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The Guild of Undergraduates—University of Birmingham.

VOTE FOR CARNIVAL

CONFERENCE AFTERMATH

Sequel to "Conference Realities"

... on being a Fresher

WE took a deep breath, dodged the traffic, followed the crowd, hoping that the leader knew where he was going, and after picking our way through what looked like the aftermath of a bombing raid, found ourselves among the other twelve hundred at the Freshers' Conference.

Having been welcomed and welcomed and welcomed . . . and welcomed . . . we were ignored. I believe those pathetic groups who spent last week huddled round the fountain in Edmund Street are Freshers who never found their way back to digs but of course this may be just hearsay. Others may be seen hovering hopefully on the far side of New Street still waiting to cross the road. Those who have managed to start work can be found buried in the

various libraries under heaps of books clutching reading lists in their fevered hands, while the gayer types, undeterred by the thought of exams at Christmas are showing off their bright new scarves at the Union or that Founders' Room which seems to collect legends like wasps round a jam jar. In other words, with the Freshers' Conference a fading memory the Freshers are becoming old hands.

... on being a Group Leader

I DIDN'T want the job, but then, neither did the forty-odd other people—and anyway I was forced into doing it last year so it was inevitable that I should do it again.

They (the Freshers) arrived. There were hordes of 'em—tall, short or indifferent; fair, dark or mousy; some attractive, some not; some fat, some thin. A whole thousand Freshers!

We ushered them into their places—this wasn't so bad but then there were the speeches; the same old speeches! There were differences of course—the Lord Mayor was a different person, for example, from last year. There were the usual exhortations to be good little boys and girls; the usual warnings and veiled threats as to what happens to naughty little students; but by and large these went over the heads of the, by now, bored, fidgeting mass of students.

The ordeal by speeches over, we split up into groups and went across to the Barber to hear the head of the Institute bemoaning the fact that the Barber Trust money was not spent to his liking. The next hour and a half was generously allocated by

Freshers' Conference Committee to viewing the Departmental Mud Huts. And so to dinner—and the fellow in the queue outside Priestly Hall who asked me where the Union was! But worse was to come: to rub salt in the wound so to speak; the head of the department (who was not present at the initial speechifying) gave an excellent précis of the morning's speeches. We spent the rest of the afternoon waiting for tea, then we split up into still smaller groups for the various members of staff who are dead keen on staff-student relations and all that sort of thing, to regurgitate further pearls of wisdom on the pitfalls of student life.

I staggered home at last, more dead than alive wondering whether after another morning of speeches I and the thousand or so Freshers would be in a fit condition for the festivities of Freshers' Hop. But then one is only a Fresher once . . .

I EXPECT that you have been told a great deal about what you should do in order to acclimatise yourself to a University existence; that your academic work must always take pride of place; that it is unwise to join too many societies, and so on and so forth.

Yet surely most new students are sane enough to organise their own lives?

Usually the most pressing problem is to get to know the vast city which will be one's home for three years or so, and to get in touch with other students, in different departments of the University. This is one of the reasons why the annual Carnival is held at the beginning of the year.

It is the one occasion in the year on which a large proportion of the students all join together in one activity. The aim of Carnival is to raise £15,000 in order to help the many Birmingham charities, and over the past ten years, the vast sum of £100,000 has been donated. This is done in several ways.

The Carnival Committee, which has been plotting since last March, has succeeded in producing a most tempting series of entertainments which include a Jazz Band Ball with Ken Colyer on October 16, an International Variety Evening on October 20, and a special Carnival Fair; the finals of the Beauty Competition will be held at Carnival Ball on the 23rd (sorry, chaps, the committee's booked the girls!). This is an opportunity for you to enjoy yourselves.

NEW FORD ANGLIA

The vast bulk of the money raised by Carnival is collected by selling tickets for the prize of a car; this year we are trying to cash in on some national publicity by having as our first prize

1959 Manifesto

By
Roger Sutton
Carnival Committee
Chairman

the All-New 1960 Ford Anglia De Luxe; we are having the first one to arrive in Birmingham and this ought to be a great incentive for you to sell these tickets.

In addition we are producing a bumper edition of the Carnival magazine with 80 instead of 60 pages and selling it at the same price of one shilling.

ANYTHING GOES

Before you sell the mag, read it yourself because once you are convinced that it is funny and good value your qualms will disappear. There are many gimmicks that can be used to sell the car books and mags, and the best person to tell you about these is your Carnival representative. Most Societies have their own carnival organisations which compete in the inter-Society competition for the barrels of beer awarded for the best float in the procession or for the best sales of the week. The reps. are the "key" people in Carnival because they both spread the "gen" on the various activities and form the nucleus of the departmental groups.

The culmination of the weeks of Carnival is Carnival Day on which the students are given the freedom of the city (including free transport on the buses) and take part in two processions through the city centre at 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; each department or society builds a float or tableau on lorries lent to us for the day and the whole city is scoured

from end to end in search of money with collecting tins. The day finishes with Carnival Hop at the Union.

I have tried to give you some idea as to what Carnival is like and I do hope that you will give us your full support in order that we can reach our target of £15,000. Carnival is unique and despite the moanings of the pessimists, continues to flourish from year to year.

This year Carnival is later than usual and does not begin until October 16; Carnival Day is on October 31. However, with your enthusiasm backed by an exciting new car and an exceptional magazine it is quite possible to break the record—and we will!

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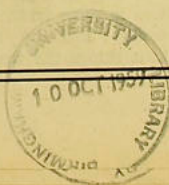
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Dominus sum...

"June is left behind us,
It's been an English summer,
The season's heat is over,

And the days begin to
slumber."

So wrote a famous local poet.
The failures and successes are
now in the lazy retrospect of a
dripping hot summer.

Perhaps it is Guild Club having its
last fling. More than likely the
demolition workers will fling it far
and wide, but its Secretary, Jenny
Wood is back to steer the reins (and
the rains that seep through the
numerous cracks)—and what do you
know? She's finally passed her
French subsid...

Meanwhile her predecessors fall
into the academic rut and Messrs.
England and Heseltine have joined
the ranks of mugs... sorry, graduate
teachers who have paid over their
sixty pounds glibly to learn that
before entering a classroom one must
open the door. Of course there are
many sadly glib characters suffering
equally the indignities of taking
little Johnnie to answer nature's call.
Neddie Seaward is madly gathering

Ed.
Street Column

copy for *Guild News*—and judging by
the beauties in his staff room, he'll
get it. His colleague is John William-
son, who finds this a far cry from "LA
VIDA ESPANOLA." Of course, as
usual, G.T.G. is well to the fore, and
diminutive Norma Collins has con-
tributed not to be taken for one of the
infants by adopting stilt. Christine
Chaudoir and Colin Yardley have dis-
covered some very fine specimens of
fungi in the ears of their respective
pupils—and mosses abound in Guild
Club depths anyway. One wonders,
however, whether Master Robert
Wreford has at last found an audience
that dare not answer him back.

At last Ed. Street can call David
Andrew their very own. He is taking
the course in English, which he
needs more than most. Prof. Spencer
happily has all ten graded copies of
"My Very Own First Reader." Mean-
while, real teachers also fill the
depths and a little coterie of book
markers herd in the lounge each
evening to swap howlers. ROLL ON
RETIREMENT.

Yours, etc.

W. G. RASTALL.

Chairman Guild Publications
Committee.

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EPITAPH TO AN EDITOR—1

Dear Sir,

One wonders how much of Mr.
Hershon's letter—"Requiem for an
Editor," which appeared in Press
Post last week, can be even con-
sidered as serious criticism or com-
ment. For in his first paragraph he
states... "I hope that the paper will
continue to thrive and expand," and
in his last sentence he appeals to
the Freshers "... to help revive our
dwindling fortunes." Contradiction
of oneself within the space of one
short letter, is not particularly con-
ducive to either clarity of thought
or true appraisal.

I am surprised that he beseeches
us to "Let them know the facts,"
for the facts appertaining to last
year's "Guild News" would only
further publicly discredit Mr. Her-
shon himself. Does he really want
everyone to know that he handed
over the publication of "Guild
News" to a professional firm which
costs us over £20 extra per edition
 (£430 extra in all), and did this
without the assent or consent of
Guild Publications Committee, or
that of his business staff? And does
he really want everyone to know
that he dismally failed to fill
"Guild News" with material that
was worthy of such a publication,
and thus reduced sales to their
lowest ebb for many years despite
extensive sales campaigns? Or that
the "interested oligarchy" he talks
about were practically self-appointed
Editorial Martyrs, who did little if
anything to extract themselves from
the position they themselves created?
Perhaps we have been too tactfully
reticent about "the facts," and I for
one object most vehemently when he
lays the blame for his mistakes at
somebody else's door, and to say
that "The present University genera-
tion is uninterested in even having a
paper of any sort," is in fact "un-
mitigated tripe" to use one of
Mr. Hershon's own expressions, for
I could name at least a dozen
Universities and Colleges in this
country alone which have thriving
undergraduate and student news-
papers.

"Guild News" ended in the
"doldrums" last session, this being
the end result of poor editorial
organisation of the existing material
available, and I object to being
blatantly abused by Mr. Hershon
when attempting to do something
about this, for I have neither got my
"eyes shut" nor wish to continue
the "status quo" as he would sug-
gest. I dismiss with contempt his
other gross misrepresentations and
distortions.

Yours, etc.

W. G. RASTALL.

Chairman Guild Publications
Committee.

EPITAPH TO AN EDITOR—2

Dear Sir,

It is said that Mr. Hershon writes
under the sole control of his type-
writer; this must be the explanation
of the glaring inconsistencies in his
letter. If *Guild News* was as in-
effective as he suggested last year it
must, at least in part, be his own
fault. No doubt like his mouthpiece
he is looking back in anger.

Furthermore like many others
when "student thought and opinion"
is not poured into his lap he
assumes that it is non-existent and
makes the sweeping generalisation
that "University thought has
never been at a lower ebb." Although
there is some truth in this it is also
possible that he has been going
about things the wrong way.

Press Post



At the moment there are no non-
political issues which are sufficiently
controversial to lead naturally to the
desire to air one's views. Conse-
quently we must alter our ap-
proach, and encourage people to
start discussions in our columns.
"Mermaid" is a literary magazine
and therefore cannot be even
pseudo-intellectual, never theless,
next year we are going to follow
the above policy, concentrating
naturally on the literary field. In
addition we intend to run a series
of articles by student and staff on
education.

The arguments about the literary
standards of the University are too
well-known to go into here, however,
we must face the fact that only four
or five people at the maximum in
the University each year have
sufficient original talent to be worth
publishing and it is therefore foolish
to pad out the magazine for form's
sake.

Many more people are capable of
writing criticism. Last year the
Editor started a series on paper
backs. This year we are going to
extend this and print a series of
articles on books interesting to the
writer, but which he feels to be in-
sufficiently known.

I hope that next year should Mr.
Hershon still follow "The Mermaid,"
some of his dreams of the ideal
intelligent and well-informed student
body will have come true.

THE EDITOR "MERMAID."

VOTES AT 18?

Dear Sir,

With regard to the question of
votes at 18, surely we should first of
all ensure that people can vote at 21.

The present system is ludicrous, as
it allows a Town Clerk to give a
would-be voter over a week's notice
that he will be unable to vote by
post, simply because he has failed to
give the required fourteen days' notice.
In addition, a person on
holiday is completely denied the
right to vote either by post or by
proxy.

Let this state of affairs be put
right before we decide whether to
give votes to 18-year-olds.

Yours, etc.,

V. J. TURNER,
Chemistry Department.

Dear Sir,

A correspondent has urged that
we should be given the vote at the
age of eighteen. I believe, however,
that this is an idea which might
ruin us. He argues that this reduc-
tion in the voting age is justifiable
because we have to fight and hang
at eighteen. I think he should
devote his magnificent intellect to
the abolition of warfare and the
death penalty, and leave the voting
age where it is. Speaking for
myself, and I am sure, for the
millions who have been less fortu-
nate in education than myself, I
would prefer to wait a few short
years rather than accept the greatest
of all responsibilities before I can
even begin to lay any plausible
claim to maturity.

Yours, etc.,

LEANSTAYS.

BACHELOR BEREFT

Dear Sir,

A FEW months ago you, and some
1,000 others, including myself,
graduated at this University. Since
then many of us have received com-
munications from our alma mater
one pretext or another, and judging
from enquiries I have made, your
experience is fairly general. The
University do not make use of the
new-won titles in writing to us, we
are not sticklers; I doubt if one of us
has circled his correspondence, asking
that all letters be addressed to us,
B.A., B.Sc., or otherwise, and
effect from July. Yet it does seem
only right that the University should
grant us our degrees should
publicly make use of them in the
way. We must presume that the
thing for which we have striven, is
an honour and no disgrace. Or is it
that the University is ashamed
to own us?

Yours, etc.,

A. NEWGRAN

POSTSCRIPT

Dear Sir,

I was much surprised to see the
above letter from "A Newgran" re-
minding his fate as an unrecognized
graduate. He can, however, be
assured that the University is less
ashamed of him than it is of an
He has at least HAD some corre-
spondence from the University.

A. NOTHERGRAN

Better sailing prospects this year

Last year was a year of rapid
expansion for the University
Sailing Association, with the
loan of more boats by mem-
bers, and the launching of the
newly bought "Faith" bring-
ing the number of boats
available to five.

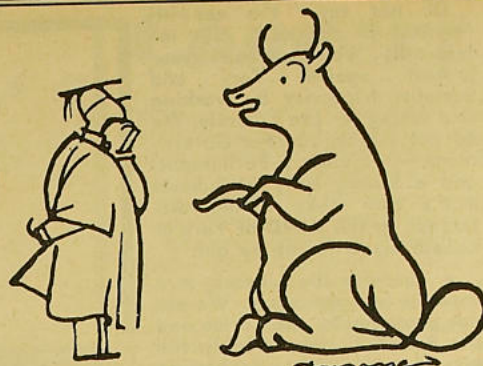
This year, the Association will
be consolidating its position
among the major clubs of
Athletic Union by the erec-
tion of a clubhouse at Edg-
baston Reservoir. This will
provide ample changing facilities
for members, while a full
social programme will be
carried on at the Union as in
previous years.

As the club has been sailing in
Birmingham for only one year,
the instruction available dur-
ing the past year has been
somewhat limited due to the
comparatively small number
of experienced helmsmen.
Members proved to be very
keen to learn, however, and
this year over 20 competent
helmsmen make it possible to
arrange a programme of in-
struction for all new members
experienced or not.

Regarding inter-varsity matches,
Birmingham, although a new-
comer to such fixtures, have
already established an impres-
sive record, and have already
won their first trophy. With
the club rapidly gaining
momentum as more members
become experienced sailors,
Birmingham will be a strong
team in the future. Several of
last year's Freshers have sailed
for the University, and it is
hoped that Freshers this year
will take a similar interest.
The Association is in need of
Freshers who take an interest
in sailing, whether experienced
or not, as teams will eventually
be drawn from these. Freshers
are invited to try sailing for
themselves on October 10, 11
and 18. Further details will be
found on the club notice board
opposite the Coffee Room.

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We want to teach



OUR friends—they've left us now and are probably earning a more or less honest living in steel, breakfast cereals, sanitary goods and the like—our friends told us we ought to be certified. So we came back last week whilst the rest of you were still bus-conductors, road-sweepers, or waiters or whatever it was you did to earn the money you will be spending later on when we're all broke; we came back to get certified as teachers, but after a few days we see what our friends really meant.

We heard several lectures whose purpose was to introduce us in theory to a creature known as the School Child, which Hughes and Hughes rightly tells us does not exist, just as Mr. Average Man does not. (For the information of the rest of you and for the majority of us who have never heard of it, Hughes and Hughes is the Bible of the teaching profession). The impression we gained from these lectures was that the non-existent School Child in its multitudinous forms obviously had no relation whatsoever to homo sapiens.

So when they said: "Go to an infant school and observe the beast," we were ready for anything. We wandered round the city and found an infant school (which may or may not have been the one we were intended to find), and we observed. They come in all shapes

and sizes, not to mention colours ranging from spotless to filthy. Some of them even have IQ's of 150 upwards; others don't seem to have IQ's at all and get on quite all right without. The one who wanted to kiss your columnist, was on the dirtier side of the colour range above and apparently in the second category of IQ's mentioned; her promiscuity, obviously highly developed if nothing else was, having been redirected to more fitting channels. One learnt with relief that she was only just over a bad attack of chicken pox. Other equally unlikely occurrences are already being observed, and we all

reported after but one after-noon's observation, and we all realise now only too exactly what our friends meant. Since we are all scheduled to be thrust into Secondary Moderns to teach (sic) for three weeks starting on Monday, reports of which will depend entirely on whether anyone insists on continuing the course after a day or two of it, we begin to agree even: we ought to be certified. Perhaps it would have been wiser to let Cynthia kiss me after all. Still, it's too late now.

"Emile."

SOUTH AFRICA SOCIETY

FOR some time now the situation in South Africa has caused much concern. The party in power is bent on segregating completely, on the basis of race only, the various peoples of South Africa. What is particularly unfortunate, from the students' point of view, is that the universities which once supported a measure of integration in their societies are now closed to non-European students by a new law recently passed.

The staff and students of this and many other universities are actively opposed to these extreme measures. We believe that only with the natural integration of students of all races, creeds and colours with a common purpose in mind can any complete education be achieved. Furthermore, we believe that any university should be free to select its students and any student his or her university regardless of racial differences.

The society is governed by the South African Student Segregation Investigation Committee (S.A.S.S.I.C.). This committee was set up as a sub-committee of external affairs and is sadly in need of active members. Money is still needed to ensure that those non-European students who are already studying in South Africa "Open" universities do not have to leave through lack of sufficient funds. THIS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

We invite you to support the cause by joining the society for a minimum subscription of 2s. 6d. Also, we hope you will enjoy the Freshers' Handshake Hop on Friday, October 9. Profits from this dance will be donated completely to the cause. If you do not wish to join the society you are still welcome at the hop.

If you wish to shoulder a greater responsibility in support of the cause the Chairman of External Affairs, F. B. Blader, will be pleased to hear from you.

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WUS You can help!

IT is a great privilege to be at University and to take advantage of all the many opportunities open to us during our stay here. Although life to-day for students in Britain may not be easy yet there are tens of thousands of students and lecturers in other parts of the world for whom conditions are far worse.

Many suffer from malnutrition and T.B. whilst others are poverty-stricken and are forced to give up their studies for lack of books and equipment. The organisation which exists to help

students in need and to improve facilities within Universities and Colleges, is known as World University Service. W.U.S. is a fellowship of nearly 40 national committees and its work is conducted without any discrimination of race, nationality, political creed or religion, entirely by voluntary subscription.

This year in AFRICA, W.U.S. has given substantial grants to African Medical Students so that they can study at the only non-segregated University of Witwatersrand.

In EGYPT a large X-ray unit has been installed to combat the increasing incidence of T.B. in Egyptian students.

In INDIA, W.U.S. is preoccupied with the student health problem for since the easiest way of economy is in food, the students are underfed and prone to disease, especially T.B. W.U.S. has built hospitals in Delhi and Patna; has run clinics and given free drugs to students. Now W.U.S. is giving support to the new Self-Help and Co-operation projects operating there.

In JAPAN over 20,000 Japanese students suffer from T.B. and W.U.S. is working on the problem of T.B. among students. In KOREA 20 per cent. of the students are T.B. suspects and W.U.S. is again working.

In GREECE food and medicines have been given to students suffering from malnutrition and T.B., whilst grants are given to poor students who would otherwise have not been able to continue their studies.

In FRANCE scholarships and grants are being given to between 200 and 300 refugee students, especially Hungarian students.

In BRITAIN the W.U.S. Revolving Loan Fund lends money to students in hardship; W.U.S. Scholarships are given; study centres, vacation courses and holidays organised.

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Brian King stresses the need for more

LIBERAL M.P.s

WE Liberals are fighting this General Election because we believe that the people really want us, and that for many years most of them have been voting Tory to keep out the Socialist and Socialist to keep out the Tory. It is my conviction that many people to-day are becoming heartily sick and tired of phoney politics and phoney politicians, and I can't say I blame them. Political leadership in this country to-day is at an all-time low.

There are no Churchills, no Lloyd Georges. Parliament has become singularly unimaginative, and invariably the wrong issues are discussed. On the rare occasions when a Liberal M.P. is allowed to speak, it comes as a breath of fresh air in a dusty old attic. But most of the time the same old Labour-Tory wrangle goes on uninterrupted. Many words are used and nothing is said. On the rare occasion when a man allows his conscience to get the better of him he is promptly booed in the seat of his pants, and told to behave. Consider the case of Nigel Nicholson, for example. What kind of democracy is it that will not allow the voice of conscience to be heard?

To the vast majority of politicians, Parliament is just a game. M.P.s are elected, and their constituents do not see them until the next General Election. Small wonder the ordinary people are feeling dissatisfied. Small wonder they are looking to the Liberals for a new deal.

Must the Labour-Tory deadlock go on for ever? When will people realise that, each time they vote Tory to keep out the Socialist and Socialist to keep out the Tory, they are merely putting off the day when they will inevitably get the Government they most dread?

I believe that the main reason why people are heartily sick of it all is because they can see their futures being decided for them over their heads, and they have no say in the matter. Even at this General Election the people are not really able to voice their opinions. We are asked to choose between two parties whose policies are almost identical, once the superficial veneer of pseudo-argument has been scraped off. Small wonder this election is as quiet as a stagnant millpond. The real issues are not being discussed at all!

What are the real issues? They are invariably issues of principle, not policy. Any empty-headed moron can get up on an election platform and say,

like Mr. Gaitskell and his friends: "We are going to cut purchase tax!" but you can't fool all of the people all of the time with brides like this. Neither will people be taken in forever by woolly talk of comprehensive schools, municipal housing, State ownership of industry and the like. All these things are meaningless. These are not the real issues.

Liberalism, it has been said before, is based on the theory of the freedom of the individual. Now, these are not just empty words, they MEAN something. Let us consider this principle in relation to housing, for example. Liberals do not believe in State-owned housing, neither do we approve of the large landowners having it all. We think individuals should own their own houses, the houses in which they live. It is food for thought that, when Mr. Donald Wade, Liberal M.P. for West Huddersfield, introduced a bill into the House of Commons for the abolition of Schedule A tax (a measure which would have made house purchase easier for millions of people) both the Socialist and the Tories voted against this bill. Small wonder! They don't want US to own anything. They want it all for themselves. So individual house ownership is one way in which Liberals would safeguard individual freedom.

Another of our policies is co-ownership in industry. Liberals want co-ownership schemes encouraged, by tax reliefs for those firms introducing these schemes. Here again, our consistent aim is to spread wealth and responsibility, and it is based on the fundamental principle that a man who invests his life and skill in an industry is as much entitled to a share in the profits as a man who invests his money.

What can be done to improve the Health Service? What about the children overcrowded in the classrooms? What can be done to attract more people to the teaching profession? These are some of the REAL issues, which neither the Tories nor the Socialists have the courage to tackle.

Do not say "I'm not interested in politics." Get interested! You can voice your protest against Tory and Socialist hypocrisy by working and voting for the Liberals. We do not merely elect a Government—we elect a Parliament, and a strong body of Liberal M.P.s can make a big difference to the KIND of Tory or Labour Government we get.

A vote for the Liberals is a vote for independence. We are not puppets like the Tories and the Socialists, who meekly file into the appropriate lobbies at the crack of a whip. For all the good many of these M.P.s do, we might just as well elect a cartload of monkeys to Parliament! Come to think of it, I'm not altogether sure that isn't what we've got already.

Don't be misled by the pathetic efforts of the other two parties. Join the Liberal fight—it's yours!

Theatre criticism

"THE WAITING ROOM," by Terence Lodge, and "THE CREDITORS," by August Strindberg, at the Birmingham Rep. But for those who avoid menace and morbidity this double bill provides an interesting entertainment.

The curtain raiser, "The Waiting Room," is little more than a dramatic monologue; an impression confirmed by the programme note which tells us that Sir Barry Jackson encouraged Lodge to write a full length play after hearing, from tape, his reading of the work.

Lodge invites us to examine Lucas, a nervous little man, picked out in the waiting room of a station. A realistic set and sound effects are punctuated by timely atmospheric hoots from nearby New Street Station. Lucas, struggling against his own misgivings, looks for an escape from his surroundings in a holiday.

The long, lonely scene before these two appear includes some observation of Common Man by the author through Bernard Hepton who plays Lucas. Paul Williamson and the author provide slick foils for the tongue-tied Lucas. The whole is well-controlled and one hopes that Lodge's longer works will prove as satisfactory.

One question still haunts your critic: why does Lucas, Lodge's Faust require two Mephistopheles?

"The Creditors" is an early play of Strindberg's, an admirably executed study in vengeance.

John Carlin is the delightfully cynical first husband, Gustav, who uses Adolf, his weak replacement, for his revenge on his former wife Tekla—played by Ian Richardson and Thelma Barlow. Despite the harsh picture drawn of her before her entrance Tekla, though coquettish, becomes almost sympathetic. The players make good use of the numerous ironical situations.

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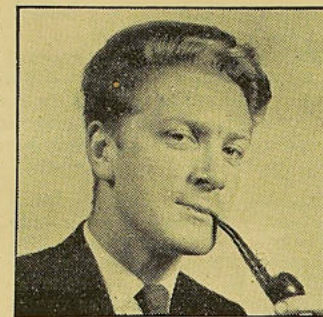
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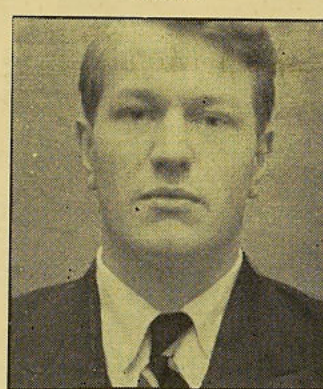


BRIAN LUBY—Treasurer of the Guild.

THE Treasurer of the Guild is responsible for all Guild finances and as such is the man who pays all the bills of Guild administration.

Besides serving on Finance Committee in his capacity of Treasurer, and on other Committees, his other main preoccupation is as Chairman of Catering Committee.

Ed. Comment: It is to be hoped that the finances of the Guild bear no relation to those of the Treasurer, who, it would appear, cannot even afford the price of a razor blade this session.



FRED BLADER—External Affairs Chairman.

THE Chairman of External Affairs has no interest in "Ted's 'ot Dogs"—coffee establishments throughout the city or the Aston Hippodrome (except inasmuch as it concerns the welfare of the student). He is responsible for relations with the external connections of the Guild, these being W.U.S., N.U.S., the University and other student bodies. All aspects of your welfare are his particular concern. He co-ordinates the work of many secretaries who are all in office to help you!

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ED.: Poor fellow



SADRUDDIN JIVANI—Internal Affairs Representative. —Union Secretary

THE Union Secretary is responsible for the carrying out of the directives of the Committee and Guild Council. His most important duty is the Chair-ship of Entertainments Committee. The running of the Union Buildings capacity he will be extremely pleased to hear of any comments or suggestions concerning any of the functions which his committee is responsible for in formal or informal dances.

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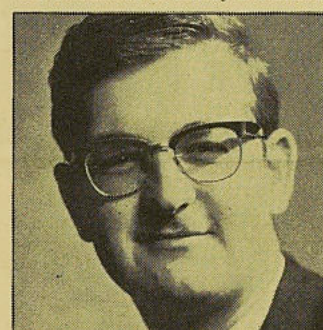
Catering Committee hope that they will co-operate in the longer period, thus enabling them to cope with them in a manner befitting this type of service.



JENNIFER STEER WOOD—Guild Club Secretary.

ACCORDING to the Constitution, the Guild Club Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that the directions and policies laid down by the Union Committee and Guild Council concerning the management of University Guild Club are carried out.

In fact she is the mother-confessor to the hordes of Ed. St., and serving on the committee is merely a sideline.



GUY RASTALL—Union Treasurer.

THE nearest that the Union Treasurer gets to handling the monies of the Guild is signing countless cheques in conjunction with the Senior Treasurer and Catering Supervisor. It is rather with figures that he concerns himself. Besides being Chairman of Guild Publications Committee, the Union Treasurer will also be seen on Union, Finance, Catering Committees as well as the Union Library Sub-Committee.

Concert Diary

THE first Tuesday Concert of the season was the biggest musical hotch-potch the programme planners have yet devised. Beethoven and Mozart had to vie with the gigantic sound of Rawsthorne and Ravel, and all came out with something to offer. But what a night it was; there were just about as many celebrities in the audience as on the stage, all gathered to do honour to Alan Rawsthorne's newest symphony.

This was conducted by Meredith Davies and, as far as we can judge, he handled it well. The symphony, which even the composer cannot characterise, was interesting and, especially in the last movement, a setting of a poem by the Earl of Surrey sung by April Cantelo, touched on the sublime. The first movement, however, rambled on meaninglessly, and the climaxes were like watered down Vaughan Williams. What a shame that the composer is no longer known for his brilliant first Piano Concerto. He seems to have lost his lucidity. The slow movement, with its prologue and epilogue horn calls, was nearer the old style, but the dance scherzo was frankly vulgar. Nevertheless, this is a work which I should like to hear again.

The rest of the concert was handled by Sir Adrian Boult, who was warmly greeted. He began by showing us that he was complete master of the orchestra in excerpts from Beethoven's music for the ballet, "Prometheus." He drilled the players with finesse, and his paucity of movement was a lesson to the numberless paranoias who bestrew our rostra to-day. Unfortunately the performance lacked any bite whatsoever, and we should have been willing to sacrifice a little technical excellence for a more realistic approach to the Promethean Fire.

A different fault was evident in Mozart's 27th Piano Concerto. This work, as introspective and soulful as Mozart ever intended to be, was delightfully interpreted by the young Chinese pianist, Fou Ts'ong, who played with a truly Chopinesque pianissimo. But the orchestral forces were at times too overpowering. The first movement tended to be somewhat blurred, but in the second the pianist came into his own, and the third blossomed out beautifully. Whatever the orchestral faults, Sir Adrian's taste was never in doubt.

He showed us his extreme versatility in the last piece, fragments from Ravel's "Daphnis and Chloe." The audience evidently grasped the purpose of this mood music, and was not carried away merely by the grandiose noise. Ravel is among the most misunderstood of all modern composers, far too many try to find matter in him that he never intended. What does it matter what the "Faun's Afternoon" really means? The poet who wrote it was a symbolist, but he was also a musician. We are meant to gamble with the Faun, to chase the nymphs with him, in fact to indulge in mild and harmless sensuality of the imagination. So we can bask in the Grecian sunlight of "Daphnis and Chloe." We can sit on the banks of the Wateau River and laze—does it matter if we turn over and watch the lovers relive their story? I doubt it. The orchestra gave a surprisingly virtuoso performance, and we all revelled in it. If the musical standards are maintained, this could be our best season.

—KANDI.



...to distil but not to dehydrate...

Might be good advice to all of us at University, whether Freshers or decadents. The phrase was being used, however, to describe a piece of sculpture, "Lesson" at present forming part of an exhibition which the '56 society has the honour to present in the university.

It is this gift which the sculptor, Franta Belsky, undoubtedly possesses—an ability to abstract elements from individual experience and synthesise them in such way that we may all share in them, an ability which to the non-artist is shattering. Most of us have never experienced these emotion and yet, in some way, we are short-circuited into the milieu of, for example, "The Joy of a mother with her child." Those who would like to be "infected with the feelings of

others" should visit this exhibition several times. At least one of the pieces has never been shown publicly before. The sculptures can be seen until October 16 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the Rotunda Gallery of the Great Hall in the University at Edgbaston.

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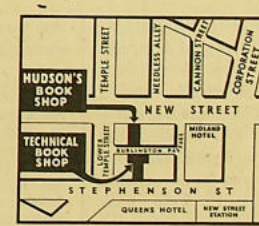
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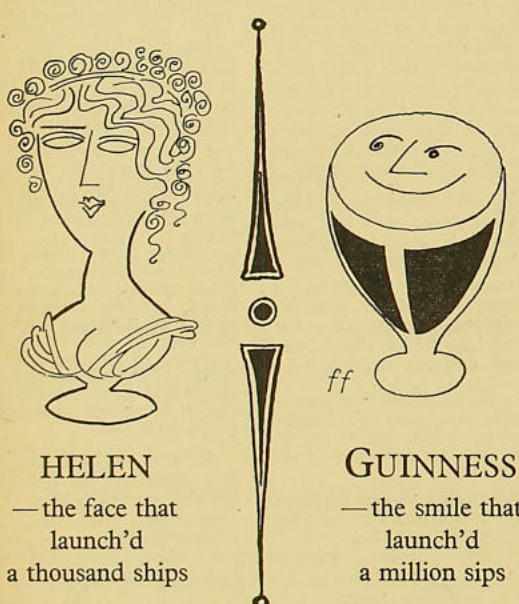
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- (1) Do you want to go ahead on the lines which have brought prosperity at home?
- (2) Do you want your present leaders to represent you abroad?

The Conservative policy may be simply stated as "Prosperity and Peace."

The prosperity in Britain to-day is self-evident. But only eight years ago when the Socialists were thrown out of office Britain was almost bankrupt. During the disastrous six years of Socialist rule prices rose faster than wages and the real value of pensions, savings and all fixed incomes fell lower and lower. In addition the pound sterling was devalued. By September, 1951, the economic affairs of the nation were in such a state that the T.U.C. protested to the Labour Government that the continual rise in the cost of living was reducing the standard of life for the lower income groups "beyond the tolerable limit."

To-day we have full employment, wages are rising faster than prices, the pound sterling is strong, inflation has been checked, the balance of payments is in our favour, investment is increasing, taxation has been reduced and the gold and dollar reserves are strong. The facts speak for themselves — Conservative freedom works and you have never had it so good.

Abroad, Harold Macmillan has earned the respect of the whole world. Britain's prestige is greater now than it has been since the war. Macmillan's trip to Moscow prevented a crisis over Berlin and broke the ice between Russia and the West. As a result of this Krushchev has visited the United States and a Summit meeting will be held in the near future. Now that Macmillan has done the spadework in easing international tension it would be folly to replace him with Gaitskell at a time when Britain needs the strongest possible representation at a Summit meeting.

The Conservative Party is the only party which caters for the interests of every section of the community. It puts forward a united policy for the electorate's consideration. By contrast, the Socialists are disunited on every major aspect of policy. As Mr. Macmillan said recently, "It seems to me that the Labour Party's two main

by
Brian Stacey

occupations to-day are splitting over their policy papers and papery over their policy splits."

The Socialists want to go ahead with a policy of nationalisation. They are asking for a blank cheque to nationalise any firm which they consider is failing the nation. The electorate is sick of nationalisation so the Socialists are trying to play it down. Make no mistake a vote for the Socialists is a vote for more nationalisation. By contrast the Conservative Party will continue its policy which has brought national prosperity.

The Labour Party is making many rash promises in an attempt to bribe the electorate. Their promise to raise pensions is an example of this. When they were in office they raised the pension, for some pensioners only, just before they were kicked out. Under the Conservatives the retirement pension is worth 10s. 11d. and 14s. 5d. (married) more in real terms than the 1951 rates. If the Socialists are allowed to carry out their wild schemes taxation will be increased and inflation will return.

The Conservative Party is fighting this election on its record—one that any party would be proud of—and the continuation of its policy of prosperity at home and peace abroad. At the forefront of its programme for the next five years are placed the three essential conditions of success—a strong pound, expanding trade and national unity. The Conservative Party stands for continued prosperity and for equality of opportunity. It believes in the freedom of the individual and the continuation of private enterprise. A vote for the Conservatives is a vote for Britain so that we will truly go "onward in freedom."

PEACE and the GENERAL ELECTION

AT the General Election the people of Britain decide who shall represent them at the Summit Conference and other international peace negotiations. The committee of the Birmingham Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament considers it essential that all election candidates should be asked the following questions:

Six main issues

Would you advocate in Parliament:

1. An immediate end by Britain of the testing and manufacture of all nuclear weapons?
2. Britain taking the initiative for international negotiations, including an immediate Summit Conference to ban all nuclear weapons for ever?
3. No nuclear arms for West Germany?
4. A zone of disarmament in Europe?
5. The removal from Britain of all U.S.A. rocket sites and strategic bomber bases?
6. Acceptance of the recent Soviet proposals to effect complete disarmament in a period of four years (with necessary controls), so releasing all economies from the crippling expenditure on arms, and diverting all human and natural resources to the betterment of the lot of mankind.

Labour Party support

Of the three political parties, the Labour Party, in its manifesto and declaration, puts forward a foreign policy which is greatly preferable to those of the other two parties.

The committee of Birmingham University C.N.D. therefore advises all its members to vote Labour on October 8.

Tories MENDACITY INC

MAC, Hailsham, Hill and their Big Business colleagues have been engaged during the last twelve months in piling up the unprecedented election expenditure of £4 million, putting over on hoardings, screen and newsprint a display of wholesale mendacity.

The hope is that constant repetition of a well dished up lie may mislead even the wariest of electors. Mac obviously considers that contempt breeds belief, but, believe you me, Mac, familiarity breeds contempt!

At the 1955 General Election, as now, the Tory slogan was "Prosperity and Peace." Mac says that "You have never had it so good," but who is this "you"? The landlords who have doubled their takings in the last eight years? The workers have far from doubled their wages. Is "you" the monopolists, who received a surtax cut as well as a profit tax cut? Or the Old Age Pensioners, a million of whom find it necessary to seek National Assistance to keep the Macwolf from the door?

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of Tory Baldwin's Munich agreement, when Conservative Britain and France endorsed Hitler's plans for the butchering of half of Europe. At the 1955 election, Eden posed as the peace-maker and put forward a vote catching Summit plan. A few weeks after gaining his majority when the Soviet Union accepted his Plan at Geneva, Eden did the dirty on Bulganin and the world by withdrawing it. Who was the Foreign Minister at that time?—Mac.

Since 1951, the Tory record on world peace has been negative and obstructive. They opposed the suspension of tests even when Russia offered to stop her own; the Tory attitude being let Strontium 90 rain on us and be damned! They opposed a Summit Conference and only with a change of American policy and in time for a General Election in Britain, has Mac changed his tune to emerge as the sponsor of a Summit Conference.

The Tory Credit Squeeze has resulted in economic stagnation. At a time of the year when employment is naturally at its fullest, 405,000 are out of work. The steel industry is working 20 per cent. below capacity. There have been pit closures and more are scheduled. Cotton mills are closing, exports are down and millions of tons of shipping are lying idle.

Since 1955 import prices have steadily fallen and automation has meant increased potential productivity. The standard of living has not increased accordingly. Labour puts forward a policy of economic expansion. Production will be stepped up to benefit the workers, pensioners and school children and not the monopolists. Increased revenue, curbing the tax avoidance racket and a tax on capital gains will provide the finance for Labour's extensive programme of social reforms.

Under the Tories the rate of council building has seriously fallen, allowing private landlords to skin the public. Labour will restore the housing subsidy and lower interest rates.

The Tories opposed the Health Service at its birth and consequently they have attempted to strangle it in life. They have built but one hospital during office. Labour will increase health expenditure by at least £50 million yearly, and abolish all charges.

British Railways have the cheapest freight charges in Europe and the Coal Board provides private industry with the cheapest coal. These industries make a net loss by paying compensation to previous owners far in excess of the profits they once reached. Despite Tory sabotage, the nationalised sectors have proved their worth. Labour's planned and industrial expansion will be aided by the nationalisation of steel, road haulage and water.

by
Colin Yardley

The electors of Britain must be considerate in wielding their votes. For seventy million British citizens in the Colonies have no votes and no control over Westminster. The Tory record of "peace" includes Cyprus, Hola and the rejected Devlin Report on Nyasaland. Labour gave freedom to India, Pakistan and Burma, and will liberate the remaining colonial peoples.

The Suez warriors spent £300 million ostensibly to protect the Canal and to separate Egypt and Israel. The result was a blockaded canal and the exposure of undoubted collusion between Eden, France and Israel.

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