SPORT AT CHRISTCHURCH OUTDOOR AND INDOOR

With the arrival of the VUC and AUC teams in Christchurch on Sunday, Winter Tournament started. With the departure of the aforementioned teams on Friday, Winter Tournament ended. You may well ask what happened in between. There were the usual doses, dances, dishes, etc.

Tournament was a good show and our thanks go to CUC who were excellent hosts. In particular we should thank Derek and Terry in the Information Bureau for having all the answers. An account of the various sporting activities now follows.

Basketball

Congratulations VUC for coming from Colin and Fagin with OU and CUC. It was unfortunate that VUC played OU in its first game as OU had to practice on the Wentworth Courts and so had an advantage over VUC. However, VUC played well and their intensity was definitely superior to that of OU. At the end of the first half the score was 21-12 in OU’s favour. The final result was 31-27. The game had lasted a little longer VUC would have won, as they were really playing well. OU had OU really baffled. The whole team played very well and it was a great performance.

"U.S. Has Over 20,000 Planes In Readiness.” “U.S. Studying New Weapons from the Bismarck.” “Spearhead Based On Britain.” “Top British Bombs Over Atom Bomb Tests At Eniwetok.” Two days’ headings from the papers. All goes to show how difficult these people are, who claim Russia’s only the outfit wanting war.

Propagandist cry of: "Yah! Imperi- alism!" shouldnt be accepted. Yes, says that well-known scrap-iron ex- porter, "Winston, dear to the hearts of Australians who宣讲 him and his propagandism. Maybe you were one of those billions of people people who were "about Yahl Imperialism," when the papers spoke of the aid the British and Colonial-Malay workers.

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Verse by L.N., clipped from elsewhere.

Ring out, ye bells, uplift all Christian hearts.

and bear the tidings glad with jubilation—

The noble Dyaks stile their poison darts

And march to save our Western civilizations.

The only difference between the medieval Inquisition and the U.S. Congress committees on "Un-American Activities. Is that the Inquisition facilitated its operation by the use of bonfires and stilettos and hot irons and things. You never know. I didn’t think we’d be as good as that.

The Aga Khan, with his, on a big-game shooting expedition in Africa, has established a tenanted village, with hot and cold running water, to accommodate his party, say the cabs. Other facilities being a range of a landing strip for small planes of fresh milk, mugs daily, carpeted tents, with a boudoir, built for his private use, a fine dining table and silver fittings; a convoy of trucks carrying the best food procurables in the land. Incidentally, she again proved her ability by defeating the Christchurch Camera in a friendly match. The men’s doubles proved a most interesting struggle. In the semi-

final, VUC upset the Canterbury hopes for a win by eliminating R. A. Algade, winner of the men’s singles and doubles, in a hard fought match which was just won 3-2 by VUC. The final was, however, convincingly won by Diogo 3-2.

Women’s Hockey

The VUC team played very well. Although they were not strong enough to go into the final, one of the individual players were outstanding, especially Jane McQueen. Our congratulations go for being awarded the blue. Incidentally, due to the lack of funds the NIC there was some interesting play which took place. For VUC, the score being 4-2. The same game against OU. This was a good game although Diogo were clearly superior. Unfortunately, our wings were unable to get the ball and take it down the field. VUC were clearly considerably the better side. The game ended in a win for OU, the score being 3-1. OU was the next against CUC "B." VUC was clearly the better side and the score ending 6-2. The game against CUC "A" was played very well. It is not need to single out individual players for attention, but our congratulations go to Ken Johnston, a versatile player who was selected to represent Wellington.

Shooting

At 1.30 on Monday, various odd bods and the shooting teams turned up at the brewery to participate in the shooting and all that goes with it. At the end of the first round, VUC were third, the team which had been consistent in obtaining a score of 40. In the second round, VUC supporters became excited on seeing John Whiney. However, when John Smith had shot 88, VUC kept this up and the third round, second to Christchurch. A good time was had by all, what with the best of the good days. Hardwick-Smith, Honey and Thomson were picked for the North versus South shooting match which was held the following Wednesday. This was won by the South. Congratulations to Vance Henderson who was awarded a Blue for shooting. We have it on good authority that he has not yet obtained his apprentice- ship ticket.

Table Tennis

This year, VUC finished third for the Sports Committee, to Denis Johnson for her fine win in the ladies, singles. Her convincing de- feat of J. Davies of OU who held the title in 1946 and 1947 proved beyond doubt that she was the outstanding women’s singles player in the Christchurch. Incidentally, she again proved her ability by defeating the Canterbury Camper in a friendly match. The men’s doubles proved a most interesting struggle. In the semi-

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THE LAST WORD

This is our last issue for 1948. We wish to thank all contributors and particularly all those who have helped in the production of the paper, not all of whom appear in the list of staff for this issue. Particular thanks are due to Pat Cameron who edited our paper in Press Terms. He had a difficult job in effecting a change in printers and in editing a larger paper than VUC has ever had, and we consider that he managed to do this well and to improve the impression of the paper at the same time.

1948 must have been the stormiest year in the history of VUC. We have had four executives in office, two elections and four general meetings. While we do not think that all is fair (and this was a war) we do believe that the internal strife that has been such a feature of student life this year, is a healthy sign. It indicates that a larger number of students, perhaps a majority of the United Nationalists, now recognize that there is something of an interest must produce an awareness of the problems and conflicts of the real world outside the university.

THE LIGHTS GO OUT ON THE EMPIRE

I borrow a caption from T. C. Worsley's "The End of the Old School Tie" to introduce two such problems, one of which is being discussed everywhere, the other, much more serious is being under-emphasized in newspapers and ignored by the public.

The first is the exclusion of Maoists from the All Black team to tour South Africa. There is little that is new to be said on this subject. Colour prejudice is not tolerated by most New Zealanders and the policies of the United Nationalists are described as most illogical. Does Mr. Malan think that four or five Maoists touring South Africa will precipitate an African revolution? New Zealand must stand firm in the policy of non-recognition which excludes men because their skin is brown cannot give a representative team.

The other question is the repressive action being taken by the British Government in Malaya. Raising the cry of "Communist Bandits" the representatives of the wealthy rubber planters and tin miners have brought in British troops and Dyak head hunters to enforce their decrees banning the Malayan Trade Union Movement and the organisation of self-government in Malaya. A reporter who questioned some of the Dyaks found that they did not even know to what country they were being sent. It looks to me like a revival of the White Dominancy of old Great Britain—"Keep the natives in their place, pay wages low and guard our profits!"  

A. MCLEOD.

Xmas Vacation

Tramping Trips

The Tramping Club's programme for the Christmas vacation will include two, and possibly three separate trips of some ten days' duration each. The first one, which will cover the actual Christmas period, will be an eight-day working party to the Tauherenikau Valley for the purpose of clearing the road (the hope) to the Alloway-Dickson Memorial Hut. The party will leave on Monday, December 24, and the official working party will end on Tuesday, December 28, although those who wish to remain for the rest of the vacation will not be prevented from doing so. Certificates of fitness should be shown to the Chief Guide to ensure that all are fit for this marathon working party, and by as many weekend working parties as possible from now on. It is hoped to have the hut near to completion by the New Year.

The building of this hut is a big task, and we hope that all those who can possibly assist in the work will do so, not merely as a tribute to the two students whose memorial it will be, but as a very tangible sign of increased interest in the Tauherenikau Valley. The interest in the valley is also, of course, a very pleasant place to spend a week or so at any time.

Go South, Young Man

Immediately following the Tauherenikau trip there will be the trip to the Wairau Plains, for that training-cum-climbing trip which has always been so popular in the past. It is planned to leave Wellington by boat on the night of December 29th, and return on the 9th January, or maybe two days later. What has not yet been decided is exactly where the trip will be run. This is the reason for the notice appearing on the main notice-board asking those interested to be in Wellington by the 2nd, as the Wairau Valley or the Waimakariri, they would prefer. Fuller descriptions will be found on the notice-board, but a brief description of the two places is as follows—

Waimakariri Valley: Near Arthur's Pass, about 100 miles by rail from Christchurch. Plenty of scope for trampers, and also for climbers, particularly beginners, on peaks of about 8000 ft. The three-pass trip from the Pirihiahau to the Wairau is an excellent tramp. Approx cost for ten days—£5.

Wairau Valley: At head of Lake Wairau, Gramp, about 170 miles by road and launch from Timaru. One of the best base barronies in the Southern Alps, with peaks of about 8000 ft, including some virgin peaks. Climbers' country of such great magnificence than the Waimakariri, although they trampers find plenty to occupy their time, the valley being

within easy distance of Haast Pass. Approx cost for twelve days, £10. The support of this trip is to be run by the Waimakariri. and the Wairau, a new base barronry for some of the climbers' country. A base barronry for some of the climbers' country. Further information may be obtained from the Chief Guide, Harry Tidd.

f. d. C.

SCM Women Won't Oppose Murder

Franco is continuing his savage treatment of democratic youth in Spain. The World Federation of Democratic Youth has notified the SCM that it has strongly protested against sentences recently, inflicted on leaders of Spanish Youth Organisations. These sentences include 6 executions, 4 life-imprisonments.

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woman sentenced to 25 years and 11 sentences ranging from 6 to 14 years each for allegedly being implicated in a gunpowder depot. The Exec., passed the resolution that "the leader be sent to WFPD expressing full approval of their protest in connection with the sentences in Spain."

Miss McMahon and Miss Langford and Miss Holt asked that their disbursements be reviewed.

10-1 Division Building Fund Stakes

The Student Union Building Appeal Organising Committee is moving against the campaign. So far the appeal has not yet been able to secure a competent commercial house to handle it. Nevertheless, your Executive has decided to raise £10,000 in the hope of raising £10,000. All members of Commerce will regard the appeal favourably and it is hoped that the appeal will be connected with the Jubilee next year.

Face-lift for Gym

Until we get this new building we need to make some improvements in the facilities we have at present. Among these facilities are the gymnasium in March for repairing the plumbing, and the lavatory in Commerce, which is in need of a face-lift. They have been held up till now by negotiations with the City Council for payment for the site. The Exec. has also had a sub-committee working on the matter to see what can be done in the common room. This committee has made no progress, and with some of the meeting vacancies—Dr. Holm, the Exec. decided to let the matter drop.

Academic Freedom Upheld

The Academic Board of the Senate recently opposed the suggestion that a number of secretaries imposed on grants and scholarships. As it has not been seen fit to take the same restrictive action, it is reported that the motion of Mr. Mountier, enduring the decision taken by the Academic Board.

Matters of interest reported to the Exec. include: First, that the Senate has agreed to reintroduce March exams in Law and Science. Secondly, that the Tramways Committee of the City Council has agreed to build a shelter for the top of Valley hill on the Mount and the Academic Board is thinking of asking for books for two Chinese Universities, one in the Government area, the other in the "Libertine" area.

Sublime to Ridiculous

Mr. Batterby was very worried about the lack of dignity at Exec. meetings—he mentioned that some Exec. dons decided to take off his hat and preserve a very formal dignity. He thought that his presence, Mr. Millburn, was like a "welcoming committee" and a "welcoming committee" that was to include a meeting of student prefects. The President put a motion from Mr. Heathcote that all Exec. Affairs be asked to reconsider the Academic Board's policy on "All those in favour, aye. Aye. All those against, no. No. Nothing can be done. No. Now—then waking up. "Oh—what was that about?"
TO AMANGLE DEBELSH
"Live with the wise and become wise."
—Menander.

I'm not constrained to say by word or look
That I write I am gleaned by stealth
From lexicons or from another's book,
Though literature is mankind's common
wealth.
Emotion resurrected from the grave
follows
A fleshy-featured health
Like, Socratic prisoners in the cave.
Grasps vainly at the passing shadow-show,
Doping with the intellectual knife.
What I have seen and felt, and what I know,
Demands precision and a form
Beyond established limits. Will thought
If grafted to some ancient, sapless corn?
What note yet entrapped his pulsing mind
Within the steelmesh shackles of a norm?
Or called the tribal totems in to grind
Accepted versions of his wailing song?
Not scorn nor pleading shall my vision
bind,
Nor shall the feeble heart impede the strong
With catch-epithets and outcry shrill
For easy thoughts and feelings that belong
To Flatland morons.
Of custom's many tound the pigging
swallows
The mush that fattens him towards the kill
And in well-trampled bogs the old saw swallows
And false there is her pleasure-rooting race,
Which propagates again and blindly
But I shall paint again the universal face:
In planes and pigments of mine own devising,
Nor strive to emulate recorded grace,
Nor cease in fear my caustic improvising
Because a mental eunuch twitters,
"Crime!"
Nor shall I stay my drastic curaturing
Of all the epithlets of our sure
To gain the drooping cripple's wit's approval
With metre's wheel-chair and the crust of scorn,
For I am here to implement removal
Of fear and greed and war and fostered hate:
The lashing thron of reason's sharp reproval,
The stinging gaudy of the modern state.
—Bruce McLeod.

THOUGHT AND MELANCHOLIA
We are but a beautiful melody
the hauntings strains
half forgotten,
but yet we remember
it was a mighty tune
and had a wonderful refrain...
We are but the gleam on old silver
thrown into a pit of dung,
fantastically bent and tortured—but
yet we do see
a pattern through the rust...
—Ralph Unger.

REFLECTIONS OF AN INTELLECTUAL IN BED
Yes, the pattern is plain enough
Each book a notch against stupidity
And a prop for the tottering mind.
Who despise possession and its own set of
vices
Find in bookery
A justifiable compromise with that vicious
maniacal
(They decorate that wall like roots in
rockery.)
Besides, they provide such opportunity
For that last, harmless mockery of freedom,
A fine signature.
Funnily enough, my friends, the pen is
slightly nearer than the eye of the sword.
The last ligature to be severed by might
Is the privilege of being able to write.
But then I'm safe with Gauguin on the wall,
As insulated as an apple core,
With Van Gogh, like a benediction, over the
head
Of my passionless bed.
—Lyster Paul.

LANDSCAPE
Out on the hills where sounds
only the intoning
strides down the island; stepping from space
to
agile space goes
the gawky adolescence
of steel meshing grey cloud line—and
see where the wires' long rhythm
sinks again
to glide and fall away
to the smoky
only the wind sounds.
There
white scars on their flanks
pock the drab of the ranges
receding to the sky; cliffs also
impossible wirthing
of a road,
lying on the swell of the broken
horizon;
and a crippled tree leaves—tired,
alone—
on the eastward-scudding clouds...
—D.G.

REFLECTIONS
I looked into my eyes
and saw the night
reflected there.
and I told her of the dark
and how it lived in its mirror;
how each star became a point
guiding us into the far future,
beckoning steadily.
How the trees
against the shining horizon
reminded me of a ballet
that can dance into a full eternity.
How the stiff gable of a house
became real
only when it was night
but no longer itself
and was lost in the background it made;
how the hushing of the wind
was the only music that to me
had no aftertaste of life,
but only of the everlasting things
that are somehow good
without a cause.
I looked into her eyes again
but they were made for the night
that I had made live for her
and was lost in the world
I left her there, wondering
if I could catch my last tram...
—Ralph Unger.

ROUND THE WORLD
Calm days, over rare waters,
White sails, blue skies;
Small winds dancing, and bathers
In the sun, and then, drop,
Down, far into the wide sea.
There a small house of water
Round the boat's side, and birds,
Gulls—there are dozens kinds—
Sail past, or pause, and watch
With heads poking down
And the strong white wings
Footing the currents of the sea.
Sound and reflection make boundaries for us.
But at midnight a great calm
Unbids the infinite surface of the sea
And even these natural signs
Of ownership of water, fade out
As they should, and nothing
Remains save the soft wind dancing.
We have sailed past islands
Or for days without sight of land.
Strange, huge fish have
Encroaved on, and the strangest birds.
You will not know what we have felt
But our minds have returned often to you.
There have been coastlines
That took us through marvellous patterns
And shapes of movement,
Going as we do this strange crab-fashion,
And watching the far-off land
Or turning to the white singing shore.
We have worked like fools
In the harder kinds of seaways,
But on the calm days
There was none who could be so idle
Or wander through the future, talking
Slow hour by slow drifting hour.
Storm days, meeting huge seas,
Under the eye of the Fury,—
Bare mast, lashed, aird.
We are sailing a covered world,
From south to north, and south,
And the green high hills
Go rolling down the land.
Capped with salt-grey foliage
And leaves blown across our minds
Like grasses in a sheltered valley.
And then in the southern Spring
There are white clouds high
And familiar music leads
The wind, by the gay, green fields:
Coming up the harbour.
—P.S.W.

Junior Atheist
What is Christianity? According to the Oxford dictionary it is "The Christian religion, doctrines of Christ and His Apostles." This is a very useful thing to have, for if you have any troubles you can zing a thing at it and he will metaphorically put you on the back and say "There, were little for your own good." If, subsequently, every thing comes crawling in a covered heebey boast, and God some peace. That does not, the feeling is
"Well, it must be for my own good."
The doing a sin is a contested popula-
tion. To emphasize the fact that every one must be good—i.e., obey
their priests—the idea of hell fire was introduced as a threat and heaven as
a tribe.
Believers in this faith always re-
turn the fact that it is based on threats and bribery. They say—
"No, it is something else that makes us do good."
This is probably quite true. A number of them undertake to shine as "perfect citizens" or "christians." However, many deny this—what can the "Christian" speak of? He knows
I think, that the natural human desire to help one fellow, to aid
that through all the thorns the church has imposed—on sex, science. Any
attachment, in fact, every thing. Take away this religion and let people act
normally, and the world would be in a very much better place, all the selfish
believers of this faith acting as normal
sympathetic human beings.
They are selfish in spite of their
denials. When sitting they pray for
a wind to blow the way they want it to go, rejoicing when it does—and
never a thought for the poor sitting
the other way. Even if they do think of those others they just as
same that they are favored more than the others. What disgusting
behaviour, to be so selfish on
what grounds are they favoured, may
I ask They assume that they are
"better," that they pray more often. They never think of them that their
voyage coincided with a depression in another part of the world. Then they
expect God to listen to all their petty
problems when, as it so often, he is
already unable to cope with a vast
number of starving people—of course,
nothing for one's own good. I'm
sorry, I had forgotten. What a faith. God help those
who believe in it.

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Second Student Labour Federation Conference

"Students can play a very important role in the political and social movement," said Mr. Winston Rhodos, lecturer at the Canterbury University College, in opening the Winter Conference of the Second Student Labour and Radical Federation at the Canterbury Public Hall. The conference was attended by representatives from the Socialist, Labour and radical groups of the four main University Colleges.

The Government proposals for conscription were staunchly opposed by the conference as being severely injurious to the interests of students and youth generally. Peace-time conscription, they said, would lower the standard of living of the New Zealand people and be a threat to fundamental scientific research. They also deplored the Front's change of information which is essential for scientific progress.

The conference also stressed the need for improved bursaries which have been endorsed in principle by the N.Z. University Students' Association, and which the Government seems to have forgotten.

The conference also discussed the provision of a national University Union as it affects students, particularly through scouring costs of clothing. As a result of this research on these questions will be conducted.
Drama Festival
All the Stage's a-Whirled

"Lie," by Eugene O'Neill, was the choice of OU's Drama Board. But the time the curtain went up, the audience was probably thinking more along the lines of the efforts of some enthusiasts with balloons, for the management of the Finger Lakes Playhouse, Frederic Parley, the judge, remarked on the lack of compliance by the audience, particularly in the tense scene with Captain and Mrs. Keeny (played by W. A. Walton and Mrs. Keeny). The performance was a success in Parley's mind, but the audience did not return without a full cargo of whine "lie" and ignores, first a recitative mutiny and secondly, after a momentary weakness, the final scene. A very good play bad melodrama.

Play With a Message
"This play obviously had a message. I wasn't quite sure what it was, but I am all for messages!" I trust that the audience were not quite so sure of what their message might be. "Though Storms May Break," by Harry Evins, was received very well, and the cast was received with acclamation. Paul Trevelyan as Captain and Horace S. Aspinwall as Sue, and Gilbert as the rebel captain play very well, andaddy Williamson's arrangement of the stage drew a little adverse criticism.

Conversation Piece
"The Dark Lady of the Sonnets," by C. M. Ford, was a thoroughly successful meeting with the least favour of the audience, too many of the judges' favour. The almost complete lack of movement, with a sense of obvious setting gave the cast every opportunity to show its ability. The part of the man, although particularly difficult in that he was on stage during the entire part of the play, was done extremely well by Dr. Joyce, the secretary, too, was a model of refinement. The piece suffered much in the place it took on the programme. The programme was written in the majority of the audience who voiced their objection says some much for the cast that there was no visible indication of having noticed the interruptions.

Mobilizing Science—For Peace or War

The formation of a scientific defense corps has recently been announced and application forms and informational circulars on it are already available. The scheme is made very attractive by the offer of comparatively high pay, and the opportunity for two years' post-graduate training. Five years' continuous employment is guaranteed and paid obligatory. No guarantee, however, of the above employment is given. No subject is assured and the recruits are in all respects under the control of the service chiefs. Vague promises are made but those who worked on defense research in other nations knew how real were the promises made by the chiefs of staff and departmental heads. It is to be hoped that no scientist is under the illusion that he will be able to pursue scientific work for long under this scheme. As with other defense measures by the Government, for example the conscription of the eighteen-year-olds, the scheme is quite superficial and amounts to anything but a serious defense measure.

Referring to the whole question of defense research, let us look back a little to the experience of recent war and see how research was organized in the various belligerent countries and see how efficient these systems proved to be. In Germany from 1933 research was on a war footing and was well subsidized. It was now well substantiated that only military research in that country lagged far behind that of the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union. First of all, the United States, such as Einstein, Haber and Flamm, being "security risks" and "un-American" activities, were persecuted, shunned or humiliated. Secondly, this was the result of a lack of technical character. Little attention was paid to most aspects of fundamental research and many fields were completely developed and even suppressed. Progress was further hampered by the dissociation and degeneration of the universities, etc., of the most brilliant sacrificed. Hence German research lost its social and even economic value. The universities remained free and were not dominated by the war. Financial assistance and were rather removed from the exigencies of every day life they did succeed in establishing. Large scale high technical scientists perpetuating and extending the great traditions of empiricism and theoretical science. It was only this atmosphere which laid the ground for successful work in radar, atomic physics, etc. France and Germany followed a similar line and according to such scientists as J. J. G. Sertorius, J. G. Dows, and E. Ashby, who have worked in and visited the Soviet Union, Soviet science consciously follows the best traditions of French and British science, working with their academic freedom and without the smog bias towards fundamental research.

Universities Boost Research

Thus the two great opposing camps are very different realities. In the preceding years of peace the Allies did not reflect the dictates of defense scientists working, but contrary to general expectations it was not until the university men were brought in that real progress was made in the military laboratories and the Axis countries were soon hopelessly outstripped. Even in New Zealand it was that only too honest group of men with the most thorough university research experience who made the most spectacular contributions to our effort. After two years' research work the men have almost exhausted their scientistic resources and must retire to the old conditions if they are to continue to make worthwhile contributions.

It is becoming more and more evident that we are following the same trend as German research did in 1936.

Already the Federal Government spent only three million dollars on research under the direction of the War and Navy departments. What research work is done today in England and France, which perhaps is showing signs of a possible co-operative effort, is undertaking serious research in the atomic and technical character. Little attention was paid to most aspects of fundamental research and many fields were completely developed and even suppressed. Progress was further hampered by the dissociation and degeneration of the universities, etc., of the most brilliant sacrificed. Hence German research lost its social and economic value. The universities remained free and were not dominated by the war. Financial assistance and were rather removed from the exigencies of every day life they did succeed in establishing. Large scale high technical scientists perpetuating and extending the great traditions of empiricism and theoretical science. It was only this atmosphere which laid the ground for successful work in radar, atomic physics, etc. France and Germany followed a similar line and according to such scientists as J. J. G. Sertorius, J. G. Dows, and E. Ashby, who have worked in and visited the Soviet Union, Soviet science consciously follows the best traditions of French and British science, working with their academic freedom and without the smog bias towards fundamental research.

THE THESPIANS (INC.)

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"NO MIRACLE"

By Esther McCracken

Produced by Eve Smyth

In the Concert Chamber
From 9-13 November
N.Z.U.S.A. CONFERENCE

The keynote of a major portion of N.Z.U.S.A.'s discussions at the Winter Tournament conference was ways and means of saving money. Not only did delegates from C.U.C. A.U.C., and O.U. mention it in their reports, but other motions were passed in an attempt to solve the financial problems.

Winter Tournament Constitution

A two-hour or two was passed on the Winter Tournament Constitution. Initial clauses were taken singly, with little or no discussion of. Attempts to cut the cost resulted in eight amendments to the constitution.

N.Z.U.S.A. Dinner

The delegates decided to make their dinner at the Easter Conference. This was met with a certain amount of regret from those who had not participated in the dinner at the Easter Conference.

The plea of saving money was met by Mr. Taylor when suggestions were received on the delegates of N.Z.U.S.A. Conference in the future. It had been decided that conferences would not be held in conjunction with tournaments as billiards would be simpler at other times. The chairman, Mr. Taylor, put forward a proposal that conferences be held only in Wellington and Christchurch, as travelling to these two would be less expensive, but that it did not meet with approval by the delegates. It was decided finally to hold the meetings only once a year, with the days of saving vacations, with a suggestion by Mr. Bechtel (V.U.C.), who hoped that they did not offend anyone's sensibilities by disposing Amuse weekend for a conference.

IUS Disaffiliation Motion Lost

Mr. Symon (C.U.C.) in moving a motion of disaffiliation from IUS used the plea that the returns for the expenditure. C.A.C. seconded the motion, pro forma, so as the conference could discuss the matter. Mr. Symon went on to say that he had a letter from Mr. Dodd which pointed out that IUS was rapidly becoming dominated by the Eastern bloc. Mr. Grey (O.U.) expressed the opinion that as IUS was a world organisation New Zealand students "should be in to win." He read recent reports sent out by Mr. Symon and Mr. Bechtel and in his opinion there were more important than Mr. Dodd's letter, into which personal political views obtruded rather much.

The motion was carried and A.U.C. delegates agreed with Mr. Grey's views, and Mr. Dowrick said that in his opinion it might be a good thing if the R.H.S.R of IUS were moved from Prague to some other place outside of Europe. The chairman mentioned that a report had been received from some students suggesting that N.Z.U.S.A. support the removal of IUS R.H.S.R from Prague to Paris and also the provision of proper Standing Orders, which should be of such nature that they can be understood by all delegates.

N.Z.S.L.F. Bursary Scheme

Mr. O'Brien (V.U.C.) moved that the meeting of USA accept in principle the proposal for a revised bursary scheme put forward by N.Z.S.L.F. and forward them to the proper authorities.

It was stated that these proposals had already been discussed by a staff meeting and at the Union meeting it had been decided to carry the plan to NZUSA.

The motion was carried. It was followed by discussions of the practicality of means and merit tests. A certain amount of disagreement was expressed at the meetings some delegates thought that 1,000 were too many, Mr. Hunt (O.U.) thought that it would be a good idea if all students did not accept the bursary as soon as he leaves school; it should be possible for him to have a year between his advent at university and his leaving school to learn something "of the ways of the world." The chairman stated that he had recently read a report by the Labour Department which had stated that there were too many professions, and New Zealand needed more labourers. It was finally decided to pass the motion, and a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Taylor, Tizard, Johnson, Milk and Miss Langford, was set up to inquire into the proposal.

Congress Report

Mr. Dowrick, the 'vice-chairman, read the report on the progress made by the Congress Committee. Among the matters which had to arrange to come were Mr. H. C. D. Soamerton, to speak on the University and the Commonwealth, Mr. Bertram, Mr. Linkie, Mr. A. J. D. Barker and several others.

A discussion followed on the entrance to Congress. From Otago 31 people had applied, 30 from Victoria, 18 from A.U.C. and 10 from C.U.C. Dr. Dowrick (A.U.C.) stated that the 12 required with the entry form had decided a number against it, as they objected to making their plans so far ahead. He also remarked that the "rules" referred to in the application form were upsetting some people. But while Mr. Dowrick's assurance that early morning trains were not required he was not appreciated.

NZUSA Delegates to NUAUS

This caused a great deal of confusion with various names being put forward and Friday, the Conference went into Committee for half-an-hour. The two delegates, Mr. O'Brien (V.U.C.) and Mr. Tizard (A.U.C.).

Adoption of University

Massey College received a paternal pat on the back for their decision to adopt an agricultural college in Christchurch. That the funds obtained from work-days would be sent direct to this university instead of through the Heads of University.

Workers and Conscription

Take your hat off to J. F. Little! Seldom you get anyone courageous enough to put the college peace-meetings on record. Not even considering the frightful hazards of capitals, bracelets, quotas and shrapnels. You'll be astonished to find how little you really know about yourself. Provided you're one of those misguided individuals who reckon peace is a great thing...

Nice to know we've got a warm-hearted or two filling with pens in the campus. Nothing like a bit of truth thrown about by these boys to stimulate reminiscence among the ex-service men here—especially when the spit ink drips down the Right of the leader-page. Men? No. examine the stains and you'll find they've got a subject, predicate and maybe an object. Meaning? Search the scribes.

So Mr. Little thinks it's funny that Stalin should have German scientists on atomic research. Further amusing I reckon. How Mr. Little came by this remarkable piece of intelligence is rather obscure. He must work a great explanation somehow. But wait, we won't Mr. Little. Somebody or bodies voted for an anti-conscription motion. Bows to how they could do a thing like that, Mr. Little? Shocking cruelty, frightful mental torture. Remember how the early Christian martyrs were used to nourish famished Nubian lions? Come to

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OPEN CITY

There can be few more tricky assignments for a playwright to do than to maintain fandom, deal with the public and have a habit of breaking up un- ders. But it would be a good thing if, in the next few years, we could laugh—but quite destructively. The technique of the old jest has here and there to be replaced by the content to test the audience out to see how much the effect can be built up for the sake of the public atmosphere. Walking this slim line without a break, and making the drama entertaining no mean feat of atmosphere and structure. It is, in fact, largely because his cast is always impeccable, that a man may put it in his place. Residing, the director of "Open City," ma- ners and manners, it is

History, Truth And Peter Munz

Fresh from "the feet of the great" (as Mr. Talboys so farcefully puts it in his remarks), Mr. Munz certainly appears to think he addressed the Historical Society on an idea of history. He could, of course, grab not one History, but covering general experience, but the recent date of all this. Mr. Munz pleaded lack of time for exhaustive preparation; this resulted in some unresolved con- tradictions, which were brought out the end of the meeting, and some improvised analogies in which his digestion system was very heavy. Nevertheless, the "idea" had not been fully thought out, the speaker's experience that he re- corded in his attentive, and lively discussion—from a good audi- ence.

Briefly, Mr. Munz's idea of history hangs on the value of the relation- ships of the various human spirits, and the role of history in our own felt terms, not in our terms. In this respect the novel and history, both modern developments of the last century or so, are so very similar; good writing should help us to see things through other eyes, with the proviso (as distinct from the novel) that it should be verified as far as possible. Thus the main con- cern of history is with the individual and the collective; the feeling of things through their own realis-

When he started to distinguish science and history, Mr. Munz bemoaned the audience generalization, which is a mistake and his new terminology, specially suited for his theory. Nature deals with the inani-
mates, which the historian, known only in a "subjective" or at best, "inter-subjective" (what scien-
tists usually mean when they say the other deals with historical per- sons, for the historian's thought is that a historian can enter into a mental relation- ship with them and thus get an inside understanding of the person in question, as a term. This is an "objective" knowledge, and it is the his- torian's job, working through documents and background facts, to progress from it as his knowledge to a truly objective understand-

All this alters the historian's attitude to Truth. It is not important to know whether Luther had "true ideas" on Transubstantia- tion, for instance, or whether he was a lusty, self-sufficient, some- thing resembling an Italian Renaissance Christ Crucified. Truth is real, death and suffering are accept- ed with a stoicism which, if it were not for the humanizing, would be almost callous. Manfredi

Alcohol and the Licensing Laws

Although I am doubtful repeating with so many other people what I have written, I should, nevertheless, like to make my small contribution to the discussion of the Licensing Laws. It is an unfortunate fact that the sale of alcoholic liquor in this coun- try has been open for so long. If we do not see the necessity of abolishing the sale of alcoholic liquor in this coun-
country, we shall be fortunate in the sense that we shall not have to travelled in Belgium, lived in Eng- land, and have now been living in New Zealand for some time. I have

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Athletics

The annual general meeting of the Victoria College Athletic Club was held on Monday, 13th September, the following points being elected:

President: Mr. G. F. Dixon.
Club Captain: Mr. John Goldfinch.
Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Doug Mitchell.

Last season the club gained second place in both the McVitty Shield for the competitive side and the Kittio Shield for team marching at V.C.A. Later a group of new members, some known, some unknown, Victoria gained second place in both mens' and womens' events. In addition to the the women in the events were more successful.

However, that was last year. Now we look forward to a new season with brighter prospects. The competitive and social sides of the club's activities. With the added strength of the new members, Victoria will be very competitive and with the Kittio Shield still in the club's hands. Also in the women's section the club has, and it is hoped, will improve. It is not well known, but women athletes at the club are eligible for Easter Tournament.

Other attractions during the coming season includes a V.C.A versus V.U.C. meeting to be held in Christchurch after the Easter holiday, and also another of those great trips to compete against the Hastings Club.

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think of it, though, what did they have to grizzle about? Nobody ever aimed to bring down the reorganization motion. No doubt St. Laurence would have been grateful, on his gridiron, and St. Sebastian second for his football, but the cheery smile, had he known the indolent torment in store for Marty Little.

I say, isn't it awful folly to know that when those epping Reds start handing bullets around we'll have J. P. Little over there defending British freedom for us? Mind you, he hasn't said he'll do it, but I don't doubt that when he finished his task of stirring us up he's seeing how we pick up our muskets.

So Mr. Little doesn't like us detecting workers' rights, he says he knows the opposite later in the election, but he's raking up the inconsistencies. We'll get over it. I.J.P., it's an amusing coincidence; we'll wish you well in your duties and wish success to your movement against the attacks of the Reds, or Russia, or workers' rights, these days. Only guess. And the radio. Yes, and the Government. The film magnates, Wall Street, General Franco. The Un-American Activities Committees, the Hamilton anti-plan mob, the Ku Klux Klan. Colonel Peron, Chiang Kai-shek, Bob Sempier, Sid Holland, Sir Patrick Duff, the Pope.

Mr. Little, you know, coming out against the workers with only that other blood

Yes, he's pally all right, Valliant. Really, with progressives through-out the Dominion, Bacon, Hilditch, Bullock, and death for sticklers to their beliefs, you can't help admiring anyone who's valiant enough to go to the Wallace instead of the church.

Let me know, will you, when Mr. Little doesn't have a little dressing from the awading clothes, and I'll buy him some underwear, or a suit, or a three-piece suit, and you can supply the Gadsby and Forster.

So we'll draw the iron curtain of charity down on the remainder of Mr. Little's charity, and we'll give him a little thought to that remark about "your brush live by the sword shall perish by the sword." Spoken ages ago, and more than once, but who would get a chilly reception from Mr. Little if he did? He tried the same line today.