

# UNION NEWS



## LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

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# Council Meets

This year marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the National Union of students. Leeds, fortunate in being chosen for the first of the tri-annual Councils, determined to make the occasion a noteworthy one, and judging by comments heard from Delegates and Observers, our efforts were not without success. Listening to the sometimes irrelevant and occasionally dreary speeches, one felt that Delegates should realise that Council meetings are not primarily intended as finishing schools for would-be orators, but are for discussion of views and policy.

Council, which is to the N.U.S. what the Union Committee is to the Union, was attended by more than two hundred delegates and observers from Universities and Colleges from England, N. Ireland and Wales. Two days were spent in arguments, discussion and criticism, and in spite of a tendency to dwell on details instead of general policy, a great deal of good and important work was accomplished. During this meeting the past President, Mr. McLeavy, handed over to Mr. W. B. Rust, the new President.

### New Investments.

During the first session the Annual Report was adopted and the Budget for 1947-48 discussed. Although during the war the N.U.S. had led a hand-to-mouth existence, during the past year the Travel Bureau under Mr. Harrison had shown a considerable profit. This source of money has now been removed by the ban on travel and it is now necessary to think seriously about investing part of the capital of N.U.S. in something more remunerative than Government stock. The Executive had decided to invest the money in a student hostel and social centre at 43, Tavistock Square. Delegates were highly critical and asked whether the hostel was merely a business venture or whether it provided urgently needed facilities in London. Finally it was agreed to set up the student hostel, but it was emphasised that whilst being a paying concern it should fulfil N.U.S. requirements and policy with regard to hostels.

### Higher Education.

The recommendations of the recent Conference on Higher Education (reported elsewhere) were accepted, and it was also agreed that work along these lines should be carried out on a Ministerial level. Meanwhile, practical work in the shape of Regional Conferences with various interested bodies was called for. Mr. Foster violently attacked the leadership of the Executive, pointed out the lack of co-ordination, and called for a national campaign on these vital matters.

### Technocracy or Democracy ?

The lack of continuity of N.U.S. committees during the Long Vacation was strongly criticised and in reply Mr. T. Simmons accused Council of complacency in leaving all the work to the Executive. He eventually foresaw the passing of democratic control from the Council to paid officials. Technocracy rather than Democracy would become the keynote of N.U.S. It was generally agreed that certain committees should be de-centralised. Other points criticised were bad organisation and lack of control in the Farm and Flood Camps, and the delay in issuing the promised leaflet on the F.E.T.S.

### More Publicity.

In the discussion on the Four Point Charter, Mr. Chapple (Leeds) asked for much more publicity on this and other N.U.S. schemes, particularly in individual Unions. He said that many Unions have no financial policy and are too willing to accept increases in academic and hostel fees. Such questions should be thrashed out by Staff-Student Committees.

### Co-operation.

Much of the second day was taken up in discussing the Charter of Student Rights and the urgent need for closer contact between Universities and Teachers' Training Colleges and Technical Colleges. These Colleges resent the general air of patronage they seem to receive from the Universities. Research Committees should be set up to deal with these questions and to explore the possibilities of closer personal contacts.

### Drama Festival.

The Executive came in for a good deal of adverse criticism about its almost complete disregard of cultural affairs. This was particularly shown in the Executives' attitude towards the Drama Festival, which it felt could not be subsidised to any great extent. Participating Unions must pay their expenses at the forthcoming Festival at Bristol.

A good deal of routine business was discussed—some of it at great length, and an urgent plea was made for a rapid dissemination of Minutes and information in general.

## S.G.M.

Repeated attempts have been made in the past to secure student representation on Halls' Committees, but without success. The problem was brought to a head at the S.G.M. held last Thursday, when after some discussion it was proposed from Devonshire Hall: "That student observers be allowed to sit on the Halls' Committees for the purpose of discussion to represent Halls of Residence and that the matter be referred to the Staff-Student Committee." This Committee has since agreed, subject to Union Committees ratification, to pass the matter direct to Council.

Mr. Chapple, after stressing the importance of liaison between the Union and the University Finance Committee (especially in view of the rise in Hostel fees) proposed: "That this S.G.M. instructs the Union Committee to oppose all tendency to raise fees in lodgings and hostels and to press the U.F.C. (on which students should be represented) that any rise in the cost of living, and hence increased expenses, should be taken out of the University Grant as a preliminary to the realisation of the Four Point Programme." This was carried.



Miss Mary Ellis, B.Sc.

Recently Elected  
Senior Vice-President.

Mary Ellis, the newly elected Senior Vice-President came to Leeds University in 1944 from Cockburn High School, which is the only co-educational school in Leeds. She held both a State Scholarship and a Senior City Scholarship; to add to this good record she last year graduated with Honours in Botany and Zoology. As a result, she is now in that worthy establishment, the Education Department.

In the field of sport she has always been at her best. Whilst still at school she played hockey, netball and tennis, and won a cup for her swimming performance. Badminton became her main interest when she came to the University; during her second year she won her club colours, was Honorary Secretary for the year 1945/1946 and this year she is club captain. Miss Ellis has not allowed her academic work to absorb her; she has always found time to follow her sporting inclinations, an example many might follow.

Her other interests are broadly divisible into two categories: outdoor and indoor. She enjoys cycling and walking and is an advocate of travel by "hitch hiking." Her indoor interests are many: straight plays and ballet are favourites on the theatre programme and she is not an expensive theatregoer—her choice being the "Gods." British films appeal every time. When she stays at home her favourite writers are Naomi Jacobs and Thomas Hardy, and like many others she is an admirer of Tchaikowsky.

## NO COMPLAINTS

Possibly the most discussed Union Ball ever fully justified itself by being a huge success. Those who came to dance, those who came to be seen and admired, and those who came because they had a ticket all found within the gaily-decorated Union the things they sought.

After the tumult and the shouting, after the struggle for tickets and after the usual feminine wails about "nothing to wear," the Forty-fourth Union Ball seemed almost an anticlimax. Yet as the Union filled with a throng that seemed strangely like the lunch time crowd (only better dressed), and as the initial constraint wore off under the twin influences of the bar and Charlie Steel's music, it became obvious that the Ball was the great success for which the Entertainments Secretary had planned and hoped.

At the Reception held in the Women's Common Room, converted for the occasion into the Guest Room, Professor and Mrs. Stewart greeted the Guests, who included visitors from other Universities, members of the academic staff of this University and members of the Hostels.

Meanwhile the Riley-Smith Hall filled with dancers, and from the balcony one noticed the beautiful dresses of the women and reflected that here at least was one very real reason why the Ball is so popular. The purely masculine eye noted particularly a graceful white crepe gown set off with a spray of roses, and also a Europeanised sari, heavy with silver threads, worn by one of the guests: The new decorations and the three shields draped with fabric disguised the austere lines of the Riley-Smith Hall and contrasted pleasantly with the massed flowers from which the orchestra demurely peeped.

The bar, unfortunately, ran dry at ten-twenty, reminding us that after all, this was not a pre-war Ball, although one might have been forgiven for thinking so.

After the last Waltz, the annual ceremony of shouting the University War-cry was led by the President, and as the last reverberations of the demonic "Kumati" died away, we realised that another Union Ball had joined the long list of successes.

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**Editorial**

If we are to judge by the membership figures of the four political societies, we must admit that there appears to be in the Union a very healthy attitude towards politics. This is supported by such things as the recent speech from the Union steps and the gratifyingly large attendance at the Liberal-Conservative Debate. We cannot help contrasting this general awareness with the apathy which was so prevalent last year and noted so many times in the columns of this paper.

Reasons for this increased awareness are too many and too subtle to notice here, but we may mark the fierce note of asperity which crept into politics as the economic crisis developed and which is no doubt reflected in the current student interest in politics. We also may note that Ex-service students now in their second year have found their bearings and feel competent to devote more time to Union Societies in general.

Whatever the reasons for this sudden emphasis on political activities may be, there is no doubt that the resulting liveliness is good for the Union and good for the student. Good for the Union because it promotes and extends that "Clash of opinion" which should be an integral part of the students' background. Good for the student because it makes him think beyond the narrow boundaries of the lecture-room and the coffee-queue.

The Editor welcomes letters and articles. Correspondents are reminded that all letters and articles must be signed, although names will only be disclosed if the contributor so wishes.

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The next issue of **Union News** will be published on Thursday, November 20th.

**This and That**

**UMBRELLA MAN.**

Should you see a tall aristocratic looking gentleman leaving the Union on a Wednesday afternoon complete with a black umbrella over his arm, you will probably be witnessing the start of President Daggett's weekly succour (sucker!) trips to Weetwood. This ever well dressed individual has on two successive occasions recently rendered most valuable first aid at University matches. On Saturday he dealt with a suspected broken ankle and at the Christie match on Wednesday he sent two players back on the field after doing a little repair work to their eyes. (Despite his noble efforts Leeds lost the Christie to Liverpool by 11 points to 6).

**WELL, WELL !**

A gentleman wandered into the **Union News** office a couple of days ago and asked for a life membership card. Not being in our province we referred him to Mr. Bourn. To our amazement he turned to us and said: "Well, who is Mr. Bourn?"

**CONFERENCE**

**CONFUSION.**

Never has the Executive Office seen so much work done by so many people in so short a time as in the last week. All because of N.U.S. Council and Bill Foster. The organisation for the reception and sleeping of these delegates has to be seen to be believed. At any one time there has been the Ex-Senior Vice-President, Miss Helen Taylor, alternately scratching her head over somebody's illegible handwriting, cursing all and sundry under her breath and slinging Horlicks tablets round the Exec. Office, two others furiously typing (well, tapping away), the House Secretary speaking into two telephones at the same time, usually to cross purposes, the Treasurer dashing in and out of the door with disturbing frequency, and to cap it all Bill Foster singing and swearing, often together. Still, all this must have had an effect somewhere, for they received a telegram recently addressed to the N.U.S. Factory!

**Wales Honours V.C.**

At the 75th Anniversary celebrations of Aberystwyth College of the University of Wales the honorary degree of LL.D. was awarded to the Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, Dr. B. Mouat-Jones, for distinguished service to higher education. He was presented to the degree congregation by Prof. Emeritus T. Campbell Jones, former Vice-Principal of Aberystwyth College. In his speech Prof. Campbell Jones gave some account of Dr. Mouat-Jones' previous activities and outlined the achievements which resulted in his appointment to the position of Vice-Chancellor at Leeds.

**THE BOOK OF HOURS.**

By the time this edition is out we should have a new and highly efficient Room-booking Diary. This will be quite a tome, with a double page per day instead of a week as at present. In fact, not only the days will be printed in but also every hour, and that subdivided into quarters. In addition the conditions of booking will be printed so there will be no opportunity for misunderstanding.

Incidentally, the situation with regard to booking of rooms is becoming most acute. Only recently one Society was obliged to use the Caf. extension to J.C.R. So we are requested to ask Society Secretaries to book rooms only for the hours for which they are sure they will be required.

**NO SMOKING, PLEASE.**

The non-smoking element of the Executive has tabled a resolution for the next meeting of the Union Committee to the effect that anyone found smoking in the Riley-Smith Hall shall be summarily fined 5/-. We feel that, however tough this may be, it is the only way to stop the increased amount of smoking which has occurred of late, particularly at Socials in the R.S.H. After all, it is still a very fine floor, one of the finest in Leeds, and should be respected as such. So watch those precious cigs. or they may lead you into greater expense.

**ADONIS, PLEASE NOTE.**

The receipt of a telegram from the Pinewood studios has brought to life the romantic daydreams of aspiring young actors in Theatre Group. The producer of "Blue Lagoon" is still looking for a male to play the leading role opposite Jean Simonds in that film. The only conditions are height six feet, good physique and good looks, natural acting capabilities "if possible." With the additional promise of location work on Fiji we are afraid this may mean finding a new cast for Athalie.

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**OPPORTUNITY**



DAVID HAW  
(acknowledgements to  
*Yorkshire Evening Post*.)

**OPPORTUNITY.**

David Haw already well known in University cross country circles, is now likely to have an opportunity in international sport. He is one of the 196 athletes from which a team of 60 or 70 is being chosen to represent Britain at the Olympic Games.

Haw, who is 21, a 3rd year medical student at Leeds, already holds the Northern junior and three-mile cross country titles and represented Britain against Scotland and Ireland at Edinburgh earlier this year. A leg injury unfortunately prevented him competing in the A.A.A. Championships at White City in July.

**Union Muse**

When an item of general interest  
Needs consideration and  
thought,  
How can we ensure that the  
matter  
Receives the attention it ought ?

Should we call for a general  
meeting,  
When the speaker requests and  
cajoles,  
While students are in refec.  
eating  
And others throw paper in rolls ?

Should we climb on a soap box ;  
and roaring,  
With gesticulation and fire  
Keep the crowds goggle-eyed  
and adoring,  
Whilst our cronies stand by  
and admire ?

Should we bother to take the  
thing further—  
Our ideals we usually check  
For our attitude's quite  
apathetic—  
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## LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE DEBATE

The first political debate of the Session, held in the R.S.H., mid-day Tuesday, 28th October, resulted in a heavy defeat of the Conservative motion: "That this House considers that all anti-socialist forces should, in the interests of preserving the British democratic way of life, unite under the leadership and direction of the Conservative Party." Fifty-nine voted against the motion, twenty-three in favour, whilst there were six abstentions.

Mr. Smedley, opening the debate for the Conservatives, pleaded for the fundamental loyalties and beliefs common to both Parties. He was seconded by Mr. Pollard who, after poking fun at the Liberal Party, spoke of the necessity for united anti-socialist action and emphasised that Conservatives shared with the Liberals their belief in the democratic life and the maintenance of the Christian religion.

For the Liberals, Mr. Berwin insisted that any Liberal-Conservative coalition directed against the Socialists would prove to be neither honest Liberalism nor honest Conservatism. He also accused the Conservatives of contributing to the distressing plight of the country before the War.

In the ten or twelve minutes which remained for open debate, eleven speakers expressed briefly their convictions, although the short time available prevented the developments of an interesting debate.

In spite of appeals from the floor, a great deal of irrelevant matter was debated on both sides, and it was apparent that stronger direction from the chair was needed.

## AIR SQUADRON

A number of vacancies still exist for Freshers and second year men who have not done their national service, to join the U.A.S. Membership of the U.A.S. is a guarantee to congenial national service and brings with it, **CONSIDERABLE REMUNERATION. YOU HAVE ONLY ONE DAY LEFT TO JOIN.**

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## The Town replies . . .

One of the reasons why newspapermen are often unpopular is that they are obliged to eschew the courtesies normally expected of a guest. I have been living for a few days, in circumstances of most pleasantly modified austerity, at Lyddon Hall. I have been given the run (if that phrase implying freedom of movement can possibly be applied to a place so congested) of the Union Building. And at Weetwood Hall, something like one hundred highly-educated young women stood in what I took to be respectful silence as I withdrew from their dining hall.

Ordinary politeness would seem in all these circumstances to impel me to reveal only favourable impressions. Happily, the simple truth is that I find myself decidedly in favour of Leeds University. I do not expect the University to be deeply moved by this fact. My impressions are those of an ordinary citizen to student life at Leeds University. I hope their favourable character will encourage those students who are now working, not for their own futures alone, but for the future of Leeds University. We are not immortal; the University, *pace* the Atomic War, very probably is.

### First Impressions.

I will not pretend that I came to the University with an Open Mind, which is, in any event, a common euphemism for complete ignorance. To be perfectly frank, I expected to find a predominance of those dreary, nervously self-assertive characters presented as typical of the Provincial Student by Mr. J. B. Prestley in his recent play "The Linden Tree." They do

not, of course, predominate; not, that is to say, among those students who treat the University as a living community rather than as an expanded form of Night School. It seems to me that not only the minds, but also the manners of those I met inside this community were well above the local average.

### Conversion.

What is significant about this conversion is that it should have been necessary. I am in a manner of speaking a citizen of Leeds. If my notions of the University as a student body were false, then it must have been at least in part the fault of the student body. The Town, proud as it may be of the University's academic vigour and achievements, is insufficiently aware of the University's human and cultural existence and, consequently, of its true character. The students I met seemed to have just that kind of enlightened enthusiasm which is beginning to droop among the harassed citizenry. They do not communicate it simply by descending from Parnassus on Rag Day.

Discerning readers will recognise the impertinence in these observations. May I, therefore, apologise for them here and now, assert that my intentions are good, and thank everyone who put up with me during my stay with you?

CYRIL DUNN.

[Mr. C. Dunn, who is on the Staff of *The Yorkshire Post*, spent several days in the University to gather material for a series of articles. We asked him to contribute to *Union News*, and we are glad to print his article].

## What the British Think About Palestine.

The stimulating discussion held on October 29th, under the chairmanship of Mr. Mulkim, gave a very clear picture of what both the Jews and Arabs think about Palestine, but not much idea of what disinterested British people think. Mr. Chapple (Communists) said: "End British Mandate and allow self determination"; Mr. Watson (Conservatives): "Give mandate to U.N.O.," and suggested partition was the only solution; Mr. Williams (Liberals) advocated Jewish settlement on humanitarian grounds; and Mr. Singleton (Socialists) thought an Arab-Jewish federation economically advantageous and possible. The time limit for speeches meant that the speakers were not able to give full expression to their own or their party's views.

Mr. Zabalawi, of the Arab office in London, was the main speaker. He began dispassion-

ately to outline the position in Palestine and the Zionists claims, but he considered that the long and continued occupation of the country by the Arabs gave them a right to call it part of the Arab States, and that the principle of self determination should be allowed. He accused Zionism of aggressiveness, and of worshipping the state as an institution, and said that the Arabs objected to partition in principle. What he advocated in fact was an Arab state and he admitted that the problem of world Jewry still remained. A heated and somewhat hysterical discussion followed. There was a certain amount of criticism of Foreign powers interested in Palestine oil and of terrorism; but very little expression of disinterested British opinion. Among the more constructive speakers were Dr. Kettle, Mr. Sandleson and Mr. Aanous. What *do* the British think about Palestine?  
M.B.A.

## "I'm Alright Jack!"

The meeting held by the Grants and Welfare Committee in the Riley Smith Hall was attended by only 83 students. The chairman, Mr. Hinton, spoke on the students' problems, both Ex-servicemen and others, and linked this up with the Grants and Welfare's history and past achievements. Over 1,300 students in our University are now in receipt of F.E.T.S. grants. At the close of the chairman's address 40 students rose and left, followed some time later by a further 26 students. There were no contributions from the floor.

I have tried below to outline the cause and to draw a few conclusions:—

Publicity for the meeting beforehand was undoubtedly bad. There was also an evidence of timidity in the addresses by the speakers. In addition there is no longer the same sense of urgency in the minds of many who a year ago were still wondering if and when their grants and cheques would materialise. Fortunately, the position is now different. Does this, however, mean a reversal to the old stand-by attitude "I'm alright Jack...?" Have we still students in our ranks who fail to realise that the only reason why we now receive our grants "on the nail" is because a group of their fellow students on the Grants and Welfare Committee worked hard all last year with OUR SOLID MASS SUPPORT. Without this latter it would never have been achieved.

If we do not take a keen interest in our Grants and Welfare Committee and consolidate the gains already won then there can be no guarantee that we shall maintain these gains in the present crises—Government cutting capital expenditure at home. The possibility of winning yet further advances in Parliament, such as the adoption of the N.U.S. four point policy will inevitably be reduced.

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# "About it... and about"

[The Editor does not necessarily share the views expressed by correspondents. Will correspondents PLEASE keep letters SHORT.]

Sir,

I write to you in connection with the cancelled debate of 28th October. Your readers probably noted the announcement of cancellation on the grounds that "certain elements" refused to oppose the motion in public. They probably also read the statement made to the *Yorkshire Evening News* by Mr. Rummelsburg, the Debates Secretary, identifying these elements as the Conservative Association in the University.

It is, perhaps, therefore, the time to place your readers in possession of the full facts. The motion was chosen by the Debates Committee before the beginning of term, and the speakers proposed were not consulted. Indeed, the Conservative Association was approached to provide the opposition only on 18th October.

The motion was: "That the American practice of dollar diplomacy is a threat to world peace," and we were asked to support American dollar diplomacy. This we naturally refused to do, for in so doing the Conservative Party would have been linked with American dollar diplomacy, *i.e.*, the foreign policy of another power.

Mr. Rummelsburg then offered to substitute "American policy" for "dollar diplomacy," but he had already advertised the original motion, and in no way therefore would the original impression have been altered.

Even after our second refusal, Mr. Rummelsburg still had time to obtain two speakers to oppose, and the cancellation cannot therefore be ascribed in any way to the Conservative refusal to participate.

The most sinister part, however, of Mr. Rummelsburg's cancellation notice and his statement to the Press lies in the words "refusal to oppose the motion in public," thereby implying that privately the Conservative Association and its members support American dollar diplomacy. Let me state quite clearly that we of the Conservative Party support only the foreign policy of the British Government, a fact that Mr. Bevin has had cause to appreciate, when some of his unruly and unpatriotic back benchers have sought to involve this country in the machinations of another power.

I consider that Mr. Rummelsburg's statement was in the worst possible taste.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR POLLARD,

Chairman,

L.U. Conservative Association.

[Other letters were received on this subject, but owing to lateness of arrival and shortage of space we regret we were unable to publish them.—Ed.]

## DIGNITY.

Sir,

In a recent letter to the *Union News*, the correspondent, in referring to the addressing of public meetings from the Union steps, stated that "this practice will in time, lower the dignity of the Union."

I believe that the Union has not a shred of dignity as long as it permits the "necking sessions," which abuse the freedom and leniency given to students in the fond hope that they will use this freedom with adult discretion and moderation.

M.T.

## MORALS.

28th October, 1947.

Dear Sir,

The arrangements for the Union Ball were, in the main, excellent, and Mr. Wigglesworth is to be congratulated on maintaining the high traditions of such social occasions.

However, we, the undersigned, are of the opinion that the lighting arrangements in the Social Room were totally inadequate, as this room was to be used as a sitting-out room. We are aware of the amorous tendencies of some of our fellow students, and do not criticise from a bigoted point of view. Yet we think that the morals of some of the couples in the Social Room were distinctly below those of supposedly educated people, whom, we are told, are to be the future leaders of the nation.

We also deplore the action of a certain foreign student who indulged in a necking match in the Cafeteria during the playing of the National Anthem. We suggest to him that, if he is content to reside in this country, and to receive education in it, he be courteous enough to respect our customs.

Yours faithfully,

E.F.; P.T.; G.H.B.; L.J.T.

## APPRECIATION.

Dear Sir,

I should like to take this opportunity through your paper, of offering, to the Union Committee, the sincere thanks of one of the many people who must have enjoyed the Union Ball.

The Committee are to be highly commended for the tireless efforts which produced such satisfactory results.

Yours faithfully,

C.F.H.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

International Student Week

## A DEBATE

(organised by the United Nations Student Association Committee)

**Motion**—"That the right of Veto by the Great Powers should be abolished."

- - - in the SOCIAL ROOM

— on —

**Tuesday, 11th November**  
at 7-30 p.m.

## ON BEING A STUDENT

Speaking to the S.C.M. on 30th, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Mouat-Jones, stressed that the prime purpose of being a student is to increase one's knowledge. A University's function is to spread knowledge by teaching and research and all members of it, including the staff, are essentially students.

The Vice-Chancellor did not believe, as so many students seem to believe, that examinations are a necessary evil he thought of them as being rather tests of knowledge and character. They should be taken seriously but should not be allowed to cause undue worry.

The real aim of the student should be independence of thought, an extremely difficult achievement, since we all tend to accept a host of opinions and prejudices. To form an independent judgement we need knowledge, much of which can best be obtained from fellow students. Membership of at least one society is of vital importance to students.

Speaking of politics, the Vice-Chancellor said that all students should take an interest in the problems of the day, but it should be a detached one and not active, as is so often the case abroad. There was no need to come down on one side or the other until one had at least the vote.

On the matter of religion, however, every student should make up his mind. Religion is one of the most powerful forces in the world and until a student has defined his attitude to it, he will find it impossible to form a philosophy of life. The formation of this philosophy was a matter for the University, but was an individual responsibility.

## LORD MAYOR ELECT SPEAKS.

Alderman Brett, Lord Mayor Elect of Leeds, addressing a well attended meeting of the Socialist Society on Monday, 17th October, spoke on "The Political Aspects of the Crisis." He gave a lucid exposition of the causes and suggested remedies.

The Government had long realised the need for an extensive exports drive, since our income from this source at the end of the war was enough to finance only one quarter of our pre-war volume of imports. Whilst our exports had increased satisfactorily, our imports had not risen so fast as was expected, for we had to contend with serious and world-wide shortages of food and raw materials. In spite of these difficulties there had been a substantial increase in national production throughout 1946. Steel production and consumption for example, had been higher than in any previous peace-time period.

He described the crisis as primarily a "Dollar Crisis," which can only be solved by the economic recovery of Europe and the Far East, and the establishing of equilibrium in all the

## Foreign Students' Reception.

This cosmopolitan Society has more praiseworthy ideals than any other group in the University, and deserves the support of all sincerely interested in world affairs. It is only through the friendly intercourse of individuals of different nationalities that anything approaching international understanding will be achieved.

Such individual friendliness was in evidence at the Social held on the 23rd October, when English and Continentals of both sexes co-mingled in a spirit of mutual interest.

The proceedings opened with a free tea, which may account for the high proportion of Yorkshire folk present. The remainder of the evening, under the guidance of Mr. M. Sampath, was mainly devoted to the singing of national songs. Miss Gwyneth Morgan, the first to sing, rendered in Welsh, and with an easy charm and grace, a little work entitled, "The Song of the Plough." Those who doubted, after this, that music is such an international language as it is reputed to be, must have had their doubts strengthened by what followed. To Europeans, the musical idiom of the East is weird; the Society was nevertheless grateful for the sample of Indian folk-music presented with virtuosity by one of its members.

After a short and amusing talk on Chinese dialect by Mr. Chun, some records of Paul Robeson and a Palestinian marching song rendered "a quattro," it was inevitable that someone should demand that celebrated Yorkshire ballad, "On Ilkka' Moor..." The evening finished on a note undisputably British, with students from all over the world joining in a game of musical chairs.

major trading countries' balance of payments. The American Loan had not been wasted, as so many Conservatives maintained, and Alderman Brett quoted some figures to support this assertion. Only hard work, he said, could solve our present problems. They could not be solved by any financial manipulations.

After his address a number of questions came from the floor and were capably answered.

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

Representatives from N.U.S. Trade Unions Congress, Association of Scientific Teachers, Association of Professional Workers, Association of Scientific Workers and various other bodies, met on October 28th to discuss problems of higher education.

Although many subjects were discussed the main consideration in every case turned to be on the need for more students. It was universally felt that unless more trained and qualified workers and technicians were turned out Britain could not hope to keep her position in the foreground of world trade.

The Barlow Report was quoted with reference to the fact that at the present time, only one out of every five potential students was able to obtain a University education. The N.U.S. Four Point Policy for the abolition of all fees, standard University entrance exam., entrance solely on merit and maintenance grants for all students, was also discussed and accepted.

With regard to University expansion both a long and a short term building scheme were advocated. Many Technical and Training College Principals particularly stressed the problems of overcrowding. They also pointed out that they were doing much of the Universities' work in training students for external degrees.

A unanimous resolution was passed that F.E.T.S. grants should be taken over and utilised to enable all those with capability to attend University.

### Presentation to Mr. GRIST

After twenty-five years as Hon. Treasurer of the Union, Mr. Grist retired in September, 1946. To mark its appreciation of his services the Union Committee agreed to make a presentation in the form of a carved oak coffee table. Unfortunately this was unobtainable, and in its stead Mr. Grist requested a silver Queen Anne Coffee Pot.

The presentation took place informally in the President's room on Monday last. The President spoke of the valuable work done by Mr. Grist, not only as Union Treasurer, but as Warden of Students in Lodgings. In proposing the long and happy retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Grist the President felt he was not only voicing the opinion of present students but also of many of those who had met Mr. Grist in the past.

Mr. Grist in reply thanked the Union for its generosity and spoke of the many happy years during which he had been associated with students. He hoped that association would continue. Finally, he thanked Mr. Bourn for the way in which he had lightened his (Mr. Grist's) task as Treasurer during the war years.

## Society Notes

### Physical Society.

The first meetings of the session are over and we are looking forward to the next item on the programme, The Society Debate, at which the subject: "Women are unfit for higher education," will be discussed.

Future events include several talks, one entitled: "The Detection of Neutrons," a visit to a colour printing works, a Brains Trust meeting, and it is hoped, some theatre visits.

As is customary, the Annual Society Dinner will take place towards the end of the present term. A Freshmen's Debate will be held next term, when it is hoped that new members will come forward to express their views.

### Dental Students' Society.

The 1947-48 Season of the Leeds University Union Dental Students' Society opened with an informal dance held in the Dental School Library on Thursday, October 16th. The dance, at which new students were welcomed, followed an address by Mr. Saunders, the Student President.

A general meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, October 22nd. A revised Constitution, prepared by the Executive, was unanimously approved, and has now been submitted to the Union Committee for ratification.

### The Geographical and Agricultural Societies.

The Geographical and Agricultural Societies are holding a joint meeting in the Social Room on Monday, November 3rd, at 5-30 p.m. Dr. S. E. J. Best, the Headmaster of Doncaster Grammar School, will speak on "East Yorkshire—a study in agricultural geography."

### Natural History Society.

Ants! No, not in the pants, but the subject of a talk to be given by W. Pickles, on Friday, November 7th.

The following Wednesday we are going to learn about that Schoolgirl Complexion—all over, at Watson's Soap Works.

Our programme also includes a lecture on Heredity by Dr. F.W. Sansome, of Manchester University, and a hike. We shall be glad to have suggestions for the Society's programme.

### Leeds Undergraduate

#### Christian Union.

The animated scene in the Women's Common Room last Tuesday evening was not merely another social. Mr. Barker, the travelling Secretary of I.V.F., was speaking to members of the Leeds Undergraduate Christian Union on "Christ Dying." With the impressive sincerity of one of deep spiritual experience he stressed the personal significance of the Cross and the necessity of a positive beginning of a new life in the knowledge of God.

### Spanish Society.

An interesting and varied programme has already had a very successful beginning. Mr. Wilson-Knight delivered a most illuminating analysis of the Incas through their remaining drama and Sr. L. Meana, of Manchester University, spoke in his usual entertaining manner on "Humoristas." Later this term there will be talks by student members on recent visits to Spain and by Sr. D. Marin on "La Vida Estudiantil." During November, members will be taking part in the presentation of two plays by Cervantes, whose fourth Centenary falls this year. The Annual Fiesta is to be held on December 8th, and should prove as great a success as the last one.

### Socialist Society.

This term the Socialist Society devotes its whole programme to the economic crisis which threatens Britain during the coming winter. The Society aims at arousing among students a feeling of responsibility for their part in the country's recovery. There will be a series of discussions and meetings in conjunction with part-time work on the land and in factories.

The members' tea of the Soc. Soc. was marked by a full house who heard Barbara Edge, the Young National Organiser of the Student Labour Federation give a lucid outline of its policy and past achievements. She stressed the fact that all progressive students of leftist views were afforded a platform within the ranks of the S.L.F., and showed how this unity had strengthened our student movement.

In the course of the discussion, criticism was levelled at the present government in relation to its foreign policy and its failure to apply bold Socialist principles. This was followed by the Yugo-Slav film "The Bridge."

### Conservative Association.

The Association has as its aims the promotion of Conservative principles and ideas; to do this, we are organising a series of Discussion Groups, the first of which is to take place on Monday, November 3rd. Mr. Oliver Lyttleton will most probably be speaking on Thursday, November 6th, and we hope to have Mr. Richard Wood up at a later date. The A.G.M. is to take place on November 11th, at 1-15 p.m., and the Social on January 10th, in R.S.H. We ask all members to attend ALL meetings, and pull their weight in the Association. A subscription list has been started for Lord Woolton's Fighting Fund.

## LEEDS MUSIC

The path of musical criticism is strewn with thorns and jeering undergraduates. In consequence, the writer points out that a certain lapse of style in his last report was the result of a printing error, and not of illiteracy. He further remarks that the opinions which appear in this column are humbly submitted by one whose main critical qualification is an intense devotion to the cause of music and not a superhuman insight into the vagaries of instrumentalists.

Miss Margaret Hodson's harpsichord playing calls to mind Samuel Johnson's remarks about Dr. Burney. Burney, it seems, used to "dash away like fire" on the harpsichord. Harpsichord music often has a feeling of urgency and vehemence, and Miss Hodson fully exploited these qualities in the Bach Italian Concerto, when she played in the Great Hall on 17th October.

The increasing efficiency of the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra was proved by a scintillating performance of Mozart's last symphony on October 17th, and on the 25th when Tchaikowsky's 5th was interpreted with enthusiasm and understanding. Slightly ragged pizzicato was evident in the second movement; but as this orchestra is rapidly approaching complete precision, it would be unwise, at this stage, to demand mechanical accuracy at the possible expense of youthful verve which the players undoubtedly possess.

Although one wearies of the ideas underlying much of Tchaikowsky's output, no musician would cavil at the composer's treatment of them. Gloom, self-pity, despair and passion are given a certain grandeur, and it is a credit to Tchaikowsky's musicianship that these emotions are so fluently expressed. He will always be assured of a wide audience, because his melodic gift, orchestral brilliance, and passionate romanticism will always win the affection of the common man who is romantic at heart. The 5th symphony must never be underrated.

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## PROMISING START.

The season has now got well under way and the results are coming thick and fast. On the whole the results are good, most Clubs proving superior to the local and other University teams. In the Christie and U.A.U. games the A.F.C. won and the R.U.F.C. lost their first matches, and judging from the magnitude of some of the other winning scores, the other Christie Cups should be in the Union at the end of this season.

We would remind Club secretaries to get accounts of matches into the **Union News** by the last day for copy, which is always posted in the Union, since only results are accepted on the Sunday before issue.

## OLYMPIC GAMES, 1948.

The G.A.S., Mr. de Graeve, has received an application form for tickets for the Olympic Games to be held at Wembley next summer.

Prices of admission are variable in the extreme, ranging from 2/- for single admission (standing) for Field Hockey and Gymnastics to £27/6/- for the complete series of the most expensive seats for Boxing.

A full list of the costs of individual sports is posted on the G.A.S.'s notice board at the entrance to J.C.R., and all those interested should see this list and inform the G.A.S. of the seats they would like as soon as possible and, in any case, **not later than November 12th**, after which date no application can be considered.

We would stress one point, *viz.*, that the form states:—"PRIORITY will be given to applications for a FULL SERIES of tickets (which are transferable) for a particular sport." and, with that in mind, would advise those interested to see the G.A.S. as soon as possible.

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## Cross-country Club.

Firstly, we would like to add our quota of congratulations to David Haw, whose consistently good performances have led to his selection as a likely competitor for the 5,000 metres in the Olympic games. Such an honour does not come easily and, in this case, it is fully deserved. David celebrated his selection last Saturday by breaking his own record at Weetwood and thereby putting another feather in his cap and, of course, leading the team to yet another victory on this occasion.

The first match of the season was run at Weetwood on October 25th. Although this was the day after the Union Ball, Leeds won the three-cornered fixture with little difficulty, due largely to the good running of Leedall, a new member of the Club.

Results were:—Leeds 43;  
Nottingham 55;  
Loughborough 68.

## Badminton.

The match against Manchester was a keen one, ending in a narrow victory for Leeds by five rubbers to four. The standard of play was fairly high, the Leeds first couple, Messrs. Bandhari and Khalsa, remaining unbeaten throughout the match. Mr. Nerurkar, of Manchester, played an excellent game and was mainly responsible for Manchester's lead on points.

Result—Leeds, Five rubbers (226 points)  
Manchester, Four rubbers (231) points.

## Fives Club.

We are happy to report yet another successful match, this time the match played by the Fives Club against Durham.

The first team, playing at Durham, defeated the home team by 12 games to nil. The first pair, Messrs. Shoemith and Davies,

were in great form, conceding only 32 points; the second pair, Messrs. Whitely and Waddington, combined well, conceding 57 points; whilst the tinned pear—not one of Heinz's 57 varieties—requires too many points.

The second team entertained Durham at Devonshire Hall and compensated for the quality of their entertainment by winning 11—1. (*joke*).

## Saturday's Sport.

On the whole, Saturday was a good day for Leeds, only three teams losing their matches, and no match being an overwhelming defeat.

The Rugger first team lost 12—10, and the "A" team lost 17—12; whilst the Cross-country second team, with only six men present, lost by the comparatively narrow margin of 23—32.

On the brighter side, the ladies take pride of place. The Hockey second team defeated Sheffield ladies 9—0; their first team won 7—3; whilst the Netball Club swept home to a 25—4 victory over the Physiotherapy Students.

The men were also triumphant, the Medics Rugger team avenging their comrades defeat by winning 22—0 at Durham; whilst the Men's Hockey first team drew at Scarborough 2—2, the second eleven romped home to a 7—1 victory at Halifax and, of course, the Cross-country team won.

The Soccer team deserves a paragraph to itself. Mills scored a hat-trick for the first team and helped in the process of knocking Asquith's Sports out of the First Round of the West Riding County F.A. Cup to the tune of 4—1; the second team beat the Old Collegians in the West Riding Old Boys' League 3—8; and the third eleven drew with West Yorks. Foundries 1—1 in

the Leeds Combination League. Which means that Leeds won 8 matches; drew 2; and lost 3; which is fair enough.

UP LEEDS.

## CHRISTIE

### SOCCER.

Leeds defeated Liverpool in the Christie and U.A.U. by the narrow margin of 1 goal to nil at Weetwood last week. The result is not a true reflection of Leeds' superiority in all departments, and if the conditions for good Soccer had been better the score might well have been increased.

Thompson, at right-half, played an outstanding game in a very solid defence which came out with flying colours. Of the forwards the right-wing pair, Carry and Harrison, were the pick, and it was Harrison who netted the winner from a corner taken by Thompson. Well done Leeds! The result is a good start in recovering the Championship this season.

### RUGBY.

The contest with Liverpool University proved to be as stiff as was expected, the University losing by 11 points to 6. Our pack proved to be superior in the set and loose scrums but the backs were slightly inferior to make use of this advantage. Until a few minutes from the end the score was 6 all, and would have proved a fair result. Unluckily the final Liverpool try was scored following a knock-on with the referee unsighted. Bearing in mind that Liverpool defeated Waterloo, Leeds made a grand show and should remember that there is still a chance to win the Christie and U.A.U. Championship.

The "A" XV played a vigorous game and won handsomely by 11 points to nil.

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