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# GUILD NEWS

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## Appeal to industrialists for money

# £250,000 WANTED

### "Guild News" Reporter

**MR. HAROLD BURKE**, president of the Institution of Production Engineers, has launched an appeal for further expansion in the University. He stated that £40,000 had already been promised to the fund and that the target was £250,000.

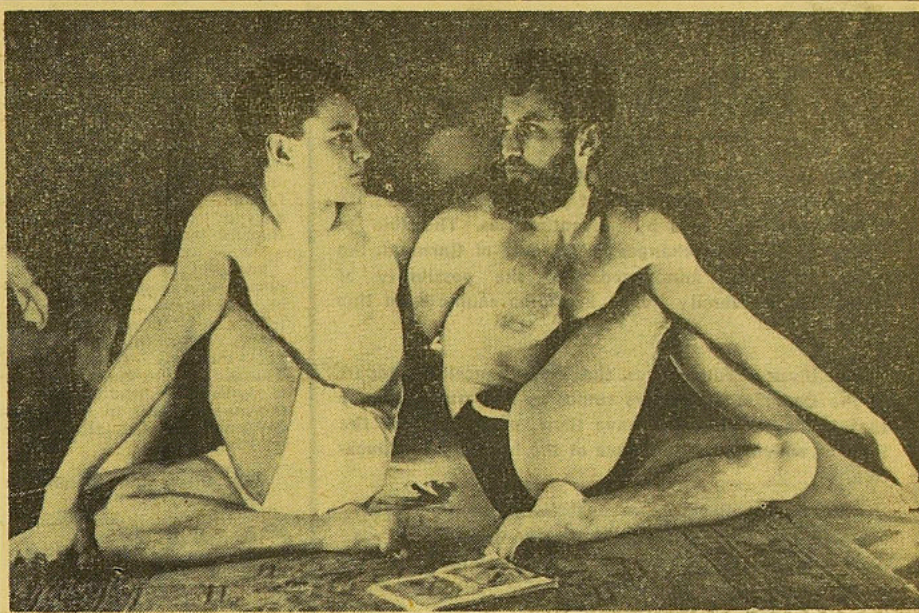
It is intended to build a new block in Birmingham to house 100 students. This new block will be ready by 1965. The reason given for choosing Birmingham as the location for the first exercise is that it holds the only occupied chair in Production Engineering in the country.

Mr. Burke also said that, although the money for educational purposes should come from the Government, these new facilities were needed to help fill the gap in the training for top management, especially as only 11 out of 21 Universities in

Britain have Production Engineering departments.

The University has long had strong ties with industry and it was with their help that the University was started in 1900. When asked to comment upon the scheme, the Vice-Chancellor said that he was pleased to see that an outside body was taking an interest in the University.

He also said that the running expenses of the new block would be met by the University and would be supplemented by student fees, research contracts, grants from industry and Government departments.



● **Discipline of the mind—** Yoga fashion. David Baum and Alan Unterman performing an exercise; they should hold this position for three hours until a state of "nothingness" is reached in the mind.  
(Photo: Andrew Hornig).

## TOWARDS UNIVERSAL HARMONY

**MARY BAKER EDDY**, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, defines this religion "As the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine principle and rule of universal harmony."

On Thursday, March 1st, at 1.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3 of the Union, Naomi Price, C.S., will talk on the practicality of this definition, in a lecture entitled "The Healing Mission of Christian Science."

Also on Wednesday, February 28th, at 1.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, there will be shown an half-hour technicolour film on "The Story of Christian Science."

## Berlin Lecture

**PROFESSOR Sir Isaiah Berlin**, Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory in the University of Oxford, will be giving a lecture in the Arts Faculty on Friday, March 2nd.

The lecture, which has been arranged by the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, will start at 5.30 p.m. and is open to the public. Its title is: "Is there still such a subject as Political Philosophy?"

### TODAY

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### Gifts

Later the scheme may be expanded to cover other Universities. So far, the contributors to the scheme are Concentrix, Neville Developments, Delta Metals and Alfred Herbert who have each promised 5,000 guineas. An anonymous firm has given £10,000 and private contributions range from £50 to £10,000.

The Engineering Production Department was founded in

1948, and moved into its present building in the Mech. Eng. block in 1952. When the department was founded the prefab building could hold only 12 students; the size of the department is now limited to 30 students because of inadequate buildings.

In 1959 the Lucas chair was founded and is now occupied by Professor N. A. Dudley.

## House J.C.R. must choose from 12 MRS. FRIEND'S FIRM STAND

**AT** a meeting for second-year students, Mrs. Friend, the warden of University House, expressed her indignation about an article which appeared in "Guild News" last week. She asserted that she will reserve the right to reject any President elected by the J.C.R.

She stated that she will choose 12 people to remain in House for a third year instead of the usual 30. This is because of the closing of the Beale wing next year. It is reported that she is willing, in accordance with House Constitution, to let the Presidential elections take place on March 5th under normal procedure.

This means that any member of the J.C.R. (which incorporates the whole student body of House), who has been in residence for more than three terms, may be elected.

Now she maintains that she will reject any President elected by the J.C.R. who is not among the 12 she has chosen.

### Places

Until this year students in University House have been permitted to elect as President, to govern their affairs, any third-year student. Places have always been reserved for the Executive Committee, although Mrs. Friend was able to put those whom she thought suitable for House into the other places.

## WORKING ABROAD

**POSSIBILITIES** of obtaining vacation work abroad for students at the University are being explored by the External Affairs' Committee of the Guild.

This will be an extension of the Committee's activities which have been restricted to finding vacation work at home.

About 130 firms have been circulated for the Easter and Summer vacations and of these about 40 have so far replied. Sam Hiron, Chairman of the External Affairs' Committee said, "Easter employment prospects are not very promising at present, but there should be a fair amount of employment available for the Summer."

## RESEARCH INTO CAR DRIVERS' REACTIONS

**AT** present, a team of qualified Highway and Traffic Engineers and a Medical School physiologist from Birmingham University are engaged in research on car drivers' reactions. Using an apparatus similar to that often seen on fairgrounds, drivers sitting inside a chassis without wheels or brakes are asked to respond to the light signals reflected in the driving mirror.

The effect on their reactions of alcohol, fatigue, background lights and traffic confusion are all noted, and particular attention is being paid to the change in drivers' physical condition when fatigue or alcohol have taken their toll.

In further experiments along this line, a "breathalyser" and an instrument for measuring muscle movements will be used.

Although the tests start in the security of a laboratory with an

engine-less car and the driver has only to react by switching off the light signal, they are further complicated until eventually the victim is tested in one of the Department's vans under normal road conditions.

The whole project will take several years to complete, but it is hoped that the results will be useful, having found out under what conditions road accidents are most liable, showing what steps must be taken to prevent them.

## MENTAL STRAIN

**EXPANSION** is the keynote of the Vice-Chancellor's Report, published last Thursday, both in the building and academic fields. The next year will see the opening of the new refectory and staff building. The foundations are already laid for the Commerce and Social Sciences Building, north of the Arts Block.

To the north of Church Road, a new hall of residence is being built which is due to open the session after next and will accommodate 300 women and 140 men.

The main academic development in the University as a whole, is the enterprise called Inter-Faculty studies; the Vice-Chancellor remarks, "It is perhaps too soon to be sure that this venture in general education, in just its present form, will continue indefinitely but it has made a very promising start."

It is a good contradiction to the impression the newspaper reader may easily gather, that educational experiment and adaptation are to be expected in the post-war university rather than in the established universities."

### Small

On the subject of the Health Service, the report says that 75 students last year suffered from varying degrees of mental disturbance, 10 were known to have failed, postponed or abandoned their courses; "the numbers are small in a community of 4,500 students and should not be seen out of proportion."

No student, however, has had to be sent to a sanatorium with lung T.B. during the last three years.



# GUILD NEWS

The Birmingham University Newspaper

## Fellow feeling

THIS is a time when it would appear that all the old customs and privileges of the student body are being slowly removed by the authorities. The loss of Founder's Day, the changes in the date of Carnival, the new restrictions announced and the possibility of changes in University House, are some examples of this trend.

In these circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor's report to the Court of Governors comes as a useful reminder that the authorities too have their problems, not the least of which is the influence of the Ministry of Education.

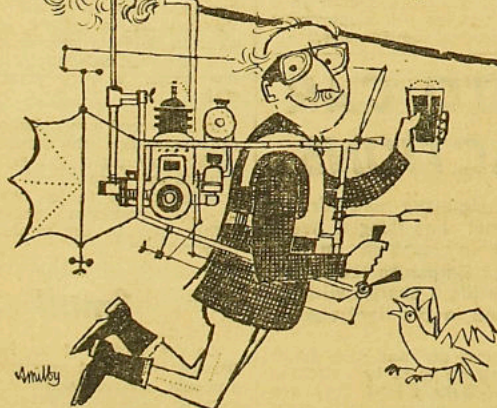
Sir Robert attacks the suggestion that the Ministry should be responsible for all education and says "... we need to foster every element of variety and independence in our University institutions."

Next time we complain about the University it seems that we shall, at least, have the consolation of knowing that they are only transmitting pressure from above.

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## FUNDS

SIR.—The President's Relief Fund has now closed and the machinery set in motion to collect money and clothing for the impoverished communities of the world has come to a halt. This is shameful! There is a glaring need for the creation of a permanent and active relief organisation in the City of Birmingham, and it is up to us, in the University, to take the lead in this field.

The possible ways in which we could function are as follows. Firstly, the dissemination of the hard facts that millions of people are either starving or grossly undernourished, that many children born today have only slim chances of a healthy future. Moreover, life expectancy in many countries is less than 30 years.

Secondly, by the collection of money and despatch of clothing: we could work hand-in-hand with organisations already established, and would not duplicate their work. Thirdly, by the encouragement of students to spend a period of one to two years in an underdeveloped country after their qualification.

With these aims in mind, a

## CLASS

SIR.—Does Mr. Hewitt, your correspondent on Public Schoolboys, realise that it is his attitude which is to blame for the so-called "class distinction" to which he objects so vehemently.

It is to a large extent due to people like himself, who are forever separating the Public Schoolboy from his context, and comparing him in an unfavourable light as possible with the rest of his contemporaries, that comparisons are made at all. Unfortunately for those who make these comparisons, they do not always turn out to be as unfavourable to the Public Schoolboy as might be hoped.

### Clique

Your correspondent carries his comparisons further, by implying that Public Schoolboys go to Oxford and Cambridge, where they have their own clique; in so doing, he is widening the rift between these Universities and those in the

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

OPPORTUNITIES may be available in India for young Indians with good degrees in engineering or allied fields and/or sound practical experience. Graduates (or undergraduates who may be interested in the future) should write to: Telco Dept., Tata Limited, 18 Grosvenor Place, London, S.W.1.



BIRMINGHAM CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

small committee has been established and is preparing to launch such a scheme. The proposed society, which will have connections in the city, will be called O.R.D.—Organisation for Relief and Development.

So far, negotiations have been completed with the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, and our association with the External Affairs' Committee of the Guild is being discussed.

The society will soon be applying for membership of the Guild. It is hoped to enlist the support of other societies by that time, and to iron out any difficulties arising.

Yours, etc.,

ASHER DAVID KELMAN.

## TRAVEL

SIR.—Several members of the Nomads' Club are willing to organise parties in the summer to North Cape, Morocco, and Southern Spain for four weeks at a cost of about £40. The only thing they lack is people to fill them.

If anyone is interested, please contact me via the Union pigeon holes.

Yours, etc.,

JIMMY KNOX.

Provinces, at a time when every effort should be made to close this gap.

It is to be hoped that this superficial "class barrier" will soon be lifted, and that "Guild News" will be produced without having to contain these odious comparisons.

Yours, etc.,

T. W. MOSEDALE.

## BOOKS

SIR.—I raise an enfeebled feeler from my hospital bed to prod at response in the Guild to the idea of a second-hand bookshop to be run by members of the Guild on similar lines to that already in operation at Leeds University, where, I believe, the project has become well established.

Emphasis should be laid on the buying and re-selling at a profit large enough to cover running costs, of text-books and set-books; but students on meagre grants might also collect a few shillings on novels and other works.

I would point out that although Leeds has no outside bookshop actually on the premises, the so-called "University Bookshop," a very excellent establishment just across the road, appears to suffer little from its more amateurish rival inside the University.

We should like to know just how much interest we might expect among undergraduates if space could be found in the Union to put this scheme into practice.

Yours, etc.,

ISABEL WOOD.

## BAR

SIR.—Do we HAVE to put up with that hideous design for the new Lounge Bar?

Yours, etc.,

JULIA EVANS.

## This week in The Listener and BBC TELEVISION REVIEW

Issue dated March 1

### THE THREATENED COUNTRYSIDE

In this, the third article of the series of articles which discusses the threat of "Subtopia" to Britain's places of beauty, Patrick Monkhouse turns his attention to the Peak District.

### DID THE PEASANTS REALLY STARVE?

Pierre Goubert's book, "Beauvais et les Beauvaisis de 1600 a 1730" has been published recently in France. It is here reviewed by Peter Laslett, Lecturer in History at Cambridge University, who is engaged in a work of social history of the same period in England.

### SWEET MANGOES & MALT VINEGAR

The scenes and language of the Indian novelist R. K. Narayan, author of "The Man-Eater of Malgudi," are discussed by William Walsh, Professor of Education at Leeds University.

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## REVIEWS PAGE

### Films

## "PATRIOTIC CROOK"

ROBERTO ROSELLINI is perhaps generally remembered as the inspiration of the great neo-realist Italian movement of which "Open City," which he began while the Germans were still occupying Rome, was the key film.

He returns to the time of "Open City" in "Il Generale Della Rovere" (Cinephone) which was a prize-winner at the Venice Festival two years ago. The film is, among other things, an illustration of the tragic consequences which are the inevitable by-product of war, and the same time a realistic treatment of patriotism.

It is the story of Bardone (Victorio de Sica), a twister and gambler, who calls himself an Italian Colonel and whose speciality is obtaining by false pretences.

This much we are given in a sympathetic portrait, sympathetic despite the fact that he is in league with corrupt Germans and obtaining large sums of money on the false pretences of securing favours, even freedom, for arrested Italians.

His wretchedness is vividly shown when he is himself arrested by Colonel Mueller (Hannes Messemer) and confronted by those whom he has duped. He confesses human weakness and as an alternative to death is offered the chance to find courage in the impersonation of General Della Rovere, an Italian Resistance leader, who has been inadvertently shot.

Against a prison background the character he has assumed shows signs of inner penetration and despite his natural cowardliness, he finds the courage to maintain the confidence of his fellow prisoners even to the extent of suffering torture and, finally, death rather than betray the man whom Colonel Mueller has ordered him to discover.

His conversion to heroism is more apparent than real and herein lies the depth of Rosellini's treatment without which such a tale might deserve to be branded British. There is some psychological foundation in the old tag: "Comes the hour, comes the man" and to be sceptical of Bardone's reaction to his situation is perhaps nothing more than to never have experienced it or its like.

### Books

### Wendy Burrow

## ADMAN'S WHIRL

"HIGH PITCHED BUZZ" has proved a well-chosen title for Roger Longrigg's first novel. His strength indeed lies in the polished, contrived, inane and, despite this, often credible babble of conversation surrounding the advertising world at work and play.

Against this super-sophisticated setting in the badlands of Mayfair is enacted an episode in the life of Henry, a copywriter.

This gives the author a free hand in reproducing a world which he knows only too well. Subsequently there emerges an intricate weave of caricatures, symbolising any business world, in this case, the advertising business world.

Slightly more knowing than Truman Capote but still as sincere as Doris Lessing, the book turns out to have drive while remaining relaxing. It is often amusing in a banal and well-informed manner, occasionally irritating but makes excellent light reading.

Roger Longrigg is a graduate of Oxford, now in advertising, which he professes to like. Having seen a multitude of countries and been a teenager in America, his views on life

are nothing if not broad. His first novel is compact and entertaining.

## THE OTHER PAGES

### University News

### by Nero

## ADVANCE OF OXFORD

LAST week, following a 10-year battle of the sexes, women were given debating membership of the Oxford Union, thus establishing a beachhead in one of the most exclusive male strongholds in Britain.

Although this only gives them the right to speak in debates, the privileges of voting, standing for office or using any other of the Union facilities still being withheld, it will obviously be a starting point for a vigorous campaign for full membership.

Rumblings of dissent are already being heard in the bowels of England's academic monastery. Misogynistic students and dons are donning black armbands and muttering about the decline of civilisation. Someone has written to the "Sunday Times" about it, arguing that women have proved themselves incapable of debating and thus should not be allowed to debate. Other arguments of similar irrefutable logic have been produced by anti-feminists, seemingly in a state of almost complete mental constipation. "People don't want to meet women" and "The acoustics in the hall are too bad" are perhaps the best.

Latest news from the battlefield is that the Union authorities

ties have raised the Debating membership termly subscription by two-thirds.

At this rate of progress Oxford will soon have to admit that women can think.

Following a platitudinous visit to Oxford by the Prime Minister, Isis thumbed through a few back-editions to see what was said about him when he was secretary of Debates.

Of his speech on the motion, "The government should consult the electors at once," on October 18th, 1913, the reviewer said, "Just as a hint for the more distant future, we may recommend a little more originality of thought."

Last term a motion in favour of bar-installation was passed by 239 votes to 16, but since the authorities considered the voting unrepresentative nothing was done. Now a referendum is being held among the students to see what the general consensus of opinion is.

The arguments against the bar have been that it would encourage students to drink, that public money would be mis-spent and drink and that students sing bawdy songs. The Archbishop of Wales has not, as yet, commented.

## LEEDS

THE dangers of passive resistance were demonstrated at Leeds on Wednesday night when two C.N.D. vigilantes were kidnapped outside the Town Hall by members of the University Motor Club, transported to a field about eight miles from the city and dumped. Some of their belongings were stolen, and legal proceedings are being contemplated.

The two hurt sitters are trying to form a petition to have those responsible for the attack suspended from the Union, but the kidnappers have countered by launching their own petition admitting the offence and have so far succeeded in getting over 600 signatures.

Perhaps this marks the inauguration of a new slogan for Leeds C.N.D. "Ban the bums!"

## CARDIFF

THERE are still some unions in out-of-the-way corners of the University world which have no bar of their own. Cardiff is one of these, not through choice but because the University authorities will not give permission for one to be built.



● The Chairman of Debates, Mr. Hogarth, at Cardiff arrived three-quarters of an hour late for one of his own debates, blaming his delay on the inclement weather.

(Drawing: 292.)

## HULL

THE roofs of two of Hull University's tin hut Halls of Residence were removed by high winds during the recent gales, while most of the inmates were in bed.

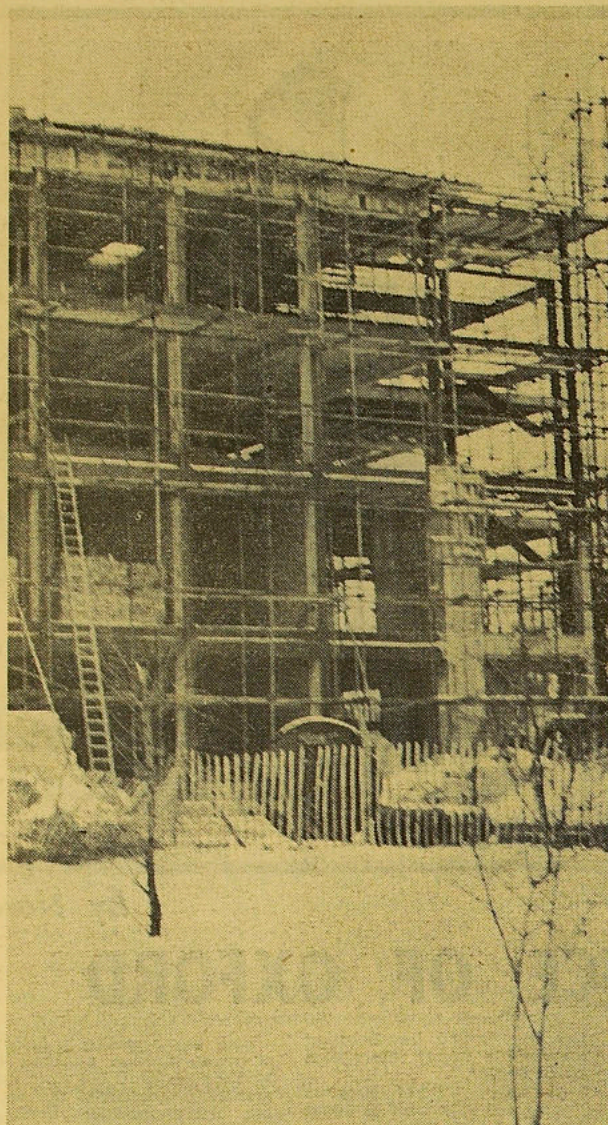
While repairs are being carried out the dispossessed refugees are being lodged in odd corners of the main building. It is hoped that this will not be made an excuse for a night out on the tiles.



The Roger Eames Big Band, winners of the semi-final of the Inter-University Jazz Competition. Birmingham came third and are also through to the final.

(Photo: "Gongster")





The new "Rheumatism Wing" of the Clinical Research Block of the Medical School.

**MOST** people probably imagine that local philanthropy is dead. Gone are the rich patrons of the Civic University. Where are Josiah Mason and his pen-nibs, where is Lady Barber? But people who think this really ought to look out of the window.

If they did, and looked past the redbrick, the mud, and the glum labourers to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital they would see the half-erected answer in front of them.

Here the new "Rheumatism Wing" of the Clinical Research Block of the Medical School, is being built. And its building has been made possible by the generous gifts of local well-wishers of the United Birmingham Hospitals, for in the present phase of national priorities, developments financed from Government sources are centred on other parts of the University, particularly the Science Faculty.

The struggle against disease, we tend to learn from the popular papers is always a violent one. Doctors, when they appear in the press are always "fighting for the life" of someone or other. The battle always seems to rage over the bed of some famous film star.

### Battle

But the other battle, against the chronic crippling diseases that maim and hurt, but do not kill, goes on unseen. If cures can be found here, if frozen joints can be unlocked, bent backs made straight and enduring pain relieved, many thousands in this country alone will be most grateful. But how much space will be given to achievements like these?

Rheumatism is one of these diseases. It is in reality a group of diseases and includes illnesses of several different kinds. In the control of some of these there has been remarkable progress; rheumatic fever for instance,

which used to cause many deaths in children and younger adults—sometimes after many years of disability from cardiac insufficiency—could now be described as coming progressively under control.

But rheumatoid arthritis, though rarely fatal, still causes widespread suffering and great loss of working time. Valuable clues to the nature of the underlying processes at fault in this condition have come mainly during the last 10 years from specialised studies on the high molecular weight proteins of the blood serum.

Because of the special interests of the Department of Experimental Pathology of this University in all kinds of conditions associated with alterations in serum protein patterns, the Department has recently been paying particular attention to the rheumatic group of diseases.

### Object

The new extension has been built with the special object of increasing facilities for research along these lines. The ground floor is to be equipped for the study of the physical and biological chemistry of proteins.

In it will be assembled a variety of instruments such as analytical and preparative ultracentrifuges, apparatus for study-

# The Silent War Against Disease

By Tim Bett

ing electrophoresis, diffusion and light scattering, with cold rooms in which column chromatography can be carried out.

The first floor will house facilities for the fractionation of serum and tissue proteins; there will also be laboratories for histological, immunological and immunochemical techniques. With specific antisera, coupled with fluorescent dyes, proteins can be located in tissues by examination, after suitable treatment, under ultraviolet light.

### Centre

On the second floor are laboratories in which special tests can be made, for example on blood samples from patients enabling their response to various forms of treatment to be measured week by week. A smaller seminar room is also available at this point enabling the research workers with different approaches to discuss collated results.

These storeys will constitute a centre for rheumatism research at least the equal in terms of accommodation to any in the United Kingdom. To match the remainder of the Clinical Research Building, a third storey is being erected, and for this expansion of the

Universities' laboratories. Further assistance in this direction has been made available by a most generous initial capital gift from Mr. J. R. Hugh Sumner, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., while the Medical Research Council will continue its support for the work of the Skin Unit; the Nuffield Foundation has agreed to provide £27,500 annually for three years towards the research on rheumatism.

### Research

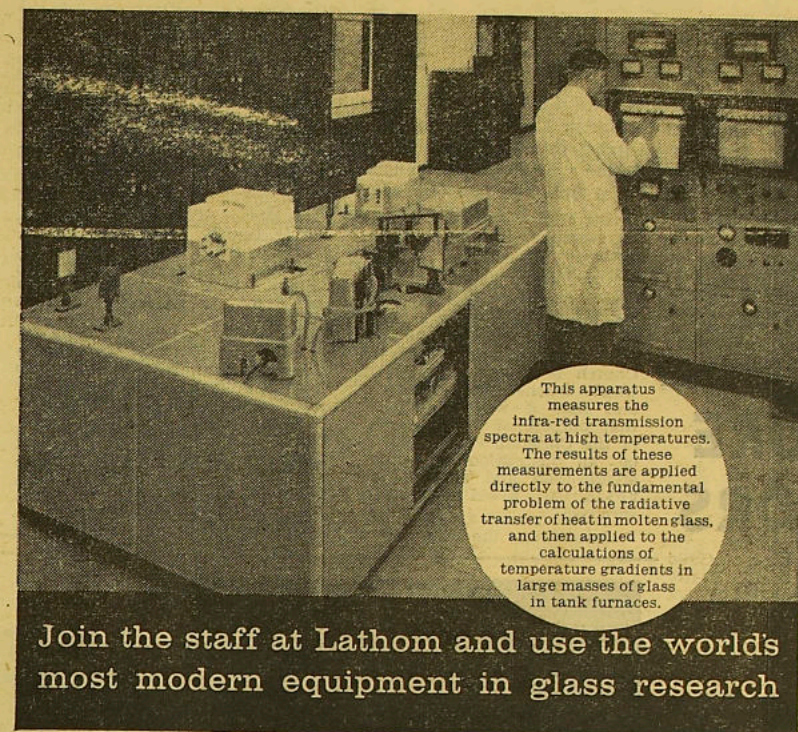
It is upon such basic research, upon the research workers, the benefactors, the technicians and the secretaries, that progress nowadays in any branch of medicine will ultimately depend.

The direct relation between a piece of research and the living patient may seem tenuous; but it is present. With the arrangements in the new Block where patients and laboratories are in intimate contact, this relation should become stronger and more important. Patients observed and treated here will have the comfort of seeing for themselves that steps are being taken all the time to further knowledge of their disease.

Such a relationship between the Doctor and his patient is fairly new; but it can only lead to the most excellent results, with increased confidence for the patient and increased understanding for the Doctor. Hippocrates, one feels, would have been pleased.

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I am extremely grateful to Professor J. R. Squire, Professor of Experimental Pathology, for his co-operation in providing material for this article, and for his interest in it; and also to Professor A. L. D'Abreu, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, for his interest and initial help.



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WEDNESDAY PUBLICATIONS 2

# Racialism Down Under

by Leslie Lambert

**THE** control of immigration is causing controversy in several parts of the world at present, even in Australia where the government have pursued a "White Australia" policy for over half-a-century. This policy is designed to attract European immigrants, but exclude all but a few permanent settlers from Asia.

Students from Melbourne and Monash Universities form the nucleus of opposition to the policy. In October they elected a committee known as "Student Action," with the primary aim of "attacking racialism."

This they did at the time of the Federal Election campaigns, although both major political parties in Australia seem to be in fundamental agreement over the Immigration Laws.

The committee tried to bring its aims before the electors by the distribution of leaflets, deputations to candidates and frequent demonstrations of protest. The members believe that the majority of Australians would be prepared to accept an alteration to the White Australia Policy.

### Colour

Student Action is made up of members from all the different political and religious societies, as well as ordinary uncommitted people whose main objection to the policy is that it is racist and excludes persons on the basis

of their skin colour.

Many thousands of Asian students have been educated in Australia's schools and universities, but all except a very few have not been able to settle in Australia. Student Action feels that the policy suggests that Australians are colour conscious, and is "morally repugnant."

This, it says, has been shown in the United Nations, when the Australian Government has refused to condemn the racistist

policies of South Africa and Portugal.

Student Action suggests that although there should still be control of immigration, it should not be by the control of colour. Prospective Asian immigrants should be assessed on the same basis as Europeans. Selection must be by occupation, background and education.

Special notice must be taken of Australia's "capacity to assimilate," so that no more immi-

grants should be allowed than can be readily absorbed. Australia can learn from the racial friction in the United States and Britain, where there has been uncontrolled immigration.

The proposals put forward by Student Action have been widely criticised, usually from a fear of racial antagonism eventually developing. But the cause of friction in other parts of the world has mostly been due to social or economic conditions.

Mr. Dewner, Minister for Immigration, denied that the present policy was racistist and said that some Asians were admitted into Australia. These are, however, exceptions. And recurrent deportations of people of Asian descent, well integrated into the community, suggests that racial factors are regarded as important by the Government.

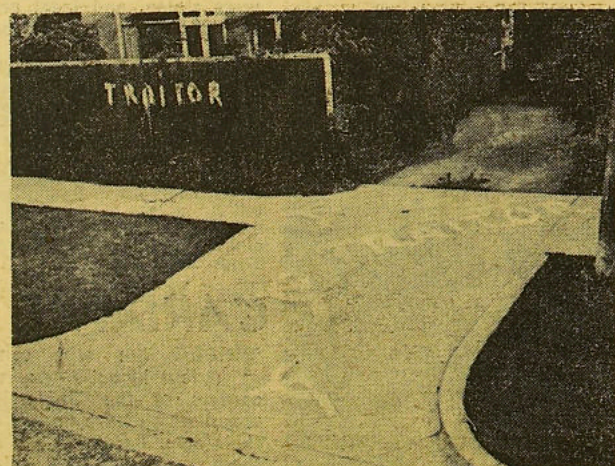
### Imply

Much criticism of Student Action's proposals has come from people who are mildly or extremely racistist, and talk of Australia as a "homogenous community."

They imply that Australians are Europeans and therefore in some way superior. They also speak of "European culture and way of life." This certainly seems to be a most un-Christian and irrational statement.

The Melbourne students know as we do, how much Asian fellow-students can enrich the lives of Europeans by bringing variety of culture. In the words of Student Action:—

"Education, culture, high living standards—the things we look for in migrants—are no longer the monopoly of Europeans."



The house of one of the leaders of Student Action was daubed by extremists after the protest meetings.

(Photos: Peter Samuel).



Members of Student Action protesting outside New City Hall last November.



## House against intolerance CATHOLICISM DEFEATED

"WITH old age creeping upon me, I find that I am becoming more tolerant, but there are still some things about which I am extremely intolerant, and one of these is the intolerance of the Catholic Church," said Professor Sergeant Florence, of the Commerce Faculty, when proposing the motion: "This House considers that the intolerance of the Catholic Church is intolerable," at Deb. Soc. last Thursday.

Professor Florence spoke of the harm that had been done to Latin American economy by the intolerance of the Catholic Church, and he quoted from a student handbook on Catholic doctrine to show how outdated some of these doctrines were. He then spoke of the practical

results of this intolerance, using as examples the doctrines of birth control and mixed marriages.

Mr. Douglas Woodruffe, the Editor of "Tablet," speaking for the opposition, said that it should be recognised that the Church is a unique institution which teaches with authority and that it was created for that purpose at the beginning of the Christian era. It had to be an institution for rules, organisation and authority or religion would not have survived.

Seconding the Proposition,

Mr. David Huggill said that people cannot be tolerant unless they have knowledge and he spoke of the power which Catholics have over uneducated people in underdeveloped countries.

Miss Ann Doran, seconding the Opposition, said that God had given truth as a trust to the Church, and with it came the duty to propagate this truth. Anyone who follows his true conscience, however, can be a good man, whether he follows the Church or not.

The motion was carried by 80 votes to 67, with 22 abstentions.

THERE was no opposition to a motion at a Guild Council meeting last week that Council should accept responsibility for participation in B.U.S.F., provided that the University puts the Guild in a position to pay for it.

## Guild's ball again

Mr. Arthur Large, who proposed the motion, said that the attitude of the University had definitely changed since the Vice-Chancellor agreed that the authorities would pay. The Guild would not be in a position to pay the subscription fees for two years, and if the number of students increased as planned, not even then.

Mr. F. Blader said that if council accepted the responsibility it would have the right to send a councillor as

one of the three Birmingham representatives. This was vigorously opposed by Mr. D. G. Moyes, Chairman of Athletic Union.

Mr. Blader said that a politician was needed to safeguard our interests, while Mr. Moyes held the view that people who knew what was what in the sporting world would be more useful. The motion was passed by a very narrow majority.

## FUTURE EDITORS

At the last meeting of Guild Council Mr. Bernard Beatty was re-elected Editor of "Mermaid" for the session 1962-63, and Mr. David Vine was elected Editor of "Wall."

## CHRISTIAN BASE

"SAINT Francis Hall has maintained its place as the base of the Christian community within the Guild," said the Reverend Keith Wilkes, in his half-yearly report to the Guild Council. "A great number of people use the facilities and the attendances at the Sunday services are continuing to increase."

The report hinted that the present building may be expanded to meet the needs of a growing University, and additional staff taken on. It is emphasised, though, that the Hall will maintain its present position as an interdenominational centre containing a chapel, rather than as a base for denominational Chaplains on the University campus.

The magazine "Moment" continues to appear at a loss through lack of sales but the evident need for such a magazine warrants its continued publication.

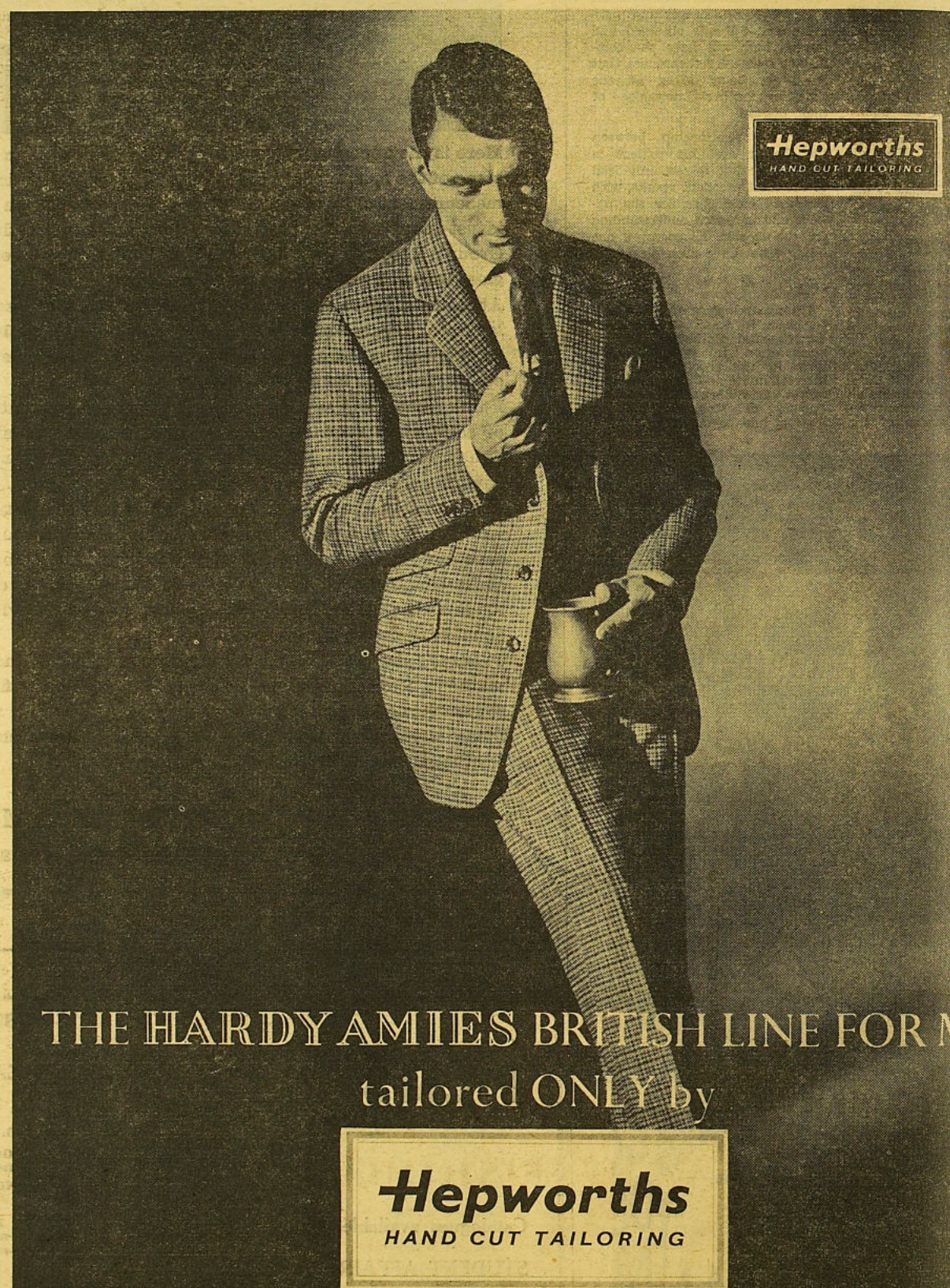
## 25 YEARS AGO

THE sudden darkening over Edgbaston which occurred on Monday, February 28th, resulted in a big demand being made on the power station. Steam pressure rapidly decreased; the hum of machines died down and the place was thrown into darkness.

Frantically the Superintendent pulled switches and levers; vivid blue flashes of light momentarily illuminated the room and the stokers hurried coal into the boilers, with the assistance of a "Guild News" reporter, who was, of course, on the spot at the time. In about 20 minutes pressure was up to maximum again, and normal running was resumed.

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Cross-country

## Davies gives good start

OVER 80 teams competed in the six times three miles relay at Hyde Park on Saturday. Birmingham University proved its strength in this type of event by finishing the day in sixth position, less than 10 seconds behind the winners.

Birmingham were given a good start by the irrepressible Davies, who forged his way to the front on the first lap. He would have stayed there but for the efforts of a zealous Edinburgh runner, who won the leg 15 yards ahead of Davies.

Rowe took over from Davies and managed not only to maintain second place but even to narrow the gap. But pacemaking is no easy task and hard though they fought, Gairdner and Walmisley had to concede second place to such present-day giants as Leeds and Loughborough.

## Fifth

It was therefore in fifth place that Currie commenced the fifth stage and last runner Fagge started his lap in the same position. Fagge was forced to let U.A.U. champion, Ron Hill, overtake him, and so Birmingham finished a very creditable sixth.

In the last Birmingham League race of the season at Edgbaston, also last Saturday, the Cross-Country Club finished ninth, which gives them a final league position of eighth. For the University, Milne (17th), Bee (4th) and Allison (47th) ran well.

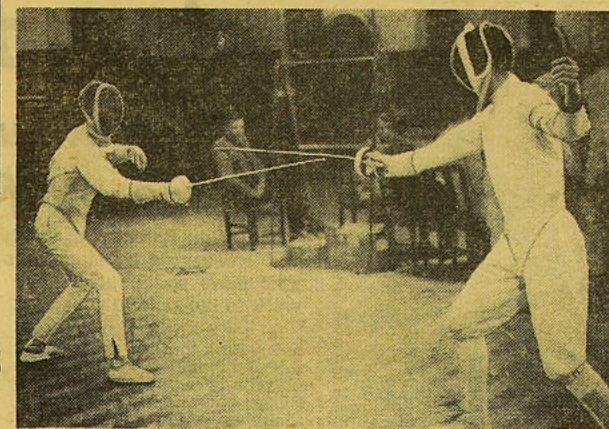
## Deficiency in B.U.R.C. WEAKNESS EXPOSED

LEEDS 17 pts., BIRMINGHAM 6 pts.

THIS game pinpointed one deficiency in the Rugby Club: the forwards are not getting enough of the ball. Out-hooked in the loose and the tight, it was left to Eagle to gain Birmingham's share of the ball from the lineouts. In every other respect, however, Birmingham played well.

The tackling was excellent. The Leeds backs were so adventurous and their forwards so mobile that tries came almost inevitably. (One wonders how Bristol and Aberystwyth have reached the U.A.U. final!)

The first half came to an end with the scores level at six pts. each, thanks to the boots of Bryn Jenkins. He twice equalised for Birmingham, first with a penalty and later with a snatched goal. But the effort of defence and perhaps the long journey told in the second



Two competitors from London and Cambridge contest a place in the finals of the epee. (Photo: Andrew Hornig).

## Too much apathy YOU DOZEY LOT! by Tim Austin

THIS University stinks to high heaven of apathy. People are too damned lazy to do anything except sit on their behinds all day, just wasting their time. There may come a time when they will regret not having taken advantage of the opportunities offered to them here.

Stop and think for a minute: consider what you have done for the Guild or the University. Your bridge has probably improved tremendously, and you can take more beer than when you came. If you were pressed enough, you might have given something to the President's appeal. And that is your lot!

A University doesn't expect and shouldn't get people like you. You, although it seems incredible, should be here for the future benefit of society. But what use will you be to anyone if you continuously drift around taking what is offered instead of giving something.

A case in point is Mr. Zivko Jaksic's attempt to revive the Boxing Club. His efforts are being frustrated by the sloth which reigns supreme in this establishment.

So far, he has received only four replies to his appeal, one each from the departments of Chemistry, Law, Social Science and Mistory. For the Club to be re-established, at least eight or nine boxers are required.

Mr. Jaksic is prepared to wait until this weekend before abandoning his project, but already arrangements with Athletic Union have been held up because of the indolence of potential

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A slight knowledge of what judo is will only afford a glimpse of the exercises of self control, mental and physical relaxation and balance that the sport entails. Development of patience and perseverance, and a consideration for others are the essence of the judoist's philosophy.

## GONE FISHING?

PEOPLE who have made caustic references to lacrosse sticks as fishing nets may be wondering if that is in fact all the Lacrosse Club does with them. Of five fixtures planned for this term, only one has been played.

But only once has a fixture had to be cancelled by Birmingham because of a shortage of players. On the other occasions the opponents have had to call the game off. Is lacrosse losing its popularity, or is this just another example of apathy?

## Birmingham go down to all-conquering Wiles

ON Friday, Saturday and Sunday the cream of the Universities' fencers met in the Great Hall to fight out the Individual Championships. This is the first time that the competition has been held in Birmingham, and large audiences on the first two days helped to make the tournament a success.

In the Epee on Friday, Warner, Sayers and Baldwin scraped through their first round pools. All of them were very much off form, but in the semi-finals the standard was considerably higher and the Birmingham boys rose to the occasion.

In the first semi-final, Warner won five fights and seemed to be well in command.

On Saturday in the Foil, Lady Luck did not smile on Birmingham's entrants. Only Warner survived the first round. He reached the final and was again placed fifth.

After an enthralling tussle with last year's winner, Atkinson (London), Wiles of Loughborough clinched his second title.

## Three

On the strength of three victories, Baldwin was also promoted to the final. In the second semi-final Sayers also won three fights, including a notable triumph over the eventual winner, Wiles (Loughborough). But he was eliminated on a count of hits.

In the final, Warner and Baldwin met their match and could only manage fifth and eighth places respectively.

## Luck

The Sabre was contested on Sunday. Warner, defending his title, and Sayers both reached the semi-finals. In the first of these, Warner did well enough to enter the final, but Sayers had bad luck, for he won two fights and lost a further two on the last hit.

Warner eventually finished fourth and Wiles won his third title, a feat only accomplished once since the inception of the competition.

## A sport, not a system

# JUDO—THE GENTLE ART

THE origin of judo is lost in the past. We are told by various authorities that it originated in China, India and Japan, but there is no doubt that, wherever it may have begun, it developed in Japan.

During the days of Japanese chivalry, when it was customary in warfare to refuse any advantage over an opponent, a crude and violent, but most effective form of ju-jitsu came into being.

In 1882 Jigaro Kano became interested, and from studying under many of the old masters, he devised a system of his own. This system became known as judo, which in Japanese means "the gentle art."

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Judo is a sport and not, as is sometimes believed, a system of a certain number of self-defence tricks designed to meet any kind of surprise attack. The point of judo is to develop a sixth sense, to enable a person to turn an assailant's moves to his own advantage.

Crudely, the theory can be summed up as using the opponent's strength, plus a little of your own in the same direction, to move him more rapidly than he wishes. By leaving a foot, leg or hip for him to fall over, he will lose his balance and throw himself.

In order to prevent injury when thrown, it is necessary to break the fall. This entails absorbing most of the fall by striking the floor with the forearm. The arm is capable of doing this without pain, and the louder the sound of the arm on the floor, the less any pain is felt.

## Skill

Student grades are awarded according to skill. The awards range from Sixth to First Kyu, and the belts are white, yellow, orange, green, blue and brown. The more advanced students wear black belts, and their degrees are known as Dans.

This University has a thriving Judo Club which contrives to make this sport better known and understood among students. Anyone wishing to learn more about it is warmly welcomed, and should contact the writer of this article for further information.



• The gentle art.



## NEWS DESK

### CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

"AS a nation we are bewildered in our attitude to crime, and above all to punishment." This was the opinion of Lord Longford, former First Lord of the Admiralty during the Labour Government, when he spoke to the Newman Catholic Society on "Christianity and Crime."

Lord Longford then went on to list the three great material evils of our prison system today—overcrowded prisons, understaffing, and the kind of work which is offered to prisoners.

There are now three times as many people in prison as there were before the war, and although there is a prison building scheme in progress, the fruits of this would not be visible yet.

At present prisoners work an average of three hours per day and are paid a nominal wage. In Sweden, Finland and Russia prisoners are organised on a factory basis to compete in the open market.

### Work

In conclusion Lord Longford suggested that there should be a national network of after-care officers, and that prisoners should do compulsory work for the benefit of the community, while working to compensate their victims. There should also be a State scheme for the compensation of victims of crime.

### STATIONARY

A PROPOSAL to build a station on the railway line running between the Medical School and the Chemistry block is still unanswered by the Transport Commission; but the University authorities remain hopeful despite recent trends.

### FIRST MEETING

A BIRMINGHAM Group for University Reform was formed at a meeting conducted by Mr. Dave Gillett, of the Russian Department, last Thursday. A secretary, Mr. George Hodgkin, of Mech. Eng., was appointed and the Group plan to apply for recognition as a Guild Society.

Mr. Gillett stressed that the purpose of the group was not to redress the grievances of people who didn't like refectory chips, but it aimed at discussing what sort of structure undergraduates would like an expanding university to adopt. Some of the problems it will discuss are lectures, staff-student ratios and relationships, the tutorial system and specialisation.

One or two meetings, addressed by members of staff with progressive ideas, followed by general discussion, are planned for this session.

### IN LOWER REGISTER

THE Guild Choral Society, which was formed at the beginning of this session, now has an active membership of about 60. So far, the members have concentrated on folk songs, including some from Yugoslavia and America.

The society will be giving a performance at the International Evening to be held in Carnival week. A concert at a Birmingham Training College is hoped for, and there is a

# University pub is to be closed soon

Present building is too old-fashioned



● Lord James holding forth.

## HAIRY SCIENTISTS AND SPIRITUAL ARTISTS

Theories of teaching

THE two cultures of Sir Charles Snow formed the background of the Open Lecture given by Lord James of Rusholme, the Vice-Chancellor of the new University of York, entitled "What shall we teach?" On the one hand we had the image of the scientist, inarticulate and covered with hair, while on the other there was that of the arts student, spiritual, sensitive and completely out of touch.

Comparing the content of our education with that of Matthew Arnold a century ago, Lord James observed that our education had gained breadth but lost unity. The underlying reasons were the immediate needs of the country, the growth of knowledge, and the prevailing social forces which were often conservative.

In order to achieve equality of opportunity our education had broadened, and he quoted the extreme examples in the United States. There was a danger of making our courses too broad; the field of knowledge was too great for this to be satisfactory.

Lord James cited the "James rule for the Conservation of the Curriculum"—"Whenever anything fresh is included something must be thrown out." We cannot expect too much from our education; certain subjects can only be appreciated by the mature mind.

### Valuable

The specialisation in our sixth forms is one of our most valuable contributions to modern education when it is compared to the six or seven subjects studied in the sixth forms of many other countries. Specialisation, he thought, should begin at the O-level stage.

To achieve a liberalisation of education in Universities, facilities should be provided to stimulate students' interest in subjects other than their own. They should have time to read on

these topics. Lord James felt that the Universities should adopt a more positive attitude to general education.

Answering a question from the floor, he could foresee a time when courses became longer, and the school-leaving age was raised to 16 or 17. At York he intended to introduce courses related to a student's main subject, to illuminate the more specialised topic.

Talking to our reporter afterwards, Lord James said that he was a great believer in the tutorial system.

Talking of subsidiary subjects, he did not advocate compulsory lectures. He expressed both pleasure and surprise at the large audience which packed the Debating Hall to hear him speak.

## Vice-Chancellor visits the West Indies ON COLLEGE COUNCIL

THE Vice-Chancellor, Sir Robert Aitken, has just returned from a short visit to the West Indies. As a member of the council of the University College of the West Indies, he was attending their annual meeting.

The main part of the college is situated a few miles outside Kingston, Jamaica, where 1,150 students attend. Recently it has taken over the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture at St. Augustine, Trinidad, and established faculties of Agriculture and Engineering there; there are plans to add Arts and Science departments in the near future. At present there are only about 110 students in Trinidad.

The staff of U.C.W.I. consists mainly of Europeans and North Americans, although there is a small but important and growing section from the West Indies. The Principal is a distinguished West Indian econo-

mist, Professor Arthur Lewis. Sir Robert spent one week in Jamaica and a weekend in Trinidad.

The present difficulties of the University College are mainly financial; £1,000,000 per annum being necessary to run the college.

### Clients

The clientele of the pub, consists mainly of students, and it is obviously these students who will be most affected by any

## EUROPA

THE new European Society has been formed to promote further interest in the political and economic aspects of Europe and to bring European students (British included) together.

We hope that a greater understanding of European affairs will be the result," said Abraham Serfaty, a Spanish student studying economics and one of the founder members. A provisional committee has been set up including John Coutos, chairman, and Edward Pinchson, secretary. All interested parties should apply to Abraham Serfaty via the Union pigeon holes.

alterations to the "Barrels." Most of its regulars are very attached to the old building, and feel that a streamlined, contemporary pub, will not have anything like the atmosphere of the present building.

Mr. Arnold spoke of the many good evenings he had spent in the pub, with a houseful of students, and was generally appreciative of their company. "They are rowdy, you know," he said, "but they are all right." He was unable to say whether or not he would be staying on when a new or altered building is opened.

He said that whatever happens, however, Mitchell and Butler are almost certain to keep some sort of pub, open on the site in order to retain the licence. Perhaps some form of prefabricated bar will be erected to serve the interim between the closing of the old and the opening of a new building.

## ALL IN THE MIND

A NEW society, the Psychology Society, has recently been formed. Its inaugural meeting was held last Monday, when Mr. C. J. Phillips, B.A., spoke on the "Psychology of Sex."

The society's object is to try and bring together the various groups in the university who are studying different aspects of psychology.

It is hoped, in the future, to arrange lectures, demonstrations, visits, films and social functions.

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