SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
REJECTS TIME-PEACE CONSCRIPTION

As Mr. Milburn said in introducing the first motion of the evening at a Special General Meeting called on 3rd August, the proposal moved by the Minister of Defence to conscript the youth of the nation for military purposes, posed a question of the greatest importance to students. And obviously, the students were aware of the fact. They see conscription as a menace to their University Education and as part of a widespread attempt to stampede the world into another war. So they expressed their opinion very forcibly by rejecting all compromises and carrying by a large vote the motion that "this meeting of the Victoria University College Students' Association strongly disapproves of any proposal for the conscription of youth for military purposes in peacetime."

The Problem vitally affected the younger students, especially the 18-year-olds, who were directly concerned, and had no say in the decisions of their future, said Mr. Milburn. The thing he had learned, from his own experience of military training, was the underlying fact that "the grosser side of life has its pleasures." The argument that military training did a world of good to young men was completely eclipsed by these negative aspects.

**Question of Democracy**

The second motion of the meeting, Mr. Everson quoted at length from the "N.Z. Tablet," but when questioned by Mr. O'Brien seemed uncertain as to the difference between a Cardinal, and a Pope.

Military conscriptions in peace-time, he said, has always been opposed to democratic thought everywhere. The recruit is not encouraged to think for himself, but to act like a machine. Mr. Everson was not opposed to military service as such. Anyone who really respected the work of Russia was growing hour by hour or that the Army might be materially advanced by his doing so, was perfectly at liberty to join the forces and remain there for the rest of his life.

"Is there any motive behind the fact that those who are to be conscripted are those in the voting age?" asked Miss Mears.

"We Want It But
We Don't!"

Mr. Curtin (of course) rose to speak. "Are we big enough? War appeared probable to him, but the rest of his argument was rather diffcult to see through the hail of interjections. He thought the balance tipped in it's favor of opposition.

The pro-conscriptionists were very anxious to have reserves appear, Mr. M. O'Brien moved an amendment that half of which was that by opposing the principle of peace-time conscription, the St. A. A.noch should cooperate with the Government in such a policy and when it was reversed, it would do so. And if the Government provided adequate training to student trainees (as an afterthought). Mr. O'Brien said that limiting conscription solely towar was an ostrich-like policy. He said he was not trying to arouse feeling against Russia. Who knew who was not our next enemy? In general, he spent more time in telling what he did not think than in what he did.

Mr. K. O'Connor seconded his amendment.

Mr. McLellan said 18-year-olds were not at their fighting-futter and so supported conscription. For the rest he was Smugly cynical.

**Conscription For What?**

"The present scheme for 14 weeks' training for 18-year-olds is the thin end," said Mr. Bernard. Then Mr. Bell, delightfully informed, referred to the division that the only way to prepare the peace was to arm for its opposite. Conscription was the contrary to the principle of internationalism, which is our only hope. He ridiculed the idea of an army of 18-year-olds "defending the shores of Taranaki against German invaders."

Edwards raised three important points. Firstly, a conscript army was a form of labor which could not be used, for boiling up strikers. Secondly, the twelve-week period would be inadequate for the technical training needed for modern industry, and thirdly, the loss of income incurred by full-time students, should they (as they probably would) be in camp for the long vacation would be fatal to their university careers.

**No Compromise**

Mr. Huchingshoulded oh so tired of everything but agreed, Mr. O'Brien's amendment "the best working compromise." (With whom? No openly or seriously pro-conscriptionists had taken the floor yet). He declared himself opposed to "Blimpishness."

"Returning us back to 1914-18 and 1939-45," Mr. R. Smith said that conscription at this time 3 years after war had ended, would have a fatal effect on peace morale, and only serve to boost the outbreak that regarded war as a normal state, not as a people have a vested interest. The choice was between peace or war, one or the other alone.

Mr. Robinson said he was not trying to make up an extra conscript force. He was not in favor of education for his own, he did not know what was in the best interest, in other words, he was not against conscription to the extent of saying that, therefore we should not be in the war.

"Red Herring"

Mr. Lyons spoke forcibly against the use of the Red Bogy. He had faith in the United Nations, and sought a conscription issue as a question of whether we were citizens first of New Zealand or the world. In a world which was attempting to put a solution to its problems through internationalism, narrow nationalist moves like this could only be regarded as sabotage.

Immediately Mr. Lyons sat down the Red Bogy was raised. Mr. Thornton quoted "Pravda" (1958) to prove that the Russians were armed to the teeth, and supported this by saying that, in Canada, the Russians were being undermined by internal revolution.

Mr. Milburn (again): "Now is the time to say yes or no... there's no force-in a compromise." He suggested that Mr. Tennam was still free to volunteer.

"The Amendment was then put and lost by 58-41."

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**ISS and Shakespeare**

Students in many countries are working for ISS. Students at Victoria are doing very little, but the following may give some ideas that we could try here.

Mansi, early this year, ran a Work Day in the same way as we did here, but with this difference, that with 30 students, a 25-hour, whereas Victoria, with 2,300 students, could manage only 164.

Otage has raised money by Work Days and "Penny a Week" campaigns.

Oxford students have probably the best outlook to ISS. Apart from the usual money-raising efforts conducted at Oxford as at all other universities. Oxford has a compulsory levy. With the mess of Russian fees each student has to pay 2/6 per term for Student Relief.

Australia is holding a National Book Contest. This is quite apart from the cow story. The cow is an entrant for a separate contest being held at Melbourne, also for Student Relief. Each Australian University will list the number of entries which are individually sponsored by Clubs. It is not necessarily students who are supporting Melbourne candidates. The Jewish Students Society, Liberal Club, SCM, Rhythm Club, Commerce and Science Societies, give an idea of how widespread is the interest of students in their counterparts in other countries.

A word for the staff:

Auckland—At the College Hall, Thursday, 10th June, FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY STUDENTS OVERSEAS AND THE DELIGHT OF THE CHARITABLY DISPOSED, SUNDAY TALENTED MEMBERS OF THE Auckland University College Present Their Version of The Immortal Wnt. Shakespeare's Tragic History and very Sad Satirical Comic

TROYLUS AND CRESSIDA

Excellently expressing the beginning of their arts, with the content writing of Pandarus. Prince of Lacy, Lecery, lechery, still wars and lechery, nothing else holds fashion.

THE PLAYERS' NAMES
Include Five Professors and Sixteen Lecturers.

How about the staff of VUC following their example? Surely Wellington students would pay well for the privilege of seeing such a performance and Victoria's ISS contribution would thus be greatly increased.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1948

BAN "THE IRON CURTAIN."  MR. FRASER

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 26th October, 1947, I wish to inform you that the release in New Zealand of the film "Indonesia Calling," which presents a very tendentious viewpoint on a complex and delicate question, is considered unjustifiable on the grounds that it is likely to cause ill-feeling between this country and a friendly nation.

Moreover, the film constitutes an advocacy of the undemocratic principle that only the minority groups may arrogate to themselves the right to conduct the foreign relations of a nation, whereas these can only be the responsibility of the Government comprising elected representatives of the people.

Publicity encouraging support of this anarchic principle cannot be acquiesced in, for to do so would be to permit a gross abuse of the freedom of expression which is vital to our system of democracy.

For these reasons, it is not intended to permit the release of the film for public exhibition.

Yours faithfully,

P. FRASER.

"Advising every New Zealander who loved his country and the British way of life, the Minister said it provided ample evidence of the organised treachery on the part of the Soviet Union to undermine democratic institutions."

—Evening Post quoting Mr. Smpoola speaking on a preview of "The Iron Curtain."

"... previewed and wholeheartedly approved by the Hon. R. Smoolpa."

—Dominion, August 4th.

To libel Mr. Fraser or Mr. Smpoola for their above statements would be to put them in the same category as people in nearly every sense and are both entitled to their own opinions.

It would be no surprise to find that Mr. Fraser did not agree with Smpoola’s views on "The Iron Curtain," since he has refused to make a similar film on the history and has not allowed any interviews on the matter.

But one man’s reticence and caution have been met with another man’s timely action to produce the incongruous policy of a Soviet-financed film of the platform of the American film industry, and denying the right of expression to Australian workers.

Mr. Fraser might just as well fall flat on your face as lean too far backwards."

B.M.

Building Fund

Work Days

The Women’s Hockey Club is running a work day (or days) in aid of the Building Fund. The money will be an individual contribution from the student who will be responsible for handing it in to the Building Committee.

Those students wishing to work for a fee should, or who know of work available are asked to put their names on the list on the notice-board next to the office.

Please advertise this amongst your friends.

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as each consecration would be a serious and unwarranted handicap to the education and technical training of the students at the next general meeting, therefore, instructs the Secretary of the Association to write to the Prime Minister requesting that the event of consecration consisting of the four returned servicemen members of the Students’ Association Executive, to ascertain the Government’s policy in the matter.

Mr. Fraser must bail up Mr. Fraser (and mine him—interjections) to ascertain the Government’s policy in the matter.

The amended motion was carried and the meeting was closed at 10.20.

PUBLIC APPEAL FOR BUILDING FUND

The official Association Building Appeal Organising Committee has met this week to decide on action. The meeting held on July 29th, was determined after some discussion that the public appeal for $130,000 for the student union building should be held this year.

Since the Committee met last February, considerable amount of fruitless debating has been held on the fund for or against it is possible to get the general public in a state of mind to contribute to the students of Victoria College, and it is therefore a matter of some gratitude that the appeal will go forward this year.

It should be understood that the Appeal Committee is distinct from the Committee responsible for the public appeal which has been accompanied by the heroic and the local and national political and public disturbances in the main hall.

The experienced full-time organiser will be appointed shortly. He will be given final details for the appeal, the opening date of which will be fixed on or before 10th September.

The enthusiasm with which present students will be able to offer assistance in the large amount of routine organisation and publicity work is essential. In a public appeal such as this, will be a most important factor in its success—and in its success our hopes of a new building must ultimately rest.

ENROL NOW FOR CONGRESS

"A nice idea" was perhaps your comment on the last congress article. "Must think about it."

Just when you thought that notices about the College. But do you realise that applications close on September 1st and that our quota is limited to thirty-five. Applications are coming in rapidly and you must make your decision now.

The Congress Committee is at present arranging final details of the programme and organisation; refer to your "Salient" for an outline of the programme. Here, however, are the "Salient" for an outline of your application.

What is to be the basis of selection of delegates? The order of selection has been left to the discretion of each Congress Committee, and at Victoria the selection committee consists of those Executive members who are also members of Congress Committee. The aim of this committee will be to select a delegation which is representative of faculties, student activities and student opinions. It would be impossible to lay down a set basis for selection, but these are the kind of factors which will be considered.

1. Experience of student administration and co-operative activity.
2. Breadth of interest in student activities and in his faculty; academic interest and knowledge.
3. Adequacy of length of student life. (We need freshers as well as hardy annuals.)
4. Personality—students who will co-operate socially and intelligently with the Congress.
5. That students are not placed in any order and no one factor will count overwhelmingly. No precedence will be given to early applicants.

How much will Congress cost? For the full term, January 21st-30th, it will cost a Victoria student 15s., 10s. 6d. and £2 must be paid in to the bank on or before September 1st. This £2 will be refunded if a student is unable to attend.

There would like further information about Congress, material is available at the Executive Offices. The VUC Congress organiser will be there on Thursday evenings, 6-7.

Salient, August 18, 1948.

Workers and Conscriptment

VUC students no doubt are in complete agreement with the result of the Special Meeting, and are set against conscription. As a member of that College, I, for one, cannot agree to face my disagreement in your columns.

It appears as though your columns are being closed, too. I am not alone, some people don’t think before they write. (All right, yes, our columnist says: "The men, the women, the Labour leaders, the Socialists, the fascists and the Nationalists, etc., are asking— ...) We are succeeding to the despair of the war enemies, and Hitler and H.A.E. You are dead right, chaps; I am with you.

Russia fears British and American Democracy, for it works without unnecessary conscriptment. Russia must have a threat to her. Stalin who, if the truth is known, is the mastermind behind N. Z. murder, Opposition Members?

Russia Hates—Here I must make a digression. The Russian Hates—... (Continued on next page)

... do not mean all the Russian people. True, they are in the minority, but was it not allowed to penetrate into Soviet States for three quarters of an hour to credit the fact that USSR are there for the use of employees. In their country a union is the method of protecting workers to speak and organize. Let’s see how a so-called union works. There is a system known as the “triangle of factory control.” Firstly there is the manager who is the man responsible for the direction of the enterprise. Then there is the Party Cell of Communists and lastly the Factory Committee representing the workers and the Union. (So far this system stinks of capitalism.) But the so-called trade unionists who are preparing to lodge complaints with (perhaps there are no complaints—do you want an organisation of “shock brigades” to speed up production? You have your “shock brigades” more ruthless than the enemy? So much for the workers’ “freedom.”)

But back to fear, Stalin is frightened of the atomic bomb. He has to wait until his German scientists tell him that he is prepared for war with Germany) and secret police (which is another reason for the secret police) etc. But the truth is that it will be the beginning of the end. Victoria University College decided that it would participate in the Congress by sending a delegation to Melbourne. It was going to defend Workers’ Rights. It was going to be held in its own right to the struggle for social seclusion and to the struggle for social justice and the struggle for political power. Then, and only then will we know what Peace is. —J. L. Flitt.
FORMULAE FOR POETRY
Poets slowly resolve themselves
Into a word
And express
A thought so rich in meaning
That it would help the lonely world to live.

Now there are necessary formulæ
Which you must follow energetically
To achieve a resolution
Into expression.
You must wear cardanly
Whichever you
Can do too.
If your hair suits you.
Now take a pen
And write a word.
Then halfway across the page
Write "must" to make it a
and stop.

Next recall all those horrid things
You laughed about behind the desk
As small boys sniggering at school.
Look up an Oxford Dictionary
And find a multisyllable word
That means something you would not say.
Look into your own thoughts
And make a list of what you see.
If your stomach does not churn
At this, read your last attempt to write.
Now, from the compost heap
Of your own thoughts.
Select the most dry-roten
And write them down—scattered—.
Pour
Your beer into your pipe,
And smoke from the cold-water-tap,
(upstairs).

If you can turn straight
From an incomprehensible giant
And slide avian-like to a graceful end,
Perching on a chimney stack,
And now before you leave your art,
You too will be a poet—yet—.
Take a look at Elliot.
Seize a word out from his lines
And keep it safely in a box.
Search about in Auden's work
Till you move in numbers to an invented clause
Selection.

And pressing hard upon the metre line,
Ease out what you want
And put it in your box:
With you pliers insert these in your poem
(Don't worry what it means we do.
We must (see reason in momentary servitude).
Squeeze them in an arch
Of your most careless lines
And be a poet's prototype.
A long-haired, highbrow, arty type.
A sea of bitter passion.
Without rhyme.
—AMANGLE DEBELISH.

POEM

The sky reveals
The chimney-pot maze
The gull of roofs
The narrow ways.
Cold grey stone
And cold grey slate
Rain-running gutters
Clouds in spate.

Clouds slumber
And roofs whisper
The winter sky
Is a happy girl
With shivered hair
And eyes alight.

Where the wind-lapped streets
Bog down desire.
The works are silent
And the bus-lines lengthen
And the sirens are stillled
The pelican-strengthen.

With night snow flurries
And helms of steel
Rifles menace
The tramoose wheels
But the winter sky
In a spasm of mirth
Laughs a thunderclap
And salutes the earth.
—K. J. HOLLYMAN.

Paris, July, 68.

THE CITY ALLOCED
Past city towers, grey parapets of stone.
Through wide streets that lead by the water's edge,
I took my way, down by the city parks
And grassy furnishings by empty walks.
My thoughts the doves, grey wings of falling
And posturings, and cooings and sudden beauties
All the quiet Sunday, day of rest
In the covered halls and tapestries of mind.

And she sat on the bench in the Sunday sun,
Her face pale and her black hair blown in the wind
The city girl in her bright Sunday colours.
The doves gather by her feet—they are mine no more.
She looks past at any minute interest
To hold her still while things shift and return.
Go away and back to her in her distraction.
The perfume-pent, impermeable lotus of feeling.

Distance holds no features; innocence
Lives just by impressions; the death of rest
Has no rights to show the habitually curious.
Even a city Sunday is not forever.
But the herald of death comes from away off
Bringing the new vision and the new truth.
And never more the distant figure away
At the end of the dark, all approaching towards.
Moving behind tomorrow's new life.

SAFEGUARD

All the sky was filled with frost-blue light
From the shining moon
Where the far cold stars were drowned
And through the luminous chill mists of night
Dark branches pierced the air
In brittle beauty.

Around the slumbering hills
Winking yellow lights shone out
And lit the late hour with their friendly glow.
The sleeping city held me close, secure
Against the limitless and hostile upper air
Where in the cold eternal light
Great worlds grew faint and vanished.

TO ABSTRACT THOUGHT

Last not, on berated idol
To effusions of apostles
Following your padded paths.
Smile, imp, at the hooks
Tangling with their legs
And borne away in triumph
Out of the blossoming wreckage.
Laugh cynic, at their looks
Concentrating on a nothingness
That they make meaningful.

I wandered through your dim bower
Slowly, sadly, living the lie:
For only hearth-song soles crushed the flowers
While my eye roamed wildly in the sky.

—RALPH UNGER.

No time to rhapsodize
No time: here
At this turning point of the sphere
We run against the escalator
Strive with the waves in centrifugal calculation.
"Give us but time but time but time!"

No time to pass, now, by the bridge of sighs.
The decker rip in London
And in New York the boned poles shuddering.
No time.

In Paris the corroded cables fall away.
In Moscow an impression of solidity prevails—
The recast anchor from Troves and the plane—
But an era ends, the roughest flows
Tumbling the tangled necklaces.
Not time piled up on time
But this extentions time shall decide
The wind's thin fingers stroke an idle skull
An empty planet spins a vacant course.

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A cataclysmic knocking together of old stagnant heads
We force a reasoned splendour from our world.
—Bruce McLeod.

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END OF AN ERA

No time to sing of lips and eyes
No time.
The towers are crumbling and the gardens bend;
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Under the shattered dust
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Drama Club Presents
Pristley Time Play

J. B. Priestley's "I Have Been Here Before" was a better choice for a major production than any of the farces made for some other teams. It should have a wide appeal, but even to the philistinism of most students of this college, and of the general public, it did not. I do not mean that it is a good play. It should be completely familiar with the material of his play, which is not possible when he uses a borrowed idea which he does not like himself, and says as much in his introduction: "I Have Been Here Before" is about Dunsany's theory of circular time, and the interest is centred too much in the theory, and too little on the characters and situation. Under these circumstances, it fails back into the role of craftmanship. However, the part of Paul, theリング dramaticsman—probably more so than any other writing in English, today—and as such he knows that he is done across an unconventional idea if you use conventional characters. He uses the same device as Emily Bronte did to prevent a mystical play from sounding too unreal to the audience—he makes two of the characters solid earthy types, who form a bridge between the unreal and the real world of the audience. There is no nonsense about St. John's College, and almost unaffected by the action of the play.

Production and Players

Dr. J. Kahn produced the play, and he did a very good job of it. The production was well rehearsed and the playing was relatively inexperienced and extremely small stage. Some very clever effects were tried, but the cast was thrown out on the latter difficulty. The decor was especially well done, and the playing was proficient to say the least. Lindsay McDonald's performance as Dr. Gorter was the outstanding feature of the show. She was so much so that at times I forgot that he was Lindsay McDonald and the worried little refugee professor really lived. The landlord, was handled well by Poi Hutton, although sometimes his voice sounded too thick to be completely audible.

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SOCIALISTS — DEMOCRACY — CHRISTIANS — LITERATURE

With Scotty, with the SCM, with the Lit Soc—the College's left-wing action group since our last issue. These reports that the Soc. Club is no less volatile than it was when Victoria was full of Rampant Reds.

And Never the Twin Shall Meet

Democracy and socialism may be the same thing all over the world. It means the fullest possible participation of the masses in their own government. The difference between the British example of democracy and democracy in the Great West is chiefly that every socialistic question is a matter of theory. This was the core of a speech given in the United States today by Mr. Scotty quoted from Longman's book, "One Thousand Americans," and "Society's 100000 Americans," and "Society's 100000 Americans," speaking especially the close-up between financial, industrial, and national parties—former dominating all. Such widely distributed periodicals as "The Reader's Digest," "The Life," and "The Saturday Review," he claimed, notably the American and English, are subversive to the interests by which they are published. He quoted a remark that Colossus McCormick of the tractor firm has made: "Chicago Tribune" which has control of a vast section of opinion was "the greatest mine for the spreading of socialism in the country."

With this, Mr. Scotty contrasted the situation in the United States where democracy remains built up. Here were secret societies, the party organization, a Catholic feature in the U.S.A. and all the other components of "democracy." But they lacked the private banks and banks which were such an essential part of the Western way of life. That absence at once made possible a far more vitalistically democratic government and a far freer commercial system. Mr. Scotty contrasted the British Labour M.P. who had recently been investigating conditions there.

Soap-box and

On Thursday, 5th August, the SCM and the Socialist Club "got together" under the chairmanship of the Rev. Martin Sullivan to discuss Socialism and Religion. Only 15 Evanston spoke on the theme that Socialism contained the core of Christian ethics, and quoted Marx to the effect that "only under Socialism can the principles of Christianity be realized." He felt that Socialism and Christianity would be a splendid example of a practical programme for the betterment of society. Dr. T. C. D. H. Hewlett Johnson, was quoted as a witness to the effect that he himself found such a synthesis. Improving the living conditions of man without the improvement of the society.

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LEAD, KINDLY SOMERSET

The Student Christian Movement were the guests of the Catholic Student Society on 18th August for a very interesting and successful evening. A programme was held to give members of both groups the opportunity of meeting the other and discussing common problems and matters of common interest. The guest speaker was Mr. D. Somersett, whose subject was "The Education of the Community."

Mr. Somersett immediately aroused the interest of the audience by referring to the answer of little boys to the haystacked school. "What's in it for me when you grow up?" "I want to be a lawyer." Mr. Somersett's answer was a summary of the whole purpose of education. "Education was life. If we want to have security and a satisfactory world, we must get rid of ignorance," said the speaker. "The Christian lived their own interests and the rest."

Here's a film viliying our ex-citily about to be shown throughout the country, recommended to everyone. As far as the world of our life by the Hone. Simple. Houseful of political parties the R.S.A. beating the drum for con- science. Here's a recruiting campaign, Operation Whitehall, to get us into the war. Is there a U.S. government, signed by New Zealand, by the U.K. Governments agree to ban war-mongering?" Pleased reading, that bit in the papers. "Bombard!" pictures of the column-strengthened face and head of the Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse Tung, slain by police recently, being displayed—"The meaning of thought by Mr. Brown. It is a heresy to put such importance on things practical. The teachings of Christ were, he said, but an accretion of Christianity. The core of Christianity was the mysti- cal union of believers in the person of Christ. This is not a line of argument advised to convince the outsider."

The common ground for co-operation was stressed by many speakers from the SCM and Soc. Club. This was the main theme of remarks made by Mr. McLeod and Piper. Christianity claimed to cover a wider ground than Socialism, but where the two claimed to overlap the same territory, they should join hands.

The sociologist's mission is to analyse the effects of human activity on society and to see how the substance of human life can be used to form a picture of the world. Mr. McLeod said, and as Mr. Sullivan also said in summing up: "We should cease to look for the original in each other, but in the original in each other." The fact is that the student is the key to the future of any society.

The Reds and the Literati

George Turner (M.A.), addressing a joint meeting of the Lit Soc, and the SCM Club on Tuesday, 7th August, was uncertain as to whether he should "convince the Literary Society that they needed some Socialism, or to heap some litera- ture into the Societies." The materialist conception of his- tory showed us that literature was like every aspect of history, ulti- mately determined by economic changes. Thus, although directory into the socialist literature was still small in volume, nearly all current literature reflected the great historical movements of our time. This gave the student the socialist literature a new meaning. If the student worked for the future of the world, the inner condition of the world was also something that was being determined by the student.

Mr. Turner referred to the pseudo-socialist intellectual ports of the 30's — Lewis, Spender, Auden and com- pany. Not one of them was a Social- ist's toe-nail: Socialism was then sufficiently remote for them to play round with it. Today its uncomfortable reality has exposed these "hol- low men" by driving them openly into the camp of reaction.

A Socialist literature had to be in a language all the people could understand and appreciate. Many young people, he continued, had to avoid the topic of man's social responsibilities. "Let us make the small attendance, dis- cussion was lively.

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PROBLEMS OF PEACE
—AN ECONOMIC SOLUTION

A hungry population is a dangerous one, said the Minister of Finance, Mr. Nash, in his recent address to the Political Science Society, and the solution to the problem of peace is therefore economic rather than political. The engines of war have made an "awful mess" of Europe and in addition to this war, the economic system has been disrupted. To illustrate his argument Mr. Nash proceeded to outline an economic tour of the world, "I have seen lots of other countries—at your expense," he said.

He began by quoting production figures ("I like these things") for the various countries of Europe. For Europe as a whole, production in 1945 was 59 per cent, lower than it was in 1937.

Mr. Nash then visited Asia. In China, he said, there are no statistics available, the population has never been counted, but we do know that there are about 500,000,000 people of whom 300,000,000 have never had enough to eat, yet the Chinese government voted 80 per cent of its budget for war and preparation for war. He quoted "a hungry population is a dangerous people." Japan has about 80,000,000 people but under the land has N.Z. but her population, at present between 74 and 78 million, is increasing at the rate of 100,000 a year. But for every 100 units of production in 1937, there were only 24 in 1947. There could be no solution to the problem of Asia until Japan was back in production.

In Java there was a similar decline in production and Mr. Nash quoted an Indonesian spokesman at Havana who stated that the comparative rate of economic growth in India and a Dutchman engaged on equal work were 10 cents and 3 dollars respectively. Before leaving Asia, Mr. Nash said he was not sure of the morality or the ethics of any one group seeking to improve its living standards at the expense of another group on a lower standard.

The speaker's tour now led via the Middle East and the Balkans, to Europe. Here the major issue to be considered was, of course, the Marshall plan which, in his opinion, is a good thing in that it will aid in restoring production in the non-producing areas. It is also quite useful as a method of disposing of surplus production in the United States and preventing unemployment in that country.

Mr. Nash then visited the United Kingdom, and he spoke of the tremendous contribution made by Great Britain during the recent war. Her internal debts amounted to £28,000,000,000 and her external debts were over £2,000,000,000. N.Z. policy of selling goods Britain at a price lower than she could obtain them elsewhere and buying from her at a price higher than that would be paid to other sources was one small contribution to her plight.

There are in Europe over 1,000,000 unwanted people; countries such as Italy and France have a moral obligation to absorb some of these people, and excuses are found to keep them out. As long as this attitude persists it is sheer hypocrisy to speak of World Government and World Co-operation, said Mr. Nash.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS

On Tuesday, 24th August, to give the VCC Drama Club, a play "Though the Weather Be True." This is what we hope to see in the Inter-varsity Drama Festival in conjunction with Winter Touring. This year the Drama Club has had the good sense to enter a team in this fairly newly established competition.

However, in usual varsity fashion, we find there are only six days left in which to rehearse, nothing daunting they are going ahead and we hope they will sweep the town. We note that last year O.U. did not enter the competition. The tour has three weeks in which to practice!

After that minor digression we will get back to our own play. Blushing beneath that title there is of course that lively play of Mr. Harry Evenson's (reviewed last week).

The cast is as follows: Hans (the student who would rather play Beethoven that figuratively take Quebec): Paul Treadwell: Sue (this girl for whom reality is more compelling than ideas): Basia Goodman: 1st (dubious another violinist): Gilbert Johnstone. Other odd bodies in the piece are Joan Masters, Ralph Unger, Bill Shirt. and Chris Pottinger.

Back in town after a good week, is the Company of "Joynt Scroll," which is to be produced in the Radiant Theatre. Mr. Ken Britton, a healthy friend of V.C.G. imagination which we hope will outweigh anything so far seen at the Winter Touring.

JOYNT SCROLL

This year marks the beginning of a new era for Joynt Scroll. At the beginning of an investigation committee for the year 1948, this contest is no longer to be held at Winter Touring. Instead, this year, it will take place on September 26th at Massey. V.G.C. is taking the negative of a subject—as yet unsolved—against Lincolns. It will be recalled that last year Otago took the Scroll and is it to be hoped that this year Victoria will deprive them of it.

Mr. O'Connor and Jim Milburn, who have been selected as our representatives, are already well known to the College—Jim at least has either his dictions or his face in most issues of "Dallent." Ben O'Connor is a winner of Plunket Medal, and was Vice-Chairman of the Debating Society in 1944. He won the Union Prize some years ago, and since then has used his debating and oratorical prowess at Special and General Meetings. Ben's knack of being able to think ahead with his speaking, has made him seem rather like Mr. Brian Drake, Abu, who, according to Leigh Hutt, found his name to be too often on the list.

Jim Milburn is a member of the present Executive, and was last year's winner of Plunket Muddle. He has probably debated consistently this year, despite the fact that his breathing is often audible at the back of the Hall. The somewhat startling orator's-like tonal quality in his voice caused one judge to remark that Jim should do well in advertising a fat lady in a circus. There can, however, be little doubt that he and Ben will be able to hold their own and give a hope of retaining the Joynt Scroll for 1948.

Cross Country Tournament

Although we cannot pretend to have a potential Olympic team, nevertheless, the runners should not be as far behind those at last year, and all the teams can be depended upon to do their best.

Clem Hawke—Needs no introduction. Is a favourite to win the N.Z. title, and will have had the valuable experience of a run over the course in the national competition.

John Halden—Has run well this season, without the irregularity of his performances last year. This will be his fourth N.Z. appearance, so he lacks no experience, and his recent training should stand him in good stead if heavy going is encountered.

Peter Whittie—Almost jet propelled. Has recovered from his injuries at Mt. Albert, and should be too good for the field.

John Moon—A dogged and determined but not outstanding runner. Consistently the most consistent runner of the two and will give Otago a run for their money.

Mac Clist—Impressed with his performances at Masterton, and with his local "Russellian" style, should do well over flat country.

Paul Keeling—Finished fourth in the B grade race at Masterton, and he too has the long stride suited to the flat.

Steve Osborn—An energetic runner who sometimes produces some excellent performances.

Ray Kelly—Just recovering from an injury, but the rest has probably done him a world of good in anything.

Shooting

This year Victoria is entering a team which on its present performances shows itself worthy of a place at Winter Touring. The team includes the following—

F. Hardy-Smith, R. Thompson, G. Henderson, D. V. Howarth.

Hardwick-Smith has been shooting exceptionally well and has an impressive experience of shooting. Henderson holds the distinction of being the only entry to have a score recorded in the club. Thompson is a shot of above average ability and experience, and may be relied on to give a good account of himself. Howarth, although a little inconsistent so far should be able to produce a good performance at Tournament.
SALIENT, August 18, 1948.

WINTER TOURNAMENT LOOMS ON HORIZON

August 23rd will once again see the beginning of Winter Tournament. Organisers in Mt. St. Joseph High School are hoping that more pupils will sign up, and that there will be no more instances of students escaping with a mere ducking in the Avon. On the green grassy flats of the city centre many fierce (?) and surely friendly battles will be fought. The whole city from Summer to Fagans will probably resound with the sound of team matches as students fight their way from pub to pub. The battle carvery will have the opportunity of adding to their score of scalps of young Varsity braves.

At last time skiing will be an official Tournament sport. Again this is to be held in Queenstown, but although isolated from the “madding crowd” I feel sure the twenty-odd bods will manage to get that spirit which adds so much to every Tournament.

Best of luck to all Victoria enents and although there is no Wooden Spoon, there is a Tournament Cup which would look very nice at the bottom of the stairs.

T. KEIHA, Sports Ed.

Skiing

The Tournament team this year is essentially weakened by the loss of Tony Latham and the last year’s slalom champ. However, with a more balanced men’s team, and a few girls who, if they are not too far behind, might just have a chance of finishing in the top ten, hopes are high among of having a skiing ground with a chance of winning the provincials. Our southern opponents a decided advantage, and if we can make the best of our dispensation and stick to the fine entertainment which Mr. Rusopou in place of Kine, we would be well pleased.

Tony Latham has had little practice this year, but as he won the gold medal in the 1945 in the Rusopou Ski Club’s open championship, his ski and has his hopes on the NZL champs and this experience should help him to turn in a fast time.

Evelyn Cresswell, second in the R.S. champs and has been away skiing and is in good shape, so he should be at the top of his form for Tournament.

Malcolm Macle for VUC last year. He has little practised this year but is considered quite an expert at breaking skiis. Needless to say he will not be using club skis.

Michael Benge is last in the men’s team. His skiing has improved immensely and lack of racing experience will not be his real downfall. He is a very quick person of good technique.

There should also be a host of women’s team of four, and although lack of experience is a factor in their team, there is no doubt that they will be overcoming the local opposition and doing very well, high hopes, but little else that Val Lovett, Janet Macdonald, Carol Reid and Gay Nimmo leave for Queenstown.

Women’s Hockey

With Tournament almost upon us the women’s hockey team has been madly rushing round Kelburn Park, for the last three weeks. Otago, who won the hockey last year, agreed to have an even stronger team this year and we feel that we can only do what we can before we do. Apart from Otago we stand as the nearest chance as any college of winning the Pemberton-Reeves Stick.

The team is as follows:

Janice Edwards, captain, a reliable player from the Senior Reserve team. Peggy McConnell, a reliable player from the Senior Reserve team.

Margot Blowers (right) one of the mainstays of the team who always maintains her position. Pat Fairweather, a reliable player with more speed than most backs, she hasn’t been captain.

Isla Ashton (left) is a sticker who shows her best at the position.

Paddy Simmers (centre half) played for Training College team last year. She is in our team.

Jean Murie (right) has a clean ball which helps her in many openings for the forwards. We have hopes of at least making her team.

Joe Francis (left wing)-a fresher who until a few weeks ago had never played left wing before, but is now having considerable success in this difficult position.

B. Reddy, right half, has represented VUC 1946-47 without glory. He is a very consistent player, but slightly dribbles too much.

M. Sizers, centre or left half, best left kicker in the team. He is in the back.

K. McLeod, left half, a splendid dribbler, and throws well. CUC rep. 1948.


D. Bates, a cunning inside forward, good on defence and attack.

E. Simmons, a goal getter centre forward with an accurate shot.

Women’s Basketball

The team looks strong and have every chance of winning the provincial title. We have an average team and are looking forward to a good season. Our captain is a very quick player and has every chance of making the Provincial side.

The team consists of the following players: Pat Anderson, vice-captain—a very quick player, he is difficult to get past, and has been chosen for the Provincial side. Helen Drummond (half), a very quick player, she is also able to play full back if necessary. Betty McDonald (forward), gave a good display against Maussey earlier in the season.

Table Tennis

The team for this year’s Tournament is perhaps not as good as last year’s, but this year we have a Wellington rep, Doris Johansson, who is playing first in the women’s representatives. She will be partnered by Irene Jones, a very quick player, in the women’s doubles, and Delma Phillips in the men’s doubles. The men are not as good as last year’s but they have been born to Tournament before being Delma Phillips, who is the best, and I have met since 1945. Tony Holland the second man is a fresher this year and has played considerable. Incidentally, Tony won the Wellington Association F grade handicap tournament last year, and has improved considerably this year, through his experience in our B grade team.

Soccer

Last week the Seniors gave a very creditable performance by beating the hitherto unbeaten Tech. 6-2. The first team has been rather late and the Tech. O.B. will now retain Senior representative. Congratulations to Sutton-Smith, Jack Walls, Ken Johnston, John Stone and Mick Spiers for being selected to ‘represent Wellington against Wellington on August 19th. As a result of Colin Richardson, our star centre half, came as a surprise to all who have been close enough to see the round-eared, ball-riding, clear position.

Tournament Prospects

B. Sutton-Smith, goal, Wellington B rep. Has done well for the rep. side, in his first year as a “keeper. Rep. VUC 1946 and 47 as full back. NZU Blue 1946.

K. Johnston, left back, a steady and versatile player. Wellington Senior B rep. NZU blue 1948.

K. Bliss, right back, possesses a strong boot and is magnificent in the air.

Masks On!

This year, for the fourth time in its existence, the VUC Swords Club will again send representatives to Winter Tournament. Though both the men’s and the women’s teams are very reliable, the men’s is as strong as, if not stronger than, the past years, partly because only one of them has been to Winter Tournament experience. The others, however, have shown excellent form all the year; and in spite of the published vaxions of other College teams (see “Critle,” etc.) they have a fairly reasonable expectation of repeating their successes at the 46 and 47 Winter Tournaments. The standard of the women’s team is higher than that of last year’s, twelve months’ training having worked wonders in giving them fighting experience, and in improving their form.

The teams are: MENS: Peter Hampson, Wynn Stoune, Ian Bennett; WOMEN: Juliet Burd, Barbara Bradbury, Barbara Larkby. By the time this paper goes to press, the names of the other club members will have been “bloomed” in the local and provincial championships to be held in the weekend preceding Tournament. We wish them luck at both tournaments, but principally in the Varsity Tournament, since we understand that several others will be held in the weekend preceding Tournament. We wish them luck at both tournaments, but principally in the Varsity Tournament, since we understand that several others will be held in the weekend preceding Tournament. We wish them luck at both tournaments, but principally in the Varsity Tournament, since we understand that several others will be held in the weekend preceding Tournament.

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EXEC. CHECK ON WFDY PEDIGREE

Is WFDY a blind for Communist propaganda? Is it a Communist-dominated? Is its attitude partisan? "No," answered Mrs. Bailey. Indeed, the first time she had heard the allegations with "The Federation is fighting for the common needs of youth—it is the only international organisation which is prepared to get what it needs for young people, whatever its cost." In opposition, in Africa (Mrs. Bailey forgets God's Own Country) anyone who is progressive enough to ask for reforms is branded as a Communist. No wonder WFDY has red flags trailing across its militant path.

Joan M. Lombard, who attended the Prague Festival as a Young Communist, failed to come up to her recent form in the "Dominion": though the Exec. didn't decide one way or the other at the meeting, according to Mrs. Bailey's barrage of facts and corrections she had her opponent down early in the fight. The match went to Mrs. Bailey on points.

WFDY came under fire from all angles at the meeting at which Mrs. Bailey and Miss Lombard had a free-for-all debate on the Beyer Pedersen affair, the constitution and its affiliated members—all those who came into the constitution.

The constitutional question seemed fundamental. Mrs. Bailey explained this. She was an answer to Mr. O'Brien's question. Beyer Pedersen was suspended by the secretary who had been appointed by the WFDY council. The constitution was interpreted as such by the body. Under their interpretation, the Federation runs smoothly, the constitution had suspended Beyer Pedersen and had given him letters of recommendation to his peregrinations to further the unity of young communist youth. In the dominion, the formation of a separate Federation, the official Federation, was an attempt to influence Anglo-Saxon discussions on WFDY. The organisation which he represented could also be suspended.

SCM Attitude

Precisely by the British SCM had disbanded its Philippine, a WFDY secretary had resigned without a song. The SCM had written the SCM secretary, "to make an organisation work, remarked Mrs. Bailey. SCM is, a possessed man, if you like, and, non-attached, to pitch in. Only active membership can justify criticism of WFDY. We must..."

So, the British SCM did, that WFDY can no longer be suspended, is rather short-sighted, for the SCM's success is elimination, if everyone except the Left Wing gets us, the SCM will be eliminated.

Such criticism as Jones, Pedersen (also a constituent) and the SCM made their remarks at meetings: to adopt the SCM's principles, Mr. O'Brien said, then to criticise at home, seems rather strange. The executive, if socialist-dominated, the majority of the Executive, as Mrs. Bailey pointed out, there are three living Russian members; the President, and the SWP must be to get equal pay for the same, free education, cultural and recrea- tional facilities, the right to jobs, and to union organisation for worker youth. "We must judg WFDY on the facts, not in its naked"

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