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BIG I.U.S. MAJORITY

SPEAKERS CLASH

ENGINEERS' WEEK

After a stormy two-day battle the Adelaide University student body decided to support the continuation of N.U.A.U.S. with the International Union of Students by 120 votes to 29.

FRIDAY FROLIC

Only the awe-inspiring calm of S.R.C. President, Kev. Magarey, prevented the meeting from becoming a shambles.

Mr. Tom Gawne moved: "That this meeting endorses Resolution 1 of the N.U.A.U.S. Council." Mr. Gawne pointed out the desirability of fostering international understanding through such a world-wide organisation as I.U.S. Although there was a danger of Communists gaining control of I.U.S., the time was not yet ripe to pull out. The Eastern European "bloc" had only 21 votes out of 96 on the I.U.S. Council. Mr. Yeatman seconded the motion.

N.U.A.U.S. Vice-President, Graham Smith, then outlined I.U.S. activi-

After Mr. MacArthur had been elected acting minute secretary, Mr. Ray Molloy opened the attack by stating that he had been in favor of I.U.S. until the recent Prague coup d'etat. He felt that the headquarters should not remain in Prague, and that Mr. Tolhurst was not a suitable representative for Australia.

Mr. Archie MacArthur said that Australian students should put things in order at home before they spent large sums on such a far-distant organisation as I.U.S. It was perturbing to find that I.U.S. had passed a motion asking the W.F.T.U. to ban the shipment of arms to French and Dutch troops in the Far East.

Mr. D. E. Thompson then asked to be allowed to speak as a proxy for Mr. Judd. Mr. Scott withdrew a point of order upon Mr. Thompson's promising to speak for only three minutes. He pointed out that N.U.A.U.S. was unable to cope with all its work in Australia, and that it should not therefore take upon itself added burdens, especially as

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MAINTAINING their reputation as the liveliest faculty in the University, the engineers this year again carried out certain traditional ceremonies lasting over a week.

On Wednesday, April 14, the second post-war Engineering procession again filled the streets of Adelaide with the strident tones of the Southern Jazz Group and hoarse sounds emitted by many lusty larynxes. The freshers, however, were comparatively quiet, needing their breath to pull the two trolleys carrying the band and senior students. Sundry cars, motor-bikes and urgers completed the procession, which was given the green light by the police all along the route from the Uni. to Osborne Hall in Gouger Street.

"ASSEMBLY LINE"

The actual initiation was performed in true "assembly-line" fashion, to the great amusement of lookers-on. The freshers passed successively through the following departments: boot polish (black and tan), ammonia, peroxide (for dark hair), hair dye (for blonde hair) and hair clippers (blunt). Methylene blue was also provided for anyone who felt thirsty. The rest of the ceremony is rather hard to describe (here) and I'm afraid you'll have to

nut it out for yourselves. By a slight error of judgment and the weight of about six blokes, a first-year (about third time) Science student, who had paid his money to come along and enjoy the innocent fun, was also put through the initiation mill. We hope to see him again next year.

Everyone present, having been exhausted by their previous efforts, then settled down to the serious business of replenishing the tissues. This was accomplished by means of the odd bite of supper—it was very odd if you could get a bite—washed down by the odd 50 gallons.

A good time was had by all—except the freshers.

The Annual Engineers' Ball was held on the following Saturday, and was voted a great success by all who attended—see elsewhere for further description.

SCIENCE SCABS

The annual tug-of-war was the final tradition of Engineers' week. Last year Science challenged Engineers and won by superior tactics,

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ties and the benefits which students throughout the world would derive from them.

Mr. D. E. Thompson made a forcible attack upon I.U.S. which, he said, was being financed by the Czech Government which was now Communist controlled. It was undesirable for Australian students to participate in I.U.S. so long as its headquarters remained in Prague. The Communists were making use of student apathy to seize control of such organisations as I.U.S. and N.U.A.U.S.

A motion that Mr. Thompson be no longer heard was defeated, and the speaker's time was extended.

Then followed in quick succession a closure motion (defeated), a motion of no-confidence in the chair (defeated) and a motion of adjournment until Friday, April 23 (carried).



"WET" FRESHERS

Friday, May 7

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"... and pity 'tis, 'tis true"

ON DIT this year has been remarkable for its dullness and has resembled Hansard rather than a students' magazine.

There has been a great deal of political discussion, and there will be a lot more, probably. Obviously a section of students feel that the issues involved are important, and equally obviously the majority do not.

This is regrettable. Why are our pages not full of material which interests the mass of students? Where are the issues which are discussed in the Refectory, and heard on every lip?

Where are the songs of Spring?

We should like to know, because, to judge by the volume of stimulating, provocative, amusing and interesting material that is submitted to us, the interests of students in this University are non-existent.

The future leaders of public opinion are saving their strength for the future. What a bright future it should be!

E.U. NEWS

The public meeting on Friday, April 23, was the fifth of the series of addresses on the fundamental truths of our faith as set out in the Apostles' Creed.

Rev. A. Burrow, R.Sc., spoke on that very important and challenging part of our belief.

"He shall come again to judge the quick and the dead."

In explaining this truth he showed us how man knows of God's existence even through the discovery of the laws of Nature laid down by God from the beginning of time to govern matter. In just the same way God made spiritual laws to govern the spirit He gave man, which like the natural laws cannot be denied nor broken.

Death, the punishment for sin, is a spiritual law. Man, therefore, who has sinned, must die as the punishment for breaking—God's law must be fulfilled.

Jesus Christ, however, when He was crucified, died for mankind, paying the penalty for our sins, thus fulfilling this law, that man need not

S.C.M. DIARY

Cathedral Service, May 7

A short devotional service will be held in the Lady Chapel on Tuesday, May 7, at 5.15 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The May Holidays

Keep your first week-end free, i.e., Friday, May 21—Sunday, May 23, and come to the S.C.M. Conference.

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR

Our new Vice-Chancellor, Mr. A. P. Rowe, C.B.E., assumes office on Tuesday next.

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die, but can come to God and be used by God.

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Social Notes

Like the fool I am, I showed these notes to one of my catty friends, to see if anything that had been said would land me in the soup, and she, the hussy, cut all the good bits out. However, here is what is left.

It all started in the Queen's Head, where, with what remained of the Rugby Club we were discussing the Masked Ball, the fitting way to end a term of toil, and with our sluggish veins revitalised, we decided to go to the Engineers' Ball.

It took a little time to arrange floosies with flagons, and it wasn't until 9.30 or so that we made the Refectory, where the pounding of many heavy feet said the Engineers were having a "helluva" good time. And so did we.

Of course, I immediately became the trained social writer, and started memorising frocks, and I saw some crackers. One girl there (no names, no pack drill, I hope) had on one of Moore's specials that looked as if it should have been left in the fire, with what looked like her mother's shoes, and half a fishing net in her hair. She also performed the very creditable performance of walking with both her stern and tummy protruding. Another girl reminded me vividly of my grandfather twirling his moustache and saying of his young days, "Bosoms were bosoms in those days." Maybe you noticed her, too?

A FRESH CRACK

One girl has yet to learn of Science's latest invention, the comb, though I discovered she's not bad at the brush off.

Saw some well-known Art students there—perhaps if I mention their frocks you may know them. One had on a brown fishing net, salvaged from the storm, I should imagine, with a hunk of yellow stuff to help hold her tummy in. And as a matter of fact, she looked lovely!

Another, a fresher last year, had just come from pushing the Barcoo off the sandbank—I presume that's where the sand and grass came from, with a blue and white shapeless sack thing with a ribbon to show a waistline.

There were many lovely girls there, or should I say there were many visitors? However, let me mention a few men in passing. Kevin Magarey was there—can't remember what car, but it was the brand that sports an erect ram on the radiator. Rather appropriate, I thought.

THE MASKED BALL

Ewart Smith, who is helping to organise the Sports Association "Masked Ball" on May 22 (rather a neat plug, eh?) told me in confidence how he climbed in the back of his car and swept his partner into a fiery embrace. Coming up for air ten minutes later he discovered it was the wrong girl. This did not worry him unduly, but he felt most embarrassed to discover it was the wrong car. Now over at St. Mark's they call him "Wrong Car Smith."

Saw Mick Hone there, wearing a nice piece of cloth. Should make a nice suit when it's made up, but I hope he did not leave his horse cold all night. Sixty boys were wearing half an anchor chain from their lapels, which means, I think, that they did not go to Scotch.

The Engineers always make their dance pretty memorable, what with songs, good orchestra and supper, etc., but what made it really interesting to me was finding a size 8 man's black shoe just outside the entrance. All we can do is conjecture, but if its owner reads this column, we're telling him now it will be auctioned, along with Vivien Leigh's Lady Symon cigarette butt and the whiskers Magarey didn't shave off for Sir Laurence, at the Masked Ball, the night after we finish this term (May 22) and if he wants it, best he come.

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PROFESSORS REMINISCE

In a most light-hearted vein, Professors Tew, Jury, Portus and Cornell proceeded to tell a large Arts Association audience about their childhood environment. It was a most pleasant evening, in which the professors slipped out of their gowns and became very amusing and friendly personalities.

To print here their speeches would scarcely be appropriate, but several of the most fantastic cracks put over by an unsmiling Professor of Economics are gems, "I was a very beautiful baby, and my mother was often stopped in the street by acquaintances who asked if they could adopt me. To her subsequent regret she said, 'No.'" "I think I took up Economics because I had a very low blood pressure, and could not be thrilled by anything else." "My fires are only smouldering, like Leigh Creek coal." "At school I broadened my waistline more than my mind, and I was known as Tubby Tew." "I typify the bad mixer, the worst type of immigrant." "I went to the University with a great sympathy for the working class, but hoping I'd never have to join them." "I regarded my father as a drunkard regards a lamp post—as a means of support, not illumination."

Professor Jury told one very interesting story about his childhood that taught him a lot. He pinched his younger sister's icing from her birthday cake, and shared it with his friends, including a little girl. When the theft was discovered, the little girl told on him. The moral, "Never let little girls know what you are plotting."

Professor Jury told us he was taught rowing at Oxford by Canon Girdlestone, the world-famous coach. This, he claimed, had a profound formative effect on him. "It gave me a sincere appreciation of athletics which I would not otherwise have had."

Professor Cornell's talk I was unable to hear, unfortunately, except for the end of a story about sticky toffee. He closed his talk by one of the few remarks uttered in a serious vein, when he observed that "the first beginnings of one's life work are always almost imperceptible, and the reasons frivolous to the extreme."

THE THREE MISS LEAS

The first three speakers had all told jokingly how they were very beautiful children. Professor Portus said, "I know you will find it hard to believe, but I was not a handsome child. In fact, I was a very common looking child." He spoke amusingly on a novel way of playing cricket with a brother, and the formation of a children's rugby club. He laid himself open for student retaliation by telling how fond he was as a child of amateur theatricals, and how he could still remember the words and music of "The Three Miss Leas."

Question time brought a question from Professor Portus to Prof. Jury. Could the Professor tell him, asked Prof. Portus, the author of those lines he had just found in the Deaths column of the newspaper, after "Mrs. ——— mother of five," etc.

"The bugles sounded loud and clear
 The angels all said come,
 The pearly gates they opened wide
 ——— and in walked Mum!"

Professor Jury thought it was an Australian folk song!

The evening's talk ended with Professor Portus singing and playing "The Three Miss Leas" on the piano.

The evening was organised by Jim Forbes, the Arts Association President, and the opportunity was taken to enrol many new members from the crowd who had so enjoyed themselves.

NATIONAL UNION CONGRESS

Will you be at the next Congress in January? The second Congress at Somers this year was acclaimed a great success. In 1949 Congress will probably be held in N.S.W.

Prague Delegate Speaks OFFER TO EX-SERVICEMEN

TOLHURST ON I.U.S.

On his way to Prague to represent Australia on the Council of the International Union of Students, Mr. Ken Tolhurst passed through Adelaide on Friday, April 16. Mr. Tolhurst, who is a former editor of "Farrago" and a member of the Melbourne S.R.C., was elected as delegate to I.U.S. by the N.U.A.U.S. Council at its January meeting in Perth.

Speaking to a small but interested student meeting in the Lady Symon Hall, Mr. Tolhurst outlined the history and activities of I.U.S. The formation of I.U.S. began in November, 1945, just after the end of the war. In 1946 the first Council meeting was led at which Australia was represented by Mr. Albert Arcus whose report on the proceedings was very unfavorable. However, from Mr. John Redrup's report of the 1947 Council meeting, it would appear that many of the initial faults were being overcome. The I.U.S. organisation was divided into six departments, and although it appeared to have taken upon itself too much in its formative period, some of the departments were functioning very successfully.

STUDENT GAMES

The Sports Department had organised both summer and winter European Students' Games in Paris in 1947, and it was proposed that Asiatic and Pacific Students' Games should be held in India and Australia respectively. This department was also seeking a standard free sports afternoon per week in all universities and colleges throughout the world. The Publications Department, although to be commended for "Student News," was not doing enough, and the speaker pointed out that in this sphere he might be able to give personal assistance in view of his past experience in student journalism.

The Travel Department was proving very successful, despite great difficulties. Up to 50 per cent. concessions had been obtained from students on European railways. An agreement had been reached with shipping companies whereby one-way passages might be worked. Student tours of Scandinavia and the Balkans had been conducted at greatly reduced rates. The work of the Health, Social and Economic Department was at present concerned mainly with the collection of statistics upon the basis of which further activities would be planned. The Intellectual Co-operation Department had organised an international exchange of student publications, textbooks and correspondence. The Faculty Bureaux were also a part of this department's functions as was the task of advising UNESCO on student matters. For this purpose, I.U.S. was classified by UNESCO as a 2nd grade consultant on student affairs.

POLITICAL ARGUMENTS

The main arguments which were brought up against I.U.S. were political, but although on a world scale there was a great cleavage, there was no reason why this should be so in a student organisation. Of course, no one could deny that it was impossible to divorce politics completely from student affairs. No doubt such phrases as "anti-imperialism," which were to be found in the constitution, were objectionable to Australian students, but such issues, although purely academic to us, were very real to the students of Europe, South America and the colonial countries. We should be tolerant of such views as many of these students were working under appalling conditions of hunger and bad housing. We owed a duty to these less fortunate students and to condemn them out of hand was extremely unintelligent. The clause relating to "anti-imperialism" had come, not from Eastern Europe as one might expect, but from the Cuban delegate. The cliché "Anti-Fascist" meant lit-

tle to most of us, but much to those students who had suffered under Fascism, not only in Eastern Europe but in the Western countries.

The two worst faults of I.U.S. lay in its somewhat top-heavy organisation and in the constitution which needed a certain amount of revision. But the fact remained that there was an International Union of Students, and Australia should therefore take its place in it in order to press for the things we desired to see in it. Our ability to do this was demonstrated by the success which John Redrup achieved in obtaining an almost complete acceptance of the Australian Memorandum at the 1947 Congress in Prague. It was desirable that Australian students should throw their weight into the maintenance of peace. I.U.S. could lead the voice of students actively to prevent the recurrence of the disaster which ended only two years ago.

THE CRISIS IN PRAGUE

Information regarding the situation in Prague since the crisis has been received by N.U.A.U.S., and would be released officially. Mr. Tolhurst concluded by saying that he was unhappy about the position of I.U.S. with regard to the recent crisis. It was his intention to put forward the views of Australian students in Prague and to oppose any dodging of responsibility by I.U.S. more especially as such might be the tendency in view of the financial assistance which was being provided by the Czechoslovakian Government. Press reports regarding the part students played in the crisis appeared to be erroneous. It was not true that five students were shot; in fact, one was hit by a car and another injured in a scuffle with the police.

In reply to questions, Mr. Tolhurst said that it would be possible to include an "anti-Communist" clause in the constitution, but that so far no complaints against Communism had been received. The N.U.A.U.S. Council was not satisfied with the credentials of the World Federation of Democratic Youth which had been affiliated with I.U.S., on the motion of the U.S.A. He would report to the Council on W.F.D.Y.

The Chairman (Mr. Graham Smith) thanked Mr. Tolhurst for coming along to speak after sitting up on the Express all night, and wished him a happy journey on behalf of the students.

TRIP TO N.Z.

A number of enquiries have been received by the local National Union representative, Graham Smith.

The great difficulty yet to be solved concerns transport. Providing a ship can be found the trip will be one of the main achievements of the N.U.A.U.S. this year.

Further enquiries will be answered in the N.U.A.U.S. office (first floor, George Murray Building) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 1-2 p.m. A list of those wishing to go has been opened.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Lord Derby, the President of the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland:

"The Association believes that the best basis of true and lasting peace is that mutual understanding and knowledge which is acquired through travel. You, to whom this message is addressed, have known Britain in the dark days of war, and it is because the Travel Association feels that many service men and women of the United Nations may desire to maintain their contact and pay return visits to our country in times of peace that the Council has decided to offer you the privileges of Overseas Honorary Membership.

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"3. Be entitled to the available facilities provided at the Association's new headquarters in the heart of London;

"4. Be able, through their membership of this Association, to get in touch with families of people in any area of the British Isles;

"5. Be able generally to receive all the assistance and guidance of a nationally sponsored organisation in connection with their return visits to this country."

Any ex-serviceman who was in England during the war and may be returning, and who wishes to join this Association, can do so by contacting the co-editor of "On Dit,"

No Socialism in Australia

A.L.P. Senator Speaks

"There is no Socialism in Australia," said Senator S. O'Flaherty, addressing the Socialist Club on the subject, "Socialism in Australia," on April 21, in the Lady Symon Hall. The Faculty of Engineering was absent owing to the tug-of-war, and thus this statement was not greeted with the applause which it no doubt merited.

Senator O'Flaherty defined Socialism as a system in which the element of exploitation was completely removed from the means of production, distribution and exchange. Government concerns such as the P.M.G., were not examples of Socialism, but only of nationalisation, because in every case the first charge on their revenue was the payment of interest on borrowed capital. The Municipal Tramways Trust was only nominally owned by the municipalities; the real owners were the bondholders who supplied the original capital.

Nationalised industries were run by the State in the same way as those which were run by private enterprise. Under Socialism there would be no exploitation of the human element, and the workers would have a direct say in the administration of their particular industries. By means of workers' control committees each industry would be run in such a manner as to provide for the workers in that industry all the things which make life worth living.

Education, Not Revolution!

To attain the Labor Party objective of "the socialisation of production, distribution, exchange and industry," it would be necessary to educate the people to a newer and better life. If the people were educated in the true ideology of Soci-

alism there would be no need for revolution. Revolutions in the past had failed because the people were not educated to a new system.

There were great difficulties to be overcome before Socialism could be achieved in Australia. The Constitution was extremely restrictive. State Parliaments were ruled by a landed proprietary representing only one-third of the people. In South Australia 80 per cent. to 90 per cent. of women voters had no Upper House franchise. In metropolitan industrial electorates 20,000 voters selected only one representative while country electorates varied from 4,000 to 7,000 electors.

However, people were now turning away from the papers for their politics. Radio and the actual influence of the Labor Party's reforms were moulding public opinion. This was borne out in recent Federal elections. In reply to a question on the Queensland strike the Senator said that while the Australian Labor Party did not believe in violence, he felt that the affair had been badly handled.

MONEY FOR PHOTOS

Sponsored by the co-editors of "On Dit," and now being organised by Messrs. K. Neighbour, Bannerman and K. Stevens, a photographic competition and exhibition will be held in the 4th week of the second term.

Five pounds is the prize-money, open to any one at the University who has ever taken a decent photo.

At the time of going to press the minimum size of snap had not been fixed, but it has been suggested the competition be divided into three sections. One, an open competition, for any photo whatever, another for any aspect of University life, or building, etc., and the third section reserved for box camera photos only.

The exhibition, it is hoped, will give the many amateur photographers at the University a focal point of endeavor, and help in the creation of a Photographic Club.

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DIRT MONEY FOR FARMERS?

The Editors,
"On Dit,"

Dear Sirs,—I should like to reply to Mr. D. A. Dunstan's article in the last issue of "On Dit." If I understand it correctly, he says that methods of administration of socialised agricultural production are obvious enough. Does Mr. Dunstan realise that in a Socialist State agricultural workers would demand equality with city workers? Milking, harvesting, etc., would have to be paid overtime rates; dirt money would be necessary and inclement weather conditions would stop work even if crops needed immediate attention. If any particular crop failed the State, not the growers, would have to withstand the whole loss. Control would have to be very flexible, as conditions vary greatly even on one holding.

The overtime done voluntarily under a Capitalist system by primary producers and their families would not be done unless an incentive was provided, or a large Gestapo was able to enforce long working hours. But a Gestapo doesn't make willing workers, and even in Russia to get sufficient production it has been found necessary for the peasants on the collective farms to have some land for their own use—the produce being sold on what is virtually a black market, and that is hardly Socialism.

I should be interested to see Mr. Dunstan or even the whole University Socialist Club, running the State's agricultural production.

Yours, etc.,

MISS KATHLEEN MAGAREY.

CHAIR IN GHOST RESEARCH?

The Editors,
"On Dit,"

Dear Sirs,—A recent letter to a daily newspaper proposing the establishment of a chair for ghost research, together with the claim that Britain has led the way in one of her Universities and that our knowledge of 'poltergeist phenomena' is none the less appalling, contains food for thought.

Following the reports that the removal of the Engineering building to an obscure corner of the grounds is nearly completed and that it is only a matter of one (or two or possibly three) years before the Anatomy School migrates across to the other side of Frome Road, the suggestion must restore some hope in the minds of all real students that the so-called University may not always be a diversity of trades schools.

Historically speaking, it is only recently that the University has been degraded into a penny-in-the-slot machine that delivers Engineers, Medicos, Intermediate Science and English teachers and the like for a nominal fee, and so it is important (and comforting) to regard this phase as a passing trend. Nevertheless, we must be on our guard lest these gullible fact-soakers (as opposed to those doing any original thinking) convince themselves that they can justify their existence in this place.

I am, Sirs, yours, etc.,

'HAMSTRING.'

PACIFIC SOCIETY

April 19, 1948.

To the Editors,

Dear Sirs,—As the initial step in the formation of an "International Pacific Society" to be devoted to the promotion of harmony and goodwill among all free peoples in the world, I have contacted internationally-minded people living in Great Britain, U.S.A., Canada, Africa, Malaya, New Zealand, etc.

Amongst replies received so far, are some from University students, and as it is essential, for true understanding, for people of similar type and interests to correspond with each other, we thought that some

students at the Adelaide University may care to avail themselves of this opportunity of broadening their outlook and thereby help to further the interests of peace, so necessary in this potentially explosive period in the world's history.

We ask no subscription fee from correspondents and future members of the "Internationally Pacific Society," merely a genuine interest in the welfare of the human race.

Intending correspondents are asked to write, in the first instance, to the following address:—

KENNETH A. BRUCE,
P.O. Box 9,
Canterbury,
SYDNEY.

RED TIES FOR EUROPE

Sir,—The campaign to give help to overseas students—W.S.R.—commences in this State on May 10. May I suggest to the organisers that they view favorably the idea mentioned in the Readers' Digest, where a newspaper editor said a bright tie was wonderful for morale, and all those with old ties should send them to Europe. A student is noted for his ties, and if we could send a bundle of bright ties, joined end to end and forming a snowball, it would be greatly appreciated I am sure. So let us send in our old but bright ties to the W.S.R. or the secretary of the S.R.C. now, and start this snowball rolling!

Yours,

"ANXIOUS TO HELP."

IS THIS FREEDOM?

Sir,—It is amazing the lack of interest shown by students, for centuries the fiercest defenders of freedom of speech, in the recent savage sentence on Close, author of "Love Me Sailor." The antique censorship laws of Australia contrast most unfavorably with England or France, and make our much vaunted "freedom" the laughing stock of the world. Surely, the principle is our right to read what we want to, not only what someone tells us. It smells of Fascism to me. Yet not a murmur from the students!

Yours,

"LIBERTY."

"PRESSURE GROUPS"

Sir,—Mr. Scott, intoxicated once again by his eloquence, ranted about "pressure groups" at the general meeting.

These pressure groups are seated in Moscow and Rome, according to Mr. Scott.

There is one pressure group which exists in all communities. Its name is unreason, it is found in mobs, of men or sheep, and it is controlled by skilled barkers who can move it as they will. Unreason is swayed by sentiment, abuse of old boogies or just by sheer noise. Anything but reason.

An example is Mr. Scott asking: "Will we run out on these Czech students?" No, of course not, we will go and break bread with their oppressors. Co-operating like anything, we will impose our ideas of democracy upon the unsuspecting Communist delegates of Czechoslovakia and Russia.

Just watch us.

Yours sincerely,

F. B. POWER.

To the Editor,

Sir,—On Friday, April 23, at an S.G.M., several of the last six speakers on the subject of I.U.S., knowing full well that there were no others to follow them and question their arguments, chose to substitute personal abuse and raise the spectre of sectarianism rather than answer the many concrete arguments that had been raised against affiliation with I.U.S.

During this barrage I came in for a liberal endowment of verbal spittle from that charming gentleman, Mr. Jeff Scott, Mr. Scott's protege, and

Mr. Peter Hetzel. As I was denied all right of defence due to the rules of procedure governing these meetings, these brave fellows were in a safe hit-run position.

Mr. Scott ran true to form and shone as usual by abusing those whose arguments he could not answer, and who could not hit back. In so doing he elevated me to a position already occupied by Professor Campbell and Mr. Sam Jacobs, who have been subjected in the past to some particularly nasty abuse at the hands of Mr. Scott.

I am indeed in honored company. Professor Campbell, the Dean of Law and chairman of the Union Council, has a very creditable record of capable administration of student affairs, and giving advice and assistance to students and student societies, all in a strictly honorary capacity. Yet Prof. Campbell and those other gentlemen on the Union Council, who are doing a difficult job with far more level-headed efficiency than any student can muster, are subjected to the screaming vilification of Mr. Scott and those misguided by him. I am sorry to admit that for a while I was one of the latter last year. This disgrace is only in part mitigated by the fact that I made use of Mr. Scott as part of a campaign to inject some life into the student corpse and to arouse the interest of the corpse in other matters than his own burial.

Mr. Sam Jacobs, past president of the Combined Students' Committee, framed the present S.R.C. constitution and made possible the formation of our S.R.C. He worked untiringly and virtually unassisted on behalf of the students. As thanks he is saddled with scarcely flattering misrepresentation by Mr. Scott.

So much to enable us to form an opinion of Mr. Scott.

At the meeting on the 23rd Mr. Scott expectorated the sweeping generalisation that he knew far more about Communism than I did. I wonder whether he meant to accuse himself? However, I am able to observe the results of Communism in practice, and this leads me to question his sincerity when he rants the rabble rousing rhyme of getting into I.U.S. and fighting the Communists. Mr. Scott might be classified as a Left Wing Socialist and the Left Wing Socialists combined to form a popular front with the Communists in Europe!

The mob, as Mr. Scott calls them, are not prone to reason, and so the back street oratory continued.

It is difficult to see what "the Pope in Rome" has to do with I.U.S., but as a tag it has always been a good rabble rouser, so Mr. Scott brandished it in a spate of adjectival abuse.

O tragedy! Mr. Scott finishes; but where are the arguments he has raised? What arguments has he answered? Trouble not, gentle multitude, like the Romans of old he has given you the Circus.

But wait! up pops a strange little anti-body whose anonymity I shall no doubt survive and indulges the gentle whim with a further three minutes of Mr. Scott—abuse without substantial arguments. Such originality.

Without respite we revert to atmosphere, Mr. Peter Hetzel, as usual intimating that I was a liar and as usual advancing no substantial arguments to back his allegations. Knowing Peter, we grow tolerant, but we remind him that merely to call another a liar is no argument.

With due ceremony, Mr. Magarey, President of the S.R.C., arose to speak. As I believe Mr. Magarey to be a gentleman I imagine that he was carried away by his own enthusiasm and the prompting of others when he stooped to raise the old-fashioned sectarian issue. Mr. Magarey stated that he did not know that the delegate we had sent to Prague (that is to say the man whom Mr. Scott said was to fight the Communists) was a man of strong Communist leanings. Mr.

Magarey did not know. In fact, we are constrained to say of Mr. Magarey's arguments that Mr. Magarey just did not know.

Then came a redeeming feature, Mr. Gawne, a sincere arguer, and a man who has done really an incredible amount of good work on the S.R.C.

However, by this time, the mob as Mr. Scott calls them were in no mood to listen and a motion of the gag was applied with Mr. Scott exhorting in the background for its application.

Yours faithfully,

DON THOMPSON.

CLOSE TO THE WIND?

Sirs,—With reference to the feeble rumblings of student opinion on "Love Me Sailor," and its fate, thank God our juries are not yet composed of University students.

Yours,

"EXPECTANT FATHER."

FOR MEN

Sir,—What I'd like to know is, why is the men's lavatory in the George Murray locked at night times when there are meetings in here? Surely this is a matter for the house committee of the George Murray to investigate?

Yours,

"full bottle."

RUGBY—A DISEASE?

To the Editors,

Dear Sirs,—At a recent football practice I happened to have my ear placed close to the ground, and heard, over Ron Hieser's bush telegraph, a murmur about nationalisation. Further careful scrutiny of our newspapers and close attention to the conversation of my fellow students has led me to believe that there may be afoot in this country a tendency towards nationalisation.

As students we must keep abreast of such developments, and I would like to bring before the notice of the sporting world a recommendation that we nationalise rugby. Both for the benefit of the players and the unification of football, let us nationalise this imitation of trench warfare and preserve our national game—Australian Rules—from the cancerous growth of this foreign footoscopy. I wish to support my claim that it is in the best interests of the players with the accompanying documentary evidence, viz., a cutting from "The News," October, 1947:

"London, Sunday.—When the Sunderland rugby 15 played a County Durham team on a ground hardened by the dry summer and autumn, a Sunderland three-quarter suffered concussion and scored two tries which he could not afterwards remember.

"A Sunderland forward received facial injuries from a fall, and several players of both sides were treated for minor wounds.

"A Houghton player broke an arm, and a Sunderland five-eighths carried off with injuries, died in hospital."

Should any rugby man find my suggestion that he play our national game incompatible with his beliefs may I humbly suggest that he follow one of two alternatives. Either enlist in the University Rifles with the view to becoming an instructor in unarmed combat and bayonet fighting, or join an S.C.M. circle and study with me peace on earth and goodwill to men.

I am,

Yours, etc.,

"R.S.G."

INTERSTATE students who would like to read their own University rags can obtain copies of "Pelican," "Honi-Soit," etc., at the "On Dit" office.

STUDENTS CRASH THE MOVIES FAMOUS LAST WORDS

There are six students now walking around telling us all how Vivien Leigh looks at rehearsals, and feeling pretty cocky about acting with the Old Vic in Richard III. Without wishing to detract from their glory, the following story of how several students now at the Adelaide University acted in the film "Caesar and Cleopatra" (starring Vivien Leigh) now showing to suburban audiences in Adelaide, may be of interest.

The story starts in England where the war had just ended, and where many of us were milling around waiting for a ship to come home. While waiting, we were sent on indefinite leave, and naturally enough a few months later we were broke. Faced by two horrible alternatives, go back to camp or work, we chose the lesser evil and worked.

One man I know went up to Scotland and spent three months as a shepherd. Others worked in an East End brewery, for fourteen bob and fourteen pints a day. But the majority of us were taken on by Denham Studios as film extras and acted in all the mob scenes of the G. B. Shaw and Gabriel Pascal film, "Caesar and Cleopatra."

GLAMOR GOES

We went down to Denham one misty August morning. The studios are some twenty-five miles from London, and we had to rise at five forty-five to catch our train. Right away, being in the movies lost a lot of it's glamor!

They were shooting "Caesar and Cleopatra" in a big field a mile or so from Denham's massive, modern studios. We looked in vain for dummy pyramids, sand and the Nile. We learnt later that Gabriel Pascal (or "Gabby" to us all) had sent a photographic team out to Egypt, spending six months shooting photogenic sandhills and camels with sex appeal.

We filed past a big tent where we were given our costume—a pair of sandals and something resembling a girl's white hockey dress with a strap over the shoulder instead of the top part. Covered in triangles and squares, it may have been a delightful dress in a heat wave, but it was a "dead loss" as a suitable costume for an English August, for it kept out none of the cold. A lot more glamor vanished.

Then into another tent where aggressive men slapped a villainous paste on to us, changing us to the color of dirty chocolate, and which later proved almost impossible to wash off. We envied the negroes from the U.S. Merchant Marine who were picking up a few pounds before their ship turned around. However, they missed out on the extra 10/- make-up pay.

The first day we did nothing but wait for the sun to come out. It didn't, so we knocked off at twelve, and collected sixteen shillings for a morning's loaf.

Next day the assistant director, another Australian, with a command of language a bullocky would envy, told us we had to rush down a narrow lane waving our hands and shouting: "Woe is us! The Queen is dead!"

This sounded easy enough, and about 9.30 a.m. we started off. There were about three hundred of us, composed of ten or so regular film extras, a hundred or so Kiwis, and around two hundred Australians. Down the lane we surged and gave it all we had.

"B— terrible!" shouted the director. "Do it again!" Well, we kept going up and down that lane, and after each attempt the director would shout, "Woeful," "Shocking," or "It stinks!" at us. Finally, we had "had it." This time we just mooched back, shouting, "Joe for King, let Bing sing, Hope for Pope," and all the other crazy cries that were catchwords in those days.

"Excellent! Excellent," the director cried out. "That's the stuff we want!"

The next scene was pretty impor-

tant, and Gabriel Pascal himself came down to see how it went. We were very impressed by his ability, and it became obvious his satellites were second-rate compared to him.

The first day was a rehearsal, and out of the three hundred or so of us he picked half a dozen to stand near the camera. Next day he grabbed the same six, remembered their exact positions and stance, and had us all in the same positions. Yet we all found the utmost difficulty in recognising one another, changed as we were by the heavy make-up and strange costume, and only vaguely remembered where we had stood.

FANCY PANTS

All the extras over 6 feet had become Romans, and had been given a very colorful garment. They received extra pay, as they had to march around in step and in formation, and were inclined to be a little cocky. We runts who were mere Egyptians called them "fancy pants," and, of course, we were derisively named "Wogs."

The scene we had been rehearsing was a battle between the Romans and the Egyptians. "Gabby" had all the Kiwi army men near the camera, so there would be some real fighting, while the old Denham regulars were placed in the rear, nearly out of sight. This did not please them, for even after twenty-six years of extra-ing they were still trying to get their faces in front of the camera. However, "Gabby" climbed on to a crane thing, people shouted "Action," and off we went. The Romans started it by shouting, "Come on you Wogs," and instead of the disciplined Romans driving us slowly out of the picture, we fell on them like wolves on the fold. Tripping with our spears, rugby tackles, and all in, it soon became a complete shambles, with half-naked Romans fighting a mob of "Wogs" for their "fancy pants," while a camera blithely churned on! Pascal had screamed out "Stop!" well before, but it never reached the camera-man. Poor "Gabby"! He had been trying to finish the film for two years, fighting against the weather and shortages of every kind. And now these wild Colonials! That's one part of the film I doubt will be shown!

DENHAM DESERTED

The morrow dawned clear and sunny, but Denham was deserted except for a few of the originals and a raving director, while a solid mass of dark blue at Lord's showed where "Wog" and "Roman" had gathered, differences at Denham forgotten in the delight of cheering on Keith Miller skittling the English in the third Services "Test" match!

Back we flocked, however, to earn our £2 a day. The next big scene was Cleopatra's barge on fire. We hung around a week while they rigged up a very convincing fire, and then came a mass scene.

We were divided into four columns leading to the barge—two with canvas bags full of water, and the other two passing the empty ones back.

The fire started on the barge and the water-bags started moving. I think an air-gunner caused the mess-up—air-gunners are notoriously wild. Instead of throwing his bucket of water on the fire, he threw it over the next bloke, who, naturally enough, reciprocated, and in a minute there was a ding-dong water fight!

"Gabby" rushed on to the set to stop it, and he was immediately drenched. His native tongue sounded most impressive!

But eventually the burning barge scene was shot, and others. We were continually on the look-out for an attractive girl extra, but soon gave up hope. They were all "girls" from Piccadilly Circus, down on their day off, and in the daylight looked terrible. Thus was shattered another fond illusion!

Some of the boys stayed at Denham until December, six months or so, and worked in a George Formby film and others, but after several weeks of getting up at five forty-five,

Contrary to good resolution No. 3149, I find myself exercising my right of reply to Mr. Dunstan's commentary ("On Dit," 19/4/48) on my words against Socialism. Mr. Dunstan suggests that at some points I was talking nonsense. That is probably true of both of us, and I feel a tinge of regret that Mr. Dunstan's nonsense shows a shade more crudition than mine. "It always gratifies curiosity to have a sentiment," says Dr. Johnson, and some of my sentiments were traced to Pareto. I have not taken Pareto neat, and I am unaware whether a devotion to Pareto or to the trend of facts influenced Burnham and Hollis. I understand that Pareto renounced Marx in theory to become one of the spiritual fathers of Fascism; I trust that the tracing of my views to that source is not an erudite circumlocution for Fascist. I suppose it could not be conceded that any shred of the truth could come from unsanctified, from apostate hands.

ABLE REFUTATION

I was accused of saying that "people always depart from standards of public morality where it is in their personal interest to do so." That view which I did not express (I explicitly admitted exceptional service to all sorts of causes) was ably refuted by Mr. Dunstan by quoting some of the exceptions which I would readily admit—service of a church, a school, or even a community water supply. I don't believe that altruism is non-existent; only that a social form which requires an unprecedented quantity of it is precariously founded. Such a form draws large cheques on a hypothetical bank account, for the existence of which there is little evidence. Furthermore, service of institutions intermediary between the State and the individual, is a good deal easier than service of the State, which is too large and remote to compel loyalty in other than crisis situations.

Through Mr. Dunstan, the social anthropologist, Dr. Ruth Benedict, reproaches me—I do "not reckon with cultural conditioning." That is indeed a danger. But it seems to me at least an even bet that cultural conditioning will make men worse, less willing to co-operate with the community. I believe there is a fixed element in human nature, with a certain range of accidental change, and I have enough evidence for that to resist a whole conference of social anthropologists. I also can resist Mr. Herbert Morrison, who must rank fairly low as a political philosopher, calling for free planning, as he understands it. I believe in planning and in freedom, but I would suggest that the planning should be in the hands of representative institutions between the State and the individual, and that the retaining of "mine and thine" is essential to the freedom of individuals and of groups.

COAL

I was asked whether I could deny that the English coalminers were behaving with exemplary devotion, in

and having earned enough to make a good splash, we packed it in and went down to the surf and sun in Cornwall. But that is another story.

—KEN TREGONNING.

England's pressing need for coal. My own instance had refuted me. Actually, the following day, Sir Charles Reid, the production director of the British National Coal Board, expressed grave doubts: "It is deplorable that after we have nationalised the industry, disputes are still piling up week after week and the output per man has not risen." It seems that Mr. Dunstan has overestimated what Mayo would call "the spontaneous co-operation with the community" on the part of the miners.

I admit that the suggestion that teachers strive to produce carbon copies of themselves was an unfortunate remark. It was a part of a quotation which I rather uncritically inserted in the middle of an argument. Speaking as one who has got, to some extent, mixed up with teaching, I repudiate the remark. But it does not invalidate the general argument that education (UNESCO style) is not likely to produce the sort of man which socialism demands in order that socialist society be tolerable.

I shocked Mr. Dunstan by talking of the "dependence" of men to the State. In practice, authority in the State is noted in some men. That those men can abuse their trust and govern tyrannically is not a chimerical notion—it has been verified repeatedly in history, and when I use the word "dependant," I mean someone who is bound hand and foot in a State, without redress, under the power of rulers who nominally rule in his name. Furthermore, I spent a good deal of time in my earlier years in desultory exploration of the limitations and ramifications, aesthetic, religious and philosophic, of "atomistic individualism." I don't like it. I'm sorry if Mr. Dunstan carried away the impression that I was defending it.

TIME MARCHES ON

Mr. Dunstan suggested that the socialism I attacked was 50 years behind the times. That may be so, but I tried to define socialism in terms still current. Can it be that Mr. Dunstan is 50 years ahead of the times, with a small band of chosen spirits?

Whether Mr. Dunstan's brave new world is coming or not, is a matter for hopeful conjecture. Whether Mr. Dunstan will see it or not is even more dubious. I feel there may be a deflection somewhere en route, and Mr. Dunstan may be liquidated as an "anti-social" wrecker, because his ideas are too pure for a rough world. Not of course by me: I will be liquidated earlier for even more democratic and "anti-social" ideas. But I will have the laugh on Mr. Dunstan as we contemplate the shape of things from Elysian fields. Because I will have resisted the process which will lead to my dissolution. But Mr. Dunstan will have exerted minor dispositive causality to the rise to power of purposive gunmen, who will take over the revolution where the mild and the academic leave off. (I really hope that Mr. Dunstan believes in a hereafter, otherwise he will have to make the best of a coldly comforting world.) *Mihi mori lucrum*, so what does it matter, anyway. St. Paul added: "et vivere Christus." That, my friends, and my friendly enemies, is the only answer.

—J. E. BOURKE.

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SYMPOSIUM ON RICHARD III

Richard III rather impressed Adelaide as a whole; it must have impressed our Adelaide University Theatre Guild, too, for on Wednesday, April 23, it gathered its members into the fold, and held a post mortem on the show. The dissectors were Prof. Jury and Mr. Piper who tackled the play from the literary angle, and Mr. Colin Ballantyne and Mr. Frank Johnston who examined it from the producer's or technician's point of view.

PROF. JURY

Prof. Jury spoke first. He could find little to criticise in the play at all, and had been delighted to find that Olivier's interpretation of Richard's character had been just as he had always imagined it should have been. If anything, he would have liked to have seen more emphasis placed upon rhetoric and one can understand that the lines and their poetry would mean much more than the action to a Professor of English Literature.

MR. BALLANTYNE

Mr. Ballantyne had some criticism to make of the cutting of the play. He thought that the elimination of some lines had strengthened Richard's character at the expense of the rest of the cast, and in consequence, Richard's achievement in gaining the throne appeared less of a feat than if the characters of his opponents had been a little stronger. However, Mr. Ballantyne must realise just how difficult it is to cut Shakespeare—he has tried. He has some criticism, too, of the set and lighting. He felt that the elaborate lighting script was not used to maximum effect and to a large extent aimed to make the audience think that the set was good. Mr. Ballantyne was just remarking that he thought the performers were underproduced, that the verse was not awfully good, and that he thought "Olivier had more than he could handle," when Dr. McLaughlin who was "chairing" the meeting, rang his little silver bell which told that Mr. Ballantyne's time was up.

MR. PIPER

Mr. Piper now took the floor, and straightway said that he approved of the settings; he thought that they backed up the artistic setting and that, after all, was the only function they should rightly perform. He thought the cutting had lessened the subtlety of the play as a whole, and agreed with Mr. Ballantyne that it tended to build up Richard's character. He did say, however, that it was done intelligently and that in his opinion it had been cut to make it intelligible to an audience unused to seeing Shakespearean plays. Mr.

Piper made the point that the action of the play had in no way interfered with the verse and told how, during Clarence's scene in prison with murderers, he had closed his eyes and found that the verse came through quite clearly and effectively even when the action had reached its peak. He ended by noticing how perfectly the humor and "sinisterness" of Richard's character was brought out.

MR. JOHNSTON

Mr. Johnston had obviously been very impressed by the play, and was inclined to be a little emotional about the whole thing. He was heard to say something about "... the spirit of the Old Vic..."—had Olivier been there one could quite well imagine him saying, "give him a whisky-and-soda." He was inclined to disagree with Mr. Ballantyne about the lighting, and thought that in a large measure it had revealed the thought process and character of the actors. He said, too, that he did not fully approve of the attempt at pageantry, and would have preferred a more "rugged" performance. He had no criticism to make of Olivier's performance of Richard.

DR. EUGENE McLAUGHLIN

Dr. McLaughlin now threw discussion open to the meeting, and invited all to participate and give their opinions whether they be informed or otherwise. Three minutes was allotted to each speaker. Some interesting discussion ensued. After those of "informed opinion" had finished discussion, Dr. McLaughlin rose to make his contribution which in the main seemed to consist of such remarks as, "it was very like a ballet at times" and, "John Barrymore's Hamlet, although it has been praised by competent critics, I thought was absolutely dreadful." This sort of thing went on for nearer 10 minutes than 3, and one couldn't help wishing that someone else had been in charge of that little silver bell. It is interesting to speculate what line Dr. McLaughlin's remarks would have taken had Sir Laurence Olivier been in the audience.

IS ONE RELIGION AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

"There are two inescapable facts, even in modern life—the existence of Religion and intense interest in Religion," said Fr. Lewis, O.P., in opening his talk on "Is One Religion As Good As Another?" on April 22. The idea that anything goes in Religion is based either on an ambiguous use of terminology or on the materialistic subjectivism characterising modern thought. Fr. Lewis insisted that his talk was confined to religious indifference as a philosophical concept and principle of moral or ethical conduct. For the purposes of the talk certain statements might appear to be assumptions. The elucidation and proof of these statements could only be achieved by other talks and from no part of the purpose of the present one.

The etymological derivation of the word shows that Religion is something between God and man. Cicero gives a fairly accurate definition when he says, "Religion is a virtue inducing reverence for and worship of some higher nature which (men) call divine." Here we see the ambiguity in terminology on the part of people who say one religion is as good as another. For the most part such people are discussing, not Religion, but the codes of religious beliefs and practices which exist in the world. More accurately still, St.

Thomas Aquinas shows that the reverence and worship of God is based on reason's recognition of God as the Maker of man. Therefore, if Religion exists at all it must be the same in all men—the determination to render their Maker due reverence and worship.

In regard to religious beliefs and practices, Fr. Lewis pointed out that these were concomitant with or consequences of Religion. He further pointed out that there is only one criterion by which these may be judged—the Divine sanction. God has the right not merely to worship from man, but to determine the manner in which He is to be worshipped. Man's duty is threefold—to discover if God has expressed His Will in the matter; to try to discover what that Will is; to accept God's ordinations.

Miracles, Fr. Lewis pointed out in answer to a question, are the sign-manual of the Divine sanction. The possibility of miracles and our capacity for recognising them would be a matter for further discussion. In answer to another question, Fr. Lewis pointed out that to most subjectivists, Religion is not really accepted because it is only a phase, in defect of knowledge, which will ultimately give way to philosophy and love.

CLERIC DENOUNCES UNI. ELOQUENT ATTACK

"This academic institution, like other universities, owes its distinction to its capacity for turning out large numbers of 50 to 55 percenters. That is what it does. That is what it has been doing since its inception." So said the Rev. Frank Hambly, M.A., B.D., in an address to the S.C.M. in the Lady Symon Hall on April 1.

Speaking on the subject, "Christianity—Hope or Dope?" Rev. Hambly went on to say that one of the tritest aphorisms to be heard these days was: "What the world needs is Jesus Christ." It was without doubt true, but it was usually uttered in a cloud of ignorance as to what Christianity really was and what it had to give the world.

The teachings of Christ did not make Him a distinctive historical fact for they were to be found in other religions and philosophies. It was not the novelty of these teachings which aroused hostility to Jesus, nor did they contain the essence of Christianity, because Christianity is not a mere rule of life or code of ethics. On the other hand the heart of Christianity was not to be found,

as many have asserted, in the supernatural. The Gospels did not make extraordinary events of the miracles but rather laid emphasis on the question, "Who is this?" The singular circumstances surrounding the beginning and ending of the life of Jesus, although of great importance, were not the essence of His religion.

The "dope" regarding Christianity lay in the way Jesus spoke His message. He spoke as one who had power. Power was the keynote of the people's reaction to Him. The power was there to carry out His teachings. The point at issue was, "Can the teachings of Christ be carried out?" The world's answer was "No," but He changed men and gave them the power to do those things which they desired to do. This was the heart of Christianity, and if it was true it was a revolutionary hope, but if it was untrue then it was dope. The only way to prove its truth was to put it to the test, but to prove it trustworthy it must be trusted. As G. K. Chesterton said, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried."

UNI. SLATED AGAIN THE MATERIALIST CHALLENGE

"We are all uneducated because we have all been to a University," declared the Rev. Frank Hambly, M.A., B.D., at his second address to the S.C.M. on the subject of "The Materialist Challenge To-day."

Rev. Hambly said that the challenge of Materialism to-day was not that of an outmoded 19th century philosophy, but rather of something of a very popular character which people really thought they understood. As such, it was shallow and dangerous. The basis of this Materialism was that the things which really mattered were material, and that things which were invisible and incapable of measurement were not real things germane to human living. Food, clothing and shelter were obviously very necessary and important, but Materialism taught that ideals such as courage and sacrifice were manufactured to trap the unwary and to lead astray the innocent. This was in its lowest levels, but in higher levels the materialist idea that the pursuit of things ma-

terial was the supreme purpose of life was to be seen in the sciences of psychology, economics and politics.

Christianity was a faith which was desperately anxious to express itself in terms of man's material environment. The Materialist challenge lay in the realm of the priority which was to be given to the spiritual or the material. The question was whether idealism was merely to serve the end of material security and decent living conditions or whether Christianity was right in seeking to find the spiritual end of life through material means.

Materialism admitted of only one way out, and unless this way was taken the world was damned. It confronted one with no possibility of change, and because no change was possible it found it necessary to advocate a policy of liquidation. Christianity, on the other hand, believed that man was free and could change.

ENGINEERS' WEEK

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which consisted of having more than the allotted number on their end of the rope. As a result, the Science team and their organiser received a ducking for their pains.

This year the boot was on the other foot, but Science declined to accept the challenge, and at the last moment, Med. provided the opposition.

As a preliminary, several freshers who unfortunately (for them) had not turned up at the previous initiation were daubed with cold water, tar, and summarily chucked into the Torrens by some of the freshers already initiated.

One concrete result of this is expected to be an almost 100 per cent. attendance at next year's initiation.

ENGINEERS WEAK?

Soon after 1.30 p.m. the Med. team of 11—dressed formally in natty trunks—rolled up and won the toss for bank position, picking south side. The Engineers—dressed informally in chatty shorts—then took up position on the opposite bank.

The contest was brief, and the defeated Meds. soon found themselves swimming towards the north bank, where a general melee ensued, during which everyone received a dip in the murky Torrens water.

BIG I.U.S. MAJORITY

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I.U.S. spent most of its time on political issues.

TEARS FOR TOOLS

Mr. Jeff Scott proceeded to weep for the student body which had become a p'aying of pressure groups. He saw no reason why students should be shoved around by the Kremlin or the Pope of Rome. Mr. Thompson did not like Marxism; he preferred another form of intellectual tyranny.

Mr. Thompson: "On a point of order, Mr. Scott is not permitted to make personal insults."

Chairman: "Mr. Scott is criticising your opinions, Mr. Thompson."

Mr. Scott continued, and said that Communism could never be stemmed by running away from it. Those who believed in freedom should stay in I.U.S. and fight for that principle.

Mr. Hetzel said that Mr. Thompson had supported sending John Redrup to Prague and that the I.U.S. constitution limited any political action to affairs directly concerning students.

Mr. Thompson: "I did not vote at that meeting."

After Mr. Greer, Mr. Magarey and Mr. Lower had also spoken and Mr. Gawne had replied, the motion was put and carried after a division by 120 votes to 29.

RUGBY STARTS WITH WIN

After a most rugged and vigorous battle, our untried and relatively inexperienced team won the opening match of the season, downing West Torrens 9-5. However, a lot of hard training lies ahead before the fifteen learn to play as a team.

In this match any similarity to rugby was purely coincidental. W. Torrens played with an enthusiastic ruggedness coupled with a gay forgetfulness of the rules that gave us many free kicks, yet which gave the backs little room for movement.

We scored first, having lost the toss, a rather messy movement in which their ineffectual defence was more useful to us than any of our forwards. Botham touched down, and characteristically we failed to convert.

The forwards were hooking quite well, but the W. Torrens backs caught our back line standing still, and the only alternative was to kick over their heads, not a pretty move, but necessary. The defensive tackling of the forwards was rather weak, an ominous sign considering the hard season ahead. Kneebone and Knock did well in the line-outs, however, and we held our own until half-time.

The sun went into a cloud shortly after—he had evidently seen enough. W. Torrens promptly scored a try right in the corner, due to the blunderings of Tregonning, and converted it with a lusty boot. This gave them new heart, and they proceeded to blacken Hone's eye and dodge Kneebone's left hook. A long period of defensive work in our 25, with no-one seizing the initiative to get us out, until a long boot by Sandover pulled us up the field.

Once down the other end of the field we scored 6 points from penalty kicks, and staggered off the eventual winners. But it was a pretty pathetic exhibition from most of the players, I should say passen-

g.ers. There were some best players, though, to wit, Botham, Burton, Kneebone and Sandover.

St. Mark's Win

The St. Mark's team, led by its newly-elected captain, Jim Haynes, and vice-captain, Callaghan, won its first match of the season, mainly by laying out the other side. Included in the team seem to be some who are still fond of their old game, be it Australian rules, soccer or tennis. However, they all came in handy. The team has a fine devil-may-care, happy-go-lucky spirit about them which embodies all that is finest in Rugby Union, and should go far.

Scores: St. Mark's 12, Old Collegians 3.

Best players: P. Wong, J. Haynes, Callaghan, Clarke and MacCleay.

University B Lose

The University B team played while I was changing, so I'm unable to say much about it, except from what I saw I'd say the pack looked most efficient, and it was a pity they lost. Speed Merity shot through from fullback to score a try, the first time on record he has been seen to run more than ten yards. Johnson and Martin were aggressive while I was watching. Griffin, as usual, was most reliable. Nunn spent most of his time looking for a left ear. Also on the field were Dougherty and Foehn.

Scores: W. Torrens 8, University B 3.

FOOTBALL

UNIVERSITY v. PAYNEHAM

A familiar sound of hammering in the pavilion, where boots and sprigs were being belted into shape, ushered in this year's season of football. One was minded of

"The armourers accomplishing the knights,
With busy hammers closing rivets up,
Give dreadful note of preparation."

Of course there had been the also familiar smell of sweaty togs and steamy air for the past few weeks of training, but these had been merely in the nature of preliminaries. Saturday's match was again the real McCoy, new and yet familiar. There had been talk of "settling old scores" as the day drew near, training had been hard and keen, and the team's selection had been watched with great interest. Small wonder, then, that in very truth, sat expectation in the air.

Baseball Game

The teams took the field after a gibbering and inconsequential baseball game had finished. Civilians, baseball gear and supporters were then weeded successfully from the melee, and play began in earnest. At one stage the oval and hockey ground gave the appearance of a wonderful disorder, with clowns of all colors racing hither and thither, intent only on some serious physical exercise.

The first quarter's play was fairly even, both teams being of approximately equal pace and ability. There was little system evident in either side due no doubt to the settling down process. 'Varsity's shooting for goal was quick and sure at first, but palled later for want of opportunity, as play degenerated into a scramble for most of the latter half of the quarter. At its close, 'Var-

sity had a slight lead, the score being something like 5-3 to 3-4.

Steady Flow

Relentless work by our half-back and centre lines gave the forwards any amount of opportunities in the second quarter, and the forwards in turn were not unintelligent in their dealings with the ball. The result was that a steady flow of goals came our way and at the quarter's end we held a seven-goal lead. Payneham gave the appearance of beginning to wilt.

The third quarter, like the first, was rather more unscientific and inconsequential than anything else. It was lifted momentarily from the level of the commonplace, by a few instances of physical antagonism, caused mainly by Payneham's visible chagrin at its now impending defeat. Tregonning's effective tackling threatened to rout the opposition. In the last quarter Payneham were overwhelmed and at the end the score stood 23-23 to 11-8. The captains and kings departed from the scene of the debacle in semi-darkness.

Generally, the 'Varsity team gave signs of a powerful combination in the making. Most of the newcomers won their spurs, and the old stagers, for the most part, showed that only a little practice would be needed to produce the skill of yore. When system comes the 'Varsity XVIII will be a difficult proposition for rival teams; on whose heads be it—they can't say they haven't been warned. Come, readers, and see next week's massacre at Woodville.

Best players: Michelmore, Davies, Dowding, Holmes, Brebner, Butterworth.

—K.T.O'L.

CONCESSION CONFLICT

The following correspondence has taken place regarding interstate rail concessions for University students:

THE QUESTION . . .

December 23, 1947.

Commission of Railways,
Adelaide.

Dear Mr. Chapman,

On behalf of the students at the Adelaide University, I wish to place a request before you for concession fares to University students travelling interstate during vacation.

Lack of sufficient finances has meant that it is impossible for many students to attend the National Union Congress this year. Most University students are obliged to rely on their parents for finances so, in many cases, they are unable to afford interstate travel unless concession fares are available.

I understand that Queensland, N.S.W., Victoria, Tasmania and the Commonwealth Railways have already extended this privilege. South Australian students cannot even benefit from the concession rates when travelling from Victoria to New South Wales (e.g., 60 attending S.C.M. Conference) as those States will not extend the concession to us if it is not reciprocated.

University students are peculiarly placed with regard to income, and as interstate travel and contact with students from other Universities has

a high educational value, I hope you will be able to grant concession fares to University students.

G. F. SMITH,
President, S.R.C.,
Adelaide University.

. . . AND THE ANSWER

Office of Railways Commissioner,
January 7, 1948.

Mr. Graham F. Smith,
President,
Students' Representative
Council,
Adelaide University.

Dear Sir,

Adverting to your letter of the 23rd ult., requesting that concession fares be granted to University students travelling interstate, I am directed by the Railways Commissioner to inform you that, whilst it is true that fares in this State have not been altered since 1927, whereas wage rates and prices of fuels and material have greatly increased our operating costs, and, under the circumstances, the Commissioner regrets that he cannot agree to any restoration of concession fares at this juncture so far as this State is concerned.

Yours faithfully,
P. F. CHERRY,
Secretary.

TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

Most of our worries are caused by pleading females and domineering secretaries and those with axes to grind bringing matter along to go in this week's "On Dit" on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please bring your contributions in by Tuesday at the latest — (Sports Secretaries, please note).

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BASEBALL

On Saturday, March 17, at practice match was played against Kensington. Both sides tried out both "new players" and "old players in new positions." The University infield played very well together and this, combined with good batting and bunting, gave University a 12 to 0 victory.

As a result of this match, the following A team was picked to play against Glenelg on March 24: L. Smart (pitcher), D. Biddell (catcher), D. Othams (1st base), B. Quintrell (2nd base), W. Fuller (3rd base), R. Davis (shortstop), and M. Page, P. Brokensha and T. Turner (outfielders). M. Page was elected captain.

University started well with 1 run in the first innings, but after this the team did not play as well as they did on the previous Saturday, and Glenelg soon took the lead, 3 to 2. In the 8th innings, however, a three-bagger by P. Brokensha scored the equalising run, and so the game finished up as a three-all draw. One of the features of this game was the batting of T. Turner who, in 5 times at bat, got 3 safe hits. Other safe-hitters were M. Page, B. Quintrell, P. Brokensha, L. Smart, W. Fuller and D. Biddell, each with 1 hit.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The "A" team played its first match on Tuesday, April 27, against Mellor Park. The usual strain of first game was apparent early, but the team settled down later, and finished on to gain a meritorious victory.

We defeated Mellor Park twice last year in comparatively easy fashion, but the opposition was much stiffer this time. Our team has improved, and so has theirs. Consequently, with the scores reading 22-20 in favor of Mellor, Irv. Marcus had considerable cause to worry at the half-time spell. Mellor further increased their lead in the second half, and things were looking poor. Some amazing goals from Marcus pushed us to the lead, but Mellor came again and the advantage see-sawed from one side to the other. With minutes to go, it was anyone's game, but Mellor became over-anxious and fouled our chaps time and again. O'Grady repelled the Mellor onslaughts, and Marcus broke through again to add more points for 'Varsity. The team produced some real system at times, and with the ice broken it should find the water much easier to swim in.

Final scores: University "A," 46, d. Mellor Park, 40.

SEVERN SHOOT

The Rifle Club held a competition on Saturday, 24/4/48. Conditions were good, but the new 7 1/2 inch bulls-eye at 300 yards caused some difficulty. G. Harry was top-scorer for the day.

	Scores		
G. Harry	37	36	73
M. Kempe	35	36	71
G. Danks	32	38	70
C. O. Fuller	34	36	70
J. Michael	37	33	70
R. Broughton	35	34	69
K. Milne	32	32	64

PUBLIC LECTURES

IN THE BONYTHON HALL

Friday, May 7—Professor Griffith Taylor, Professor of Geography in the University of Toronto and Visiting Professor to the Australian National University. Subject: National Building—Australia and Canada.

Monday, May 17—Dr. C. E. W. Bean, Official Historian of Australia for the 1914-18 War. Subject: Education for Freedom.

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FIVE RECORDS GO AT ATHLETIC SPORTS

By mutual agreement between Jupiter Pluvius, Old Sol, and the gods on high Mount Olympus, the Adelaide University sports were run in near perfect weather on near perfect grounds.

CUP TO HARBISON

John Harbison is to be congratulated on winning the cup from strong opposition. He piled up an aggregate score of 19 points, defeating the "unlucky champ," P. Brokensha, who failed by but one, scoring 18 points. Third was J. Probert with 13 points.

The record book will now need to be appended in five places. In the javelin throw D. Barker was outstanding, for after a period of indifferent training, he hurled the spear 156 ft. 4 ins. to eclipse the 1941 record, held by P. B. Wells, of 133 ft. 6 ins. J. Probert broke J. Stevens' broad jump record of 22 ft. 3 ins. Probert cleared 22 ft. 3½ ins. in a magnificent leap. The cup winner, J. Harbison, also broke his own record in the pole vault by 2½ ins. He leaped 11 ft. 4 ins. He won the high jump, 120 yards high hurdles, was second in the javelin throw and third in the discus throw, proving his all-round ability in field games. Tony Jose broke his own record in the hop, step and jump by 1½ ins, his figures now being 45 ft. 11½ ins. To end this impressive list is Dawson Copley, who, in the 440 yards hurdles broke M. W. Elliot's 1941 record by 3.5 second as the watchers ticked to 57.2 seconds.

The club extends its thanks to Mrs. Selth, who very gracefully presented the prizes to successful competitors, and is also indebted to the S.A.A.A.A. for their patronage.

Official Results

Championships.—100 Yds.: 1 H. Hillier, 2 W. Proudman, 3 J. Copley; time, 10.5 secs. 220 Yds.: 1 P. Brokensha, 2 W. Proudman, 3 P. Lea; 23.2 secs. 440 Yds.: 1 W. Proudman, 2 P. Brokensha, 3 D. Fuller; 54.6 secs. 880 Yds.: 1 D. Selth, 2 C. Dinham, 3 P. Brokensha; 2 mins. 9.3 secs. 1 Mile: 1 J. Hawke, 2 K.

Stevens, 3 P. Messent; 4 mins. 49.1 secs. 120 Yds. Hurdles: 1 J. Harbison, 2 J. Lawrence, 3 D. Fox; 16.5 secs. 440 Yds. Hurdles: 1 J. D. Copley, 2 B. Brooks, 3 J. Lawrence; 57.2 secs. (record). High Jump: 1 J. Harbison (5 ft. 8 ins.), 2 P. Brokensha (5 ft. 7½ ins.), 3 B. Michelmore (5 ft. 6½ ins.). Broad Jump: 1, J. Probert (22 ft. 3½ ins.), 2 P. Brokensha (21 ft. 6½ ins.), 3 A. D. Jose (20 ft. 8½ ins.); record. Hop, Step and Jump: 1 A. Jose (45 ft. 11½ ins., record), 2 J. Probert (45 ft. 8½ ins.), 3 D. Fuller (39 ft. 4 ins.). Pole Vault: 1 J. Harbison (11 ft. 4 ins.), 2 D. Fox; record. Shot Putt: 1 D. Trudinger (32 ft. 6½ ins.), 2 M. Wiseman (32 ft. 1½ ins.), 3 D. Barker (31 ft. 9½ ins.). Discus Throw: 1 J. Probert (97 ft. 3½ ins.), 2 P. Brokensha (88 ft. 7½ ins.), 3 J. Harbison (87 ft. 6½ ins.). Freshers' 100

Yds.: 1 W. Pak Poy, 2 J. Lawrence, 3 D. Fuller; 10.9 secs. Javelin Throw: 1 D. Barker (156 ft. 4 ins., record), 2 J. Harbison (136 ft. 11 ins.), 3 C. Dinham (129 ft. 6 ins.).

Handicaps.—100 Yds.: 1 J. McNally, 2 P. Rea, 3 P. Alsop; time, 10.5 secs. 220 Yds.: 1 M. Wiseman, 2 R. Nankivell, 3 J. McNally; 23.1 secs. 440 Yds.: 1 V. Heinze, 2 D. Penny, 3 R. Walker; 2 mins. 1 4-5 secs. 1 Mile Run: 1 V. Heinze, 2 J. West, 3 K. Wilkinson; 4 mins 43 4-5 secs. Ex-servicemen's 100 yds.: 1 B. Coulls, 2 D. Kirby, 3 B. Stanton; 10.2 secs. Broad Jump: 1 M. Wiseman (19 ft. 9½ ins.), 2 R. Quintrell (18 ft. 11½ ins.), 3 B. Michelmore (18 ft. 11½ ins.).

Inter-Faculty Relay: 1st, Science, Coulls (440), Lea (220), Cooper (110), Probert (110); 2nd, Arts, Selth (440), Opie (220), Grant (110), Evans (110); 3rd, Engineering, K. Stevens (440), Hillier (220), Brokensha (110), Copley (110); time, 1 min. 42 secs.

—J. A. LEA (Asst. Aths. Ed.).

Sports Association Sells Capital

Faced with applications for grants from the 20 clubs, totalling over £1,800, and the need to lay out around £1,000 on the new oval at Waite Park, the Finance Committee of the Sports Association, comprising the Chairman (Mr. Fuller), the Secretary (Mr. Hamilton), the Treasurer (Mr. Miller), and two students, M. R. Hone and K. G. Tregomming, reluctantly decided that it would have to sell some of its capital.

This unprecedented step was not decided until 11 p.m., the committee having been in action since 5 p.m. With the Union grant not expected to exceed £2,200, and the new University ground at the Waite needing £1,000, the club grants were meticulously scrutinised, item by item. To be on the safe side, over £600 had to be eliminated.

Inter-varsity expenses were refused. To allow this to one club would establish such a precedent that other clubs could claim it with equal right, and the expense would be astronomical. But after all grants had been examined several times, the total sum was still in the vicinity of £1,400, or £200 more of what

could be allowed. So the decision to sell some of the Sports Association capital was taken.

Registration Fees Main Grant

Most of the money paid to the clubs will be for registration fees, etc. The Amateur Football League, for example, charge £35 for each team. We have three. It was worked out by the Treasurer that the Sports Association pays over £5 per football player. The cheapest club is rugby, with enrolment fees, etc., making it just over £2 per head. This, of course, includes all money spent on grounds, pavilion, etc., over £1,000 a year.

It is hoped that this brief summary of Sports Association finances may enlighten a few who—like one N.U.A.U.S. member who said the Sports Association had £2,000 surplus—think the Sports Association gives the various clubs a pretty raw deal. The Sports Association finances are closely watched, and most carefully administered by students and staff with but one concern, the advancement of sport in this University, and there is a degree of earnestness and a sense of obligation in its administration sadly lacking in other student bodies.

Kleeman and Brock. Yin, at right half-back, showed good form, but should develop more power in his stickwork. Wittenoom and Cleland defended effectively, but the latter should concentrate on orthodox hitting and not waste his passes with inaccurate back-sticks.

For the white shirts, Thompson tried very hard, and got some support from Collins and Richards, but they found Phillips hard to pass.

Saunders and Pillary batted well in the half-back line, but the latter shouldn't let his enthusiasm run him out of position.

Masud Quoted

On the whole, the players showed good form, but must keep up the practices and take any and every chance to get coaching from the more senior players.

You will get lots of clues by watching an A grade player who plays in your position. As M. N. Masud, the vice-captain of the All India team, says in his book, "I do not profess myself to be a master or expert at the game. I am still a student of it, and try to improve with every practice and by watching other players."

This chap played in Dyand Chand's team, who is recognised as the best hockey player in the world, so if Masud could improve by watching others, surely you can!

HARD-UP?

The Football Club wants boundary and goal umpires, 10/- per Saturday afternoon. Impeccuous students should see M. Brebner, their Secretary, if they want this cushy job.

Random Harvest

Footballers may rejoice, for work will shortly commence on the new oval for the University on land at the Waite Park. Eventually there will be a football and cricket oval, "the prettiest in the State," according to its designer, a hockey field, and a rugger field, all on different levels. The football field will be planted first, and should be ready for the 1949 season. So don't winge about not getting your Inter-varsity fare paid, it is being spent here.

How to fall on one's feet, could be the moral derived from the exploits of George Nunn, Westralian rugby player. Last March he set off from Perth not having a single clue as to where he was going to stay when he hit this fair city, and crying bitterly at the thought of leaving his lovely "sharpie" behind. He could see it lying lonely and forgotten by the Swan, and he must talk about it. His travelling companion turned out to be one of the S.A. sharpie skippers who had been competing, rather successfully, I'm afraid, in the Australian Championships. Succumbing to George's charm, he offered him board and lodging, plus a berth in his crew. He now reckons he knows all the clues on S.A. sharpie conditions, and next year he is bringing his ark over and take back the Australian Championship. A fine way to return hospitality!

Another visitor who is doing well in his chosen field of sport is 'Dutchy' Stoutjesdijk, who more often than not is the Varsity's best soccer player. Dutchy has wandered around this little planet quite a lot. His parents had the playful habit of sending him to a different country ever so often for his schooling, with the result he can curse you fluently in German, French and Italian. After several unsuccessful attempts he joined the Air Corps here in Australia, and went to the U.S. for training. As a result he came back one of those made Dutch transport pilots we all feared so much. He collected his discharge a few days before all discharges were stopped, and has been counting his lucky stars and doing Med. here ever since. Though it's got nothing to do with the story, his mother's people live in Apeldoorn, a little town in Holland, where I learnt my first word of Dutch, and I've remembered it lovingly ever since. The word was "Herren," a happy sight in any language.

Spectators at the annual athletic sports may have missed a familiar sight—the old horse peering raffishly over the hedge. There's the story how, in 1946 I think it was, some innocent left his nice new bike parked against the side entrance from the University, and the horse thoughtfully chewed up the saddle cover. The owner, warned too late, rushed over to rescue the bike, and was bitten in the pants for good measure. Alas, he has now gone. Among the thousands of pounds budgetted in the latest Sports Association budget is the sad little comment, "Sale of Horse, £10."

Who was the new recruit to the St. Mark's rugby team who, determined to score a try, set off down the field bouncing the ball? I believe the ref. was so staggered he nearly swallowed his whistle in amazement. Better luck next week, Mac.

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HOCKEY PROSPECTS PROMISING

The final series of practice matches were held on Saturday, 24th, and seventy of our eighty-odd players turned out. This was a very good effort, and shows the keenness which will keep the University club at the top position in the State.

The first game between the B grade players was very evenly fought. The Whites, having the edge in the forward lines, and by showing some really good teamwork, started to score goals. Rhodes Scholar Potts was outstanding here, and gave Johnson and Hartshorne plenty of chances. Richter, too, on the left wing, did some useful work. McCormick, at centre-half for the Varsity shirts battled hard all day, but his forwards broke down time after time with inaccurate passes, but Howes and Opie showed promise and with more support should be dangerous.

A Grade Match

The next game between the A grade players started off in the

usual half-hearted way, and it wasn't until nearly half-time that our "crack" forwards could penetrate the stubborn defence of Walsh, Gill and Hopkins. "Mickey" Walsh, in particular, did a very good job at centre-half for the A2s, but all his moves were wasted by the forwards. Bayliss was the steadying influence in this forward line, but they must have more confidence in themselves and in each other to do any good. Repeatedly they "packed up" in the circle where a little teamwork would have earned them a goal.

The three newcomers to the A's shaped quite well, Hopkins defending ably whilst Henderson and Plueckhahn did useful work. Kenardy, the ex-Forestville goalie, showed a lot of promise, and shouldn't be worried about letting a few get past him when they come from the sticks of Stokes, England and Kirby. These three are combining very well. Their passes are accurate, and when they can speed up the game they will be a headache to any back line.

Terrific Pace

The final game for the afternoon commenced at a terrific pace. Each player doing his best to catch the eye. In fact, they were so keen that our coach came in for some abuse when he changed Millhouse with Meaney who appeared to be too good for the grade.

Howard, for the black shirts, always looked dangerous, and received good support from the wingers,

ART EXHIBITION

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FRIDAY, MAY 7
1.20