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pink, so our blue leaders find bigger and better
posts in student affairs.

Roland Freeman, our first Conservative President for many years
(our last Liberal President was Sir Arnold Plant), has been elected
unopposed president of the 90,000 strong National Union of Students.
Delegates from 200 universities, technical and training colleges in
England, Wales and Northern Ireland were present.

Roland takes over from Frank
Coppleson in November: asked
his aims he cried, "Expansion—
bigger and better". Faced by a
look of consternation, he explained
that by this he meant persuading
those colleges that had contracted
out of the N.U.S. to return, and
those that had never belonged that
it would be to their advantage to
join. Roland will be a full-time
paid officer, will have his head-
quarters in Endsleigh Street and
will have in his charge a staff of
more than 40 officials. The post
carries with it a flat at nominal
rent situated just above the offices,
and Roland will be happy to receive
his customary visitors after office
hours.

Roland is the first L.S.E. Presi-
dent to achieve this distinction and
we are sure that he will more than
fulfil all expectations.

U.L.U. Boss?

Tom Dale has achieved his
ambition and been elected Deputy
President of London University
Union by the President's Council.
He has put in a bit of ground work
to achieve this, and has been on a
round of dances and other func-
tions. He knew most of the officers
in U.L.U. before handing in his
nomination and should be able to
work well with them. One of his
jobs will be Secretary of the House
Committee, which advises the
warden in the running of the new
Union building. Tom has run on a

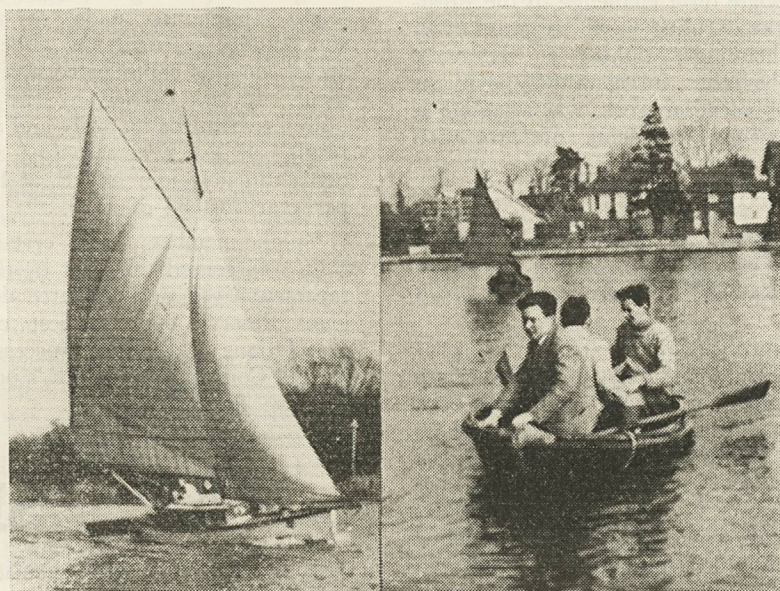
non-political ticket and hopes to
make U.L.U. a power in N.U.S. by
developing it as the rallying point
of the London Colleges. This ex-
ceptionally versatile and energetic
young man is due to take Part I this
term: the job goes to him, regard-
less of the outcome.

REFECTORY REPORT

In the report of the L.S.E. London
Refectories Survey, a great deal of
information has been gathered
about arrangements in similar col-
leges and some interesting compar-
isons are made. In fact, the tone of
the whole report is clear and inter-
esting, for which we are much in-
debted to Peter Hall and his
associates.

On the whole, the report does
not suggest any glaring causes of
our unusually high prices. Rather
our problem is a complex one, in
which scale, size of staff and lay-
outs play important parts. How-
ever, the need for action is em-
phasised. Our meals are the most
expensive in London University
while providing only comparable
service.

A later report will summarise the
committee's recommendations, but
this survey does put the complexity
of the problem clearly before us.
For those interested in the matter,
copies are available in the Union
office and are well worth half an
hour's reading. D.T.



"ONCE ABOARD THE LUGGER . . ."

Seventeen of L.S.E.'s renowned Sailing Club took to the Broads.
Story back page.

THE Nth. REPUBLIC

Maybe it was the fact that Eric
will have finished his course
here next year, but whatever
the deciding factor, Union
voted to postpone the consider-
ation of a new constitution until
then.

The surprising thing is that not
only has an appointed committee
reported back on time, but they
have surpassed themselves and
drawn up two constitutions. The
relationship of these two drafts to
each other and to the committee
seems to be very obscure. If you
are bold enough to ask any member
of this hard-working committee you
will no doubt receive a quarter of
an hour's explanation which will
leave you quite dizzy.

Nevertheless, whoever is respon-
sible for putting a new constitution
to Union in the future will have
these two excellent drafts to work
from.

Union Shop

Some people like tinkering with
constitutions for the "fun" of it,
but there are some changes which
are urgently needed in ours. The
increase in services with the coming
Union Shop has created new top
level responsibility and many people
feel that we do not pay enough
attention to academic problems.

Star Chamber?

Changes to meet these problems
with others which were felt to be
desirable were incorporated in each
draft. But one draft contains far
more radical changes designed to
give stability to Union policy and
speed to Union procedure by sub-

stituting an elected "court" to re-
place the weekly general meetings.

This change is revolutionary or
reactionary according to how you
see it. If this proposal is ever put
to Union it will provide an inter-
esting meeting if nothing else.

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STOP PRESS NO ONE

'ECKLED ECCLES!

Last Friday Union Public Business
consisted of an address by Sir
David Eccles, Minister of Educa-
tion. Unfortunately, owing to pre-
occupation with exams., many
people could not be present but
the Old Theatre was adequately
filled.

Russian Etons?

The Minister spoke for twenty
minutes and answered questions
for three quarters of an hour. He
had, he said, spoken to Mr.
Kruschev about the Russian edu-
cation programme. In spite of the
fact that 30% of their children in
the cities had no secondary educa-
tion, and there was no secondary
education at all in the rural areas,
they were thinking of setting up a
system of boarding schools "to
perpetuate the ruling class." At
question time this was vigorously
challenged by Mr. Marshall Harris,
who urged the Minister to read Mr.
K's report to the 20th Congress of
the Communist Party. The
Minister queried the accuracy of
Mr. Harris's copy and said that the
copy which he had read, which was
certainly the true one, hinted at
what Mr. K. told him personally.

Rate for the Job

Sir David also mentioned that all
heavily populated countries were
now facing the same problem as
ourselves—the need to give priority
to education and particularly to
technical education, and to cut
down on some other form of ex-
penditure to enable them to do so.
Unless we were prepared to reduce
industrial building, the only way
to do this was to cut down on
housing. The teaching profession
was at a crucial point and he hoped
the pending settlement of teachers'
pay with the proposed wider differ-
entials for responsible posts, would
bring in the better quality teachers
needed from the University gradu-
ates.

In reply to other questions, the
Minister said he saw no justifica-
tion for any further increase in
students' grants: he did not and
could not in the future negotiate
with N.U.S. on the subject, though
he was always pleased to receive
representations from the N.U.S.

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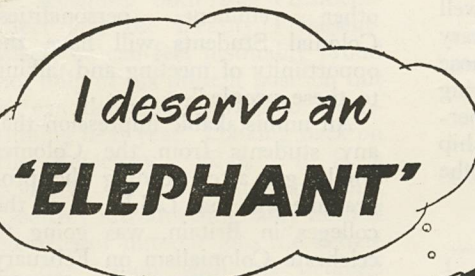
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"TRIPLE ALLIANCE" BY THE PRESIDENT

The L.S.E. delegation to N.U.S. Council (Bill Capstick, Leader; Dick Whitehouse and Peter Fletcher), has every right to be proud of its achievement last month. Of 7 motions moved no less than five were carried—some by very large majorities.



This is a far cry from the days when L.S.E. delegates rising to speak were greeted with groans from the assembled representatives of our fellow Unions.

The motions on Miss Lucy (jointly moved with the N.U.S. Executive) and Iraqi students were carried unanimously and Bill Capstick had the satisfaction of successfully moving motions calling respectively for payments of grants on the first day of term and for the inauguration by the N.U.S. Executive of a concessionary rates scheme for N.U.S. members. The latter motion was hotly attacked on the floor by those who objected to private enterprise providing benefits for students who, they argued,

should be more adequately provided for by State grants. Incidentally, later on in the Council meeting a motion calling for an immediate interim increase in grants was defeated by a big majority.

Casualties

Peter Fletcher had the exciting experience of moving two of the most controversial motions of the week-end. Once calling for the abolition of conscription was ruled out of order, producing a stormy debate on a challenge to the President's ruling—which was overwhelmingly upheld at the vote. The other, on insurance payments for vacation work, was attacked as depriving students of protection

against industrial injuries, which Peter stoutly maintained was quite untrue. It was the only other casualty among L.S.E.'s seven motions.

Probably the most unusual debut for a maiden speaker at an N.U.S. Council befell Dick Whitehouse. The very first motion of the Council, a constitutional amendment from L.S.E. on part-time students, was called but nobody rose to speak.

N.U.S. President (again): "Speaker from L.S.E. please" (awkward silence).

Mr. Capstick: "Mr. President, Sir, he's waiting outside!" (loud laughter).

N.U.S. President: "Then would you kindly bring him in?" (exit Mr. Capstick—prolonged cheers; enter Mr. Whitehouse—tremendous ovation).

In spite of this inauspicious start, due to a last-minute change in the delegation speaking arrangements, Dick Whitehouse made, at very short notice, a lucid and effective speech on this complicated amendment. It was carried by the required two-thirds majority and as a result, all L.S.E.'s part-time students can now join N.U.S. at 15/- per year, instead of 31/6.

Union members have certainly been well served this year by their representatives, and all three delegates deserve our warmest congratulations on the most successful N.U.S. Council, from L.S.E.'s point of view, for many years.

POST BAG

L.S.E. Society

Dear Sir,

Within the next two months you will lose one third of your readers—members of the academic community now preparing to take their final examinations and transfer their activities to other fields. But some of them will cast nostalgic glances over their shoulders at their student days at L.S.E.

It is their eyes that this letter hopes to catch. L.S.E. does not want to lose touch with them no more than they want to lose touch with us. For this purpose, the London School of Economics Society exists, an association of Old Students open to anybody leaving L.S.E. after having been a student—day or evening—for twelve months. By joining us, Old Students are kept in contact with L.S.E.; they are entitled to a limited use of L.S.E. facilities, including the Library; twice a year they receive a magazine giving news of what goes on at L.S.E. They are welcome at an annual reunion dinner, a social meeting held at L.S.E. in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting, and a tea-time "At Home" where members act as hosts to students about to go down. "Old Economicals" teams play football and cricket and are permitted the use of the L.S.E. sports grounds.

We are aware that funds are never lower than at the moment, when newly qualified graduates or diploma bearers go forth from University in search of their first jobs. To keep membership within the means of even the least well endowed, we have a concessionary subscription fee of 5/- for those joining us in the year of leaving L.S.E. Thereafter annual membership costs 10/-, life membership £3/13/6. All particulars from the undersigned.

Yours, etc.

W. M. STERN,
Hon. Sec., L.S.E. Society,
Room E318.

Africa Society Protests

Dear Sir,

It seems rather difficult to understand how the position of the Africa Society on the Colonial Students' Day issue has been completely misunderstood. This misunderstanding, which appears to have been deliberately fostered by certain persons to save their faces, has been

reinforced by the welter of confusion and the apparent gloom into which the whole issue has been cast. This state of affairs has given rise to two sorts of criticisms of the policy of the Africa Society, according to how the critics understand what the Colonial Students' Day stood for and what it was all about. In fact, a hard-boiled and disillusioned age is quick to jibe about political heresy and intransigence and the characterisation of the officials of the Africa Society as "veteran comrades" who have no made common cause with the imperialists, did find faint echoes in the last edition of *Beaver*. I consider it necessary therefore to give a reasoned picture of the whole situation and to nail the lies and dispel the confusion in the above criticisms.

What did Colonial Students' Day stand for?

It was not until about a fortnight before February 21st last year that most of us (then first year students) got an inkling of what the Colonial Students' Day was about. Before then, what we knew was apparently the programme for the celebration which the External Affairs Vice-President had displayed on the Union Notice Board. The programme can be conveniently summarised with a convenient preamble as follows: "An occasion for the getting together of Colonial Students and Students from the Mother country. Native Colonial dishes will be served. The present Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Secretary of the Shadow Cabinet will be present, together with some other eminent personalities. Colonial Students will have the opportunity of meeting and talking to these people."

An unmistakable impression that any students from the Colonies would get after reading the programme was that L.S.E., of all the colleges in Britain, was going to celebrate Colonialism on February 21st—a reminiscence of the Empire Day celebrations which have now been abolished for good in most of the African Colonies. It was therefore not without reason that the Africa Society should sound the Union Council that if Colonialism was going to be celebrated, its members were not going to take part in it. The Africa Society did not go further than this. It was obviously not the intention of the Society to force anything down the throats of other people. Other

AS I SEE IT in the Union

This is a typical Union meeting. Typically it is unlike all others. Mr. Thomas Dale is forced to read the Minutes—the Union did not realize how funny it could be—Mr. Dale himself folds up into paroxysms of laughter. Roland remonstrates, "Tom, eh . . . Mr. Dale." Yes Roland, Tom is now U.L.U. Deputy President. ". . . and if eggs are 4½d. each then . . ." We hear him out.

It is Question Time. The Union is told that the B.B.C. is going to record a debate by London University for the Beveridge Trophy, and they do not know whether to put it on the Third or the Light Programme. The Union thinks this is funny.

Mr. Eric Thompson wants to know why Council wishes to change the present Coat of Arms. Mr. John Brown will not let Council reply. He tells them he is delighted

people could have their fun but the members of the Africa Society would prefer to stay unmused. In fact, the day was celebrated.

History evoked as an alibi.

Incidentally, the last Union meeting preceding February 21st last year had passed a motion censuring the Union Council on the Colonial Students' Day issue. The motion read as follows "That this House regrets that the Colonial Students' Day celebrated annually by the Union has deviated from its real purpose of being a day of protest and urges the necessity of observing it in a more effective form of protestation." It was from this motion that most of us got a clue as to the origin and the purpose of the Colonial Students' Day. Yes—a day of protest but not a day of jollification.

Sheer hypocrisy to blame Africa Society.

It was up to the Union Council if they wanted to celebrate the day this year to have reformulated their

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EDITORS CONFER

During the Easter vacation we attended, on behalf of the Union, the N.U.S. Editors' Conference in Birmingham, and we are pleased to be able to say that *Beaver* compared favourably with most other publications represented. It also seems that we are given a much freer hand to represent all trends of thought in the Union than are most student publications.

This is all very gratifying, but we went primarily to learn how to produce a better paper and this is mainly where the organisation of the conference failed. There was an instructive talk on layout by a gentleman from a local Birmingham paper, and a very good meeting on advertising which was addressed by an ex-President of L.S.E., who works in London. We learnt a lot from him.

Unjustified

Apart from this, the delegates were left to discuss their views and difficulties among themselves, even in the formal meetings of the conference. Although this was very interesting, and the present writer picked up some valuable hints from

these discussions, it was not a very good justification for a five-day stay in Birmingham.

In all fairness to the organisers on the spot it must be said that they had to cancel some talks at the last minute, as the speakers could not come from London, and also student editors are extremely difficult to organise, but a sightseeing trip to Stratford-on-Avon is not really a very satisfactory substitute for a cancelled meeting at a conference of this sort.

Next year it is to be hoped the conference will be held in London, which is, after all, the centre of the national press, and that there will be more speakers or the conference cut to three days. Perhaps the new president of N.U.S. will be able to see that arrangements for next year's conference are better.

There will be one more issue of "Beaver" this term, on June 21st, under new management. It will contain the programme for Going Down Week, and a full coverage of the term's sporting activities, so we hope there will be plenty of copy from the A.U.

and does not want to miss anything, so he challenges the Quorum. A veritable fund of information is Union—and a waste paper basket for grievances; but L.S.E. is a paradise unto itself—for few have grievances, and the intelligentsia have all the information they want in books. The future professors, business men, and administrators stay away, but here at Union meetings hopeful-to-be future politicians show their paces, and thrust and parry for the places that are to be had on Union Council, Con. Soc., Lib. Soc., . . . and all the other Socs.

SCORPIO.

SECOND THOUGHTS

An interesting sequel to the weekend Conference is the School authorities' decision to embark on a similar enterprise, possibly making it a feature of the school year.

They had previously considered holding a weekend school, but had felt that it might prove impractical. Students are notorious for their "woolly" ideas, but for once, I think, we can congratulate ourselves on having shown the way in a solid and practical manner.

The hard work of the Committee has resulted in more than just the very efficient running of one such weekend.

Union Council are very grateful to the Director for a great deal of help and advice, and to the Committee for their efforts.

I would like to express my own thanks to Miss Shirley Smith, Secretary of the Committee, who has borne the brunt of the work, despite her other duties as Social Secretary and Business Manager of *Beaver*. Others on the Committee were Messrs. B. Van Arkadie, R. Singh and Miss J. Garner.

DUDLEY FERNANDO,
Social Vice-President.

programme in the light of the motion passed by the Union. This agonising re-appraisal of the whole situation must have definitely weighed too much on the consciences of the Union Officers. To give the whole thing up and to blame it all on the intransigence of the Africa Society appeared to them the safest thing to do. But the whole situation acquires a high flavour of irony if one remembers that Mr. Roland Freeman, who was the officer in charge of the celebration last year, and who did not care a hoot to consult the Africa Society about his programme, now has had the effrontery to say that it has all been given up because the Africa Society does not want it.

KWESI HACKMAN,

President, Africa Society.

(Editorial Note.—In view of the alleged controversy regarding Colonial Students' Day, we have decided to print the above letter in full.)

“Or else . . .

A LITTLE CONSERVATIVE

A MORAL TALE

By Paul Stibbe

heard. I explained my dilemma to an attractive red-head who jived very well. She said she knew the answer. “Tell me, tell me,” I cried. “He probably just likes beer,” she said.

For a brief moment I felt that it didn't matter one way or the other; whether we called the country Communist, Capitalist or just godless and beer-loving, it was still the same set-up. Then I looked around and realised that I had hit upon one of the tragedies of our time: the room was full of people who didn't know what sort of state they were in. I determined to go at once in search of the young man with the black and purple and yellow scarf, ask him why he was drunk, and solve this problem once and for all.

As I went down to the street I said good-bye to Syb*1, who was spending the night in the lift because it was quieter there. I told her why I was leaving. She said she had seen quite a lot of people in black and purple and yellow scarves, but that some of them had seemed quite sober. “You go straight home,” she said, “and if I see this fellow I'll send him round to your place.”

Syb*1 was as good as her word. When I arrived back at my rooms he was there, half-way up the stairs by the mirror. I felt nervous and agitated. “Tell me the truth,” I demanded querulously, “Is it because of Capitalism, the Welfare State, Atheism or your nannie?”

on this occasion their views might not be reliable. Who but the young man himself could tell whether it was a capitalist or a socialist society that had caused his downfall? This thought was to vex me for the rest of the evening.

Syb*1's party was well under way by the time we reached her flat. “How long have you been here?” I inquired of a blonde whom I met in the bathroom.

“Since Tuesday afternoon,” she replied. “The sherry's wicked.” The kitchen was full of people talking politics. I felt restless. An elderly man whose collar appeared to be back-to-front was lying on the floor with his head inside the refrigerator. He looked thoughtful and I decided to tell him my problem. “You see,” I explained, “I still don't know whether he was drunk because of the Tories or whether it's just a hangover from the last Labour government.”

My new friend withdrew from the refrigerator and closed the door. “Trouble is,” he murmured kindly, “you political people over-simplify things. Now what I say is that we've all neglected God. Do you think he had a Public School Education?”

“Of course!” exclaimed a charming lady with a Grosvenor Square accent. “The way I see it, it's like this: he's probably a real nice kid that ought to see a good psychopath. Why, my own cousin Elmer, the one that had such a good time in Biarritz, he was still frightened by his nannie all the while until they told him that it was only a bottle of coke that she used to . . .”

Somebody said, “After the revolution there won't be no nannies.” But R*ch*rd and R*th, who had overheard this discussion, had already found it necessary to exchange premises, although their conclusions remained unaltered. It was R*th, who now complained that the young man had too much money, still blaming the capitalist system for his predicament; and R*ch*rd declared that the cream of British youth was being victimised and driven to despair by pernicious taxation.

When I left the kitchen I felt none the wiser for what I had

K. Z. SVENDLING

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1 THE DEPTNOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

Rarely, indeed perhaps never, in the history of philosophy has a man of the ability of Karl Z. Svendling been so little read. In fact, he could not read at all and this is a factor which makes his trichotomous approach to “Ein System zwanganorden-Normen” so interesting. Nevertheless, he has not concerned with the whole problem of linguistic analysis merely because of an inability to speak; nor can the fact that he had been looking for a flat for over seven years be attributed to mere short-sightedness. True, he suffered from a softening of the arteries and a hardening of the brain, but this does not seem to have affected the logical inconsistency which, after all, is—sui generis and pari-passu—the basis of his “Tractus Popikokylus”.* And yet there is ample evidence to suppose that had he lived (in which case he would have been celebrating his 189th anniversary on the 31st of this month), he would almost certainly have altered the modus operandi of his original thesis to conform with his later intermorphism.

The Great Nonentity

If he is chiefly remembered as an illiterate Finnish philosopher whose

His eyes were bloodshot and the scarf was wound tightly round his neck. “I don't know,” he said mournfully. “That's why I've taken to drink.”

works have been forgotten, it is because, at bottom, all too few of the younger generation have threatened to take his work seriously and it is ironic, to say the least, that the simplicity of his educative theory of indeterminate variabilities:

$$\frac{pa^a cr - n(r + c + a)^p}{x n} + 5 II$$

$$3/a p - c(p + (a - r) + a)$$

where a is a function of p, was perhaps rather over-shadowed by the more complex yet less extramental formula of his precursor and contemporary, Hans Waffel.

Yet, as B. J. Slapstych, Professor in Hysteries at Roedean, has said of him: “Born in the Golden Age of Socio-Politicology—the age of Hobbes, of Aristotle, Mefistofeles, Jane Austin, Drake and Peter Townsend, he became a symbol of “La Fromage”, of the mathematician without logarithmic tables. A physician, lawyer, statesman, philosopher, theologian, teacher, counsellor, guide and friend—he was none of these, and yet his very insignificance has made him perhaps the greatest nonentity among all the mediocrities in his generation.”

With what fainter praise could such a man have been damned? Surely we must, in the final analysis, be proud of our philosophic heritage.

* Lordschardt & Bugleigh, 25/-. Read introduction by J. Allen, pp. iv.

SPOTLIGHT ON GEOFF STERN

Hidden away in the Library and occasionally emerging to “dine” in the Refectory, carry on long conversations in an unknown foreign language or rush with breathtaking speed back to his eyrie in Hampstead, is the wonder boy of L.S.E., the goon who got lost, the Tommy Trinder of the Three Tuns; none other than the one and only Geoffrey Stern.



So donning my space suit, and grasping my copy of Stigler, I stormed the Library passage in order to turn on my spotlight and discover his murky past!

Surrounded by huge volumes of notes, most of them seemed to be full verbatim accounts of Professor Manning's lectures, I discussed with him, in hoarse whispers, every other subject possible in order to find my juicy information.

It appears that he lives in the wilds of Hampstead, which part I couldn't discover, but being Hampstead I'm certain he either shares a basement with an out of work poet or else a garret with a mad artist, either of which I am sure is full of modern works of art. Geoffrey is a second year student doing B.Sc. (Econ.), probably specialising in International Relations. Why, he doesn't know; he just thinks Professor Manning the most brilliant man in L.S.E. and that surely is good enough.

Actor

As we all know, Geoff is very fond of his own voice, so I was not very surprised to learn that in his first year he was a prominent member of the Dramatic Society, as well as taking an active and prominent part in the past two L.S.E. Revues. I'm not sure if it was his jokes or just that he was in the show but judging from the lack of toilet articles his was a very popular turn! In other Societies Geoffrey is very

active. A keen musician and composer, he has had several of his original works performed, and is often to be seen seated at a piano enjoying either a few minutes' relaxation or a few hours hard work with the Jazz Band. As Chairman of International Forum he has succeeded in helping the Secretary to put this society right on the map, turning what was just another society into the largest of its type in the Union.

Mentioning the Union, I must remind readers of his influence on the last elections, having proposed or seconded both the President-Elect and the Deputy President-Elect; he can feel justifiably proud not only of his present position but he can also look forward to it continuing next year. Looking back on the Refectory “affair” it is a point in his favour to note that Geoffrey introduced a badly needed element of humour into the debate in the Union with his detailed description of the sources of Refectory supplies.

Politician

In the political world everything about Geoffrey is a little fluid. Known as a prominent member of the Liberal Society, he took an active part in their Freshers' Reception campaign, and has made many speeches and led many discussions on their behalf, but lately feeling, no doubt, the need for a wide knowledge of political move-

ments, he has taken an interest in Lab. Soc. Another sign is the hard work he put in for the Liberal Candidate for Hampstead at the General Election. Perhaps that is why the Liberal vote went up!

A brilliant linguist, or is it just his self-confidence, he is often to be seen carrying on long animated conversations with many of our continental friends, and turning to an old issue of C.M.R. I notice that his visits overseas seem no less sensational. I remember a description he once gave of how he tried to teach French boys to play cricket—quite worthy of inclusion in *Punch*.

Comedian

Finally a word about his sense of humour. Every time he appears in public he is expected to be funny. Of course, like all good comedians, he is, but as he once said, “It gets a bit exhausting and I have to read so many comic books. Everybody who is going to make any sort of speech tries to pick my brains, and use my stories—it just isn't fair, my dear fellow, it isn't fair.”

Turning away from the Library with a sigh, and returning to my study room, I reflected on the undoubted talents of my subject and determined that whatever happened I should not label him a “foolish wit”.

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ADULTS ASTRAY

It is necessary to dispense with banality in giving a critical account of the Symposium arranged by the Union on Friday, March 2nd. The title was "Youth Astray" and it is a pity that Dudley Fernando, the Chairman, did not draw the panel's attention to this fact. The distinguished platform consisted of the Rev. Douglas Griffiths, Dr. Bennett (psychiatrist and Conservative M.P.), Mr. Claude Mullins, Mr. Kenneth Younger (Labour M.P.) and Dr. Mannheim.

The pace was set for a lively meeting in the five minutes allowed to each speaker at the opening to give a "Who's Who" of themselves and their attitude to the problem under discussion, when Mr. Mullins vigorously asserted the infallible remedy. Parents are responsible for delinquent children. The Welfare State pampered its citizens and it was necessary that parents should be blackguarded into shame and accept full responsibility for their children's behaviour. Life is a mixture of duty and discipline and one can only feel sympathy for Mr. Mullins in the harsh world he has created for himself. Perhaps he is unaware of the mechanism of projection. It is true that the first question obtained a withdrawal of the word "blackguarded", but I could not help thinking of Mr. Mullins in Court, where as a Magistrate his moral strictures would not have to be modified or withdrawn. His performance was magnificently emotional. In the course of one evening, having aggressively defined himself as a Victorian, he denounced the inhumanity of the Victorian era. Having adopted a moralistic "pull-up-your-socks" attitude, he caressingly referred to methods of treatment and rehabilitation. Of course, he wanted all mothers to stay at home to look after their children, completely ignoring the title of the symposium "Youth Astray." It is surprising that this view, which may be valid, subtly implies working class families. Mr. Mullins would at least be consistent if he advocated closing all boarding schools for the under 15's.

Exemplary Approach

In contrast, one felt an increased respect for Dr. Mannheim when he pointed out how little he knew of the causes of delinquency and the need for continuous research. The difference between Mr. Mullins' fluctuations, while calling himself a disciplinarian, and the true discipline of Dr. Mannheim's scientific approach was a lesson to all students.

Significant Contrast?

The politicians were most interesting and perhaps I may be forgiven my prejudice if I read something into the distinction between Dr. Bennett's formal city attire and Mr. Younger's lounge

suit. But their views did justice to my prejudice. For a politician, Mr. Younger displayed a reasonably open mind and he alone quoted statistics in support of his views, reminding the audience to retain their sense of proportion considering that in the peak year of delinquency 98% of those between 8 and 17 years of age did NOT commit indictable offences: I liked the way he showed interest in the proposal to raise the age from 8 to 12 or 14, at which children could be brought before the Juvenile Courts, by asking Dr. Mannheim to enlarge on the Swedish scheme to which he had referred. His plea for more money for research was in keeping with his alert open-mindedness. But Dr. Bennett is an enigma. He speedily demolishes basic concepts of psychology, psychiatry and social work, to say nothing of philosophy and the experience of anyone who considers himself at least half alive. His theory was something like this: children who commit an offence are probably psychologically disturbed. As one matures, psychological forces decrease in importance and the young adult criminal has reached an age when free-will operates—he is consciously motivated and knows full well what he is doing and why. It is a pity that the Doctor didn't tell us the age at which one crosses this line; or perhaps he uses a yet unpatented "motivation-meter"? More likely, *he just knows*. One can only be thankful for the future mental health of society that Dr. Bennett is now an M.P.

Our Responsibility

Mr. Griffiths stood out as a person who spoke from deep experience. He related his opinions to concrete examples and a warm and dynamic religious faith. Perhaps because his is a positive philosophy, he trod a consistent path, essentially humanitarian and devoid of quick "quack" remedies. He reminded the audience that society could not divest itself of the responsibility for delinquency and that we got the delinquents we deserved. Instead of turning our backs on Teddy Boys and the like we would remember that everyone wants to feel that he matters, wants attention and wants affection. And in the ratio that we genuinely affected such an outlook, so in in-

verse proportion would delinquency decline.

But by and large one had the feeling that Youth Astray were a separate species which mysteriously had infiltrated our ranks. Somehow questions could not convey one's feelings and it was left to the spirited intervention of an American student to voice the views of many of us, judging from the applause his remarks received. His passionate but reasoned plea for love and understanding in dealing with delinquents was in my opinion the outstanding positive event of the evening. We were back amongst human beings and human values. There was a problem and we had to find the causes and seek remedies. And we needed faith.

I can only regret that the Chairman closed the meeting earlier than advertised, due no doubt to the relatively small audience. It seems that he is afflicted by the curse of our age that only bigness matters, and I commend to him Robbie Burns' remarks, "Guid gear gangs in little bulk." I came away from the symposium with a thousand unsaid things coming through my mind, but perhaps the dominant thought was the need to devise adequate selection techniques for entry into professions whose knowledge of human beings and their motivations is paramount.

S. I. BRISKIN.

BLOOD WEDDING

Since taking over the helm of the Dramatic Society, Bill Martin has clearly determined to shake us out of our sense of complacency. An outrageously experimental version of excerpts from *Macbeth*, the courage of which far exceeded the skill, was followed at the end of term by Federico Lorca's tragedy, "Blood Wedding" a savage drama set among the emotionally torrid hills of Castille.

The advent of this "pièce inconnue" was heralded by a series of most startling posters apparently executed by the most unlikely people, which nevertheless induced the credulous and the inveterates in our midst to sample this dramatically exotic fare.

Jean Elding as the Bride and Cecelia Smith as the Groom's mother, vie for the spotlight of praise. The emotional tempo of the play is closely dependent upon the alternating moods of suppressed violence and hysterical outbursts of these two characters, who both showed traces of their last roles in their characterisations, but nevertheless were quite convincing in two arduous parts.

Like Brando

Glyn Roberts has proved a welcome addition to the Society's ranks. He plays a pleasing, though perhaps superficial Bridegroom, and though fierce enough when called

upon to revenge his honour, his earlier scenes were more lightly romantic than passionate in the Spanish idiom. His voice and guitar were responsible for the melodious background accompaniment.

The enfant terrible of the cast is doubtless Norman Crandus, whose Leonardo cannot fail to cause comment. This amiable giant from Chicago approached the part like an intelligent Brando, and wrested from it by force of his imposing voice and stature some truly convincing moments. Jean Elding's style contrasted strangely with his, yet the play's highlights were in their scenes together.

Familiar Faces

Joan Budgeon made the best out of an unrewarding part as Leonardo's slighted wife, and Michael Bernstein, though miscast, performed competently as the Bride's father. Parts were found for many other familiar faces far too numerous to name, but mention must be made of Michael Rabin's excellent portrayal of the somewhat intangible qualities of the Moon.

The legion of back-stage workers are to be complimented on their contribution to the play's success: scenery and lighting were always good, and combined to produce a really splendid forest scene.

Altogether a stimulating and pleasing production.

DAVID S. MORRIS.

Israeli Independence Day

Contrasting Addresses

Mr. Gershon Avner, Counsellor of the Israeli Embassy, gave a comprehensive address, selecting those points of Jewish history which had a specific influence on the eventual establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. He stressed Israel's ever-readiness to accept immigrants, and her fundamental desire for peace with her neighbours, though she was ready to defend herself against aggression with the utmost fervour.

Mr. Jerry Hoffman, an American broadcasting official, and a recent arrival from Israel, gave a singularly distorted account of current affairs, after which the refreshments were more than welcome.

Song and Dance

Excellent entertainment was then afforded by our visiting artists:

Martin Lawrence *Bass*
Ruth-Eva Olschowsky *Danseuse*
Aryeh Lipschutz *Pianist*

and the evening closed with Israeli folk singing and dancing to the accompaniment of Naomi Doron's accordion, in which everybody, regardless of nationality, joined.

PAULINE ELLISON.

"A SHORT WAY TO BETTER ENGLISH" by RAYMOND CHAPMAN

Mr. Chapman shows that the writing of clear English, and the attainment of a reasonably good style, are not ends to be desired in themselves.

University courses tend to become more and more specialised, and each branch develops its own jargon in which to express itself. These modes of expression inevitably percolate into everyday speech and writing. Jargon, slang, etc., are examples of this. However, with a little care and practice these faults can be eliminated.

Important

The importance of all this to University students especially should not be under-rated. Being able to say what you mean, clearly

and without ambiguity, may gain that vital two or three marks in an examination question.

This is not a text-book in any sense of the word. The theme is unravelled in a way which is far from tedious, and gentle humour is continually present. This is a new and enlightened treatment of English grammar, and is invaluable also to foreign students of English. I think the last few lines give the mood of the book:

"Few in any generation can hope to rival the great writers of the past. Anyone who will take a little trouble can make all that he writes a pleasure instead of a burden to those who read it."

GERARD A. COLLEY.
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On March 19th the Jewish Society celebrated the eighth anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, and were hosts to some 200 people, representing the Jewish Societies of many London colleges, together with many Arabian, Indian, African and English students.

A film show in the afternoon included "Hope from the Huleh" demonstrating Israel's struggle to cultivate her unfriendly soil. Here the benefits which would be gained by draining this swamp were vividly shown. This was followed by "...

and they met in Galilee," a colour documentary which showed places of interest and beauty in Israel.

A transformed room 8 was the scene of the evening's celebrations, resplendent with gay posters, photographs and flags and with Israeli wine bottles (unfortunately dummies) and Jaffa oranges completing the picture. The Chairman, Peter Kraus, welcomed the visitors and guests and led readings in Hebrew and English from the Bible and the Declaration of Independence.

The Fair Maid of Perth

The Music Society are to be highly commended for their originality in choosing excerpts from Bizet's second major opera as their end-of-term presentation, which was well received by a large audience in the Founder's Room.

The melodious music of this neglected work is a delight, with its immediately attractive tunes and its ingenious and original turns of harmony and orchestration.

The great weakness of the opera is its libretto, which as the programme pointed out, has undoubtedly inhibited producers from including it in their repertoires. However, this production had the advantage of a newly prepared translation by Professor Westrup.

Excellent Soloists

The six soloists were, without exception, good. Shirley Griffiths was a bewitching Mab, while George Allen's Ralph was deliciously amusing. Donald Watt and Kevin Murphy were at all times proficient and occasionally inspired as the Duke and Glover respectively. The part of Henry Smith was beautifully sung by David Minton. Doreen Murray brought a professional touch to the role of Catherine the Maid, which she sang with amazing ease.

The orchestra did not respond fully to the untiring efforts of Mr.

Alan Peacock, their conductor, and the violins seemed particularly determined to anticipate the baton.

Chorus

After a weak start, the choir showed a marked improvement and their initial timidity contrasted with their lusty later choruses, which were delivered with positive gusto.

The narration was provided in a hilariously disrespectful manner by Geoffrey Stern.

Our thanks and congratulations are due to the Music Society for embarking upon this enterprise and making it a success.

PETER J. WILLIAMS.

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L.S.E. SOCIETIES Nos. 6 & 7 ARAB & JEWISH SOCS.

"SIDE BY SIDE"**ARAB SOCIETY**

Presenting the Arab case to the L.S.E. students has been the main aim of the Arab Society since it was established three years ago.

"Too political"—I am often told by the non-Arab friends when they pass remarks about the Society.

I agree: political discussions which do not merely include current problems, but also the various political trends and thoughts in the Arab World, form the major part of the Society's activities.

Active Year

During this year, however, the Society has been most active. Besides the many talks and discussions which were organised, a successful social was held in December and a film was shown last term.

The society has also participated in the activities of the Arab Students' Union in U.K.—a well organised union of 700 members, which publishes the fortnightly Arab News Letter, a permanent feature of the Society board.

Future Policy

The policy of the Society now is to keep the talks and discussions up to their present standard, but to increase the social activities in which some aspects of Arab culture is to be presented. For it is felt that the Society is not keeping up to its romantic name.

New members will certainly find something interesting in the Arab Society and they are very warmly welcomed.

JEWISH SOCIETY

The aims of the Jewish Society are primarily to maintain and develop the interest of all people in L.S.E., but particularly, of course, of Jewish people in things pertaining to Judaism, the Hebrew language and the State of Israel.

To achieve these aims the Society carries on many activities. We have dances, lessons in modern Hebrew, talks by distinguished Jewish speakers, film shows, afternoon prayers, an Israel Group; we run a bookstall every fortnight and this summer we are even planning a trip to Israel.

Focus on Israel

Of course some activities are more successful than others and perhaps the outstanding feature of the past two terms has been the great rise in interest in Israeli affairs, which has been shown by the success of the Israel Group and of the bookstall, whilst the most disappointing has been the apathy towards things Jewish as distinct from Israeli. I suppose that the unabated tension in the Middle East has contributed largely to this state of affairs, and if there should be some relaxation then this will cease. Nevertheless, the Society was

addressed inter alia by Prof. Norman Bantwich, Dr. Ben Sasson of the Hebrew University, Maurice Orbach, M.P., and Gurille Jenner.

Active Co-operation

The Israel Group has actively explored the paths of peaceful co-existence. There were several meetings at which members of the Arab Society were present, and we in turn participated in their meetings. Furthermore, an employee of Tass, the Soviet news agency, came along to explain a certain "commercial transaction"

Finally I would just mention that 30 trees stand in the student forest in Israel in the name of this Society.

Congratulations

WEINBERG-YATES: The engagement is announced of Miss Wendy Yates, a third year Government student, and Mr. Bob Weinberg, a past President of the Union. Bob is at present in America and we understand that Wendy is joining him shortly.

MITCHELL-ELDING: The engagement is announced of Miss Jean Elding, a first year student, to Mr. Peter Mitchell, third year B.Sc. (Econ.). Mr. Mitchell is a past Vice-President of the Union.

STATE OF THE UNION

It is now, as the more conscientious of you may have already noticed, the Examination Term. The effect of this on Union Politics is not, unfortunately, that the politicians leave the Union alone, but that the manœuvres go on even further behind the scenes than usual.

One thing that I know has happened, however, is the first of this term's meetings of the Political Societies' Committee. As I was there myself I am in the happy position of being able to state what happened without the usual need to correlate all the available leaks as though I was writing about a Labour Dinner.

Debates

The Meeting was mainly concerned with the Going Down Week Events, which are to include the Clare Market Parliament on June 25th and the Beveridge Memorial Debate on the following day. The

subject of the latter is to be "That the day of the Labour Party is over", and a Liberal Government in the Clare Market Parliament will be moving the following resolution:

"This House, viewing with alarm the development of restrictive practices in industry and the effects of this on the economic well-being of the country and the rights of the individual, and appreciating that all such practices are harmful and to be condemned when indulged in either by managements or by workers, though realizing the practical difficulties in framing legislation in this field, calls on Her Majesty's Government to draft legislation making all restrictive practices (and in particular the closed shop) illegal and to introduce that legislation at the earliest possible opportunity."

At least this should interest the Trade Union Studies Group!

ERIC J. THOMPSON.

ATHLETIC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The main result of the A.C. meet at Battersea Park on 14th March was to confirm early impressions that L.S.E. will be at least as strong as previously during the present season, and even a greater measure of success than in past seasons may reasonably be hoped for.

The outstanding event of the meeting was the half-mile, in which the superior strength of Welsh Champion and International Cross-Country runner, Chris Suddaby, enabled him to hold off a fast finish from John Sykes, the holder. John gained his recompense in the quarter-mile, with a surprisingly easy victory over a field including the previous year's winner, Malcolm Phillips; and a promising fresher, R. S. Mabrick.

Mike Teitz took the sprint double, with Dick Farley second, and a stronger, much improved Fred Brook, third in both events. Surprise of the meeting was the failure of Jim Sharpe to make the first three in the short sprint, being narrowly beaten for third place by Fred Brook.

Exceptionally encouraging were the performances of fresher Dick Farley. Apart from his track placings, he had a comfortable victory in the Javelin and performed well in other events, and he will no doubt be very useful to a club which always suffers severely from the calls of examinations.

John Fullbrook and Tony Herron both brought off double victories on the field, and it was gratifying to see the club Captain, Howard Price, make a successful return to the Hop-Skip-and-Jump, at which his earliest triumphs in University athletics were achieved two years ago. Likewise cause for gratification was the success of Peter Holden in the High Hurdles. Following Amadeo Francis and Hartmut Wenner, our University Champions of 1954 and 1955, Peter has a tremendous task to maintain the tradition of L.S.E. hurdling, but even should he not rise to these heights, we are confident that the future of our hurdling standards is assured for some time to come.

J.P.M.

Results

100 yds.—M. B. Teity 10.6s. (1), D. Farley 10.8s. (2), F. Brook 10.8s. (3).
220 yds.—M. B. Teity (1), D. Farley (2), F. Brook (3). No time taken.
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880 yds.—C. W. Suddaby 2 min. 5.0s. (1), J. Sykes 2 min. 5.6s. (2). Only two finished.
Mile Walk—J. P. Moran 7 min. 37.1s. (1), F. T. Howard 8 min. 49.3s. (2).
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The Night We Went Begging

The evening started quietly enough. We went to have a few drinks with a friend who needed consoling over troubles with his academic career. He left whilst Rob and I were still in the first round of the existentialist controversy. Finding that appeals to other customers for support in various contentions produced interesting but uninformative replies, we adjourned to a coffee house where just for once my companion was in time to keep an appointment.

After being introduced to various people, most of whom Rob managed to insult in his *inimical* way, he completely routed the proprietor's demand for payment by insisting that logic could not exist in a vacuum, thumping on the table to emphasise his point.

Glug! Glug!

Much to the dismay of our new-found friends we promised to meet them later at a jazz club and retired to another hostelry. Here, let me at once compliment this establishment on its maintaining the true tradition of British hospitality. When my companion found that the best way of dealing with the phone in the lobby was from a

recumbent position (I had to join him of course, to keep track of things), the waiter, instead of being prey to the misunderstandings which might have afflicted lesser men, gracefully lowered the tray to our level. At this point I would insist that any gurgling noises were due to my friend's incompetence and not to any deliberate anointing action on my part. A point he sometimes confuses. Anyway, the waiter brought more beer. As always, ready to help, I took over the phone, when I perceived he was having some trouble with his girl friend. It was not my fault that her mother had taken the other end of the line and I therefore refute

the charges that I lost him a girl who has varied, in his recounting of the incident, from the daughter of a diamond merchant to the daughter of a shipping magnate.

Pin Ups

At the Jazz Club the *Picture Post* was present, complete with cameras. I kept quiet at subsequent discussions of the article which later appeared. Discussions in which phrases like "Teddy Boy thugs" and "Primitive orgies" were frequently heard.

Somehow we found ourselves in one of those bars which takes full advantage of the irritating subtleties of the English Licensing Laws. Being by this time somewhat low on funds and rather hungry, we eventually departed with a loaf of bread, which nobody seemed to want.

Tramps

Partaking of our nourishing but crude repast on the convenient steps of St. Martin's we became the recipients of a certain amount of curiosity. As this intensified I thought it necessary to give some sort of explanation in suitable accents. Unfortunately my invention turned to a hard luck story which involved loss of faith in human nature now being ameliorated by human generosity, to wit the bread. When hauled to his feet my companion gave appropriate confirmation, subsiding again when I relinquished my grip on his collar.

The result of this, to our horror, was some newspapers to keep us warm and a shower of coins. Feeling that we had to give value for money, we continued our duet as we edged towards the Underground. By this time we had become a somewhat hysterical procession. It is difficult to say who was more appalled, us or the people who backed nervously into doorways. We made it; neurotically we tottered into the tube. We are still wondering why we were not arrested.

K.C.P.

BOULBY-BALL CLUB!

The Lent term ended with only one affiliated Club coming out with University honours. The Basketball Club completed a very fine double by winning both the League Championship and the much coveted University Cup.

The success of this Club was in no small respect due to the American contingent; this being borne out by the fact that the Club's 1st V had no fewer than four American members. The outstanding players were undoubtedly Norman Dorsen and Leon Eplam (who was awarded his full purple by the University), and it was mainly due to their efforts that the Cup Final was won. The fact that Leon and Norman were not available for many of the League matches is an indication of the all round strength of the Club. Leading scorer this season has been

Cup Winners

skipper Geoff. Boulby, with over 200 points, but Jim Trask and Brian Gifford were close behind his total.

Next Year

As four of the Cup-winning side expect to be returning next session, further success for the Basketball Club is hoped for.

Perhaps it would not be out of place to put on record the Club's view on their outstanding achievement. When interviewed, Captain Boulby said: "Of course, we felt very proud to win the Cup, knowing already that we were League Champions. We hope that our success has done a little good for the advancement of Basketball and for the name of L.S.E. within the University."

A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY

"Good Sailing by Day—Good Company at Night"

Too often student "activities" mean only a lot of talk. The more adventurous the ideas, the more the talking and less the action. A noteworthy exception to this was the adventurous idea of the Sailing Club of taking seventeen people aboard five boats, sailing on the Broads during the Easter vacation.

Round the Bend

This meant that people whose only experience so far had been with dinghies were promoted to the position of first mate. A job mainly composed of acting as a buffer between the cursing skipper and a mutinous crew, apart from doing the dirty work like trying to leap an eight foot gap to the shore with the anchor and pulling up the mud-weight whilst in imminent danger of being carried overboard by the jib.

After the last minute arrivals had been shepherded aboard the train at Liverpool Street by Vice-Commodore Ian McCreary, our bearded "crazy Canadian" Jack was heard to complain that none of these damn English would cash his five pound notes. We found that he had happily trimmed the edges of these to fit them into his wallet!

All Aboard

At Horning we took over our five "Summer Breezes"; gear was stowed and we made a tentative start. Boat number 6 officered by the two Kens was somewhat behind due to a prolonged "lunch". Helped by strong winds and faultless weather, our boats proved their worth, their gracious lines cutting through the water, heeling over with the wind.

But calm, carefree sailing does not aptly describe all our days. At times we were definitely in trouble. On the second night boat number 6, still lagging a bit, suffered first. The water level at Hickling Broad was rather too low for comfort, but undaunted number 6 had gaily cut off some large corners of the channel and allowed Budge to steer over some of the more treacherous water without realising that minus her glasses she couldn't tell the guiding posts from swans! Just when they had resumed the channel and were heading for the Pleasure Boat Inn, where we would moor alongside for the night, they managed to run aground on one of the really hard banks. Fortunately language does not carry across the water when the wind is up. Whilst all the members of the other boats had only to step ashore for their customary evening's entertainment, those stuck fast out on the water with the wind howling into their cabins, had to row the distance in a dinghy. By the time they were free the next day it meant another night alongside the Pleasure Boat. It might be as well to mention here that our itinerary was so planned that most evenings could be spent alongside a convenient riverside pub.

The next morning the wind was blowing hard straight down the dyke in which we were moored. Four boats went aground trying to tack out, one managing to get around the bend of the broad first. Bob, the skipper, set off in the dinghy for help. The two novice crew, however, inexplicably managed to get the craft underway. With a very strong wind behind them they headed back and to the astonishment of the others skudded down the broad doing nameless feats and finally careered into the shallowest of water, hard aground. Bob's day was made when Jack greeted him with "Well, we had a good sail." By this time we had made many friends at the Pleasure Boat, including the host.

Eventually, back on the winding river, we came to the lowering of masts for a very low and narrow bridge. Quanting through (a very enlarged form of punting) a boat dislodged its mast from the rests. The weight descended upon Denise, helming in the cockpit: she fell in starry sleep. Rescued by her shipmates and laid in a berth, she soon recovered with the help of hot tea. Judy, of number 6, bitterly re-

marked that if it had happened on her boat one would have just been kicked into the cabin out of the way.

The water failed to look inviting but often a splash was followed by the cry of "Man overboard". It never seemed to happen to the women so we never had to ponder whether the same cry would be appropriate. Jack (our "crazy Canadian") held the record and by the end of the week was only too pleased to borrow any dry clothes he could find. His garb at a dance attended on our last night would have done credit to a beach comber.

Well Spliced

One could always find a craft with bottled supplies after closing time, but on one occasion we all piled into one tiny cabin. The difference to the water line was remarkable.

The week went only too quickly; the verdict of all was "A wonderful holiday". Grand sailing by day and good company at night.

A channel cruise for the summer is already one of future plans well laid.

Squash Rackets Club

The Squash Rackets Club, though not endeavouring to establish itself as a rival to the fabulous Basketball team, has nevertheless, in its own modest way, acquired quite an impressive record this season. Of 22 matches played the club has won 17 and lost only 5.

The policy of the club has been to give as many members as possible a chance of playing in matches, with the result that between 15 and 20 people have played in the 1st V at one time or another. Had it not been for this extreme flexibility our record would possibly have been even better, but it is as important to have a good club spirit as to win matches.

Worth It

In the University 3-a-side Knock-out Competition we reached the semi-final with an impressive 3-0 win over Battersea Poly., but in the semi-final we lost 2-1 to a powerful St. Mary's Hospital side. Our other defeats were at the hands of St. John's College, Cambridge, who defeated us twice, despite an intense course of lectures on games-

manship, including practical demonstration by our dealing gamesman, Mr. Des Moore. India House and the College of Estate Management also defeated us convincingly, but those of us fortunate enough to play in these matches felt that the defeat was well worth the experience gained from our more talented opponents.

The ladder competition this season has been characterised firstly by the unchallenged dominance of two experienced colonial squash players; and secondly by the frightening impact of two American newcomers, who, it is agreed by most of us who have played them, seem intent on winning all the time, and have been known to accept a walkover when the person they challenge is unable to play. A committee of gamesmen of the club views this infusion of transatlantic vigour with alarm, and is already considering constitutional amendments to meet the threat.

Despite these minor troubles, however, the club has had both a successful and a happy season, and we hope that next year we shall be able to improve still further on our record and perhaps even challenge the supremacy of the Basketball Club?

THANKS NAK

L.S.E. JUDO—THE STORY OF MR. NAKINISHI

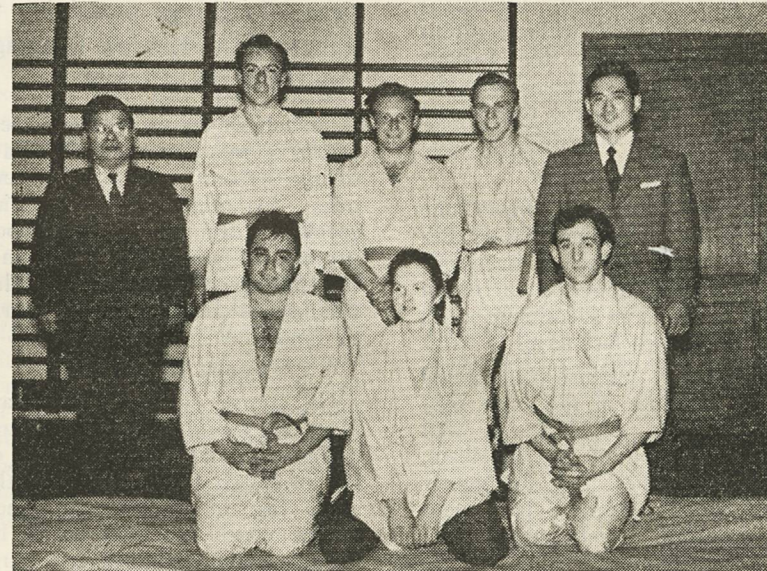
This is the story of the L.S.E. Judo Club; it must also be the story of Mr. Nakinishi. Whereas the club has done very little to date, our "coach" has done quite a lot.

The very first time Nak threw me at Judo practise I knew that, like this sport, Nak was no ordinary man.

He is graded in Judo as a 4th Dan. This is a grade four classes above the "dreaded and feared" black belt—1st Dan. He has visited the continent giving exhibitions and instruction in the "Gentle Art" in France, Belgium, Spain, etc. As a member of the British Judo Asso-

ciation he has visited clubs throughout England, Wales and Scotland to judge and grade both high and low judokas.

The L.S.E. club of 12, started two years ago by a brown belt, Ben Reed, has carried on under trying and difficult conditions and to date



THE JUDO CLUB WITH NAK (extreme right)

1956—The Problem Year For L.S.E. Cricket

by S. Hass (Hon. Secretary)

The L.S.E. Cricket Club looks forward optimistically to its best season for many years. With most of last year's team still at college, the ground at Malden in first-class condition, and a bigger and more attractive fixture list than ever before, the future certainly appears bright—but is this optimism entirely justified?

Exam Bogey

Last season was a most enjoyable one for all those who played for the college, and the cricket usually reached a high standard; yet from about the middle of May, we were virtually reduced to one team—the second team having disintegrated into the dust of examinations, alternative pastimes, and lack of money for fares.

Many second team fixtures had to be cancelled at short notice, much to the annoyance of our opponents, and it was even difficult at some stages in the season to field a first XI.

These problems will have to be solved in 1956, otherwise the fixtures for 1957 will have to be

cut, for it is obvious that we cannot continue to let down other teams.

The other large London Colleges—King's, U.C. and I.C.—appear to find no difficulty in fielding three, or even four teams, but L.S.E., despite possessing incomparably the best college ground, cannot even raise two teams throughout the season.

Examinations have been quoted as the main reason for this lack of support, and it is obvious that nothing can be done about this. During the exam. period, the club is almost wholly dependent on its freshers, and last year there were just enough to keep it going.

This year, despite much campaigning, and a meeting last term, the response from freshers has been somewhat disappointing, and we can only hope that more of them will join us as the season progresses. (Perhaps some of them ought to be reminded that they will have much less spare time to get out into the open next summer!)

Crucial Year

If there is sufficient support, this season should be a most enjoyable one. We have fixtures with nearly all the other London Colleges, and with many Surrey clubs. Especially attractive matches will be those against the L.S.E. Academic Staff, Alexandra Park, and Horsham C.C. on the Sussex County Ground. We hope to arrange a Cricket Tour for July, 1957, and this may well set the pattern for future years.

This year is a crucial one for the Cricket Club. It will tell us whether our ambitious plans for the future are justified, or whether we shall have to cut down our fixture list.

There can be no friendlier crowd than the members of the Cricket Club; the playing facilities and equipment at Malden are excellent, and the beer is the best—so come on L.S.E., give us your support for 1956.

our members have made good progress. Our two ladies have been graded orange and yellow, and the male section of the club form a very picturesque sight with green, orange and yellow belts.

By the time this article is published Nak will have left for his home in Japan, where he is an assistant professor at Tokio University. We would like to say "Thanks—not only for having taught us the mechanical applications of Judo, but for having introduced us to the spirit of Judo."

For those who want to know and get the "feel" of Judo, the gentle art, we are always in the gym picking ourselves up to be thrown down again.

First Blood!

Just before the end of last term, the Rifle Club had its first victory, when shooting against Chelsea Polytechnic in the inter-collegiate league.

In previous matches the team had always put up a good fight but had never been quite able to win. This time, with a team average of 94, they completely outshot Chelsea to win by 30 points. It is significant that this victory followed immediately upon the acquisition by the club of a new Martini International, a superb rifle which is a pleasure to use.

Janice Alberti, Brian Deakin and Philip Harrison all deserve special mention for their consistently good scores in league matches. Ian Monro, potentially a first-rate shot, has been somewhat erratic due to lack of practice. Hansen Tada and John Perrow, the two members promoted from the Novices Team, have steadily improved and much is expected of them next year.

This team forms the nucleus of the reborn Rifle Club and it is hoped next year to build around this nucleus a strong club able to hold its own with any in the University.

Note!

The next and last issue will come out towards the end of the term. We hope that the sports page will have the same response from the Club Secretaries to enable it to expand. Thanks.

Ed.

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