
Leeds University Union.

PICTURE EDITOR REPLIES:

Many people do not realise that although the frequency of publication of the newspaper has doubled this year, the amount of work which the photographers on the staff have to do has more than doubled. We do our utmost to illustrate articles with the best photographs we can obtain, but in many cases an article is received too late for illustrating (photographs have

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FILM NEWS

In the tradition of 'The Facts of Life,' and Billy Wilder's 'The Apartment,' *Batchelor at Large* (at the Ritz) mixes sophisticated sex-comedy with some sick satire on modern American mores.

Or at least this is what it sets out to do. The first three-quarters of the film are filled with fine Tati-esque fun at the expense of the gadgets and comforts 'necessary' for up-to-date living. Adam J. Nilas alias Jack Adams alias Bob Hope is dropped into 'Paradise'—the name of a new housing development scheme in California. On being shown his new house by Rosemary, a sexy spinster played by Lana Turner—who doesn't look a day over fifty—Mr. Adams says,

'It's a pity it was pink though' 'That's not pink it's Californian Coral'

'Who on earth thinks up the names for these colours anyway — Tennessee Williams?'

Jack Adams, this libertine and redooser romps his way through the super-markets, bowling alleys, drive-in restaurants as well as the private lives of the women forsaken all day by their commuting husbands, looking for material for a racy sociological study called 'How the Americans Live.'

The whole thing wears a bit thin though by the time we get to the court scene (we know what happens when someone writes a book about a small town—we saw 'Return to Peyton Place') but there are plenty of laughs in it and it certainly should not be missed by Bob Hope addicts and there's a nice, sentimental, corny end-

ing; co-stars Paula Prentiss and Janis Paige, and Agnes Moorehead makes a brief appearance.

Also 'Fury River' a silly piece of 'Boy's Own' rubbish with the decidedly message that 'a reasonin' man can get pretty mixed up in wartime!'

The film version of James Hadley Chase's "The World in my Pocket," *On Friday at Eleven* at the Plaza, is rightly billed as "A Million Dollar Crime Planned With Nerve Shattering Precision." Exciting and packed with tension throughout, this qualifies as the best crime film I have seen for many a month. The old cliches are all there—the Perfect Plan, Perfectly Executed, the Unforeseeable Hitch, the inevitable Triumph of The Law. 'It's been done often, but ne'er so well.'

Rod Steiger and his international set of criminals, Ian Bannen, Peter van Eyck, Jean Servais and Nadja Tiller, waylay an armoured pay wagon on a lonely road by staging an accident with Nadja Tiller lying as dead in the road. After two deaths and half an hour, to our amazement, the criminals have the cash BUT it is still locked (with a guard) inside a supposedly impregnable steel truck. The subsequent attempts to extract the money and their final failure produce a tense, fast moving film. Supported by "Nothing Barred"—a typical but entertaining Brian Rix farce—this makes an enjoyable evening... but don't forget your tranquilisers.

to be taken, processed, sent away for blocks to be made and returned to the printers in Leeds—a total period of 2-3 days), which is the reason for some old blocks being used a second time. We shall continue to do our best in this respect; if you think you can do better join us!

Women in the Union

SIR,—I feel it necessary to correct the impression given by Miss Sinclair in the "Consideration" of "Women in the Union".

It may surprise her to know that there is an amazing number of normal females attending University for all the normal reasons of work/play/life, and they are sick of being pushed into either the category of Virginal Frump or of Sex Maniac.

As for the matter of Equality: it really does not signify at all. All we want is a certain amount of recognition as individuals—as distinct from Female V.F. or Female S.M.

Yours etc.,
J.M.J.

Leeds University Union.
P.S. Surprisingly enough, the afore-mentioned categories can apply also to the males.

Unconstitutional Procedure

SIR,—I wish to protest against the Unconstitutional procedure adopted at the inaugural meeting of the Anti-Racialist Society, of re-electing the original self-appointed committee (except for two officers, elected individually) by composite motion instead of by open election. I repudiate Mr. Gould's allegation of obstruction in

opposing the election of certain persons to office; I opposed them merely because I did not want them elected. Indeed I was as anxious to expedite the business of the meeting as anyone present.

Yours etc.,
M. P. LAYCOCK.
Leeds University Union

Letters

We must point out that, except in exceptional circumstances, we cannot guarantee to print any letter exceeding about 200 words. Readers submitting long letters, therefore, do so on the understanding that they may be cut drastically. It will be assumed that anyone submitting a letter has agreed to this condition.

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THE ROLE OF SPORT IN BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

A Survey by Klaus R. Kaiser

RECENTLY a great deal of controversy has been raised concerning British student representation in international events. It was generally considered that the team sent to the World University Games in Sophia, Bulgaria, was not the strongest according to the terms of selection of the Federacion International du Sport Universitaire. The controlling financial aspect in selection is also a matter of grave concern.

The Wolfenden Committee in a recent report on "Sport and the Community" stresses three things:—

All Levels

First, the essential need for sport at all levels. "There is a positive play element in the life of young people, which can be neglected only to the disadvantage of both the individual and society. Man, in short, needs play. In the form of the game, or sport or outdoor activity of some kind, it is desirable in itself for its own sake as a valuable element in a full and rounded life."

Secondly, the importance of well organised international sporting contests: "International sport is a force for good, giving perspective to our view and contribution to our sanity and understanding. We have been told of the great value of international games in which no national prestige is involved. Teams from universities already go abroad, we believe this type of venture yields rich dividends in inter-national understanding."

Additional Sports News

Demonstrating

AWAY at Bradford last Saturday, Leeds faced the strong opposition of an All Comers team in what was felt by many to be a needle match. After a disappointingly quiet start, Leeds slowly asserted their superior style—bred of so much hard practice and training. After a number of inconclusive manoeuvres in which the buck was passed from side to side, activity centred on the left wing and a constructive contribution emerged. The final score is



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These recommendations were submitted as a report to the government and even if supplemented would be unlikely to provide for sectional interests such as the universities.

Nurseries of Sport

The universities of the U.K. have traditionally been the nurseries of sport and sportsmanship at its best, but the co-ordination of their activities whether from the point of view of inter-university competition within the U.K. or that of international sport is still in a rudimentary state. At present these are controlled by three separate organisations:—

- (a) the Universities' Athletic Union, founded in 1919.



Klaus Kaiser with a U.A.U. official

- (b) the Women's Inter-Varsity Athletics Board (W.I.V.A.B.), founded in 1923.

These two bodies are primarily designed to promote athletic activities among the civic universities of England and Wales, which provide a certain amount of financial support. We in Leeds are full members of this body. The Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London are not full members. Scotland, and to some extent Wales have separate organisations, but their individual universities and Queen's, Belfast take part in some of the activities arranged by the U.A.U. and W.Y.V.A.B.

- (c) the British Universities' Sports Board, founded in 1951.

Student Games

This board was founded to organise university representation in international sporting events of a non-political character. Its main function is to organise the British team for the World Student Games, which is run by the F.I.S.U., biennially. The financial difficulties are great, it has no regular income, and is entirely dependent on public appeal and voluntary effort. Competitors have been asked to pay substantial sums towards their participation and have often had to refuse selection on grounds of financial difficulties.

If I may again quote the Wolfenden report: "A national team

TABLE TENNIS

YORKSHIRE OPEN

AFTER a below-form Leeds side with two reserves in had lost to a strong Manchester team in the U.A.U. 9-6; it was decided to enter as many as possible in the Yorkshire Open, just for the experience, Petersons and Kimble had played well at Manchester, but as Petersons had not entered at York, all hopes were pinned on Kimble. He however, lost narrowly in the first round to Silver, who eventually reached the quarter finals. Fullen and Hesse were easily defeated in the first round as was Ellis in the Preliminary Round. Earis was the only one to reach the second round where he too was heavily defeated.

Hesses and Holmes a scratch partnership) reached the 4th Round of the Men's Doubles, a creditable performance in the Preliminary Round. Earis and Earis both lost in the 1st Round again. Competition was just too severe and the standard at the University must be raised by constant practice and, if possible, coaching.

LACROSSE

FIFTH VICTORY

Cheadle Hulme 5, Leeds Univ. 21. A runaway victory over bottom of the league Cheadle Hulme gave the Lacrosse Club their fifth league victory of the season. Within minutes of the face off the Cheadle net was bulging and a half time score of 8-3 reflected the complete dominance of the Leeds attack. Even the home team contributions were a trifle lucky and indeed one was a complete gift when Gay in the University goal gave a perfect "pass" to the Cheadle second home which was easily converted. This though, was really the only mistake Leeds made and counted for little.

In the second half the home defence resorted to wild and often vicious checking which threatened to maim the Leeds attack. This though was countered by a fantastic burst of scoring and the final tally of 21 was justly deserved. It is a pity when clubs like Cheadle Hulme can only resort to this form of play and is detrimental to the game. However next week's clash with top of the table Urmston should make up for this and if the bruised Leeds' attack can score another 21 then they will be amply rewarded.

should be composed of the best performers in the country; anything else is a disservice to the nation and an affront to the competing teams."

Increase Scope

It is obvious that the existing organisations are incapable of coping with the demands made on them and are hopelessly handicapped by lack of funds. Steps have recently been taken to increase the scope of inter-university sport in the U.K. and to make these benefits available for more students and to ensure proper and adequate representation in any international events. The formation of the British Universities Sports Federation (B.U.S.F.) is now in its final stages and will mark a significant step forward in the organisation of student sport in this country.

The B.U.S.F. will incorporate all Universities and University Colleges in the U.K., take over the duties of the B.U.S.B. and co-ordinate the work of the U.A.U., W.I.V.A.B. and other constituent member bodies. The

various bodies which constitute the present B.U.S.B. will retain their autonomy and many of their present functions within the B.U.S.F. The main objects of the B.U.S.F. would be to control and co-ordinate

- (a) Inter-university championships, matches and competitions for both men and women throughout the U.K.
- (b) International competition involving combined university teams.
- (c) To cater for the varying requirements of all universities.

Objects of Federation

The objects of the federation were put forward in a memorandum to the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities in the U.K. The support has been most encouraging and very few Universities are still withholding their financial support.

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still in doubt; an interim assessment is costs to nil (the technical nomenclature is, of course, 26 days to nil).

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Enthusiastic activity was once again secured for Leeds the Mirror Three Mile Marchers' Cup. Presenting the award at a special sit-down in the "Queen's", the Mirror representative in Leeds (an undisclosed member of the Union) said that he thought Leeds would always have sufficient sorrows to keep their cup overflowing, but, failing this, he hoped that, as in the past, the lack of causes would in no way interfere with the forceful manifestation of protests.

REVISION OF RULES

"The whole structure of the present rules will have to be radically revised if the game is to retain its popularity." This was the opinion of a spokesman interviewed by Union News. It seems that there is considerable dissatisfaction with the national ruling that teams shall be limited to twenty and strong feeling that many referees are showing a distinct bias towards public order. A demonstrator at Bradford, after astutely showing that the game wasn't cricket, pointed out that, notwithstanding the added excitement of the spectators, he had no wish to see the use of live ammunition or broken bottles encouraged. He felt sure, however, that many latent demonstrators were being denied the chance to participate by what could only be called the prejudice to maintain public order. It is understood that a national committee of 100 is examining the matter.

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SPORTSWOMAN OF THE WEEK

BLOND, attractive Cynthia Bibby modestly agreed to become sportswoman of the week only after her friends insisted that she must. When interviewed, it was not only the facts about her sporting career which came to light, but also her warm, friendly personality.



CYNTHIA BIBBY

Cynthia attended Doncaster High School and it was here that she began to make her mark. She became the school's tennis captain and played hockey for the first eleven. Her skill at tennis did not pass unnoticed and she was chosen to play for Yorkshire Juniors. She represented them for three seasons. In 1956 she attended Junior Wimbledon and reached the third round; then she was eliminated by the mighty Christine Trueman.

The following year she arrived in Leeds to study physics. Unfortunately for hockey, she missed the Freshers' trials, so, being unable to play for them, she joined the Squash Club. She represented the University in both squash and tennis, eventually becoming captain of both. During this period Yorkshire again required her services, this time for the Women's second teams in both sports. Sheila Knott and Cynthia Bibby were selected to represent the W.I.V.A.B. and played as the first couple of the second team. Later, teamed with Val Faulkner, Cynthia became the British Universities' Individual Doubles Champion. She also gained an Honours Degree at the end of the same year.

Having no flair for teaching, she decided to enter industry and obtained a post with United Steel Company Ltd. The research in which she was engaged required her to use an electronic brain. She returned to Leeds on a computing course, where she is still a valuable member of the squash club. She hopes that next summer she will still be in Leeds to enjoy another season's tennis.

Tech. Trounced

Leeds U. 6, Manchester Tech. 2
IN an attempt to add more punch into their forward line the soccer club experimented with a new forward line. Jim Edwards was switched to centre forward, the position in which he started in the club, and Roy Bamber was introduced at inside left. The gamble certainly paid off and Leeds, playing a much more direct game than against Liverpool, were far too good for the disjointed Manchester team.

Rivals Outclassed

In a hard fought, exciting and good spirited Christie Cup Tournament Leeds came out victorious in every sense of the word. They outclassed Liverpool from the beginning and made a big hole in the defence of Manchester towards the end of their tussle.

The first match of the afternoon was with Manchester. Leeds led by Megrel and ably supported by Pilliar, Collie, Milner and Bevan made an all-out attack from the word go and towards the end the Manchester defence was shattered into pieces and Leeds won the game by the comfortable margin of 84-63. Though marked and guarded by opponents there was no holding Megrel, but the play of Milner and Collie was restricted. This left an open field for Fresher Pilliar from Canada and exhibited some canny and shrewdness to score 18 off the total. Bevan was, as usual, useful holding his post admirably. Final scores were

Megrel — 23
Pilliar — 18
Collie — 14
Milner — 14
Bevan — 8

Following a tie between Manchester-Liverpool the last match of the afternoon was Leeds v. Liverpool. Here again Leeds attack was formidable which was held back by Liverpool's defence in the initial stages of the game, but once Leeds started scoring there was no looking back. Megrel was once again in spearhead of the attack and was the highest scorer with 30. However his teammates at no time relaxed the grip and each made a useful contribution to win the game with quite a sizeable score of 94-62.

Coach Mitchell with his vast international experience handled his team with refreshing zeal.

LITTLE SPORTORIAL

You may not even have heard of the 3rd Division of the Intra-mural league, and probably didn't even know that it existed, but if you had to play on the only pitch allocated to this league, you probably wouldn't want to know about it, or play on it.

The players who use this quagmire pay their £7 a year to the Union just like the 'stars' of the first XI, and ought to get the same consideration.

Weetwood playing fields are not exactly the best drained fields in the country, and on a day when University first team pitches are waterlogged, this cow pasture, with its lorry tracks down one side, and duckpond in the middle is used for two games in one afternoon. It isn't good enough!

SOCCER

FORWARDS TAKE THEIR CHANCES

St. John's Coll. 2, Leeds Univ. 3

THIS win was a great performance by Leeds against a tough York team, and it was the University's first win at York for three years. Although the home side had far more of the play they found themselves behind three times in the game due to the sharp shooting of the Leeds' forwards.

St. John's started the game at a fast pace and for fifteen minutes the University were penned in their own half. It was Leeds, however, who

RUGBY

Success in South Yorks.

Sheffield U. ... 3 Leeds U. ... 17

LEEDS University won a scrappy game at Norton on Wednesday against a not particularly strong Sheffield side. Although one must admit that the Sheffield forwards were quite good, they never mastered the Leeds pack.

The South Yorkshire team opened the scoring with a penalty early on, and in the first half, good thrusts by the visitors were stopped by long kicking tactics which put them back on their own line.

Forward Rush

Leeds' first try resulted from a forward rush and Sanderson dropped on the ball for three points.

With the advantage of the wind, after the interval, Leeds became more aggressive. From a short penalty the ball went straight to Anson who ran 25 yards to touch down. The third try was similar to the first and Williams was the scorer.

An orthodox move from a scrum resulted in Griffiths surviving four tackles to score between the posts. Train converted.

The final try was a real beauty. The ball was moved across field and back again for Evans to send Anson over. There is the criticism that the ball is held too long in centres, which means that the speedy wingers aren't brought into operation enough.

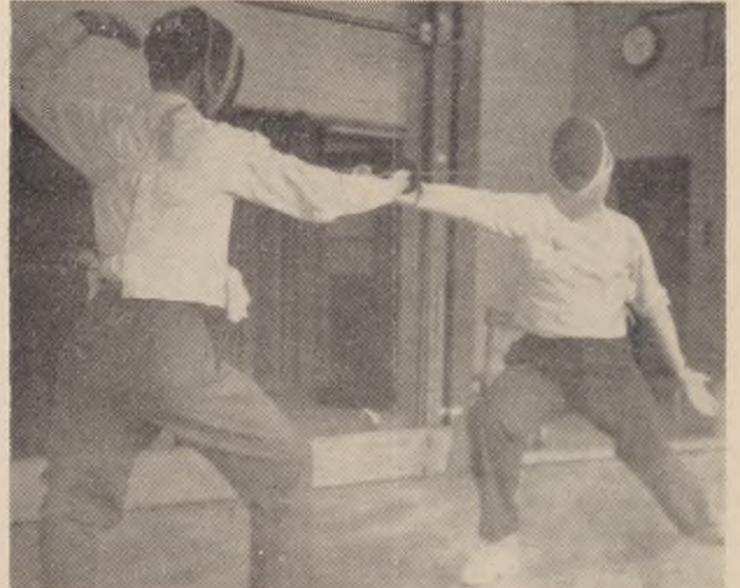
Leeds are still unbeaten by University sides and since they have already beaten Durham 12-5, prospects are good for next Wednesday's U.A.U. quarter-final tie.

Team: Train: Anson, Griffiths, Ward, Archer: Morris, Williams: Ward, Gomersal, Shorrook, Sanderson, Hailey, Bridge, Phillips, Evans.

Spotlight on ...

THE FENCING CLUB

by PHIL COOPER



FRESHERS AT PRACTICE IN THE NEW GYM.

LEEDS Fencing Club offers the best coaching facilities in the North of England. The members are fortunate to have the guidance of Prof. Bennett, a member of the British Academy of Fencing, who himself was a club member in the 1930's and later had the honour of representing Britain.

Major Event

Under such expert coaching it is not surprising that two Leeds fencers represent the U.A.U.: having Foulger and the captain, Nick Foster an Economist, who fences all three weapons, foil, epee and sabre. Together with ex-members now attending post-graduate courses elsewhere, the club can claim to have produced a third of the present U.A.U. team—quite an achievement.

Leeds were eliminated from the U.A.U. championships by Liverpool, who significantly had a former Leeds fencer helping them. The next major event is the Christie, the club expects to win this, as it is for foil only, un-

like the U.A.U. which includes epee and sabre.

The club comprises 50 members, including 20 women. It seems that the fairer sex quite enjoy the sport, but are very loath to enter competitions. This is unfortunate since the men's captain thinks they have potential. However it will soon be seen whether or not this is true, when the women's team, under the captaincy of Carol Smith have their first match of the season against Durham on Saturday.

Nearly all the first team leave this coming summer, so the club is busy preparing for the future. Our hopes are pinned on two members, Martin Spriggs, described as a natural, and Robert Cobb; both are Dentals. They are expected to fill the gap.

Prof. Bennett estimates that it takes ten years to become a fencer, and 15 a champion. He thinks, however, that in three years at University, with plenty of practice, a good standard can be reached.

For newcomers the club provides all necessary tackle, including electrical epee equipment. The U.A.U. is shortly going to introduce an electrical foil, which means that this method of scoring will have to become standard. At present only one University is lucky enough to possess this luxury, but perhaps Leeds could be the second.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Jefferies and Wood Run Away

LEEDS had little difficulty in continuing their run of victories over other Universities (apart from the defeat by Durham) when they beat Sheffield, Birmingham and Salford Technical College over Sheffield's short, fast, 5½ mile course

Valuable Support

In the race for individual honours nothing seems to be able to prevent Trevor Jefferies and Geoff Wood from literally running away from the field on every occasion. Again they finished together in fine style and would have won by more than 21 seconds had the course not been marked so deplorably.

Needless to say, valuable support was forthcoming from the other Leeds runners and out of a field of 29, all finished within the first 10 positions—Harris, Vaux, Totten, Taylor and Pratt constituting the rest of the University team and finishing in that order.

1. Leeds Univ. 31 pts.
2. Sheffield Univ. 65 pts.
3. Birmingham Univ. 94 pts.
4. Salford Tech. College 137 pts.

On the same afternoon, the Leeds Univ. 2nd team scored an even more convincing victory over King's college; Durham colleges; Birmingham Univ. 2nds and Sheffield Univ. 2nds, winning by a margin of 40 pts. Hancock, Murray, Moore, Wrenn, Watson and Roe making up the winning team.

RESULTS ROUND UP

Hockey

Leeds Univ. 6 (Gillett 2, Aggarwal 2, Merlin, o.g.), Thirsk 0.
Leeds II 2, Fulneck O.B. 1.
Leeds IV 3, Sandal 1.

Women

Durham 2, Leeds.
Leeds II, 2, New Leeds 3.
W. Leeds H.S. 3, Leeds III 1.

Soccer

Leeds Univ. 6, Manchester Tech. 2.
Leeds IV 2, Manchester Tech. II 0.

Basketball

Leeds 84 (Megrel 23, Pilliar 18, Milner 16, Collie), Manchester 64.
Leeds 94 (Megrel 30, Collie 14, Milner 14, Bevan 9), Liverpool 60.

Rugby Fives

Manchester Y.M.C.A. 90, Leeds 116.

Swimming

Loughborough Colls. 58, Leeds 30.

Water Polo

Loughborough 10, Leeds 3.
Loughborough II 6, Leeds II 4.
Leeds Medicals 0, Carnegie 'A' 11.
Harrogate 14, Leeds Univ. 16 (t. Hailey, Anson, Ward; g. Train; p. Train).

Rugby

Leeds Gryphons 8, Sheffield II 3
Sheffield III 6, Leeds 'A' 19

Hockey

Sheffield II 6, Leeds II 3
Sheffield IV 3, Leeds IV 6

Women

Sheffield II 2, Leeds II 1

Cross-Country

1, Leeds 32; 2, Percy Jackson G.S. 63; 3, Leeds Modern School 99

Badminton

Sheffield 5, Leeds 4
Sheffield II 5, Leeds II 4

went into a shock lead after 16 minutes when a lofted free kick from Hutchinson was dropped by the goalkeeper straight to the feet of Barnes who accepted his chance to score. The York team equalised soon afterwards but with play very even and concentrated in mid-field it was no surprise that there was no further first half scoring.

During the first part of the second half St. John's were continually on the attack and only sound defensive play, with a certain amount of luck, prevented them from taking the lead. The Leeds' attack was only seen in breakaways, but it was from one of these that Edwards forced a corner mid-way through the half. From this corner Bamber shot home through a ruck of players.

A cruel blow hit Leeds in the 73rd minute when Mulligan scored from a blatant offside position and the referee allowed this equalising goal. A bad decision! Edwards, however, soon restored the University's lead with a left footed power drive, hit on the volley, from a Robinson centre.

The entire Leeds' defence were the stars of this hard fought match against a team that must be one of the hardest tackling in University soccer, with special praise going to winghalves Hutchinson and Connolly.

TEAM: E. Kirby; E. Lanigan, L. Mellor; S. Hutchinson, G. Lycett, K. Connolly; D. Harness, B. Barnes, D. Edwards, R. Bamber, M. Robinson.

Other Result

St. John's College 2nd XI 1, Leeds 2nd 5.

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