



More Votes For Sex Bill MP

"I DO NOT want to be a party to easy divorce: I do want to see the Divorce Laws rationalised so that marriages which have irreparably broken down can be ended quietly, with dignity, without rancour and with the least possible emotional damage to any children involved".

In these words Mr. Leo Abse justified his case for reform of the present divorce laws when he spoke to the Anglican Society on Monday.

Mr. Abse claimed from his experience as a solicitor with a large practice in divorce that couples who wish to legally separate often deliberately arrange to commit adultery to give each other grounds for divorce. He emphasised, however, that he did not wish a situation to come about in which divorce could be obtained for mere trivia. "I have", he said, "a very passionate relationship with my wife, but we quarrel bitterly about once a month. Reconciliation is then so sweet. I shudder with horror every time I hear the claim 'Never quarrelled in our lives!'"

PERILS

He also condemned the fact that Divorce Reform had not figured in the Queen's speech: it was now up to a private member to take in the bill and introduce it as his own motion, a procedure fraught with perils, both parliamentary and electoral. Mr. Abse added however amid laughter that every time he introduced a "sex-bill" his majority went up.

Finer D.P. needed for Union



Our photographer, Alex Duffy, braved the elements and the heights of the crane on the building site in Houghton Street to take this picture of the angle from which LSE's guardian angel, or devil, looks down on you and me.

Auditors 'doubtful' over strike payments

"We find that loans have been made to students by the Union not permitted by the Constitution and in our opinion it is doubtful if the payments made to the Barbican Strike Fund and the Greek Embassy Defence Fund are in accordance therewith," says the Auditors' Certificate on last year's accounts.

The loans referred to amounted to £60 which were only outstanding over the Summer Vacation. The bulk of this money was covered by a postdated cheque which was met as soon as Finance Secretary Mary Moxon re-

turned at the beginning of this term. None of the money has still to be repaid.

The financial staff say that in the past students have been allowed to borrow small amounts from the Union, but these have been for short periods only. The loans referred to in the Auditors' Report were authorised under exceptional circumstances.

In view of what has been said no more loans of any

sort will be granted by the Union.

The payments to the Barbican and Greek Embassy funds were questioned in Union when they were made and it was obvious that the Auditors would question these allocations of funds.

Those paid to the Greek Embassy Defence Fund were given to students for welfare and are probably within the Constitution.

The money given to the Barbican Strike Fund only became constitutional by not being part of Union funds. It was given to individual students from outside sources, such as T.V. appearances, donated to a separate Strike Fund which is not covered by the Union constitution.

Margate crisis

Normally five delegates are sent to NUS Council at Margate. The first place is filled automatically by Peter Watherston in his capacity as President of the Union. The three people nominated for the delegation were Chukwuna Osuji, Jeff Evans and Chris Middleton. The fifth person should be the External Affairs VP.

DEPUTY-PRESIDENT ALEX FINER has resigned. He wrote to Peter Watherston yesterday saying that he was doing so "for a combination of reasons including acute disillusionment with the powers of the Students' Union over its own running and the Council's consequent inability to perform its proper role, one that can only be achieved in an autonomous Union."

He added that he also had "the conventional time-worn excuses of pressure of work and personal reasons". "I have done a fair bit of committee work this term", he told Beaver.

Questioned further, he said that besides Council and Union Meetings, the Bar Management Committee had met several times under his chairmanship and he had attended two meetings of the Structure Reform Commission.

Apparently, his dissatisfaction with the Union dates

External Affairs

External Affairs VP Hank Ross has refused to carry out his duty to attend NUS November Council at Margate, even though his disaffiliation motion was laid on the table by Union last week.

He was not present at the last meeting of Union Council because his family came down from Manchester to see him. He has been summoned to this week's Council meeting in order that they may try to persuade him to change his mind. If he does not agree to go certain members of Union are intending to bring a censure motion against Ross over this issue.

Mr. Ross was not available for comment since he has not been in LSE for almost a week, nor could we contact him at home during the last two days.

The Vice-Presidential elections, together with an election for Alex Finer's post of Deputy President, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 22nd and 23rd. Closing date for nominations is 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14th.



back to the Sit-in, but this term it has come to a head. "Knowing I was going to resign I performed my duties to the full this term so as not to leave a backlog for my successor", he said.

One prominent member of Union commented, "Oh, that's nice, not that anybody noticed he was Deputy Secretary Chris Middleton said, "Disillusionment is merely a phase in adolescence".

Last word on the resignation from President Peter Watherston, "I don't know why he stood in the first place."

Tea and consciences

Union Council has decided to leave the decision of whether or not to accept the Governors' invitation to tea up to its individual members. Alex Finer's ardent plea to Council to refuse the invitation failed, and he thereupon walked out of the meeting.

He claimed that with outstanding grievances to be settled it was wrong to meet the Governors under such circumstances. Asked by Beaver whether he did not think it worthwhile to meet

them on the same sort of ground as they were accustomed to negotiate in business circles, he said he did not because of his "basic anarchistic tendencies which were against the system in general".

External Affairs VP Hank Ross and Welfare VP Pippa Jones will probably not be attending the meeting.

It is possible that some time will be spent in a formal discussion on Overseas Students' Fees.

Never Never Greeks In London

The Old Theatre was packed to capacity last Saturday afternoon for the concert by the Theodorakis Ensemble, who were booked at 24 hours' notice while touring Europe and America.

The 1½ hours programme of Mikis Theodorakis' music included his latest "Never, never, never" written on October 22nd in Athens security prison for Maria Farandouri. She created an intense atmosphere of sympathy with all the Greeks suffering under the military junta. The performance was arranged by the Hellenic Society, and the

fact that over 500 people turned up after a few hours' publicity shows the tremendous interest in the restoration of democracy in Greece. Andonnis Kaloyannis, Maria Farandouri and Yannis Didalis were further booked for Conway Hall later on Saturday, when they raised funds for the relatives of political prisoners.

Cedric Thornberry, who has scooped for the "Guardian" several letters from Greek prisons, knows Theodorakis. He spent some time in Greece this summer, and talked to ministers and to

Helen Vlachos, who will be on trial soon. For a time under threat of deportation (courtesy Patakos) Mr. Thornberry felt himself constantly watched by the police. Nevertheless, he hopes to visit Greece again, and that the authorities will be less obtrusive. He learnt from a taxi-driver that they thought of the BBC as a national radio. Maria Farandouri's "24 Hours" recording was relayed on our Greek Service, and copies of the "Guardian" carrying treatment of security prisoners were available in Athens.

EDITORIAL

Much has been said about the apathy of students towards the Union and about the behaviour of certain sections of the student body at Union meetings. But when members of the Union Council, who are, after all, supposed to be the leaders and representatives of the Union, act in the way that at least two of them have done in the past fortnight it is hardly fair to blame the ordinary members of the Union.

The External Affairs Vice President has failed to carry out the duties of his office in more than one field. For some reasons best known to him-

self he has not appointed either a Travel Officer or an NUS Secretary. Whether he has not done so because he wished to bolster his case for disaffiliation must be open to question. Of course NUS finds it difficult to do something for individual members of this College if there is nobody to deal with the mail they send out. Similarly, students will not be sufficiently informed about travel if there is nobody in the College to whom they can go. How many have already missed Christmas flights because of this deficiency?

Shelve your selfish political motive, Mr. Ross and think about the ordinary student for a change.

But there is a further matter in

which our External Affairs VP has 'slipped up'. Having been thwarted in his attempt to disaffiliate from NUS at the last Union meeting, he now refuses to go to NUS Council later this month. Not only is it his duty to go as External Affairs VP, but it is a refusal to implement Union policy. For if the Union did not wish him to go they would have disaffiliated from NUS. **ROSS MUST GO TO NUS COUNCIL OR RESIGN**, for if he does not go he is refusing to accept the will of those who elected him. The same complaint that was levelled at Alun Evans, but the latter was far more convincing and a better politician than Ross can ever hope to be.

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LETTERS

SOUR GRAPES

Dear Sir,

I don't want a Union. Last year a small group of students who were interested in re-forming Union rose up under my uninspired leadership, and died in a welter of hopelessness during the troubles. Before it departed it produced a mimeographed sheet saying what it thought was wrong with LSE Union, several copies of which I personally delivered to an amused and slightly contemptuous Union Structure Committee in full session. This means between 20 and 25 very ordinary students have in effect approached the Committee with their opinions. Happy?

But this very ordinary student has had his fill of Union. Only a cautious streak (perhaps fearing some little junta all students together disciplinary court) has prevented me from holding a private little Union card burning-party. Before any fresher condemns this as selfish and anti-social, let me lightly mention that this comes after a year of intense if peripheral preoccupation with Union, and not entirely in a destructive capacity.

Why so bitter? The sour grapes of a failed reformer? To a certain extent this criticism would be true. But I have seen the facilities which belong to all of us being used by pressure groups; I have seen Union floor being lied to from the platform; I have seen people good only for destruction appeal to noble ideals and so cheapen them for us all; I have seen Union meetings packed; I have seen motions delayed and juggled and even the ostensible motivation of the sponsors changed in response to the overwhelming need to win; and last but not least, dear Editor, I have seen a newspaper we all support by Union subsidy consistently take a line I feel at variance with that of the student body as a whole.

There is nothing to salvage. Let us just all go home and forget about Union. Perhaps if we do so it will fade away. **Victor F. Ammann**

VISIONS

Dear Mr. Bower,

You should inform yourself of the correct facts before writing an article and so drawing wrong conclusions from wrong facts. You represent Germany today as undemocratic and anarchic and teetering once more on the edge of Fascism. This is most definitely **not** the truth.

In the first place, it is 30 per cent of the German Press which is controlled by Springer, not 80 per cent. German T.V. is an independent public corporation and Springer has no shares in this. Nor did the NDP in the '50's become a larger party than the other right-wing parties, DRP etc.; on the contrary the left party (SPD) in the last election increased their support. Germany is attempting to secure nuclear weapons, is she? Let me remind you that in the early fifties Germany, alone in the world, officially renounced the production of nuclear weapons. The only control of nuclear devices that Germany seeks is a say in the management of the American weapons based in their country.

And what visions of the SS do you have when you say that the policeman who killed a student was in the "political branch"? I cannot myself think of any other major state in Europe with a more democratic constitution than has Germany; France? Spain? Italy? East Germany?

Why else should most of the refugees of Communist or Fascist regimes, from Greece for example, prefer to come to Germany? It speaks for itself.

And your comment that young Germans are ashamed of their country is absolute nonsense. They call themselves Europeans because they are Europeans. What they would be ashamed of is the writing of an article such as yours based on personal and emotional feeling.

Joachim Volf
European

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Director favours greater financial freedom

Words are sometimes the debris of the past and need sweeping away if we are to clear up our current thinking. I am prompted to this somewhat sententious remark by noticing certain words that are used in some present discussions in the School. For example I am frankly shocked to find that a committee could be entitled "on relationships between the School and its students."

This states that the students are separate from, not part of, "the School"; except in a pedantically legal sense which indemnifies the School as the entity incorporated under the memorandum and articles of association, this is an absurd conception of our community. It is muddled thinking to use words that say that students are not an integral part of the School.

Conversely, the word "autonomy" in relation to the Students' Union, either under its present constitution or under any approved new constitution that emerges from the proposals of the Review Commission, can confuse our thinking unless it is more sharply defined. Is a body autonomous that does not determine its own membership? At present all regular and occasional students are compelled to be members, but the compulsion is imposed by other authorities in the School, not by the Union itself. If it is intended that membership should be the voluntary choice of each individual student, this should be stated explicitly.

Defined

If autonomy is intended to refer to greater freedom in



the Union's control of its own income and expenditure, this is a specific issue that can be discussed realistically. I am personally in favour of some greater financial freedom from the Union, but it must be recognized that donors who contribute public funds, whether Local Education Authorities or central government, have a duty to satisfy themselves that such funds are properly administered and

have a right to attach some conditions to their grants to ensure that they are used for defined purposes.

Freedom

Under its present constitution, the Union has freedom to decide many major issues of policy. For example, it is entirely free to decide for itself within the limits of its own financial resources whether or not to affiliate to the National Union of Students, without reference to any other authority in the School. If there are specific limitations in the existing constitution which are prejudicial to the interests of the student body, it is incumbent on the Reform Commission to identify these for discussion and for negotiation for constitutional amendments. But it is essential that the points should be concrete and not vapourized into generalities by words like "autonomy."

W. W. Collins

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Union has decided to suspend judgment on the question of disaffiliation from NUS. There is a good chance that the School will give us the extra money needed for this year's subscription.

In the meantime I intend to use the facilities and experience of NUS to the full to ensure we get the maximum benefit from the money we expend.

In particular I am bringing them in on the discussions about financial autonomy as they have the figures and statistics about negotiations in other colleges and universities.

Procedures

In addition I am hoping that a new staff/student com-

Have we been fiddled over the juke box?

INEFFICIENCY IN THE UNION is perhaps more the rule than the exception, with the Bar Management Committee firmly following tradition. The Juke Box in the bar is losing a possible £45 per year or another 56% on last year's takings of £79.

It was installed in the summer of '64. The suggestion came mainly from one Geoff Wansell, a staff member of

Beaver, who put a motion to union. This was passed putting upon the Bar Management Committee of the time under Deputy President Roy Reeves, the onus of collecting quotes from various firms, deciding upon and establishing a machine.

Offer

They decided to accept



Situation rectified — lift transformed

Where has all the money gone? This was the vital question concerning the new £20,000 lift in Connaught House completed last Friday.

Of an ultra modern type, the lift is similar to those in St. Clements building, holding sixteen people, with collective controls and a "memory" capacity. With doors opening on both sides, it travels at 300 feet per minute and the two porters who operated the old life have been absorbed into other work in the building.

Mr. Collings, LSE bursar, when faced with justifying the enormous expenditure on the new lift said, "The money was all provided by

the University Grants Committee.

The old lift was obsolete, and ran on direct current. All Electricity Board supply

the offer made by "Larens for Music" of Wanstead. Evidently there was some disagreement, the actual reasons not being easily available. However on 6th Dec. '65 another company installed their Juke Box in the Bar. The new company, R and W Operating Ltd. of Battersea reached a verbal agreement. There was inexplicably no formal written

agreement or contract signed by the two parties, and so there has never been any provision for or apparently even any inclination to review the agreement. Their terms were that they should install, service, and provide two new records per week, all free. They then empty the box each week, taking the first five pounds themselves to cover phonographic licences, royalties, and similar overheads. The rest is split 50-50 between the Union and the company.

Account

However, no account has been recently taken of the terms being offered by other companies. Four companies were selected at random by Beaver, and asked for quotes. Three companies said that they would take the first four pounds, and split the rest 50-50.

This would give the Union an extra 10/- per week, or £15 over the thirty weeks of the year, to add to last year's total of £79. This itself is the best figure of the three years the Juke Box has been in the bar. The others were £57 and £26. All the companies offered the same servicing facilities.

Even these figures were outclassed by the fourth company, G.A.M.E.S., of Bowes Park. They would only take £2 per week, and yet still would give full service. This would be an extra £45 per year for Union—over 50% increase on the present figures.

This company stated that they would prefer to install at least one pintable with the Juke Box. Considering the recent action of the Bar Management Committee in installing a pintable and football game, this would seem to have been an ideal opportunity to change to a company offering more favourable rates.

Facilities

When asked to comment, Deputy President Alex Finer, who is in charge of the Bar and its facilities, seemed to know very little about the situation, but Helen Leiser, the only member of the Bar Management Committee who is not on it ex-officio, said, "I will ask the Bar Management Committee meeting tomorrow to look into this situation."

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tending these meetings by some of the procedural wrangling that takes place.

Decisions are being taken at the meetings which will affect the whole student body at LSE and it is essential that as many people as possible should be present to take part in those decisions.

Peter Watherston

Decisions

The numbers at the first two Union meetings this term have been encouraging. A Union cannot in any way be described as taking democratic decisions when there are fewer than 100 members present. The numbers this term have been around 400 providing a fairly wide spread of opinion. I hope people will not be put off at-

Personal Column

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Magnus Carter

KNIGHTS IN GOLDEN ARMOUR SMOKING POT

The Press had a field day in attacking those who "fought for peace" after the rally of October 22nd. If they can sneer so heartily at those who at least have some spark of idealism, perhaps they should, in all fairness show a bit more concern over another paradox of the Vietnam War which was hidden away on the inside page of the "Evening Standard".

The Provost Marshall of the U.S. Army was reported to have admitted that more U.S. servicemen in Vietnam were arrested for smoking marijuana than for any other major offence. He blandly added that in all probability they smoked it in the front line.

One could almost hear the Greek gods of democracy howl with laughter in their tombs at the irony of it. If the smoking of marijuana is "a growing canker in our society" in the words of Mr. R. E. Seaton, the chairman of the court which sentenced Brian Jones to nine months, isn't it about time that the great, free, British press brought it to the public notice that the gallant knights in golden armour who are fighting so bravely for the future of Western civilisation smoke pot. Or per-

haps the secret is that they are only fighting for a free world where everyone can buy it at the tobacconist on the corner.

CLOUD-CUCKOO

About one year ago, high in the cloud-cuckoo land of the sixth floor of Connaught House these words, so fraught with meaning, were penned: "Apart from these general matters of policy there have been no developments in the area of student affairs deserving of special note. Day to day relationships between the officers of the Union and the administration of the school remained cordial, and as usual, problems of discipline were small and isolated." (Director's report 1965-6).

We now await, filled with suspense, the next searching statement from the Holy of

Anthony Terry, Berlin, Saturday

TWO three-foot supply rockets of the type used by West Berlin authorities to shoot anti-Communist leaflets into East Berlin, rose steeply into the air above US headquarters in West Berlin last week. They burst to disgorge thousands of small leaflets which fluttered down. The cops in the US garrison, among the and in demon end, 10,000 parades and The streets in teen school and col West German left-wing news them officially headmasters

Soc-Soc gird up your loins. As the self-appointed leaders of the battle against capitalism you are slipping badly. First Cambridge leave you standing, and now this report from Berlin. Think of the uses to which rockets could have been put. Like shooting Steve Jeffries into the Myton site, complete with leaflets, £50, and an autographed picture of Chris "Call me Greek God" Harman. You could never get higher than this, with or without artificial aids.

Holies which we probably begin: "Apart from these general matters of policy there have been no developments . . ."

Guess what! none of us has been here longer than about two terms. Remember the library survey? Well, the results are out. On each day that the survey was run, five hundred students entered the library never to return. A

total loss of about five thousand students.

HANK ALL THE WAY WITH CIA

What better cover for a CIA agent than LSE. Even the most upright of this radical institution can, so it seems, succumb to the evil machinations of the agency.

Working ceaselessly for the Revolution, it has come to

Magnus's notice that Hopalong Hank Ross (I suppose with a name like that he was doomed to begin with) has joined the forces of counter-revolution. The incriminating article was found within a secret pocket in his double-bottomed trousers, whilst he was taking a shower with a forged A.U. card. Entitled "the Washington Report of the American Security Council" it is an "analysis of developments affecting the nation's security".

It is now filed under lock and key in Beaver office, witness to the eternal vigilance of Beaver in the cause of revolution.

Thought for the Week:

What would happen to Kings if Britain ever becomes a Republic?

BAR INSIDE DE GAULLE

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Myton site — men v. Union

ON THURSDAY, Nov. 2nd, Martin Tomkinson and Chris Harman, student and ex-student of LSE respectively, were among the 24 picketers to appear for trial following their arrest on Monday, Oct. 16th, at Myton's Barbican site.

This trial was only the culmination of sympathetic and practical interest shown by left-wing students here during the strike's year-long resistance. Soc-Soc collected £50, and the Union £40 in its support, while sale of pamphlets and individual collections added to the fund.

Although this sympathy arises partly from geographical proximity and personal contacts, many students also feel that the strike's outcome will form a significant precedent in trade union development.

The fourth phase of the Barbican development Scheme began in March 1965. Mytons Ltd. were the contractors, a subsidiary of Taylor-Woodrow, employing a labour force of about 230 men, nearly all of them Trade Union members.

Differences arose in September 1966 over the fixing of bonus rates. Failure to agree on a substantial rate for labourers working on their own led to a "work-to-rule". The "work-to-rule" continued when, following the settlement of labourers' rates, agreed steelfixers' rates were reconsidered by management, because of a change of building plans. So the management sacked three steelfixers, because their productivity rate was excessively slow.

This brought the whole site out on strike. On the 24th October the five London district secretaries of the unions involved (Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Transport and General Workers Union, Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, Plumbing Trade Union and Constructional Engineering Union) and the regional secretary of the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives (which includes them all) unanimously decided to ask for official sanction.

And official union leaders, under the impression that Myton's retaliatory dismissal of all the men was temporary, persuaded the site to resume work. When they realised that Mytons was not prepared to take the men back, the TGWU and AUBTW wanted to make the lock-out official, but the ASW opposed them, insisting that such a decision must be unanimous.



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Nevertheless, the Works Committee maintained an unofficial picket for 30 weeks. Meanwhile, in February a "compromise" agreement between union officials and the firm provided for:

1. A reduction of about 10% in agreed bonus rates;
2. A new negotiation procedure, effectively reducing the role of stewards and the Works Committee;
3. Re-employment of all but the six shop stewards involved;
4. 100% trade unionism on the site.

But the lock-out picket 450 strong attempts to introduce April.

In answer to Myton Gunter set up a Commission, chaired by V. Madge, whose report, published in September, maintained that the steelfixers, though of the strike, was "because the daily output of steelfixers was derisory".

Thus encouraged on October 9th, Myton introduced new work and, despite the picket, to have about 50 men.

Three of the six Works Committee members were expelled from their posts.

The strike would not have been effective though Mr. Lou Lewis, most indomitable of the hopes that the planned to coincide will ensure that "treat unionists with more".

The strike reflects the inadequacy of the negotiation machinery in changing circumstances in the building industry.

First, the temporary employment and the requirements change stages of the same resulted in a trade union activity at site.

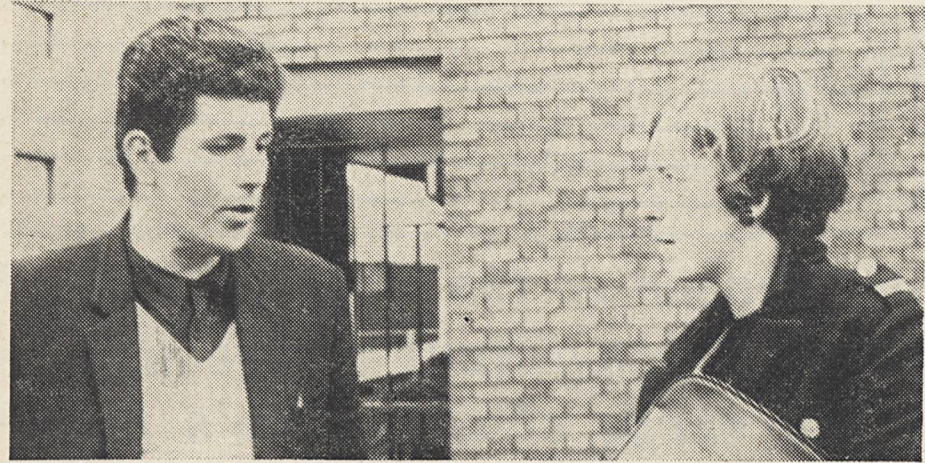
Second, the system adopted during the afterwards, as enacted despite its unpopularity because of expanding requirements. But the face its permanence no efficient procedure rates has emerged.

However, at Myton site the continuity and skilful persistence of stewards, notably in dealing with the contract system has upset the site "Works Committee" across old "craft" even, according to one who exceeded its legitimacy in encouraging a contravention of the Agreement and in an official lock-out.

How reasonable a lock-out depends very much on its own vantage-point.

I talked to Mr. George, secretary of the ASW, the federated unions, originally persuaded the unions' secretaries to the lock-out.

To him the Works initiative was totally identifies the Communist and the lunatic believe that trade union the spearhead of revolution exploit difficulties like them to incite the men



Lou Lewis, unofficial strike leader, talking to our reporter, Vicky Madge...



... and explaining a point to a police officer



George Smith, General Secretary of the ASW.

 BY
 VICKY MADGE
 AND
 PETER NETTLESHIP

CAMERON recommends . . .

- That action should be taken with the concurrence and assistance of the unions and National Federation of Building Trade Operatives to reopen the site on the terms and conditions previously agreed.
- That before the Barbican site is reopened the unions should repeat to their members in the London region, including in particular those employed at the Turiff and Laing sites on the Barbican, the terms of agreement already reached with Myton as well as the result of the NDC decision with reference to the six individuals and the terms of the decision.
- That Myton should again circularise an invitation to re-employment other than to the six individuals covered by the NDC decision setting out (in terms agreed by the unions) the agreement already reached for the reopening of the site and re-engaging of the labour force.
- That the Unions should make clear that any picketing is without union support or authority and that further participation at this site or elsewhere in picketing or similar activities in connection with the reopening of the site will involve the persons concerned in disciplinary consequences.
- That after the reopening of the site a Works Committee should be appointed from among the Shop Stewards, and that a federation steward should be appointed by the NFBTO, both to serve only for such period as is necessary to enable the unions and the NFBTO to reform the procedure for election and supervision of activities of Works Committees operating under the WRA.
- That the Industrial Relations Officer should consider and introduce measures to improve :
 - (i) the regularity of meetings between Site Management and Works Committee;
 - (ii) recording and publishing on the site decisions arrived at; and
 - (iii) methods of official communication between site management and operatives.



The attempt to introduce labour onto the site, Monday, 16th October.

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The lock-out continued and a 450 strong foiled the firm's plans to introduce new labour in

In answer to Myton's appeal, Ray set up a Committee of Inquiry chaired by Lord Cameron, whose report, published this September, maintained that the sacking of steelfixers, the original cause of the strike, was "fully justified, because the daily output of the steel-works was derisory".

encouraged, on Monday, November 9th, Mytons again tried to force new workers onto the site, in spite of the pickets, now claim to be about 50 men working there. Some of the six stewards on the Committee have just been expelled from their unions.

The strike would therefore seem to have been effectively broken, although Mr. Lou Lewis, one of the most formidable of the stewards, insists that the demonstration is to coincide with the trial to ensure that "the police won't be lionised with contempt any more".

The strike reflects in many ways the ineffectiveness of the present negotiating machinery in the face of changing circumstances in the building industry.

The temporary nature of employment and the fact that labour agreements change at different stages of the same operation, have meant that in a traditionally weak activity at site-level.

And, the bonus system, introduced during the war, continued to be unpopular with workmen, because of expanding building rents. But the reluctance to permanence has meant that a permanent procedure for negotiations has emerged.

Over, at Myton's Barbican, the continuity of employment, the willful persistence by the firm, notably Mr. Lewis, in clinging to the complicated bonus system has upset this pattern. The "Works Committee", cutting up the old "craft" divisions, has according to official judgment, lost its legitimate power, both by encouraging a work-to-rule in violation of the Working Rule and in calling an un-justified lock-out.

reasonable you consider the situation depends very much on your stage-point.

ed to Mr. George Smith, secretary of the ASW, the largest of the federated unions. It was he who persuaded the other union secretaries not to support the lock-out.

im the Works Committee was totally illegal. He set up the Committee with "Communist" and the lunatic fringe, who thought that trade unions should be the spearhead of revolution, and expectancies like the bonus system to entice the men."

ANTI-CAMERON states . . .

Cameron "completely ignored (or abused the evidence of the Works Committee)".

"The scaffolders dispute had, as the Report notes, been referred to a Regional Incentives Panel. The results of the Panel's findings are nowhere recorded in the body of the Report . . . and they found in effect, for the workers."

Cameron, on the evidence of one meeting, concludes that the Joint Sites Committee organised the strikes at Mytons and Sunleys, and calls this "bizarre, evasive and incredible . . . also wrong."

Concludes "To the rapidly expanding literature of this contemporary demonology, the Cameron Report has added a singularly squalid little chapter."



The situation now — picket lines rather depleted.

He asked why, if the Committee was so sure of its case, it had not dared to take it before the National Joint Council.

They knew they were breaking the Working Rule Agreement, and Myton's action was justified to "nip in the bud" the Committee's unconstitutional tendencies.

As for the initial decision of the TGWU and AUBTW to support the lock-out he attributed it to their competition for votes among often the same workers, which made them want to follow "popular" policies.

Mr. Lewis has as little time for official machinery as the ASW now has for him. He is anyhow confident that his own popularity can get him re-elected if need be. But he identifies the Unions with the Government's Incomes Policy which, because of the

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distribution of power in the country, effectively means freezing wages while prices, rents, etc., rise. "The workers are the victims of a basically unviable system, and I'm not interested in co-operating with it."

Building workers, he admits, are relatively well-paid. But impermanence of employment and weather uncertainties (when it is wet a builder may earn 3/6 an hour), together with the notoriously high casualty rate, especially in industrialised construction and with the disincentive to safety precautions of the bonus-system, largely offset this.

Wages in the building industry need defence and he has no faith in the present union federation to do so.

In his "Anti-Cameron Re-

port", a journalist not directly involved, Mr. Paul Foot, criticises the failure of officials as manifest in the Cameron Report in "its contempt and lack of understanding of the ordinary democratic processes which operate on the building sites and in factories, through which a shop steward is responsible to the men he represents".

He suggested to me a connection between this strike and that at Horseferry Road, possibly collusion between employers and even a Minister, to break the Works Committees' power.

Following up this last suggestion, an inversion of the "Red Plot", I found Mr. Taylor, of Woodrow-Taylor, highly elusive. But his press agent, Mr. Sadler, told me "the dismissals on the two sites are not connected at all. We have our hands full enough without having to run Sunleys as well."

Although, according to the full - page advertisement NFBTO has put in several newspapers, "There is NO STRIKE", the quibbling over legality seems to me childish. Union law is anyhow largely what management has allowed it to be. Certainly Mr. Lewis and his associates are not interested in co-operating with the firm, or with the unions while their official leadership is so placatory to management and government.

But the broad support the lockout has received should indicate that the system of consultation in the industry is defective. The Cameron Report completely fails to consider this possibility. "Workers' control", it seems, like Alice's jam, is deferred to an eternal tomorrow. And in the meantime workers must provide something like a willing suspension of disbelief.

NUS — the case for the defence

"THE REASON for motions for the November Council having to be in by September 15 was that we were complying with a motion passed at Easter Council this year, to the effect that all motions had to be in eight weeks before Council."

Trevor Fisk, Secretary of NUS told me. "The trouble

is that although it works at Easter since the deadline is then in the middle of February it is not an efficient way of preparing for the one in November."

NUS are still trying to find the most efficient way of dealing with this problem, but it is far from easy. I was shown a sheaf of paper about four inches high which represented HALF the list of amendments for the coming Council.



NUS at work.



ARE WE AT FAULT TOO?

"We are not getting across to the main body of students because College NUS secretaries are not doing their job properly" said Bobby Vincent-Emerly, Press Officer of NUS. "They either don't distribute what we send out, or they select what they do or don't put out."

In LSE this is particularly true since this year's External Affairs V.P. has not seen fit to appoint an NUS Secretary. The burden is passed onto the shoulders of the permanent Union staff, who cannot afford the time to put all their efforts into this job.

STRONGER

Why has no NUS Secretary been appointed? Presumably because Hank Ross wanted to make his case for disaffiliation stronger by having us believe that they do little or nothing for the ordinary student!

The average student really wants the benefits he can get from NUS. Such things

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as travel, concessions and advice over housing problems. This fact is borne out by the situation at IC. They are not members of NUS, but the latter body gets more money from individual subscriptions from that college than they do from most other London colleges who are members.

NOT BOTHERED

But in this college the students can't even find out about the travel facilities without going to NUS personally. Why not? Because Hank Ross has not bothered to appoint a travel officer. Once again the Union secretaries have to deal with all enquiries.

Before we hear any more about NUS inefficiency and that they do not give any benefits to the student body for the money we spend let us have an efficient External Affairs department to deal with what NUS can offer to members of this college.

CHEAPEST

The agenda is just as big and three people were fully employed for over a week duplicating it. Apparently this is the cheapest way of dealing with it, though Fisk said that he hoped that in the near future agendas would be small printed booklets, as they are for other Union conferences.

This would increase the efficiency of assembling the agendas and also help to make Councils more positive.

Council must reform Council

ANDY PARRISH'S walk out from last Easter's NUS Council to hold an educational debate in the coffee bar was symptomatic of many people's feelings about NUS Councils. But where does the fault lie? Delegates go back to their Colleges and complain yet again that nothing was done. But they are the people who decide what is to be discussed. If the floor of Council

listens that works in a body of three hundred will not work where there are over a thousand people present," said Trevor Fisk. This becomes apparent when a situation arises where during someone's four minute speech a point of order is raised and is then debated for over an hour. Obviously the thread of the original argument is lost.

Modernisation of Council procedure is clearly necessary, but both platform AND floor must be prepared to lose some privileges in the course of change.



Some of the mounds of paperwork for NUS Council.

insists on debating an issue which cannot be resolved by Council anyway, for three hours it is not surprising that little of importance gets done. The blame for this sort of situation must lie with the floor, since the platform are powerless to prevent it.

"Until we conduct Council under conference rules rather than under general meeting rules this sort of thing is bound to occur. Delegates are used to the latter procedure in their own Unions, but they must rea-

A LOT OF FUSS has been made about the amount of money NUS spend on salaries. But in fact most of the staff are being paid less than their Union rates. General staff start at a minimum of £391 per annum and can rise to £804. The senior staff are scaled from £762 to £1,236 per annum.

The total staff of NUS is somewhere in the region of 50, which means that a number of departments are grossly understaffed. Hence the delay in sending out registration forms and other information.

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GRADUATING '68

Be smart, be prepared and the job's yours!

IN interviewing graduates for industry one is confronted by a cross-section of young men and women who range from the brighter than bright to the downright surly and withdrawn and in this short article I can only draw attention to some of the problems which exist in any graduate/interviewer relationship in the hope that the graduate may derive some help from taking note of these problems.

It is very easy, and often useless, to generalise on this subject, but coming from a non-specialist interviewer it may

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**Personnel Manager
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be that the suggestions can be of some practical value.

In the short time available to him at the initial interview, the graduate must try to think of himself as something of a salesman. He must make the best presentation of himself that he can without, of course, putting all his goods in the shop window in the first three minutes. A successful salesman always makes careful preparation before any business call and, in the case of the interview about which we are concerned, it may be that a general preparation rather than a specific one can be the more useful.

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PREPARATION

A successful property developer was once quoted as saying that there were three things in deciding how to buy land or buildings — firstly, position; secondly, position and thirdly, position. In the case of the graduate the words "preparation" might be substituted, because lack of preparation and vagueness shows up very quickly to the experienced interviewer. If a graduate shows that he has at least thought about some of the problems which may face him in changing from university to industry, then this is likely to influence the interviewer quite considerably.

The graduate should realise that there is a considerable gap between himself and the interviewer and a gap which the graduate must try to bridge as quickly as possible. Obviously, there will be big differences in age, experience and mental attitude between the two and the graduate may find it helpful to imagine how he himself looks and sounds to the man whom he faces across the table.

JUDGMENT

Without in any way deliberately presenting a false image of his own behaviour and natural character, he should try to present himself and his statements in a way which will tune in, as far as he can judge, to the interviewer's own personality and attitude because the interviewer is the only way in which he has a point of contact with the company. In trying to do this, the graduate will display judgment of some sort which is a quality, however difficult this

may be to define, in which the interviewer will be interested.

Thus, on the simplest plane, the general emphasis on the need to dress in a way which will not shock the interviewer's nervous system. It is a platitude, but also a fact, that first impressions are important and as business and industrial activity is to a large extent founded on personal relationships within and without the company, a relaxed but enthusiastic manner helps to gain the favourable attention of the interviewer right from the beginning.

UNKNOWN

The graduate should also realise that he is, in most cases, stepping into a completely new and unknown environment when he attends for interview. With any luck, the interviewer will also understand this problem, but even so, the candidate should prepare himself with questions to ask about the organisation and philosophy of the company which the interviewer represents.

The graduate should try to see this interview as a two-way meeting for it is not simply a question of the interviewer looking at the graduate to see if he merits a place in his organisation, but it is also an opportunity for the graduate to see if he likes the look of the company as represented through the answers given to his questions by the interviewer.

Naturally, the graduate will find it difficult to express precisely what sort of career he wants to follow in industry but he should, before attending for interview, attempt to visualise this even in a rudi-

mentary way. He can then, by questioning, see if his ideas fit into the general and particular information available to him at the interview. If, at the first interview, he is able to clarify his own mind on what he might be able to achieve in business, the visit will not have been wasted as far as the graduate is concerned.

INFLUENCES

The impression the graduate gives can be enhanced when it comes to questions on important economic influences of the day such as, for example, the Common Market negotiations. It is easy for him to answer in terms of newspaper headlines and give the impression that little preparation has been done. Here again, the graduate must try to look at these questions from the point of view of an industrial company. Thus the graduate should ask himself what could be the general and particular effects of such a development on different types of business. If this is done it is then possible for him to talk about the question in a much less superficial way than would be possible otherwise.

In much the same way that a well educated industrialist can be blind to wider issues outside his own industry, so can the university graduate fail to understand important issues of the day in a wider context than that of the academic environment.

DANGER

Despite the danger of generalisation, mentioned earlier, the aim of the graduate at the interview should be to present his natural self as best he can, show that he has done his homework on the company in which he is interested and demonstrate positive thought on important topics of the day and avoid the vague and superficial answer.

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They've burst my pretty balloon

The Happening, Carlton, Haymarket (cert. X) is a rag-bag of a picture which tries to be a lot of different things, and doesn't quite succeed at being any of them. The closest it comes to being one particular film is in its (main?) plot, a variation on the tried and trusted thriller-with-a-twist theme.

An erstwhile-crooked businessman (Anthony Quinn) is kidnapped as a youthful jape by a mixed bunch of "drifters"—two rich college kids, one insignificant, quasi-hippie (Robert Walker), and a Rentastud type gigolo aptly named Taurus (George Meharis).

When Roc (Quinn) finds out that neither his wife, business partner (her lover, the plot thickens), his old business chums in the Mafia, nor even his cliché-ridden Mama ("so you've been kidnapped, just put your mouth in a smile and get it into gear") will pay for his release, he becomes so upset that he commits several acts of wanton vandalism in a car park, and then in true Dodge City style, organises an unpleasant comeuppance for each (except Mom; in an American movie matricide is just not conceivable).

PSEUDO-POP

To be fair, the thriller plot was better than the orgasm of pop-oriented pseudo-hippiness which the negative

photography behind the opening titles combined with the beach-party opening scene to threaten. All the same, I did get tired by Faye Dunaway (Sandy) with her insistent coyness about whether or not Sureshot (Michael Parks), who was too drunk to remember, had slept with her (no, you don't see); and why was ex-mafioso Quinn coming across with that old "I can't understand you kids" line?

DULL PATCHES

In brief, then, apart from a few dull patches, including the ending, *The Happening* is an often-funny thriller, with a couple of enjoyably escapist patches. Just the sort of thing to go to on a date — it won't demand too much of either of your attention.



PSYCHEDELIC BATIK

In a small studio in West Kensington, with the aid of molten wax and a paraffin stove, Noel Dyrenforth produces batik work, an old, old art form with its roots in India and the East.

Batik is a process whereby a fabric, generally silk or cotton, is dyed, colour variations being achieved by excluding part of the surface from the dye with

wax; but although the process is laborious and primitive there is nothing quaint about this artist's work. Intricate patterns of colour, living, sensuous and illustrating a continual search for the genesis of existence, form the basis of his current exhibition at the Commonwealth Institute (showing until 19th November).

As a medium, batik work contributes a unique texture and tone of colour to the total effect. A certain smoothness and fluency is achieved through the colour becoming part of the fabric rather than superimposed upon it, and this is enhanced by the precision, yet softness, of the colours.

The exhibits range from the intricate designs in muted colours, perhaps associated with the East — although Noel Dyrenforth himself maintains that his work is completely divorced from its ethnic origins — through the penetrating pink amoeboid figures reminiscent of art nouveau, to a form approaching graphic design. Much of it is influenced by the current psychedelic scene, although its representations of the adventures of the mind are sophisticated and less specific than those of the fashionable posters.

UNDEMANDING

It is, moreover, an undemanding exhibition insofar as its colours and liveliness are sufficient on their own to recommend it, but in particular it should appeal to those with an interest in contemporary abstract forms and especially as a diversion to those under the influence.

THE FIENDS

The posters for this film say "The Fiends" (Les Diaboliques). Do not be fooled. This may once have been a French film, but some Philistine has dubbed it in broad American. In its original form it has the reputation of being one of the most outstanding horror film-thrillers ever made. In this version this judgment cannot fairly be said as every performance has been ruined. The voice which was foisted on Paul Meurisse is particularly inadequate.

The film still contains some very genuine shocks, is well photographed and has a really nasty climax.

BEAVER REVIEWS

City of Shadows ^{"M"} Cambridge

The best new film of the week was made in 1831. Directed by Fritz Lang it stars Peter Lorre in the part that made him famous, and kept him type-cast for the rest of his career. Based on the case of Peter Kurten "The Vampire of Dusseldorf", it soon abandons pure case-history to pose more interesting questions. Should a mass

murderer be killed because he cannot help himself, or spared, for the same reason.

M is a pariah, all sections of the City are against him. The Underworld too join in the hunt, because the intense police activity is ruining their business. These men are thieves, murderers and the like. Yet they not only think themselves superior to Lorre,

they set themselves in judgment over him.

The film is brilliantly directed in a quiet unobtrusive manner, every scene is brilliantly composed. Apparently a city of shadows, and very effective shadows. There has been no other film on this sort of subject half so well made. Some undiscerning critics have called Lorre's performance theatrical, on the contrary it is perfect, as are all the other roles.

THE TOWER OF BABEL

The sheer size of the programme should have been sufficient warning.

A brief account of Babel's career, that inhibits all critical objectivity by reminding us of his sufferings and eventual death in a prison camp in post-revolutionary Russia, proceeds to claim that his two plays, of which we are told "Marya" is the best, rank him "in the literature of the Russian Theatre with Gogol, with Chekhov and with Gorky". There follows a detailed map of Russia and a three-page discourse on the events of the early twenties. But for all this his-

torical significance, "Marya", it must be faced, is a feeble play.

"Marya" has never been allowed to feature in the repertoire of Soviet Union theatres, because it fails to spell out socialist conclusions. But this omission need not be regretted.

The play concerns the plight of a former general's family, drawing a sharp contrast between his daughters — Ludmilla (Diane Cilento) who exploits the economic chaos in the person of a black-marketeering Jew, and Marya who never appears but writes a letter back from the war front, full of faith and bad poetry.

POP LENIN

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF LENIN
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The Russian Revolution is beginning to take on the appearance of a growth industry. Svetlana rambles on in *OBSERVERCOLOUR*, and now Robert Payne's biography is reprinted in paper covers.

Despite its "pop" approach — especially when ruminating on Lenin's death at length and deciding that he was poisoned by Stalin, on rather circumstantial evidence — the book draws heavily on Lenin's published works and notebooks and cannot be lightly dismissed.

It combines a wealth of detail with a readable style and is disappointing only in so far as most of the documentaries is familiar to us already. Surely no-one now

"MARYA"
Royal Court
Theatre

Babel's ideas are good but he never succeeds in expressing them organically through the drama. It is as if he wrote, conscientiously following a playwright's textbook — provide one surprise per character to prevent them being "flat", allow significant silences, alternate humour and tragedy, use suspense and all the other tricks of the trade — instead of concentrating on the subject itself.

Robert Kidd's direction struggles valiantly with corny material, but rarely with the actors' support. In fact the best things are the music and the set. And, of course, the programmes.



Not the expected walkover anyway



Never mind kids, I licked the press anyway. I've got me businesses to keep me 'appy, and I'm the champ at that game!

Last Tuesday night Henry Cooper stopped the Blond Bomber from West Ham in six rounds at Wembley. In doing so he created a record by winning his third Lonsdale belt outright. Although he gave Walker a boxing lesson, the fight was nowhere near as one-sided as most of the boxing writers had predicted.

Before the fight our reporter Mike Zuckerman went to see both men in training and spoke to them and to matchmaker Micky Duff.

All the arguments have been settled, but what did these men think would be the outcome, and where do they go from here. Some of these questions at least are answered in these interviews.

I met Billy Walker after a training session at the BBBC Gym at Haverstock Hill. He was training with a middle-weight, Clarence Cassius (no relation!) in order to improve his speed, to enable him to keep out of the way of the one punch that every heavyweight in the country fears—Cooper's left hook.

Even so, his speed of footwork is not by any means dazzling, and his main assets are his incredible toughness and one of the biggest hearts in boxing.

Everyone I spoke to, whether for or against him, told me that when he is hurt, he never looks for the canvas.

It has also been said of him that he can't punch. During a work out on the speed ball he knocked it off its moorings and half way across the gym. Looks like somebody might just be wrong.

After this session, I interviewed Walker. I asked him what he thought of the boxing adage that the best fighter is a hungry one. "Maybe he is, I don't know," he replied. Walker is obviously not hungry. His vast business interests are a by-word in boxing.

Did he feel that these interests interfered with his fighting?

"No, my brother George takes care of all that."

How did he feel about having George in his corner during his fights?

"He's always been there ever since I was an amateur.

I couldn't think of it being any other way."

Didn't he feel that it might upset George's concentration to see his own brother come back to the corner at the end of a round after taking a bad beating?

"No, we're both professionals. He doesn't think of it like that."

What does he want to do after he has won the title?

"It's open to any offers. I'll take any fight that pays enough. When I was in the amateurs, I fought for cups. Now I'm fighting for money. But right now, I want the title."



Not trusting my own inexpert judgments on the fight, I spoke to two experts, boxing writers Sam Leitch and Reg Gutteridge. Said Leitch on the fight: "Cooper by a knock-out in four or five rounds."

There's a lot more hostility in this fight than people think. People think that here are two London boys, great pals, always being photographed together. But Cooper is proud of his title and deep down he thinks Walker is a novice and he'll be out to show him up.

Reg Gutteridge said: "Obviously the bookies' odds on the champion are right. And on the Form Book Cooper should win. But I think it will be a tougher fight than people imagine."

My confidence in boxing writers, however, was slightly mitigated by this comment on them by a manager: "Most of them are half-pissed when they get to the ringside, anyway."

The European title again, perhaps?



That's that then, there's nobody else left to beat in Britain. Pity. I rather fancy a fourth Lonsdale Belt.

When I got to the Gym over the Thomas à Beckett pub in Old Kent Road, Cooper's training headquarters, I found Cooper relaxing on the masseur's couch after a training session. He very kindly agreed to my putting a few questions.

I asked him what he thought about Walker.

"He's young, strong, comes forward all the time. You can't underestimate him."

"After this one, I'd like a go at Mildenberger for the European title."

What about a fight with the winner of the elimination tournament currently going on to find a new world champion to replace Clay?

"The Americans have got this sewn up, but I'd jump at an opportunity for a crack at the world title."

What did he think about Clay getting stripped of his title?

"I think it is very bad. A champion loses his title in the ring. He should lose it in the ring. Some people think Clay is still the champion anyway."

I asked him about the trouble he was alleged to be having with sparring partners, one of whom, Ecchevarria, was said to have complained bitterly every time he came out of the ring at the treatment he had been getting. Cooper was very frank in his reply.

"I pay them very good money, and I expect them to

work for it. I don't pull my punches. The worst thing you can do is pull punches in training."

Former chief sparring partner Ecchevarria was not available for comment as he had previously fled back to Spain.

Two facts obtained from Micky Duff, Harry Levene's matchmaker, on this fight. The gross takings will be about £65,000 and both boxers are on a percentage. I asked Micky what his greatest difficulty had been in putting on this fight. "Getting the tickets printed quickly enough."



Hockey Flop

The new season has not started too well for the Women's Hockey Team with a disastrous defeat on Wednesday, 11 October, against QMC, and the Saturday fixture cancelled. This trend seems to be a follow-on from that of last season when the captain had great difficulty in finding enough players to field a team.

Interest

The Freshers Squash provided the opportunity of bringing new blood into the club, and during it we received the names of over a dozen keen freshers. However, only half of these have shown any interest in actually playing a match. This situation is likely to worsen as the season progresses, when the senior members tend to drop out under the pressure of work.

Nevertheless, we hope to attract several new players, as we have a very full fixture list, with prospects of several mixed matches. Anyone interested in spending a pleasant afternoon at New Malden instead of in the Library should sign on the notice on the Hockey Board in the concourse area. Their support will be most welcome.

SADIST WANTED

The Men's Boat Club requires a cox. To the uninitiated this essential gentleman is that member of the crew who steers the boat, and, (at LSE), has occasion some times to shout himself hoarse at recalcitrant oarsmen. Any race can be won or lost, by the competence or lack of competence of the cox in taking into account the vagaries of wind, tide, current and opponents' behaviour when deciding on the best line to take.

Although coxing is a skilful task the basic skills are not difficult to master, and the finesse and confidence come with practice. Therefore NO experience is necessary since the potential cox will be more than adequately trained by an ex-member of a University crew. All that is required is keenness and enthusiasm for one of the most competitive of sports.

The position might suit someone, sadistically inclined, who enjoys watching others exhausting themselves.

Barrel's Blinder Nearly Tore Out the Netting

First team captain 'Bouncing Barrel' Firth showed his forwards the way to goal last Wednesday, scoring five out of a 6-0 thrashing handed out to Surrey University. Two goals in particular are worth a mention — a thirty yard 'Barrel' blinder that nearly tore out the netting, and an oh-so-tricky header

from a Kirkbell free kick. The latter rounded off an excellent afternoon's work by getting the remaining goal, a volley that the 'keeper never saw.

Clarkson, Crellin and that master of the scientific slide Walter Wilkinson, all turned in good performances.

On the other pitch, a merry time



Map-reading and team work fail

THE FIRST XV's rigorous fixtures have so far brought only 3 victories in 8 games.

Since the last report victories over Old Purleians by 6-0 and Old Askeans, also by 6-0, have been tempered by defeats at the hands of QMC and CEM each by 12-0, and Sussex University by 26-6.

Inability

Perhaps the team's main failing so far lies not in the lack of enthusiasm or skill but in an inability to play together as a unit. This has been amply revealed by the games against QMC and CEM where LSE were on the receiving end of some excellent teamwork. The team also suffers from distinct disadvantage as regards size; the pack generally find themselves confronted by larger opposition, so that obtaining possession, especially in lines-out, often proves a difficult task.

However there have been some redeeming features. The consistent displays of Pearson at full-back have proved the salvation of the side on numerous occasions, and the vigour of the versatile Richardson has also been notable.

Deficiencies

Foster's displays in the scrum and the loose leave little to be desired, and Pick-up, despite his deficiencies in the field of map-reading, always leads by example.

It would seem therefore that a greater ability to play as a cohesive unit will produce results. The talent is undoubtedly there, the problem seems to be to channel it in the right direction.

FOOTBALL

LSE II 3, QMC II 1

At last the seconds have proved on the field that they possess the ability to play the sort of football which previously was only there on paper. Their success against QMC was a welcome boost after a season of reversals. Inevitable success has its unfortunate side for the seconds through the removal of its most constructive players to the first eleven.

Enshrouding mystique in Eastern ruin

The mystique which has enshrouded judo in general in the past is suspiciously enhanced by the siting of our doji (the gym) in the shadows of the ruined East Building, although the siting is unintentional. Despite the awe in which judo is held by non-participants, it is only right to dispel certain misconceptions.

We are not a nationalist underground guerrilla movement; we do not practice schizophrenic meditation with oriental gentlemen; we do not indulge in sacred ritual or occult practises, and the bones we break are our own.

One of the commonest labels attached to us by our friends is 'sadist.' As to the truth of this I don't know, save to say that the pleasure gained by judo is that of self aggrandisement, rather than that derived from the infliction of pain. It is still true that we pay a generally prohibitive amount of money to receive and occasionally dispense punishment, but the potential enjoyment of an individually achieved success after hours of sweat and toil upon the mat cancels out the disadvantages.

It must be emphasised that the 'gentle art,' that is judo, requires more than an initial search for glamour, it necessitates a prolonged period of individual dedication to training and practise if the illusive goal of perfect mental and physical coordination is to be achieved. However this process is far removed from drudgery because opportunities are ever present whereby one's personal prowess can be recognised by the system of grading in judo, and by the growth of one's personal ap-

preciation of one's own capabilities.

Like other sports judo possesses a spirit of friendliness of its own whether in one's own club or elsewhere based on mutual respect. The general attitude to judo is usually far removed from one of vindictiveness, and is one of patient confidence in one's own potentiality, conditioned by respect for one's opponent.

Budokwai

The LSE Judo Club possesses a great friendly spirit among its members, both male and female, set against a background of excellent opportunities, facilities and instruction. Our instructor this year is a very experienced and excellent Second Dan Black Belt, Brian Clifford, in whose company we hope to aspire to greater achievements. The position of LSE in the heart of London provides easy access to training sessions at ULU on Friday evenings and at the Budokwai — the nerve centre of British Judo — on Wednesday afternoon in addition to our own practices on Thursday nights.

We also provide contest opportunities for all our club members, whatever their ranking in the judo hierarchy; this year we intend to win the inter-collegiate championships in preference to being runners-up, as last year.

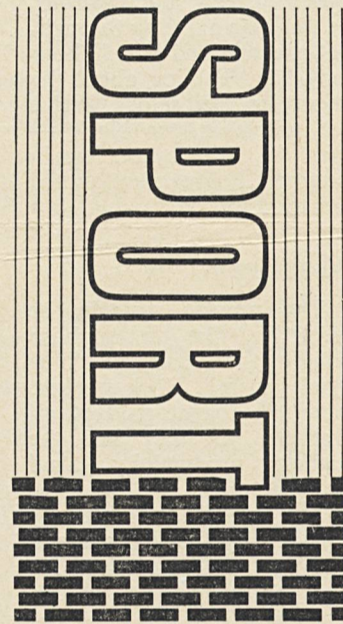
To make a final point; we practice judo as a sport and not as self-defence: for this we recommend a pair of plimsolls and a police-whistle.

TIGER LEADS THE WAY

Once again the Cross Country team has got off to a successful start and looks like having another good season. The team has had a good victory over Brunel College, and after two league races now lies in third position in the University league. Only one defeat has been sustained when a much weakened team was narrowly defeated by King's. Old regulars like Derek Pratt and Norman 'The Tiger' Critchlow have been running far better than last season, and many freshers have helped to boost the strength of the team, especially J. Barber, T. Hurst, D. Storton, D. Bennett and N. Feam.

After a happy start to the season (5-0, 5-0, 3-0) the fourths lost their first league game against IC, going down 2-3, despite hard work in defence by Peatfield, Whitehead and Gannon.

An easy 6-2 win over the Comic(al)s was followed by a last minute draw, Butel to the rescue again, against Hammersmith. On Saturday they had an easy 5-1 cup win.



CUP WIN

LSE I 10, St. Mary's 2

This Cup game was played throughout in a torrential downpour which was so thick, that at the beginning of the second half, nobody realised that Hollis was not in his usual place in goal but had gone to change his saturated jock-strap. Undoubted proof of our esteemed goalkeeper's worth! LSE started in magnificent fashion, despite being without their irrepressible captain, Firth. There was a revolutionary movement in the dressing room afterwards to depose him after such a convincing win.

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Dash slams unholy trinity

by Kim Felix

"THIS PROMISED LAND, THE GOLDEN EQUALITY is not what they said it would be" was Jack Dash's bitter comment on the many unfulfilled promises to the dockers in his 46 years of active efforts to improve their wages and conditions.

School tackles crime wave

IN THE LAST few weeks some personal belongings have "walked" without trace in LSE. Security of property in such large open establishments is always a problem.

The Security Officer of Imperial College outlined some of the problems. The students themselves seem to be quite honest, judging by the amount of lost property that is being handed in, including small sums of money. He is sure that outsiders are responsible for 95% of the thefts. They enter the college, wander around and seize opportunities as they are offered. A few sneak thieves have been caught at IC, many of them young men, superficially identical to the students themselves.

LSE has no Security Officer as such. The college authorities have much less to protect in buildings and equipment. Any thefts of personal or college property, should be reported to Mr. Brown, (the Clerk of Works), or to Lodge A, who then report it to him.

Thefts

Mr. Brown would appear to be the authority in charge of security. This term for the first time, he has detailed a porter to do spot patrols of the college keeping his eyes open.

In particular there have been some thefts from the changing rooms in the East building, mainly because students will persist in opening the door to all, whether they have a key or not, whenever they knock.

Mr. Pike, the financial secretary is setting in motion a propaganda campaign with posters to try to make the college more crime conscious. We hope that students and staff alike will take note.

60 year old Mr. Dash was speaking at LSE last Friday after not being allowed to speak unopposed at City of Westminster College, where the meeting was originally to be held.

Jeff Lawrence, City of Westminster Union President, commented, "The College authorities retracted permission on the morning of the talk, but by this time we had already arranged to hold it at LSE".

Jack Dash's speech involved a history "second to none" of the dockers' fight for improved wages and conditions from the poverty stricken days of 1889 up to the present struggle. He praised the dockers' efforts in continuing work throughout the two world wars but attacked the employers and "that unholy trinity of Brown, Gunter and Wilson", the establishment in general, and even economists.

"I don't know what sort of bleedin' economy they teach you 'ere. Universities are turning out economists faster than Walls' can turn out sausages." Lively and vigorous, he was also amusing throughout the one and a half hour long talk. Talking about the lavatories he said, "We've got toilets in our block — even the flies boycott 'em in summer". He also quoted Doctor Johnson.

Mockery

The present struggle, he went on, was to establish equality and end the "blue eyed system". Dock workers were the lowest paid of all workers, yet they had the highest productivity and accident rates.

The speech was warmly received by the 700 present, and over £13 was raised for

After a tiring speech, Jack relaxes before answering questions



the strike fund.

Afterwards he spoke to me about the present unofficial strike very seriously, without a trace of the previous mockery.

Asked what he thought about being banned at the City of Westminster he said, slightly bewildered, "I just can't understand it. They want students to know about life — they've got to know about life—they know nothing. Learning is all very well, but life is the greatest university in the world".

Speaking of the strike he said that although the men "were never happy on strike" they were bitter, determined and very disappointed at the

failure of the Trades Union to negotiate. He was very hopeful about the outcome.

Brutal

Switching to the Barbican troubles Dash said he was interested in it as another aspect of the working class struggle. He welcomed Lou Lewis's decision to go back to work, "you never lose a strike, you only lose wages: something will come out of it". He criticised adverse publicity, which he felt hampered the men. He described press statements as "rotten and poisonous."

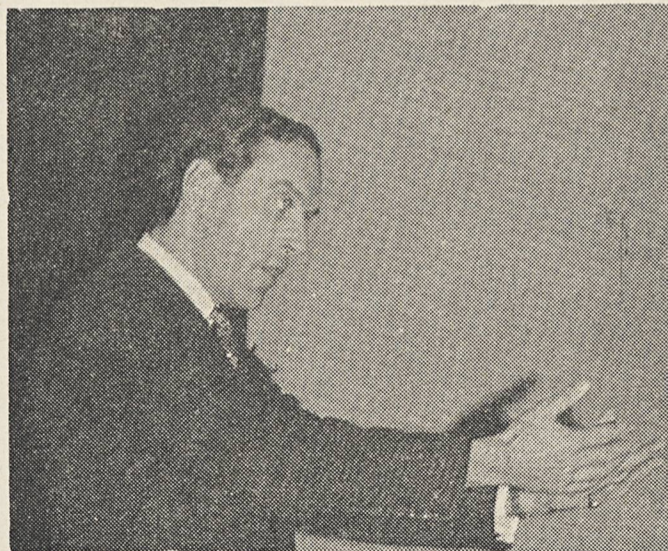
Asked about the alleged police brutality, which has

been heavily criticised by LSE students, Dash said that he thought they basically did a good job, but experience over the years had taught him that they could be brutal.

He firmly believed that students could aid the dockers' struggle by sending letters, petitions and telegrams to Gunter, Wilson, Frank Cousins and the executive of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

His parting comment was, "It's another part of a continual struggle in a violent history. It's got to succeed."

Usual Liberal jibes



What a surprise Jeremy Thorpe must have had! Fancy coming to the LSE and not being heckled . . . and after that treatment of Harold at Cambridge!

Perhaps it was because he did not really have all that much new to say. Yes, it was all there, Common Market, Regional government, workers' representation, phasing out East of Suez. Predictably, Mr. Thorpe referred to the past "20 years of Conservatism". He even managed a reference to George Brown — asking the "Beaver" photographer not to photograph him with his glasses on.

There were, of course, the usual jibes about all the other parties adopting Liberal Policy. Isn't that why they say the "Liberal Party has no policy"?

After the uncommonly warm reception given to him Mr. Thorpe answered questions, and then left the building safely, all fears of being mobbed or battered having been removed.

THIRD DEGREE UNDER?

The team for the Radio Quiz programme 'Third Degree' has now been selected by the Assistant General Secretary, John Stacey.

Marian Griffiths is the only lady member of the group. She is a first year, studying Sociology. The second year

member, John Bishop, is studying Law. David Baume, is the third and senior member of the team. He is studying Philosophy and Economics.

The first round against Swansea was recorded last night in the Old Theatre.

Ease the crush—eat early!

IF STUDENTS at this college have eaten a meal in the Refectory between one o'clock and one-thirty they have known what it is like to eat a meal in the Underground during rush hour.

There are many who could ease the crush by coming up for a meal from the Library a little earlier. Why not eat at twelve-thirty, or even twelve-fifteen, when the rush is not on? It will be quieter; quicker and comfortable.

By doing this when possible you will enable others besides yourselves to have a time to enjoy eating rather than fighting for space. So eat between 12 and 1 if you can, at least once in a while.

The Union Housing Committee is attempting to sublet student flats for the Christmas vacation. If you want to save money normally payable on your flat, let us have full details in Room S102 by Friday, November 17th, at the latest.

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