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N. Z. Debaters Arrive

Bonython Hall — Tomorrow Night

The New Zealand University Debating Team, which is touring Australia under the auspices of the National Union of Australian University Students, arrived by the express this morning. The team consists of Mr. J. Aimers, LL.B., and Mr. M. G. O'Callaghan. To-morrow night, in the Bonython Hall, at 8 p.m., the New Zealanders will debate Adelaide on the motion: "That we have more to learn than to fear from Fascism."

The visitors arrived by the express this morning, and at 11 o'clock, accompanied by a number of Adelaide University people, they paid an official call on the Lord Mayor. After the conclusion of this function the New Zealanders and the Adelaide team visited the Bonython Hall and tried out the acoustics, etc., in preparation for to-morrow night's big debate. They are lunching in the Refectory.

To-morrow during the lunch hour they will speak in the George Murray Hall on a subject which is probably practically unknown to Australian students—the Maori Problem in New Zealand. Admission to this meeting is 2d.

Messrs. Aimers and O'Callaghan will debate only once in Adelaide—in

the Bonython Hall to-morrow night on the motion above stated. Adelaide, represented by R. A. Blackburn and E. F. Johnston, will affirm the motion.

The first speaker in each side has 15 minutes, and the second speaker 20 minutes; the right of reply is for 10 minutes. The debate will be adjudicated by a number of former inter-Varsity speakers.

On Saturday night the Law Students' Society will entertain the visitors for the earlier part of the evening at their annual dinner, and later they will attend the Science dance in the Refectory. A trip through the hills has been planned for Sunday, and on Monday morning the team leaves for Port Pirie, where they will debate a local team on the subject, "That Higher Education Should be Liberal Rather than Technical." While in Ade-

elaide they will broadcast over national stations a talk on "What the Savage Government is Really Doing in New Zealand."

The team has already debated with great success in Brisbane, New South Wales, and Victoria. In Melbourne, against Farren and Brennan, two of the University's best, they successfully maintained "That the British Public has been led up the Berchtesgaden Path." Mr. Aimers also distinguished himself in this city by pumping large quantities of bursary propaganda into the Premier of Victoria. As Aimers is president of the New Zealand University Students' Association, some interesting facts will no doubt be obtained from him as to the nature and extent of the bursary system in his own country.



(Block courtesy Melbourne "Argus.")



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INTERNATIONAL DEBATE

S.A. v. N.Z.

R. A. Blackburn J. B. Aimers, LL.B.
E. J. Johnston M. G. O'Callaghan

"THAT WE HAVE MORE TO LEARN THAN TO FEAR FROM FASCISM"

FRIDAY, JULY 21

BONYTHON HALL. Tickets, 1/-.

J. B. AIMERS Left
M. G. O'CALLAGHAN Right

What the Debaters Think

Politics and Politicians

On their arrival in Melbourne, the two debaters were interviewed by a representative of a Melbourne paper, and the chief thing that emerged from the interview was their conclusion that we, in Australia, grizzle too much about our politicians and Government.

"We have tried to talk to as many people as we could since we have been in Australia," said Mr. Aimers, "and everywhere we have found that politics and politicians seem to be distrusted.

"On the other hand, in New Zealand everyone is showing the keenest interest in the affairs of Government. We found the contrast most surprising."

In Melbourne the debaters were not prepared to make a statement to the papers about what they thought of the Savage Government. (The chief reason appears to be that they think different things—Mr. Aimers is in favor of it, but doesn't think it Left enough, and Mr. O'Callaghan is not in favor of it because for him it is too far Left).

They agreed, however, that its social policy was progressive, especially in the sphere of education. Its attitude towards the University furnishes a favorable contrast to the unsatisfactory attitude of our Government. It has increased and restored the bursary system, which was abolished during the depression. "New schools," they said, "with the latest in open-air classrooms and equipment are being built on every side."

More than 5,000 students are now attending the University, which has affiliated colleges in Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin, and an agricultural college in each island.

This is probably the highest proportion in the Empire.

Government scholarships are worth from £60 to £120 a year—about three times as valuable as the awards given by the Government in Victoria.

The debaters were enthusiastic about the Victorian Government's housing scheme at Fishermen's Bend, and they were also full of praise for their own Government's rehousing drive, which, they said, had already provided homes for 5,000 people.

They experienced no trouble in taking money out of New Zealand, but they were allowed only a reasonable amount for travelling expenses. Officials of the Government-controlled

Reserve Bank decided what was the "reasonable amount."

The Breakfast that Cost £9.

It is unlikely that these officials took into account meals costing £9. It was in New South Wales that the debaters paid this prodigious sum so that Mr. O'Callaghan could spend a few extra minutes eating scrambled eggs in Sydney.

If Mr. O'Callaghan had contented himself with tea and toast they would have caught the train to Canberra, but as he ate his eggs, the train left, and they chased it by taxi—all the way.

Mr. O'Callaghan said he enjoyed the motor run to Canberra, not only for the scenery, but because it was so amusing to see the taxi meter ticking Mr. Aimers into a worse and worse headache.

Mr. Aimers denied that he felt better when he learned that they could have flown to Canberra for half the cost of the taxi ride.

A Foretaste from Melbourne and Sydney.

In Melbourne, debating the subject, "That the British Public has been led up the Berchtesgaden Path," the New Zealanders, on a vote from the house, were easily victorious.

THERE IS STILL TIME IN WHICH TO CONTRIBUTE TO "PHOENIX"

They were supporting the motion by their own choice, so their remarks in the debate probably, to some extent, at any rate, indicate the lines along which their thoughts run.

Mr. Aimers claimed that the Chamberlain Cabinet had led the retreat from the League rather than given it the support promised. He pointed to the interest of the British leaders in pro-Fascist schemes as the cause of the unsatisfactory attitude of Britain to the Nazi and Fascist menace.

He outlined facts proving that the Bank of England had supported British acceptance houses, which were extending large advances to German manufacture. Thus, when the Munich crisis arrived, Britain was chary of assisting the Czechs against Germany, and the British public, together with Czechoslovakia, was betrayed.

Mr. O'Callaghan went to Spain, speaking of the manner in which England had betrayed its public through its non-intervention policy in the Spanish War. Already Fascist and Nazi power was growing strong on the Peninsula behind Britain's Gibraltar, and the Empire was endangered.

TO-MORROW

At 1.30

In the

GEORGE MURRAY HALL

THE DEBATERS

will speak on

"The Maori and Maori Problems"

Admission, 3d.

Debating the same subject in Sydney, the debaters were again victorious. It is no more than a statement of fact to say that the debate in the Bonython Hall to-morrow night will be worthy of a good deal of attention. It is the first debate of its kind which has taken place in Adelaide, and representing, as it does, some sort of intercourse between the Dominions, demands the support of every member of the University.

COMING EVENTS

Make a note in your diary of the following social events:—

On Saturday night, at the Southern Cross Hotel, the Law students will conduct their annual dinner. Professor Campbell will preside. The Science dance is being held in the Refectory at 8 p.m.

Next Saturday night the social tendencies of the students are being well catered for. The Arts Association has arranged a sherry party for 5.30, at the Richmond Hotel. Tickets, 2/6, may be obtained from Messrs. D. B. Kerr, J. G. M. Gent, N. Osman, and K. M. Lindsay. In the Refectory, at night, the Pharmacy students are holding a Bal Masque—a form of entertainment unknown here for some time.

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