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# UNION NEWS

## SGM GIVES THE LEAD

### Comment

#### Inefficiency

THE thing which seems to have characterised the whole business of a new constitution is the way in which Union Committee have succeeded in being as clumsy and inefficient when they have laid down procedure, set up sub-committees, and worded motions.

Whether this is the result of prejudices or just sheer inefficiency is open to considerable debate. The fact is that it caused a constitution sub-committee to consider a form of government (government by General Meeting) for five weeks, and then criticise it on the grounds that it had not considered other forms of government. Why was this not made clear in the first place? Two of the most ardent critics of the absence of consideration given to other systems were on the Constitution committee themselves. But they did not raise their voices in Union Committee until the completed constitution was presented.

If they had voiced their objections to only considering one form of government earlier than a great deal of ill-feeling and inefficiency might have been avoided.

If this had happened Union Committee would not have been forced to go to the S.G.M. with such vague business that the meeting was useless. The weakness of Union Committee in allowing this to happen through fear of resignation threats can only be deplored.

The S.G.M. itself admitted this when it refused to take a vote on the business which had been placed before it—on the grounds that the matter had been given insufficient consideration.

What happens now? Another constitution sub-committee has been formed on a much more broader and representative basis than the last one. But what is it going to do? Is it going to draw up another constitution and present that to an SGM for discussion; or will it present two or three alternative systems to let the Union choose from.

It remains to be seen. There is nothing concrete on the minute book at the moment. Only more vague notions which will create even more practical difficulties in the future.

To accuse Union Committee of being prejudiced against reform, is a charge easily brought but difficult to prove. To accuse them of inefficiency in this matter needs little proof which is not already obvious.

On what sort of basis do Union Members choose their next year's Union Committee? Politics? Good looks? Past achievements in the Union which show ability?

Perhaps a detailed survey of the 1961 Union Committee elections might reveal the answer.

An electorate which overlooks the obvious talents of Ray Crossley and Irene Millward, who have both proved by their achievements beyond all reasonable doubt that they deserved a place on Union Committee, obviously adopts some system of choice which escapes all rational analysis.

## Second Constitution Sub-Committee gets the Go Ahead

AT Wednesday's S.G.M. it was made clear that there is much dissatisfaction with the present system of Union Government. Almost without exception the speakers expressed some feeling against some aspects of the way in which the Union is run. However this did not mean that the proposals for reform put forward by the constitutional sub-committee met with overwhelming support. The main impression gained from the meeting was that change is wanted by many but much work remains to be done in sub-committees before anything can be done.

Dick Atkinson opened the discussion with an appeal for a serious approach to the problem. This was prompted by the noisy reception of Roy Bull's refusal to speak first. Atkinson's main point was that it is 'ridiculous' for 22 members of Union Committee with small sub-committees to decide policy for the whole of the Union comprising nearly 5000 students.

He said "Responsible people will come, speak and vote at discussion meetings if they feel that it will do some good. The fact that the discussion meetings held before were not very successful was due to the feeling that it was little use discussing matters when decisions had already been taken. The new system of government by general meeting would enable each student to play a full part in Union life."

Mike Green, a medic's representative argued very forcefully that the idea of basing government on group responsibility was, "if not impossible very dangerous". He claimed that the meetings would be time consuming, inconvenient and impractical and that business would take far too long to complete.

### SPECIFIC ELECTIONS

Several people then pointed out that at present business could take a long time, up to five years claimed Bob Burrows. Mike Green then said that Medics and Dentals have not got the time to attend meetings and pointed out that as there was no room where everyone could congregate, this was 'Spatial disenfranchisement'. The medics and Dentals are here all summer and they have much business that could not be profitably discussed by general meetings of the whole Union.

Mary Squire proposed that officers of the Union be elected for specific posts and she was followed by Sam

### Front Page Letter

#### MEDICS. HIT AT ANDREWS

SIR, May we, through the courtesy of your columns, reply to Mr. Alan Andrews' final speech at the constitution S.G.M. held on Wednesday, May 10th. Unfortunately, the closure of the meeting forestalled our protests.

Firstly, two years ago in Mr. Andrews' heyday, a different climate of opinion prevailed in this Union—a climate of contentment. We were contented too, and hence our silence.

Since then, opinions have changed and we also have entered a winter of discontent, demonstrating our 'true progressive attitude'. We act only upon those matters which concern us, and if others confined themselves to a similar course of action, the Union might be a happier place.

Secondly, in the past five years, we have provided 1 President, 2 S.V.P.s, 3 Catering Secretaries, 1 prominent member of Executive, and several Committee members of varying vocal ability. Is this apathy?

Nearly one hundred members of our Faculty attended this meeting. The majority were compelled by pressure of work to forgo lunch. Is this apathy?

If so, the sooner we have an 'apathetic' Union the better for the good government of the people. We are, Sir, yours faithfully,  
BRIAN GUDGEON,  
President M.S.R.C.  
IAN TEFF,  
President D.R.C.

Saunders who drew much applause when he said he was not in favour of either system. "The present one has many defects but the new constitution is too open to abuse by minorities with the quorum only 250." Among faults of the constitution now in force was the fact that so few people know the candidates and that representation is not wide enough. Examination of the systems in other universities had led him to believe that power must be delegated and that most people will not come to discuss items unless they are very important.

### NOT ANSWERABLE

Alan Andrews said there was a good deal wrong now in that the average Union member has great difficulty in getting his ideas to Union Committee members. "Union Committee members must be made answerable to the Union and must not shelter behind the votes they got in the elections," was his main point.

Brian-MacArthur said there was much to be done to make Union Committee more efficient, "many of the present members just sit and vote." He also suggested that people be elected for particular jobs.

Dave Eastwood (Union Committee elect) commented on the discord in the present committee, and described the new constitution as a 'Hotch-potch'. "Do not be stampeded by vociferous, highly organised party political minorities" he pleaded. He claimed that the situation at University College London where a constitution similar to the one proposed was in use was 'chaotic'.

### RESPONSIBILITY

During the rest of the meeting the idea of Student Representative Councils was put forward by several people but the main impression was that change must come and that this change must be such that it brings more union members into union government. All seemed to agree on this point. Alan Andrews in the last speech said students must be given credit for intelligence and responsibility.

The matter is now in the hands of a sub-committee which will report to the Union on its findings and make definite proposals to a Special General Meeting.

### ANOTHER RESIGNATION

ROY BULL intends to bring a motion up at the next meeting of the executive, dealing with a motion passed at N.U.S. Council. It expressed concern about the three African students who left Moscow University because of 'restrictions placed on their movements there'.

Victor Johnson, the Secretary of African Mbonda, had to resign at its A.G.M. last week, because many members disapproved of his statement at Council as reported by the Guardian. In fact, an observer there said that Victor Johnson was incorrectly reported.

Disapproval of the Council resolution is the official party line as expressed by the I.U.S. newsletter and Professor Bugarov, the Moscow professor of political economy, who was at Council as a Fraternal Observer.

## ATKINSON RESIGNS IN COMMITTEE PROTEST

THE proposed Constitutional changes have already led to the resignation of one Union Committee member. At a U.C. meeting on 1st May, Dick Atkinson threatened to resign if a motion to refer the suggestions to yet another sub-committee was passed. It was, and Atkinson gathered his papers and walked out.

It is now his intention to fight the whole affair from the outside. "Since I disagree entirely on an issue of major importance, I find it impossible to continue on Union Committee," he said.

by  
Gordon Walsh

The story as he sees it is as follows. The A.G.M. mandated Union Committee to set up a sub-committee to look into the question of changing the constitution. After a lot of work, the sub-committee (of which Atkinson was a member) reported back. "Some people on Union Committee didn't like the report, so they suggested another sub-committee to frame a constitution they did like." This would have meant a year's delay, since the new sub-committee would report to the next A.G.M.

### Out of Apathy

"Our sub-committee was accused of not being prepared to listen to outside views," said Mr. Atkinson. "This is not true. We investigated every possible type, and the only feasible constitution is government by S.G.M."

The great advantage, he feels, is that it would probably overcome the present apathy in the union. To support this view, he quotes the discussion meetings, which are not at present empowered to make decisions. "In spite of this, there have been 70-100 people at the meetings. If decisions could be made, and those present really felt that what they said was playing an active part in the government of their union, I feel that many more would come along." He thought a regular attendance of 300 was quite feasible.

Would this be democratic—the union governed by 300 people? "The election results show that it would at least be better than the present system," he said. "These results are terrible." He thought it a disgrace that Alan Dawe and Dave Gorbitt were not elected. "Both have immense contributions to make to the union, but because they have occasionally expressed left-wing views they didn't get in. The average student thinks on petty issues, and is apparently not prepared to make the effort to think about the real meaning behind them. They have either voted for a pretty face or voted against the left wing."

### No Democracy

This system is called "democratic" but is not. "Democracy is where you have an informed and responsible electorate. These candidates had their faces on the notice boards, and were allowed to speak for two minutes. They were then elected with an average of about 600 votes each."

This means that 22 people, supported by 600 union members, will be governing the union. Responsible government, he thinks, would be more possible through the 300 he expects would attend an S.G.M.

He also had a word to say about marches. "The sooner someone holds a protest march against Professor Eysenk (London University), the better," he said with feeling. Perhaps U.L.U. will soon be seeing Dick in this characteristic pose?



Dick Atkinson, man who stands by his principles.

## LEFT LOSES GROUND IN U.C. ELECTIONS

NEXT year's Union Committee is composed almost entirely of conservatives (with a small 'c') and girls with pretty faces. This generalisation applies to all but three or four of the successful candidates. It is regarded by many of the right-wing as a vote of confidence in their efforts to retain the present constitution.

Top of the poll for the 15 open seats was N.U.S. secretary Martin Forrest with 1,042 votes. When interviewed in the Bar on Tuesday night he said: "I think it is a very sound Committee and the lunatic fringe has been kept to a minimum. In contrast with this year's committee, I should say that the people are more mature, and have a wider sphere of interests."

Malc. Totten was second with 1,032 votes. His only comment was "I am flabbergasted." The other thirteen seats went to:

Dave Pollard 1,020 votes; 4th. Klaus Kaiser 954 votes; 5th, Pat Watson 936 votes; 6th, Victor Johnson 848 votes; 7th, Mary De Courcy 725 votes; 8th, Paula O'Neill 695 votes; 9th, Dave Harmer 678 votes; 10th, Penny Turton-Hart 646 votes; 11th, Hillary Ashworth 632 votes; 12th, Cal Ebert 578 votes; 13th, Pete Brown 570 votes; 14th, David Eastwood 561 votes; 15th, Chris Tide-man 491 votes.

Irene Millward (485) and Ray Crossley (482) were both very close to the 15th seat. Last year, when there were more candidates standing, the 15th seat was won with 492 votes, but the top candidate did not get 1,000 votes.

### 'Bloody Apathetic'

Brian MacArthur, next year's President-elect, remarked "I am not too disappointed at all. There were some people who should have been on, notably Ray Crossley."

The four First Year Representatives elected were: Malak Khozai 590 votes; Dave Merriman 580 votes; Bob Cobb 548 votes; Ann Sellar 541 votes.

One aspect of the elections was the failure of the Law and Engineering candidates to make a big impression on the voters. This provoked a prominent engineer who is an ex-member of U.C. to declare, "Bloody apathetic. It wasn't like this two years ago. That's when I got on."

An unsuccessful candidate was heard to moan, "It's enough to drive you to the Brotherton." The Medics and Dentals undoubtedly influenced the election considerably by their high percentage poll (95% at the Dental School) and also by voting solely for their own candidates.

Counting started at 6.25 p.m. with a new system which was introduced last year by Gordon Fatkin. It was modified by Dave Bateman this year

so that each counter counted twenty ballot papers at a time instead of recording all the votes for A and then all the votes for B. The votes were then transferred to a master sheet and added up.

Although this meant that all the votes were counted fairly quickly (excepting one that had been filled in as a football coupon) it involved a lot of adding afterwards.

An adding machine had been borrowed and was used to work out the votes for the first year representatives, until it was discovered that it was unequal to the task, having given a hundred extra votes to one candidate. Perhaps next year a more reliable machine could be borrowed because when all the 1,700 ballot papers (a 35.4% poll) had been counted at 8 p.m. it then took 45 minutes for the votes to be added up.

### Footnote:

Reporter to successful candidate: "Are you in your final year?"  
Successful candidate: "That is a matter of opinion."

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# SUMMER FEVER SETS IN

**Union empty; Brotherton packed**  
 by a Sub-Editor

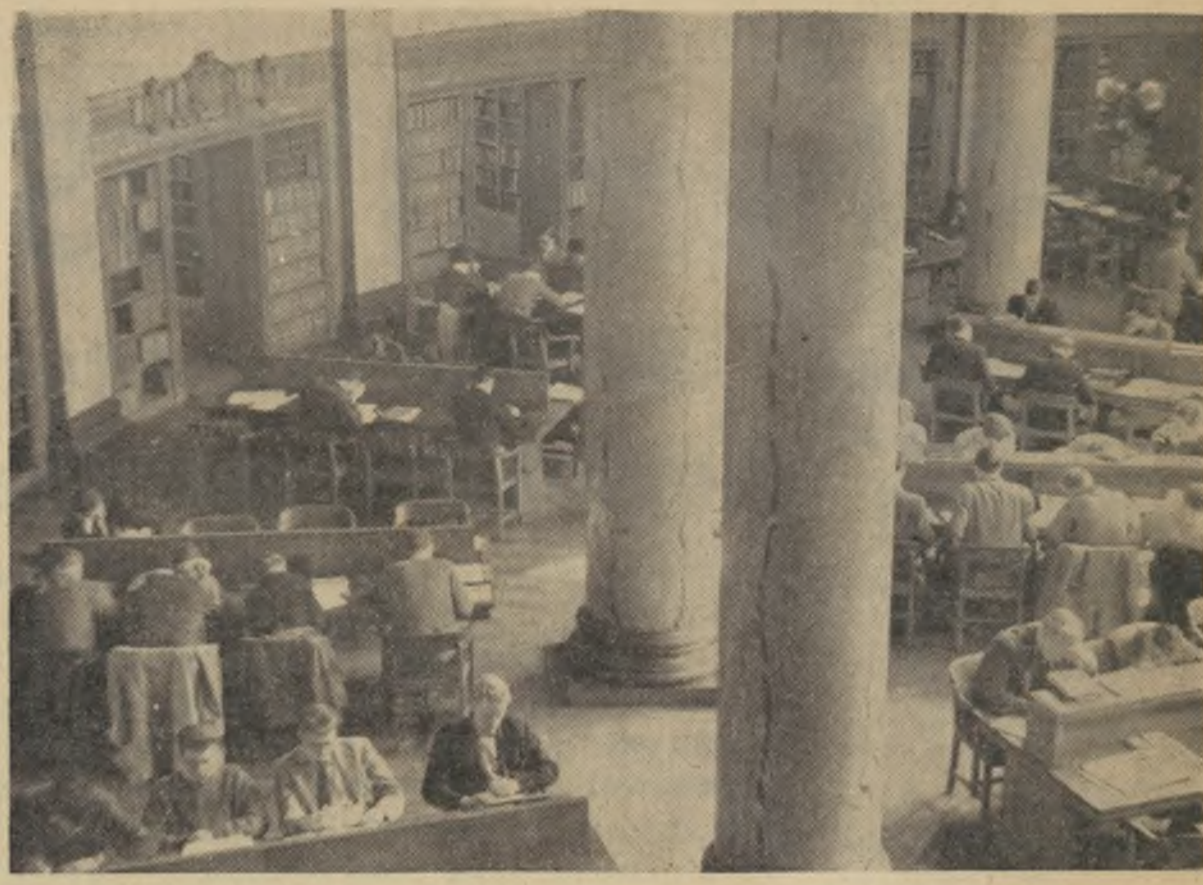
ABOUT this time of year Examination fever hits every University in the Country. Leeds is certainly not immune from this general epidemic.

The scene is well-known. The Union is half-full but Cal and the M.J. alone are packed for most of the day with long-faced students seeking refreshment.

Similarly the Brotherton Library is packed until closing time and the only sound to disturb the travelling male is the patter of high heels on the parquet floor. The girls don't seem to be disturbed by anything.

Union News office is empty during the day now, except at lunchtimes when the old crew reassembles to sink the crippled ship.

Practically all the staff have gone into journalistic hibernation, except for our harassed sub-editors who still have to produce a newspaper. There is a high turn-over in sub-editors at this time of the year.



## £1,535 TO BE SPENT ON RILEY SMITH

THE Riley Smith Hall stage, long neglected since it was originally equipped in 1938, may soon be restored to a respectable state of repair.

Since 1952, Theatre Group has kept a file on the state of the Riley Smith, and each year has tried unsuccessfully to bring its dilapidation to the attention of Union Committee.

The present moves originated when Theatre Group committee member Mary Squire told at the last Union Committee meeting of the general dilapidation of the Riley Smith.

UC agreed with her, but anyone who doubted the details of her story of neglect was encouraged to see for themselves. When shown round a few days later they saw and were told:

- of DRAPES (side curtains) which are ten years old, dropping to pieces, and, it was said, unlikely to survive the next session;
- of MAIN TABS which are not fireproof, and which would fall to bits if they were fireproofed;

### DIMMERS ILLEGAL

—of a WATER DIMMER BOARD for lighting control which is obsolete, allegedly illegal, performs to the accompaniment of loud clicks and the hissing of boiling water, and which is highly unsafe for all who use it;

House Committee's proposals now go forward to Exec., whose job it is to find the necessary funds. The measures will then need Union Committee approval.

### Intra-Mural Fun & Games

THE institution of an Intra Mural Sports is intended to provide an afternoon of athletic competition of a fairly light-hearted nature. It is hoped that good athletes will take part but the conditions will be such that they will not dominate the competition.

All events will be decided upon a team or relay basis. Spiked shoes will not be allowed. It is hoped to get a band.

There will be a men's and women's competition on the same afternoon. The suggested programme of events is given below.

Halls or departments may enter teams for individual events but in order to do well in the competition it will be essential to enter teams for all events. Please try to do this.

- Men's Events**
- 4 x 100 yards Shuttle Relay.
  - Field Race — approx. 1 mile — 4 competitors to count.
  - Obstacle Race — approx. 220 yards — 4 competitors to count.
  - Three Legged Race — 2 pairs.
  - Tug of War (8 and a coach).
- Women's Events**
- 4 x 50 yards Relay.
  - Obstacle Race — approx. 100 yards — 4 competitors to count.
  - Sack Race — 25 yards — 4 competitors to count.
  - Three Legged Race — 2 pairs.
- There will be silver trophies for the men's and women's competitions, and a separate trophy for the Tug of War.
- Outside the competition proper will be a Greasy Pole for men, with a special prize.

## UNION COMMITTEE REPORT May 1st, 1961

**Sir Oswald Mosely Rrotest**  
**JUKE BOX IS TO GO**  
**Saturday Night Opening**

Mr. Malcolm Totten was co-opted on to Committee as Entertainments Secretary.

The future development of the Riley Smith Hall was discussed. Resolved to enquire into the possibility of and the necessity for setting up a men's urinal outside the bar.

Resolved to hold a S.G.M. on 10th May to discuss proposals for performing the constitution, documents from UJC to be circulated by 8th May, and amendments from Union members to be accepted and circulated at any time.

Resolved to establish a sub-committee to make further proposals on the reform of the constitution to submit to the S.G.M.

Members: Saunders, Schumacher, Herron, Johnson, and a Representative of M.S.R.C., D.R.C. and P.G.S.R.C.

Resolved to establish a sub-committee to prepare a memorandum for the Robbins Committee for submission to the N.U.S.

Members: Andrews, Dawe, Schumacher, Millward, MacArthur, Squire plus one representative from each Representative Council.

Resolved to send the following message to Sheffield Students Union Committee—

"We learned with dismay of your decision to offer a platform to Sir Oswald Mosley. We consider that the fascist ideology is a degradation to mankind and that the Sheffield City Council's attitude in refusing to allow its premises to be used by organised Fascists is the best way of demonstrating the abhorrence felt by past and present generations for Fascism."

The B.S.T.F. Fund raised £66.

The Snack Service at the North End of Refectory has been discontinued. Receipts did not justify it.

Resolved to discontinue Overseas Students Loan Fund.

Resolved to install a hair-drier in the ladies cloakroom cost 34 guineas.

Resolved that the House Secretary look into the situation regarding Magazines bought by the Union.

Nuclear Disarmament Society and Sub-Aqua Society became recognised Societies.

Mr. Richard Hoggart, Mr. John Freeman and Prof. Joseph Needham have agreed to speak at Union Lectures next session.

Resolved to not hire the Juke Box for a further period.

Resolved to open the Union on Saturday evenings to Union Members not attending the hop for a trial period of four weeks next session.

The normal grant to Societies will not exceed 5/- per member in future, as opposed to 3/9 per member previously.

Grants will be based on the financial position and the activities of the Society.

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**MOTOR CLUB'S NIGHT OUT**

ON Sunday, May 14th, the Motor Club plan to hold a trans-Pennine rally in conjunction with Bradford Tech's Motor Club.

This will be the first major event that Bradford's club, now officially accepted as an R.A.C. member club, has had a hand in organising.

As part of the Rag effort, the Leeds automobilists will conduct a 'driving test', details of which are not yet available.

On Wednesday night, enthusiasts were out scouring the district searching for clues. This active societies annual treasure hunt was, in the words of one member, 'a great success, thoroughly enjoyable.'

**The Princess Royal**

IN our issue of 28th April in our feature 'News in Brief' we erroneously stated that the Princess Royal had consented to be the patron for the Westwood Hall Formal this year.

This should, of course, had read: 'The Princess Royal is the Patron of the Yorkshire Association for Crippled Children, and any profit from the function is to be given to this body.'

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## No Comment

UNION President David Bateman has got a job. He has been taken on by a large, well-known chemicals firm. Confirming this he told me that his job would probably be either in the Company office or in a marketing research department.

I asked him what sort of use his Law qualifications were likely to be to him, or the organisation. His proposed departments did not appear, on the face of it, to have a great deal in common.

However, he thinks that he will have some contact with legal matters in the one department, but it was still to be arranged whether he would be doing market research instead. I got the impression that he had no special preference for carrying on with Law. "Law is simply training for the mind, isn't it?" he pointed out.

No prizes for guessing which well-known chemicals firm, but there is a hint at hand.

## Root of All Evil

A quiet night out at the flicks became the most expensive night out in the lives of Textiles student Pete Merrill and his wife.

They left their Harrogate home to see Hancock in 'The Rebel' and returned home some time later to find . . .

Nothing, at least nothing easily moveable, for jewellery, clocks, watches and other trinkets had disappeared. Even the wireless had wandered through the back door. But the thief had a quirk.

He removed the clock from the sideboard, but he did not take the 11/6d. milk money under it.

'Just as well,' said Pete, 'or the milkman would not have been paid.'

## Sponsors Reticent over March Attack

REPLIES to my outburst of criticism of last issue do not amount to a torrent, or yet a trickle but just to two scribbled feeble rejoinders, one of them serious. And even this I cannot regard as satisfactory. Here it is, as promised.

'Sir, Your defence of the American Imperialist aggression in Cuba is insupportable. You naively suppose that marchers achieve nothing but sore feet. You challenge us to produce concrete results, but I challenge you to show us concrete results from the playing of a Mozart concerto, analyse the beauty of a rose . . .

No, Mr. Darrow, I am not going to attempt to analyse the sympathetic feeling which derives from not only talking of solidarity, but of demonstrating it in the best way we know how. I only need to state that it exists.'

This, I think you will agree, tells us nothing. Here is the other attempt.

'Sir, I believe that I have solved your problem. Most of the marchers claim to be progressive. Being progressive one moves forward. To move forward one must march. Yours etc., Aristotle.'

Well, I think that speaks for itself. However I have been reading a great deal for myself about this topic lately.

## Socialist Victory

I quote from Peter Simple of the Telegraph, who said last week in his column, 'Way of the World': 'The Cuban victory represents a victory for the Left all over the World.'

And I quote from Tribune's regular feature 'News Points', May 5.

'The Executive Council of the Victory for Socialism group of the Labour Party has unanimously passed the following resolution:

'This Council condemns the United States' violation of the United



The scene at last year's water battle at Roundhay, Leeds' equivalent of the Boat Race.

Nations' Charter and the rule of law in sponsoring the invasion of Cuba, congratulates the Cuban Government and people on its success in repelling that invasion and calls upon the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party to give a strong lead to

But for the benefit of those who may be worried by the apparent strength of the Leeds Left, I remind you that I had to find out for myself.

Either no-one thought it worth while to put their point of view when invited, or they did not know quite what their point of view was supposed to be.

The 'United Left' incidentally, the sponsors of the meeting and demonstration, comprises the following: Communist, Marxist and Afro-Asian Societies.

### Pest or Pets?

A founder member of ISFDA (Illegal Student Flat Dwellers Association) who wishes to remain anonymous for obvious reasons, is having a severe attack of mice trouble. It seems that a family or families of mice, showing many of the idiosyncrasies of their more famous cousins of TV fame, have made a take-over bid for his flat.

Various attempts to get rid of them have met with but little success. The parvenues have hearty appetites and have already eaten their way through three packets of a 'clean, deadly, quick and instantaneous' mouse-food, and seem to be thriving on the stuff.

'It is costing me ninepence a day to feed them myself,' the sufferer informs me, but the days of the mice regime

appear numbered. The ISFDA member in question has got in touch with association officials who are arranging for the import of a rather shabby tabby.

But this member has seen Telly, and although hopeful, is not going to rely on this method of mouse-disposal.

'If this method fails,' he tells me, 'I intend to fatten my mice on their favourite poison, and then when they are too bloated to get back into their holes, I shall get out my cricket stump and clobber them.'

I gasped.

'I know this is bare-faced hypocrisy, but my very existence is threatened, and in a case like this no holds are barred.'

MICE, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

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## Return To Nature

by an 'Interested Party'

THE two most active Academic Societies are once again to do battle. This year it is the turn of the Houldsworth to challenge the Engineers to the contest of skill and bravery known as the 'Water Battle'. This event takes place annually on Roundhay Lake during Rag Week, and is confidently expected to result in a resounding victory for the Engineers — or so they tell me.

As with the 'Battle of Woodhouse Moor' the object of all this usage of energy is not perfectly clear. Indeed the only idea seems to be to get wet and prove yourself a member of the toughest Society.

### Forward Backwards!

The death of Stick Day was mourned by all who like to see a march now and then. As long as we can keep some sort of friendly rioting alive the citizens of Leeds will not realize that we do sometimes work for our living.

The Theory of Evolution indicates that we all originally came out of the water, perhaps some are not so advanced on the scale as others. But then if the logical conclusions of this theory state that we must all go back into the water, these rioting masses may be more advanced than the rest of us.

How about a Ph.D. thesis on the Anthropology of Engineers (all types)?



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**RAG REVIEW GETS UNDER WAY**

We've started rehearsals. Look at those legs. But it's not only the women who are having to hoof it. The poor suffering men have aching legs too, with having to go through peculiar motions. (Sorry we haven't any pictures of the men's legs, but we've got to have some standards, haven't we?)

Our producer, Martin Glynn, hasn't really torn much hair out yet (only his own), and we are all set to carry out his ideas for an amalgam of leggy spectacular and intimate smooth revue.

Booking will start in the Union on 29th May, and will be open for three weeks. After Whit Monday, you will also be able to book at Lewis's and the City Varieties (where the revue will be staged, due to the closing of the Empire). Block bookings however finish tomorrow.

So for more in the vein of these pictures, come and see one or two or more of the 13 shows during Rag Week.

How those legs will be tired!

**It  
Happened  
Elsewhere****Oxford**

FOUR members of the Plymouth Brethren have left the university and 'given up their lives in a pagan society.' They refuse to accept degrees because they are conferred in the name of the Trinity by most faculties and this, they claim the university has no right to do. Not all the Brethren are affected by the decision as they are members of a more liberal branch of their church.

**London**

SEVERAL colleges under the L.C.C. are forbidden to have political societies and the ban is resented. At Northampton College there is agitation to get the ban lifted but the college authorities are against allowing formation of political societies for reasons they claim are in the interests of students there. They say for instance that membership of a Communist group would make it difficult to get a job in an Atomic Station. A political forum has been suggested to include all shades of opinion but many feel this will be a poor substitute.

**U.S.A.**

MANY colleges and schools have installed 'language laboratories.' Pupils sit in semi-soundproof glass pannelled booths provided with ear-phones.

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**U.S.S.R.**

AN 'Atheistic University' has been founded in the Lithuanian city of Sakiai. The university is to train atheistic propagandists in two year courses and at present there are about fifty students enrolled. They are required to lecture on atheistic subjects and after completion of their studies will guide atheist groups in schools.

**Sheffield**

MORE than £250 damage has been done in the university grounds by stone throwing. An ornamental pond was drained and cleaned out and only one day later was found to be filled with stones and rubbish. It appears that most of the damage is done at weekends when many students are away.

**Cambridge**

THE Proctors are discussing what action they can take about the twelve betting shops that have opened in Cambridge. University Regulations forbid undergraduates from taking part in gaming transactions whereas the Betting and Gaming Act allows anyone over eighteen to use the betting shops. The authorities may try to ban entry but this would be almost impossible to enforce.

AT the end of the second year of the Society's existence and before handing over office to a new group who will perpetuate it, I feel myself obliged to call upon the members of the Society and the Union to join me in this "Looking Back".

The object of this retrospective enquiry is, of course, to see for ourselves whether the purpose for which Mbonda was founded has been achieved and if not why not? As far as the object of the founders is concerned this can be found in the current handbook of the Union which is available to every member 'for free'.

Our main object has always been to give a true picture of Africa past and present in all fields of human endeavour, whether political, social, economic or religious, in fact of life as a whole there, as opposed to the imaginative representations (or misrepresentations) of witchdoctors, jujus, assegais and leopard-skins which have been consistently presented to the rest of the world about Africa.

**Strength to  
Strength**

There is no doubt that this task which we have undertaken is a big one and no knowing how successful our efforts may prove but it is a vital one as are all attempts to improve international understanding. While recognising our limitations, the executive members of this Society feel sure that we have consistently pursued the objective which we first set out to follow and hope that in this way the Society may go on from strength to strength in fostering a genuine rapport between different races and nations.

During the past two years we have held social and political meetings designed to show Africa and its people to the University circle and to make them aware of its potentialities in people and natural resources for this is a rich continent and need not and should not for much longer be called "under-developed". Nor have our activities been limited to the Union for the University is or should be an integral part of the life of the city with a mutual give and take. Therefore of the old wabout Africa.

**Much Criticism**

After all our attempts we have received criticisms from the right and left extremists who believe that in the "boiling-pot" of Africa our objective must necessarily be political.

To these criticisms we have only one answer which is that our task within the intellectual framework of the University should be concerned with a constant and constructive enquiry into everything African includ-

**SPOTLIGHT ON  
THE MBONDA**by  
**Vincent  
Nwizigbo****Quotes of the Week**

"That Bull chap. Is he normal? Does he go out with girls and dance?"

—Art college student.

"That happens to be Union property—put it back in my pocket at once."

—Vac. work sec.

"My wife washes at least three times a week."

—Fluid mechanics lecturer.

"Why don't you spend the night with him?"

—Tetley hall warden to first year.

"It must be the exams. No-one's saying anything."

—Quotes compiler.

"I am in favour of capital punishment in schools."

—Member of International Society.

"We are already in control."

—Houldsworth Member with ref. to the new constitution.

"One place where there was a rush however was Leeds."

—B.B.C. news on opening of betting shops.

"Of course Caesar certainly needed a holiday."

—Ancient history lecturer on the Cleopatra affair.

"An item of tremendous importance like Alan Andrews . . ."

—Dick Atkinson at U.C. meeting.

ing present-day political evolution. Inevitably politics plays a vitally important part in Africa today and we cannot ignore it merely because of others' susceptibilities. Yet we are not concerned with politics to the exclusion of all else; Africa has important contributions to make in other fields.

**Revolutionary  
Changes**

In circumstances when there has been a need for extra activity in the political field we have shown ourselves ready to act. Such occasions have been the marches on apartheid and the Congo disaster but over and above these there are many more matters which concern our attention.

Although our activities in the past year have been diverse in interest we still hope to increase and widen our scope more and more in the coming year. It is hoped that programmes like that relating to the young at school may be intensified because they form the coming generation the understanding of whom Africa more than ever needs. We have experienced a considerable amount of sympathy in our dealings with most members of the Union but we are bound to say that a few people still cannot face the realities of the evolutionary changes that are taking place in the continent of Africa. These changes however are bound to affect us in one way or

another in our lifetime so it is up to us to grasp the opportunity to widen our experience offered us by the Union which we think is one of the best organised in the country. Many people are apt to take student affairs and activities over lightly in comparison with their studies generally but we must never forget that when the memory of lecture room and lecturers has faded away the knowledge we gathered in our day-to-day life in the Union will remain with us making all the difference in our outlook. For my part I have enjoyed living and studying in the Union more than any other place I have known. And by taking part we are doing the main thing which is to encourage others to do the same. The affairs of the Union can only be taken too lightly by people who have not realised just what they are actually missing.

**Join Mbonda**

As a final remark may I once more exhort all the members of the Union to join the 'African Society' for by doing so they will not only be widening their horizons but will also gain a sound background from which in later life they will be able to assess and understand the problems of Africa and help others to do the same. The Society is multi-racial and has ample room for anyone who wants to take a major part in the running of its affairs.

# THE ROAD TO THE GOLD



by  
**Our City Editor**

*"Only a fool couldn't make a pound a week extra in London just by fiddling — 20th Cent.*

Some recent issues of new shares on the London Stock Exchange have demonstrated adequately the growing interest in investment and the weight of money chasing stocks and shares. Within the last three months the public were given the opportunity of buying for the first time a stake in three companies with 'household' names — *Jaeger* (woollens), *Tombell* (ice-cream) and only a fortnight ago—using the Lady Chatterley case as advance publicity—*Penguin Books*. The response to these offers was fantastic; it left stockbrokers rubbing their hands in glee. For all three were heavily over-subscribed; *Jaeger* some sixty times, *Tombell* 137 times and *Penguins* no less than 150 times—an all-time record.

In the case of *Penguins*, not only the seasoned 'stags' were out to make a fast buck; a fast-growing number of amateurs jumped on the band-wagon, many of them clubbing together in offices and factories and treating the whole affair as a glorified sweepstake. The plum for the lucky ones, whose names came out of a hat and who sold shortly afterwards, was a handsome profit of nigh on 50% of their purchase money.

## Millionaires

Is it then such a far cry from the roaring twenties, when men like Carnegie and Rockefeller became millionaires overnight and fortunes were made and lost daily on the Stock Exchanges? Should we hold back that bob or two a week we wave goodbye to with the pools coupon and save up for some shares?

The fact is that, while returns on stake money are not sensational, success is virtually guaranteed—for the patient anyway. The risk is negligible... the rewards considerable. That is precisely why investment has begun to attract so many so-called 'small' investors. The investing public in this country now numbers well over two

million and the stock market is no longer the exclusive province of the rich. It cannot be very long before interest catches on in the universities.

In the old days, before the last war anyway, only the big financiers played the market in stocks and shares proper; the small investor relied on gilt-edged or fixed-interest government and corporation stocks. Many still do. Gilts are safe, and the yield a regular income, rain or fine. With redeemable or dated stocks anyway, the investor can be sure he will get his money back in toto at the appointed date, but returns are low—never more than 5% or 6%—and the present industrial boom has put gilts right out of favour. This is well illustrated by the current value of the most notorious government stock, 3½% *War Loan*; £100-worth can now be bought for around £56. There is actually a stock still dealt in *Russian* 5% 1906, £100 of which costs only £10-0. (But don't rush off to buy some. Read on).

## Make a fortune

How then to make a fortune on ordinary stocks and shares, or equities, as they are sometimes called? Income aside, there are several theories. (e.g. Participating Preference), dividends do rise in good years. Security is ample.

*But all these stocks are bought for the income they yield. And this is never more than modest. You cannot 'double your money' in twelve years in the bank, let alone within twelve months.*

This brings us to stocks and shares proper, which are bought with mixed motives—income and capital appreciation—nowadays with the emphasis on capital gains (which are not at present taxable). It is here that great oaks still from little acorns grow.

## Double your money

Can you then double your money in twelve months? The answer is "Yes, it's possible; but you can halve it too in the same period. To quote examples: last August the cinema industry was out of vogue and *Rank's* shares could be bought for a round 12-13%. Today they cost 37/6. In the same period *Cementation*, an engineering concern with world-wide interests, reported a loss for 1959-60. The shares dropped from around 17/- to par (5/-), and are now 6/4d.

Companies come and go, merge and are taken over; one thing that remains is the everlasting fact: the more you stand to gain, the more you stand to lose, or the greater the gain, the greater the risk. The answer is—as with all forms of business—caution and foresight. Never be heard to say, as some fever-stricken investors have instructed their brokers recently: "Put me down for anything that's going." Investing can be fun as well as rewarding, but a fool and his money are soon parted.

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# In and Around the Union

A MISCELLANY OF OBSERVATIONS AND OPINIONS

## OUTLAWS IN THE L.U.U.

Last week we sent our team of ace reporters on a dangerous mission. The object—to uncover the crooks and law-breakers in the Union and expose their ruthless rackets. Our findings will shock you. Did you know, for instance, that the I.T.A.—the undercover, anti-prohibitionist Illegal Tenants' Association—has a membership now running almost into hundreds?

All members of the I.T.A. have three things in common: they are under twenty-one, they live in a flat, and the dictatorial trinity of Registrar-Lodgings Warden-Tutor does not know they live in a flat. At great personal risk we called on a member of the I.T.A., a pretty, second year sociologist, and asked her why she did it.

"It's mainly because I resent all the petty rules of halls and digs so much. I refuse to be told what time to come in at night. A bit of discipline's all right in anyone's life, but I refuse to be treated like an irresponsible, immature schoolgirl." She broke down at this point, evidently overcome by her strong feeling for what she was saying.

## I.T.V.W.A.

We discovered some very interesting facts about various other organisations. The Illegal Term-time Vac-workers Association, for instance—the I.T.V.W.A. now flourishes with its various members: three-days-a-week shorthand-typists, five-evenings-a-week car washers, gardeners and coffee bar attendants, and many other, even more illegal. We asked Dave Harmer, Secretary of Vac Work sub-committee, what he thought about it all.

"If students want to get thrown out, that's their look out. I'm only here to provide them with the jobs. In my opinion the regulation is there only as a safeguard against students spending too much of their time earning money instead of working." Mr. Harmer then sat back. "Two clubs," he continued.

## I.N.P.A. & L.S.O.

We came across many more smaller organisations, such as the I.N.P.A.—the Illegal Notice Pinners' Association, the members of which go about armed to the teeth with blank notices. Gryphon stamped at the bottom ready to write what they like and pin them up.

But the most illegal and controversial of them all is without doubt the L.S.O. This Lecture Service Organisation, run by a mysterious undergraduate of this University, whom we suspect to be of swarthy countenance, dressed in trench coat and slouch hat and smoking a tipped cigarette, can do almost anything for the student who doesn't like going to lectures. All you do is pop a note in a certain pigeon-hole (probably 'L' for 'lectures'), pour out your troubles and then pour out your cash and receive in return the assurance that you will be signed year's lecture notes, duplicated, and in at all future lectures.

But do not fear, honest readers, Union News will hunt down this mysterious exploiter. Meanwhile, if you happen to be funning any illegal business, do let us know.

## STUDENTS

DO stunts improve the prestige of the undergraduate within his society? Does a student risk his neck climbing a severe clock tower to hang a bra on the minute hand because he wants to show off his skill as a climber, or is there some criminal tendency present which the limitations of learning and a sense of morality force into repressions and frustrations and bring out in the form of what are often very childish pranks?

Last February, just before Rag week at Keels University, two students attacked a safe in the Registrar's office with an oxy-acetylene burner. They were disturbed and found soon afterwards by the police with the aid of tracker dogs. Their trial comes up soon; the students' defence will be that it was a "Rag stunt." The police will say that to break open a safe which contains two thousand pounds is a criminal act by any standards.

If we assume that the students were, in fact, innocent of any criminal intention, the whole question is: "Does the willful damage of cracking a safe and the economic and mental strain of temporarily depriving a University College of two thousand pounds in the charge of a Registrar and a cashier under him justify its own existence as a Rag stunt?" To answer this question we must consider what kind of appeal a stunt holds for those concerned. There can certainly be no aesthetic quality connected with breaking open a safe. It is flat and dull. But there is a great deal to be admired in a clever stunt which is well executed.

It is now well known how the Metropolitan police, as the result of a phone call, arrested a group of "students" who were digging up a road, only to find, after much investigation, that they were real workmen. There is a certain fascination, shared by almost everyone, in assuming authority over

the authorities by means of a practical joke, and sitting back and enjoying the "Candid Camera" situations which develop.

## A Rag Stunt, a take-over by the L.S.O., or just plain examinitis?

Only a disciplinarian with the very stiffest of upper lips could fail to see the amusing side of a situation in which he, having been asked to speak at a Socialist meeting, finds himself, speech in hand, being applauded onto the platform by members of the Young Conservatives Association. This actually happened to a lecturer at a Northern University some years ago.

## THE LILLIPUTIANS OF L.U.U.

THE old order is changing in the Kingdom of Luu, an island in the northern hemisphere. The trouble started when Prince Maca, the Heir Apparent, returned from his East European school, inculcated with revolutionary ideas. These quickly gained support among the Si'Endee tribe who began to infiltrate into the main city, spreading the news of a great revival of liberty.

The old Sultan, M'Bata, was uncertain how to deal with this threat to the old way of life, and enlisted the support of a mercenary soldier, General Taura, an expert in fighting for lost causes. Prince Maca, however, convinced the old soldier that the prospects were brighter on the other side. The first notice the Sultan had of this change of face was when the General led a revolt some seven months ago apparently aiming to destroy the Monarchy.

Since this revolt, the cause of the heir apparent has been gaining ground daily. The Si'Endee tribe, urged on by their legendary hero, Father Andre, who had once himself held a position of high authority in the government, and his nephew who felt that his talents had never been properly appreciated by M'Bata, began to take over positions of great influence in the Kingdom.

Masquaya, the wife of the heir apparent, dissatisfied with her husband's slow progress, took the matter into her own fair hands and set up in competition with Trishawa, the kitchen supervisor. This latter, poor soul, did not concern herself too much with the issue, as she was confidently expecting the support of the country's solid Union of Physicians. The healers, however, were too occupied with their annual Spring Fair, and so Trishawa was defeated.

The mercenary General took advantage of all this to turn the issue to his own gain by organising a party in opposition to the rule of the Sultan. The Sultan's champion, Sinja, an overgrown religious Tory, looked likely to win the fight, but Maca's old school chum, Diella, threw himself into the contest and smiled at the members of both sides, with the result that the General won the day.

The whole country was thrown into a turmoil as a direct result of all this. There were threats of assassination and worse. The National Newspaper, Ebert's Pravda Fortnightly, was stimulated into producing a special edition, which was rather better received than an earlier article in "Left Flank" had been.

The country was asked to vote on Wednesday. Your all know what happened then.

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23.1.61. For their ball Engineers papered a 140ft. chimney as a stunt. For this they suspended someone in a bucket from the nearby crane.



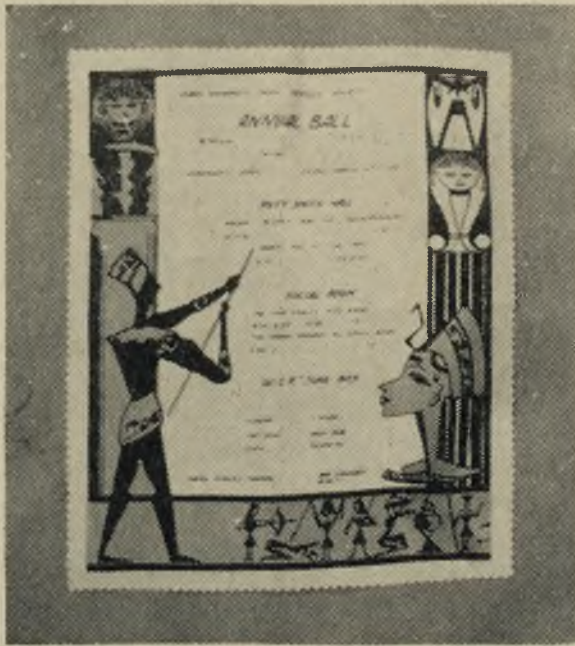
7.1.61. Theatre Group win the 'Sunday Times' trophy at the Student Drama Festival, with their production of 'Sergeant Musgraves Dance'.

# Retrospect 1960-1961

IN the last issue of the session Union News takes a look at the years' outstanding events.



15.2.61. Following an alleged libel Cal Ebert, Editor of Union News was ceremoniously hanged by the Houldsworth Society. He is seen here enjoying his last fag.



10.3.61. An innovation at this year's Textile ball was the Terylene ticket.



18.2.61. African students lead a demonstration march following the death of Patrice Lumumba.



8.2.61. Chris Arne and Terry Parkinson of the Leeds Jazz Quintet playing in the Inter-Universities Jazz competition semi-final in which they gained third place.

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# The First Thirteen Years of Israel

by **LESLIE SKLAIR**

IN a world of newly emerging countries the thirteen-year-old state of Israel would seem to some well established. Be this as it may, the age of thirteen has a very special significance for the Jewish people, for it is at that age that a boy assumes the full responsibilities of manhood and takes his place in his society and the world. Israel was not so fortunate. On the very eve of independence seven hostile Arab states invaded her territory with the avowed intention of driving the Jews into the sea.

The native-born Israelis, however, fighting alongside thousands of their fellow Jews who had been so recently liberated from Hitler's Europe, won the War of Independence and the State of Israel, Homeland of the Jews, survived that most critical period. I shall not dwell on these sorely troubled times; suffice it to say that the State was sponsored by a more than two thirds majority in the United Nations. Its people fought, and many died, for independence and in the eyes of the world a new nation, the legality of whose existence is surely undeniable, was established.

Now, thirteen years later, many of these original problems remain unsolved. But the internal development of Israel has been at most unbelievable, at least phenomenal. Since its creation, Israel has been subject to the immigration of more than one million Jews, free entry for all being one of the main tenets of the declaration of independence. In a manner which has baffled professional economists and sociologists, these immigrants—many of them uneducated Oriental Jews, many European refugees from Nazi persecution who came with nothing—have been fed, housed, employed and integrated into a new nation—a people reborn. And while this tremendous task was being tackled a ruthlessly efficient Arab boycott, internal and external, was being continually waged.

## Practical Idealists

The State of Israel is geographically small (about the size of Wales) but her borders are long. Flanked on three sides by hostile neighbours, and on the fourth by the sea, she had at birth the great problems of defending her territory and striving for agricultural development. In a quite unique way these two enormous tasks have been fulfilled by the Kibbutzim (collective agricultural settlements) whose existence and success have elicited great interest and praise from socialists inside and outside Israel. The Chavrim (members) of these settlements are the practical idealists who have set up a completely communal way of life in which high economic efficiency is always maintained. Hundreds of Kibbutzim were established in the most difficult parts of the country, more for their strategic value than their agricultural promise, and after the actual War of Independence

many settlers chose to remain in these barren places and to cultivate them literally stone by stone. Many striking examples of this are to be seen in the country today, especially in the Negev where the traveller is astonished to find beautiful fields of crops and groves of trees amidst the most uncompromising red rock and burning sand.

## Malaria-ridden

This land reclamation is the keynote of Israel's agricultural policy, and it has been progressing with amazing alacrity. In the north, ten years ago, the Huleh region was a great, useless, malaria-ridden swamp, and now all that remains of the swamp is a small, fascinating nature reserve lake, the rest having been converted into valuable land. In the Galil, Kfar Hanassi, a settlement of British Habonim (a Jewish youth movement), after years of simply removing rocks from the earth now grows some of the best grapes in the world. And so it goes on, continuously, for Israel is only concerned with doing something worth-while with the land she has, the land which could easily support six times her present population.

However, this picture of a purely rural country is rather misleading. Although the state cannot be said to be highly industrialised, does produce many specialised goods which are receiving ready and growing markets



Israel at work . . .

overseas, for example irrigation pipes to Malaya or concrete bricks to Ghana. Indeed the response of many of the new African states to Israel, both politically and economically, has been very heartening and were the Suez Canal open to Israel and Israel-

. . . and at play

# The Israelis, the Arabs and the Refugees

ON the 29th November, 1947 the U.N. Assembly adopted the plan provided for the partition of Palestine into three political entities: an independent Jewish State, an Independent Arab State and a special international regime for Israel. There was to be a customs union between the states, a joint currency, common operation of communications, joint economic development and access to water and power facilities. No provision was made for the annexation of any part of the Palestine territory to any of the neighbouring states.

The British Mandate for Palestine was to come to an end in August 1948 but at midnight 14th May 1948 The British High Commissioner for Palestine left with all his staff. A few hours later on the same day The State of Israel was proclaimed. It was immediately recognised by U.S.A., U.S.S.R., and in due course by other states...

Meanwhile on 17 Dec. 1947 The Arab League (consisting of all the Arab states) announced that the Arabs would take decisive measures to stop the division of Palestine into Arab and Jewish States. King Abdullah of Jordan called on "All the Arab countries to join my army to retain the Arab character of the country when the British end their mandatory rule on the 15th May". At dawn, May 15, the Egyptian forces crossed the Palestine frontier and within a few hours the Arab States were at war with Israel. "This war," said Azzam Pasha, the Secretary General of The Arab League, "will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongol massacres and the crusades."

## Fight or Die

The Arab States embraced an area of 1,900,000 square miles with a population of 38 millions (1947 census). They had organised governments with budgets running into scores of millions. Israel territory was 5,000 sq. miles, many points under the guns of the enemy. With a population 670,000 and a government and administration still in creation, budget and revenues had to be conjured out of a void. For the Jews there was literally no choice but to fight and win or fall and die. They fought and won.

The Arab population in Israel territory has dropped to a fraction. This was due to their exodus to the neighbouring Arab States. The leaders within Palestine and the Governments of the Arab States were determined on war and the spoliation and expulsion of the Jewish settlers. They ordered the arabs in Palestine to evacuate their villages, to clear the ground for military operations. At the same time they promised victory, the return of the refugees to their homes, and their loot of the Jewish settlements.

Israel has won its right to exist but the problem of the Arab refugees, who were told by their leaders to remain such for a very short time, still exists thirteen years later. They had been confident that their absence from Palestine would not take long. Their leaders promised them that the Arab armies would crush the Zionists very quickly and that there was no need for panic or fear of a long exile. These leaders encouraged the refugees to fight from their homes and tried later to make political capital out of their miserable situation.

It is clear that the return of all the refugees to Israel now, after thirteen years, is practically impossible. They would not be loyal. They would come back determined to destroy Israel, a Fifth Column formidable in numbers and in the support of the Arab States. The aim of the Arabs is to make Israel so small, so fragmented and indefensible that it could, in a second round, be annihilated.

by **DOV SAGIV**  
 A student from Israel

There is no doubt that for the Arab rulers the refugees are little more than pawns. Not only have they done nothing themselves but they have steadfastly obstructed every effort by others to solve the problem. In the Gaza Strip and other Arab countries the ship, denied employment, not allowed to travel into Egypt. Freedom of association and movement within the area are severely curtailed. It is a closed zone which Egypt does not wish to adjoin but to segregate so to use the miserable condition of the refugees as a flag and political power.

## Better Standards

If the Arabs only wanted to assimilate their brothers they could have done so a long time ago. In Israel the population density is 140 per sq. km., 45 in Jordan, 40 in Iraq, 64 in Syria, and Syria alone is capable of supporting three or four times as many people with better standards than exist now.

bound shipping this could be of nothing but tremendous advantage to both Africa and the Middle East as a whole. While this vital link is closed, however, the Red Sea port of Eilat has been developed, from nothing, to become Israel's outlet to the south, an outlet so valuable that in 1956 the Israeli army was forced to open the Gulf of Aquaba to ensure the free and safe passage of shipping in that area.

The problem of the Arab refugees is very difficult and complicated, and needs a great deal of study before comment. It is utterly inconceivable that Israel should accept back all these unfortunate people, as they would be an impossible fifth column in the country. The Arab leaders, in my opinion, have deliberately kept them on the borders in atrocious conditions in order to aggravate the political situation. No effort has been made to integrate or even help the refugees on the part of the Arab leaders. This is in direct contrast to the action of the Israelis vis-a-vis the refugees from Europe and the Arab countries.

We can only pray for a peaceful solution that Israel may be able to play her part fully in the Middle East and the world.

# REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE

## Film News

With Tony Hancock and a film title which almost describes Hancock himself, **The Rebel** (Plaza) could have been a great comedy. It was not. The reasons for its failure are quite obvious, though, and it may be that **The Rebel** will provide the starting point for a Nouvelle Vague in British comedy.

To say that the film was a failure is, perhaps, a little hasty. There were many scenes and situations, notably the ones which emphasized Hancock's remoteness from the rest of the world, which were quite brilliant. It is probably the disjointed nature of Robert Day's directing which failed to produce a consistency in the style of humour.

Initially, the plot moved superbly along Hancockian lines. He was a clerk in a City office, only one of identical multiples. The rest of the world was wrong; only he, idealistically, knew how to live properly. His day started in the evening when, back at his lodgings, he could once more hack away at his masterpiece—a hideous "Aphrodite at the Water Hole," crudely shaped out of a concrete slab. Of course, he soon realised that his artistic talent must be made known to the world, and he sets off for a Left Bank existence in Paris.

Much of the film's appeal is based on our recognition of the fact that Hancock has not even the slightest talent as a painter although he, of course, still believes in his art. We sympathise with him, in his simple and rather smug acceptance of the fame his "juvenile method" of painting brings him. Hancock really begins to shine as his enthusiasm and extroversion are fed by his disciples from the art world.

It is surprising that, bearing in mind the unimaginativeness of British comedy producers, this situation was not made with someone like Norman Wisdom, when we could have been



Bob Hope and Lucille Ball in "The Facts of Life"

able to laugh and cry at the same time at the pathetic little man who believes he is something he is not. As it is, we are made to feel very sorry for him.

Hancock, in his Paris life, shows a real understanding for his friends who are "different." At an existentialist party he extends a hand towards a pale, frail, very strange young female.

"Cheese?" he enquires, and then, sympathetically, "You do eat food?" When he meets a social leader from this odd world who exhibits, and believes in, the most eccentric behaviour, he at once adopts those strange mannerisms, although he does not really feel natural sleeping on top of the book-case. Unfortunately, much of the second

half of the film is set on board a yacht, with situations and supporting cast more suitable to a "Carry on, Hancock," which would have been disastrous, as is this part of **The Rebel**. The humour it totally unsuited to Hancock's style, although Hancock himself could never be actually bad.

Although there is little originality in **The Facts of Life** (Odeon) is an amusing situation comedy of a man and woman falling in love with their best friends' mate (in the literal sense of the word). Bob Hope and Lucille Ball star and as one might expect are comically competent. Jammed car hoods in the pouring rain, doors which open on to the river and suspicious motel owners are not new comedy situations, but in spite of the corn there is still plenty to laugh at.

"The Swiss Family Robinson" (Majestic) is one of the most entertaining films to appear for some time. The touch of Walt Disney is unmistakably present throughout and the film moves at a tremendous pace so that, although it runs for over two hours, one is never bored. The acting is adequate, with several interesting newcomers doing well in the supporting roles, while the photography is of a high standard throughout.

## We still exist, Mr. Bull

Exams, over, the inhabitants of Nether Tonbridge gave themselves with a will to organising the Ball. After some 'shambolic' preliminaries and thanks mainly to the 2nd and 4th years, it was all ready by 8.30. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs were ranged along one side of the Riley-Smith, the ceiling was miraculously 10 or 20 feet lower than usual and a giant gnat hovered over the Porrier's Office. Jack bestrode his beanstalk in Refec. — a conglomeration of coloured, L.G.I. linen and gravity.

Soon he was joined by the Ken Mackintosh Orchestra, while the West Indian Steel Band vibrated in the Riley-Smith. But probably the hot spot of the entertainments was the appearance of George Melly, the Muligan Band's vocalist, who came in as a cooler around 10 o'clock.

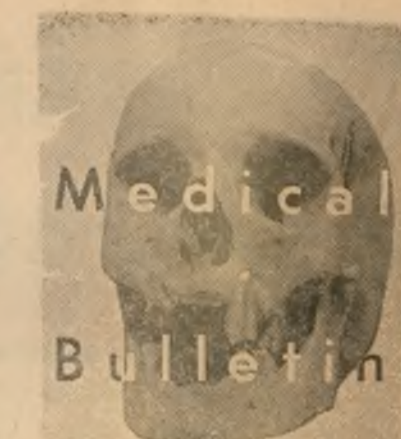
It must remain a mystery why Jack was suddenly toppled from his perch

"Where The Boys Are" (A.B.C.) is a comedy based on the experiences of four American college girls who decide to spend their spring vacation in Florida.

Fans of Connie Francis, the singer, will find this film a little disappointing, for as one of the girls she plays a straight role throughout.

For the most part the comedy is merely average and only occasionally does not provide any really amusing incident.

As the serious type of girl, Dolores Hart gives the best performance.



after midnight by two or three young gentlemen who fancied a tussle with the beanstalk. One assumes high spirits got the better of them. The ensuing debris did make elegant waiving a little difficult, though by that time everyone was too exhausted to care anyway.

Now that the Rugger season is finished, and the Concert and Ball are over, comparative peace, quiet and sanity have returned to the Medical School. It is only comparative mainly because of Mr. Bull's proposed new constitution which has proved unpopular down the Road.

It created such a stir at first that it even got the M.S.R.C. and D.R.C. holding a joint meeting and, even more surprising, agreeing on something—that they did not like it. Mr. Bull seems to have forgotten two very important things: (a) that Medics and Dentals exist, and (b) unlike the part-timers up the Road they are here all the year and this alone brings special problems ignored by his constitution.

Mr. Bull would do well not to forget the Medics and Dentals as they might get really roused. You have been warned!

LESSON 1

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The page reports up-to-date news of University happenings of all kinds—advances in learning, domestic and financial affairs, relations between universities, and student doings (but another chamber-pot on top of the Radcliffe will not qualify). It may not support the campaign for a multipartite boat race on the Welsh Harp; it might easily advocate passionately (and more seriously) a standardization of university entrance qualifications. What is certain is that it will go far towards breaking down University insularity—both extra and intramural. Above all this feature will provide a national forum for University opinions, problems and news.

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# Christie Swimmers Deepen the Gloom

A SPIRITED victory in the last event last Saturday came too late to prevent a further Leeds slump in the world of Christie competitions. The home team found Manchester just too strong for them and the trophy returned over the Pennines once more.

## Sportorial

THIS is a clear case for Winter Cricket", murmur the cynics. "Thank goodness for the weather", enthuse the Athletes, finding themselves shot into number one sport in the Union. "I think I DO remember the sport" grumble the true lovers of our National Game.

Captain Johnny Webber grins and assures me "Well, at least we haven't lost a match yet!" And he returns to his beverage.

Meanwhile it rains. Not all the time — just when there happens to be a cricket match. The faithful clutch their "Howzat" sets and smile grimly.

But the fact remains that the white-flannelled brigade are having it rough. I hope for their sake that the weather decides to give them a break. They are a strong team this year and should provide Leeds sport with a well-needed shot in the arm.

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This is the last issue of Union News this year. Thus we cannot report fully the sporting scene until the first issue next year. But there will be a sporting news page out on Friday, June 16th.

It will be free of charge and will be circulated in the Union and University. Look out for it. It is a service that Union sport followers will find invaluable.

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And finally to two individuals in the sporting world. Jim Knapton and Clive Phillips.

This will be the last Union News under J.J.F.'s "reign" as G.A.S. and the Sports page pays



J. J. F. Knapton C. H. Phillips

tribute to the work that he has put in.

It has not been a year of violent change but this may be a sign that things are good in the camp. And Weetwood still develops.

Clive Phillips is next year's captain of rugby. It is not a post that the unassuming Rag Chairman would have strenuously sought for, and we wish him the best of luck.

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With Liverpool not even bothering to turn up, it was a two team struggle at the Union Street baths, the victory being clinched by Manchester in the penultimate event, the 4 x 100 yards relay.

The 100 yards free style provided a dead heat with Holmyard holding U.A.U. star Pettett, the current champion, but in the 200 yds. free style the latter finished a clear winner.

### Smithers Wins

Leeds U.A.U. swimmer Smithers won the 100 yds. butterfly in fine style with a time of 71.2 secs., but he was destined to be Leeds sole individual winner.

Martin almost sprang a surprise in the backstroke but Elvin proved the stronger in the home stretch.

It was now left to the two relays to determine the result, and backed by their marked superiority in the indi-



The Rifle Club prepare at Knostrop for the U.A.U. Championships

### Rifle Club

## Wembley Trophy for Leeds U.A.U. title here at last

Union News Reporter

THE Rifle Club proves to be the hero of the piece. Whilst Tottenham were making soccer history on the famous turf, the other Wembley was witnessing the success of eight Leeds sportsmen.

### Judo

## LEEDS WOMEN FIGHT WELL

by Our Correspondent

THE last weeks of the Easter term and the beginning of this has seen the Judo Club competing in several competitions all over the country.

In the Universities Championships the women did well in attaining an overall position of 2nd. The team consisted of Hillary Jones, Pauline Batterby and Patsy Crouch—the latter two being freshers.

Unfortunately the men put up a rather disappointing performance and were knocked out by Liverpool University. The team might have fared even better had it not been suffering from the 'flu and had not one of the team received concussion in an earlier bout.

### Uchi Mata

Congratulations are due to Don Smith who was awarded his Brown Belt during the vacation. He and Graham Holling represented the English Universities in a match last week against the Scottish Universities.

Smith drew with a strong Brown Belt, whilst Holling threw a Brown Belt with Uchi Mata (Inner Thigh Throw) in a closely fought bout. The English team won easily 5-2.

### Top Kius

In the British Team Eliminations, both Holling and Smith reached the top of their Brown Belt pools. Smith threw a 17 stone Brown Belt with a shoulder throw in the process. However he lost his next contest to a Black Belt.

Holling was more successful and gained a superiority decision over the Scottish captain Davidson. In the next contest he sprained his ankle in escaping from a back sacrifice throw and finally was made first reserve for the British team.

by  
RON GRIFFITH

vidual events, Manchester coasted home in the 4 x 100 yds. medley.

By no means demoralised by this misfortune the Leeds team romped home in the 5 x 50 yds. Squadron to narrow the deficit.

### RESULTS

100 YARDS FREESTYLE. 1. Pettett (M/c) and Holmyard (L) 60.8 secs.; 3. Ibbotson (L).

200 YARDS FREESTYLE. 1. Pettett (M/c) 2 mins. 13.5 secs.; 2. Ibbotson (L).

100 YARDS BACKSTROKE. 1. Elvin (M/c) 72.2 secs.; 2. Martin (L).

100 YARDS BUTTERFLY. 1. Smithers (L) 71.2 secs.; 2. (M/c) 3. Lewis (L).

4 x 100 YARDS MEDLEY. 1. M/c; 2. Leeds.

5 x 50 YARDS SQUADRON. 1. Leeds; 2. M/c.



B. Anson (right) edges past Reevey for a 440 yds. victory. Photo by courtesy of Yorkshire Evening Post

### Cycling

## Cycling Club Come Close

by Les Humphries

THE early training of the Cycling Club has paid off. After a poor season last year, the cyclists of Leeds were out to redeem themselves, and indeed they have done. In the U.A.U. 25 mile time trial championships last Sunday the Leeds team took second place in a field of fifteen teams.

The event was held on the Aylesbury—Bicester road, 12½ miles out and return, with riders off at minute intervals. It is a winding road, mainly flat, with one or two unpleasant gradients which tend to upset rhythm and render it a slow course. The weather however was favourable and the wind, always important little more than a breeze.

### Training Shows

The individual winner was R. M. Hodgson of Southampton in a time of 1 hr. 1 min. 31 sec., a personal best. Like Leeds, Southampton have been training hard and well deserved their team win in a total 3.8.5. The Leeds team with 3.8.17 took them close, and Manchester, 3.9.38 were third.

This year's race saw the scratch man Wallace of Oxford puncture and he had to retire.

### Strong Challenge

The Leeds team proved a strong challenge to the leaders, but weakened by exams their chances in the U.A.U. 50 miles, and road races are not so promising.

Result: 1st Team 2nd. D. Shore 4th, J. Tomlinson 7th, L. Humphries 13th, 2nd Team 12th. M. Dring 24th, M. Baker 44th. K. Jones 51st.

### Rowing

## Ladies Reach Rowing Final

THIRTEEN crews from nine Universities competed in the two divisions of the University Women's Rowing Association at Swillington on Saturday, 6th May.

In Division 1, the Leeds "A" crew stroked by the captain Catherine Walsh, reached the final. Their second round opponents, Bangor, failed to arrive and the crew had to do a solo row over the course, before leaving Bristol 2½ lengths behind in the semi-final.

### Strong Southampton

In the final a strong and experienced Southampton crew showed Leeds the way to the finish, having previously just beaten Edinburgh by a canvas.

Division II saw the Leeds team defeat Bristol "B" by ½ length, before losing to Southampton "B" in the final.

The style competition judged on rowing technique was a triumph for Reading, with Leeds and Southampton tying for second place.

### Tennis

## TENNIS CLUB SCRAPE HOME

THE Tennis Club started out on the U.A.U. trail last Saturday when they defeated Manchester in the first round. The match was played in terrible conditions which made ball control difficult.

The Leeds players, tempers somewhat frayed by the Manchester practice of lobbing into the diagonal wind, were unable to play the aggressive tennis they like yet scraped home by the narrow margin of 5-4.

The first pair Harvey and Wilshaw came away with three wins to their credit, despite two 3 set matches and some erratic play.

Armitage and Hill had only one win, but had match points in one of the others and only narrowly missed two victories.

Sullam and Pacey at 3rd pair did their job in taking one rubber, but they were capable of further success. However a wet and windy Manchester court, which was upsetting their game, prevented them from taking their opportunities.

### Weary Conditions

On the whole this was a disappointing result in weary conditions, but a better display should undoubtedly be put up on Saturday against Liverpool on the Leeds courts.

Success at home will mean that Leeds go on to play the victor of the Sheffield, Hull and Durham area play-offs in the quarter final of the U.A.U. Championships.

RESULTS  
1. Harvey and Wilshaw beat Hardman and Chamberlain 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Car-Hill and Das. 6-1, 6-3; Kay and Packham, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.  
2. Armitage and Hill lost to Hardman and Chamberlain, 1-6, 6-8; bear Carr-Hill and Das. 6-0, 6-3; lost to Kay and Packham, 6-4, 2-6, 4-6.  
3. Sullam and Pacey lost to Hardman and Chamberlain, 6-8, 7-5, 2-6; beat Carr-Hill and Das 6-4, 6-2; lost to Kay and Packham 4-6, 3-6.

### LATE NEWS

Athletics. Leeds with 81 pts. easily beat Nottingham 66, and Sheffield 29 in a triangular match at Nottingham on Wednesday.

Lawn Tennis. Leeds 9, beat St. John's College, York 0. Leeds second team gained the same victory over Bradford Tech.

Cricket. Leeds 92 (Coates 24), D. D. Hewitt's XI 65 (Clarkson 5-17, Baxter 3-20).

## The Houldsworth v. The Engineers

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Engineers	6	5	1	0	18	3	10			
Mining	7	4	2	1	14	13	9			
Geography	7	4	3	0	17	10	8			
Devon	7	3	2	2	16	13	8			
Economics	6	3	3	0	16	13	6			
Dentals	8	2	5	1	13	25	5			
Fuel	7	2	5	1	13	23	4			
Woodsley	7	2	5	0	13	21	4			
Agrics.	7	1	6	0	10	39	2			

Winners of Whiddington Trophy—Wesley College.  
Relegated to Div. 2—Woodsley and Agrics.

RUGBY										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Engineers A	8	7	1	0	149	40	14			
Fuel	8	4	3	1	66	47	9			
Textiles	7	4	3	0	67	47	8			
Devon	5	3	1	1	43	26	7			
Agrics.	4	2	2	0	23	21	4			
Law	4	2	2	0	11	42	4			
Chemistry	5	2	3	0	28	26	4			
Engineers B	8	1	6	1	57	112	3			
Dentals	7	1	6	0	22	42	2			
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