

# UNION NEWS



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## MIXTURE AS BEFORE

Union Committee seems unable to break the precedent established last year of painfully long sessions. Despite the introduction of printing regular reports and cutting out the tea interval, Union Committee last Thursday dragged on for three and a half hours, although little of any importance was discussed.

Proposals for using the new University Hostel (to be opened soon) as a hostel for overseas students were discussed, but no final decision could be taken until more detailed information was available. Mr. Wigglesworth pressed that in the event of Woodsley Hall being closed down as a University Hostel, students from there should be given preference in finding alternative hostel accommodation.

### Caroline University.

The report on establishing contact with Prague University (Czechoslovakia) stated that the matter was in hand; this caused Mr. Chapple to protest that the letter had been received from Caroline University in the middle of last term and he felt that it was time something constructive was done. Mr. Parker (Assistant N.U.S. Sec.) reassured him, telling him that a Czech evening was being arranged and the matter of exchange of information and news was being dealt with by the newly formed Arts Committee at its first meeting.

### Rag Committee.

Mr. Burrell was appointed Chairman of the 1948 Rag Committee and it was decided that the proceeds from the Rag should be distributed among such of the hospitals and organisation as will still be in need of Public Charity.

### Local Colleges.

The report on co-operation with Local Colleges stated that the first regional conference had been very successful, although some time was lost by an incomplete understanding of the difficulties of individual colleges. It was hoped that by the next meeting these difficulties would be overcome and some concrete proposals could then be made.

### Hops and Socials.

As reported more fully elsewhere the Committee ratified the proposals made by the constitution sub-committee that all Saturday night Hops should be restricted to 1/- with supper additional. Societies may still hold socials on Friday evenings, for which there is no maximum charge. It was also agreed that when a social is held in aid of some external charity the name of that charity should be printed on the tickets and on the posters.

## LEEDS and PRAGUE

At the end of last session an invitation was received from the Students' Committee for International Relations run by the students of Caroline University, Prague, asking for some scheme of co-operation and relationship with this University. A letter has been sent in reply, asking for further information on the following lines:

Can the scheme be extended to embrace, not only members of the Arts Faculties, but those of Science also?

Have other Universities been invited, so that we can co-

operate with them if this is the case?

What is the number of Czech students who would participate in this scheme? When replies to these questions are received, it is intended to call a meeting of Society representatives to discuss further action to be taken. The Arts Faculty Committee will be approached if the scheme embraces Arts students only. Meanwhile information is awaited from N.U.S., giving details of how such a scheme would fit in with the N.U.S. double exchange scheme.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY or The Red Scare

"Never in my 25 years in the University have I seen such interest displayed in the I.S.," said Mr. Inebnit, the President, in his opening address to the throng of students who packed the recent S.G.M. to overflowing.

### Mr. Dressler Explains.

Mr. Dressler, the student President, informed the gathering of members and non-members that the meeting had been called as a result of the slanderous handbills which had been circulated by a small group of students who preferred to remain anonymous. The Committee of the I.S. had been accused of most of the crimes in the calendar including the harbouring of five members of the Communist party who had the rest of the Committee in their clutches. It was alleged that the Big Five received ORDERS FROM OUTSIDE. (The cheques signed by a certain dark-haired gentleman in the Kremlin called Joe were not even mentioned). Mr. Dressler, who gave a clear and lucid exposition of the Committee's case, ended by asking the authors of the anonymous letters to put their case to the meeting and to point out the five REDS.

### Sinister Organisation.

After refusing to reveal themselves they did sweep into the discussion. One gentleman rose and accused the Committee of being affiliated to the I.U.S., a sinister organisation with headquarters in Prague (Gasps! and murmurs of "it's that guy Joe—I told you so"). Mr. Semple came to the rescue and neatly informed him that all students are automatically members of the International Union of Students since our National Union of Students is affiliated to it.

There were several gems of wit. For example, "The extreme Right seem to be hunting the extreme Left. At the moment the hunt is passing through the I.S."

Finally the vote was taken, and confidence was expressed by an overwhelming majority in the Committee and in the present form of representation, which is irrespective of racial, political or national creeds.

L.C.

## ENGINEERS BALL

The Engineers, as we all know have a reputation in these things. Whole sections of the Science Museum seemed to find their way into the Union. Gasworks fountains, Cartesian divers, and lots of fake grass pinched from the Agrics., not to mention very real water piped from the mains; all these were the trimmings of a Ball which was successful from the turn of the tap.

The purely artistic side of the Engineers (a much neglected side of a much-maligned section of students) found full scope in "Miff's" drawings, exhibited in "Nell's Dive." Satirically pointed, they had enough truth in them to call from my partner, as we gazed at the portrait of the "Typical Engineer," the revealing comment, "You know, some of them really DO look just like that." And so they do!

The Bar was, perhaps, not quite so successful. Thirsty Engineers thronged three deep round the counter, their shoulders forming an almost impenetrable barrier for mere interlopers like your reporter. There was also a gentleman armed with a camera who cast great light on the proceedings, and reaped a rich harvest from those whose vanity runs to candid camera shots of themselves in all the panoply of evening dress.

There was dancing, too, and later a Carnival Hour broke loose. R.S.M. McKenna, rather sweet in Regimentals and a paper hat and with a voice unaccustomedly dulcet, presided over the Pagan rites of the Conga. Paper hats, squeakers and masks were plentiful, and even Messrs. Watson and M'Gee entered into the spirit of things, wearing their coloured caps with rare dignity as they reminisced quietly in the cloakroom. Dignity, so far as the dancers were concerned, was by this time a decidedly negative quality.

Around this time, another visit to "Nell's Dive" proved that, contrary to expectations, no-one was, as yet, leaning against those pillars of aluminium foil which supported the roof or kept up the floor. This was a disappointment deepened by the continued good behaviour of the water-works in the J.C.R.

The evening went on, dance succeeded dance until the "Last Waltz," played and danced in an appropriately sentimental mood, gave place to the noisy ebullience of the "Kumati" ceremony.

AND... no-one stood on the chairs.



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## EDITORIAL.

The general shortage of manpower is a feature of the present long-drawn out crisis. Wherever one goes, posters appeal for harder work and more production, and the Government is using legislative powers to direct workers from non-essential work into productive work.

This is a situation in which students might well be interested. Each Long Vacation sees thousands of students searching for work which is interesting and pays hard cash. Last year there was a good response to appeals for workers in N.U.S. farm-camps, and public authorities paid high tributes to the excellent contributions made by students in flood-damage repair work. The National Union of Students is carrying on and extending its schemes for work camps throughout the country, and we have no doubt these schemes will be successful.

Yet there seems to be need for purely local schemes to help students to find jobs in the Vacation and during term. Such a scheme has worked successfully in Edinburgh, and could be set up in such a highly industrialised area as the Leeds district. No doubt there would be reluctance on the part of local employees and public authorities to use the scheme, yet provided there is an imaginative approach to the problem, there seems no reason why some scores of students might not find work during the Vacation.

In doing so, not only would they be making a useful contribution to the country's recovery and earning money to supplement their grants, they would be also refuting those charges of irresponsibility and laziness which are often levelled at the student.

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 edition of *Union News* will be February 19th.

# This and That

## CHEESE AND CHESTNUTS. GRANTS AND FEES.

Whilst we agree that Societies and Parties and Associations and all the other organisations should have opportunity to draw the attention of students to their numerous diverse activities, yet we feel that an announcement of a forthcoming character study of Joshua does not mix agreeably with green pea soup, nor does a reminder to join the — Party assist in the digestion of Eve's pudding. We refer of course to the posters in the New Refec. where, of any place in the Union we feel we should be left with our own thoughts and those induced by macaroni cheese. Incidentally we thought 12th Night was 12 days after Christmas, not Easter

## ENTRECHAT.

Budding ballerinas should come to the Great Hall at 5-30 p.m., on Tuesdays, where Margaret Dunn, a pupil of Rudolf Lakan (we're ignorant, we haven't heard of him before), teaches the art of movement. A group of **women** students and members of staff ranging from complete novices to trained movers in ballet figures, met for the first time last week and worked for an hour under Miss Dunn's stimulating direction. But, and here is the point we hope a number of women students will take to heart, "have you learned to move with grace, effect and economy of effort?" Modern Dance will teach you. There are only about eight vacancies left.

## THREE LINE WHIP.

By the time this edition is on sale we shall have elected the Prime Minister and he will be deeply engaged in trying to form a Government. We would like to remind you that you have an opportunity to watch, assist and perhaps hinder the passage of a number of Bills at the Parliamentary Debate on Monday. This debate will be held under strict Parliamentary procedure, with the Riley Smith turned into a miniature House of Commons. We only hope there will be more there than the 190 odd who heard the excellent election speeches given on Tuesday.

## "NOBLESSE OBLIGE."

Following on the recent remarks about courtesy in Leeds in the last edition of *Union News*, a topic which has even spread to the leading Yorkshire Evening Papers, we would remind Society secretaries and others concerned that it is both customary and polite to send invitations to the President and Secretary of the Union for Socials and Dances. In previous years these have been sent but for some reason they have lapsed somewhat during the past year.

Incidentally the *Yorkshire Post* has shown an interest in a recent N.U.S. report that students are finding it difficult if not impossible to live or exist on the present F.E.T.S. grant. Having learned this fact they came up to find out more about the situation. The Grants and Welfare Committee soon furnished them with proof drawn from students at this University.

## MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Mass Radiography unit may be visiting the University sometime next November. This excellent service has already been used by students on two previous occasions. The first time the unit was man-handled into J.C.R., no mean feat when it is remembered that the unit weighs several tons, and the attendance was good. Last year students went over to St. James' hospital, with a resulting decrease in the number examined. Hence the unit visits the Union again this year!

## CURTAINS & CHINTZ.

You may well wonder as you stand for two hours at lunchtime (or only one hour if you are not an Arts student) why there should be so few chairs and settees on which to relax the weary body. It is a shortage of which the Union Committee is only too aware; but with steel and timber in its present short supply, there is little that can be done about it. It had been hoped to purchase a further quantity of armchairs similar to those in the W.C.R.; but even these are unobtainable. However, the M.C.R. will soon look a little less like a gymnasium and a little more like a place to relax, with a set of curtains which are to go up in the near future.

## FINDS AND FINES.

So far ninety students have paid their sixpences to retrieve articles left in the cloakrooms and collected by the Porters. Whether this carelessness or laziness is due to overwork in the Brotherton or overdrinking in the Caf. it will probably mean a new set of overalls for the Porters.

## CONGRESS.

Plans for Congress are going ahead well. 1,000 students from all parts of the British Isles are expected to attend for a programme which, although as comprehensive as ever, centres around the theme "The Status of a Student."

SNOOP

## Extracts . .

The latest N.U.S. bulletin gives a very satisfactory report of the student contribution to the National manpower problem; London students are mixing work and study by doing part time jobs.

The tasks undertaken range from navvying and clearing children's playgrounds to acting as ward orderlies in several hospitals. All the work is done in co-operation with the Unions concerned and the scheme is running smoothly. In other parts of the country — students at Nottingham have been loading scrap iron, in Leeds and Manchester the possibility of organising a similar scheme is under consideration.

## Student Grants.

Enquiries into student finances at Reading University have resulted in the disclosure that 85% of the students cannot get through the year on their grants. Nearly all the men interviewed have to get vacation work to see them through. Grants are made on a termly basis and are not sufficient to cover the vacations. The problem has been accentuated in the last twelve months by the practically universal increase in University and Hostel fees and by the general increase in the cost of living.

## Students' Sanatorium.

From overseas comes the news that mining students in Moravia Ostravia (Czechoslovakia) have made a gift of £5,000 towards the setting up of an International Student Sanatorium in their country under the auspices of I.U.S. and W.S.R.; this will result in the sanatorium being opened in the near future, very much sooner than had been expected. The money was raised by students doing an extra shift in their practical work and devoting the whole of the proceeds to the sanatorium.

## Indian Student Demonstration.

An eye witness account of a student demonstration in India on December 3rd, which was broken up by police, is also included in the bulletin. Miss Brickman, who was at the meeting, describes the action as "unprecedented even considering the history of student demonstration in India." Of the scene at the gates of the hospital after the incident she writes: "The stream of students (mainly suffering from the effects of tear gas) lasted for a full half hour while I stood there." As the result of Miss Brickman's account N.U.S. has written to Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister for the Indian Union, asking him to enquire into the circumstances of the clash. I.U.S. has requested its member organisations to protest at the repressive used against Indian Students.

## Prints & Originals

Even those least interested in Art must have noticed by this time the removal of the old smoke-grained prints and their replacement by new prints and originals. The aim of the Picture Hanging Committee is to show as many originals as possible. With this in mind, it has been decided to show at least one student work all the time. It is hoped that there will be a good response from students. All those interested should contact Mr. Cottam (J.C.R. Pigeon-holes). It is hoped to increase the frequency of loans from the City Art Gallery to once a month and it may also be possible through the kindness of the Director of the City Art Galleries to arrange an exhibition of student art in conjunction with the School of Art and the City Art Galleries during the Summer. But the first call for student work is for the Union.

K.W.C.

## Public Lectures & Musical Recitals.

Spring Term, 1948.

### General Lectures.

Monday, February 9th, 5-30 p.m.

Prof. F. P. Wilson, M.A., D.Litt., F.B.A., Merton Professor of English Literature, University of Oxford.

"SHAKESPEARE TO-DAY"

Thursday, February 12th, 3 p.m.

The Montague Burton Lecture on International Relations.

Mr. B. H. Sumner, M.A., F.B.A., F.R.Hist.S., Warden of All Souls' College, Oxford.

"ANGLO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS."

### Advanced Science Lectures.

Monday, February 16th.

Dr. Oscar Faber, O.B.E., D.C.L., F.C.G.I.

"AIR CONDITIONING with SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS"

Friday, February 6th.

Prof. J. LePatourel, M.A., D.Phil.

"THE CITY OF CAEN IN ENGLISH HISTORY."

### Mid-day Poetry Reading.

Friday, February 13th.

Mr. Kenneth Muir and Miss Patricia Walker.

### Mid-day Music Recitals.

Monday, February 16th.

Iso Elinson, Pianoforte.

Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., City Museum.

Tuesday, February 10th.

Prof. F. G. Tryhorn, D.Sc., F.R.I.C., "HOW SCIENCE HUNTS THE CRIMINAL."

University Sermon.

Sunday, 11 a.m., Emmanuel Church.

Sunday, February 15th.

The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Chase).

## Weak Matter . . .

In common with other great newspapers we have a correspondent abroad at the moment, he has however cabled us his comments from Pudsey.

By the time you read this our Great Election will be over and consequently a few remarks may seem out of place. I nevertheless intend to report on the meeting at which election speeches were made, for there must be many who were not present but who would like to know what happened.

It went something like this:—  
Enter three candidates singing a little chorus:

We're Walton, Berwin and Pollard,

If you're reading from left to right,

And according to rules and agreements

It must be a good clean fight. They all sit down and the first verse is sung:

You've all heard of Walton composer,

My name isn't William but Ted, And my tie if you look a bit closer,

Is showing nine shades brighter red.

Aside: Though my name isn't William I've had my overtures. Next comes the chorus, followed by the second verse:

I'm Berwin, not bashful but blatant,

And feel things are moving apace,

Though none of my methods are patent

They'll be plugged 'till you're blue in the face.

Aside: Has anyone a Rennie, I'm troubled with wind.

Liberals in unison: Has anyone a gun, we're troubled with a candidate.

Chorus proper, followed by third verse:

My name is Pollard, or Arthur to friends,

And I hope I don't speak out of season

When I say it's to maxims our club really tends

And not to political reason.

All three exit hurriedly pursued by angry mob.

Note.—All libel writs to be made out in quintuplicate and burned.

The next job will presumably be for the elected party to form a cabinet. Bearing in mind that this has been a Union event

I suggest the following Ministers:

A Minister for other People's Affairs.

A Minister of Stealth.

A Minister of Boosing and Barconstruction.

A Minister of Food.

A Chancellor the Refectory, and various Ministers without Scruples.

None of these require explanation except, perhaps the Minister of Stealth, he would take complete charge of queue-crashing and would doubtless find plenty of scope for his talents.

MACHETTE.

## Union Muse

With Sonnets not completely understood,

'Tis hard for me to ply poetic art ;

To write, as from the flutt'ring of my heart,

A Valentine as well (or ill) as Hood.

Attempted—but results are far from good ;

This Valentine is fated from the start,

The metre like a fevered patient chart—

And through the trees I cannot see the wood.

I'll write of how no tempest, seas nor storm

Shall stay my steed and me. (My thoughts so ran

For, from a cosy armchair, tired and warm,

Am I as strong and brave as any man).

But still, I cannot write in Sonnet form—

My deep respects to all of you that can.

PIP.

## Sadlers Latest Book News

### Books Received:—

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## WHAT PRICE HOPS ?

Students are noted for being the poorest section of the community; Mr. Wigglesworth, realising this, led a campaign for cheaper Saturday night Socials at the last Union Committee Meeting. The proposal that the maximum charge for such Socials should be 1/-, with supper extra, was passed unanimously.

These Hops may be sponsored by Societies, but it was agreed that in the event of none being arranged, the Union Committee should run one. The question of the poor response to dances in the summer (with the natural consequence that no Societies were prepared to run them at this time), was also raised. To overcome this gap it was suggested that any profits made at Union sponsored Hops earlier in the year should be used to subsidise Saturday night entertainments at this slack period.

There was considerable discussion and disagreement over the ruling for Friday evenings. Many Committee members pressed for a maximum price for these Socials, declaring that if they were uncontrolled the prices, which seemed to be steadily rising, would reach disproportionate heights. Societies might even be tempted to organise informal dances on fairly ambitious lines, and charge as much as 7/6 per double ticket. Other members spoke against the maximum price—considering this type of informal dance might find its place among Union functions. Other objections were that Societies would be inclined to view the price not as a maximum but as a regular charge, in any case it was felt that the competition of cheap Saturday night entertainment would be sufficient to keep the prices reasonable.

### A.G.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Union will be held on Thursday, 12th February. Remembering the thoroughly bad tradition which has grown up in recent years around this event, Union Committee have decided to take firm action this year. If there is any undue rowdiness before the commencement of the meeting, it will not be held. Any disturbances during the meeting will lead to its adjournment. The Executive Committee is perfectly serious about this, as well it might be, considering last year's shocking performance.

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## "About it... and about"

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*Will correspondents PLEASE keep letters SHORT.]*

### Missing Diary.

Dear Sir,

On looking back through an almost complete collection of **Union News**, I have found what I felt to be missing from this session's copies, in Vol I of the **Union News** a half column or so was entitled Diary, and contained a summary of what was due to happen in the Union during the coming fortnight. Since No. 9 of Vol. I the place of the "Diary" item has variously been taken by "Looking On," "Film Shows and Music," "Public Lectures and Musical Recitals," "Gramophone Recitals," and more recently, separate scattered announcements. I feel that you would be performing a very useful service, more than justifying the amount of space used, if you would reinstate the unjustly banished "Diary."

Yours, etc.,

M.T.

### Infiltration . . .

Dear Sir,

Whatever the result of the Parliamentary Mock Election, it cannot represent with any suggestion of accuracy the political views of students in this University.

The choice is between a Conservative, Liberal and Communist policy. The mere fact that the Communist policy is labelled "Socialist" is irrelevant; it is the official policy of the Communist Party and is hostile to the Government and the Dick Crossman - Michael Foot "Keep Left" group. Soc. Soc.'s claim that their proposals "comprise all those forces of the Left who look forward to a free, prosperous Socialist Britain in a peaceful world" is sheer transparent nonsense.

There must be a large number of Labour supporters like myself who find this unsatisfactory. The only possible courses are:—

- 1.—Abstain—and thereby appear politically apathetic.
- 2.—Honour the word "Socialism" by voting for the Soc. Soc. candidate.
- 3.—Register disapproval of Communism by voting for the Right Wing candidates.

All of these are from every aspect undesirable and are liable to be misinterpreted.

Yours, etc.,

H.A.R.

. . . again . . .

Dear Sir,

In the last issue of **Union News** we noted that the Mock Election being held is to present an accurate picture of political feeling in the Union.

This will not be so, for the following reasons:

- (a) An active Communist party, as there exists in the Union, is not represented, or, if it is, under false colours
- (b) A self-professed Communist in the Socialist Committee Room to represent the Socialist (?) Society.
- (c) The "Socialist" manifesto bears no resemblance to real Socialist policy.

We wonder whether other students have realised this. In view of the above, will not the election thus be a "mock" one?

Yours, etc.,

1 Conservative.

2 Liberals.

1 Socialist.

. . . and again ?

Dear Sir,

The Philosophical Society complain that recent meetings have been badly attended. May we suggest to the Society that there is at least a danger that it may become a mouthpiece of the Communist Party in its endeavour to "be fair to all" and to remain strictly impartial? Communism and philosophy never mix particularly if Marxist is handling the spoon.

Marx was scarcely a philosopher, but an economist who accepted uncritically an electric materialism. Those who follow him accept even more uncritically a materialism illogically gross, and unacceptable alike to most modern scientists and philosophers.

As keen students of philosophy, we expect the speakers at Philosophical Societies to be familiar with philosophical attitude and procedure. The speaker on two occasions ("Marxist Philosophy" and "Philosophy and Science") showed little knowledge of either.

This Society must preserve a spirit of free enquiry, otherwise our interests in it will decline.

Yours, etc.,

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## OVERSEAS STUDENTS

The Overseas Students Welfare Committee last term investigated alleged racial discrimination concerning Overseas Students in lodgings, particularly Indians and Africans. In an interview with Dr. McDougall the following points emerged: no proof for racial discrimination could be proved, alternative lodgings cannot be offered because of the shortage; Dr. McDougall will co-operate with the Committee and will investigate specific cases. It was decided that two bad cases brought before the Committee should be submitted to Dr. McDougall if desired.

There was a discussion on the advisability of a Hostel for Overseas Students. Objections raised by the University authority and some students, was that Overseas Students in such a Hostel would not be mixing with English students and that there would be a tendency towards segregation into racial groups. It was suggested that these difficulties could be avoided by making the Hostel a social centre.

A strong possibility exists that a new Hostel, scheduled to open next session, could be used for this purpose. However, it is felt that the opinions of Overseas Students should be sought before pressing on with the scheme. A meeting will therefore be called soon to which all Overseas Students will be invited so as to give their views on these points: and when they will be asked the definite question, "Will they be in favour of such a Hostel if it becomes available?"

## CONSERVATIVE ASSOC.

On January 19th the Hon. Richard Wood, prospective candidate for the Buckrose Division, addressed the Association on "The Future of the British Empire." Mr. Wood detailed the tasks, numerous and difficult, facing the Commonwealth and Empire at this time, and showed the way in which they should be tackled. He strongly condemned those who decry the British Imperial achievement, emphasising the immense benefits the Empire has received under British trusteeship, and the progress which has already been made in raising the standards of life in the Colonies, progress which gives the lie to those who malign the record of Britain and the Empire. The Commonwealth and Empire, he declared, is far from moribund.

Our political news-sheet has made its first appearance, and we invite contributions and suggestions from members. We earnestly hope that our members will give their full support to the meetings and discussions arranged for this term, and will do everything possible to further the Conservative cause in this University.

G.C.F.F.

## Brief Chronicles

Huge, blonde and imperturbable, John Henry DeGraeve is probably the quietest member of Union Committee, whose meetings he adorns with an almost monumental calm. The outpourings of the more vocal members he considers with the detachment of a psychiatrist in consultation. But this detachment vanishes when he gets down to his job as General Athletics Secretary, and on the subjects of scum-halves, weedkillers and tractors he has actually been known to offer opinions. Judiciously, of course! Educated at Ratcliffe College, Leicester, he is now a Fifth-year (verging on Sixth-year) Medic. His 6ft 1½ inches make him a formidable forward in the Medics. Rigger team, which he also captains. In his quieter moments his hobbies are photography and music. He types, too...with the abandon of a bulldozer.

### Plans for Congress.

Recently in Leeds, D. W. F. Mayer, ex-student here and newly appointed organiser at N.U.S. Headquarters, tells me that plans for Congress are going ahead swiftly. He hopes to organise a film-show there when the film of the International Youth Festival (Prague, 1947) made by U.N.O., and not yet shown in England, will be seen. He also plans to show the official film of the First International Students Congress, Prague, 1946. There are also good possibilities of an International University Soccer match during Congress Week.

### Malice in the M.C.R.

Odd things happen around this place. There are some very earnest young women, for example, who pound the soles of their nylons out in wierd tarentellas and peasant polkas. Folk dancing, I believe they call these terpsichorean taradiddles. But when, passing the M.C.R. the other Saturday, I saw white-clad figures lunging wickedly at each other with an engaging malice, I thought I had stumbled across a school for murder. It was, however, merely a fencing match. I stayed to watch the fun. The fencers, swathed in white padded costumes, salute each other courteously and then teeter on their toes like ballet dancers. Their rapiers (foils to the initiated) touch lightly, then flicker viciously, there is an angry rasp of steel and then all at once the fencers break away and hosts of people standing around argue madly. Peace is restored when the "President" gives his verdict, which he usually does before the real fight begins. Just as well, too, for when they get down to sabres, the whole affair becomes a glorious melée of cut - and - thrust - and - the devil - take - the - loser.

INCA.

**LEEDS MUSIC.**

On behalf of the Music Society, I must gratefully acknowledge and advertise a recent kind gesture of the Leeds Council. Any students from Leeds who are interested may attend rehearsals of the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra. Details of time and place of rehearsals will be announced shortly on the Music Society notice board.

The Y.S.O. started well last year with a blaze of harmonic and orchestral brilliance ("Scheherazade"), artificial grass ferns and pink carnations. Early promise has not, however, been fulfilled. The technique of the players usually meets demands made upon it, but playing has lacked conviction in recent performances. The "heavenly length" of Schubert's Ninth was reduced to less than 45 minutes on January 3rd; and (dare I say it?) an interpretation of the Unfinished on the 24th lacked—finish. However, in spite of a certain sketchiness apparent in the treatment of long works, this orchestra succeeds in maintaining its popularity in Leeds. A larger string section would increase its reputation farther afield.

I cannot report on the Informal Evening held on January 22nd. I was not there. However, the wreckage of the double-bass in the music room invites interesting conclusions.

P.T.B.

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**SOCIETY NOTES**

**British Legion.**

It is an astonishing fact that the very existence of this Branch is ignored by many ex-Servicemen until they are in need of some assistance. It is impossible satisfactorily to estimate the hardship and housing difficulties unless we have a large representative membership and are kept fully informed by them.

We have, during the past year, obtained more than £250 for those of our members who were in financial trouble and although housing progress has been disappointingly slow, there has been some. The Legion Housing Committee has been recognised by the University as the body most competent to deal with this aspect of ex-Servicemen's welfare, and it is hoped that any further accommodation which may be available will be allocated by this Committee, taking into account the facts of each case.

Although many of the social activities which form a part of the usual outside Branch service to members is catered for by the Union and its many Societies, we are holding several functions for the benefit of ex-Servicemen, whether members of the Legion or not.

Legion Officers are to be found in the Grants and Welfare Office between 12-30 and 2-0 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

**Social Studies Brains Trust.**

At their first meeting of the Term, on January 22nd, the Social Studies Group broke new ground with a Brains Trust. A distinguished collection of experts included an Almoner, a Psychiatric Social Worker, a Probation Officer, a Personnel Manager and a representative from the Home Office. Professor Shimmin ably held the scales as Question Master.

Members racked their brains with a varied selection of questions ranging from easy death to hard living. To forestall the suicidal tendency in the Social Studies Department, a brisk discussion followed on the type of a social worker to be aimed at. A middle course was recommended between glamour and gloom. When questions were

thrown open for general comment, the audience raised several new issues, including legal abortion, and a spirited criticism of the value of all the Social Services represented on the Trust. The last question, "Are Brains Trusts a waste of time," was not debated, as the session in progress provided a conclusive answer in the negative.

The next meeting of the Social Studies Society will be a film show "Children on Trial," in the Riley Smith Hall, Feb. 10th.

**An U.N.S.A. Study Group**

will be held February 11th. Subject: "Fascism and Communism."

**Geographical Society.**

Members of the Geographical Department were invited by the Leeds Geographical Association to one of their meetings held in the Department on the 15th Jan. at 6-15 p.m. The subject of the talk was a survey of Britain's Agriculture, with special reference to milk production, given by Prof. McGregor of the Agric. Dept.

The Society has been invited by the Geographical Society of Manchester University to visit them on Friday, 30th January, for an afternoon talk on the place of geography in the world, to be followed by a Social. Some fifty members have accepted this invitation, and will have been to Manchester by the time this appears.

Another invitation is extended to all members of the Union to enjoy the Geographical Society Valentine Social.

M.T.

**Law and Liberty.**

Mr. Waterman, a Leeds Solicitor, spoke to members of the Law Society on "Law and Liberty."

Liberty is not absolute under limiting conditions of society. Absolute liberty in a primitive society is closely allied to absolute anarchy. As society develops, though theoretical liberty is modified, the realisation of the value of third party

intervention, backed by a sufficiently strong force to carry out its decision, leads to greater practical liberty.

Mr. Waterman suggests amendments to the law regarding freedom of speech in order to counteract the development of political movements in this country which set themselves against the values and principles of Western thought.

By their instigation of racial hatred, these movements, nurtured on unethical principles, are a threat to democracy itself. What effect on children can Fascist propaganda have? Plato believed in a strongly censored education for children; we should at least do everything in our power to prevent them from being subjected to political immorality.

At Nuremberg, Mr. Waterman stated, we considered we had a right to try and punish men for crimes against humanity. By what right then do we ignore the same basic elements in our own country? Every liberty, every right, involves a corresponding duty. We must not allow our complacency to permit the growth of immoral organisations in our own country. The triumph of evil, said Mr. Waterman, is "that good men shall do nothing."

The speaker ended his talk by suggesting amendments to the law, making instigation of racial hatred an offence; allowing groups, communities of people, to come under the law of libel, and enlarging the power of police to prohibit public meetings which are liable to lead to breaches of the peace.

Not one of these amendments, concluded Mr. Waterman, would in any way restrict orderly, reasonable, discussion.

S.L.

Two columns of every issue of **Union News** are reserved for Society Notes so that laymen may learn what it really means to be an Anthropologist or a Scout. Here, by reporting your meetings you can entice new members. So if you have some interesting news, send it in for the next issue and don't wait until the Societies' Editor offers you a coffee for a hundred words.

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(Anon.)

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Tho' you can guess what temperance should be,  
You know not what it is.

(Shakespeare).

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(W. S. Gilbert).

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# ★ SPORT ★

## No Sides.

Last issue we published a letter of remonstrance on a past comment of ours on the refereeing of a Christie Rugby match. We anticipated further remarks on the subject, but their non-arrival leads us to a sneaking suspicion that nobody reads this ruddy page anyway. This week we publish rather strong comment on the referee of another game and hasten to point out that we have not got a "down" on referees in general. A vast majority of these gallant men are most impartial guides, philosophers and friends, very often unappreciated by players and spectators alike. A referee, once he is accepted for the task of controlling amateur games between small clubs, may be expected to travel considerable distances for no reward save his expenses; and often he will send in an underestimate if he finds the club is struggling to keep going. Imagine the difficulty of taking charge of a home game when all the members of the home team are friends, and of refereeing a match between two very scrappy "B" teams! Indeed, these are true sportsmen.

## It's a Mighty Rough Road . . .

. . . from town up to Weetwood and many sports enthusiasts discovered this for the first time last Saturday, when the only available means of transport was Shank's Pony.

The first half mile to the University is familiar ground and thence to Hyde Park is fairly easy going. The first obstacle then appears, for here is the traditional resort of thirsty students. This surmounted, the road narrows: "Tram pinch," say the signs: "Shoe pinch," correct the feet: and the path seems long and desolate. So to Headingley, past its many inns, the traffic lights and the depot, full of giant laughing monsters, radiating contempt for the oldest form of transport.

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flashing past on bicycles with sports apparatus and girl friends lashed to their carriers. Ignoring these, the plod continues to Oxley and finally to Weetwood, where rest and relaxation are obtained in the showers after the match.

There is then an air of happiness everywhere. Because the game was good? No. Because the ground was just right? No. Because the ref. was just? No. Because we won? Only partly. The real reason for the contented atmosphere is that . . .

. . . The homeward road is downhill all the way!

### Tournaments.

The Badminton Club have so far this term concentrated chiefly on their own tournaments. One match only has been played, although three more have had to be cancelled. The result of this match was a narrow 4-5 defeat by the Leeds Caledonian Club. Last term, you may remember, the result was 2-7. Perhaps this will be a case of third time lucky?

In the tournaments, only the Men's Doubles have so far been concluded, with Messrs. Bhandari and Sundaram as winners.

To the not-so-fortunate we would point out that the tournament is so arranged that, win or lose, everyone is able to play the same number of games.

### Soccer.

In the West Riding County Amateur League on Saturday the 1st XI defeated Guiseley by 2 goals to 1. Guiseley, second in the League, readily admitted our superiority and the standard of football was the best seen at Weetwood this season. The whole team was in top form, and despite an early injury to Harrison, was never put out of gear by the clever tactics of the opposing team. Mills scored both our goals. The previous defeat of Luddenfoot makes a good omen for the Quarter-final Cup-tie at Bradford next Saturday. Add your name to the list for 'buses quickly to make sure of a seat. The cost is half-a-dollar, inclusive.

In the West Yorkshire League Cup the 2nd XI lost 3-8 to Harrogate Hotspurs. No details, by request.

The 3rd XI did not play, by courtesy of the Leeds City Transport.

### Christie Boxing.

Leeds once again won the Christie Cup last Thursday, when they fought and beat Manchester by 5 bouts to 3, including four walkovers.

Little glory went with it this time, however. Liverpool did not enter, Manchester came with a sadly incomplete team and Leeds could not find a Bantam Weight.

Consequently there were only three actual fights, of which Leeds were required to win one to take the cup. This J. S. Whitely did in the first fight.

Supporting the programme were some of Mike Sunderland's proteges, who showed us some of the finer arts of boxing.

The Boxing Club grieves the departure of Vernon Scannell. Doubtless there will be less trepidation in the hearts of other University Welter Weights when they hear of this.

Any prospective fighters will be gladly welcomed into the Club and taken under the wing of Mike Sunderland, especially those at the lighter weights. Just come along to the Gym. on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, between 6 and 7 p.m.

### Saturday Sport.

What of the visiting teams last Saturday? It was perhaps apt that the second hockey team played—and beat 3-1—the Leeds City Police. They were rather lucky in being a local team. Other visitors were not so lucky. One team was met by a galaxy of taxis and another, on learning that there was a transport strike and Weetwood was three miles away expressed themselves in language which made even your hardened scribe blink rapidly!

We accept no responsibility for the story that the Cross-Country Club formed fours at the station and travelled to Weetwood at the double, nor do we believe the semi-sacrilegious story that the Boat Club were plying for hire on the Aire at Leeds Bridge.

In point of fact, one was practising at Swillington and the other went to Dishforth to beat the R.A.F. team 36-42 with the first three men home, Dransfield arriving first.

### Rugby—Bye-bye Christie.

Leeds took a very heavy defeat at Manchester on Wednesday, the 28th of January. The same story can be told of this game as of many of the first team matches; the forwards played a hard and fairly skillful game against a heavier pack—but the backs . . . Tackling seems non-existent and the wing three-quarters were rarely supplied with the ball. In contrast the "A" XV played an even game against the Manchester 2nd team and drew 11 all. The pack, although much lighter, played a dashing game and fed the three-quarters with the ball regularly, and the backs made good use of the service, often displaying brilliance in swinging the ball all along the line and back again. Lewthwaite was the man of the match, scoring all the points, including the last-minute penalty goal which evened the score.

It should be mentioned that tempers became a little frayed during the game owing to the prejudiced nature of the referee. We feel that when visiting another University for a game of Rugger which carries a fair amount of rivalry, we should be supplied with a ref. that sees faults on both sides and does not enquire into the healths of the home team by their Christian names during the course of the game.

### Gymnasium Overspill.

All ex-Servicemen will doubtless be interested to learn that the University has obtained the use of Gibraltar Barracks between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The reason? Nothing more sinister than Basket Ball practices. Any student or group of students may attend for practice and club officials will be there looking for new talent.

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