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UNIVERSITY'S GREAT DAY OF PAGEANTRY



Courtesy The Yorkshire Post.

The Princess Royal, the new Chancellor of Leeds University, photographed on the steps of Leeds Town Hall, with the Vice-Chancellor and the President of the Leeds University Union.

Front row, left to right—The EARL OF SCARBROUGH, Viscountess BOYNE, The VICE-CHANCELLOR (Dr. C. R. Morris), The PRINCESS ROYAL, The PAGE (Richard Hamilton-Russell), Dame HILDA LLOYD, The BISHOP OF RIPON.
Second row, left to right—Lady CYNTHIA COLVILLE, Dame MYRA HESS, Mr. GILBERT GRAY, (President of the Union), Sir HUBERT HOULDSWORTH, The COUNTESS OF LIMERICK.
At the back—Sir JOHN HUGGINS.

Impressive Ceremony in the Town Hall

SCENE OF COLOUR.

At a Congregation of the University in the Town Hall on Friday, 9th November, H.R.H. The Princess Royal was installed as Chancellor of the University of Leeds.

Before the Ceremony commenced, the Princess Royal inspected His Majesty's Royal Corps. The scene combined the majesty and dignity of the occasion with the personal touch of the Princess chatting with a motionless guard.

The Town Hall was crowded for what must have been the most impressive ceremony held within its walls for many a long day. Everybody that counted in the academic and civil world was present, as procession after procession wended its way down the central aisle, till the whole floor and platform was a maze of colour. Then, after the Pro-Chancellor had declared the Congregation open, and the Registrar had announced the election of

the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor called upon the Pro-Chancellor to conduct H.R.H. the Princess Royal to the Hall. As the fanfare of trumpets had died down H.R.H. was led to the Chancellor's chair by the Vice-Chancellor.

The University Music Society then sang the beautiful Ode, specially composed by Mr. W. Childe and set to music by Prof. J. Denny. We did surely feel that

"To thee on this auspicious day
Our homage and our thanks are
born."

OUR FIRST WOMAN CHANCELLOR.

The Pro-Chancellor arose and presented H.R.H. The Princess Royal with the illuminated copy of the Resolution of the Court electing her to the Office of Chancellor. The addresses of welcome expressed the University's appreciation that H.R.H. The Princess Royal had accepted the Office. The Chairman of Convo-

cation said that we had conferred on H.R.H. The Princess Royal the highest honour that the University is able to confer. Mr. G. Gray, in a most impressive and dignified speech, spoke of "a most happy installation."

THE FUTURE.

The warmth of the applause which greeted H.R.H. The Princess Royal as she rose to thank the University for conferring upon her the Office of Chancellor was indicative of feelings of affection and honour. "I look forward with confidence to the future," The Princess Royal said, "I shall watch with interest the yearly growth of the roll of graduates and shall feel a special pride when I hear of the good services which they are rendering to the community."

CONFERRMENT OF DEGREES.

In her Office of Chancellor the Princess Royal conferred honorary degrees upon famous people from all walks of life. Notable

among these were the Earl of Scarborough, whom the University honoured for "his catholicity of mind, his valour, and his unerring sense of public duty," and Dame Myra Hess, "pianist among musicians; musician among pianists."

The Viscountess Boyne, Lady Helen Cynthia Colville, Sir Hubert Stanley Houldsworth, Sir John Higgins, the Countess of Limerick, and Dame Hilda Lloyd also received the degree of Doctor of Laws. The Rt. Rev. George Armitage Chase, Lord Bishop of Ripon, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

At a little after mid-day the Princess Royal declared the Congregation closed. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most dignified and regal ceremony to a conclusion. With the organ playing, the waves of colour slowly left the Hall, and out into the vestibule, where they quickly dispersed. Dull would he have been of soul who could have passed by a sight so touching in its majesty.

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EDITORIAL

In the last fifty years there have been three Chancellors of the University: The Marquis of Ripon, His Grace the Ninth Duke of Devonshire, His Grace the Tenth Duke of Devonshire. To these names we may now add another great name, that of H.R.H. The Princess Royal.

We, of the University of Leeds, feel justifiably proud that we have a member of the Royal Family in the highest Office that the University is able to offer. Her installation has made Leeds University the cynosure of the Academic and Civil World. But, as Lord Tedder, Chancellor of Cambridge University said, "The great lady who has to-day become Chancellor, has not only honoured Leeds University, but has honoured the University life of the whole country."

H.R.H. is the first woman Chancellor in a University where the equality of the sexes has always been an accepted part of its life. Her interest in University affairs is profound and yet widespread. The Pro-Chancellor, in his address of welcome, pointed to the need of "lay" members in the life of the University, and by her gracious acceptance of office, H.R.H. has set "an example which will ensure that the work started in 1874 will never lack the support of 'lay' friends."

H.R.H. emphasised the fact that the University not only upholds the culture of and provides students for posts in the City of Leeds, but it serves the whole region in which the City has grown, the whole nation and commonwealth, and indeed the whole world of learning. "I shall feel a special pride," H.R.H. said, "when I hear of the good services which they are rendering to the community."

By her benevolent interest, by her wide range of civic duties, the Princess Royal will not only maintain the traditions of this University, but will ensure that they move from strength to strength.

Without Prejudice

There has never been a dearth of candidates for offices on Union Committee: in the past the number of applicants has always far exceeded the vacancies to be filled. That is as it should be, such competition being one of the visible signs of a flourishing community. It is therefore all the more distressing that the Union Committee was unable to elect a Rag Chairman at the last meeting, because not a single nomination had been received. Rag Chairman is an important office which must not only be filled, but filled by the best person available; let us then hope for a suitable number of candidates before the December meeting of the U.C.

Did you read the last issue of *The Gryphon*? If so you are probably one of the 600 students who bought a copy. If not you are one of the vast majority who for one reason or another do not support the magazine. The reason for this apparent lack of interest must lie in either the price, or the contents, and although the price may be a contributory factor I fear that it is not the primary one. That the standard of *The Gryphon* is as high as that of any other University journal I would not dispute, but the sales figures would appear to support the contention that a high standard in itself is not sufficient. The appeal of any magazine lies in its contents and however much those contents are enhanced by their literary standard the publication will not flourish unless it deals with subjects in which its readers are interested. Whatever the reason may be, members of Leeds University Union are at present subsidising, with money they can ill-afford, a publication which has little support, both from those who read it and from the most effective critics of all, those who do not even buy it.

It would also be interesting to know why a magazine called "The Journal of the University of Leeds" should be subsidised solely by the funds of the Students' Union.

Some people rely on the cinema

for their entertainment, others on the theatre, wireless or the circus, but for an evening's hilarity I can safely recommend attendance at any meeting of the Union Committee. The last meeting started with the discovery that Mr. Gee and the Secretary of Debates had arranged for a film show and a debate to be held in the R.S.H. at the same time. After this had been settled, Mr. Bob Hains, the poor man's Abraham Lincoln, arose in his wrath, and accused the Entertainments' Secretary of "flouting the will of Union Committee." Apparently Mr. Hains did not like the arrangements for the Installation Dance, and he said so in no uncertain manner. After a lengthy debate the Committee agreed that perhaps there was something in what Bob had to say, but nobody was quite sure what it was.

Mr. Hollings then announced that he had discovered a new form of soap which cost only 3/6 per 1,000 washes. Mr. Jones was not sure of the acreage which would be covered by each wash. The Committee, having been assured that the soap smelt nice and was green in colour, then decided to take the plunge and order some for the men's cloakroom.

As the bar had by now been open for over an hour, the Committee rapidly dispensed with the problems of a television set in the bar, a torch light procession for Installation Day, a wireless set in the bar, a Rag Chairman until next time, a foot rail in the bar, and finally drinking stools in the bar.

The dividing line between ragging and vandalism has always been very narrow. Lyddon Hall appear to have overstepped the mark the other night. The saving grace of any rag has always been a sense of humour and this appears to have been sadly lacking in some of the recent inter-hostel warfare. Ragging has always been an essential part of University life, and as such treated with sympathy in official circles, it would indeed be a gloomy day if the art of ragging were to die.

MUSIC IN LEEDS

by TAPIO.

Readers of this column may remember that I recently referred to the existence of a Law of the Conservation of Nature's Cussedness. A pleasing example of the working of this law is to be seen in the way in which University recitals so frequently take place just after **Union News** copy days, instead of just before them. My last notice, for instance, dealt with an occasion which had taken place three weeks previously.

And now, with such an important musical function as the Music Society's participation in the Installation and Opening Ceremonies to be covered, Tapio will again have missed the boat. Such, indeed, are the temporal strait-jackets of fortnightly journalism.

However, if my readers will bear with me, may I refer back to the lunch-hour of Friday, October 26th, when Alan Loveday (violin) and Frank Mumby (pianoforte) played to a commendably large audience in the Great Hall. It was not a Hoyle-sized audience, thank Heaven, but most encouraging nevertheless.

In works by Mozart, Bach and Saint-Saens, Mr. Loveday's tone and technique were things that spoke eloquently for themselves, while our resident accompanist was his usual competent self. It was quite clear at the end that the most appreciative audience would have sat blissfully through a programme three times as long, but that Bell went off again, so the gallery's cries of "more!" went unheeded: another temporal strait-jacket.

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H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL INSPECTING THE GUARD OF HONOUR.



Courtesy Yorkshire Evening News.

Chancellor opens the Parkinson Building

Over 2,000 people were present at the afternoon ceremony when H.R.H. The Princess Royal, in her Office as Chancellor of the University of Leeds, opened the Parkinson Building.

A less formal atmosphere than that of the morning's installation ceremony was struck, but this didn't detract from the grandeur and sincerity of the occasion. The soft pastoral tones of the Y.S.O., high up on the second floor, lent charm and serenity to the atmosphere. Never has the Parkinson Building been seen to such great effect as at this afternoon's ceremony. The striking whiteness of the marble columns, the deep red of the teak floor, and the size of the hall massed in colour was a striking scene to behold.

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS.

The Princess Royal was presented on the steps of the Parkinson to Mr. T. A. Lodge, the Architect of the Building, Mr. L. Wright, the Contractor, Mr. J. E. Laybourn, Clerk of the Fabric; and Mr. J. Swindale, Clerk of Works. Mr. T. A. Lodge presented the Chancellor with a ceremonial key of silver and gold, and as the door was unlocked a fanfare of trumpets was sounded by Trumpeters of the Royal Corps of Signals. After the Procession had entered H.R.H. The Princess Royal declared the building open.

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA.

The Choir followed this by singing a motet beginning—

"Peace be upon this House and on all who labour therein."

Impressive, because unseen, beautiful because accompanied by an orchestra, the singing of the choir deepened the atmosphere of gracious thankfulness. The silence that descended on

the audience was indicative of a profound sense of gratitude. Gratitude not only to the Princess Royal for so graciously being present, but to that generous donator and friend of the University, Dr. Frank Parkinson. His beneficent gift stands not only in the shape of a great building, but as a symbol to what heights the foresight and generosity of a single inspired man can reach.

PRESENTATION.

Miss Rosa Lewis then presented the Princess Royal with a bound copy of the volume describing the Parkinson Building.

Mr. C. R. Morris, thanking the Chancellor for performing the Ceremony, referred to the great pleasure we feel in having with us to-day the widow and sister of Mr. Frank Parkinson, and also the daughter of the first student of the Yorkshire College of Science. He was glad that the work of so devoted an architect and so many fine craftsmen had come to an end in time for it to be opened by H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

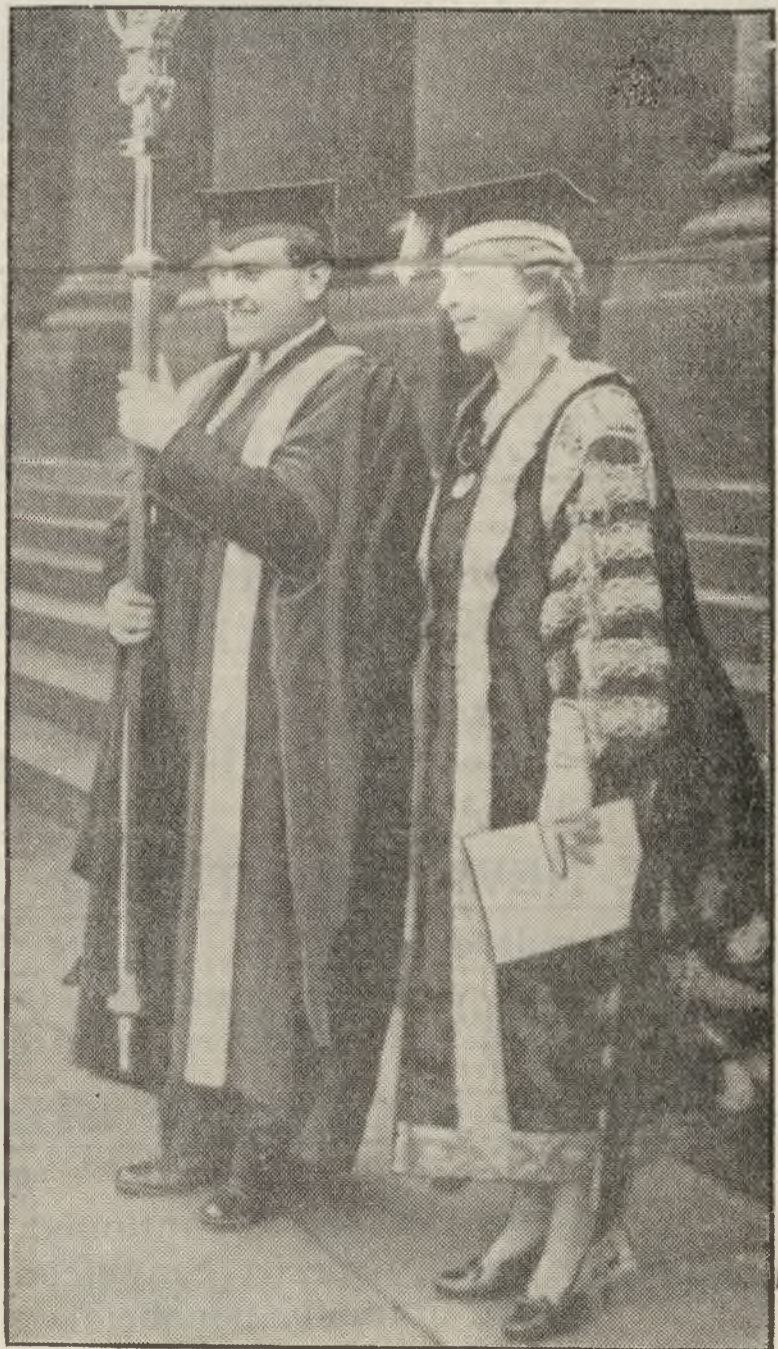
CONFERMENT OF DEGREES.

Those who received the degree of Doctor of Laws were Alderman David Beevers, Alderman Mrs. Kathleen Chambers, Sir G. William Martin, Dr. J. Bowes Morrell, and Brigadier J. Noel Tetley. Mr. T. A. Lodge received the degree of Doctor of Letters; "How could we better express our gratitude, and our admiration, than by asking him to honour our confraternity of Letters?"

Mr. J. J. Ilett, Mr. G. Illingworth and Mr. J. E. Laybourn, for their devoted work to the

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A SMILE FROM THE PRINCESS ROYAL.



Courtesy Yorkshire Evening Post.

The PRINCESS ROYAL smiles as she talks to Mr. Gilbert Gray, President of Leeds University Union, on leaving Leeds Town Hall after being installed as Chancellor of Leeds University.

Chancellor opens the Parkinson cont.

University in all fields, received the degree of Master of Arts.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION.

The Ceremony was fittingly brought to a close by the unveiling and dedication by the Bishop of Ripon, of the Memorials to those members of the University who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The Buglers of the West Yorkshire Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

DIARY—continued

Thursday, November 15th, and Tuesday, November 20th, are dates to which I would like to draw your attention. On the former date there will be a Lunch-time Debate on the Motion that "This House believes in the Inequality of Man," beginning at 12-30 p.m. The latter is the date of the Inter-University Debate, the Motion for this being "Convention is the Refuge of the Weak." The Debating Society is after all everybody's Society and it is the foremost Society of our Union.

I hope that ALL of you will make a special effort to be present at both these functions. Come and speak if you want to, but even if you just come and listen I can assure you of a most interesting and enjoyable time.

D.V.M.

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FLOWERY SPEECH

Perishers and bloomers (otherwise known as Yorkists and Lancastrians) were present in large numbers to hear certain of their tribes extolling what appeared to me to be the somewhat dubious virtues of the two counties. G. C. F. Forster proposed that "This house prefers A Perishing White Rose to a Blooming Red One."

Horticulture.

In the beginning all roses were white. One of these specimens had the misfortune to grow "well to the west of this place." This poor white rose gazed over the Pennines and blushed with shame and embarrassment at what it saw. Hence red roses. With his fingers in his lapels and what he has of a chest distended as far as possible, Mr. Forster defined "Yorkshiremanship" as the art of boasting when you have something to boast about.

Mr. Frank Jones, a Liverpoolian, opposed the motion. He considered Lancashire to be a jewel in the English topographical system. The County produced coal, cotton, iron, and more soccer teams in the first division than anyone else. Yorkshire is a county of broad acres and narrow minds, a vast area divided into three and populated by sheep and goats. In the industrial areas the population is particularly dense. Mr. Jones' dictionary informed him that a "tyke" was a dog, a cur, an uncouth fellow, a Yorkshireman.

Mr. Rhodes Sees Red.

Mr. Rhodes, for the motion, pointed out that the red rose was the flower of sin and passion. Both of these courses led to matrimony.

He thought that the Yorkshireman's maxim—"Hear all, see all, say nowt, eat all, drink all, pay nowt. If you're going to do owt for nowt, do it for thisen"—was an inadequate description of the welfare state.

A little man got up to speak for the red rose. He gave his name as J. S. Davies. Half of Mr. Davies was born in Yorkshire and half in Lancashire. (We thought something like that must have happened). Pacing up and down, Mr. Davies told us that he thought Lancashire was a blooming rose in a garden of dying weeds. Bridlington was the last town God made—it was a pity He didn't finish it.

There were many speakers from the floor on both sides of the House, but on a division the motion was carried by a handsome majority.

PROFILE—BARRINGTON BLACK



SECRETARY TO THE UNION

The office of Union Secretary is perhaps the most arduous and responsible position on the Executive Committee. The Secretary can always expect more kicks than bouquets, and it is a measure of Mr. Black's success that his natural bonhomie and ready wit have in no way been impaired by the burdens of office. Barrington Black is a Leeds born vegetarian who contents himself with flogging the Liberal dead horse.

Impressionist compere Rag Revue; Chairman of Rag Committee and Secretary of the Union. These are but the highlights of Mr. Black's Union career. One might, therefore, be excused for presuming that his primary reason for being in the University, that of obtaining a degree in the Faculty of Law, must now play a minor role in his undergraduate life.

Mr. Black's special stock in trade is a happy combination of sartorial elegance and personal dignity which flourishes equally in the atmosphere of a committee or bar. Those who have come into contact with him in the Union will have been impressed by his quiet competence and the painstaking efforts of his work, however trivial it may be.

The function of the Secretary of the Union is not only to record the decisions of his committee, it also falls to his lot to ensure that these decisions are put into practice. Combined with a large amount of clerical work he has also to play the role of mediator between the committee and the rest of the Union. Under these circumstances it would not be surprising, indeed it would be expected to find that Mr. Black had little time to participate in any other activities. Such a conclusion, however, would be far from accurate. The debating chambers, the political arena and the bar counter all bear witness to Mr. Black's frequent and successful activities, beyond the accepted sphere of his terms of office.

Perhaps more important than any of his other qualifications the present Secretary has those essential qualities of patience and tact without which his task would otherwise be impossible to perform. M.J.C.

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FILM CRITICISM

"The Last Chance."

"The Last Chance" was made in Switzerland in 1945. It was a very moving picture, beautifully filmed if not always beautifully acted. The over-acting at the beginning of the film was inevitable once we realise that the cast was largely made up of amateurs. There is a shade too much ardour, too much amateur eagerness to act brightly and convincingly. The artifice of the performance disappears, however, after a while and we are left with the final impression of a very noble and dignified film.

"The Last Chance" was made with the barest technical necessities. The people who act in it come from twelve different countries. Many of them, including the two British officers and the American sergeant who play the leading roles, were themselves fugitives who escaped over the Alps and reached the harbour of Switzerland after the sort of manhunt shown in the picture. The dialogue is in nine different languages, and although there are occasional sub-titles to explain a more recondite thought, the film deals with such simple and common emotions that it is very easy to follow.

"Quartet."

W. Somerset Maugham is at his best as a story teller when he adheres to middle class morality and does not attempt the passions of painters or the prattlings of philosophers. The Americans, with their instinct for genius, have chosen in their time, quite disastrously, "The Moon and Sixpence" and "The Razor's Edge" for their excursions into Maughamism. The picture of George Sanders living erotically and painting exotically on Tahiti, and of Tyrone Power indulging in a mediaeval disputation with Buddha on the top of Mount Olympus was not very edifying. Very wisely we have stuck to the ethics of kite flying, minor poetry and amatory infidelity. The result is excellent entertainment. P.A.C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALL ABOUT BERT

Dear Sir,

From the evidence so far this term it seems that the function of your political reporter is to give as detailed account as space permits, not of the content of the main speech but of the remarks of the hecklers. The antics of these adolescents command greater prominence for instance than do the points made by Mr. Ramelson in his recent speech.

The surprising thing is that the reporter in question himself professes dislike for these comedians. In so doing he has allied himself with the majority of students, but why on earth give them such publicity? The average student is quite capable of forming his own opinions, but those who did not attend the meeting and for whose benefit one assumes such articles are written, can scarcely learn a great deal of Mr. Ramelson's views from it.

Yours, etc.,

ROY GOULCHER.

Dear Sir,

Your report on the recent Communist Party meeting, which was addressed by Bert Ramelson, gives offence. It was strongly biased. In previous years the *Union News* has managed to keep an even political keel.

I trust you will soon regain and thereafter maintain your balance in these matters.

Yours, etc.,

D. A. FURNISS.

The Union,

The University, Leeds.
6th November, 1951,

Dear Sir,

I understand that there is in the Union a certain section of opinion which considers the *Union News*' report of the Bert Ramelson meeting to have been politically biased. May I take this opportunity of saying that I disagree with that notion? I consider that the report was a perfectly fair, if somewhat light-hearted, account of what happened at the meeting. It might be held to be a pity that the *Union News* should treat a serious subject in a spirit of levity; it can certainly be much more strongly argued that the reason for the report's temper lies at the door of those feather-headed members of the Union who treat a speaker with serious and sincerely held views on important subjects as a mere target for ribaldry, without any regard for the possible merits of his case—indeed, with a positive and preconceived opposition to them.

I am, Sir, Yours, etc.,

CHARLES KINGHAM.

WORLD GOVERNMENT

Dear Sir,

Preparations are now being made throughout the world for a third world war. In the event of such a war it seems unlikely that

civilisation as we know it, could survive. National Governments are either unable or unwilling to subordinate their national policies to the desire of their peoples for a stable and a lasting peace. It should be unnecessary to stress the probable horrors of atomic warfare in order to show the urgent need for a solution of the problem. To many people the only possible solution to the problem lies in the establishment of a world government provided with the authority to make decisions and the power to implement them. Such a step would inevitably involve the surrender by national governments of some part of their authority, but not necessarily a great part.

Winston Churchill is one among many who have spoken in favour of world government. He said: "What hope can there be for the future of the world unless there is some form of world government which can make its effort to prevent the renewal of the awful struggles through which we have passed?"

At least five British Universities, and probably many more by this time have a world government society. Surely we in this Union cannot afford to be apathetic to the claims of world government for serious consideration.

I should be glad to hear through pigeon hole "F" from anyone who would be interested in the foundation of a World Government Society in this University.

Yours faithfully,

"FEDERALIST"

(ex R.A.F.).

ENGINEER'S WEEK

Dear Sir,

Wit is an excellent thing and a University without it would be very dull. Humour, too, has its place. But tom-foolery is in bad taste and quite out of context here.

That no purpose was served by the Engineers' Walking Stick Week is admitted by its organisers. It has no motive, no subtlety and showed no originality. Once perhaps, but repetition was unwarranted. The people of Leeds, I am sure, will soon consider that life in the University is a perpetual rag. I am no prude, and a joke is a joke, but such puerile exhibitionism merely drags our name and our standing into the all too familiar mud of the streets of the city. Let us as students be at once creative and imaginative and not mere emulators. Tradition is one thing, the Engineers' recent deplorable and senseless behaviour quite another.

I can only hope, Sir, that should there be any retaliation by the more adult members of our community, that it be studied and inspired by some spark of genius. Yours, etc.,

PETER H. GIBSON.

DIARY

On Friday, November 16th, in addition to the Agricultural Ball, Professor H. H. Rice will give a lecture on "Self Justifying Beliefs," at 1-45 p.m., in the Great Hall.

Saturday "Hops" are to take place on November 17th, and 24th, being run by the Philosophical and History Societies respectively. It would be as well also to give a preliminary notice of the D.R.C. Ball, which will be held on Friday, November 30th.

There will also be the usual Sunday night film shows, on November 18th and 25th. In addition on the former date, the Bishop of Wakefield will give the first of the Sessions' University Sermons in Emmanuel Church at 11 a.m.

The Dennis Brain Wind Ensemble will give two concerts during next week. The first of these on November 21st, at

7-30 p.m., and the second on November 22nd, at 1-20 p.m. Both of these will be held in the Great Hall.

Professor R. Wittkower will give an illustrated lecture on "Pieter Breughal," on Monday, November 19th, at 5-30 p.m., in the Chemistry Lecture Theatre. At the same time and the same place on Monday, Nov. 26th, Professor F. E. Zeuner will speak on "Animal Contemporaries of Early Man."

In the week Monday, Nov. 26th to Saturday, December 1st, Theatre Group will produce "Henry IV," Part I, in the Riley-Smith Hall.

On Monday, November 26th, at 5-15 p.m., in the O.S.A. Room of the Union, Miss I. F. Hilton will speak on "Careers for Women."

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BAND WAGGON

The 28,000 who came to the first of the Saturday Socials under the new system promulgated by the Executive, certainly had a good time.

7-30, The scene resembled the Bandstand at Morecambe; there were little men with big trumpets, and big men with little trumpets, in fact it looked as though Macnamara had come in force. Then it was found that there were only two pianos and three pianists. One kind friend, in an effort to console the unfortunate pianist, was trying to thrust a mouth organ down his throat, when one of the master planners collared a piano from the T.A. The musicians went obediently about their business and soon the rafters were ringing. All this time youths and maidens were pouring in, nearly sweeping Frank Jones, who was acting as Traffic Policeman, Information Bureau, and Ticket Collector, off his feet.

Workers' Playtime.

8 o'clock, an erudite and judicious student remarked that the Union was like a dancing factory. Rumours that Victor Sylvester is to be next year's President are, however, completely unfounded. The Cafe at this time took on the appearance of a Night Club on Christmas Eve. Streamers and coloured balloons heightened the already prevalent party spirit.

8-30, Frank was still directing the traffic. The lines on his forehead deepened as the never-ending stream of humanity lengthened. There was now a shortage of the fair and not so fair sex. One gentleman with the interests of the Union at heart

remarked that a suitable remedy for the situation would be to send 100 tickets to the Training College, 100 to the Nurses' Home, 100 to Lewis' and 50 to Marshall and Snelgrove's.

9 o'clock, came the interval, and the J.C.R. became the centre of interest, for it had now assumed the functions of Cafe. They were so jammed inside that two students were seen to be feeding each other using only their left hand.

10 o'clock, the Bar emptied, and a new force of virulent manhood made itself felt. Now all the bands were playing at full kick, and it only needed the Salvation Army outside to make it the Bandsmen's National Festival.

10-45, Mr. Jones' baritone voice was heard over the loud-speakers announcing the fleet of coaches had arrived to take the ladies back to their Halls. "Will those for Weetwood and Oxley please come forward?" We hear that one driver had to chuck 40 men out of one coach.

Contact!

11 o'clock, Mr. Jones smiling—it was all over. Then the fun started. There were so many cars outside it looked like Ford's backyard. Each of the cars came up to the Union to receive its load and then move off. All it needed was a man with a megaphone showing "MXL 529 you can commence your circuit," and you would have thought you were at London Airport.

11-30, all was quiet, except for the figure of Frank on the Union steps still eating his supper.

Our thanks to the Executive who initiated this fine idea, we hope that it will have a long life.

EDITORIAL

I am disappointed that Mr. Furniss, a man in a responsible position in this Union, should reveal the apparent narrowness of his mind in his letter to the editor, published in this issue. He complains that the article on Bert Ramelson's election meeting was biased and offended him.

The article was written in an attempt to capture the frivolous atmosphere prevalent on this occasion.

It is indeed a sad state of affairs if this paper is to be so reminiscent of ditch water that it must content itself with full factual reports of activities within this Union. To have written an article on the meeting in question which inferred that all was calm and peaceful, or was for many present a very serious affair, would have been biased in the direction of falsehood. I can only assume that Mr. Furniss considers the article to be biased in the direction of levity since it contains little political matter at all.

Subject to the editor's approval I shall continue to write articles in the same vein and unless Mr. Furniss takes up a less stilted viewpoint, his nose will continue to be put out of joint.

C.L.D.S.

LAW SOCIETY

On Thursday, 1st November, a small audience of the Law Society heard an excellent lecture on "Conduct and Professional Etiquette," delivered by G. D. Hickman, Esq., M.A., a solicitor. The talk merited a larger audience than gathered to hear it.

The Society welcomed Mr. Robert P. Brittain, senior lecturer in Forensic Medicine, into its midst on Tuesday, 6th of November, when he delivered a talk on the "Lie Detector." The audience, although appreciative, was once again not as large as it might have been and it is to be hoped that in the future when such excellent lecturers are available there will be much greater support.

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So you don't believe in Hypnotism

Neither did I, until the Indian Association brought along Hamid the week before last. There, on the stage of the Riley-Smith, we saw ordinary harmless students, in all seriousness going through the motions of shaving, eating platefuls of imaginary chicken with their bare hands, laughing uproariously at the jokes of a non-existent Danny Kaye and performing their ablutions on the stage in a bath that wasn't there. One even went as far as to jump out because the water was too hot!

Individual Hypnotism.

At the start Hamid called for volunteers and about twenty people went on to the stage.



Of these a few were selected to be put "under the influence." The qualification, it seemed, was to be willing to fall flat on one's face or flat on one's back. Hamid (Courtesy Y.P.) in front of a large audience. Hamid told those who had the doubtful honour of being selected to relax and go to sleep. Four of them did as they were told but two of these woke up again. Then there were two.

After exhorting them into deeper and still deeper sleep Hamid led them round the stage climbing imaginary staircases, eating, drinking, and being merry in an imaginary world, to the huge amusement of the spectators. These two unintentional comedians were brought out of their semi-slumbers and after blinking a few times appeared to be perfectly normal.

Mass Hypnotism.

Hamid turned to the audience and suggested that we should all try it on. So about 600 of us relaxed, as directed, put our hands above our heads and clenched our fingers together. Hamid said "abracadabra" (or something like it), and no less than 30 people were stuck with their hands above their heads unable to do anything about it. They filed on to the stage and Hamid "undid" them. To crown it all Hamid claimed to cure 15 of these subjects of smoking.

Hamid was born in India and is the son of Mirza, a medical hypnotist. He was trained by his father and by the Yogis, and was first successful at the age of 19. He claims to be able to cure, amongst other things, warts and hysteria.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society started the year with a full programme. In addition to the December performance of "Judas Maccabeus," with the Lemare orchestra, the Chorus is taking an active part in the Installation Ceremonies of November 9th, when music specially composed by Professor Denny will be sung.

Besides the orchestra there are Chamber Music groups, and in both of these vacancies still exist for instrumentalists who have not yet joined the Society.

A bold experiment in the holding of Organ Recitals in Emmanuel Church has proved eminently successful. A similar new venture is of lunch-time recitals by members of the Society.

We extend a hearty invitation to all Union members to support these activities.

COMING SHORTLY

The Scottish and English Dance Societies are holding a Social Evening in the Riley-Smith Hall, on Wednesday, 21st November, 7-30-11 p.m. There will be a programme of Scottish, English and Old Tyme dances, in which everyone may take part. Supper will be provided: Tickets (price 2/-) may be obtained from the Porter's Office.

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The Law Society invite all members of the Union to a lecture by R. Cleworth, Esq., K.C.B.A.L.L.B., Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Leeds, on "The Law and Personal Liberty," in Room 8 of the Parkinson Building on Thursday, 15th November. It should be of special interest to those who feel any concern about peace, liberty and democracy.

ITALIAN SOCIETY NOTES

At the first meeting of the Society a large gathering listened to a selection of gramophone records presented by the Society's president, Mr. Frank Jones. The bulk of the music was operatic, but this was nicely balanced by the inclusion of some Neapolitan Folk Songs. Comparison of the voices of Gigli and Caruso left Caruso a "hands down winner" on the evidence which was available, but one felt that the Gigli recordings had

been overplayed and had lost much of their original high quality.

The next meeting of the Society will consist of a play-reading (in English) on Friday, November 16th. The Society extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in Italian civilisation and culture, and those wishing to join are asked to get in touch with the secretary, Mr. G. H. McWilliam.

Phil. Soc. on Communism

On Thursday, 1st November, a rather unusual conversation took place. As the Philosophical Society explained, two members of staff were going to have a conversation on Communism at which we would be allowed to eavesdrop. The Social Room was packed to suffocation and the two members of staff were packed with knowledge. Dr. A. C. Kettle, of the English Dept., took the stance of the Marxist and the ex-Marxist. J. M. Cameron, of the Philosophy Dept., tried to knock him down. There is not space here to go into the intricate detailed points in what Dr. Kettle describes as a "Philosophical beanfeast"—but one thing is certain. For once in a while we were allowed to hear a calm discussion on Communism without the usual entertainments and interruptions.

ECONOMICS SOC.

At a recent meeting of the Society, Mr. Newlyn spoke of his African Impressions, gained while touring the British East African Colonies and the two Rhodesias during the summer vacation. He spoke of the need to impress upon the native cultivators the necessity of sacrificing part of present output in order to improve their land and to increase output in the future. He was greatly impressed by the large scale development of industry in both Southern and Northern Rhodesia. Mr. Newlyn was shocked to find that although there were centrally planned economies in every one of the East African colonies not one of the colonial administrations had a trained economist on its staff.

"STINKS" SOCIETY

The Society year opened with "Freshers' Evening," which was not very well attended in spite of the attraction of a free tea and a technicolour film show. The number present was so small that the gallant band of ten or so who stayed behind to eat up the remaining teas could not finish them. A parcel of food was presented to the Methodist Society party, proving that Chemistry does contribute something to society besides blondes.

Two lectures, the Presidential Address and one by a visiting lecturer, have been held, while the brewery visit was, as usual, heavily over-subscribed. The Society tie is now on sale at Lawson Hardy's.

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SOCCKER CLUB BEATEN IN U.A.U. MATCH

In the first U.A.U. championship match of the season, Leeds again lost narrowly after a hard struggle by the odd goal in five. Playing with the wind behind them in the first half Leeds pressed hard at once and centre-forward Baker netted only five minutes from the kick-off. Leeds continued to enjoy an enormous ground advantage which unfortunately they were not able to turn into goals. Midway through the half Sheffield equalised in their first consolidated attack, the home centre-forward heading through from a corner. Again Leeds pressed and again chances were wasted, although one or two efforts were almost worthy of scoring. Just before half-time Baker again put the visitors ahead when he crashed home a long pass down the middle from inside-right Bebbington.

After the resumption Sheffield had more of the game territorially and soon brought the scores level, the home left-winger scoring from a very acute angle. Leeds then went all out

for a winning goal, but, following scrimmages in both goal mouths the score remained at 2-2 until ten minutes from the end. The Sheffield centre-forward, with his back to the goal, hooked the ball over his shoulder and the wind carried it into the corner of the net, giving the goalkeeper no chance of saving. Leeds still fought hard but without success, and the home team managed to hold on to their narrow lead. Territorially Leeds were the better team but the finishing left much to be desired. Of the forwards only Baker was really dangerous, although Wrennall showed promise in his unaccustomed position on the right wing. We must hope for an improvement in the forthcoming Christie Cup matches if we are to retain the trophy for the third successive year.

The 2nd XI shared four goals, but Leeds can consider themselves very unfortunate not to win as they pressed almost continually and several goalworthy efforts only just failed.

LACROSSE CLUB

The Club, considerably strengthened this year, has entered the 1st team in the third division of the North of England Lacrosse Association, and the team is situated now a little above midway position in that league. The results so far have been:—

Away 6th October
v. Rochdale, won 8-5.
Home 13th October
v. Offerton, lost.
Away 20th October
v. Manchester Un. "A,"
lost 9-7.
Home 3rd November
v. Old Stepfordians "A,"
won 19-7.

In addition to this the Club was awarded the points for an unplayed match.

The match against Rochdale was a close fought one, but the Leeds attack exploited the quick clearances of B. R. Banton (captain) to score several break

away goals. Scorers were Gilbert 7, and Price 1.

Offerton, on the other hand, completely subdued the University attack with the result that the defence was under considerable pressure, which they obviously could not withstand all the time without conceding goals.

Manchester University "A" were very lucky to win. The Club had only eleven men to start with, and injuries to Broadhurst and Pritchard resulted in a lead of 7-2 at half-time being slowly lost.

Our last match was a complete victory for the University. The attack combined excellently and all scored. The defence played soundly, cleared well (this was the most distinguishing feature of the match) and generally forced the pace from behind. Scorers were Gilbert 6, Price 2, Hicklenton 2, Robertson 2, Kingston, Chandler and Banton.

Brilliant Second-half Recovery

In two friendly matches against Bradford "Trinda" the University twice beat this strong team of Latvian refugees. During the first match in Halifax the good approach work and smooth fast breaks of Leeds were greatly thwarted by somewhat peculiar baskets. The Latvians were leading throughout the match, but a last second "hope" shot brought an equaliser and Leeds managed to win the extra period, final score being 42 to 41.

The return match at Leeds on Friday, 2nd November, tending to be somewhat too rough for good basketball, was again extended to extra period, which this time gave the University a 4 point victory, 48-44.

The best displays in the University team came on Saturday, November 3rd, against Leeds L.D.S. The Americans, playing clean, attractive basketball, characterised by accurate passing and shooting, won the first half by 32 points to 28. During the second half, however, they found it extremely difficult to penetrate the University defence. Leeds, in the contrary, only now came properly into their stride. Their shooting, which was perhaps somewhat nervous at the start, improved and fast-breaks "clicked" admirably, giving Leeds 27 pts. against Americans 14, and an over-all victory of 55-46.

FENCING CLUB

After suffering its first defeat of the season at the hands of Durham University a week ago, the Fencing Club regained its form at Nottingham, where a triple victory was won. The three Leeds teams, 1st, 2nd and Ladies, won their respective matches—19-7, 5-4, 7-2.

More Rugger Victories

The University 1st XV scored its fifth successive victory on Wednesday, 24th October, by defeating Royal Signals, Catterick, by 40 points to 3. Neither side was at full strength as R. Shuttleworth, the University scrum-half was playing for Yorkshire, and a number of the Signals team were playing for Northern Command. As a result the game was very one-sided. The Leeds forwards gained possession from almost every tight and loose scrum and the backs seldom failed to find the necessary openings. Atkinson once more kicked extremely well, converting five tries and scoring two penalty goals.

The game on Saturday, 28th October, once more resulted in a decisive win for the University, the final score being 28 pts. to 6. R. Stones, C. Clubb and J. Wright, of the "A" XV, were tried out in the backs and all played sound games. Wright was unfortunate to be injured in the first half and was unable to continue playing. This resulted in a reshuffling of the backs and A. D. Care was moved from the forwards to right wing, where he scored three tries. Other try scorers were Bolton 3, Stones 1, Scott 1, and Bradley 2 conversions.

On Wednesday, 31st October, the 1st XV beat Sheffield University by 23 points to 3 at Sheffield. Sheffield kicked off into the wind and the sun, and were almost immediately on the defensive; they held out well and by half-time had only conceded one try and two penalty goals.

In the second half both teams played hard from the kick-off, but Leeds was the much fitter side and most of the play was in the Sheffield half. Scott, Higgins and Jackson (2) adding further tries, one of which Atkinson converted. The Sheffield try was the result of a very good movement which left most of the Leeds team out of position, the right wing giving at the corner.

Both the "A" and "B" XV's also won; the three XV's have won every match to date, the 1st XV scoring 215 points for to 24 against.

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