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Dr. Koo and Christian Socialism

Dr. Koo, student Christian leader, gave a stimulating interview to members of the "On Dit" staff at Parkin College last Monday. In the course of the interview Dr. Koo brought up the Malvern Church of England assembly.

"Do you agree with ideals of the Malvern Manifesto?" asked "On Dit."

"Yes, absolutely," was the doctor's reply.

Any new world order, if it comes, will not be perfect. It will be partly unethical and unsatisfactory, but a start must be made somewhere. In answer to questions by "On Dit," Dr. Koo claimed that the function of the Christian religion in a materialist regime must be that of giving due place and importance to ethical considerations. The Christian, he went on, is often far too much concerned with charity and not with fundamental changes. His own conception of the moral laws of the universe included economic considerations, and in any Christian form of society the ideals of profit and the existence of poverty and economic inequality would have to go.

In moving towards a new order the Christian must play a positive part. Hence there existed a dire necessity for an awakening of the conscience of Christian youth to social, political, and world problems. Of the "rival faiths" contesting for the loyalty and enthusiasm of youth, Dr. Koo admitted the possibility of some form of social ideal embodying the Christian. If Communism were to succeed this present order, said Dr. Koo, it would be far from perfect; but a start has got to be made somewhere. People who criticize the League of Nations as being imperfect would have to wait until the Second Coming until their

desire for a perfect social institution would be satisfied, he said, laughingly. The principal thing was that a start had to be made somewhere, and Christians must awake and think in terms of fundamental change and their function in society.

What still remained to be worked out were the technical ideals for creating a new society. An awakening of the Christian conscience would further this.

The chief impression of Dr. Koo is of a man of intense energy and enthusiasm, combined with a balanced, open mind. His answers were all fearless and clearly to the point.

THE CHINESE SCENE.

When our political expert had finished with Dr. Koo, our foreign affairs expert had a few questions to ask.

Chiang Kai-Shek — "mediaeval or modern man?"

The question was not quite rightly put, replied Dr. Koo. China was in a period of transition from a mediaeval system to a modern one. Different stages of development had been reached by different individuals and different parties. Chiang Kai-Shek had received a modern military training, and stood for national unity.

But there were still political dissensions?

Yes. There were struggles between the various political parties for the control of the various armies. Recently the Fourth Army (controlled by the Communists) had been purged. There was danger as a result that China would lose Russian economic support, or that further dissensions might follow. But so far neither of these eventualities had followed.

Might not these purges have been dictated by foreign interests, through financial pressure?

No. One could rest assured that China would not accept any more foreign loans that had political demands attached.

Then the purges were dictated entirely by internal party interests?

Yes. The two main parties were the Nationalists and the Communists. The people in general, however, were opposed to clashes between them. When the Fourth Army was purged the Popular Assembly at Chungking protested. This assembly had no legal rights in the matter. But it voiced public opinion. Consequently, its protest had been taken note of by the Government.

In conclusion, the Editor wishes to thank Dr. Koo for his courtesy in allowing the interview, and so permitting some new material to be gleaned in addition to that already derived from his numerous, widely-attended meetings.

The Cloistered Life

BY THE SOCIAL EDITRESS.

The unwary trespasser into the Refectory on Saturday morning was greeted with a scene of desolation and energy. An odd table or so pushed against the wall was all that remained for him to sit at. Otherwise he had to skip agilely to one side to escape being swept up by the brooms so valiantly wielded by two young stalwarts, or duck hastily to miss a tottering vase, or made a rapid swerve to avoid collision with a bunch of flowers coming towards him. Well, on Saturday night, all this tremendous energy was crystallized into the background of the Science Dance. We knew it was Science, because of the neon sign in the form of an "S" which budding electricians had rigged up over the fireplace. When lights were dimmed by Mr. Goodall, it showed up to its fullest effect.

The programmes caused much amusement, having been composed in topical fashion by the wits of the Science Association. Of course, with rather doubtful titles such as the "abdominal amble," followed by the "intestinal interlude," it was a bit difficult to know exactly what was expected.

Eugene Alderman and Nancy Neile helped to receive the guests, both looking charming, the former in navy blue and white, with a string of large pearl shells. Nancy attracted attention in a navy and red striped jacket over a red skirt.

A striking scientist was Jessica Mawson, in a silver lamé jacket over a powder-blue skirt. Another fair maiden favouring the same idea was Betty Marshall, her combination being a white jacket, embroidered in silver and red, over a full white skirt.

Anne Stokes, a committee member, who could have been seen earlier in the day heatedly and energetically supervising decorations, was transformed to sophistication by a perfectly cut frock of cream satin. Another striking figure was Phyl. Benford, of ballet fame, with a fox fur cape over a bright stripy frock.

The Macbeth twins did their best to lead their partners astray by looking more alike than ever in identical frocks. It really isn't fair. With them could be seen another young scientist, Alison Martin, all in white.

A well-known med. fresher, always to be seen in the Refectory at morning tea time, seemed to be enjoying himself with Natalie Craven, also a fresher — or do we say freshette now?

It was rather surprising to see the President of the Arts Association so anxious to get rid of two free tickets for this same Science Dance. Especially in view of his early departure after a meeting the other night in the company of a most charming young lady with a good old English name.

By the way, just as a postscript, do you know we have a celebrity in our ranks? No less a person than the Lord Mayor's daughter. Which puts me in mind of a charming song which appeared in last year's Melbourne University Revue. It is entitled, "Swimming under water with the Lord Mayor's daughter." By the way, who is it?

Union Plans for A.R.P.

MASS MEETING TO-MORROW

In a statement made to "On Dit" last week-end, Elliott Johnston President of the Union, outlined the decisions made by the broad A.R.P. committee, set up by the Union and composed of delegates from all faculties. As a first step towards gaining student support for A.R.P. work, the President said that a general meeting of students would be held in the George Murray Hall at 1.20 to-morrow. The meeting will be furnished with a report of the Union policy and plans for A.R.P. and there will be an immediate call for volunteers for a First Aid class, under the direction of Professor Goldby and Dr. Mitchell.

The A.R.P. Committee, said the President, had examined the plans prepared by the University A.R.P. officers (Mr. Bampton and Professor Gartrell) relating to the provision of trenches and the use of buildings which were considered safe for sheltering; it had also had the advantage of the attendance of Colonel Shaw, the officer in charge of A.R.P. in South Australia, who advised on the more technical subjects of fire-fighting, bomb disposal, spotting, wardens, etc.

The basis of the present plan is a system of trenches to which, speaking broadly, male students will disperse in accordance with instructions already prepared. These instructions will be varied from time to time with alterations in the number of students attending lectures in the various buildings. Female students will, in the event of an alarm, either remain in or proceed to certain buildings which are deemed safe from anything save a direct hit.

The plan provides for the provision of a first-aid station on the upper and lower levels of the university grounds. The training of personnel for these stations is one of immediate urgency. (It should be noted that medical students will in all probability not be available for these posts as they will be distributed amongst the public hospitals and throughout the community generally.

In order to avoid the training breaking into third term, Professor Goldby and Dr. Mitchell have offered to collaborate in the presentation of a series of theoretical and practical classes which will cover the essentials of first aid and which will be completed in second term. In order to do this it is essential to begin the course next week. The foremost practical step to arise out of to-morrow's meeting is the recruiting of a body of students (especially men — the women are already conducting a class) prepared to attend this course. Times for lectures, etc., will be discussed at to-morrow's meeting, which all students are urged to attend.

ENGINEERS AND TRENCHES.

A further immediate practical step is the making of all preliminary plans for the rapid digging of the trenches, should the necessity arise. Engineering students have already offered to survey and peg the areas, to consider the question of equipment, and take any other preliminary steps they think necessary.

FIRES AND BOMBS.

Arrangements have been completed for two university representatives to attend fire-fighting instructional classes now being conducted at the city fire station. After this training the men will be competent to train university personnel and an appeal will then be made for student

volunteers for this work. At the present stage, however, the immediate demand is for first-aid trainees.

Colonel Shaw has advised against taking any steps for the training of bomb-disposal squads. Special men are being trained at A.R.P. headquarters for this work and will be rushed from place to place as required. Similarly, the central authorities will be responsible for all air-raid warnings.

MEASURE OF PROTECTION.

Questioned on the possibility of deep shelters giving complete protection (the existing plans offer no protection against direct hits), the President said that he had raised the matter with Col. Shaw, who stated that Government policy was against deep shelters on the score of expense and lack of labour and materials. Since then, however, a committee in Brisbane, under the chairmanship of Professor Duhig, had recommended deep air-raid shelters for that city at a cost of £4,000,000, and that the work should be allotted to unemployed labour. The committee, of course, can do nothing toward the actual provision of such shelters, but it seems plain that further consideration ought to be given to the question of whether the general policy of not attempting to provide complete shelter can be justified.

University A.R.P.

To-morrow
GENERAL MEETING OF
STUDENTS
Report on Union plans for
A.R.P. and need for volun-
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p.m.

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FACULTY NOTES

The Teachers' College

In place of an Arts Faculty Column, which is not desired, we give you for the benefit of its many Union members, a Teachers' College Column.

The Adelaide Teachers' College is happily situated because of its immediate proximity to the university. It is the central point from which teachers proceed to schools of all types in all parts of the State, for it trains the future teachers not only for all of the departmental schools, but also for some of the private schools. Its courses prepare the students to teach classes at all levels, ranging from kindergarten to Leaving Honours, from primary to technical schools.

The college has a well-developed corporate life fostered by a variety of clubs. The Social Club, as its name implies, arranges dances and social evenings. The Literary, Debating, and Dramatic Society has already produced three evenings this year, and for this month two more are in preparation. The Music Club has always been successful in its chief activity, the annual production of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. In addition, there are the various sports clubs, most of which have representative teams entered for association contests. All of these activities are controlled by the respective committees.

But at the head of all student activity is the College Council, made up entirely of students. It controls the management and finance of all student organizations. On this council each group and each club has its representative. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, elected annually by the college students, are its chief members. These are the student officials who, as members of various joint committees, work in close co-operation with the staff.

For the great majority of students, the college course extends over two or more years. The studies are chiefly professional. Theoretical knowledge of teaching and its methods is gained from college lectures. Practical work is done in the "practising schools" at which each student must spend several weekly periods teaching under specially selected demonstrators.

In addition there is university work. Ours is one of the few teachers' colleges in the Empire in which not only all of the "secondary" student teachers, but also the bulk of the others, are enabled to engage in university studies.

At the present time the task of the educator in the community is a complex, difficult, and important one. At the present time, too, when everything, even our civilization, is changing, the value of the connection of the college, as the centre from which most of the State's educators proceed, with the university as the disseminator of knowledge, should be appreciated more highly than ever before.

MORE OPINION (Continued)

Right Perspective

Sir,

Miss Jacobs believes in being patriotic at a premium of 4/- in the £1.

This is not losing "our perspective" with a vengeance!

But as one talking of "sacrifices expected of other members of the community," she would do well not to avoid "theoretical discussion" upon the value of a taxation based upon the ability to pay, and upon the economic position of those who cannot afford to lay up unto themselves treasures in the post-war heaven.

Perhaps it would cause her a little "heart-searching."

PIP.

Agreement

Sir,

I am completely in agreement with the feeling expressed by Miss Jacobs in her letter to "On Dit" last week.

Should not university students be an alive, active force, aware of and part of what is going on around them? Yet we in this university are certainly not that. We are willing to criticize all the efforts being made by others, but as for making any effort ourselves—well, we just don't seem to get that far.

Surely it is up to each one of us at least to endeavour in some way to make up for the gaps left in our midst by those who have gone to do national service, either in this country or abroad. We must go on with our work, we are told—yes, but can't we do more than that? Others are making sacrifices—cannot we, who as university students have so many privileges, do our extra bit too?—Yours, etc.,

MARY SCOTT.

Students Want Council Representation

The work so far undertaken by the committee set up by the Union to prepare a case for students' representation on the University Council has revealed a complete student sympathy with the proposal. The committee has circulated through the faculty societies a short memorandum dealing with the question and asking that the following resolution be submitted to meetings of members:

"This meeting of the Adelaide University (Faculty) Society expresses its approval of the suggestion that the student body should take part in the government of the university as being in accord with democratic principles; it believes that student representation on the University Council and the sub-committees of the Council would serve the interests of the university and the students; that such representation would promote a freer and more satisfactory relationship between the students and the university authorities; we urge the Union Committee to press for the introduction of such representation."

This resolution has already been endorsed by almost all faculties, including the numerically powerful faculties of Medicine, Commerce, Science, and Arts. The committees of the Men's and Women's Unions have also supported the move.

The committee will in due course report to the Union Committee, which, if it approves the report, will approach Parlia-

ment and the University Council to introduce the necessary alteration to the University Act and the Regulations. It is essential that the united student will should be marshalled so as to lend the maximum weight to these approaches.

CAFETERIA.

The cafeteria committee is of opinion that the present position in relation to lunch-hour service in the cafeteria is entirely satisfactory and quite undeserving of complaints. The queue is moved on with considerable expedition, and students are kept waiting a good deal less time than they would be in up-town cafes. At the same time, needless delay is sometimes caused by those who have not their money ready at the cash register; we, therefore, ask that all members should have their money out before time for payment. The general crush can also be avoided by those who are free from lecture between twelve and one o'clock having lunch before the main rush.

ELLIOTT JOHNSTON.

Law Students' Society Dance Act, 1941

An Act to consolidate students and members of the Legal Profession and their next friends in co-operation for their joint enjoyment by the abolition of distress and the restitution of convivial rights; for the more effectual promotion of mirth and miscellaneous jollity; and for purposes incidental thereto.

Where it has been agreed that the Annual Dance of the Adelaide University Law Students' Society shall be held at the place known as the Refectory of the University of Adelaide on Friday, 18th July, 1941, at 8.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the band can be heard in that behalf or the course of business will permit and that all persons in attendance thereat shall be mulcted in damages in the sum of Three Shillings and Sixpence and no more.

Be it therefore enacted by the Dean's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the members, spirituous and temperate, of the Judicious Committee of the Adelaide University Law Students' Society and the students in this present Law School assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Law Students' Society Dance Act, 1941."

2. On or before the day mentioned in the Preamble to this Act all members of the said University shall make their selection from all that piece or parcel of humanity known as the Fairer Sex, and shall appear in person at the said Dance prepared to meet such contingencies as the exigencies of the occasion may require.

3. Minstrels shall thereupon create sounds and noises in the appropriate rhythm for dancing whereupon all present shall cavort and twirl with dignified energy in spheroid convolutions paying due regard to the music of the clarinets, fifes and whistles, and mindful of the beat of the big bass drum.

4. From time to time appropriate pauses shall be made during which all present shall regale themselves, eating and drinking, inhaling and exhaling, and performing those various acts of courtesy so necessary and beneficial to the friendly co-operation of the Profession.

5. No person shall trespass on the floor space allotted to any other person or persons and any blockage in transit shall be circumvented by such person running the blockade without impinging on the persons or property of his joint sportseers.

6. Payment may be made either at the gate or in advance by attendance on the Joint Secretaries of the Dance Committee, R. L. Cotton and Sesca R. Anderson, or on any other member or members of the said Dance Committee.

7. Proceeds of the said Dance shall, subject to the due payment out thereof of all costs, charges and expenses be applied in and towards the aid of the funds of the Y.M.C.A. Military Services Department.

The Law Dance

JULY 18

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WAR CHARITY

People's Government

Such will be the question debated by the Union in the George Murray next Friday night.

A People's Government was the project of the People's Convention, which has already had some mention in "On Dit."

The convention, which was attended by several university notables (Profs. Haldane, Wood Jones, etc.—see earlier "On Dit"), urged the formation of a People's Government, the enunciation of the nation's war aims, and expressed itself in favour of self-determination for India, and a people's peace without penalization.

It was bitterly denounced by the press, and attracted popular attention by Leslie Howard and Mitchel Redgrave being turned off the B.B.C. because of their part in it.

But local committees were set up and agitation for their programme increased.

Since the Nazi invasion of Russia, the convention has declared itself in support of the Government, consequent on an alliance with Russia.

Is this a return to the Popular Front idea, advocated so notably at the time of the Spanish Civil War?

What is your opinion? Voice it at the debate next Friday night.

Thompson on Labour Ideals

At a meeting of the Union yesterday, Mr. A. V. Thompson, M.P., spoke on the part of the Australian Labour Party in looking after the interests of the man who was down.

"Too many people who agreed with the ideals of the Labour Party were not prepared to take active part in their promulgation," he said.

There was need for those who had received the benefits of higher education to devote themselves to the service of the people. But they must be prepared to reconcile their ideas with those whose beliefs had been formed by the realities and economic disabilities of life.

At the conclusion of his talk it was moved:

"(1) That there be formed an Adelaide University Labour Party Club, members of which should be members of the Australian Labour Party, and which should seek affiliation with the A.L.P.;

"(2) That the officers of the club should consist of chairman, secretary, treasurer, and two others;

"(3) That the secretary be instructed to write to the A.L.P. seeking affiliation;

"(4) That the purpose of the club should be to educate students in and to seek adherents to the platform of the A.L.P., namely, the socialization of industry, transport, production, distribution, and exchange."

The motion was carried and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. A. W. R. Saint; Secretary, Mr. J. K. Allison; Treasurer, Mr. R. N. Hamilton; Committee, Messrs. Caust and Pavy.

Accords and Discords

By the Moving Finger.

SLEEP-INDUCING.

"After building 'the finest air-raid shelter in the country,' at a cost of £24,000 in the garden of her mansion overlooking Torbay, Mrs. Ella Marion Rowcroft, eighty-one year old millionaire, has died without using it. . . . A lift took us more than thirty feet down below the ground to a fifty-yard long corridor with rooms opening out on either side. . . . Then we went into the bedroom the millionaire had planned for herself. . . . At the head of the bed was a bronze plate with the words, 'Angels are watching overhead. Sleep sweetly, then. Good-night.'—"Daily Express."

"England is now a socialist country."—Mr. Winston Churchill.

OPEN SECRET.

"The secret of the arrival of the British army was well kept. That they were there was evident from the veiled hints which have been dropped."—"Daily Mail."

TAKING CARE OF THE WEAK.

"Neither the small business man nor the small consumer, he said, would be represented on the New Industrial and Export Council, members of which would be 'big business men' who would also be the voice of the small men."—Mr. Oliver Lyttleton in the "Daily Mail."

"Four-roomed bungalows, costing about £130 each, are to be proposed as temporary homes for bombed-out people. As these bungalows would not be a satisfactory form of housing in a post-war era, it will be suggested that they be utilized for old-age pensioners after the war."—"Daily Mirror."

INSUBORDINATION!

"Does he and do his colleagues realize that 'half a dozen men' at the top of the big five banks could upset the whole fabric of government finance by refraining from renewing Treasury Bills?"—"Financial Times," denouncing the then Prime Minister, Lloyd George.

"We were passing into a new state of industry when the small firms and the small industries were being squeezed out, and business was all tending towards great amalgamations. On the one side of employers and on the other side of the man, and when we came in any form between these two forces, God help those who stood outside."—Then-Prime Minister Baldwin, shortly before being discarded for having spoken out of tune to His Master's Voice once too often.

COULDN'T SEE THE DIFFERENCE.

"It is now clear that there is not, and never was, any plausible ideological difference between the Nazi and the Bolshevik regimes, and that any sympathies based upon alleged differences must wither away."—Editorial, "The Times."

"The Russian principle at least is Christian and civilized, and the mode scientific."—Dean of Canterbury.

NO MORALE.

"The usual German method of violent bombardment and other means for disrupting the evening's fighting morale has utterly failed, because the Russians have not any morale in the Western sense."—"Advertiser."

"Russia is an easy country to invade, but a difficult one to get out of."—Mr. Lloyd George.

Commerce Students

"THE PRESS AND ITS RELATION TO COMMERCE"

An address by
MR. BROOKS

in the

Refectory, Thursday, July 10, at
8.15 p.m.

Supper

FRIDAY NIGHT

Union Parliamentary Debate

GEORGE MURRAY HALL

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OPINION

An All-in War Effort!

The newspapers and the German press reports say "that the Russians have no morale in the Western sense." This utter balderdash merely means that the Russians are wickedly and amazingly enthusiastic and sincere about their new-found form of life and are fighting for its existence with grim and unrelenting determination against the menace of Hitlerism. But can we say the same about our war effort?

A victorious resistance by our quasi-ally, the Soviet Union, means more than the breathing space for Britain. It means people's movements and uprisings right through the European countries raped by Hitler. It means the adoption of the successful methods of sabotage in occupied territories which have made Hitler's advance into the Soviet Union so precarious. It means the impetus to solidarity for the peoples of Europe against their quisling leaders and betrayers. If Russia is beaten, then we shudder to think of the task in front of Britain.

Then for the sake of the ideals of democracy we should assist the Soviet Union to the very hilt.

But I would refer your readers to the "Advertiser" of Friday, July 4. There it was stated that no material assistance will be sent to Russia from America until it can be seen whether she can successfully resist Hitler. It is undesirable to send arms and munitions to Russia which might fall into the hands of a Hitlerian puppet government as in France, said the report.

And now the Soviet request for U.S.A. to take charge of her interests in Vichy has caused the U.S.A. "considerable embarrassment" ("Advertiser," Monday). The U.S.A. has refused because it "would have meant that American diplomatic representatives would be looking after the interests of Communists." What, then, is American aid to Russia? This moral squeamishness—should, logically, be even more acute in the matter of material assistance, hinting that none will be given for the interests of "Communists."

How admirable to close the menagerie door after the tiger has escaped! And this will effectively prevent our own destruction?

Such experienced military authorities as Liddel Hart say that with Germany occupied on an eastern front "hit-and-run" raids on occupied territory should be made to divert part of the Fascist forces. Really intensive bombing should be carried out over Germany.

In spite of vainglorious attempts to glamourize the R.A.F. raids, nearly all of which have been on occupied France, it is clear from the figures that they are anaemic and ineffective. Germany, to the world's surprise, is not fighting on two fronts. Our inaction behind her is making her way clear eventually to destroy us. Our inaction is a quiet way of committing suicide. An all-in effort in support of the Soviet Union is imperative. Why, then, (1) does not America carry out Roosevelt's announced policy, carried out for Greece, China, etc., in relation to the mighty barrier of the Soviet against Nazism?; (2) does not Britain act as strongly as is in her power to destroy Nazism by neutralizing large parts of the German forces on the Western sectors.—Yours,

ALL-IN.

ANTI-FASCIST.

Space for Experiments

Dear Sir,
"Angry Penguins" needs the Union's help, but the committee would rather start a second publication instead, in which it would print according to faculty representation, not literary merit, i.e., it would print because the writer might some day be a dentist, an engineer, or an expert on aids to beauty, not because his work was good. We can expect articles on Stalacites, the British Protectorate of Somaliland, and Shakespeare's heroines. The result would be dull, pompous, and superfluous. It would be just one more dry publication to be put aside and not read. The committee must be very anxious for this hotch-potch if it is willing to pay more for it.

The Adelaide University gives lectures in Australian literature (because it is paid to do so), while the Adelaide Union refuses to help a publication for Australian literature. I disagree that "Angry Penguins" is of "proved literary worth"—it is too soon to say that—but it is

The History of a Grant

Sir,

There is at present intense feeling in the university on the subject of the application made through my association to the Union for a grant for this year's "Angry Penguins." As there is tremendous confusion about the history of the business, I wish to outline it as my association sees the facts.

The application was made in the first place to the Finance Committee of the Union. This body, after considering the matter, forwarded it to the Publications Committee, instructing them to make a recommendation to the Union Committee. The Publications Committee recommended a grant be made. Their decision was unanimous.

The recommendation of the Publications Committee came before the Union.

This body democratically voted for and approved a grant for the publication. If any Union Committee members disagreed with the principle of a grant to Arts, they should have voiced themselves here, and, whatever resulted, abided by a majority decision . . . the usual procedure in a democracy.

The amount to be granted was referred to the Finance Committee. They were clearly instructed by the Union to fix a sum. But . . .

The Men's Union Committee, which is a body of the Union and vested with limited powers, interfered. This body, interfering with Union business, was acting completely ultra vires. In its powers and function I have been told there was no authority at all in any way for them to have acted in a matter which was no concern of theirs as a body. If individuals wished to protest, their proper sphere was the Union Committee and not an extraneous Union executive body.

Obey or Bayonet?

Sir,

Mr. Villeneuve Smith has nicely confused the issue. He has contrasted a purely metaphorical pistol of his own creating (the right to collectively refuse to work under certain conditions) with a very real bayonet.

The facility with which he condemns the former and advocates the latter is a piece of flimboozle worthy of his great master, Hitler.

Allow me to congratulate him on showing how great a necessity there is for removing a corrupt official Labour Party. But why, then, is he opposed to "militant trade unionism"? And if the official party takes its orders from the trade unions, why should the latter have to conduct "vicious political cabals" to unseat them?

Of course Mr. Smith's illogicalities are designed merely to throw dust in our eyes. But his back-slapping of Mr. Curtin, "who has always done his best to play straight," does not deceive us as to the latter's subservience to capitalist interests any more than his flattering invitation to "Economics I," to come out into the open conceals that he has a bayonet in his hand.

ANTI-FASCIST.

known. It gives space for experiments, for writers who want space (the opposition journal would probably have to hunt for writers). Without "Angry Penguins" the experiment would be unknown, and the writers isolated individuals. It gives cohesion to a group which exists, which is more than the group of potential contributors to this unborn rival does.

MARY MARTIN.

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Their resolution of protest was not forwarded to the Union, the body which it is obvious should be approached by any honest body with a protest, let alone one of this nature. They amazingly forwarded a protest to the FINANCE Committee. This body, in the light of this, although its instructions were clear, did not fix a sum, but asked for further information from the Union.

The rest of the story is well known.

Twenty-five pounds has been granted to a committee to publish a general magazine. I am a member of that committee. But I assure Arts students who are all united in support of this matter, that their interests will not be compromised. The magazine will come out. It will not be overshadowed by this magazine of "dubious value within and without the university." Our production has been acclaimed by the community at large and leading critics right through Australia. Supported by the Art students, the magazine will achieve more credit for the university and the student body than a hundred third-rate affusions.

"Is the Arts Association a sort of an equivalent of the Melbourne University Press?" asked an S.R.C. member in Melbourne. We, as a body, are proud that such a fallacy could occur. By maintaining our standards we will further that illusion.

Financial assistance is pouring in for the publication. We will produce a publication that will gain respect and credit for the university.

May the endowed publication of this committee do as much for the university! —I am, sir,

MAX HARRIS,

President, Arts Students' Association.

Deserving Support

Mr. Editor.

The decision of the Union Committee not to support "Angry Penguins" can only be explained by what is, I think, over-developed faculty consciousness. The grant was opposed on the grounds that the Union should not subsidize faculty publications. But the important thing is that the Arts Faculty had produced a magazine which had been considered by many considerable critics of great merit. Surely the question of what faculty or group produced the issue is not important—it was a good student publication and as such deserved the support of the organized student body.

ELLIOTT JOHNSTON.

Democratize the Library

Sir,

At the recent library conference one speaker advocated a more liberal, less restrictive handling of library administration.

This seems to me to be a dire need in the Barr Smith.

Using the library is rather a terrifying experience. There are so many out of bounds, every day apparently new little regulations and notices appear all over the place. When entering the publications room at 5.30 one discovers it locked. There is a new law.

A certain amount of regulation is certainly necessary for our own sakes in a library. But many books are held in reserve long after they need be, and there is a rigid, non-liberal attitude to borrowing.

On the whole it seems to me that there is an atmosphere of do's and don'ts in the library which makes it an epitome of what librarians have complained about.

This, I think, is a bad thing, as the library is really excellently equipped and very efficient.

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National Security?

Dear Sir,

The action of the Menzies' Government some twelve months ago in banning the Communist newspapers may then have been commendable as a necessity, a measure of public safety, deplorable as was the dictatorial curtailment of the freedom of the people. Circumstances have changed. The ban remains—a restriction of freedom now unnecessary remains. This must surely arouse the suspicion that the Government was not in the first place concerned with the public safety at all, but merely using the term as dust to throw in the eyes of the people, their true motives lying in other directions, directions less tolerable to a freedom-loving people. In this case there is no need to lift the ban, the people's memory is short; to use a vulgarity—they wouldn't know. But perhaps I am being a little unjust to our worthy Government. Perhaps it still hopes to declare war on the U.S.S.R., and is, together with the British Government, merely to be blamed for its delay, a delay which has already brought forth a disaster—the enemy has beaten us to it. This is calamitous, for was it not proved to believers by "well-informed observers" eighteen months ago that although Germany would be easy to beat by herself, yet Germany and the U.S.S.R. would be easier. Now, alas, she must have acquired new strength. The Government, if this is its intention, should quickly attempt, in some way, to prevent such a situation from developing any further.—Sincerely yours,

R. R. SOBEY.

The Petulant Polar Phoenix

Sir,

It was with great perturbation that I heard of the motion recently passed by the Union Committee cancelling the grant of financial assistance to the society of the Faculty of Arts in the matter of the publication, "Angry Penguins."

This action can only mean one of two things. Either (1) this type of magazine is to be abandoned entirely as an official organ of the university, or (2) it will be modified to a considerable extent.

Either of these would be an action only comparable with the handing of the hemlock to Socrates, or the decapitation of Lavoisier—it foreshadows the same shortsightedness that caused Shelley to be sent down and Milton to be denied a fellowship.

I will not presume to put forward my own summation of the worth of this magazine, but will give place to renowned and experienced critics. In the Sydney "Morning Herald" it was said: "All the pieces included are alive and represent the best advanced work in Australian poetry. . . . In this collection one would say there is evidence of a Renaissance of Australian poetry, and a foretelling of some greatness." "Art in Australia," reviewing it, speaks of the greatest moderns, Joyce, Eliot, etc., and the value of their tremendous experiments, and says, "We, too, in Australia have our writers who are struggling with these problems. In the anthology, 'Angry Penguins,' published by the Adelaide University Arts Association . . ."

This, sir, is the magazine which is being opposed in this university—and I say opposed advisedly, for, after being democratically passed with the full support of the Union and Publications Committees, there is a sudden change of face which overthrows the grant with an overwhelming majority. What caused this alteration of "opinion"? I maintain that the greatest subversive force was that of a controlling minority which expressed its displeasure—and so the mob followed humbly after.

Surely every student who holds learning and truth to be of any intrinsic value at all—whether he agrees with the philosophy of the "Pelvic Rose" or not—will unite with me in demand that, in the interests of Art in its widest sense, the "Adelaide School" and this magazine must be supported for the credit of ourselves and the university whose job it is to further culture.

M. G. MACKAY.

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Sports Editors' Notes

The Editor of "On Dit" in the last edition headed this page "Sport," and on either side caused to be written, "The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." Now we, the Sports Editors, contend that this is not the case. We hold, and all the very best people agree with us in this, that the Battle of Waterloo was not won on the playing fields of Eton. Now the Editor may not have realized the slight geographical error contained in the statement we have just quoted, and this kind of mistake may happen to any hard-pressed editor in these days of modern journalism. Where our Editor differs from all other editors is in his efforts to make his paper a literary masterpiece. We and, we're sure, everyone else that reads "On Dit" appreciate this, but whereas we appreciate his efforts along those lines in three-fourths of the paper, on the one-fourth that we are supposed to edit we do not appreciate them, but prefer to have nothing to do with artistic inaccuracy or platitude, and substitute in its place nothing. While we edit this page it is our endeavour to present to whoever may be interested enough to read them, the scores in each Saturday's games, with a description of these games, and we think that those who do read this page expect little more from it.

Lacrosse

As we all know, it is the duty of the players to bring in the goal nets after the match each Saturday. To those many players who each week offer their kind services in the performance of this pleasant task the secretary extends his grateful thanks.

On Saturday after the best game of the season, we were unfortunate to lose by one goal after being six goals down early in the match. The quarter scores were: 4-1, 8-5, 8-6, 9-8. Early in the second quarter the score was 7-1 in Brighton's favour.

Thompson, as usual, was our best man and kept the best forward in the State down to four goals.

Osman, by foul and fair means, is gaining for himself the reputation of being the best centre man in the association.

Elliott proved a little faster than his man on many occasions, and was one of the best men in the team.

Munday and Greenhalgh played their usual sound games and were too good for the other Brighton forwards. The following scored goals: Cottle (3), Nancarrow (2), Gooden (3), and Wallman (1).

The B1's defeated West Torrens 8-3. Goaltowers: K. Ward (4), Hallett (3), Phillips.

Best players: Bromfield, Hawkins, and Heddle.

Of the club's forty-five members, one-quarter failed to attend on Saturday, with the result that the B2's were short and consequently lost. This is most disheartening to the B2's, who are carrying on under adverse circumstances.

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Football

The A's won again, although not in such good style as last week. Shierlaw was the most outstanding man on the ground throughout the match.

Despite an unfavourable reception by the crowd, Murray Holmes played an excellent game, turning many of the attacks which may have proved expensive to us.

Duncan and Dunstan played fast and intelligent football, and should in the future be great assets to the football team.

Scores.

'Varsity: 16 goals 17 behinds.
Payneham: 10 goals 17 behinds.

Best players: Shierlaw, Holmes, Solly, and Nicholls.

B'S GOOD WIN AT URBRAE.

Playing on their old home ground for the first time this season, the B's soundly defeated Immanuel College. From the first bounce 'Varsity were always in control. The rucks, led strongly by Davies and Cheeseman, were continually driving the ball into the half-forward lines; and with Rischbieth and Lewis holding the wing positions safely, the ball rarely reached our halfback lines in the first half. However, we would have been much further in front at half-time had the forward pockets kept out in their positions and given Day plenty of space to move in; instead the play in the full forward line was congested and muddled, resulting in the loss of many scoring chances.

Apart from this there were definite glimpses of team work and system, handball being frequently used to good effect. In fact, it now appears as if the B's are settling down as a team — and if we can keep the team fairly constant and follow up Saturday's form our prospects in the coming matches would be very bright.

Scores.

University B: 14 goals 23 behinds.
Immanuel College: 1 goal 4 behinds.

Best players: Davies, Rischbieth, Cheeseman, Lewis, Anderson, Bennett.

Fencing Club

Every Monday and Friday night the club has been quietly advancing under the capable guidance of Mrs. Mitchell. Most of the members have had no previous experience but they are all persevering gamely in their endeavours to overcome the initial difficulties of posture and elementary technique. In this respect fencing is a little heartbreaking because it takes at least three months to master the elements of the art. After that it becomes much more interesting. It is to be hoped that the present enthusiasm of the new club will not lag because of this preliminary hard work.

Mrs. Mitchell has been painstaking in her endeavours to teach us. Her patience with some of our more tardy members is magnificent and we would all like to thank her very much for very good work.

The activities of the club will terminate for this year in a few bouts to decide the best fencer. As we are so far from perfection, points will be allocated on style and technique as well as hits. It is hoped that these bouts will be held in conjunction with the annual boxing and wrestling tournament at the end of this term. There will probably be a men's championship and women's championship and, if time permits, a club championship. So persevere and practise hard.

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Hockey

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The University team against Westbourne Park did not play its usual hockey on Saturday. Our team still persists in playing at a standard of play set by the opposition rather than take the initiative itself.

At times the forwards combined well and one of these lapses rewarded us with a goal. That, however, was not before Westbourne Park had scored. The scores remained even until James, in the last two minutes of play, flicked a timely goal. Thus the A's just scamped in against a team which merited a 6-0 defeat.

Yates played well at centre half, whilst McPhie was unlucky not to score from left inner. James played a better game when changed to the wing and from this position scored the winning goal. D. Lloyd played a fast game in the back lines.

University is now even in third position on the premiership list with Argosy, whom we meet next week. If the team could practise as a team, then instead of playing as individuals we should combine together and so defeat Argosy.

The B's on Saturday drew with Argosy 3-3.

The backs still fly-hit — nevertheless, they managed to keep the score down.

Hart and Fenner scored for 'Varsity, and Linn, Fenner, and Camens were the better players.

The C's were beaten 6-1, but this was not entirely their fault. If all the team were to turn up it would assist the captain and team to reach a higher degree of efficiency.

It is encouraging to see two freshmen mentioned in the best players — Frayne and McCann. With Tucker the other best player, these three men practised a little during the week, and this was evident in their play on Saturday.

Rowing

First report of the Rowing Club's activity comes with the news that the university was represented (well, that's something) at Mercantile regatta last Sunday. The 'Varsity was represented in one race by R. G. Schulze. In another by R. G. Schulze, and in another by R. G. Schulze.

'Varsity filled third place in the sculls championship over one thousand yards — two and a half lengths behind the winner (Adelaide). There were three entrants.

'Varsity stroked an invitation fours to a half-length victory, but this crew was later beaten when challenged by a crew from Torrens.

We have it unofficially that 'Varsity won a challenge sculls when the regatta was officially closed, and was also represented at an informal boxing tournament.

NOTE: Hurray for Schulze. Keep on trying, laddie!

Basketball

The A's played a very determined game against Laldyped A and managed to keep the scores within a couple of each other until the last quarter, when their opponents, in spite of the strong 'Varsity barracking, went ahead to win by eight goals. The final score was 37-29, and the best players were the defences, Pat Fraser and Annette Mackay, and the defence wing, Margaret Cowell. (Was she dressed in time?) Mary Matters, attack wing, played an even more forceful game than usual.

There is not much to say of the B's this week. The team was seen eating its own oranges after waiting half an hour for opponents who did not appear. The C team, on the other hand, had a rather exciting time in the mud, and the umpire, bless his heart, had his share of the fun, too. The score was 40-11 in favour of, well, just ask any of the C's and you will get the reply, "Seaton Park, of course." Never mind, C's, your day will come.

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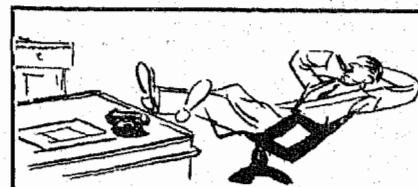
Chinese Crisis

Speaking on "The Crisis and Beyond" to a large audience which packed the Bonython Hall on Thursday night, Dr. Koo told of events in China since the beginning of the war with Japan. At first China's attitude to the outcome of the war was "one big question mark." At the end of the second year, she could say, "We may not be going to win, but we're not going to lose!" But by the end of the third year China was definitely hopeful. Two factors were telling — manpower and the vastness of the country. In the first year of the war, China had lost 1,250,000 of her army of 1,500,000. But a year later she had over three million under arms. Many of these are guerilla troops, which are harrying the enemy from in front and behind, wherever he is weakest. The Japanese may hold the towns, but the Chinese now hold all the surrounding country, even in the "occupied" areas. Here they have their own mayors and, most important, collect their own taxes. So Japan's hope of financing the war mainly with Chinese money has been defeated. And so, after nearly four years of fighting, the real grimness of the war is being felt, not in China, but in Japan; while China faces the fifth year with her determination expressed in the motto, "Resist, fight, and build the nation!"

The crisis is in fact almost past. But all along China has looked beyond the crisis. Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek emphasized from the first that they did not need students in the fighting forces, but they do need them in the universities — trained minds to come to the forefront in building the nation. So when the cities near the coast were destroyed or captured, their universities migrated south and west to the hilly country on the Tibetan border. Dr. Koo was in those regions during 1939 as the last of the refugees were completing their thousand-mile trek — on foot and in war-time. He described the universities (thirty-five of them) which have sprung up there — communities of students and professors sleeping in mud-walled, straw-roofed dormitories; sitting in mud-walled, straw-roofed classrooms, on mud benches, working at mud desks — when the floods came — living on a meagre diet of rice and vegetables — meat has become so scarce that looking for it in these dishes is like "fishing for the moon reflected in the water" — a Chinese proverb. Saying grace is a dangerous practice for a Christian student — all the food would disappear meanwhile! Most of these 25,000 students have lost nearly all their possessions to the invader — as has Dr. Koo himself. Despite the stringency of a war-time budget, the Chinese Government yet pays out, apart from the budgeted cost of running the universities, 300,000 dollars a month for maintenance, books, and scholarships for destitute students. But it is still more than grateful for help from outside bodies like the International Student Service.

But the really great need for to-day, said Dr. Koo in conclusion, is to prepare for the new international order that must come. It will involve a limitation of national rights — and this requires an attitude of mind willing to give up these rights for the general good. The task of education is to train the youth of the world to see the necessity for this, and how to achieve it, and, above all, to generate this attitude of mind which alone will make it possible. This is looking "beyond the crisis."

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