

Clever telephone hoax by Bodingtonians fools the press and students

'FASCISTS' JOLT THE UNION

Anti - Fascists React

by The News Editor

Nearly a hundred students gathered in City Square on Tuesday night in anticipation of a fascist meeting being held nearby.

It was learned in the afternoon from a factory shop steward in Leeds that a local fascist branch was planning to hold a meeting in a street just off City Square. By 7-30 p.m., about 100 students were standing around the square in determined little groups, ready to organise a counter-meeting if fascists arrived and tried to hold a meeting.

At first it was thought that a rendezvous had been planned in the Wine Lodge, and people clustered round the entrance. Then a group of four people were spotted on the other side of the square. Two were recognized as fascists and they appeared to be carrying bundles of leaflets with them.

Dispersed

The four took a look at the situation and left shortly afterwards. About half an hour later, the students dispersed as well.

A phone call to two newspaper offices in the city had earlier alerted the Press, who were told by the caller, who said he was speaking from Grant House in Bodington, that there was to be a meeting that night at the hall and also in City Square. At the caller's request, the newspapermen phoned back at 10-30 p.m. and were given the details of the alleged meeting at the hall.

Yesterday it was not clear whether the phone call was a hoax or not, but it is thought likely, as no-one at Bodington had heard of any meeting being held there.

In the Union the reaction to these events produced disunity and confusion among anti-fascists. A meeting of the Anti-Racist Society was called for Wednesday dinner-time by Peter Torode, of the Trotskyite Marxist Society.

Mobilized

Torode told the meeting that the fascists were likely to take over Leeds for "mass activities," and that fascism tended to spread in times of stress. Tuesday night had proved that a hundred people could be mobilized at once. Other speakers accused the police of defending fascists and allying with them.

Opposition began when Conservative Fred Kidd said a false crisis was being generated. There was no crisis, he claimed. Indifference, and

not mobilization, would kill them.

Union Exec. member Nigel Rodley said that the meetings must not be allowed to begin. They must get at the root of the problem. One idea would be to hold sites before fascist meetings began.

Statement

The strongest statement came from Peter Kennedy, president of Liberal Society, who urged the meeting not to let the Anti-Racist Society become controlled by C.N.D. members and Communists. There should be representatives from all societies, including Conservatives and Christians. Only in this way could any fascist threat be met which was likely to arise.

He went on: "I think this meeting is undesirably dominated by Communist groups, and speaking for Liberal Society, we will dissociate ourselves from all irresponsible and exhibitionist behaviour which is likely to antagonize the working people of Leeds and elsewhere."

THURSDAY NIGHT LATEST

It has now been confirmed that the telephone calls to the Press from Grant House, Bodington, were part of an organized hoax by members of the hall.

The students convinced the Press that 78 fascists from all over the North of England had met at Bodington and formed a new party called the "British United Fascist Movement," and had elected officers and a committee of eight.

On Wednesday night, six of them met two pressmen in a wood near the hall and handed them a "manifesto" of their beliefs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arnott with baby Heather.

"Lodgings Crisis Over" V.-C.

THE digs crisis has been overcome without having to resort to the use of temporary accommodation. This was stated by Vice-Chancellor Sir Charles Morris on Wednesday.

Thanking Leeds landladies, he said "this has resolved the lodgings crisis for the present year."

In our picture (above) are three of the few remaining homeless ones. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Arnott and their one-year-old daughter arrived in England from Vancouver last Friday, and have been staying in Sick Bay ever since. Mr. Arnott, who has come

to Leeds to do a Ph.D. in bacteriology, said they had not yet been able to find anywhere suitable.

Yesterday afternoon, Miss Abell described the situation as "comfortable" rather than "good." "I have no sympathy," she said, "with second and third year students who have been sleeping on floors. They should have found places before they went down."

For the past week, the Press and television have been busy around the university recording scenes from the Leeds crisis, which was the worst in the country. The B.B.C.'s "Tonight" team are showing their feature this week, and Granada may do something on the same lines next week.

Free Hair-Do's for Europeans

FREE hair-styling for its female members is one of the perks offered by European Society this year. With 178 members, it is one of the several societies which has experienced a large increase in membership after this week's Bazaar Days.

Also in the throes of revival is Liberal Society, though it only has 75 members as yet. The fantastic 600 recruits for Film Society are only surpassed by Engineering Soc., who have 700. Next biggest departmental society is History Soc. with 226 members.

The Houldsworth Soc. beat the Engineers in one respect by having five female members to the Engineers' four.

C.N.D. is now the largest political society with 207. Labour Soc. has not done so well and has 149 members this year. The Conservatives have 85, and the Communists and the Marxists, who were unwilling to reveal any figures, are estimated to have 30 and 45 respectively.

Biggest sports club is the Rugby Club with 180 members. But only 14 women have joined Archery Club in spite of the 10 per cent. reduction of fee for them.

Freshers' Debate Quieter Education Motions Passed

Fresher Quille in action.

"THE universities are only a part of what is worth preserving in this country," said Michael Laycock in Private Members' Business at the Freshers' Debate.

He was speaking against a motion, which was carried, deploring the Government's education policy and grants to universities.

Another motion passed was one urging the banning of all nuclear tests, moved by Dick Atkinson.

A third motion, again carried, from Keith Carabine, appealed to the University authorities to do everything in their power not to lessen the accommodation crisis by curtailing the intake of freshers, as had been done at Manchester and Birmingham.

Speaking on the motion, Mr. Carabine said "prestige gimmicks" like the Tetley landscaping scheme "must not happen."

This year's debate was a little more orderly than in previous years, although the usual missiles were thrown from the balcony throughout. To give the 1,300 freshers a better chance of getting into a hall of only half that capacity, entry was by ticket only for the first half-hour. But all the usual people, such as Mr. Laycock, managed to get in.

In the debate itself, Tilak Gunawardhana treated the House to a masterpiece of metaphysical discourse, while wandering amongst the darts and flour which littered the floor.

The motion, "That this House would rather be at Oxbridge" was opposed by Tony Pugh, who said of the Union: "This year we're going to have some culture here for the first time."

Mike Gonzalez, speaking for, said he was "utterly confused," but managed to make a good speech.

Elegant

Stan Hooper (against), now sporting an elegant moustache, was about the only one who spoke on the subject.

Speeches from the floor included a heartfelt attack on Devon Hall by an ex-member, and a vigorous and impressive appeal to all freshers to show their gratitude for a good Freshers' Conference by getting up and speaking "instead of throwing lavatory rolls." This call came from a fresher lawyer named Quille (pictured above).

The motion was overwhelmingly defeated.

There will be a meeting for ALL NEW STAFF at 1 p.m. today in the Committee Rooms (top floor of the Union).

Union Diary Out of Print

ALL the 3,000 copies of the new Union diary which were printed have sold out. "This was expected," said Union Secretary Mike Fletcher, "since the new diary combines most of what was the old cumbersome handbook of previous years."

No more copies are to be printed, however, because of the cost. Already the diary has been heavily subsidised. The omission of the lecture time-tables from the diary was "unintentional," said Fletcher, refusing to reveal who had actually made the mistake.

Food Trials

WHAT looked like a hang-over from Rag cropped up early this week. An official from the food fair in the city rang the Union and asked if there were any students who felt like eating a few free sausages.

He was looking for nine students to eat sausages in a competition held yesterday, today and tomorrow. Three people are needed for each night.

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Union Surveyed

A SUBSTANTIAL number of students want to change their courses in mid-stream, according to a recent survey at Nottingham.

The survey, conducted by the social survey expert Dr. Mark Abrams, showed that a third of second-year students and a fifth of third-year students are dissatisfied with their courses. About a third of the Union's total 2,000 students were covered in the survey.

With regard to social background, it was found that nearly 84 per cent. of parents of Nottingham students had not had a university education. The 65 per cent. at Nottingham whose fathers were in the professions contrasted with the 76 per cent. at Oxbridge.

Over half received grants between £200 and £300 p.a. and nearly 30 per cent. got between £300 and £400. Two-thirds worked in the vacs., but very few earned more than £100.

Forty per cent. were Conservative, and only 19 per cent. had changed their politics at university, of these, 15 per cent. to the Left and 4 per cent. to the Right.

Seventy per cent. of the Conservatives had Conservative parents, 56 per cent. of the Socialists had Socialist parents, but only 15 per cent. of Liberals had Liberal parents.

Seventy per cent. claimed a religious faith, of which nearly two-thirds were Anglican. But there was a marked drift away from Anglicanism to agnosticism, atheism and humanism, particularly among men.

Thirty per cent. intended to become teachers of some sort, 43 per cent. to enter industry and commerce, 6 per cent. the public services, 5 per cent. social work, and 4 per cent. the mass media.

A VOLUNTARY fire brigade has been in existence for eight months at the Central University of Caracas. The reason for forming this fire-fighting team is the frequency of blazes in Venezuela caused by the high temperatures. About one hundred students belong to the group. Fire practices are carried out on Saturdays and are led by professional firemen. The team gets special instructions from the Ministry of Agriculture in the combating of forest fires and the preservation of the stock of trees. The students bought the equipment partly out of their own pockets, and the rest of the money was raised by collections.

The presidents of the national student organizations of Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, and Sierra Leone issued a joint statement in which they made public an agreement to establish a West African students' Union. The student leaders' plans call for the new union to be set up within the coming academic year. West African co-operation among students at the academic level has succeeded well for a number of years at the University of Dakar, Senegal. But the idea of an autonomous and supra-national organization for student affairs is regarded as an important step toward the creation of closer West African unity.

Persians who study abroad and who are supported finan-

cially by their government must now pay for their studies themselves unless they return to their homeland immediately after taking their finals. As was announced by the National Union of German Students (V.D.S.), the students must give a surety which guarantees that they will return to Persia at any time if this is desired by the Ministry of Culture.

Three students were suspended indefinitely from Waseda-University, Tokyo, on 7th May, because, in a protest against U.S. nuclear tests on 27th April, they prevented other students and some professors from attending classes.

The Republic of Korea is proposing special laws to encourage Korean graduates overseas to return home. Of about 6,000 Koreans studying abroad, 80 per cent. have failed to return home mainly because of the conscription law, and lack of employment incentives, the Minister said. The Government is, therefore, going to enact a law enabling such graduates returning home to complete their military duty in the shortest possible period, probably a year. Their military service could be substituted by service with specified non-military outfits. Two other laws will be drafted to that end. They are designed to provide the students with civil or governmental positions, assured the Minister.

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Memories of an illegal flat-dweller

SOME people are never satisfied. The age of recognised flat-dwelling is dawning and already all students except those in their first year can legally, with parents' consent, live in a flat.

But as a hardened flat fiddler complained, "no longer can I live dangerously, the joy of fiddling a flat has gone for ever. My four walls have lost all their meaning."

Illegal Flats

That a proportion of under-21's living in illegal flats was common knowledge. The ways and methods employed to dodge the long arm of bureaucracy reads like a handbook of the Resistance, or a chapter from James Bond.

A favourite trick was to obtain a relation in Leeds, and to live with them, paying privately for their lodgings. In this way your affairs did not have to pass through the hands of the lodgings office, if your "relative" was not really such, then it no longer mattered.

There must have been many landlords who became uncles, grandfathers, and even brothers, overnight. This, however, required the full

participation of one's parents, which often proved tricky.

Bed and breakfast dwellings often disguised flats. A sympathetic landlord on the premises could easily vouch that he cooked breakfast for his students, while in fact he only happened to live on the same premises.

There is one story about a student walking across the Moor one evening, when a

Gilbert Larrow

gentleman approached him and in a friendly manner they began to talk about the difficulties, etc., of being a student. The subject soon came round to accommodation, and the student with great gusto told how he lived illegally in a flat, and how he had beat "those b— bureaucrats across the road."

The man then said his good-night with the remark, "by the way, my name is Loach." Needless to say, the Registrar did not take unfair advantage.

Neuroticism was often a good line, like the student who obtained a score on an anxiety test and took this to Student Health and obtained a recommendation that he should move into a flat...

because he could not work well with others.

Generally it was not too easy to fiddle. Many students coming back after the long vac. would move into flats and fail to report to the lodgings office where they were, hoping they might be thought to have left University. In most cases the law soon caught up with them and transferred them back to digs.

No Question

There can be no question that the urgency of the situation often enabled students to gain some bargaining power. They could always shrug their shoulders, and almost with tears in their eyes appeal "but where else can I go?"

Now the adventures of The Illegal Flat Tenants' Association have almost come to a close. Things are different now: they've never had it so good. Well, almost.

The Winners

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The subtleties of fashion are a fascinating part of the study of man as a social animal. Some of his follies are neatly pinpointed by Patricia Gerrard Cooke in an entertaining new book, "Period Costume," published by Collins Nutshell Series at 5s.

In spite of the claims made by the dust-jacket that the aim of the series is to provide "as much really useful and reliable information as possible in a compact form and at a modest price," this book cannot possibly provide a sound knowledge of costume. For this, much greater detail and greater accuracy of illustration is needed. What the book does succeed in doing, however, is perhaps more valuable, since many "straight" books on costume already exist.

Here, interest is primarily focussed not on individual changes in fashion, but on the constant element of human illogic behind these changes, and on the grotesque rather than on the beautiful. The author's satirical

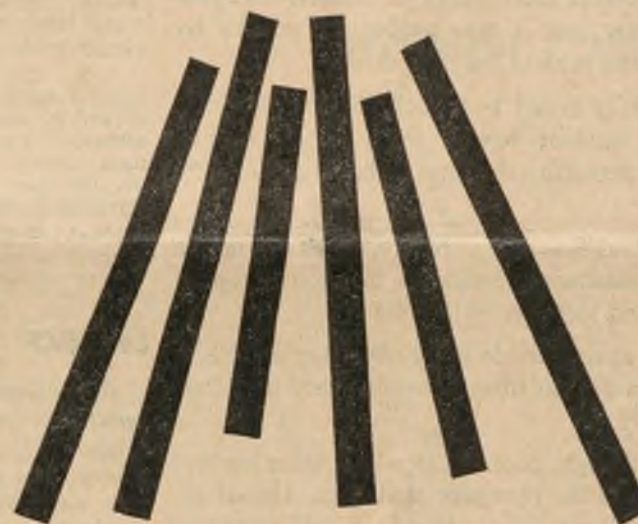


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illustrations, and the anecdotes which she has collected make an enjoyable piece of light reading.

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OVER PUBLICIZED?

TELEVISION cameras, reporters, and Press cameramen have all been seen within the University during the past two weeks.

It seems though, that all these publicity men are concerned in is in bringing the bad lodgings that exist to the public eye. Reporters come to the Union and ask to be shown bad digs or want to be introduced to people who are virtually homeless.

But is this the right sort of publicity the situation demands? If wrongly exploited the facts exposed will merely generate large-scale criticism of the University, and our reputation will fall.

If the University authorities are in any way subjected to excessive criticism this will be most unjustified. Leeds did not restrict their intake of freshers this year as did Manchester, and is now paying the penalty by finding itself in the present lodgings crisis.

The University could be criticised for doing this, yet surely any student would prefer to be in bad lodgings and at university than not to be in a university at all.

This fact, though, seems to have escaped the notice of the several so-called investigators that have roamed the University and lodgings of the city.

An inquiry at national level by television and Press representatives is a good thing providing they look into the situation fully.

The fault, though, behind the whole situation lies obviously with the Government and their University Grants system. All we can do now is to appeal to the powers that be not to forget this fact and not to simply skim the surface, but to look deeply into the lodgings crisis that exists.

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TELEVISION AT WORK

By Maureen Corlett

THE outside world is at last to be told that student life is not all beer and Rag stunts. Our lodgings crisis was investigated by a B.B.C. "Tonight" team led by Ken Ashton, director, and Julian Pettifer, who acted as interviewer and commentator, which was in Leeds between Wednesday and Saturday of last week.

The team's first job, after some research, was to interview those concerned, including Miss C. Abell, Men's Lodgings Warden, and the Vice-Chancellor.

While interviewing students in the Union grounds on Friday, the unit was swamped with anecdotes about students and landladies sleeping on floors (though not in the same flat).

Many heart-rending tales were told of homeless vagrants trudging about Leeds clutching ever-shortening lists of addresses and drawing fourteen or fifteen blanks before settling finally for a five-by-eight attic or a hole in somebody's basement.

The best of these stories were then told before a camera and mountains of sound equipment, by victims whose attitudes ranged from the blasé to the giggly-hysterical.

Also interviewed were several landladies who had ceased to take in students, although even the B.B.C. men were reluctant to divulge the reasons given for such a change of policy.

Much of the time, however, was spent in filming.

A four-man film and sound team which joined Mr. Aston on Thursday spent that afternoon doing exterior shots in Leeds 2 and Leeds 6, especially those areas which have been more or less taken over by students.

General View

On Friday, after spending the morning and early afternoon interviewing, the unit moved to Exec. Office to film an introductory sequence, including a general view of the Freshers' Conference crowds from the Union Balcony.

This was probably the most difficult piece of filming, and the room at the time was a maze of cables, lights and strange black boxes.

The next job was the filming of those parts of the University which are still being built or have been completed in the last few years, including the new Engineering building, the Chemistry block and the new Arts block, and the Parkinson Building, showing the naked girders of the wing which will eventually connect them.

Next stop on the afternoon's tour of Leeds was the College of Technology. Here the team was shown the city from the roof.

Despite the Leeds atmosphere and failing light, a long sequence was filmed of the Parkinson showing up white against the surrounding Victorian buildings but almost dwarfed by nearby factory chimneys.

After scouring Caledonian Road for student flats and photographing rows of dustbins and broken windows, the film unit spent two hours at Bodington Hall to record the contrast between the new and expensive blocks of study bedrooms and the rows of beds which had been hastily installed in the Sports Pavilion only a few hundred yards away.

While filming the latter, the team interviewed several more students, returning to the Union by way of the notice board at Hyde Park Corner, where a general view was followed by close-ups of the actual advertisements.

Work was resumed on Saturday morning, when

several houses were visited and the cameraman turned temporarily into a contortionist to film prehistoric plumbing, kitchens in cupboards, peeling wallpaper, shaking stair-rails, leaking attics, and the occasional mattress on the floor.

Sound Recorded

Meanwhile Mr. Pettifer and the recording engineer were to be found on Woodhouse Moor recording the "wild" commentary, which, like the film, was to be edited for the actual programme.

This had to be done out of doors to match up with the sound quality of the interviews. Recordings were also made of the Parkinson clock and assorted street noises, including a rag-and-bone man's cart and children playing.

Everything was finally completed by Saturday afternoon and after a not too brief call at the Eldon, the six-man team set off to investigate a legend which had come to light in Morecambe.

Letters

Every week Union News publishes letters sent by readers. If you have a worry, complaint or idea you wish to see in print don't hesitate in writing. Simply drop your letter into the Union News box situated near the M.J. entrance, addressed to the Editor.

People not wishing to have their correspondence printed should make this

fact clear when writing.

Although there is, for the time being, no restriction in size, it would be more convenient if readers kept within a 300 word maximum.

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Bruce Miller	Kenneth Younger

Talks to be printed include

"THE PURPOSE OF TRADE UNIONS"

Most union workers would say that unions exist to raise wages. HUGH CLEGG, Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, questions whether they can be shown to raise wages at all.

"EVERYBODY'S HISTORY"

An appreciation of the work of the late G. M. Trevelyan, by BRIAN WORMALD, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge.

"ARISTOTLE'S UGLY DUCKLING"

RENFORD BAMBOROUGH, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, suggests a reevaluation of Aristotle's ETHICS, taking account of its author's metaphysical and biological doctrines.

and other features

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and BBC Television Review

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FILM SOCIETY CAMPAIGN WINS 600

TV Quiz Improves

THE Leeds team again won in Granada TV's quiz programme "University Challenge," when they beat a team from Exeter last Friday.

An "audience" of about 50 or so Union members in two coaches went to Manchester for the show last night. The coaches were provided free by Granada.

The Leeds team is unchanged for tonight, consisting of Pete Hall, Ian Channell, Mike Murphy, and Margaret Bonney. "University Challenge" is based on a popular American quiz, with a few moderations.

This time the margin was a little greater, and there were improvements on the previous week's production, when they met Reading.

One Union member our reporter spoke to, said he thought the questions still lacked any real interest. More visual and aural questions would be much better and would provide this interest.

Yesterday another round took place, this time with Manchester. This will be screened at 10-45 p.m. tonight.

A Magician in Fred's

APPEARING at Fred's on Friday, October 12th, by courtesy of Watney's is Joe Hitchcock, a magician who is also "Britain's leading darts exponent."

The bar was jam-packed as usual on Monday night, the first night of term. The quality of the singing nearly brought the bar to closure point, but not quite.

Apparently, Joe has played and beaten all the leading players in the British Isles and has thereby raised over £40,000 for charities. So he will be willing to take on anybody.

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Other Societies Boom

THERE was a general increase in membership on last year of all societies on the Bazaar Days earlier this week. Final recruitment figures are given on Page One, but C.N.D. and Liberal Society both reported that business was brisk.

However, the most effective membership drive was organised by Film Society, who, with a short film made by Union members which received an enthusiastic reception when shown in the Social Room, leafletting, and a competition with free membership as the prize, managed to attract a record total of nearly 600 members by Wednesday midday.

Describing the response as "bloody marvellous," Ian Channell said there was "a very keen crowd of freshers this year." He put it all down to the Society's programme, which, he said, was not a programme of pop films to bring in money or membership.

With five Leeds premieres of films made during the past few years, they hoped to educate people in the art of the film.

During term, the Society hopes to reach the 1,000 mark in membership. They have also offered to act as a general clearing house for the showing of films in the Union, both to avoid duplication as has often happened in the past and to assist in selection. Any society secretary should contact Film Soc. secretary Chris Arme.

Here and There

PERFORMING at The Peel Hotel in Boar Lane tomorrow at 7-45 p.m. are The Liverpool Spinners, which have been described as probably "the leading folk group in the country." The group has featured on records, radio and television, and their material ranges from Liverpool sea songs to West Indian calypsos, though they concentrate on English songs.

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The first ball of the new session, the Agric. Ball, will be held on Friday, October 26th. There will be four bands, including Ken Colyer's Jazz Band.



Some of the 40 or so society stalls in the Riley-Smith on Tuesday.

Theatre Group's 3 Year Cycles

ZAGREB TOUR SUCCESSFUL

LEAVING for Australia this week after six years with Theatre Group is one of its ablest administrators, Pete Hudson, who organised the recent tour to Zagreb, and has been Secretary and Stage Manager to the Group.

A chemistry post-grad. and a Ph.D., he is going to do research at the University of Sydney for a couple of years. He is not sure yet whether he will return to this country: "If it's nice, I'll stop out there, or perhaps I'll go to America."

Whatever happens, he will be looking out for theatre and drama groups down-under so that he can carry on from where he left off at Leeds.

"Theatre Group has changed quite fantastically" from what it was six years ago, says Pete. Then, a large number of people joining the Group came straight from National Service, so the average age of the Group was much higher than it is now, and its members usually had more previous acting experience between them. Now, most students come straight from school, and the Group is much younger with less experience behind them.

Zagreb Tour

With regard to talent, the fortunes of the Group, which is older than the Union itself, seemed to go in three-year cycles. There would be the years when you would get actors of the standard of Frank Cox and Ron Pickup, for example. These left in June, "so it looks as if we'll be more or less starting from scratch again this year. But not quite, as on the Zagreb tour, we trained quite a few to do producing. So they'll be able to help this year," he said.

The Zagreb tour, from September 16th-23rd this year, had been a great success. With a £25 grant each from the Union and the University, and £17 contributed by each of the 25 members going, they had attended the festival in Zagreb arranged by the Yugoslav equivalent of the N.U.S. "The organisation was quite magnificent," said Pete.

Although it was quite a small festival, with the theatre seating only 500, there

was great enthusiasm for the productions brought over. After each play, there was lively discussion, and this was translated into several languages.

Three one-act plays were taken: Pinter's *The Room*, Beckett's *Act Without Words*, and *The Dice*, by Forbes-Bramble, produced by Doug MacIlidowie, Mike Brennan and Christine Welch.

Ideological

What aroused most interest was the subject of the plays, especially Pinter's. But there were no ideological troubles or other restrictions at all. "The country is much more liberal now, even compared with a year ago. We had trouble then when we were on our way to Istanbul."

While they were on the Continent, the Group also inaugurated the International Students' Theatre Union. It is the successor to the eight-year-old European S.T.U., which Leeds was also in on at the beginning. The new theatre union merely aims at including groups from outside Europe to make possible greater contact and variety. It is hoped to get some sort of financial support from U.N.E.S.C.O.

During the summer vac. it was learnt that Ron Pickup had won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (R.A.D.A.). Mike Brennan got a place at the Central School of Speech and Drama, and Frank Cox is working for the B.B.C. as a floor manager.

Other ex-Theatre Group members now in high places include Mike Beckham, producer of *Serjeant Musgrave's Dance*, which won Leeds the N.U.S. Drama Trophy two years ago, who is a trainee producer for Granada TV, Elsa Bohlen, now working at Stratford in stage management, and Alan Hall, a former civil engineer, who is at present touring the United States as stage manager of *Beyond The Fringe*.



Seen queuing here with other freshers are Mr. Jack Moss (53) and his wife, Mary (39). They have come to Leeds to read English for three years, after selling their family grocery business in Ripon. Both of them have always wanted to go to University, but, said Mr. Moss, "We never made it. We just drifted into jobs."

A Successful Proposal

THE Freshers were introduced to Theatre Group on Saturday when a short one-act play, "The Proposal," by Anton Chekhov, was presented in the Riley-Smith hall.

There is to be a repeat performance at 1 p.m. this coming Wednesday for the benefit of non-freshers.

Saturday's performance was excellent entertainment, and we witnessed the high standard of acting which we have come to expect from Theatre Group. Mike Mayfield gave a brilliant character study of the neurotic, flustered suitor.

It could have been easily overdone, but Chekhov, I feel, intended his characters to be extreme, for general-

ties are more easily appreciated from the extreme case.

John Quicke also gave a very good performance, though Penny Tamblin took a while to find herself, and at times was a little weak in character.

The production can also be faulted: the characters tended to develop individually rather than the relationships that existed among them, and the stage movement at times revealed its contrivance.

Nevertheless, working under extreme pressure, and with little time, Theatre Group are to be congratulated. It is well worth seeing and no doubt the second performance will have ironed out some of the irritations that occasionally crept through in the first.

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RAG 1962



All week by the Town Hall a filibuster was held. Ian Morrison, pictured left, spoke for twelve hours without a break. When this photo was taken he had been talking for ten hours.



Held on the Town Hall steps was an ice-cream eating contest. It certainly looked cold work for the entrants, two of which are shown below



During Rag Week a beer race was held. The winner, right, takes a dose of medicine after the ordeal but the second man home, above, appears in high spirits as he crosses the line





A tiddly-winks championship was held for the first time. Also held at the Town Hall was a twist competition and jam eating, pickle eating and coca-cola drinking contest.

Of course after competing in any of the Rag activities liquid refreshment (below) just had to be taken.



One of the most original floats for the Rag procession was the one pictured above. This was built by the Engineers and represented a Hover-craft.



Everyone certainly had a ball especially when listening to a band like the one below at at Roundhay Park after the procession.



Rag Week over, the citizens and students of Leeds relaxed, and stunt manager Ian Morrison (above) stopped speaking, forgot about stunts and just slept

Political Forum

THE THIRD PARTY

Reflections on the Liberal Party Conference

THE Liberal Party conference held at Llandudno was an attempt by the party to present to the electorate an image of radicalism embodied in responsible policy.

Since Orpington demonstrated the potency of liberalism as a political force, the two major parties have sought to accuse Liberals of being an agglomeration of irresponsible protest.

The assembly was seen as an excellent opportunity to refute these criticisms.

The desire of the Assembly to impress upon the mind of the public an image of businesslike realism was soon evident. The first motion, moved by Mr. Frank Byers, dealt with the

attainment of a "Liberal Society."

It recommended that the following measures should be adopted: reduction of tariffs to enable us to enter the E.E.C., preparation of a five-year plan for industry, introduction of stronger anti-monopoly legislation, adoption of a social security tax to pay for social services, and the pooling of British currency reserves with those of the

Tory claims that the liberals were a party prepared to give away the moon to gain votes were here refuted. Generally, this motion which covered a great deal of ground in a few sentences was considered to be fairly comprehensive expressing the opinion and mood of the assembly as a whole.

A fundamental content of Liberal policy is the "attainment of an Industrial

electorate a united policy on the E.E.C. It was Mr. Mark Bonham Carter who moved that the United Kingdom should make every possible effort to join the Common Market.

In a devastating attack on the muddled Conservatives and the fence-squatting Socialists he put before the assembly the great ideal of European unity. The assembly voted in favour of the motion on an overwhelming scale.

The debate which produced the most controversy was that on nuclear war. Dr. Geoffrey Taylor proposed that Britain should hand over all her nuclear weapons and "know how" to the United Nations. Also he recommended that Liberals should announce their opposition to all nuclear tests. Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, M.P., replied for the executive.

Renounce

He argued that it would be wrong to renounce our own weapons and shelter under the nuclear umbrella of the U.S.A. and N.A.T.O. Also he said that if Dr. Taylor's proposal were adopted it would place too great a burden on the U.N., the structure of which was weak enough already. The motion was defeated by approximately 550 to 350.

The large vote in favour of Dr. Taylor's proposal represents the largest unilateralist vote ever recorded at a Liberal Party Conference.

However, in the executive's amendment the old policy of opposition to nuclear tests by all nations was transformed to support for the current western policy, that is support of testing by the western powers pending a new Geneva agreement. Formerly the party's policy had been ahead of the Labour party in opposition to all tests.

Adopted

Now it seems that they have adopted a policy which is tantamount to support of the present government's. However, the radical element in the party is still strong and we may hope that the sanity of opposition to all tests will soon return as official party policy.

The conference did indeed do much to refute the Tory smears of irresponsibility. Perhaps the presence of TV cameras had something to do with this. There was an impression of good organisation and tremendous enthusiasm.

Perhaps the loyalty to the platform contributed

by
R. H. Jordan

and

P. J. Kennedy

E.E.C., after entry therein.

An amendment to the motion, calling for the immediate reduction of taxation, was defeated. The defeat of this amendment was of singular importance.

democracy." A motion to this effect was moved by Mr. George Scott, the man who fought both of the recent Middlesbro' by-elections. He urged the party to press for more consultation between worker, management and consumer in British industry, both private and nationalised.

Mr. Desmond Banks moved the resolution on co-ownership. It was a general motion calling for employees to be recognised as members of their company and for their fuller participation with shareholders in the determination of the company policy. It also urged that tax incentives be adopted to encourage shareholding schemes.

Amendment

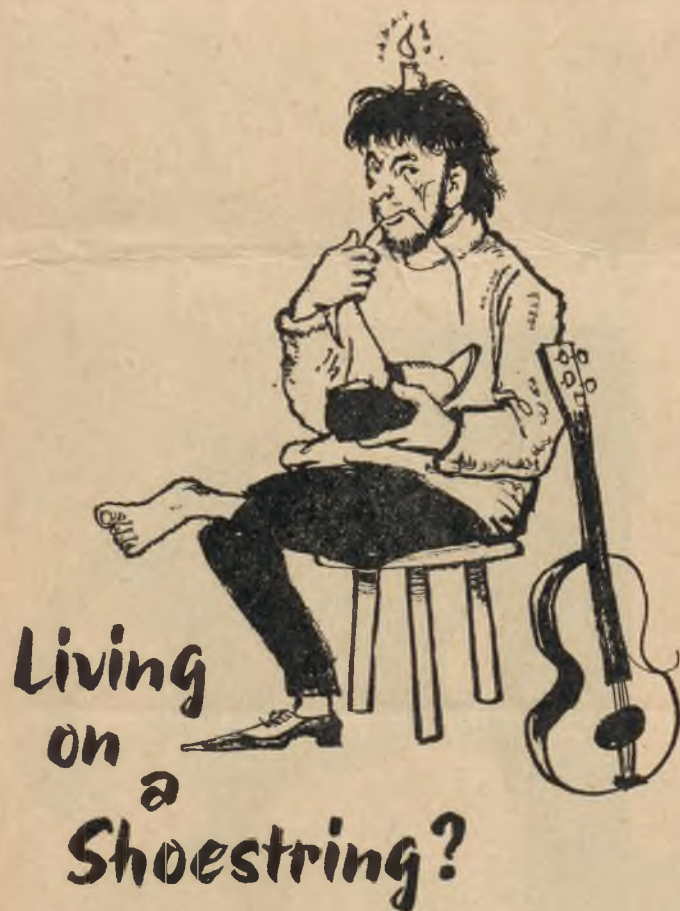
An important amendment, which gave teeth to the motion, wished employees to be given representation on a joint management council "or the right to elect directors to the board."

This was passed but several prominent members of the party both on and off the executive voted against it.

Mr. Elliot Dodds, the originator of the co-ownership scheme, said later that he voted against the amendment because he . . . "considered it inadvisable at the present juncture to specify in the statements of official Liberal policy one particular way of providing for more effective participation by both shareholders and employees in the determination of their companies' policies."

A motion on old people's welfare called for an immediate increase in the old age pension and equating further increases to their cost of living.

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much to the image of party unity, indeed this would seem to be the case where the debate on nuclear war was concerned. The executive did suffer several important reverses; among these was the passing of the amendment dealing with worker control in industry.

One feels that when Jo Grimond votes in one way the whole party follows.

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International Sport

Success in Belgrade

Spotlight on the European Games

by
Ronnie Griffith

A GOLD medal a day keeps the critics away.

After a very successful European Games from the British point of view, the Press found it very hard to criticize the performance of the Great Britain team, and indeed of the games organization.

Prospects are now bright indeed for the home countries in the Perth Empire Games, though the team splits up into England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Jersey, and the Isle of Man.

The highlight of the five-day meeting was the 5,000 metres win of bare-footed ex-Southampton University student Bruce Tulloh, who shattered the field with a devastating finish that world class runners of the calibre of Zimny of Poland could not answer.

Bagpipe Melody

British supporters made their presence known in no uncertain way, including a bagpipe victory melody by a Glasgow University student, much to the delight of the spectators.

The fifth and final day was expected to provide British relay victories in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 metres as well as the women's short relay. But in fact we finished with two silver and a bronze.

The most disappointing, of course, was the long relay. Here Robbie Brightwell was ready to overcome any lead that out-of-form Metcalfe and weak-link Wilcox might have lost.

In fact it was the fault of Wilcox that the change-over farce occurred, since it had been agreed beforehand that the British change-over should take place on the inside.

Wilcox in fact decided to hand over in the third lane, and Metcalfe wasn't there. Although the latter dashed across to snatch the baton with the minimum amount of delay he started five yards behind. By the time Brightwell took over for the anchor leg he was five yards behind but 200 metres from home he was level with the powerful Kinder of the German foursome.

Whereas in his 400 metres race Brightwell had just managed to finish in front, this occasion proved too much and he and his team mates had to be satisfied with second place.

This was a ridiculous race, worse than the Benwyn Jones to Alf Meakin change-over in the short relay with Great Britain three yards up and on the inside lane.

When I spoke to the sprint relay team on the eve of the final they told me that they were going for the world record after the change-overs had gone so well in the heats. I have no doubt in my mind that baton changing can win the short relay and that even Maria Foik of Poland would not have caught a much improved Alf Meakin if the muddle had not occurred.

Turning from the gloomier to the brighter side, there was the near tragedy which ended in success for Brightwell.

Martyr Post

The day before the final he had gone into the stadium and decided that a post which marked the approach to the water jump in the steeplechase should be the point from where he would make his sprint for home.

The millions of spectators watching via Eurovision who saw Brightwell hang on for the last few yards and collapse exhausted at the finish little realised the reason.

In fact, what had happened was that Games officials had for some reason moved the post that Brightwell had his eye on, thirty yards back, so in fact his sprint was that much further than anticipated.

All's well that ends well, and our National Anthem was heard that night as it was every day of the meeting.

Field Events

After mighty Arthur Rowe had signed professional forms for Oldham Rugby League Club, things looked glum in the field events, and indeed if it had not been for our women, who excelled themselves in the jumps, we would have come away empty-handed.

It seemed strange that Rowe should not wait until after both the European and Commonwealth Games before leaving athletics, but of course he had to have adequate time to learn the new code before the season was upon him.

He has stated that he did not get on too well with the rest of the team which comprised mainly of young university undergraduates, and that now he is playing amongst people from his own background and with his own interests.

Much valuable top-class competition is invaluable to inexperienced British field events competitors and those who went to Belgrade, although not hitting the headlines, obtained the competition that they badly needed, and it was a pity that our selectors did not see fit to send one of our up-and-coming pole-vaulters.



The magnificent stadium which housed the European Games.

Next Week's FILMS

AT the Plaza next week is Roger Vadim's *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. It is the film of the book, but with pretentious photography and a corny dialogue.

Sentimental and melodramatic, it is Gerard Philippe's last film. The fine acting of Jeanne Moreau is wasted here.

At the worst, no-one is likely to be bored by *Les Snobs*, coming to the Tatler. At the best it contains some fascinating episodes of an almost surrealist character. Plenty of sick humour of a really invert nature.

In *El Cid*, retained at the Majestic, Charlton Heston and Sophia Loren are still to be seen in 11th century Spain.

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, at the Tower, is not the film of the film. Compares extremely unfavourably with the macabre horror of the 1919 masterpiece. We suggest you wait until Film Soc. shows the original on March 12th.

At the A.B.C., *The Jaguar*, directed by Val Guest, is an average fairly entertaining whodunit. Well photographed Brighton locations hold interest and provide a few macabre shocks. A pleasant night out.

Until Saturday, *Lolita* is at the A.B.C., *The Liar* is at the Tower, *The Truth* is at the Plaza, and *The Loudest Whisper* is at the Odeon.

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JUDO

Success for Holling

Great news from the Judo Club is that Graham Holling, the 1960-61 captain, has just won his Second Dan black belt, a rare feat by any standards. He is only the third University Judoka to get so far.

GOLF

Second Place in UAU

THE Golf Club did exceptionally well to come second in the U.A.U. championships at Worksop during the vacation, against strong opposition.

A. M. Robson and H. L. Badger qualified for the match play tournament, in which they were unplaced. These two golfers also represented Leeds in the Boyd Quinch tournament, which is held every three years in St. Andrew's, Fife, which was won by D. Sheenan, of Ireland.

A. M. Robson qualified with 82, 76 and 75 in the third round. The fourth round was washed out. Robson finished 10th equal, third of the English entrants.

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The Cycling Club became the first University club to hit the headlines this season with both individual and team victories in the U.A.U. 25 mile time trial, on a hilly course near Hemel Hemstead under adverse weather conditions. This brought the coveted Kecher and Sheffield Trophies to Leeds for the first time.

This event was postponed from last season and was the race on which most interest was centred. Leeds were confident of a team victory, having two seeded riders, Mike Tyzack and Dave Riley, entered. Scratch man was R. Cromack, one of the top short distance time-trialists in the country.

A very strong wind was against the riders on the twelve and a half miles from the turn to the finish, consequently all the competitors were well outside their best times.

Victory Assured

Riley, of Leeds, was first man home in 1hr. 3m. 29s. When Cromack came home less than a minute later it became clear that no-one could challenge Riley's lead for the individual title. With captain Mike Tyzack returning 1hr. 6m. 52s. for fourth place and Les Humphries 1hr. 8m. 24s. for sixth position Leeds were assured of the team trophy.

This win completed a fine season for the Cycling Club, for with three out of four team victories they are undisputed overall champions in U.A.U. competition.

The season had opened with a team win in the 50-mile time trial, but Leeds failed by the narrowest of margins to win the road race title.

Track Success

Not content with its success on the road the club turned its attention to the track. M. Tyzack finished second in the 4,000 metre pursuit to P. Gordon, of Manchester (Gordon subsequently represented England in the World Championships which took place in Italy this summer).

The 72-mile road race was held at Sheffield and the home university and Leeds were generally thought to be capable of taking first and second place between them. In the end, dark horses Southampton beat Leeds by one point, while Mike Tyzack managed to hold on to win the sprint for second place in the individual race.

The longest race in the U.A.U. calendar was the 100-mile event in which D. Riley gained second place—a very creditable performance.

What the Cycling Club can do other Leeds University clubs can do also with a little

more effort and determination on their part. Let us hope that this is the first of many U.A.U. victories for Leeds University clubs this season.

ATHLETICS

Only One Match on Sweden Tour

WITH little preparation and no help from the Amateur Athletic Association an Athletics Club party set out from Ostend in three dormobiles on an ambitious tour of southern Sweden during the vacation.

Things did not quite work out as planned, however, and the team only competed in one meeting. This was at Simrishamn preceding a Swedish league soccer match.

The Leeds relay team found itself up against the Swedish four that competed in the European Games in Belgrade and naturally was beaten.

Captain of Athletics John Holt, a U.A.U. shot putter, stood no chance against the Swedish No. 1 and No. 2. But greater success was enjoyed by the middle distance men.

In the first of two 1,000 metres races Geoff Wood came second to John Wilson, of Cambridge, with Colin Vaux and Trevor Jefferies being placed third and fourth respectively.

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