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UNIT'S FIRST PARADE

The Adelaide University Regiment kicked off last Monday night with a highly successful first parade. Nearly 100 recruits were attested, issued with uniform and equipment, and medically examined.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with short talks on the army in general and the Regiment in particular. This included the answering of innumerable questions from most of the recruits. The parade ended with addresses from the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Rowe, and the Commandant's representative, Major Allchin.

Mr. Rowe congratulated the Regiment on its attendance, and said that at the last meeting of the University Council he had been instructed to convey a message of goodwill and best wishes to the Regiment.

He went on to say that many people talk of our present arms and equipment being obsolete. "That may be so," he said. "But whether they are obsolete or not, the fundamentals of the business remain the same." He made the analogy of the medical student burning with the desire to become a doctor, arriving at the University and being horrified to find he had to study Physics first. Physics is a fundamental, and must be studied. The same may be applied to the army.

NOTE THIS

The Regiment has started well, but wants more recruits.

● It is organised as an Infantry Battalion, and comprises full and part-time students from the University, School of Mines, and Teachers' College.

● Night parades are limited to twelve a year, with a camp in January and a voluntary camp in the May vacation. In this the Regiment differs from all other Citizen Force Units in the State. It is specially designed to suit the requirements of student.

● Pay is drawn on the basis of one-third of a day's pay for each night parade, and a full day's pay for each day in camp.

● The Regiment is designed primarily for those people too young to serve in the Services during the war. There is a small nucleus of ex-service personnel, but the vast majority of those enlisted to date are not in that category.

OFFICER VACANCIES

Less than half the officer and

N.C.O. vacancies have been filled. Nor will they be filled until after a short officer and N.C.O. course to be held prior to the January camp. This course is open to everyone in the Regiment.

The international situation could hardly be worse. There will be no breathing space this time (if there is a this time). The best we can do is to "be in it." At the worst we will be prepared; at the best we will have had a lot of good fun. ENLIST NOW at the recruiting table in the foyer of the Refectory, or come along to the next parade on tomorrow (Tuesday) week in the Torrens Drill Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

"WRONG WAY CLIVE"

While talking about the Army, did you hear about the fourth year medical student who joined the field ambulance? Being one of the first twelve to join, and with medical knowledge, he was made a corporal from the word go. And rolled along to his first parade with his two stripes sewn neatly on the wrong arm! 'Wrong Way Clive' they call him now!

CHILDREN'S CLUB

The National Fitness Camp at Christie's Beach has been hired for the initial camp of the University Children's Club. Owing to unexpectedly heavy booking, we have been able to secure the camp for a week only, from February 1-7, inclusive, but this may be a blessing in disguise, as running a camp with amateur help can be a bit of a nightmare. Anyone who has had camp experience and who would care to help in the organisation of this camp, would be most welcome.

Christie's Beach camp will hold about fifty people in converted army huts. It is planned to take ten students and forty boys, between the ages of 10-14. The boys will be from the Port area who would otherwise not have had a week's vacation by the sea. It is proposed that they—or their parents—pay a small amount towards their holiday, but the main cost will be borne by the club, and we will endeavor to give them a holiday they will remember for a long time.

It has been estimated that the camp will cost in the vicinity of £50, and it is hoped donations from students will cover this.

Mr. K. Tregonning is anxious to meet the many students who intimated their willingness to participate in the club's activities, so that a drive for funds can be made.

RECORD NOMINATIONS

Men's General Elections

Nominations for the Men's General Representatives on next year's S.R.C. are printed below.

ARTS

Bourke, J. E. (Senior).
 Forbes, A. J. de B. (Junior).
 Smith, G. F. (Junior).

ENGINEERING

Brokensha, P. (Senior).
 Slattery, F. (Senior).

SCIENCE

Bray, R. S. (Senior).
 Hone, M. (Senior).

MEDICINE

Harley, J. (Senior).

LAW

Hermes, C. (Junior).
 Mohr, R. (Junior).

This is the most glittering galaxy of celebrities that have ever been seen on one page of "On Dit." The Arts, Science and Law candidates should be known to all of you, and for the others, just ask one of their faculty members.

Only one representative can be elected from each faculty. This makes the voting interesting.

The Elections Committee have ruled that voting papers are not invalid if they contain votes for more

faculties: an active faculty might produce five or six nominations for men's general. If you can only vote for one candidate in any one faculty, the five or six would have to split the vote for that faculty between them, and all of them would be almost certain not to get in. The new way they can still get the votes, if they are good men, while at the same time since only one of them can get in, people cannot just vote for candidates from their faculty in order to get a big faculty bloc on Council. The disadvantage is, of course, that if you vote for more than one candidate in any one faculty you are bound to waste some votes. The old way you were prevented from doing this by regulation: the new way it is up to the voter to make up his own mind.

Voting times: 12 to 2 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and 4.45 to 5.45 on Monday (today).

Statements of policy from some of the Men's General candidates are printed on page 7.

than one candidate from any faculty; (in the 1946 elections they were ruled invalid). The old way this happened: supposing nominations are received in more than four

FOOTLIGHTS FORWARD!

Revue on the Way

Yes! the Revue is definitely on the way. Although not long past the embryonic stage, the 1948 Varsity Revue is fast becoming a healthy baby eventually to become a vigorous blonde, brunette, or what have you.

The Time.—December 22, 23, 24—last night will be Christmas Eve.

The Place.—Tivoli Theatre, Grote Street, Adelaide. The theatre has been engaged at great cost and considerable chicanery to stage this show. Prices will be moderate, with no pineapples allowed.

The Girl.—Now there we have something. Not one girl, but scores of girls—blondes, brunettes. And, yes, we've signed a contract with that redhead. What have we done, you ask?

We have all business arrangements in hand, e.g., theatre, programmes, tickets, etc. A programme has been roughed out, and will form the basis of the show (ballets, sketches, etc.). Auditions have been held, and cast selected. Last but not least the ballet has been rehearsing since the beginning of last term. Costumes

and wardrobe are in the process of becoming realities.

We have also arranged a radio session with the A.B.C. The Footlights Club is at present being supported by a small number of enthusiasts—but we need more people and still more people—this means you.

Even if you have never seen a stage in your life—it doesn't matter. The Revue is for the University, and belongs to everyone, so if you act, dance, sing, do "funny turns," play any instrument, draw, paint, or just talk, give us your help.

RUN BY PROFS.

The Revue is under the direction of professionals who know their stuff, and they are training people just for the asking.

The tradition of the Varsity Revue is a good one. We must live up to its glories. We badly need vocalists, crooners, croonettes, torch singers, or skat-singers, male and female. If there is anyone who can sing send them to us and come along yourself.

Come to rehearsals immediately after the exams.

Comm. Friday, Oct. 8

Adventure in Technicolor!

"Captain from Castile" (A)

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FACULTY ELECTIONS

Four hundred and thirty-eight students voted at the faculty elections which ran from Monday to Wednesday of last week.

Elections in Engineering, Commerce, Social Science (candidates elected unopposed), and Ag. Science and Dentistry (no nominations) would have increased the number voting: while if Giles had not stood in Medicine the number would have been 169 less.

Results were held up for two days while the Arts results were sorted out. Counting system is based on the Tasmanian State Parliament system of proportional representation with modified quota and counting procedure, embodied in a regulation drafted not too clearly, by Honors Maths. student Doug. Stalley. Different interpretations suggested by the Union Secretary, Assistant Registrar, and S.R.C. President and Secretary resulted in four of the five candidates being variously elected. Assistance was eventually sought from the Commonwealth Electoral Office.

These are the elected candidates with any known information.

Elizabeth Adam (Arts).—Will be fourth year in Honors Maths. 1948 Co-President of S.C.M., 1947 Secretary of Arts Association.

Bob Hetherington (Arts).—Third year in History.

Denise Hine (Science).—Will be fourth year in Bio-Chemistry. Secretary of the S.C.M. during 1948.

Harry Medlin (Science).—Will be fourth year in Physics: ex-serviceman. 2nd year on Council.

John West (Med.).—Will be fourth year. 1948 Treasurer and 1949 President of S.C.M. 1948 Secretary of Non-Pennant Tennis Club.

Alan Bentley (Med.).—Will be third year, ex-serviceman.

John Roder (Law).—Will be fourth year, and 1949 will be third year on the S.R.C. 1948 S.R.C. Secretary (is doing Articles and an Honors Arts Course as well).

Eric N. S. Jackson (Commerce).—Will be third year. 1948 Secretary of Commerce Society.

A. N. Kinnear (Engineering).—Will be fourth year.

B. H. Smith (Engineering).—Will be fourth year.

ANALYSIS OF VOTING

	Total No. of Votes.	Quota	Final Count.
SCIENCE—			
Hine	115	38	60
Jeffrey			13
Medlin			50
Skinner			7
ARTS—			
Adam	110	37	39
Hetherington			45
Jeffries			5
Smith			22
Tregonning			34
MEDICINE—			
Bentley	169	57	81
Giles			12
West			76
LAW—			
Daughtery	39	20	7
Mohr			7
Roder			25

Proxy, 5. Not allowed. All are in favor of elected candidates.

Informal, 5.

Bold type indicates elected candidates.

Social Science nomination and election of John Tarbuth (unopposed) was rejected by the elections committee on a petition, and nominations were called for again to close on the same date as the men's general. Only one nomination was received and the candidate, Miss D. Lorking, will be elected unopposed.

Some comments from defeated candidates:

Ken Tregonning: "It was the dirtiest fight I ever fought."

Peter Jeffries: "It was the cleanest fight I ever fought."

Stuart Smith: "The Regulations should be changed somewhat."

CONGRESS

Congress is being held from January 15—25 at the National Fitness Camp, Tallebudgera, about 50 miles south of Brisbane. The camp is in an ideal position, facing the surf in front, and Tallebudgera Creek at the side. Three hundred students can be accommodated in prefabricated huts—four to a hut. The camp has its own concert hall, recreation halls for table tennis, badminton, etc., shuttle-cock courts; and new tennis courts and cricket oval are being made. All sporting equipment except tennis racquets will be provided. There is a kiosk at the gate of the camp, and another close by.

(2nd class) to Tallebudgera, via Murwillumbah, using concessions both ways, is enclosed; also a list of Congress fees, which may later be reduced, but will certainly not be increased.

	Fares (as above).	Congress Fee.
Sydney	£3 12 8	£4 10 0
Melbourne	6 14 8	3 10 0
Adelaide	12 8 8	3 0 0

The theme is "National Unity," and the full programme will be published in "Natstud." There will be five or six lectures, two sessions on Faculty Bureaux, two on I.U.S., two on N.U.A.U.S., as well as the General Secretary's report, a session for clubs and societies, another for F.A.S. It is hoped that a broadcast of "Nation's Forum of the Air" from the camp will be possible. Dances will be held at the beginning and the end of Congress. Films and Congress Revue are included in the programme. Provision will be made for Mass and S.C.M. Services on Sundays. Most afternoons will be free.

Some faculty societies here are subsidising delegates to Congress. Is S.R.C. or faculty bodies doing the same in Adelaide? If not, please see what you can do about it.

You will see that closing date for booking is October 31, and we are expecting at least 20 from Adelaide; so please do as much as you can about publicising Congress. If you have not already given it one, don't you think it worth an editorial.

Hoping to see at least 20 from Adelaide at Congress.

I am, yours faithfully,
PAT O'HARA,
Congress Director.

TROMBONES, CABBAGES or KINGS!

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- (2) BRASS PLAYERS.
- (3) ANYTHING (Gum Leaf Band)

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National Fitness Council has life-savers always on duty on the beach. There are facilities for hot and cold showers, laundry, ironing. Students will have to bring sheets—blankets, crockery and cutlery will be provided.

The nearest hotel is at Burlleigh, about a mile away.

A list of railway and bus fares

Students' Debt to Community

We who enjoy the privilege of learning, owe to the community the greater debt in consequence. That debt is repayable only by the assumption of greater responsibility. The citizens tolerate, may even enjoy, the antics of students on occasion of their carnival—why? Because tacitly they assume that these same clowning and lampooning students are preparing to carry greater responsibilities in the community, responsibilities such as only learning gives the power to discharge.

How then with that greatest of all responsibilities in a democratic community—its defence? The same citizens whose amused tolerance of traffic blocks and stopped trams, are entitled to look for example in the

is a Fate which cannot be bribed, which is inexorable, and which demands that each man, being in this life unique and alone, accept the responsibility for his acts, and suffer the effects of his character.

"This conception is opposed to the whole tendency and popular collectivism whether it be frankly dictatorial or preserve under bureaucratic control, the name of democracy."

Let us demonstrate to the people who so willingly support and endow the privilege of learning which we enjoy, that we do not claim the right to demand of Life, but desire to prove that we accept Life's demand upon us. Let us fill the University Regiment to its full complement, as an earnest of our belief in the democratic way and the classical idea.

C. STANTON HICKS.

MEN'S GENERAL ELECTIONS

VOTE NOW!

MON., TUES., WED., 12—2;
MON., 4.45—5.45.

democratic sense. The students should be able to provide leadership and skill such as the country's defence demands—which brings us to the University Regiment.

BEST EXAMPLE

Here it is that the organisation of men for defence and grades of initiative and responsibility in that connection can be appreciated and learned. From such a body of men it should be possible for a democracy to draw its best example. The surest way to lose the democratic way of life is by apathy, but a more disastrous way is by intellectual arrogance. What is not achieved by the awful personal responsibility imposed by the democratic way, is ultimately imposed by tyranny.

Let Charles Morgan (in his essay on Soldiers' Writing) speak on this point: "Yet, there will be others, who, when their units are disbanded, will carry their poise into their future life and remember that there

CHRISTMAS CARDS

With the permission of the Union at last obtained, the printing of attractive University Christmas cards is now under way. They are being printed on high quality paper, containing the University crest on the cover, and an attractive photo of the George Murray Building inside, plus room for a greeting. Unfortunately, the paper position prevented large-scale printing, and only approximately 1,000 have been done. They will be on sale Wednesday lunch-time in the Union Office, and those wishing to make sure of obtaining some of these very attractive cards, can book at the Union Office now.

The cost is 6d. a card, and all profits go to the University Children's Club. You are urged to support a worthy cause by buying a dozen or so.

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What We Need and What is Wrong

Speaking to a packed Lady Symon Hall, Prof. G. V. Portus gave a forthright criticism of Australia's Universities in his last talk to the S.C.M. prior to his retirement from the chair of History and Political Science, which he has held since 1933. The subject, "specialisation," gave the retiring Prof. an opportunity for a critical appraisal of the University of to-day.

His main cry was "too much specialisation." He asked, "Are we to continue sending our students out into the world, full of information may be, but quite unable to make that continuous and critical self-adjustment which is demanded of the citizens of a modern democratic community?"

"Doctors, engineers, lawyers and dentists must be produced to meet the needs of the public. But is this the whole story? These students will be doctors, engineers and lawyers, but they will be citizens, and important citizens as well. Is it not urgent that they should have some opportunity during their academic training of learning something about the society in which they are going to work?"

He went on to say that "We are members of a democratic community in the ordinary sense of the word—a community which believes in representative institutions and majority government through Parliament. This is the environment into which our graduates proceed. It is an environment which demands of them a continuous and critical self-adjustment. It is an affectation to pretend that their fitness to function in that environment is no concern of our Universities."

WHAT WE NEED

"What we need in Australia is a clearer recognition of the principle that a University should not be an instrument for either retarding or promoting social change. Its duty to society is to train the critical faculties of its students—and, let me add, of its staff as well. It is not the University's business to interfere with the direction in which those trained critical faculties are exercised. But to what extent are our Universities training the critical faculties of their students? One part of the answer is that the tendency of University authorities and governing bodies to frown upon the expression of radical sentiment among their undergraduates does not induce an atmosphere in which the critical spirit flourishes. Another part of the answer is that so many of our students are so wedded to the idea of their University course being merely a preliminary to their profession that they become too busy to do anything but graduate. Yet another part of the answer is that we have too many lectures. We make them compulsory, and the students get no time to check them by reading and discussion."

A FAILURE

"Time spent on sport is advantageous not only because of its recreative effect on mind and body, but because the River and the Oval are two of the very few places where an Australian undergraduate sees his University as a whole apart from that particular part of it in which he happens to be working. Here, too, is an opportunity for members of the staff to get to know students whom they do themselves teach. It is, however, an opportunity that is seldom taken. Indeed, the lack of close relations between members of the staff and students must be written down as one of the

failures of University life in Australia.

"So it comes about that our Universities are sadly departmentalised, and this, perhaps, more than anything, prevents us from educating our students as citizens. Our students are professionalised rather than educated. Let every University teacher in Australia lay his hand on his heart and ask himself whether he can possibly regard the average doctor or lawyer or engineer or teacher as an educated man when the University has done with him. Entering one faculty they tend to be left in ignorance of what goes on in the others. We turn out doctors, competent enough in their profession may be, but with little knowledge of the community in which they are to serve; lawyers who have learnt the intricacies of various branches of the law, but have never become interested in the social, political and international implications of the rule of law in society; engineers who may be able to harness and control natural forces but who have been given no teaching at all about the human material which will come under their direction or of the social effects of the mechanism they serve rather than control.

"Our crying need in Universities is, it seems to me, the integration of knowledge. If one says this, one comes up against the specialists. 'Ugh!' they say, 'Jack-of-all trades and master of none.' 'Let the cobbler stick to his last.' But the last gets smaller and smaller, and after all, man does not live in shoes alone. When the specialist tells me that we don't want the man who knows a little about a lot of things my retort is, 'do we want the man who knows more and more about less and less?'"

TOO MANY COOKS

"On all sides the Universities are being told what they ought to do. State Departments of Education, who view the Arts course merely in relation to the training of teacher students, tell us what we should do and not do to induce a greater flow of teachers to the schools. Business men exert discreet pressures to induce professors of economics to commend public policies which they, as business men, favor. Psychologists are exhorted to set up vocational testing bureaux for the children of the citizens. Not so long since, a group of bishops protested to the University of Sydney against the materialist influence exerted by certain philosophical teaching which was turning postulants for orders from the religious vocation. Military authorities say that the teaching of science and the publication of scientific research must be subordinated to considerations of defence."

LOST PROFESSORS

"It is difficult for Demos. to resist the temptation to tell the professor where he ought to be going. It is even more difficult when the professor himself does not know where he is going. For that seems to be the trouble with our Universities. We have lost our way. And the will-o-the-wisp that has misled us is

specialisation. As individuals, we professors and teachers have to face these alternatives. Shall I go ahead into this narrow field where I can with some certainty lay bare the facts and make a definite contribution, however small, to learning? Or shall I turn outwards from my problem to the rest of knowledge and seek to establish relations between them? Most of us, I fear, take the first and easier course. We go for the raw knowledge, and our curriculum gets stuffed fuller and fuller, and some teachers begin to specialise in a new and narrow field where they learn more and more about less and less. Not only faculties, but even subjects are broken into fragments and the fragments studied in isolation. My own subject is shockingly departmentalised.

WHAT WE NEED

"What our professional students seem to me to need is a composite course ranging over wide fields. It should be given to them in their final year, and it should include some of the history of science broadly looked at, some logic, something of the records of religious persecution, something of the development of the Labor Movement, some account of the influence of habitat and technique on human institutions, and a brief critical look at the Australian Constitution. It would have to be

done sketchily, and with a broad brush. Its aim would be a tie-up, relating their specialised knowledge to the problems of social life. Attendance would be compulsory, but there would be no examination. Let students be encouraged to ask questions and discuss. The course could be as disorderly as a bear garden and as inconclusive as a merry-go-round, so long as it led these young doctors and engineers and lawyers and dentists and teachers to an intelligent interest in the wider world they are about to encounter. This aim is certainly not realised by their specialist duties."

UNHEEDED WARNING

"Let me repeat once more that I am not running a tilt against the specialist. Of course we must have some specialists. But, here at the end of my own University career, I want to go on record as saying that I am desperately tired of the view that the production of specialist monographs is a more dignified and seemly part of the functions of a University than the construction of lively and compelling generalisations. We in Australia seem to have lost sight of what Whitehead calls 'the imaginative consideration of learning.' We have forgotten, if indeed we ever realised, his warning that 'the spirit of generalisation should dominate a University.' And how shall we answer his charge that the increasing departmentalisation of Universities has trivialised the intellect of professors?"

SPENDER REVIVES LIBERAL CLUB

Packed Hall Hears Former Army Minister

Mr. Spender began by expressing the belief that the Liberal Party, unlike the old U.A.P., stood for the expression of truly liberal thought. In a world divided as it was into Communists and non-Communists, liberal thought was an essential rationalising influence. It believed in the liberty of the individual in thought and every other sphere of human endeavor and influence.

The Liberal Party, he said, was, firstly, opposed to the regimentation of people. And secondly, interested in developing the liberal approach. That is, the government in power should govern the whole people. Labor seemed to consider that their one function was to govern for the people who elected them. This policy produced nothing more or less than the bitterest class struggles. And although he considered some sort of social differentiation inevitable, whether it arose from birth, skill, or wealth, it was criminal to intensify it by class struggles of this type.

NATIONALISATION A FAILURE

He considers that nationalisation of industry as a social experiment is a failure. No-one is served by it whether it be the community as a whole or the workers in the industry. The latter have a tendency to consider the industry as belonging exclusively to them, whilst in principle it should belong to the nation. It was individuality which brought about the development of this country and will continue to do so if allowed free play. The socialist conception of the master mind directing affairs was no substitute.

When he was Treasurer, he said, economic advisers were advisers. Now they dictate the policy to be followed. No problem of government can be solved by ideology. The Liberal Party recognised this when it laid down the principle that there are certain instrumentalities which by their very nature must be run by the Government, and others which can most effectively be run by the co-partnership of the Government and private enterprise. However, the vast majority did not require, nor would they be if the Liberal

Party has anything to do with it, regimentation.

"DRIVE COMMUNISM UNDERGROUND"

Mr. Spender violently attacked Communism. As a political philosophy, working towards the recognition of its system by peaceful means such as debate, no one could deny it the right of expression. But as he considered there was ample evidence to prove it to be a body taking its orders from a foreign power namely, Russia, and its immediate aim was the overthrow of the Government not by peaceful but by revolutionary means, then it should be declared illegal, and its members driven so far underground that they would be exterminated. "There can be no compromise with Soviet ideology," he said. The members of a country have an obligation to themselves as individuals, but in addition they have one to the flag. This latter obligation could not admit of Communism in its present form.

LIBERALS NEED YOUTH

He then went on to say that University students should not accept ideas as such but seek them out, and think about them; and then having thought well, to accept and reject. They must then become evangelists in the Liberal cause, using every means of information and action at their disposal. In this regard, they must remember that each has the task of establishing himself as an individual in the community, but he also has a task of service to that community. There is no better way of effecting that service than becoming evangelists in the Liberal cause.

—A. J. de B. FORBES.

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Letters to the Editor - - -

A HARVEST REAPED

Sir—It was with regret that I read the attack on the Liberal Union in your column, "Random Harvest" (13/9/48).

However, during the next twelve months I hope things will be different. The reason for this optimism is the formation of the Australian Universities Liberal Federation in Melbourne during the last vacation.

Adelaide University sent two representatives. They came home full of optimism, enthusiasm, and new ideas.

Those ideas we will endeavor to put into effect next year.

As you may know the annual general meeting of the Liberal Union was held in the first week of this term. At it an important constitutional amendment was passed namely: "Although this Union is not affiliated with the L.C.L. in any way it does nevertheless subscribe in general to the aims and objectives of the L.C.L." This will mark us more clearly for what we are, and give us something definite to work on. This year, unfortunately, we were not able to give a clear answer as to what the Liberal Union stood for.

It is hoped next year not merely to be "a vigorous answer to the Socialist Club's policy of talks on topical subjects . . ." and a counter to "their systematic planning for student positions"; but more than this. As you will see from the report of the Melbourne Conference (a copy of which I enclose) the other States have very many ideas, most of which (with a few of our own) we hope to be able to use.

Finally, I make the almost inevitable appeal of any society at this University—for student support. Without an enthusiastic membership which is ready and willing, not merely passively to support the Union, but also to give up a little time to foster its activities, the Liberal Union will be in danger of continuing to slouch along "head in the clouds and a faraway look in its eye." I appeal now to our many completely inactive members to show a little enthusiasm, and all the many Liberals in the University not members (at present) of the Union to join.

ROBIN MILLHOUSE,
Sec. A.U.L.U.

PROCESSION

Sir,—It was with very disturbed feelings that we read a letter published in the columns of your last issue.

As a result of this, we—the co-directors of the ProceSSION—feel that dangerous insinuations have been levelled against our previously unslipped and righteous characters.

Who is this cringing jackal—calling himself "Moff"—who has chosen to cast baseless aspersions at our respectability and morals from behind the shield of anonymity?

Who is this paragon of virtue and tower of moral strength who has thrown the nameless gauntlet at our feet?

Are we, like weak-stomached rot-gutted cowards, going to refuse to answer in full this blatant challenge?

Let us consider his words—"Had they (the organisers) no control over the things that moved through

the gates or have they just no personal standards themselves?"

Of course we had control of every single item in the whole ProceSSION. We two together—26 stone of humanity—had perfect and absolute control over the 300 exuberant, excited and spirited students that streamed out the gates. Oh, hell, yes!

And as for our personal standards, are we to refuse to deny this foul calumny which has shamed us before our closest acquaintances?

Anyway, any answer would be superfluous!

With regards to "giving the public a reasonable impression of us"—who are we to disturb the mental train of thought which has firmly established the University as an institution closely related to the Zoo and the Parkside Asylum.

Having cleared these stains off our otherwise blotless characters, we feel we can once more rear our heads in decent society.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. NEUENKIRCHEN.
L. J. PERKINS.

COMMO. CHALLENGE

Sir,—I would like to reply to "Thirty-Niner's" sneering remarks, written under a pseudonym, about "certain ornaments in the Sydney Domain who, before the partners of the Russo-German Pact quarrelled over spoils, used to call us five-bob-a-day murderers."

The Australian Communist Party has offered to pay to any charity named one hundred pounds if anyone can prove Communists called our servicemen five-bob-a-day murderers. As the most fervent of Australia's red-baiters have declined the challenge no doubt "Thirty-Niner" will also.

The following reason for the Russo-German Pact of 1939 is given by an American Ambassador to Russia, Mr. Joseph Davies, who, as a multi-millionaire, is not likely to have "Communist sympathies."

"During all the spring of 1939 the Soviets, fearful that they were being used as the 'cat's paw' to 'pull chestnuts out of the fire' and would be left to fight Hitler alone, tried to bring about a definite agreement that would assure unity of action and co-ordination of military plans to stop Hitler. The Soviets became convinced, and with considerable reason, that no effective, direct and practical general arrangement could be made with Britain and France. They were driven to a pact of non-aggression with Hitler."

So I suggest that "Thirty-Niner" refrains from repeating parrot-like the slanderous lies of our worst reactionaries and warmongers.

D. C. GEARY.

BROKENSHA REPLIES

Dear Sir,—Whilst "Thirty-Niner's" account of his war experiences was most interesting, it was rather irrelevant to the discussion of the desirability of a Varsity Regiment. My own opinion is that the best way to ensure a Third World War is to prepare for it, and that a University is the last place where one should train for war.

The greed, hatred and super Nationalism which breed wars have no place in a University where we should, through our pursuit of knowledge help to guide the policies of

the nation away from thoughts of war. If students all over the world were intellectually honest with themselves they could stand only for peace and world co-operation.

A lot of high-sounding generalities "Thirty-Niner?" May be—but it is an approach more likely to prevent us being "atomised" than will his playing with war weapons.

Yours sincerely,

P. BROKENSHA.

BOXERS, ROYAL TOUR ATTACKED

Sirs,—It strikes me that the present methods of collecting and distributing funds for charities are quite erratic. More urgent needs have apparently only as much priority as ordinary cases on the people's money.

What I allude to may be exemplified by this. Just before the vacation I was tackled by a persistent female demanding sixpences for the Boxing Club. No doubt the club needs funds, but could not this money be used for higher purposes? It strikes me still further as being ironical that money can be found for such cases, yet is lacking when a cause such as the U.N. Children's Appeal is so urgently in need of the necessary £.s.d.

The same argument might be applied to the totally unnecessary Royal tour. Did any of those who were pleased at the news of the tour stop to think of the number of empty bellies the £150,000 involved would fill? I doubt it—our present way of life prevents us from considering this, as it is considered disloyal to think against the King's wishes. But, the fact remains all the same—I wonder if the King thought of this?

Yours sincerely,

"AUSSIE."

A CHRISTIAN ANSWERS BRAY

University of Adelaide,
September 13, 1948.

Dear Sirs,—While admitting that R. S. Bray ("On Dit," Sept. 13) has had actual experience of German conditions as an U.N.R.R.A. officer, I feel that his attack on the sincerity of German students and lecturers seeking correspondents in Australia is entirely unfair.

I have been corresponding with three German students for over a year, and can truthfully say that never once have I received requests for food or any other kind of help. If there are "worthy exceptions" I feel that I must have been very lucky to get three "exceptions" and none at all who follow the "normal procedure." Furthermore, other people who regularly correspond with Germans bear me out in saying that most of the students write with a genuine desire to re-establish contact with a world from which they have been cut off for so long. I should say that Mr. Bray, probably because of the position he held, has been the recipient of letters from the "unworthy exceptions."

In any case, I believe that as Australians we have a definite obligation, at least morally, to sacrifice ourselves to help those less fortunate, whether they are Germans, French or what have you.

I feel that Mr. Bray's letter does not give a true picture of the facts, but is true only of a small minority of German students who wish to correspond with students of others lands. You would find this minority in any nation—they are not peculiar to Germany.

Yours sincerely,

RAB DINNING.

DE-FENCE SITTERS

Sir,—P. Brokensha should take "Hanno's hint" and study history, but not merely in the narrow Marxist sense. He should read more widely in Russian and German history and see that in effect the national characters and forms of government of both these aggressive nations have not changed since he was born. Then he may need reminding of what happened to the

weakly defended Poland that Russia now occupies and forcibly took over in company with Germany. If we wish to preserve a civilisation free of dictatorship, regulations and secret police, it apparently must be defended, not disarmed. So, if anyone accepts the privileges of a British society, he will surely accept his responsibility to defend them—voluntarily against either Germany or Russia.

—M.H.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations to "39" for saying what a lot of others should have said, and for indicating what a lot of youngsters should do. Brokensha, besides being old-fashioned, thinks what will be most safe for him to do, and then gives it the dignity of a thoughtful and ideological basis.

"EX-R.A.A.F."

SINCERE, BUT MORONS?

Sir,—Mr. Hanno's letter (I take it Hanno is a man) has the same quaint interest as do revivals of the first silent films. But we are now forced to view his material a little more cynically than the matter of films. The pathetic histrionics of comics like Charlie Chaplin suffered under the disadvantage, seen from our vantage point, of inexperience and undeveloped equipment. We do not seriously consider using the same defective equipment now. Yet callow Communist youths would tell us that we have learned nothing in the past two decades, or in our experiences of "isms," war and disarmaments.

Are these people sincere, but morons? And are they incapable of learning from experience? Or do they deal in deceit and treachery?

Now, consider such a letter as Mr. Brokensha's, which might be written with no seditious intent, but in an attempt to dissuade students from joining the C.M.F. This, I think, would be an effort to say that we should not be prepared to defend what we value highly—freedoms which even fellow travellers enjoy. Such a letter would certainly not be put forward with the same foolish sincerity as the pacifist Hanno's was, but it could be an attempt to produce the same way of thinking, the same unpreparedness as held in 1938, etc. Then such a letter would have the effect of the propaganda which was passed down from Goebbels to be spread by little quizzings scattered in safety throughout the democratic world.

I think "Thirty-niner" gave the right reply, and no doubt it will whip the pale-faced pack into yelping and whining with their usual humbug.

"OBSERVER."

THE WINNER

The results of the Clerihew Competition, as decided by the judges, Prof. C. Jury, Mr. B. Elliott and Mr. H. Piper, are as follows:

First:

"Sir Kerr Grant,
While touring the Levant,
Observed that in India
It's windia."
by
N. McK. STEWART.

Second:

"Professor Cornell,
Speaks French very well
But what he says in a lecture
I can only conjecture."
by
BRIAN TEW.

The judges in commenting said: "The winning clerihews have been felt to combine correct (classical) form, neatness of execution and quaint clerihew wit in a very satisfactory ensemble."

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Recommend N.U.A.U.S. withdraw from I.U.S.

The Inaugural Conference of the Australian Universities' Liberal Federation met at Melbourne University on the 2nd Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the vacation. Present were two delegates from Melbourne, two from Sydney, one from W.A., one from Tasmania, and Brian Cox and Millhouse from Adelaide.

Although a federal organisation was set up, recommendations passed, and some sort of a constitution approved, the main benefit of the Conference was the making of many new friends and the exchange of ideas between the various clubs. We returned from the Melbourne Conference overflowing with enthusiasm and full of new ideas.

Speaking shortly after his return, Robin Millhouse said: "I am sure that what we need, what our club must have, unless it is to fade out, is enthusiasm. We need enthusiasm among the private members of the Union, and above all an enthusiastic executive and committee which is willing and able to give up a great deal of its spare time to the club. If we are fired with this spark we can put into effect all these fresh ideas from the other States, and make the Liberal Union the success it should be."

He then issued this account of the conference.

In Sydney, meetings are held every Tuesday at lunch-time. Usually they invite outside speakers, and the general theme of addresses this year has been, "Coal, Communism, and Chaos." But they also have debates and symposiums. One of the main events this year was a very successful party held at the University. Sydney also hand out to Freshers during "Orientation Week" what they called a "Message" (propaganda I presume). This together with a welcome to Freshers is something we could well copy.

Tasmania, like Western Australia, is a branch of the State Young Liberals. Their most successful kind of meeting has been in the form of a Forum to which they invite two Liberal speakers and two Labor ones.

MELBOURNE ACTIVE

Melbourne is definitely the most active club in Australia. It has the most enthusiasm and the greatest numbers.

They have both daytime and night meetings. Attendance at these ranges from about 1,500 to 40.

The Melbourne Club has its own paper, "Challenge," and they also get out, quite frequently, news-sheets entitled "Forum," on such subjects as Nationalisation of Banking. Melbourne's best idea, though, is that of holding Vacation Conferences. They had one last May, the subject of which was "Making Democracy Work." It is intended to hold another next May, and any of us interested are invited to go over. From all accounts they are extremely enjoyable.

Finally, we heard something about W.A. They are closely affiliated with the L.P. and have about 100 members. Most of their meetings are at lunch-time, although they have two or three a year at night. Attendance at meetings ranges from about 200 to 50.

From these reports from other States I believe we can find new

ideas which can make our club a great success.

LIBERAL RAG PLANNED

It is hoped that the magazine, for which no name has yet been chosen, will come out in May. The Editor is Bill Morrison, of Tasmania. I myself am one of the sub-editors. I will be very glad of suitable contributions from members. This is the biggest achievement the Federation will have to show within the next few months, and it will be by this that its success will be judged, so we must do our best to make it good.

Various recommendations were also passed by the meeting.

The first which is among the objectives in the constitution is that the activities of affiliated clubs be co-ordinated. The general idea is that we shall be advised of visits by prominent people from other States, and overseas, so that we will have a chance of asking them to speak if we so desire. There will be nothing in the nature of a rigid policy which all member clubs must follow.

WITHDRAW FROM I.U.S.

Two others concern relations with I.U.S. and W.F.D.Y. They are "That we support the disaffiliation of N.U.A.U.S. with I.U.S.;" "That we discourage any close relationship with W.F.D.Y. by N.U.A.U.S."

On the first afternoon Peter Durack, president of N.U.A.U.S., spoke to us about these two organisations. He himself is in favor of our affiliation with I.U.S., but not W.F.D.Y. However, the Conference passed these two recommendations.

The final one I was instructed to place before the meeting by Geoff. Sullivan. He was the only observer from S.A., and took a lively interest in our discussions, giving both Brian Cox and myself valuable advice. The gist of his idea was that senior members of the L.U. should give tutorials gratis to members not so far advanced in their courses in ordinary academic subjects. This would show fine club spirit.

Each State at the Conference is represented on the executive of A.U.L.F. Barrie Newman, a former W.A. President, of the W.A. Liberal Club now reading Commerce at Melbourne, was elected President. John Butters, from Sydney is Vice-President, Margaret Powell from Melbourne is Secretary, Brian Cox of Adelaide is Treasurer, Nancy Farrell of Sydney is Public Relations Officer, and Bill Morrison from Tasmania is the Editor of the magazine.

The only other happening which I have not mentioned was the talk by Mr. Casey on the Wednesday morning of the Conference. This was very interesting, and he promised that he would urge the Federal Executive of the L.P.A. to consider some financial assistance for A.U.L.F., for which we are very thankful.

ROBIN MILLHOUSE.

OUR I.U.S. POLICY

(This report is severely condensed to fit this issue. You can see the original in the S.R.C. Office.)

Memorandum for Ken Tolhurst from the N.U.A.U.S. Executive forwarded before the I.U.S. Council meeting of September, 1948.

The N.U.A.U.S. supports the broad principles of international student co-operation which is one of the specific aims of its constituent.

Regarding the type of resolution put forward last year in the case of Viet Nam, China and Indonesia, the N.U.A.U.S. endorsed the following principle:

"That the chief concern of the I.U.S. is in the sphere of student activities, although we recognise that in certain countries political activity on the part of student organisations may be necessary if students are to gain improvements in their conditions.

"In accordance with this we believe that wherever the I.U.S. or its Executive establishes to its satisfaction that conditions in any State limit the cultural, academic or material freedom of students it shall consider itself obliged, as an international union, to act against such conditions and call upon its constituents to support such acts."

This Executive has noted the explanations sent back by Ken Tolhurst relevant to the shifting of the I.U.S. Hqs., and adopted the following resolution: That Ken Tolhurst move on the I.U.S. Council that it recommend to the I.U.S. Congress that Section 2 of the I.U.S. constitution be altered to allow the shifting of the I.U.S. Hqs. if the Council considers such a move possible and/or practicable. It is pointed out in relation to this motion that a number of students are suspicious of an organisation which has its Hqs. behind the "iron curtain."

I.U.S. TO BE INTERNATIONAL

The Executive requests that the following resolution be moved on the Council: That the student organisations in all countries which are not already members of the I.U.S. should be invited to become affiliated.

The Executive particularly request that the following principles concerning I.U.S. finance and administration should be brought forward at the Council meeting and where possible their adoption should be sought.

That the N.U. itself would welcome the financial assistance which an act such as that in force in Czechoslovakia affords, but considers that the complicating factor of there being national rivalries and suspicions renders recourse to such sources impolitic.

Commends to the I.U.S. that an investigation be made as to the possibility of getting an over-all 2d. or 3d. per capita from constituents, and the adequacy of the income thus raised for I.U.S. purposes.

The N.U. Executive wishes to dissociate the N.U.A.U.S. from the attitude expressed in the following paragraph of the secretarial statement on the recent events in Czechoslovakia issued subsequent to the February crisis. "All actions of the I.U.S. on behalf of the rights of students have been undertaken with a view to reinforcing the power of democracy in the student world; the I.U.S. has never been called upon to take action on behalf of students acting in an anti-democratic manner. The students in Egypt who demonstrated in favor of war against the Jewish State in Palestine, the students in Turkey who demonstrated for war against the Soviet Union, the students of Gary, Indiana, who protested against the admission of negro students into their high schools, were all exercising democratic rights. No-one would suggest that had these demonstrations been dispersed or in any way suppressed, the I.U.S. should come to the defence of these students."

Furthermore, the Executive re-

quests Ken Tolhurst to bring before the Council the following resolution giving the reaction of the N.U.A.U.S. Executive to the events during February.

ACTION COMMITTEES DEPLOYED

That the Executive of the National Union reads with concern the report of the I.U.S. Secretariat that the administration of student bodies in Czechoslovakia has been assumed by unelected action committees, and while unable to express an opinion as to the circumstances of every case, asserts that in general their formation is to be deplored and the failure of the I.U.S. Secretariat to uphold this principle is to be condemned.

The Executive unanimously requested that Ken Tolhurst move the following resolution at the I.U.S. Council meeting: That the I.U.S. Council investigate reports of repression of the student movement by the Government of China, and if it be satisfied that the student organisation has been prevented from carrying out its normal and legitimate functions, that the Council draw the attention of the U.N.O. to the situation, and express its strong disapproval of the Government's actions.

The N.U.A.U.S. notes the improvement in the conduct of the last Council meeting from previous meetings of the I.U.S. We reiterate that standing orders or rules of procedure should be drafted for the use of future congress and council meetings in order to provide for efficient conduct of business.

ATTENDANCE OF S.R.C.

Name.	Representing.	Meet-ings at-	Sent ap- o- logies.
Bath, D., Eng.	10	3
Black, N., Women's	13	3
Cleland, J., Women's	12	5
Dundon, N., Pharmacy	4	0
Dunstan, A., Men's Gen.	15	4
Farrell, Commerce	6	2
Gawne, T., Arts	16	3
Hunter, G., Soc. Sci.	13	1
Kirby, D., Medicine	6	2
Knightley, H., Phar.	3	1
Laycock, G., Sports	0	3
Macarthur, A., Eng.	11	7
Magarey, K., Men's Gen	19	0
Medlin, H., Science	10	1
Opie, R., Arts	13	2
Pleuckhahn, V., Med.	7	1
Power, F. B., "On Dit"	14	2
Robin, E., Women's	15	3
Roder, J., Law	20	0
Skinner, B., Science	8	2
Smith, G., Past Pres.	17	1
Thompson, D., Men's Gen.	6	5
Thompson, L., Dent.	0	0
Tregonning, K., "On Dit"	4	4
Wauchope, J., Women's	10	2
Wells, C., Ag. Sc.	15	3
Wood, J., Women's	1	0
Yeatman, C., Men's Gen.	17	1

Teachers' College were represented at the last three meetings.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. of the Eng. Society, held on Friday, September 17, the following committee was elected for 1948-49: President, R. B. Moffitt; Vice-Pres., A. Kinneary; Secretary, J. B. Neuenkirchen; Treasurer, R. Severin. Additional committee members are A. G. Scott, D. B. Anderson and R. M. Linklater.

There will be a dinner for third and fourth year students after the examinations, and intending diners are asked to see any of the above so that the number attending can be estimated.

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S. Parker Smith: ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY MANUAL	7/9

We have just received new supplies of Penguin books covering a wide range of subjects. We also have a number of titles in the World's Classics Series. Students are invited to come in and inspect these.

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Attack by St. Mark's Student

Is Adelaide Provincial?

Yes, I think it is, and I think it will stay that way. There are so many features of present day Adelaide life making the city so provincial that I can not see Adelaide improving much for decades, and I doubt if it will ever become a centre of learning and culture.

The war helped Adelaide a little, but not as much as you would expect. Far too many citizens have that frightfully parochial and provincial outlook that so exasperates visitors. It was hoped that contact with the big wide world would have shaken the complacency of those South Australians who did not enlist in the munition factories, and the younger generation are slightly better than their elders, but still typical South Australians in most cases. And to be classed as typically South Australia is really an insult—that is, to any other Australian.

The younger generation has a slightly more intelligent approach to liquor than their wowserish elders. Many realise that liquor in itself is not the fatal crime painted by all the Mother Grundys of Adelaide, but liquor laws in this State would be ludicrous if they were not so regrettably narrow-minded.

CONVICTS NEEDED

It is a great pity no convicts ever came here—it would have done the State a lot of good. A few Chartists with some red blood, some gumption, brought out here to go "agin the government" and we might have had a decent State. As it is, most visitors realise far too quickly the truth in the saying, "There is a wowserish belt around Australia, and its thickest point is at South Australia."

Visitors from Paris, from London, from New York, or from any other civilised community, who have felt a few of the cross currents of twentieth century progress, laugh or sneer disgustedly at many of those aspects of our existence we unfortunately take for granted.

SUNDAY SPORT

Sunday sport is not even a controversy in any modern community. But here the wowserish deacons and parsons have such a hold on the community that children are forced to roam the streets, and University teams wishing to train on Sundays are forced to resort to subterfuge and secrecy. One can only hope that the Church's influence is fading, as it is so obviously fading all over the rest of the world. But this must be one of its last strongholds.

This Puritan and uncivilised idea of cutting out all transport after 11.30 is worse than provincial. No chance for any supper after a film, no staying to the end of a dance, no seeing a girl home, unless you have a car or can afford a cab fare. In consideration of the public, Adelaide's transport runs an easy last. In cost, first. But no-one complains.

Church leaders attack Sunday sport, but no cry has ever been raised by them at this barbaric sport, live hare chasing. A sport that would be unthinkable to any civilised community, yet here tacitly recognised and tolerated.

PAST, PAPERS AND FOOD

English people take a great pride in their past, and so do South Australians, but with a difference. Englishmen point to some idle land and say, "That has been a village green since Saxon times. We are laying a cricket pitch there soon and levelling it for a village oval." They temper their love of the past with a keen eye on the future, which is one of the secrets of their greatness. Here they point to wasteland and say, "Colonel Light gave the city this green belt. But we're not doing anything about it—except making sure no private concern gets hold of it and tries to improve it. It wouldn't be in keeping with Col. Light's vision!"

South Australians have perhaps the worst newspapers in Australia, that seem more like enlarged parish journals than organs that could tell us vital news of the world. You can find out more about international news by reading a week-old "Argus," and South Australia seems intensely disinterested in what is happening overseas, social gossip excepted.

Culture and civilisation stopped outside the hotels of South Australia, where wines are taken from your table half-way through dinner, where the year-round ice-cream is possibly the star dessert, and where you can rarely obtain better than a three-course meal consisting of food that provincial hotels in England would consider the average order of a ruminative farmer.

UNJUSTIFIABLE PRIDE

South Australians show an unwarranted and unjustifiable pride in many things, and press publicity never deludes them. Their Royal Show is easily the dullest and tamest in Australia, yet we never hear any criticism of it. We hear far too little criticism of any description in South Australia. This acceptance of things is extremely aggravating to the visitor, is manifest in all aspects of life, and is a sure sign of the provincial spirit of complacency.

In the University itself we need overseas or interstate people to be the prime movers for any changes, men who instantly become the object of deep animal-like animosity. Yet stand back and take an objective look at this travesty of a University. Do you not think it could be made more like a University, and that it would be a far better place if it was?

MISSING, ONE UNIVERSITY

A few of the surface things that help give a University a little atmosphere and eventually tradition, could well be remembered here. As it is, I would not be surprised if a time-clock was installed at the front entrance before long—we are that close to a 9-5 industry. Why have we no initiations? What better way to be made part of a faculty, giving that essential feeling of belonging to something, than initiations? As it is, we live here (speaking mainly for St. Mark's) yet have no sense of belonging to any corporate body. No wonder, for there is no corporate body.

A CEREMONY NEEDED

Graduation in other Universities, Universities worth talking about, is a colorful and vivid ceremony, in which the whole University body participates, and which often extends over several days. A splendid and memorable way of finishing a great stage of your life. Here it is a pathetic incident, over before it starts, colorless, unimaginative, forgotten in a week by the few who saw it, never noticed by those who did not.

For hundreds of years the gowned figures in the streets of Oxford have denoted students; and the gown is now the sign of the University city wherever Western culture has spread. But not here. It is a custom that might help to make this collection of buildings a little more like a University—not a bad thing, do you think?

COMMENTS

One interstate visitor when asked for comment replied, "It is a masterpiece of understatement." Another said, "You forgot to mention the one good thing about South Australia,

NEW ZEALAND TRIP

Report of Visit by General Secretary August, 1948

I had a long interview with Mr. Bokart, Secretary of Department of Labor and National Service—interview most satisfactory. Mr. Bokart agreed that one or two officers of his department would act as members of a sub-committee of N.Z.U.S.A. to deal with publicity, employment, movements of personnel, and accommodation. He also said that while there might be some slight difficulty in placing male students in suitable vocations, females would be very easy to place indeed, in guest houses and tourist resorts. The main difficulty with males would be during the 2-3 weeks Christmas shut-down of industry. Apart from this period, employment would be easy.

SHIPPING

The Wahine (Union Steamship Coy.) and the Wanganella (Huddart Parker, Ltd.) are both undergoing repairs, but are expected to return to service by November. Although the officers of the two companies cannot make any definite bookings, owing to the doubt as to the dates of the ships' resumption of service the General Secretary's conversations with them indicate that approximately 150 passages will be available.

It is possible that all or some of these passages might be from Melbourne to Wellington, but it is more probable that they will be from Sydney to Auckland or Wellington.

As far as possible it is intended to have the main party of students arrive in New Zealand not later than December 18. This would require a departure from Sydney not later than December 14.

The planned date of return to Australia is approximately March 1. In the case of students needing to return to Australia for early supplementary examinations a refund of half the return fare will be arranged. However, arrangements for an early return must be made by the students concerned.

FARES

The new exchange rate between Australia and New Zealand, and the fact that both ships have been off the run, prevents any definite fares being stipulated. When the ships were last in service the single fares were £14 to £17 (Aust.) second class, and £20-£30 first class. Officers of the companies consider it likely that fares will now be higher, but as yet their directors have made no decision. More definite information will be circulated when it is received from the companies.

WHO IS GOING?

It is not possible at this stage to give to applicants precise details of fares and sailing dates. As soon as this and other relevant information has been received from the shipping companies, all applicants will be notified. A final application form will be circulated and a deposit requested, the amount of which will be determined by the stipulations concerning payments which are made by the shipping companies. The final applicants will be those who return the final application form and the deposit by the due date. Final application forms will be circulated by the first week in October.

Over 600 applications have been received, so the N.U. Executive has decided that a ballot will be held of final applicants. Parties of not more than four persons who are prepared

and that is how easy it is to reach Melbourne from it!"

Yes, Adelaide is very provincial. It is smug, ignorant, boorish, narrow-minded, parochial, wowserish and complacent about the whole thing. GROUCHO.

to go to New Zealand only if they are all able to travel together will be treated as one unit for the purpose of the ballot.

This provision is designed to cater especially for husbands and wives who will take advantage of the exchange project only if they can travel in company.

I.U.S.

N.Z.U.S.A. has raised threepence per head to be paid to I.U.S. on condition that up to 50 per cent. of the moneys raised will be expended in the N.Z. area. They have at the moment £225 on hand for I.U.S. Pacific Bureau purposes, and their natural enquiry was what will be the N.U.A.U.S. contribution to the Pacific Bureau, in view of this.

With regard to the activities of the Bureau, it was felt that for the most part our immediate concentration should be on complete co-operation with Mr. O'Brien (N.Z.U.S.A. delegate) at N.U.A.U.S.

Proposed Debating Tour

Final details to be arranged with Mr. O'Brien (N.Z.U.S.A. delegate) at the next council meeting.

Art Exhibition

N.Z.U.S.A. desire that the Art Exhibition should be sent to New Zealand early next year.

Instrumental Tour

A proposal was made that a small group of Conservatorium students from Australia be taken over. This would be most successful financially, and be very popular in view of the great popularity of chamber music in New Zealand.

Agricultural Tour

Representatives from the agricultural colleges were particularly interested in arranging a study tour of agricultural students, and also in endeavoring to arrange vacation exchanges to do field work.

Finally, I would like to state that the hospitality and co-operation of the N.Z.U.S.A. people was rather overwhelming, and in this regard the New Zealanders stated that they felt student traffic between the two countries had been over the last couple of years almost all the one way, and that they would be very happy to receive more frequent visits from members of N.U.A.U.S.

NOEL EBBELS,
Gen. Sec., N.U.A.U.S.

S.C.M. NATIONAL CONFERENCE HERE

Biggest interstate conference news for years is the flash that the annual S.C.M. National Conference will be held in S.A. from January 11-18.

If you've missed the previous conferences, you have a treat coming. Woodside may sound a bit primitive after Frensham School, Mittagong, Geelong Grammar, at Corio, and New England Girls' School at Armidale, but at least instead of confining numbers to four or five hundred (capacity houses at both last conferences), the camp will absorb thousands with ease.

Subject is "The Holy Spirit" and programme includes study circles, addresses, tutorials (e.g. Christianity and Art, Church Unity, etc.) with a galaxy of speakers and leaders—the cream of Australia's thinkers on these subjects. Also tons o' fun with concerts, singing, folk-dancing and plenty of nonsense.

So don't hang back if you've never been interested in the movement before; and of course if you have you don't need urging. Yes, that crowd around the notice-boards is waiting for further details—BE IN IT!

Statements of Policy

MEN'S GENERAL

FORBES SPEAKS

G. F. SMITH

The policy I will continue to support if elected to the 1949 S.R.C. will be a continuation of those projects the S.R.C. and the National Union have launched recently. Briefly, my policy then is:

- continuation of the orientation course, the Housing Officer, text-book exchange;
- improved staff-student relationship;
- encouragement for clubs and societies;
- a wider and more satisfactory C.F.A. scheme when the present interim scheme finishes next year;
- increased C.R.T.S. allowances.
- in the National Union sphere, support for the N.Z. scheme, drama, debates, congress, and international co-operation.

These are the policies I have supported and helped to implement during two years on the S.R.C., at the N.U. Council Meeting and on the N.U. Executive as well as at two conferences between the N.U. and the Universities' Commission.

G. F. SMITH, Arts I.

R. S. BRAY

A statement of policy can be made in two different ways, one by dealing with every subject likely to be introduced into the S.R.C. for the coming year, the other by stating one's own particular hobby horses. I propose to use the latter method, leaving the former to question time in the policy speeches meeting.

My first cry is for increased student representation upon the University Union Council where three students sit on a Council of 11. This could be increased to five students in 11 by dropping a graduate member and a staff member. I say could be.

Secondly, I am an ardent internationalist and this cause can be furthered in the University in many ways. I feel the Chair of Modern Languages should be further endowed and developed to include at least one more European language and certainly an Asiatic language. Ties with I.U.S. and with individual National Unions should be strengthened and communications with them made as regular as possible.

At home I feel a larger increase than the 5/- a week proposed to C.R.T.S. trainees is very definitely necessary. Another need to which I fully subscribe is that for increased student accommodation.

Lastly I feel that contact between students as a whole and the S.R.C. (and through the S.R.C. to the Council) should be maintained to the highest possible degree. Controversial matters before the S.R.C. should be debated before general meetings of the students, and student faculty meetings should be held at least three times a year to decide individual faculty policy. At the moment faculty meetings are held only when the faculty associations' freedom, or their notions of it, is abused. A faculty association does not necessarily represent the students of the faculty as a whole.

Lastly I would say that I welcome wholeheartedly the appearance of T.T.C.'s representatives on the S.R.C.

ROBERT S. BRAY,
Science.

It is impossible to set out a comprehensive policy within the space allowed me. However, the predominant portion of my policy would be, if I were elected, dictated by one central conception. I shall confine myself to outlining that conception.

In my opinion there is something lacking in student society—in fact, I doubt, as it exists at present, whether it could be called a society at all. There are no bonds which bind student to student, the students of one faculty to the students of another, the members of one sporting club to the members of a similar body. On the whole, most of us live for our own branch of study, and our own particular extra-curricular activities. We have no com-

J. Harley, due to considerable pressure of work at Queen's Mater-nity, has had to ask us to indicate that he has a policy, but he has not had time to set it out in all its splendor.

prehension of membership of a closely knit body representing student opinion as a whole, within the framework of which we can move freely without fear of regimentation, but at the same time acutely aware that we belong to a union of undergraduates. Let there be cliques and groups within that body—the cliques and groups which exist at present without the body—but let us move freely between them without animosity and without trepidation.

The name S.R.C. is a misname, for there is no student body for it to represent. Thus we must first give the student body a name—union, guild, association, or what you will. And second, a name, other than S.R.C., which truly represents the purpose for which it is created, must be given to the executive of that body.

The "Union" Handbook contains the statement, "Don't forget the Union Buildings are your club." The fact that it is "our club" has probably escaped many of us. Not without reason, however, for it is neither equipped as a club, run as a club, nor does it give the service of a club. I would change this in the hope that it would promote a basis for the type of Students' Union I have described.

This is the central conception of my policy, and most of the planks in my platform spring from it.

MOHR STATEMENTS

The S.R.C., in my opinion, has had in the past a tendency to be impractical, theoretical and too much concerned with affairs outside the University of Adelaide. After all its guiding principle should be to look after the students here, and to further these interests before becoming too interested in national and international affairs.

There are many things which could be done in Adelaide by an S.R.C. which was prepared to give a lead to local student opinion. To mention only one there is the question of hostels and/or colleges attached to the University. The Vice-Chancellor has stressed the need for them and surely it would not be out of place for the students to do all in their power to further this idea.

In my opinion, it is problems of this nature which S.R.C. should be tackling, not making rules for this and regulations for that body or club.

The whole question seems to me to be: "Do you want as your S.R.C. representatives men who will devote a lot of time to debating some not very important point or someone who will endeavor to bring about some constructive objectives?"

May I submit that I belong to the latter class.

R. F. MOHR.

Is Religious Teaching Needed Here?

To consider this we must first of all have a clear idea as to what we mean by religion and what the function of education is. I do not think that anyone can quarrel much with the definition that education is intended:

1.—To permit the student to gain knowledge which will enable him to earn his living;

2.—To develop, and to show him how to further develop his latent intellectual powers, and physical gifts;

3.—To provide him with a rational explanation of his existence, and ultimate aim in life, so that the gifts and talents acquired under the first two headings can be used in a rational and right way.

Secular education will provide the first two conditions, but cannot supply the third on a satisfactory basis.

Religion we may define as being a knowledge of man's relationship to God in particular, and of the supernatural in general, and such knowledge alone will give a rational explanation of his existence. A purely secular education can only give its owner limited and unsatisfactory ideals to aim for: these being power, wealth, and knowledge. They are sought either for the power they will give the owner over the lives of others as in the direction of a big business enterprise, or the power they will give him to gratify his own selfish, material, and often gross animal indulgences. I know it can be said that great wealth and wide knowledge may be used in an altruistic manner for the benefit of the community, but such use of knowledge and wealth is a result of the religious tradition that lingers on from the past in spite of, not as a result of secular education. A tradition which tends to grow weaker and weaker as a result of secular education. For the rationally minded secularist life's motto should be eat, drink, and be merry for to-morrow we die. Granted however the existence of a personal God, susceptible of proof by reasoning, then accept the knowledge we have of that God through revelation (including the revelation of eternal life) and this life becomes explicable, and all secular education can dovetail into our religious knowledge.

EDUCATION RATHER TARNISHED

Curiously enough even the secularist is beginning to wake up to the dangers of a purely secular education, and it is slowly dawning upon him that the golden age promised by free compulsory and secular education, has at the moment a rather tarnished and second-rate appearance. His recognition of these matters is somewhat half-hearted for it is always difficult to admit that one has been in the wrong, and so we find now that provision is made for a minister of the diverse creeds to give religious instruction at the secular school for half an hour per week, still apparently regarding religion as a rather unimportant extra of small value. In the old days the psalmist could say: "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork," but you would not find many scientists to-day who would echo that sentiment. Rather the tendency is

to say that the knowledge and skill, which devised and constructed the instruments which permit us to discover hitherto unknown stars and measure their distance from the earth, declares the glory of man. Also you will find few to admit that the knowledge, skill, and intelligence that is able to disrupt the atom (a destructive process) and release the enormous forces that hold it together are as nothing to the intelligence that originally constructed the atom, and yet with a proper understanding of religion, all knowledge including that of material things will cause the individual to realise more and more the greatness of the Creator and the insignificance of the created.

COLLEGE CHAPELS NEEDED

If then as I claim religion is a necessity for a complete education, how is it to be incorporated? In the University sphere, the founding of religious colleges, such as we find here in St. Mark's, St. Ann's, and soon we hope also here in the Aquinas College, can do a great deal, but such foundations must be centres of intellectual and religious life for all students of that particular cult of Christianity, and should have their religious origin and significance emphasised by the presence of a chapel as the core of their structure.

Lastly let us be frank with ourselves. Has the experiment of free, compulsory and secular education succeeded? The history of society over the last 100 years says "No!" The greed of the industrial era brought

FINAL "ON DIT"

Next "On Dit" will be the last "On Dit." It will be very brief, so keep your contributions short and don't keep them too long.

about by increase of technical knowledge, gave rise to the most appalling abuses. The growth of nationalism and racial pride to a semi-religious cult, the tacit acknowledgment that might is right, leading to the catastrophic careers of Hitler and Mussolini, the terrible misery of Europe to-day, and the universal industrial unrest indicate that mankind is not happy, and the cause not that they are seeking false Gods, but the fact that they have been deprived of any God at all and religion to stabilise their lives. No amount of secular education, increase of material knowledge, social security or regimentation can cure the disease. Make no mistake, society to-day is living on the traditions of a Christian society and education which are rapidly fading and only the reintroduction of religious belief and truth into our educational system can prevent final catastrophe.

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THE BATTLE

Following the formalities of shaking hands, Woodville charged like demented wolves in an endeavor to remove Forbes limb by limb from the arena. The pace was a cracker and it was a welcome respite when an opponent passed into temporary oblivion for a few minutes. Woodville backs were playing a bustling role and mauled our three-quarters whenever the elusive Gilbert secured the ball. At this stage some cynic commented that he saw more of Forbes' hindquarters than of his three-quarters. When the Woodville forwards broke through, Smith, with a "kamikazi dive" bowled the opposition skipper over the side-line within feet of the try-line. From a loose ruck, Forbes secured and passed to Smith, who drew his man and sent on to Jose to allow the scintillating winger to outpace the defence for a grand try. After Tregoning converted another beautiful back-line movement sent Jose hurtling across the line to give us the lead 8-0 at oranges.

ACT II

Inspired by an intense ear-bashing, Woodville launched vigorous onslaughts and cut down the deficit with a penalty goal and a try. As the tempo increased, fists were shaken and John "L. Sullivan" Phoenix was sighted issuing a gentlemanly invitation to his opposite number. Woodville pack were combining well, but made a bad mistake putting the boots into the fallen Botham. Jack rose like a giant-killer and soon the green sward was covered with the green and gold of Woodville. Gilbert and Jeffreys combined well on the blind side to enable Jeffreys to scream through for a try. As a black back collapsed before an opposition rush, consternation reigned on the sidelines where a shrill voice protested tearfully, "Oh, it's Bill, it's Bill." Ah, the gladness in the voice when the fallen rose on unsteady feet, "Thank God, it's only Smithy."

Tregoning crashed through only to see a well-timed cross-kick elude the inspired Jeffreys. When a knee was aimed at his private anatomy, Sandover's face became livid with rage as he charged through the enemy like a Viking of old (a Balkan God was the term used on the side-line, I believe).

When Woodville took full advantage of a penalty, our anxiety was relieved by a magnificent drop-kick

by Tregoning which soared over the bar. In a last desperate effort Smith almost made the line, and so the final whistle left us battered victors 14-9.

A PAT ON THE BACK

The whole fifteen were responsible for the win, which was achieved against a desperate defence. Except for a bad period in the second half, the pack held the powerful Woodville forwards. Hone and Wallman were superb in the line-outs where Kneebone used his strength to good advantage. Burton and Phoenix excelled in the loose rucks, whilst the



"Seevogel," on which John Muirhead (Med.) and 7 others will compete in the Sydney-Hobart ocean race, starting on Boxing Day.

(Block by courtesy "The News.")

hooking of Lawton was first-class. As always, Botham tackled magnificently, and was ably supported by the tough Johnson. Gilbert handled excellently and combined nicely with Forbes who withstood a heavy battering, and made every opportunity a winner. Tregoning played a real captain's effort, although his old eyes sighted many gaps in the Woodville defence which proved to be artefacto. Smith was sound and always endeavored to play the wingers, Jose and Jeffreys

who constituted the main striking force. In addition to his inevitable brilliant running, Jose was a strength in defence. Except for an aimless effort to make the extra man, Jeffreys was always a menace in attack, quick to avail of every chance. Last, but not least, Sandover proved himself the future Stato full-back, with a cool exhibition of safe-handling and good kicking.

THE RIGHT THING

Our thanks to coaches John Portus and Mick Hone who trained the fifteen so well. Our sympathy to Blair Nienaber who was kept on the outside by a fractured collar-bone, and reserves Roy Allen, Colebatch, Murray and Birdseye, who alternately hoped and feared an injury would force some stalwart from the field.

Finally, many thanks to "the Hones," for a wonderful victory celebration. Unfortunately, Mick languished in hospital as we quaffed his beer, but our kindest thoughts were his. Nunn was very safe in defence of the keg, Burton repeated his Manly ferry effort, Kero remastered to a back and passed out, Dougherty hooked the legs from under the supper table, and although most of the forwards were weaving like backs, the evening ended successfully. And so away with the old rugby sweaters until next April.

ATHLETES PREPARE

The excellent attendance at the Thursday coaching classes indicates that the committee are not being over-optimistic when they prophesy a peak year for athletics this year. On the last two Thursday evenings nearly twenty young athletes have been under the guidance of club coaches Copley and Harbison. Although this early work is rather uninteresting, it is laying the foundation of good performances later in the season. State coach, Mr. Vollugi, lays great stress on this pre-season training which should consist of exercises to stretch the muscles and slow work, concentrating on even movements and relaxation.

Many promising juniors have joined the class, and if their early enthusiasm continues we should field at least two strong inter-club teams.

More serious training will start next Monday when athletes can start to concentrate more on their particular events. Towards the end of October we will hold some races and field events to facilitate the sorting out of runners into their grades and events, in preparation for the first inter club meeting on the University Oval, on November 13.

Cricket Starts Well

The first practice was held on Saturday, September 25, and over 60 players turned out. With many more still to make their appearance, it appears as if the practice problem is going to be acute. It is unfortunate but unavoidable that the practice list must be split in two, at least for the first few weeks.

Our "C" team has been admitted to the Adelaide Turf Association,

FINAL POSITION IN WOMEN'S HOCKEY

For the second year in succession University won the women's hockey final. Aroha, the minor premiers, were successfully defeated in the challenge match on September 11.

Aroha attacked strongly in the first half and were unlucky not to score more than once. University led the scoring, but Aroha evened to make half-time score 1-1. The game was mainly a battle of wits, but the superior combination gave University the lead. The Aroha goal-keeper made many brilliant saves, but J. Kelly's speed eventually beat her. M. Fricker scored a magnificent goal from a corner about 30 seconds before time to give University the decisive victory of 3-1.

Congratulations to the E grade team who, as premiers of their grade, successfully challenged A.T.C. for the right to play in D grade next year.

The second A grade team came into sixth place, and the C grade team went under in the semi-final to Heathpool, the premiers.

To all enthusiastic players: The Association is considering giving coaching in stick-work and tactics some months before the season opens next year, so watch the press and "On Dit" for notices. We are very keen to get some South Australians in the team to visit South Africa in 1950.

TENNIS PROTEST MEETING

Believe it or not, there exists in the Sports Association a Non-Pennant Tennis Club. For a ball fee of 2/- per season, you can play on the grass courts at the oval any week day except Monday and Friday with the big turn-out on Saturday afternoons. Sounds O.K., where's the catch?

The catch, and it's a big one, is the appalling lack of courts. When the season eventually starts—usually somewhere near the end of October, there will be three (3) courts available. Another will be added as soon as it is top-dressed. It is hoped to put down some hard courts behind the Benham Building.

Now suppose 1/4 of the University want to play Saturday afternoon tennis and a 1/4 of those people at their own Non-Pennant Club. A rough calculation shows that we would need eight times as many courts.

Nor is it only the quantity but also the quality of courts that is shocking. Because none can be rested, they develop a rash of bunkers within a few weeks.

Of course, if it concerned the major sport (called major presumably because less people play it), ways and means would soon be found. But for some obscure reason, a cricketer's £3/3/- is more potent than a tennis player's.

If you think the position stinks, come along to the A.G.M. in George Murray Hall TO-MORROW!

and this means that we shall have three teams as well as a St. Mark's team playing continually throughout the season, which is much more satisfactory.

First matches will be played on October 9.

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