

FORSAKEN ENGLAND!

We learn of Depressed Areas.

A CHANGE IN OUR ATTITUDE.

No undergraduate in Birmingham to-day recalls clearly the memory of the year 1926. Cloistered away from the world in our schools and nurseries we can but remember of that hectic time, a shortage of newspapers, a slight shortage of food and the exciting tales of pa's and ma's. But there were great doings here. Undergraduates turned out to drive trams and buses and what they could do to break the strike—many of them did; and it has not been forgotten.

From that date comes the beginning of the chaos in what are now called the Depressed Areas; mainly from that date comes the suspicion of the worker for the student. Will the future show again a better understanding between the two? This was the hope and the feeling of the Depressed Areas Conference held in the Union a short while ago.

The Conference was arranged by members of the Guild in order to discuss the whole problem of the distressed areas and to awaken the student conscience. Working and unemployed miners were amongst the speakers and they joined in the group discussions with representatives from other Universities and members of the Birmingham Trades Council. Several students from Fircroft attended.

Throughout there was general recognition of the fact that the problem was fundamentally a national one and not a local one—this being stressed. Amongst the other items that came up for discussion were the school-leaving age, transference of workers, and training camps and pensions. There was surprisingly strong opposition to the question of transference in one or two quarters. One or two speakers told of the hopelessness of the miners, of the lethargy of the young men and of the inevitably losing struggle that a gallant people are putting up. Men who had "been through it" revealed their own and similar situations clearly.

Hopeless Lethargy.

Mr. Nicholson, of Political and Economic Planning, said that the absence of work was breaking the backbone of the people. House-proud women had been struggling against tremendous odds to maintain respectable homes. Fathers saw their sons growing into a state of hopeless lethargy. Miners could see no prospect of improvement until the Government took charge of the mines.

Mr. Patrick Keating, a Welsh miner from Fircroft College, explained how very bad were the housing conditions in Merthyr Tydfil; and he told how a voluntary housing scheme had been carried through by a group of unemployed men who had built two houses. He instanced the great hardship in the Merthyr Tydfil area, which was imposed with the application of last February's Unemployment Bill, and went on to criticise the present transference schemes and the training centres. It must be realised that no man could learn a trade in six months, but that such a man could be an effective weapon in the hands

of employers who wished to reduce the standard of living. The population of Merthyr was 71,000 and of these, 14,000 were unemployed. The rates were 28s. in the pound and out of that 15s. 9d. went to the D.A.C.

Mr. J. McGregor, an unemployed miner from Scotland, pointed out that the consequences of unemployment on health and well-being could be seen in the reports of medical officers and the number of rejections from the army. In Scotland they felt sore that a country that had contributed so much to the building of the empire should be described as a distressed area. In Lanarkshire there were 10,000 juveniles and for these there were no opportunities, and the figure would increase.

Holiday Camps Scheme.

Professor Sargent Florence, summing up, said that they considered the standard of maintenance in the Depressed Areas was grossly inadequate, so also was the present and projected expenditure on them. The Depressed Areas were a problem of national and not local responsibility and they should be treated as such, and that: (a) extension of public works should be embarked upon in these areas, with standard rates of pay and fair conditions of work; (b) transference of workers may be of assistance in relieving the areas, but any scheme of that nature should be subject to Trade Union agreement, in order to provide against any use of imported workers to lower the standard of the workers concerned in the industry; (c) raising of the school-leaving age to sixteen with adequate maintenance allowances and without exemptions would do much to solve juvenile unemployment and might do something to solve adult unemployment. Systematic overtime was to be condemned.

It was also recommended that the Guild consider, in consultation with the Trade Unions, the setting up of holiday camps for unemployed workers in the distressed areas, and the proposal that a research group should be appointed to go into the question of the transference of workers was adopted.

"Freedom of Press"

Mr. R. D. SMITH REPLIES TO CRITICS.

Comment arose on a meeting of Guild Council on Monday, 13th January, regarding Mr. R. D. Smith's criticism of Revue 1935, particular reference being made to what was described as a "cruel" statement that the dancing of the ballet mistress was not an asset to the show.

Replying, Mr. Smith said that, as dramatic critic of "The Mermaid," he felt that he was justified in saying what he thought, and pleaded "fair comment." His explanation was accepted.

Further complaints were made regarding alleged Socialist propaganda in "The Mermaid." Mr. Smith's reply was that he was willing to accept contributions

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Strong Feeling re O.T.C.

"TAFY" LEWIS v. SOCIALIST CLUB.

"PINK 'UN'S" CIRCULATION IN HOUSE.

"The Pink 'Un," official organ of the Socialist Club, has attacked the O.T.C.

Mr. G. I. Lewis, ardent member of the O.T.C. and Imperialist, wrote to "The Mermaid," defending the institution. An ill-considered phrase has roused the wrath of the Socialist Club in general and Mr. R. D. Smith and Mr. R. Padley (author of the article in "The Pink 'Un") in particular, to the most militant wrath. A fierce and bitter argument took place in the Founder's Room last Tuesday, and it is understood that Mr. Smith has received a large number of indignant letters condemning Mr. Lewis, intended for publication in "The Mermaid."

Mr. Lewis, wearing as usual the old "Prairie Flower" tie, said: "The wrath of Moscow appears to have fallen on my head. I know that I express the silent views of many others who are not, however, influenced by a strong Celtic lineage. For the information of the uninitiated, 'The Pink 'Un' is not a symptom of boozers' gloom, but a comic newspaper brought out by those who are of Russian extraction."

Mr. Padley points out that the Socialist Club is not, by any means generally in sympathy with Russia. "What I object to," he said last Sunday, "is not Mr. Lewis's support of the O.T.C., but his manner of expressing it by personal abuse at the expense of the Socialist Club. For instance, he says that the Socialist Club is run 'by exhibitionists for exhibitionists.' He presumably thinks it a good policy implicitly to exclude members of the teaching staff who are also members of the Club from his attacks."

Members will be able to obtain a fuller grasp of the situation when "The Mermaid" is published next Tuesday.

The "Pink 'Un" has a wide circulation in University House, it is reported, and Miss Walton, the warden, is alleged to have undertaken to buy a copy.

Cocoa Stoppage.

CRYING OVER SPILT COCOA BLOCKS DRAINS.

The drains in University House were blocked for several days.

The spilling of cocoa at cocoa time (10 p.m. G.M.T.) has become so great that the warden has threatened to stop the cocoa ration unless this menace ceases.

Whether there is any connection between the two events is at present unknown. Repeated enquiries have also failed to obtain an accurate estimate of the number of calories that residents would lose as a result of this stoppage.

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representative of every shade of opinion. Confronted with the awful vision of "National Government" cartoons to oppose the unqualified sentiment of their Socialist predecessors, the Council decided to leave "The Mermaid" for the time being. The question of the moral tone of "The Mermaid," as displayed in "Poem of Our Time," is to be raised at the next meeting.

Woman Orator Find.

BRILLIANT SECOND SPEECH BEFORE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Last Friday evening the Debating Society continued its policy of debating metaphorical phrases with a view to obtaining a direct answer to them. The motion was, "That the via media is a snare and a delusion." The place was the Founder's Room. A large amount of the small attendance could undoubtedly be accounted for in the words of a man overheard in the corridor a few minutes before the start: "I'm going to see Molly Hamblett speak." But he must have remained to hear.

The confident rhetoric of Comrade Bates, the bumptious nihilism of Comrade Padley, both filling in local details in their invariable Socialist code, the depressingly common sense of Mr. Whitehouse (pale pink Socialist), are to be regarded as inevitable. In the second speech that she has ever made before the Debating Society Miss Hamblett held her audience as did no other speaker during the evening. In quiet sincere unhalting tones she detailed the manner in which the majority of great men were able to see both sides of a question and temper their instincts with reason. She pointed to the absurdity of extremes in dress, in work and in play. Her arguments were old, but the sincerity and the unostentatious yet confidence of her delivery were new to the Debating Society, as also was the absence in her speech of a desire to maintain any political reputation. Her best point was made towards the end of her speech, "In conversation one can be so brilliant as to be boring." Her success, following upon the recent success of Miss Hamill in the debate, "That the Woman's place is in the home," has raised the prestige of woman debaters within the Society to the highest level for many years.

The best point from the floor was made by Mr. A. J. Wensley. Compromise, he said, was no confession of weakness but a means of spreading one's own belief. "An extreme left means a revolutionary right." The motion was carried by 15 votes to 12, although few of the speakers had supported it.

D. N. Bates for Ireland.

It is announced that as a result of a trial debate, held here, in which representatives of several universities were present, Mr. D. N. Bates, Chairman of the Debating Society, has been elected to represent the English Universities on a tour, with one other representative, in Ireland.

Tankards for Motorists.

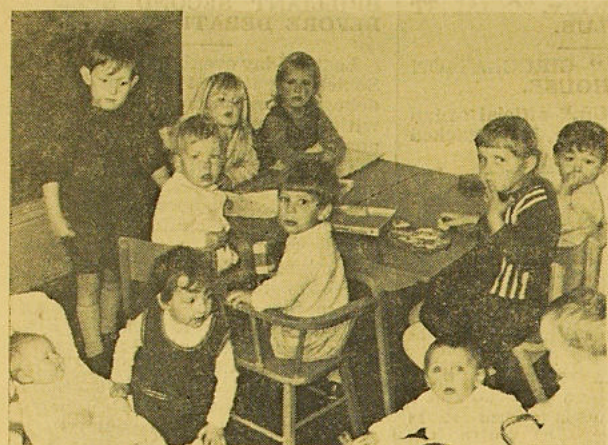
At one of the rare indoor meetings of the Motor Club, held on Friday, January 31st, several motor-racing films, lent by the M.G. Car Co., were shown.

The films, the first shown for four years, were thrilling ones of the 1934 T.T. and other events, and were well received by the 20 members present.

After the films, last year's awards were presented. L. W. Taylor received a cup for winning the Autumn Trial and also a tankard for the best performance. Southall and Millburn had ash-trays as premier awards, and Nicholas and Whitnall received medals.

POSTGRADS SPLIT OFF BY VC's ACTIONS

FEARS that the University was trying to drive a wedge between the postgraduates and the undergraduates in the Guild over the issue of student representation were reinforced this week when it was announced that the Vice-Chancellor was to meet postgraduates in the Arts Lecture Theatre at 5 p.m. this Friday, to discuss the issue of student representation.



NURSERY-CAMPUS BABIES NEED MORE TOYS

THE University nursery last week issued an urgent call for help. It needs extra equipment and facilities that its limited finances cannot cover, so it is appealing for old toys of all sorts and sizes.

The nursery is financed mainly by the University, and costs about £3,300 a year to run, but despite a grant of £25 from the Guild it still runs at a loss. Dr. Bolton, the University Health Officer, who is responsible for the nursery, said last week: "Money is not available for further expansion, although this is not so important now as all the undergraduate parents have been catered for."

At present the nursery has room for about 20 children up to the age

The main fear among postgraduates is that they will not have representation on University committees, as postgraduates. In general they are not interested in the Guild—or in Guild politics—and they feel that the Guild has nothing to offer them, but they are interested in representation in the University.

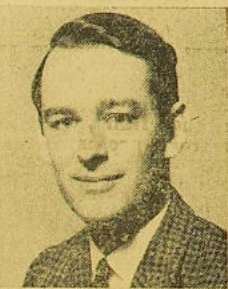
Doug Telford, Chairman of the Postgraduate Association, said yesterday: "The meeting was called at the request of an E.G.M. of the postgraduates in order to try to get the University's side of the issue. A lot of postgraduates tend to side with the University with this. They have heard what the Guild and the Ad Hoc Committee have had to say, now they want to hear the University's."

Both Ray Phillips and Doug Telford are agreed: "It will be better for all if we stick together," but the P.G.A. Chairman went on, "The Guild never wanted us before, and it's very convenient that they should need us now."

Ian Johnston, last year's Chairman of the P.G.A., commented: "The University has repeatedly dangled the carrot of a second Union for Postgraduates in front of us, and this looks like a further attempt to split the Guild."

Ray Phillips, Guild President, has repeatedly explained the present situation over the postgraduates to the Vice-Chancellor—"that they are a Society of the Guild and cannot in any way go against Guild policy." In spite of this fact, the V.C., after hearing of Ray Phillips' decision not to elect representatives to the All-Union Committee, asked Doug Telford to sit on the committee, and he was mandated to do this by a meeting of the P.G.A. thus going against Guild policy.

early responsibility and a salary that goes with it



David Doreux (27) Cambridge, Selwyn-History. Has held a variety of jobs in five different factories. Currently responsible for a children's shoe factory at Exmouth with 170 people and an annual production of 500,000 pairs of youths' shoes a year. He is also engaged in a management course run by John Tyack & Partners Ltd., the Consultants. His boss is 60 miles away at Street.



Michael Finnes (27) Oxford, New College, P.P.E. Joined Clarks in 1963. Worked for two years in a factory. Sent to America in 1966 to attend a two year M.B.A. Course at the Harvard Business School. Currently Market Planning Manager in Clarks Ltd., which makes and sells about £20M worth of shoes a year. He is responsible for forward planning, for Stock Control and Market Research.



John Bennell (25) Manchester—Chemical Engineering. Joined Clarks in 1964 and was determined to be a Manager not a Chemical Engineer. Began his Work Study and after a spell as Foreman then worked successfully for two different subsidiaries in Ireland developing and bringing into production a new manufacturing process. Now Factory Manager at Weston-Super-Mare with a labour force of 160 people and an annual production of 800,000 pairs of shoes a year. He works only 28 miles from his boss.

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Czech teach-in clash imminent

LAST February the Czechoslovakian government introduced economic reforms for the decentralisation of industry, and a corresponding liberalisation policy was applied to all aspects of life. Russia, believing this to be a counter-revolutionary measure, sent in troops and invaded the country. The people received

DEBATE PREVIEW

ON THE OTHER HAND.....

IN tonight's debate Roger ("Wild man of the Right") Hird looks forward to a Conservative Government, and no less a person than our very own Ray (I'm no friend of Harold's but we've got no choice, have we?) Phillips reveals the fascist Tories as the uninspiring alternative any with any intelligence or morals know they are.



Shirley Williams, M.P.

How, you may ask, does our man Hird dare to defy the Awe-Inspiring Authority of the revered President? Answer: he's got John Boyd-Carpenter, M.P. on his side, whereas Phillips is carrying weight with Shirley Williams, Minister of State for Education and something or other. You might think that this adds up to the most relevant, tense, mind-shattering, intriguing debate this year. On the other hand, you might not.

All this and more will be answered at a teach-in tomorrow at 5 p.m., where various guests have been invited to speak, among them Mr. John Ennals, the Director-General of the United Nations Association of the U.K., and Mr. V. Zernov, the third secretary of the Soviet Embassy, who will put the official Soviet viewpoint. Also present will be Mr. Leo Labeda, the editor of "Survey," a journal of Soviet and East European affairs.

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THE START OF IT ALL.....

Outlines of the conflict at the Free University of West Berlin

In the first years after the foundation of the Free University (F.U.) in 1948, the "Studentenvertretung" (i.e. Guild Council) always agreed with the official policies of West Germany which were then characterised by a strong anti-Communism. At the end of the cold war when the critical energies of the young intellectuals gave up the hysteria of anti-Communism, the students of the F.U. began to turn towards conditions in their own society. In 1968 arose the first conflicts where the policies of the "Studentenvertretung" and of the Senate of West Berlin were no longer identical.

The chronology of the students' crisis shows the close connection between public demonstrations and demonstrations on the campus. The university one tried to arrive at a modern university structure which would be in harmony with the demands of industrial society. At the same time there was the call for democratisation within the university. The students wanted to elect representatives on all university committees to express their interests.

The reaction of the professors was one of silence or sometimes repression. The only arguments they used were authority and privilege. The great number of quarrels within the university between the administration and the students only led to a slow process of democratisation. Why was that? A reason had to be found for the apathy of most of the students. Several political student-groups, but especially the "Sozialistisch-Deutsche Studentenbund" (S.D.S.—the German Socialist Student League) had had long discussions about a political theory by which one could understand the events inside and outside the university. Rudi Dutschke and some of his friends in the S.D.S. showed very early the close connection between university and society. To say it very simply, Dutschke

sees in the structure of the university a reflection of the social structure. His political theory is a modification of the thoughts of Marx and Lenin, taking into account the changed political and economic situation.

"The Establishment" and especially its Press (Springer, etc.) understood the danger of those ideas and of that revolutionary student. So the Press tried to show Dutschke as a demagogue and as a dark-haired, brutish fanatic. They did not show him as a highly intelligent student and an excellent and convincing speaker, who is as good in theory as in practice. In addition to political theory, the S.D.S. started a big campaign of clarification, Aufklärungskampagne, about the Vietnam war. No other subject promoted the political movement of the students as much as discussions about and demonstrations against the war in Vietnam.

It always turned out as tactically right to carry the conflict, which had first been theoretically formulated inside the university, into the city as a big demonstration. Only by doing this could the students build an effective position against the "industries of consciousness" (Press, T.V., radio). A failure to go directly to the public would have led to a social isolation. The students' movement would have been

stified in the ivory tower called university.

All demonstrations (Vietnam, against the Shah of Persia, against Springer, etc.) have been processes of learning and have also improved the political consciousness of all demonstrators, although there have been many faults in details.

The conflicts with the organs of the State that calls itself democratic showed where democracy ends, that is where the non-conformist dares to have doubts in the existing system.

On June 2nd, 1967 (the demonstration against the visit of the Shah of Persia, in Berlin), Benno Ohnesorg, a student who had never been at a demonstration before, was shot down.

Since this day the involvement of the enlightened students increased day by day. Even the most apathetic student could not then hide in his ivory tower behind his books. He had to give his opinions on the function and structure of the university, on its relationship to the whole society.

More widespread activities of the politically conscious student began to push through new forms of a democratic team work amongst all university members. But the resistance of many professors and a large part of the student body rendered the process more difficult.

Professors were compelled to discussions by sit-ins and teach-ins. Their lectures and seminars became discussion seminars about the relationship between academic study and its practical value. But political practice had shown that the subject had to be extended to convince more students.

Within the old structure of the university this clarification could not be achieved. Therefore, in summer, 1967, the "Kritische Universität" (K.U.; Critical University) was founded. This university (using rooms inside the F.U. or flats of students, etc.) started with 30 "seminars" with subjects like anti-authoritarian education, sexuality and power, possibilities of a democratic school, architecture and society, the concentration of power, and the problem of property. In these "seminars" there was no authority, every meeting had another "chairman" and the seminars were open to the public.

This was not very successful, but there were a few schoolchildren, workers, officers, intellectuals.

The necessity of these critical seminars again became a bloody reality when Rudi Dutschke was shot down three days before Easter, 1968. The spontaneous reaction of students, workers and other citizens and the huge demonstration (12,000 and more) in front of the publishing house of Axel Springer, where the demonstrators tried to prevent the distribution of the newspaper, showed how many people were able to understand a political context. They had seen how a powerful Press can turn dangerously against any non-conformist thinking man.

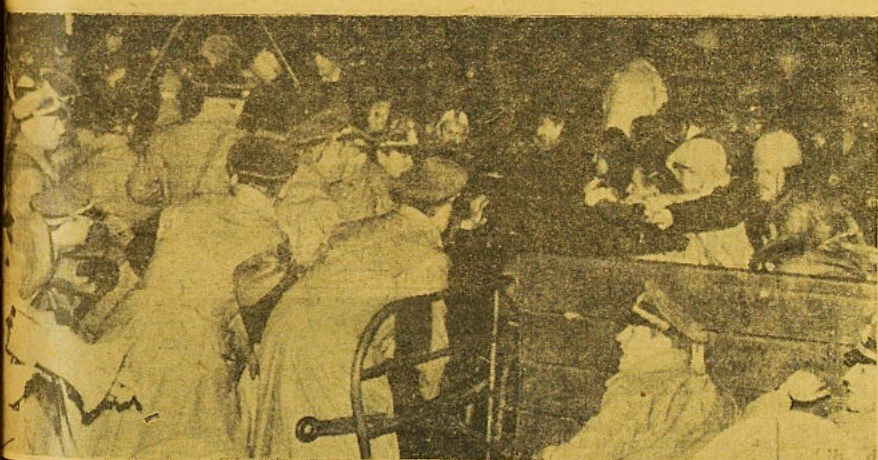
The S.D.S., however, had recognised that in this bureaucracy, it is irresponsible to demonstrate at any price and waste the lives and energies of the demonstrators.

by HANS-JURGEN MEIER

In summer, 1968, the students again went into internal university conflicts with more effect. In the progressive departments (political science, social science, psychology, German language and literature), the students worked out new constitutions in which they demanded the equality of professors, lecturers and students in all committees.

The movement had become so strong that the students could occupy the departments for one week after the refusals of the professors. At the end of the last Semester (July, 1968), the Department of Political Science passed a democratic constitution with the consent of all members (professors, lecturers and students).

The Senate refused this constitution. The students therefore occupied the office of the "Rektor" (Vice-Chancellor). The "Rektor" called the police, who had to carry the students out of the building. The members of the department of Political Science decided, in spite of the refusal, to work according to the new constitution. So after a long period of pressure from a minority, a politically responsible majority decided to have a democratic constitution; although this was a first important success the democratic university stands at the beginning of its development and could be a lesson for Birmingham.



Wednesday DEBATE: "This House looks forward to the prospect of a Conservative Government." Pro: John Boyd Carpenter opp.: Shirley Williams COUNCIL CHAMBER 5.30 p.m.	Wednesday International Club Film: "THE WORLD OF APU" 7.30 p.m. ★ Haworth Lecture Theatre.	Wednesday & Thursday Circulo Hispanico "LA CELESTINA" by Fernando De Rojas. A Bawdy Drama. Debating Hall 2.15 and 7.15 Wed. 7.15 Thurs.	Friday BUGS BEAT BALL and UNIT 4 plus 2 DISCOTHEQUE Food Bar 7/- AVON ROOM REFECTORY.	Saturday ENTS. COMM. DISCOTHEQUE 8 p.m. FOUNDERS ★ SUNDAY FLIC. "TOM JONES" and "JERRY AND JUNCH" DEBATING HALL 3/- 7.0 p.m.
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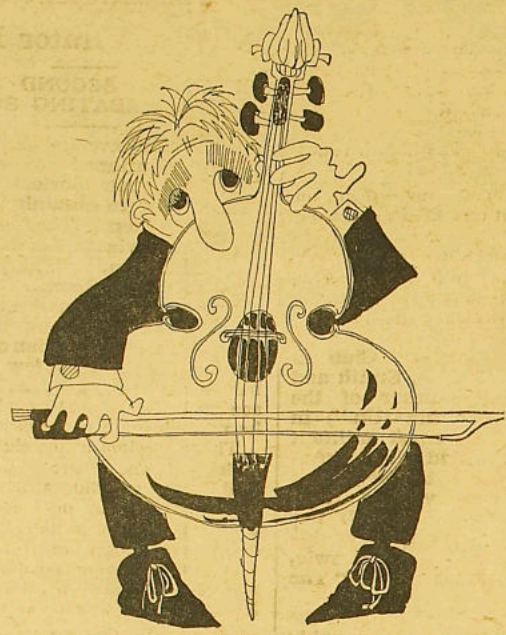
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dental decay

DEAR Sir,—It is not often that teeth get a mention in your columns but I would like to voice a complaint about the pitiful inadequacy of dental facilities. Anyone with disintegrating choppers be warned: they're going to disintegrate considerably more before Squire Nordan and the other part-time dentists get round to seeing you.

This week (having waited four weeks for an examination) I learned I would have to wait until mid-January before my course of treatment could even begin.

Someone asking for an appointment because a filling had dislodged itself was told he would have to wait well over a week before being seen.

Someone else, complaining of pain, wanted to make an appointment. She was told that no new patients could be accepted, and was

advised to seek treatment elsewhere. The receptionist disclosed that at the moment there were no full-time dentists at the clinic but they might find one soon.

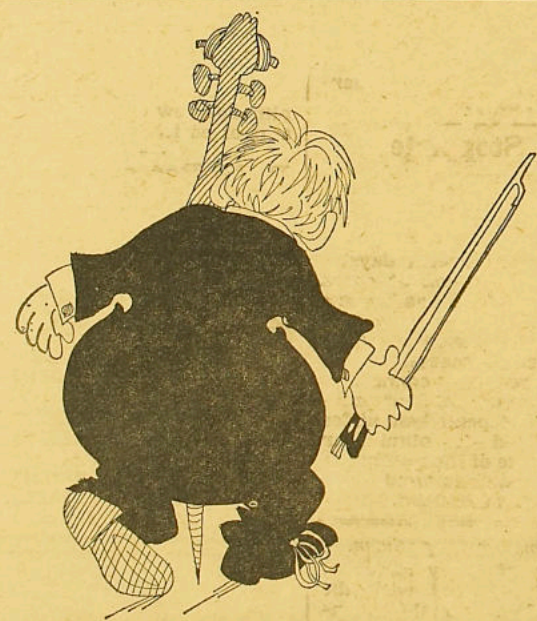
Apparently most of the dentists have private practices and so, one presumes, do a "bit on the side" here, just for good measure.

Complaint is not being levied at the dentists themselves but at the grossly inadequate provision of dentists for an expanding University, which I doubt can be remedied by the services of one full-time dentist. Is an adequate dental service available for the student body?

When people are forced to look elsewhere or wait months for treatment I don't think there is much doubt about the answer.

Perhaps Dr. Bolton can elucidate? With representation on the University Health Committee, perhaps our interests stand a chance of being considered.

TONY DELVES,
(History/Soc. Sc. II)



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Outrageous proposals of Ad Hoc extremists

DEAR SIR,—It is unfortunate that in today's Society attention is inevitably focussed upon the extreme elements rather than the middle of the road opinions of the majority. Perhaps this is the product of sensationalism and the inevitable truth that people would rather hear something they disagree with than something with which they are totally in sympathy.

In the University the current mood amongst the extremists is centred upon "the Ad Hoc" group's activities. The moderate sector of opinion has done little really to oppose them. Indeed, they have been allowed to whip up popular furor in the University virtually unchecked. But now that some "concrete proposals" have been presented it is perhaps necessary to express some opinion.

Possibly a passing criticism upon the stupidity of the "Programme of action of the Ad Hoc Group" published last Friday will help people to gauge how seriously this body should be regarded. After half a term of "constructive" discussion, the group has come up with proposals which are, to put it mildly, utterly crass.

To suggest that a general meeting of a department to decide policy may be fine in theory, but in practice it is utterly ridiculous. In order to get a suitable attendance at such a meeting it would have to be made compulsory. If it were not, then only a small minority would attend it and the matter of policy-making would merely pass from one competent minority to another incompetent minority.

The concept that individual departments should be responsible for the discipline is even more outrageous. Can any body of thinking, realistic people honestly suggest that there should be one law for members of the medical faculty and another for members of the engineering faculty? Do they really think that it is feasible to establish a system under which two people involved in the same incident are to receive completely different sanctions as a result of the fortune or misfortune of being in a particular faculty? Surely this is the craziest idea set out yet?

When a graduate leaves this University he knows that he has a fair chance of finding employment. This

Dedicated revuers

DEAR Sir,—May we use your columns to inform your readers that, as a contribution to the Spring Festival, we are writing a Revue which will be presented somewhere in the city.

As you may imagine, we would like to recruit a number of creative people to assist in writing the show and talented people to take part in it, or better still, people who can do both.

We are hoping to stage the Revue in an intimate club-like atmosphere and in particular, we are looking for a main core of about half-a-dozen dedicated individuals. However, we shall doubtless require a team of some 20 or 30 people.

So, if any of your readers have written revues for their departments, etc., can sing, dance—in fact, have anything to offer—and would be interested in taking an active part in this project, we would welcome their assistance. They would, of course, contact us through the usual channels, preferably personally.

Thank you.
RAY LOWRY
BOB WILKINSON
GRAHAM TILLOTSON

can be put down to several reasons, not the least of which are that the University has maintained, by its system of authority, both the value of its degree and its reputation for only conferring it upon people who have shown themselves not to be dishonourable. If the University acquires a reputation for childish extremism then it will be reflected in the world outside by a tendency to shun its graduates. Do the extremists really intend to abolish the machinery by which the University seeks to protect its members?

PADDY NELIGAN,
ANDREW WELLS,
RICHARD JACKSON,
MARTIN WALFORD,
JAMES BISHOP,
SIMON WILKINSON,
JOHN M. PIKE,
RICHARD SEYMOUR-MEAD,
DAVID GILBURN.

Friends for Sparkbrook

SIR,—May we, through the columns of "Redbrick," appeal for student volunteers to assist us in raising funds for the support of the Sparkbrook Association.

In the last summer term we appealed to the teaching staff of the University to become Friends of the Sparkbrook Association by contributing small annual sums towards the payment of the running expenses of the Association which amount to approximately £4,500 a year. Eighty-six responded and contributed £250 and of these 21 signed seven-year covenants ensuring £98 per annum income to the Association for seven years.

We feel that many more members of the University will support the Association if a personal contact is made with them. Students willing to help us in this should get in touch with us in the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science. We or our secretaries can be reached at any time from Monday to Friday inclusive.

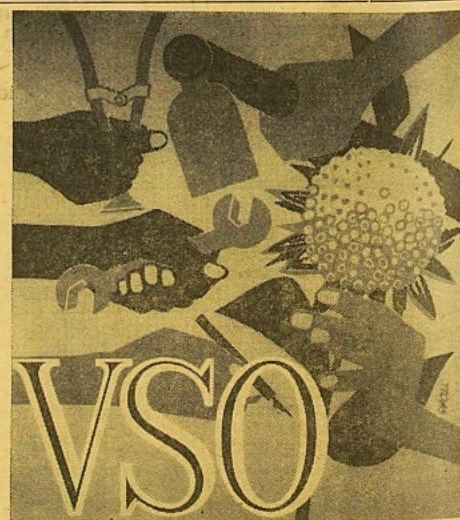
Yours sincerely,
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to "Redbrick" (See editorial).

SIR,—"Participation" is an old word. Everybody uses it and nausium, and so it loses meaning. Yet to Liberals the word is the essence of a new social structure. For us, the success of society reform will be measured by how far bureaucracy is smashed and replaced by a participatory society. What do we mean by "participation"? We mean a revolution; we mean the reorganisation of society in all its aspects, on the basis that each individual should be able to control the forces which affect his environment.

We, as Liberals, want to start a social revolution here; we want to form the participatory society on this campus. For this reason, we give full backing to the "Ad Hoc Committee's" manifesto, because it is an attempt to destroy the existing mock-democracy and replace it with a coherent democratic structure.

"JOHN" A. K. HUNTLEY
(Lib. Soc. Chairman)

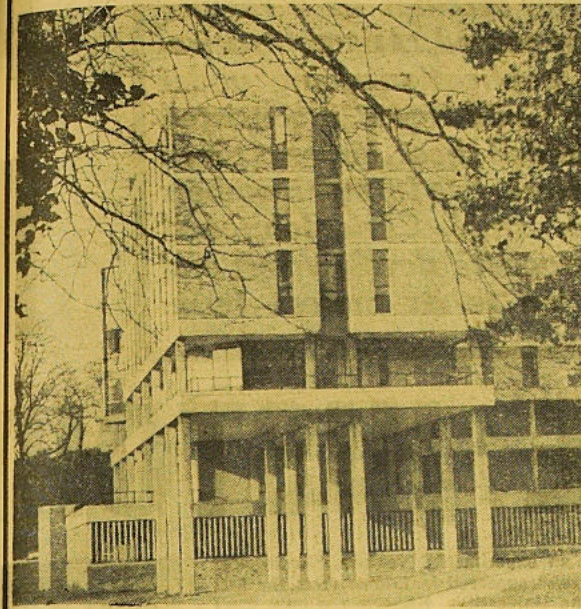


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NEW IMAGE FOR I.C.

THE International Club has appointed a new committee whose chief objective is to get as many members as possible to



Vind Sikand

take an active part in the organisation of the club.

The new chairman of International Club, A. R. Vind Sikand, said that the club intends "to embrace in its policy the whole spectrum of Internationalism by having social functions and meetings to increase social awareness in the University."

The Club will put more effort into co-ordinating the functions of the Overseas Student Society and set up an information bureau for overseas students so that two-way contact with facilities inside and outside the University may be achieved.

Roderick Thompson, of International Club, said that a more forceful publicity campaign would be launched to bring the club to the notice of students in the University.

The new committee, composed of both overseas and British students, had an unofficial meeting on Tuesday to discuss financial matters.

POVERTY

THERE will be a conference on "Poverty" in the Council Chamber next Sunday, November 17th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Speakers include Michael Duane, Harriet Wilson and Tony Lynes.

The conference which will include a dramatic presentation from G.T.G. is in four sections: poverty and the welfare state, poverty and immigrants, poverty and education, and poverty and policy.



Carol Witt

FREEDOM MAINTAINED

PAUL WILLIAMS, former Tory M.P., was guest of honour at the University Monday Club's first termly dinner held last Monday in the Private Dining Room.

He spoke afterwards about the danger of Universities denying freedom of speech and association, and cited the treatment which he received at Sussex and which Enoch Powell had received at other Universities as examples of the denial of the role of Universities.

The University Club chairman, Owen Couliby, condemned those who are trying to abolish Senate and Council which "have been running the University well for over 50 years."

TWO more girls have been attacked on the Vale site in the last fortnight. This follows an attack on a Ridge girl last year when security on the Vale site came under considerable criticism.

Both girls were attacked in the same place—just outside Wyddington. Marion Hall, 2nd year Biology, was walking down the hill at 11.20 p.m. on November 1st. A man suddenly appeared over the bank behind her, grabbed her handbag before she knew what was happening, and made off up the hill. "I screamed and ran after him—I don't quite know why—then another man appeared and asked what the matter was—I thought he was going to help but instead he grabbed my arms, laughed in my face and pushed me back on to the bank," she said.

"Then he disappeared up the hill after the first man while I ran back to Wyddington and the porter called the police. They were round in a few minutes but the men had gone."

She described her attackers as both aged 18 to 20 and about five feet ten inches tall, one with dark hair swept back, the other with short, blonde, greasy hair. "Definitely not students," she said, but went on, "the extraordinary thing was that though there were a number of people standing round the entrance to Wydd, no-one made a move to help. They all thought it was a game of some kind."

The bag was later recovered by the police from a stolen car in Winsor Green. Only the money, about a pound, and a few odds and ends were missing.

The second attack occurred at 7.15 last Wednesday morning. Carol Witt, a member of the Wyddington kitchen staff, was walking up to High Hall when a man "about fortyish with a scruffy raincoat and dark greasy hair," emerged over the bank and chased her up the hill. As she ran into High Hall kitchen the man stopped and then disappeared. "I think the security on the Vale Site is terrible," she said: "there ought to be more men and more patrol cars." But she added, "I wouldn't walk down there on my own again—I get a lift every morning now."

At present two men employed by the University patrol the Vale site from 5 p.m. until midnight. In addition police panda cars drive through from time to time. Mr. Thompson the Bursar, pointed out that a sum of money approaching four figures had been spent on improving the paths and lighting since last year. "We are at present planning to improve the lighting in Mason car park," he said: "We can do more if we spend more money but we shall have to wait until the Halls Committee meets next week."

However, there were no immediate plans for stepping up security, he said.

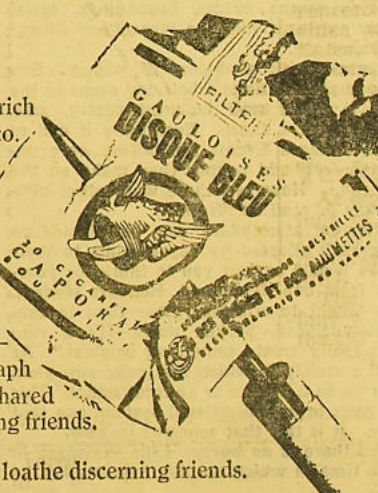
20 Gauloises.Gone.

Twenty firm white columns of rich pungent French tobacco.

Gone.
Twenty white-tipped butts scattered over the wake of yet another day.

One crumpled blue and white pack lies spent on alien sward—sad epitaph to five and tuppence shared among discerning friends.

How I loathe discerning friends.



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S. J. WRIGHT

Cops and cars

Birmingham Rep's Late Night Theatre: "Police," by Slawomir Mrozek.
G.T.G. production of "The Car Cemetery," by Fernando Arrabal.

AGONY and ecstasy. Hope and despair. Both these plays in one evening.

The similarities between these two plays are worth remarking, if only to emphasise the difference that the style, directing and energy can make to a production. They are both written by major modern, continental playwrights — Mrozek is Polish and is internationally

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renowned for his full play, "Tango and Striptease"; Arrabal, a Spaniard now writing in French, known for "Two Executions." Both are working within the lines of the "absurdist" school of Ionesco, Beckett, Genet, Adamov — Mrozek uses it for a political end (as does his fellow Pole, Tadeusz Rozewicz). His story is simple — in "Police," the last jailed revolutionary threatens to reform, rendering the police obsolete — and he highlights the paradoxes of a system (not unlike that of Brown's in 1984) which, to maintain itself and its urge for power has to manufacture its own enemy. It is a well constructed, witty play.

I do not want to repeat my criticism of the first late night production — this, however, was just the same, except worse. It lasted about 80 minutes (about 15 minutes longer than the Arrabal) — it succeeded in not changing tempo, or volume more than once. The actors project their lines across the footlights in the manner of the old time music hall artist, on a bad trip (by the by, just in case anybody thinks I might have it in for the poor little old rep that never hurt anyone — let me add, I quite enjoyed the Old Time Music Hall). The bodies followed their voices delicately around the stage,

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never quite sure where they were, or how they got there. Nothing was ever noticeably motivated — they obviously wished to keep a pure, naive quality to the production. Sometimes, as a special treat, they gave us a funny walk, and thank God! THE EVER FUNNY OLD QUEER BIT — WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE. It's always nice to see actors actually sending up the camp, instead of being so horribly BUTCH.

To watch was to see nothing. To listen was to hear a language you had never heard before.

But — you could sit with the actors.

Smile knowingly. Directed by Gilles Provost — "a French Canadian." He has directed and appeared in productions for radio and television in Canada, but prefers directing in the theatre.

For Sebastian Berman's production of the Arrabal, part of the audience had to sit on the floor and the actors moved, jumped around them. The audience then had to move around to see what was going on — they became physically involved in the production — they had to keep alert to follow what was happening. Rhythmically, physically, one became a part of the production from the beginning.

Visually the play was fascinating to watch, even if at times, one lost of "significance of" — people moved, came together, fought, ran, without sex or a shit — they touched each other as people might. There

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was physical awareness. The play took to live as happening now, not being a recording which the actor would, android-like, boom out. At times the cast tried to do things which were technically slightly advanced (the ribaldistic middle section — very Grotowski in its form) and they slipped. But I prefer people to aim for the heights and slip slightly than to see them accept a meaningless compromise. When it did work, the Judas Kiss and arrest of Christ, it was beautiful. It hit incredible poetic images, the Christ crucified on the bike, the sexually exhausted woman doing knee bends, the mute (Harpo Marx, Sebastian Bergman — the night I saw it) the eating of sweets etc. etc.

The audible was not ignored. It stemmed from the physical — the sound of people walking, running, the stillness and heavy breathing of the rite, the cries of the whipped Christ, mixing with the sobs of the new-born babe, the whole play had been considered in rhythmic and physical terms.

I am not sighting this production as one of the world's great — it is not, and Sebastian knows that. But it is on the right path. It is working towards a total theatre — a theatre of experience, excitement, thought and immediacy. The theatre needs more of these, and less of the rep sort.

It makes me wonder why we fight among ourselves — we are all aiming for the same sort of thing — and the enemy is big enough without picking off our own men ourselves.

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JOHN BAGWELL

A dying tradition

WEEP, brethren, for this our dear departed music-hall. If anybody remained unconvinced of our old friend's death, Tuesday night's grisly and embarrassing exhumation would have made their minds up for them. The whole mess was made even worse by the fact that we were not even watching genuine music-hall artists at work, but Rep Theatre artists pretending to be Leonard Sachs, Marie Lloyd, Uncle Max Miller and all.

Specific criticisms run as follows: The songs were performed by actors and as such were not especially musically inspiring. All the songs were your own, your very own and very old favourites. If you have never grooved to the wild beat of "Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag" or "It's a long way to Tipperary" then this is your chance.

To give them their due, the company didn't let the audience get away scot-free. You had to join in or face the conjoined wrath of the company and theatre governors. The latter attended the first night in—wait for it—full period costume with red hair and black sideburns.

The second part of the evening was taken up by the well-known (i.e. driven into the ground) musical drama "Lady Audley's Secret". I should like to know why for God's sake this cannot be played as a straight-written—straight. The performance I saw was as camp as a three-pound note. The tone of the whole debacle was loud and overbearing. Rep. appeared to have all got drunk and decided to take the night off. Unfortunately they still appeared on stage. This last point is a general criticism of the Rep. Many other productions have also been insensitive, unsuitable and generally heavy-booted.

One loud and very long cheer. Three containing the famous "Cox and Box" sketch. This was as brash as the rest but somehow managed to make it after all. It was the best "theatre" of the evening. Mr. Box was well played by Keith Drinkel, who earlier did a great version of an old stand-up comic.

Generally, however, it is sad to reflect that this is apparently the last well received production at the Rep. for some time. If all one of the supposedly best Rep. companies can do well is music-hall, we must turn elsewhere for theatre. And let's not blame the actors too much. They have got to run a living, poor dears. May God help them, for I cannot.

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JOHN BAGWELL



Michael Caine in a scene from "Deadfall."

FILMS

PHIL IRVING

Incomplete glossy crime-study

UNDERNEATH the superbly photographed glossy exterior of "Deadfall" (Odeon all this week), underneath all the intrigue, incest, sexual and heterosexual, looms a large vacant space—only partially filled by what writer/director Bryan Forbes is trying to do with his latest film. He of all people seems very unsure, and the result is a movie that in places is very good indeed, but when taken as a whole, emerges as completely confused in its objectives; as if plasticine pieces of action had been stuck on to an original script, without being worked into a coherent whole. The net result is a contrived and rather pretentious film; a glossy thriller complete with a do-it-yourself intellectual upgrading kit.

The action centres around Henry, a master jewel thief, who has made it from very obscure beginnings, to the present lush living somewhere in the South of Spain. Henry, played by Michael Caine—is ambitious, ruthless and has an eye for the birds—somewhat inevitable one feels in view of Mr. Caine's past roles—he's still the Joe Lampton of the Jet set. The film opens in a sanatorium for alcoholics where Henry has himself committed in order to research into one of his prospective victims, Salinas.

On the day he leaves the cool white Sanatorium, Fé Moreau (Giovanna Ralli) comes to see him to persuade him to join up with both and her husband Richard (Eric Portman), in the quest for bigger and better jocks, with the Salinas robbery as the ultimate—possibly the unattainable goal.

They have a try-out first on a government official's house while

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HERSH ZEITSMANN

Stereo-typed western

THE trouble with most westerns is that they're so formula-ridden. Granted, few producers today would have the nerve to attempt the naive, short-hand identification of hero—dressed-in-white and villain—dressed-in-black, but the formula underlying that morality-cum-colour-scheme still exists. And if cliché is the life-blood of the western, then "5 Card Stud" (ABC's New Street and Colehill) must be the healthiest movie to come along in years.

A stranger to town is lynched by the men he had cheated in a poker game. Soon the lynchers start getting murdered one by one, obviously by someone out to avenge the dead man. Who is this determined killer? And will he be discovered before our hero (who was involved in the poker game and who naturally tried to prevent the lynching) gets knocked off? (If you don't know the answer to this last question, you must be (a) under three years of age, (b) a hopeless recluse who never goes to movies or (c) a congenital idiot—and preferably all three).

The story has its moderately intriguing aspects, but the outcome is oh-so-predictable—almost as predictable, in fact, as the characters. All the stock western types are present; the virtuous and honourable hero (Dean Martin); the mysterious stranger (Robert Mitchum); the innocent young girl (Katherine Justice); the fallen woman (Inger Stevens), who (aw shucks, ma'am! golly gee!) is really nice when you get to know her; the tough but compassionate mother figure (Ruth Springfield) who runs the saloon (Thelma Ritter, who seems to have the patent on this type of role, must have been ill when the part was cast); the villain (Roddy McDowall) who's evil because his daddy didn't understand him; and so on ad dreary infinitum.

To make matters worse, the film appears to have been shot on no budget whatsoever. I've learned to accept (reluctantly) the convention of the hero riding off into the sunset but when he looks in danger, not so much of being burned by the sun's rays as of being splattered by his paint—well, for me at least, the game is definitely over.



Dean Martin, the hero of "Five Card Stud" (At ABC, New Street).

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Volkov (Peter Vaughan) supervised the abduction of Kay Sebastian (Heidelinde Weis) in "The Man Outside" (At the Cinephone).

BOOKS

PHIL IRVING

Thinking about thinking

"THE FIVE-DAY COURSE IN THINKING," Edward de Bono; Allen Lane Press, 25s).

PARADOXICALLY the book contains three five-day courses in thinking rather than one, each course consisting of five problems which Edward de Bono intends to be executed daily; one problem per day.

Objects of the exercise are not so much to solve the problems, but to observe how one goes about solving them. After this have a look at his answers and his comments on the way you went about solving

the problems. Each set of five are all of similar types, and illustrate different aspects of the thinking process — step by step logical deduction, inspiration, trial and error, the role of past experience.

The book is not intended as a crash course for would be philosophers, but rather the object is to give us day to day thinking processes a little push, and make one aware of the consequences of various lines of thought and mental habits, churning round inside the heads of most people during the course of a day.

Certainly this reviewer found the book interesting enough to carry on with the problems, even though the temptation to carry on solving the lot at once just to get intellectual satisfaction is sometimes quite strong. Reading the book has not resulted in any great surge of intellectual activity, but it now is quite fascinating to watch the mind at work.

Apparatus for the problems is simple enough — bottles, knives, books, glasses of water. If the answer to a particular problem is wrong one knows about it soon enough — it's best to perform the problems on a waterproof table.

making the Brummies think they're dining in style, but it is totally devoid of character. Perhaps it is the Brummies also who like to hear Kenny Ball and other unoriental music assail their ears while dining, but it was not to our taste.

EATING OUT

TANTALUS.

Indians

"MMM—it's hotter than my vindaloo," said Old Bumley.

The object of his surprise was none other than a "Meat Phal," as served up by the Taj Mahal (the one behind the Rep.). After the terrifying experience of one of our team with the same curry at the Tibet, the dish was viewed with some suspicion, especially as the waiter said, "It's a hot one, sir," when the meal was ordered.

This is rather curious; he did not say this about the vindaloo, which is labelled "very hot" on the menu, whilst the Phal is merely labelled "hot." In the event, it was far from inedible, the curry sauce tasting rather good. The Ranganth Josh is possibly their best curry—one of the best Ranganth Joshes in town, in fact. But the meat... Gristly, hard and fatty, it was some of the worst that we have come across for quite some time. This is a shame, especially when you remember that their sauces are well above average.

THE Gate of India, in Horsefair, is one of those restaurants that falls into the trap of being too slick, too smooth and too pseudo in its decor; it may be fine for

Prices are about average for the centre of Birmingham, but the Gate of India must be one of the few Indian restaurants not to provide jugs of water on the table.

The Taj Mahal is one of the more expensive restaurants; it used to justify the extra by throwing in chutnies and poppadums, but this has now been discontinued. The portions are, however, unusually generous.

We will leave you with this thought. One of our acquaintances had a chicken curry there quite recently. The chicken bone was fully eight or nine inches long.

CONCERT

STEPH MAJOR

Spanish enthusiasm

PURISTS or classical guitar experts might argue that Manitas de Plata is not as great a guitarist as is suggested, but rather an exhibitionist and showman who uses sensationalist methods to captivate his audience.

Their arguments are in some ways justified. But getting an English audience to react like a Spanish one is no mean feat, and this Manitas and his troupe achieved on Wednesday night when they performed to a packed audience in the town hall.

The concert began with a selection of instrumental and vocal improvisations on the Flamenco style by Manero, Ricardo and Hippolyte. They created an atmosphere of enthusiasm among the audience who received Manitas warmly when he did arrive. He demonstrated his mastery of Flamenco music and manipulation of the guitar which earned him the coveted Disque de France.

Anyone who remembered Manitas' last concert in Brun might have been expecting a reappearance of the dazzling white suit and armadillo-type shoes of last time. But instead he appeared for the second half in a remarkably conservative suit, which might have led one to suspect a change of image.

However, this was not to be. During the concluding display, "Fiestaruma," Manitas appeared in dazzling white attire, with sequined shirt, outdoing even the vivid green satin shirts of his troupe.

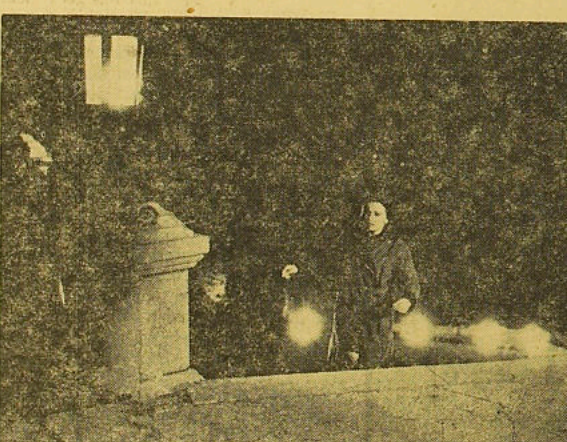
The general comments praised the concert, though some people would have preferred to hear more of Manitas than of his troupe. But there is little doubt that without the impressive singing and playing of the latter, Manitas would not have had the same impact, as his solo television performance show.

Ravi Shankar

On Saturday, November 23rd, probably the greatest exponent of Indian music today, and certainly the most well-known, Ravi Shankar, will be appearing at the Town Hall. This is the man whose influence has inspired such groups as the Beatles and the Moody Blues, and the effects of this can be seen throughout Western pop music. For 7/6, you can see the man who started it all, who plays music in a style almost unchanged for 700 years, but get your tickets soon, because they're going fast.



Manitas de Plata (left) with the artist Salvador Dali.



The "Birmingham Post" wouldn't make the block of an illustration showing Dick Holt wearing this week's fashions, so this is another scene from "Deadfall."

FASHION

NETTIE

Sit-in pretty

DARLINGS, for Heaven's sake this winter, don't be seen turning up in the same dreary old rags sit-in after sit-in! Things are hotting up and it's got to be flamboyant gestures at any demonstration worth attending this session, and that goes for clothes too.

You male militants will absolutely do your nuts when you see what Sparrow-legs of Campus Camp Shops has done for you in see-through boiler suits—if you are inventive you can knock the same thing up, very cheaply at home, with string and cellophane bags—And those duckie Denno dungarees too much! The Ad Hoc Sock, naturally, is the thing you'll all be rushing to the shops for this month in a gay range of exciting colours—try out green—carry a matching hand grenade—or knot the V.C.'s intestines carelessly, cravat-style round your neck—and no-one can fail to notice you just made the scene.

Faces are just meant to be bold. Called the "Daggers Look," the accent is on deep lines of pain etched on the countenance by determination and a keen sense of grievance. Academic freedom, of course, means that just about anything goes. Breasts are out, and cod-pieces are in (here might I mention that Dick Holt is doing valuable work on cod-pieces—exploring their thoroughly—research which will add new dimensions to the subject).

Skirts go up; and down with tights as one brave soul forecast only last week.

If there's one thing sit-ins have in common with commodes it is that they are for sitting in and no messing about—so girls, and this is dead serious—if you have grave doubts that your see-through dress and undies are making you appear too sexually available—then for order's sake—a mastectomy is the only solution.

Improvisation is the key-note. If you're already tired and exhausted from roosting in the attic for buttons—as one writer of fashion on this page suggested recently—then be smart and cobble some old lady for her ransacked gear one dark night in a Harborne back street.

Remember Bonnie and Clyde? They kept on running—but you and your clothes have got to sit there and take all the punishment. Battered saucers make attractive and effective head-gear—and do carry a knarled stick of peppermint rock for extra impact.

And finally, you're in a relaxing mood, and "apres sit-in" is the look. Sack-cloths and ashes should chime in very well. The outfits described here will take you anywhere this winter. Uniformity is the thing—clothes make the man. So you, daring demonstrators keep a stiff upper neck and sock it to them. I say.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

NINETEEN GOALS
FOR UNBEATEN GIRLS

FOR the third successive year, Birmingham staged the Midland Universities W.I.V.A.B. hockey rally at West Hills, last Sunday. The Universities competing were Aberystwyth, Bangor, Birmingham, Keele, Leicester and Oxford.

As the main purpose of the rally is to select people for the Southern W.I.V.A.B. team trials, being held at Reading today, each team played a minimum of three half-hour matches, which allowed everyone a good opportunity to prove their worth for selection. Although an outright winner cannot be declared (since each team does not play every other), Birmingham were the most successful team, winning four out of four matches, and scoring 19 goals, without conceding any. Goals were scored by: Rose Lown (8), Gill Smith (6), Margaret Pike (4), and Kay Brown (1).

Ten Birmingham players will be going to the Southern trials: Helen Piddock (GK.), Meryl Barker (LB), Helen Disney (LB), Shirley Moore (RB), Pauline Clay

RH., Vivien Welsh (CH.), Kay Brown (RW.), Rose Lown (RL), Margaret Pike (CF.), and Philippa Crammer (LW.).

The second team in their division much weakened by absentee players, did well to come second behind Oxford. They won one match, and lost the other, scoring 11 goals and conceding three.

In the final matches of the Midland division of the W.I.V.A.B. championships, both Birmingham teams won, and now play the winners of the Welsh divisions, for semi-final places.

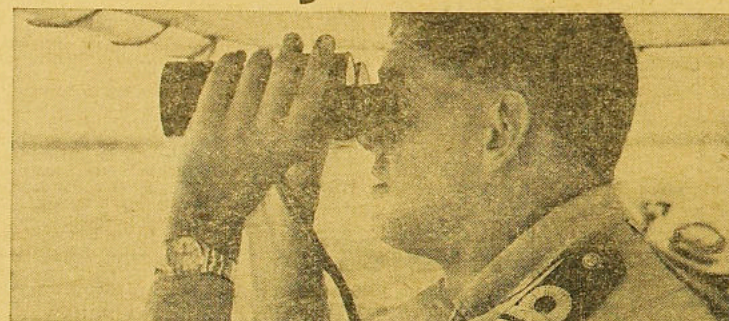
The first XI beat Leicester by 4-1, with Margaret Pike and Rose Lown both getting two goals. Leicester Univ. 2nd team conceded the match to Birmingham, thus making our second champions of their division.

RIFLE CLUB

Notts outshot

On Saturday the Rifle Club scored a narrow two-point victory over Nottingham University. Earlier in the week, the University team beat Loughborough University Rifle Club convincingly.

Team: C. Price (capt.), Miss P. Atherton, A. Ainsworth, S. Allison, I. Hunneball, R. Mathew, P. Price, P. Taylor.

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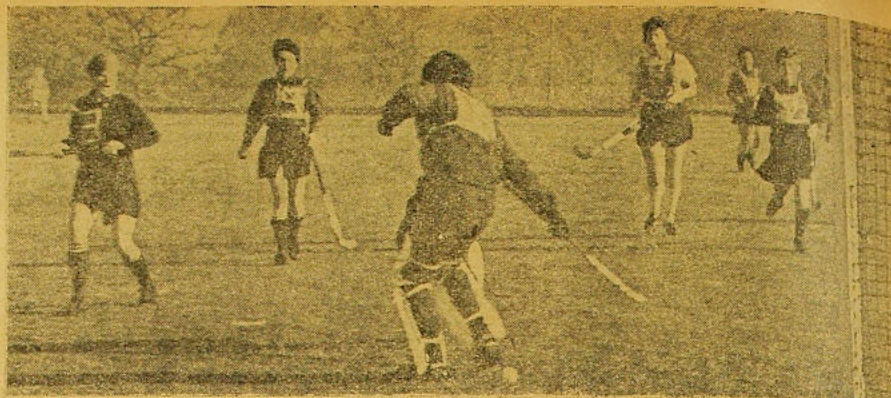
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Oxford defend desperately against the all-conquering Birmingham attack at Saturday's WIVAB Rally.

SOCCER

A draw was enough but -
Steve Hart heads winner

BIRMINGHAM 1, KEELE 0

THE simplest of headed goals five minutes from the end of this game allowed Birmingham University 1st XI to go through to the Midland Area final of the U.A.U. Championships with a 100 per cent record. After their fine win over Nottingham and competent performance against Warwick, a draw was enough to keep them above Keele in the table, and that was looking the more likely result when Steve Hart came forward and standing a couple of yards out, completely unmarked, simply nodded his head towards a Brown free-kick and Keele were beaten.

GOLF

Manchester's six-
year reign ended

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY beat Manchester last Wednesday by 41 matches to 33, in what was an excellent victory against a Manchester team unbeaten by any other university for six years. Manchester had to concede one match because of the absence of one of their players, and the University, for once, was able to take a full strength team away from home.

Tim Bowdler was beaten four and two by the U.A.U. Champion Tony Thornley, and Dathan holed a fine 30-yard putt on the last green to halve his match. Coldicott, Krafft, Patterson, Bielby and Lister won their games and this fine win bodes well for the future.

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SOCCER REVIEW

W.B.A.
LEAD
MIDLANDS

WEST Midlands Soccer has once again started off poorly and at this moment it is very difficult to envisage any outstanding successes in the months to come. Once more West Bromwich Albion are leading the leadership of football in the area by moving into the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup and being well placed in the First Division.

They play Bucharest tonight and against Dynamo at the Hawthorns on November 27th, which should be as good a game as their first round contest with R.F.C. League matches at the Hawthorns this term are against City and Sunderland.

Distressed area

The rest of Midlands Soccer is very much a depressed area. The Birmingham teams are still struggling in Division Two, Villa particularly, because this must be the first time in their long glorious history that they have ever been as low as the bottom of the Second Division. Aston Villa have attractive home games against Middlesbrough and Charlton, but they really look like to improve Villa's collection.

At Birmingham City can solve all problems with Pickering and return to form, then this term they will still beat Hull and Blackpool, though a chance of promotion seems to have disappeared.

A casual glance at the First Division with Leeds and the Merseyside side pulling away at the top, shows Wolves, Nottingham Forest, Coventry and Leicester all fighting each other at the bottom. Although league championships may not be coming to these boardrooms, the possibility of struggles against relegation could mean that there will be some very exciting and tense matches to be watched in the months ahead.

Today, November 13th, kick-off at 3 p.m., there is an Under-23 international match at St. Andrews, between ENGLAND and HOLLAND.

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RUGBY

HALF-CENTURY
IN KEELE ROUT

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With leader Terry Monnington doing great things with his front three and "Birdman" Sterling jumping at everything in the second row, the Birmingham backs were given a plentiful supply of good balls which they used to good effect by running in for 11 tries. Many people scored tries, but special mention goes to John Pearson (three tries) and Dave Watkins, who scored 20 points in all.

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THIS WEEK'S SPORT

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LAKE HALL CALLS FOR AUTONOMY

Students of Lake Hall last night called for a greater degree of independence within the University. They requested urgent consideration of proposals to let each hall decide upon its own internal administration.

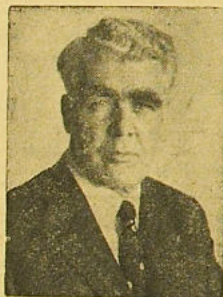
At a Special General Meeting of Lake Hall Junior Common Room, the five proposals, which have been widely discussed over the last two weeks, were passed in slightly amended form. They are now to be presented to the Senate Halls of Residence Committee possibly tomorrow.

The proposals concern joint use of facilities in adjoining halls, J.C.R./S.C.R. decisions on visiting hours, Hall accounts to be published, and two representatives of the joint J.C.R. Presidents' Committee to be full members of the Senate Halls Committee, which should be open.

UNIONS RETAIN POWER

IN yesterday's open lecture, the General Secretary of the T.U.C., Mr. George Woodcock, spoke on "The Trade Unions and Reform." He made it clear that no appraisal of the structure of trade unions and the means by which they could be reformed could be made without first examining the purpose of the unions for their structure depends on their function.

Trade unions no longer exist



George Woodcock

merely to avoid exploitation of the worker by his employer. Mr. Woodcock said, but to provide working men with means of making a satisfactory contact with the employer. He said that the system of having many unions which exists in this country had been called "untidy," along with those of Sweden and Germany, but it would be difficult to find ways of reforming the structure without severely limiting the power of the unions, especially in their bargaining role.

It would be possible to produce a system which appeared more efficient on paper, but difficult to give this the power of the present organisation.

Originally the motion called for a reply from the committee by the beginning of Spring Term, but this was amended to fit in with the "overall reasonableness" of the proposals. Now the request is for an answer "as soon as possible."

The tone of the general meeting was serious and consequently the debate was orderly and thoughtful; a lot of argument revolved around the relative desirability of "demands" or "requests." The proposer of the motion, Roger Kelly, stressed the need for "a good deal of delicacy in handling the situation" and therefore many of the amendments in this category were accepted without discussion. All five clauses were individually passed overwhelmingly as was the whole motion after over two hours' debate.

The J.C.R. Executive said later, "By this meeting we hope to call the attention of ALL members of Senate Halls of Residence Committee to the urgent need for consideration of what Hall residents believe to be reasonable proposals."

GUV'NORS WANTED

Nominations also opened on Monday for Freshmen Guild Councillors. There is one vacancy in each constituency. This is the first time that the new procedure of selecting councillors at departmental meetings has been tried. There are also seventeen vacancies for full Guild Councillors. One of these has been carried over from last session, but the rest are caused by resignations, departures and changes of department.

Nominations also opened on Monday for the three Guild representatives to the Court of Governors, technically the highest governing body of the University, which only meets once a year. There is no sign yet that there will be a repeat of last year's campaign when the "Science and Engineering" candidates George, Grace and Ruddle were elected by a large majority following a vast publicity campaign for what had previously been regarded as meaningless posts. However, Dick Holt is one of the first nominations received for these positions.

Emergency meeting of Senate

AN emergency meeting of Senate has been announced by the Vice-Chancellor, to discuss the Guild's proposal for a two-day break in lectures in order to discuss the structure of the University. It will meet next Wednesday, and the teach-in could be arranged in the following week.

However, when asked if student representatives could attend the meeting to put their case, the Vice-Chancellor refused to allow this. Ray Phillips and the Guild Executive are said to be very annoyed about this apparent volte-face on the part of the V.C.

At the open forum in Deb. Hall on Friday, the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Hunter, said that it was his intention to give students an opportunity to raise matters for discussion and to present their views on the question of student role in the University.

Dr. Hunter stated briefly that he was personally in favour of the idea of student participation, but stressed that the academic life of the University must not be jeopardised while discussion for change is in progress. He pointed out that there are many good things in the University and illustrated this with the cautionary,

"We must not throw the baby out with the bath-water." Speaking about the controversial Student Role document, Dr. Hunter said that Senate were prepared to discuss the issues with Guild Council on November 27th, on which day he hoped for a decision. He himself was in sympathy with the need for discussion, but suggested that as some students would want to work, academic staff would have to be approached on this question.

Dr. Hunter advised that great caution should be exercised in moving for a change in the University constitution. A new charter would remain with us for 20 to 30 years, and a mistake would prove disastrous. When asked whether he thought that the absolute authority of the head of a department was fair, he explained that in his day the question had not arisen, because there had only been one man and his assistant in a department. But he was in favour of communication between staff and students.

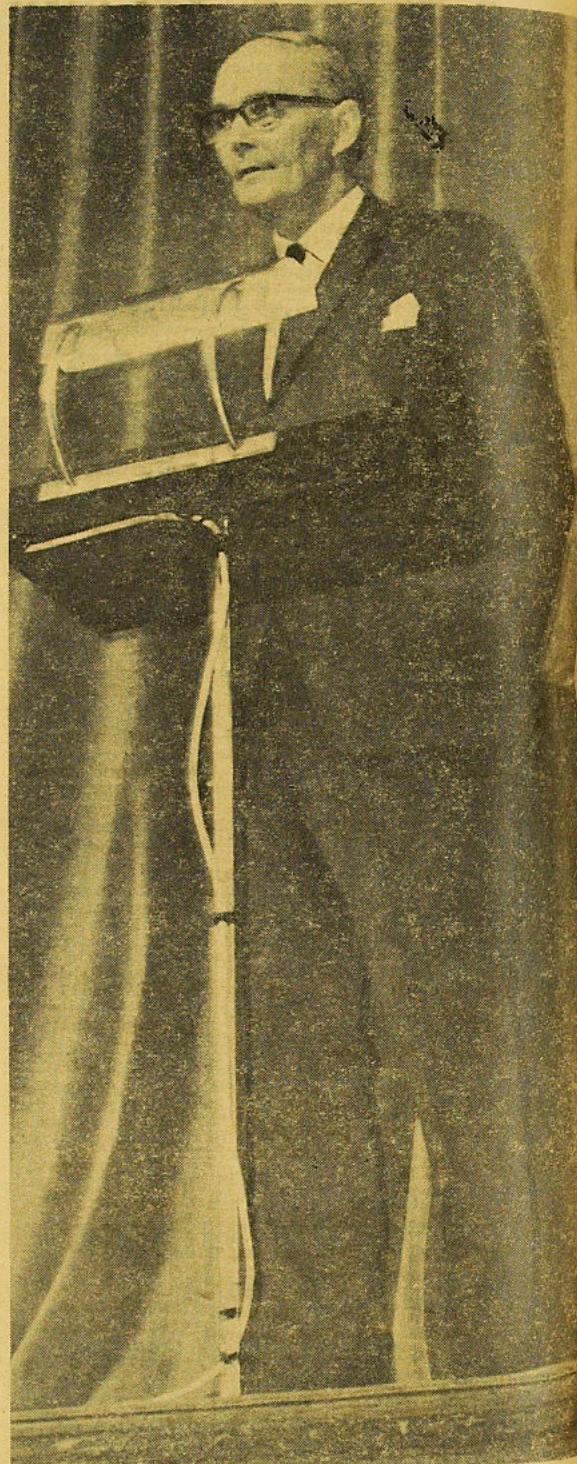
Dr. Hunter surprised even Ray Phillips when he revealed that an emergency meeting of Senate had been called for this month instead of December. One student complained that students were unaware of what had been decided by the

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University, and asked what else the V.C. had up his sleeve. As a result of this, Dr. Hunter undertook to issue statements to the Guild.

Following this meeting, about forty Guild Councillors and members of the Ad Hoc Group gathered to discuss proposals as to how the planned teach-in should be run.

At the meeting Barry Paster-nack, who suggested the original plan for a teach-in modelled on one held at his home university in Ohio, explained how he thought the teach-in would work. It would be based on the division of all the staff and students in the University into groups of about 25; he suggested totally random selection for the groups, but it was generally felt that division at faculty or departmental level would be more effective, as people would be more

likely to talk if they were with people they already knew.

Meanwhile plans for the teach-in are going ahead. It was decided at Monday's Exec. meeting that the only way to get all students involved is to discuss things at departmental level first, and then to discuss the wider structure of the University as the need arises. Additional plans included the lobbying of as many individual members of Senate Executive as possible.

In the event of the University refusing to give two days off, it is thought that there is sufficient interest in the situation among the staff for many departments to allow some time off from work for discussion anyway.

Last night Education Committee appealed for suggestions as to how the teach-in should be arranged.