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## VOTE, YOU BASTARDS, VOTE

AT the end of this week you will have the chance to vote into power 12 students to run your Students' Union.

Voting will take place all day on Friday, November 1st, outside the Old Theatre. If you want to question the candidates, go to the Old Theatre at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30th, when they will be "answering and evading" questions. If you think you will be able to legitimately moan about the Union this year, the first thing to do is to make sure you have voted.

Of the 12 positions on the Executive, two have people standing directly for them, these being the Senior Treasurer and the General Secretary. NOTE, these posts are sabbatical.

The other 10 posts on the Executive are allocated amongst

the other successful candidates. Nine of these posts have specific positions, the other being the odd-job post. The nine posts are, Junior Treasurers (2), Academic Affairs, External Affairs, Welfare, Entertainments, Publications, the Bar and finally, the Shop and Florries.

When you go along to the Hustings, a question you can ask the candidates is, what position on the Executive do you want? If they don't know by then, don't vote for them later.

### The Issues

Some of the issues that the new Executive will have to face are those that have been covered in "Beaver." Democracy inside the L.S.E., both in its Committee System and in the malfunctioning Student/Staff Committees. The Rules and Regulations that govern

student life inside the L.S.E. are a threat to Civil Liberty. The grant to the Union is inadequate. The facilities that the students have are pitiful. Some of the lecturers ought to be removed. Some courses are not what students want.

This is your chance to choose the students who are going to work with you, for what you want. These 12 apostles will, when elected, be more effective if you continue to support them, continue to be constructive. Voting is the first step. After that you must not crawl back into your garret, mumbling that your democratic bit has been done. Here you can elect your leaders, influence them and contribute — something that is nearly impossible in the "world outside."

The first thing is to VOTE, you . . .

## Call to Govt.

HUGH SCANLON was the first prominent leader to note the implications of the proposal that came to be called the Social Contract. Repeatedly he said: "We have made with the Government a social compact, not a social contract." This was not a matter of semantics, yet a great number of people found themselves on this vital issue caught between bewilderment and muddledness.

Many a quasi Left-winger supported the idea as it indicated to him an alternative to the oppressive policy of wage-freeze upheld by the Conservatives and Liberals; to him it meant the absence of compulsion and, thus, of confrontation. Many a muddle-headed Tory rejected the idea on the ground that it would give the trade unions — and ultimately the workers — a free hand in wage determination; to him it meant the absence of restraint.

Only recently, more people on both Left and Right, have begun to realise the true essence of the proposed Social Contract (otherwise dubbed by Heath as the National Contract). Curiously, historical precedence witnessed the same kind of muddle-headedness, without ever furnishing an example of the existence of a social contract in the

basic general arrangements of social relationship. Jean-Jacques Rousseau aroused similar false hopes among the people and in turn faced similar ill-guided hostility among the masters.

The boon which the idea offered to the captains of society was not immediately realised. It was left to Karl Marx to expose the fact that every factory, every farm, every office is a sort of "military" establishment regulated by a "voluntary" contract binding the worker to the servitude of the employer who continually reminds and punishes the former for the lack of its observance and continually redefine and harshen its terms.

The "private" contract on the shop floor was the order of the day during the free competition period of capitalist development. Under monopoly capital, new order arises: fixing wages by the state either through a wage freeze dictated by law or wage restraint dictated by moral persuasion. The Social Contract proposition, because it is still no more than a proposition, is an all-round generalisation of the factory contract. No difference between this macro-contract and any micro-contract between the employer and the worker except that it is much more oppressive.

It should be clear to all of us that the Social Contract is self-deception until the monopoly stage of capitalism assumes a completely fascist character, which is fortunately still a battle to be won by the employers. As it stands, the proposal is no more than a deceptive method of imposing a wage-freeze by "moral" persuasion, placing for its policing the bishop instead of the judge. If the Industrial Relations Act rested on the power of law for its enforcement, the so-called Social Contract rests on the even more repressive power of self-restraint, of the kind we know in all religions.

The voice of the progressive LSE students stands by the full commitment of the student community in this country, as democratically decided by its representative body, to the vital interests of the Labour movement.

The Prime Minister, who is still sounding his MPs for their priorities in the coming legislation, does not need to call on us and hear what we have to say. Our voice will reach him in more ways than one.

Let this Government bury the Social Contract as it buried the Industrial Relations Act, and set the stage for a socialist transformation of this country.

The leader of the NUS called on the Government to initiate a radical policy of "redistribution of wealth and income" (in his appearance on the Any Questions pro-

## Senate hit

PROFESSOR John Griffith of the LSE is leading an attack of distinguished academics to stop changes being made under the University of London 1926 Act that, he claims, would radically reduce the academic freedom of its staff and students.

Under the Act, the University of London can make statutes as long as it does not alter the main purpose of that Act. The University submitted to the Privy Council on May 23, 1974 statutes that Professor Griffith has petitioned to be disallowed.

Professor Griffith has three basic objections. The statutes represent such a radical change, that they cannot be carried out under the 1926 Act, a new one being required. The 1926 Act requires consultation when changes are being made, consultation that has not taken place. The whole idea is lousy.

The lousy idea emanated from the Murray Report, whose substance was that there should be greater centralisation of power in Senate House to the detriment of Colleges' individual freedom. In order that this could be accomplished it was proposed that the Vice Chancellor of London University should cease to be a part-time, annual, unpaid appointment, but instead be a full-time, salaried appointment that ran for a total of eight years, being made up of four years, with another four after a review.

Professor Griffith being totally opposed to this will argue his case before the Privy Council.

## SSC phoenix?

THE Student-Staff Committees appear to be rising from the ashes at last, though some faster than others, but with a few dodos still showing no signs of being anything but extinct. Some departments are still clinging to the notion that regular departmental meetings will do instead of an organised SSC.

### MEETINGS: PAST

Language Studies, 1st October  
Anthropology—10th October  
Soc. Admin.—16th October  
Geography—18th October

### MEETINGS: FUTURE

Soc. Admin.—6th November  
Anthropology—7th November  
Int. Relations—7th November  
Law—13th November  
Int. History—29th November

### ELECTIONS BEING HELD—

PROBABLE MEETINGS:  
Soc. Psychology—5th November  
Language Studies—6th Nov.

### ASHES SMOULDERING:

#### Stats—

Meeting being arranged (about one month)

#### Accounting—

Meeting being arranged

#### Economics—

Meeting being arranged

#### Philosophy—

SSC exists in the form of a secretary

#### Government—

Information retrieval system breakdown — organiser gone home.

#### Econ. History—

SSC considered "superfluous"—department too small.

### OTHER

#### Sociology—

Ann Trowles refused to give any answer over the 'phone for fear of further "misrepresentation" in "Beaver". Will write.

gramme last summer). While joining our voice to that of the Tribune group and the TUC in condemning Mr Harold Lever's opportunist proposal to give financial handouts to private companies, we re-emphasise our warning that unless a radical programme of socialist transformation is implemented now, we will witness this country soon

plunging into anarchy and darkness.

The Fascist forces are gathering momentum, with the Conservatives and Liberals riding its wave. If the Government does not act now, the British working class will have to see to it that the lurch to the Right does not undermine its standard of living any further.

# Snide lines

THE L.S.E. buffoon and socialist extraordinaire S. K. Adalja Adalja, has, I understand, moved back to his old hunting ground, Carr-Saunders Hall. This is something all true socialists who have a yearly income of £45,000 will deplore — especially when they have carte-blanche authority from their parents to invest in British property to the tune of £30,000. But "Dark Glasses" S.K. has confidentially told me that as it is all for the greater good of the revolution, I have no need to worry. I do hope he is not misunderstood.

That great political organisation in the sky, the Broad Left, has, I hear, been recruiting haphazardly again. Last year they took into their ranks a Passfield Hall President who denied the existence of the Working Class, a mortal sin for men with Siberian snow on their boots. This year they have obtained members in the new Hall of Residence in Rosebery Avenue, who stood on the ticket of "Broad Left — the non-political organisation."

John Carr, that stylish member of the N.U.S. Executive, President of the University of London and student at the L.S.E. (he's repeating his third year), was seen in the L.S.E. Students' Union office on Friday, October 18th. What was remarkable was that he was just calling to get an N.U.S. card!

Our militant sisters of the Women's Liberation Organisation, as opposed to our militant sisters in the ConSoc Association, have been seen shouting at a male "Beaver" reporter. His only crime was to quote them. Before they continue in this unseemly vein. I suggest that they sort out their internal differences, stop reading "Beaver" in the manner of the Spanish Inquisition, and write for it. The Editor has told me that they can't even write the articles on time that they promise him, despite increasing their membership by 90 per cent.

Our publicity-aware director has been telling members of the administration of his strange specialities. In the interests of all animal lovers I must reveal that Ralf is an expert on dogs. What is more his expertise extends to dogs on heat. I look forward to his new book and the Reith Lectures with interest.

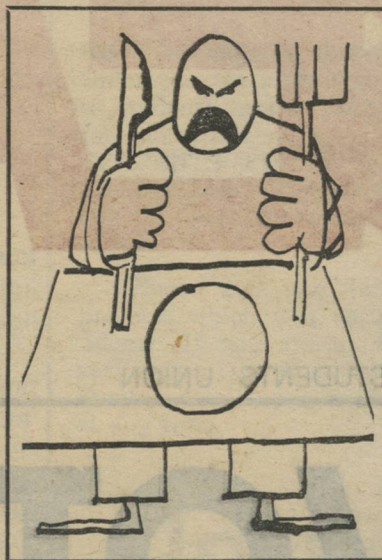
One Jim Stride has, so members of the S.U. Finance Committee tell me, been negligent in his duties. Our Jim is standing in the S.U. elections to obtain the sabbatical post of Senior Treasurer. It's not that he has consistently voted against sabbatical officers that I find puzzling but that he didn't rush along to the first finance committee meeting on Friday, October 18th. My informant says that Our Jim had a prior appointment, no doubt with a blind bridge player.

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS VIA ANY MEMBER OF STAFF NASTY ONES PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED.**

# FOOD AND WINE

EGGS! Those oval-shaped delicacies excreted by our feathered friends seem to be the only thing actually putting into practice Harold Wilson's exhortations about deflation. The hens are to be congratulated on producing a smaller variety thus leading to what physicists call, "The Conservation of Energy."

Alas, one cannot say the same thing about Florries. The price of these delicacies has risen from 3p to 7p, indicating that inflation is running at a rate not unadjacent to 134 per cent. Add to this the fact that one needs hammer and sickle to gain access to the food-value of these delicacies, we seem to be left with nothing short of gross deception throughout our eating establishments. Perhaps we ought to be consoled by the fact that the lower classes can no longer afford to purchase them



in shops. Maybe we can expect a glut in our institution, now that Dahrendorf has taken over the helm, and hopefully a fall in prices.

Information has just reached

me as to the true nature of the chicken (plus two veg. 50p) served throughout our eating places. Apparently, "the Society for the Preservation of Cruelty to Animals", has lodged a complaint against the cookery classes we employ. It would seem that our chefs have decided against using the 'battery' variety and are in favour of importing the organically-grown species.

It transpires that the latter contain less harmful substances than the former and to date six of our novice intake are languishing in the "Maudsley Institute for the Incurably Insane" after consuming old-style chicken in the refectory and the Robinson Room. We can only say, "Keep up the good fight." And to spur them on to victory I suggest that we erect anti-S.P.C.A. posters throughout the college.

**GASTON-GNOME**

## Natural Ralf

WHEN I revealed my discovery of the new species Ralphe (or as Anglicised, Ralf), I immediately turned my thoughts to the problems of stalking the little beastie. Solving these difficulties will result in more people being acquainted with the actual Ralf, and not the English folk-myth, the Superkraut.

I must, therefore, first reveal that the Ralf is at this time of the caryear, a gregarious type, not tied to his Kensington nest.

Instead he can be seen inhabiting BBC studios, two alternative nests (in the protected area Houghton Street; one on the 6th branch of Connaught Tree, the other in a more Direct or House retreat) and finally at unique social gatherings that we observers call select parties.

I would advise watchers who also want to observe the interaction between the Ralf and the Student Species, to flap along to one of these events. The last one I saw was in the territory of that peer-leader, Ed Cuska. A special type of the Student Species was on view, carefully chosen for their immaculate plumage, which unfortunately, was rather conservative.

I distinctly heard the first recorded condescending cry of

the Ralf when he wheeled away from an Admin. type uttering, "I really must go now, and talk to some students." I expected an outcry from the Student Species, but that magnificent aplomb deluded the species whilst nearly hiding from my eyes, the great doubts that have been cast on the Ralf's breeding.

What instruments should one take when stalking? I recommend a German-English dictionary obviously, an anti-publicity image kit, some bait (try Löwenbrau), a recognition chart, and a 75mm. field gun. With these, I feel one should be well armed—and one may produce some action that we could usefully evaluate.

**D.A. Ar-Win**

## Groggy joggers— Canucks and cacti!

WELL, here we all are again in the adventure playground of the fourth and fifth floors of St. Clements—and with all these new exciting things to see! Our second and third-year campaigners were astounded by the sight of their 30-week-per-year home transformed into an unfinished wilderness of confusion. Alas, the 3rd-year den of iniquity has been transformed into an office for John Thomas. While we all mourn the loss of the Eric Clapton portrait in the "Rodwell Jones" room, we've now got our fun-packed economy size Junior Lab with a

carpet! Bet all those Canadians on the fourth floor are bitching about that. Still, it's nice to see that everybody's got more room (except the students). Mrs Wilson's put it to good use and her profusion of cacti can be viewed from the annex of the refectory—though I won't say it's worth going there to see it. Our Norman's got more space too, so there will be more maps and books and things in his demesne that we'll all be too frightened to go and ask for.

Now that our searching discussions with the painters and

electricians seem to be drawing to a close we can study the new members of our department. There's that really nice young lady in the first year and her 14 nice young blokes. Hello and a big welcome to you all, come and join us in the queue for the Warg in S500—but don't waste paper on it (unless it's for Spatial Analysis exercises)—or give us a wave in room G. I understand you all had a super time at our Joggers-only freshers thing at Windsor saying, "Are you LSE or King's?" Never mind, we all do it; I only hope you didn't get conned into thinking it really is a happy joint-school and that Geog. ass really is spiffing fun with firework night in M.J.W.'s garden. By the way, 5 points away for all the naughty second and third-years who went down

to "help". Five and a half points away for G.C., who went down to "pull a bird" and didn't; 10 points away for all those who couldn't be bothered to improve life for others after moaning for one or two years about the reception they got.

I'd like to welcome the new staff but, for the fifth year running, there aren't any. Even the "new" graduates seem to be the less friendly and more successful or last year's thirds. Obviously couldn't face withdrawal symptoms. I thought for a minute that we were going to have to say goodbye to someone who has been here as long as the campaign for sabbaticals or even getting Houghton Street closed. But no! Here he is again as a research officer this time and, lo and

behold, the "anachronism" (as he likes to be known) is to be seen vending alcohol in the Three Tuns on Thursdays.

Finally a cautionary warning not to join ISG, IM and all those other politics people. We Joggers have no time for that—after all we've got the sparkling rebound set of Nineteenth-Century Geographical Journals to read. Though that surely is the biggest waste of money since my buying Models in Geography?

This week's competition is to find a sillier quote than D.J.S.'s "Farmers work on farms." The prize is sorting out J.B.G.'s office or finding J.R.D. on time for a Met. and Climate lecture—assuming he goes at all.

**MURATA**

## New cards

A SHINING example to us all, Edgar Samuel has succeeded in defeating bureaucratic ramifications, through diligence, persistence and strength of will. His petition is a success. Postgraduates will have their present cardboard admission cards replaced by embossed plastic cards—"at an early date"—so that name, rank and number can easily be produced for library use, and no longer will dog-eared pieces of card deny postgraduates a vital sense of clear-cut official identity.

it's dahrendorf!

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STUDY STUDY

PART 3

THE RESULT WAS A D. PHIL IN KARL MARX: « DER BEGRIFF DES GERECHTEN IM DENKEN VON KARL MARX ».

get out of there!

HE CAME TO L.S.E. FOR TWO YEARS (1952-54) "RERUM COGNOSCERE CAUSAS" AND LEFT THE LSE WITHOUT MARX AND WITH A WIFE. KARL FELT SOMEWHAT SUFFOCATED IN LSE AND WENT BACK TO HIS OLD HAUNT IN HIGHGATE

L.S.E.

# Felicity's Diary

## MONDAY:

SO here we are with a new term and new faces. It's awfully disillusioning to return to the same old dreary existence when the cheap gilt of the Freshers' Conference wears off (you guessed it, I actually went to a Philosophy lecture). So we all register, no grant, a U.L.U. Card, symbol of our very own cuddly JOHN CARR and a white plastic card, useful for opening yale locks and being punched by the meglomaniacs of the Students' Union at election time.

Lunched with ROBERT INGRAMS, of the Wine and Food Society (Imagine will be so annoyed). He hides behind a sinister dark beard, and I could easily ascertain a certain longing not to take me anywhere, just to take the Union to court (so watch it N.U.M., Fords, Rolls Royce and PAUL BOSCHER!). Still, he bought lots of drinks and I collapsed in Florries in the afternoon to the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY converting each other. For the uninitiated they are YAFFEVITES, an I.S. splinter group, i.e., followers of DAVID YAFFEY, who is small and not very sexually appealing. Still the I.S. hate

them, so they can't all be bad! Boring evening, went to bed with ALDOUS HUXLEY.

## TUESDAY:

Got in ready for my ten o'clock lecture this morning, only to find that it was cancelled. Imagine and I went to a WOMEN'S LIB meeting instead. We agreed that it is a true and just cause — but why do they make themselves out to be a different species? (or to quote the explanation of NAILA KABEER "expletive deleted"). So, clicking in with HOMO SAPIENS (he does still exist you know Women's Lib) Imagine and I did the rounds of the Departmental parties.

## WEDNESDAY:

Just a few personal messages: To DAVID KENVYN — forget it kid!

To WOMEN'S LIB — grow up!

To JAMES MITCHELL (who?) — next time you get drunk and forget what you've done don't ignore me afterwards. If you would like to know what happened, see me or read it in "Beaver" next week!

To STEVE LUMBY — keep taking the tablets, it'll get better some day!?!

## THURSDAY:

Went to the REGISTRY to see ROSEMARY NIXON about the lack of arrival of my grant, who told me a very funny joke about a banana skin and a can-opener, and then handed me over to MARY WHITTY, who proceeded to tell me which members of the Students' Union were worth touching-up, and was very disappointed when I gave her a more comprehensive list. Escaping from the Administration, I hurried on to the POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION party where having finally evaded the drunken clutches of TERRY DONALDSON (and I always thought he was a friend of ALASTAIR COE'S), moved on down to the bar. From hereon things are a little hazy, suffice it to say that PAUL COCKERELL was last seen crawling up the Kingsway on his hands and knees, CHERYL doing the black bottom with JULION HALL, and when I woke up in a strange room in Roseberry Avenue TONY VENTHAM was most surprised.

## FRIDAY:

Lunched with JIM STRIDE and tried to explain how he could make his "Beaver" articles more entertaining. He tried to explain to me how he

could stand for sabbatical officership having spoken against it so many times. The poor dear has grandiose plans to turn the Union Shop into a subsid of Trust House Forte's but he has to beat me in the elections first. At the Union meeting we were treated to a new species of person the SIMON O'KANGA-RORKE. This little known species would appear to be part of the ENTS CLIQUE, otherwise known as the RICHARD REES BEER-GUT SUPPORT ASSOCIATION! So at last we have sabbatical officers, thanks to yet another change in I.S. policy, perhaps this time they think they have two possible candidates for sabbatical officer but first HOWARD FEATHER and KEN MULLER must decide which of them wants to be General Secretary, perhaps LINDSAY GERMAN'S whip will help. Went to the Carr-Saunders Disco, and ended up in SHAILESH K ADALJA'S room. You know he even sleeps in his dark glasses! Oh well, so much for Third World relations (pat on the back for trying Felicity). Must fly off now to drive JULIAN HALL down to a week's seclusion in a monastery. Such a waste!

See you in DAVE KENVYN'S MEMOIRS (the corrected works of ELIAS NOUJAIM).

FELICITY

## GRAFFITI

IN one of the traps in the bowels of the Old Building there reads —

"This door is going to be published in Penguin next year" Under which someone has added;

"Trouble is that we can only read English"

Either way it seems that some comments deserve a wider circulation than they actually get. Take for instance the provoking

"Free the L.S.E. 3,000" Or the philosophical types like,

"God is dead" — Nietzsche, "So? Nietzsche is dead" — God

and, "To do is to be" — Descartes, "To be is to do" — Sartre, "Do bee dobee do" — Frank Sinatra.

Some of the more usual subject matter can also help pass the time —

"It's no use standing on the seat,

The crabs in here can jump six feet"

## GRAFFITUS OF THE WEEK

(Reputedly from a distant powder room in California) . . .

"Life is a terminal illness"

Contributors for future features are welcome from any of you "happy crappers" — at your convenience of course.

## LEARN WITH LECTURERS

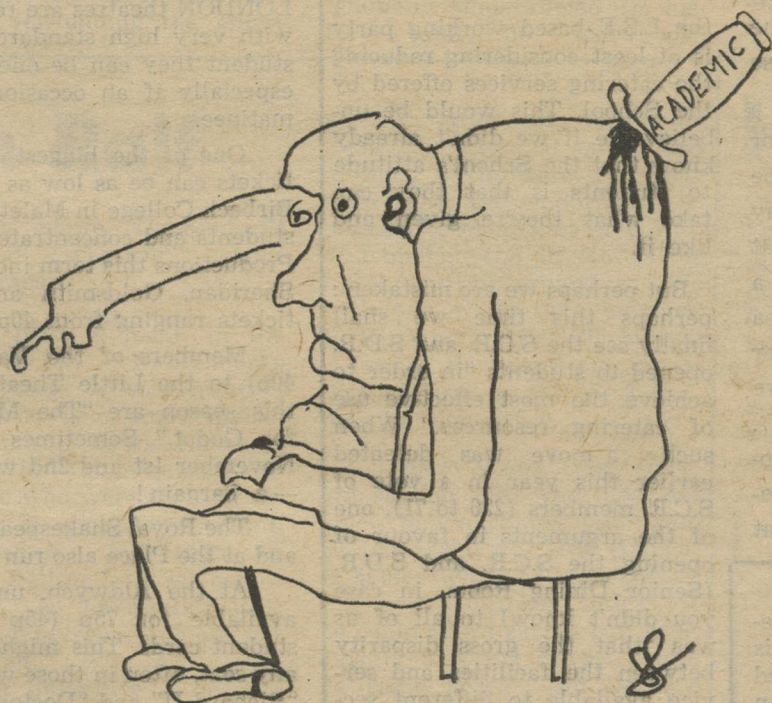
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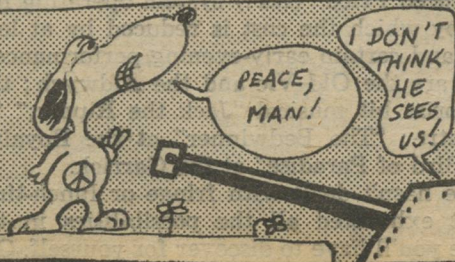


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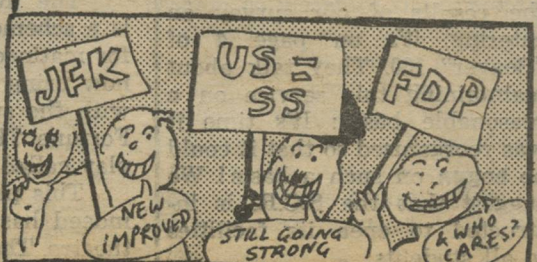
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SOON RALF WAS A DISILLUSIONED EUROPEAN — AND THE L.S.E. HEARD HIS CALL . . . .



THE people who produce the "Daily News" are Dee Smalley, Lyne Martin, Crispin O'Brien and Gill Hibbert, who would like perhaps a little help sometimes.

The people who produced this "Beaver" were Peter Timmins, Chris Tilley, Dianne Gillespy, Gill Hibbert, Maggie Urry, Steve Savage, W. M. McDonald, Sheena Dodd, Naomie and friends.

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# False consciousness or rational moderation

ONCE again L.S.E. Union election time is with us, and once again, no doubt, the usual band of left-wing, time-wasting, ideologues will return to power on the crest of the perennial wave of student apathy. Apathy, that is, from those students (who form the vast majority of those at L.S.E.) who are sufficiently disinterested in the affairs and inactions of the Students' Union not to cast their vote.

The main cause for dismay would seem to be the rather abstract and irrelevant view taken of student issues by those who purport to be the champions of the political Left. According to these, student issues must always be seen in macro-perspective. Very often one hears the remark: "The plight of students at L.S.E. must be viewed in the wider

context of the general struggle of all the workers in the world against the dirty capitalist, imperialist, anti-Communist, "fascist" forces which exist." Such an amusing string of adjectives may well be sufficient to win the approval from extreme left-wingers for extreme leftist motions at Union meetings — but such a view is most likely to discourage the participation of what have been described recently in this publication as "normal and rational" students in the election of student representatives.

Sadly, attempts at organising more moderate and rational student movements at election times have failed in the past. This certainly does not mean that those in their first year at L.S.E. who happen to be motivated in the direction of the Union involvement, on a rational basis, should throw up their hands in despair. Only in the first and second years of

one's time at L.S.E. can one really afford the time to make such a change for the better. A change that would try to divorce as much as possible political slogans and affiliations from the true and necessary needs of the students at L.S.E.; a change that would rely less on the use of force as a lever, and more on the lever of rational, well-thought-out discussion as an alternative to confrontation, and as a means of furthering the requirements of students at L.S.E.

Recent history at the School has shown only too clearly that rent strikes, sit-ins, canteen boycotts, and other such self-defeating methods have failed due to a lack of support from the vast majority of students. Naturally, the extreme Left would refer to this lack of support as "false consciousness" on the part of the non-participating students. This is clearly not the case.

One has only to contrast the failure of the methods outlined above with the success of the campaigns described below in order to reach the conclusion that a new and vitally different attitude is needed by student representatives at L.S.E. before we can ever hope to attract the support of the "ordinary" and, as yet, non-active students.

Two examples of how the moderate and rational element of students at L.S.E. has been mobilised over the last two

years are: "The Eysenck Incident" and, more recently, the issue of "Fascism and Free Speech."

As to the former, the question arose as a result of actions of left-wing extremists who took it upon themselves to prevent Prof. Hans Eysenck from expressing his views. The incident involved various extremists physically attacking and beating the speaker. The event was defended by various members of the L.S.E. Students Union, who sought to defend the attackers. The vast majority of the 523 L.S.E. students present at the following Union meeting voted overwhelmingly to apologise to Eysenck. A part of the winning motion read as follows:

"We place on record that only in the atmosphere of free speech can expression of ideas be debated, false ideas debunked, and sound ideas developed."

The second victory for moderation at L.S.E. was the successful opposition to amendment four of the National Union of Students' policy motion on Racism and Fascism. The amendment advocated the prevention of various black-listed speakers from voicing their view on university platforms. The successful opposition to the N.U.S. policy was achieved on May 17th, 1974, when a motion which called for free speech at L.S.E. was overwhelmingly accepted.

Both meetings, interestingly, attracted the highest attendance at a Union meeting since 1972. It seems, therefore, that it is only about once a year on average, that the Union discusses matters which are relevant to more than the 150 or so extremists who gather for their weekly ritual every Friday afternoon.

As far as the imminent elections are concerned, it seems that I shall have to act as a Bernard Levin in urging you to vote, and to vote for the most moderate slate — if only to keep out the extremists of the Left and the Right. It is absolutely vital that we elect a Union executive which is responsive to the needs of students at L.S.E.; an executive which concerns itself with its own students rather than involving itself in world affairs which it has no chance whatever of influencing; an executive which is responsible and representative, and which thereby elects delegates to conferences who are equally representative of the mass of students at L.S.E.

The cause for moderation and rational thinking should not be associated with complacency or apathy. It is the responsibility of all rational students to participate in the coming election so that, at long last, we will be rewarded with the Union government we deserve.

TONY BROWN

## Elitist SCR threatened

A CIRCULAR about "Catering in the University" has been sent to Sennet, but not to "Beaver." This is strange, since the circular originated within the sacred confines of the L.S.E. Dated 12/9/74, it invites "useful ideas" about "how to continue to provide a reasonable service at a fair and yet economic price from members and staff at the University." Ideas to the Secretary, Working Party on Catering, L.S.E., by October 31st!

The general tenor of the circular can be seen from these extracts:

"It has long been taken for granted that Schools of the University provide mid-day meals (etc.) . . . The fact that we accept these facilities as a matter of course is in itself a tribute (etc., etc.) . . . in order to achieve the most effective use of catering resources . . . to propose monitoring procedures . . ." These not-quite-random phrases suggest that

the L.S.E.-based working party is at least considering reducing the catering services offered by the School. This would be unbelievable if we didn't already know that the School's attitude to students is that they can take what they're given and like it.

But perhaps we are mistaken: perhaps this time we shall finally see the S.C.R. and S.D.R. opened to students "in order to achieve the most effective use of catering resources." When such a move was defeated earlier this year in a vote of S.C.R. members (226 to 71), one of the arguments in favour of opening the S.C.R. and S.D.R. (Senior Dining Room, in case you didn't know) to all of us was "that the gross disparity between the facilities and service available to different sections of the School population will be reduced." That is still valid today, even more so. We students would be quite prepared to make efficient use of staff facilities, if it were not for the unpalatable truth that our efficientist academic colleagues prefer restrictive benefits to apply to their own sweet selves. Isn't it about time "efficiency" had some effect on our dreamy academic community? — after all, "efficiency" is what a good many of them preach.

If the working party wants the results of our survey on catering, it's on page 4 of "Beaver" 130. They talk about maintaining this service on a reasonable basis: It's time it was reorganised so that it could be begun on such a basis! We suggest that the S.C.R. is instructed to open its facilities to all students.

PAUL BOSCHER

S.S.

## Cut-rate theatre

LONDON theatres are reputed to be among the finest in the world with very high standards and a wide range of choice. Yet for a student they can be one of the cheapest forms of entertainment; especially if an occasional afternoon can be spared to watch a matinee.

One of the biggest bargains is the Vanburgh Theatre where tickets can be as low as 10p! This inconspicuous building opposite Birbeck College in Malet Street is the training ground for R.A.D.A. students and concentrates on known plays rather than new works. Productions this term include plays by Brecht, Tennessee Williams, Sheridan, Goldsmith and Chekov. Membership costs 25p with tickets ranging from 40p down to 10p for matinees.

Members of the Vanburgh are entitled to buy tickets (all 40p) to the Little Theatre, 62 Gower Street. Among their plays this season are "The Maids" by Genet, and Beckett's "Waiting for Godot." Sometimes they also stage free productions as on November 1st and 2nd when a Greek play will be shown. I repeat — a bargain!

The Royal Shakespeare Company based at the Aldwych Theatre and at the Place also run reduced rates for students.

At the Aldwych, unsold tickets anywhere in the house are available for 75p (45p previews and matinees) to those with student cards. This might seem expensive, but you can end up in any seat, often in those worth £2.50. At the moment "Summerfolk," "Richard II" and "Doctor Faustus" are rotating.

The same scheme works at The Place in Dukes Road, but the price is 60p. No lavish seats but a friendly atmosphere. The plays here are "Comrades" by Strindberg; a truncated "Lear;" "The Can-Opener," a new comedy starring Roy Kinnear and Joe Melia, and "The Beast" about Aleisterr Crowley. Apparently they agree with Dr. Johnson that: "The greatest source of pleasure is variety."

Near The Place is the Shaw Theatre in Euston Road, N.W.1. Against its usual policy, the Shaw Theatre is showing a traditional piece, "The Taming of the Shrew," with Susan Hampshire as Kate. Students may see it (and her) for 50p.

The above theatres offer special reductions for students but there are also cut-price tickets which are available to all.

An example is the Old Vic where seats with impeded views are sold on the morning of the performance to personal applicants for from 20p upwards. There are also reduced prices for Thursday Matinees when the price of the cheapest seats drop to 15p.

The "Reduced Price" (R.P.) system operating in the West End is a scheme by which the cost is reduced by at least 25 per cent for matinees and certain early-evening performances. The theatres now using it are the Old Vic and the Aldwych; the Ambassador with the surprise hit musical "Jack the Ripper;" "Sleuth" at the Fortune Theatre; "The Bedwinner" at the Royalty; and a new play called "Bird of Paradise" at the Garrick.

This piece hasn't dealt with fringe or lunch-time theatre, nor indeed has it exhausted all the possibilities in the commercial theatre. These you'll have to discover for yourself. Good luck!

GLYN THOMAS

## V.P. sauce

### WHY I WON'T BE GOING TO RED LION SQUARE

IT is alleged by some that Fascism is growing in England to such an extent that exceptional methods have to be taken to oppose it. The method so far proposed is that we should all take to the streets and beat the hell out of those who parade under the banner of the National Front.

I am deeply grateful for the invitation but must decline, for it seems to me that to accept such an invitation is to descend into the gutters of English politics a direction I have consistently refused to take. I would have thought that socialists of all kinds would have better things to do than to snicker with delight at the prospect of a punch up with irrelevant English fascists while genuine causes bleed away with

malnutrition of attention. I believe that genuine good will is being deliberately dissipated for the old game of holier than thou among the fractious left and all that can come from it is eventual cynicism and apathy.

What right do these horsemen of some lurid apocolypse have to lead young men and women into police traps so that they can rattle off their worn out tired stale flat and unprofitable garbage of incoherent clichés? What right do they have to so cynically exploit the death of a first time student at the hands of clumsy policemen? And how dare they expect from any of us within Union support for their purile yelpings. Thank you for the invitation but as you disappear into the gutters of Red Lion Square in a charge of the light-headed brigade to join the Powellites Fascists and Monday Club thugs, I am forced to judge you by the company that you seek.

# Footballing Ford determined to win

ADMITTEDLY football and sex are both extremely popular American pastimes, but in days past only occasionally were the two sports actually temporal rivals. Nevertheless, to most avid sports fans, conflicts are relatively simple to resolve: Were not weekend afternoons and Monday evenings created solely for the purpose of watching the game of football? For years, women have competed against these dreaded games — sometimes displaying their utter dissatisfaction by parading nude in front of the television set. Yet these tactics have proven highly unsuccessful and sex usually must be resigned until a more propitious moment. The net result, then, is that love making flourishes in inverse relation to the quality and quantity of football broadcasts.

But, where does this calculation lead? In actual fact, it is the basis of an extraordinary conclusion which must be drawn from recent events and proclamations emanating out of Washington, D.C. It seems that a dramatic transformation has swept the United States; a change which threatens not only to flood the nation's unemployment rolls, but to curtail the national birth rate as well. Unfortunately, the game of football, and the accompanying football mentality, has passed its way into the political realm; if this is the case, we can expect the problems which plague American women on weekends to persist throughout the week.

Quarterbacked by former Michigan State all-American Gerald R. Ford, the United States team has corrected the faults of the previous system and appears prepared to win whatever the cost. Said the President in a nationally-televised address:

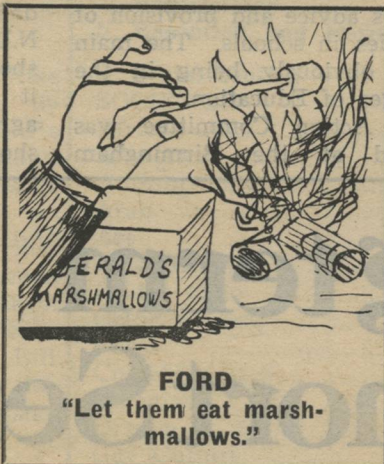
"We are going to WIN (Whip Inflation Now) in America. Now some have said that instead of asking Congress and the Nation to bite the bullet, I offered only a marshmallow . . . Well, they haven't as yet shown much appetite for some of the marshmallows in my latest message, but if they don't like the menu I may be back with some tough turkey. The American people are hungry for some tough stuff to chew on in this crisis . . . I don't see anyone wearing a button that says "lose," you want to WIN and we're going to win." (October 15th, 1974, speech before the Future Farmers of America Club.)

Indeed, these days every day is football day at — Oval office, for there is no telling when the aggressive President will don his equipment and tackle yet another problem. Last week, for example, he blocked the trade bill to Turkey (although in the end his will was overcome by a tenacious Congress); he fainted an answer to a question concerning phasing out the controversial oil-depletion allowance and, then, the following day reversed field beautifully by explaining that he was for ending the allow-

ance only if price controls were lifted from domestic oil; finally he threw the nation a long bomb with his new 31-point economic strategy.

In an unprecedented offer, quarterback Ford has promised WIN flags to businesses that hold down costs and prices; he has urged Americans to plant home vegetable gardens as part of a "great citizen's mobilisation" plan. These measures are vital to bolster the sagging economy and halt stagflation; they are clear offensive weapons to reverse the trend of the 70's.

Furthermore, Ford denied, before the House of Representatives, any responsibility for the beautifully executed Statue of Liberty play which allowed



former President Nixon to adroitly evade defence attorneys and the clutches of about 90 per cent of the adult population of the United States. Nixon, it was explained, by resigning had suffered an ignominy unparalleled in history, and he had also

"relinquished" his claim on guilt by cleverly handing the burden of responsibility to his subordinates; therefore, since he didn't have the ball he must be immune to would-be tacklers, and, moreover, his leg injury was penalty enough.

Yet, not just the quarterback has been full of new and exciting plays. Nelson Rockefeller, who is desperately hoping to warm the bench and step into action if needed, has been dodging his way through countless Congressional questioning sessions and still remains firm in his contention that generosity can be distinguished from bribery; but, while that certainly may be a valid distinction, it does not suggest that the Governor's actions were wholly philanthropic. Surely, paying a person's salary or a retainer, the value of which alone exceeds annual salary, does not **always** imply indebtedness. Also, Rocky has run into serious difficulties with the Internal Revenue Service team; it seems his evasiveness just could not stand the gruelling pressure he was getting from the front-line investigators, and he will have to throw another \$825,000 into the player's kitty.

Another player, veteran Wilbur Mills, is precariously closed to being replaced by a rookie. Wilbur it seems must find a way and means of justifying his outrageous extracurricular behaviour. At 65, one would think that Wilbur's playing days were nearly over, but it appears he is still a potent

figure despite his age. But, with some fancy footwork Mills might be able to salvage another season with the ole Red, White, and Blue. After all every man needs a hobby and there is nothing more innocent than driving a poor drunk girl home; the fact that Wilbur's hobby involves women without clothes and alcoholic refreshments should make no difference.

The Mills episode served another important purpose. It opened up an entirely new dimension of national press coverage — the sexual extravaganza, starring noteworthy Congressional personalities. These broadcasts certainly are enough to entertain the most recalcitrant opponent of political football.

In any event, it's really a fun game they are playing in Washington and avid sports fans can hear it every single day. It is because of the unique relationship of football to other pastimes that we predict work will be abandoned in favour of T.V. lounging, and real sex discarded for vicarious thrills. If American males prefer football to sex on weekends, then, when football is introduced into the political arena, which operates during the week, it is logical to assume the males will prefer football to sex on weekdays as well.

Yes, Jerry, in order to WIN we need spectator support and that means sex must be sacrificed.

M. ROSENTHAL  
ALAN FRIEDMAN

## Fun time with Ralf

NOW that the Press has indulged in an entity they believe is called "Superkraut" by the students of L.S.E., let us take a closer look at this phenomenon and its public statements about students and the L.S.E.

Dahrendorf no doubt wallows in "good" image building, and plays the part too. In an "Evening News" article he affectionately states what the problem of the students is. As he sees it, "The problem for students is that they are objects (Literally?) of suspicion but not of interest." This type of statement does not really seem to square with an earlier statement about left-wing students. Then he argued that these students are psychologically disturbed. Perhaps he is excluding left-wingers from the general student body. Yet he has the audacity to precede his objectionable statement to the "Evening News" with an equally objectionable and contradictory one in the light of past pronouncements, viz. "Almost the entire history of universities is a history of unrest. That is as true of Oxford as it is of Heidelberg or the London School of Economics." What he fails to mention is that during the feudal history of Oxford unpopular lecturers were lynched. Next to that the L.S.E. is chickenfeed. Are our left-wingers becoming weak-minded or do the vast majority

of them share Dahrendorf's "profound scepticism" about bureaucracies.

Much play is made in the Press about Dahrendorf's "spell" inside a concentration camp. This type of emotionalism never seems to be mentioned in relation to Communists and Socialists who were the first inmates to be slaughtered within these camps. But then, of course, Dahrendorf is not a Socialist. As he himself says, "Speaking personally, I am not a Socialist." Why do I mention this difference? Because left-wing Blacks in South African prisons do not gain as much publicity in this country as do White liberals who had a "spell" inside, and have afterwards left the country. Maybe one can draw something from this analogy that will give us insight into the mentality of Dahrendorf.

But let me not be too harsh on the man. After all he pulled off a good publicity stunt for fund raising when he mentioned that, "For example, the L.S.E. urgently needs £250,000 so that we can compensate for the rate of inflation." Well there is good news for him. L.S.E. Press information have just announced that His Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Shahanshah Aryamehr, better known as the Shah of Iran, has given us a gift of 50,000 dollars (note!) towards our Library Appeal Fund. Why don't we just sell him the L.S.E. for a fat

profit? After all, the noble Shah can afford it out of his millions. Who knows, it may even lead Dahrendorf into a position of even greater power. Just imagine the director of the L.S.E. battling around a table with one of his arch enemies, H. Kissinger. After all, he was a former Parliamentary Secretary of State at the West German Foreign Office.

But hark, voices from above are saying, "But you have not given him a chance yet. And he has taken a £7,000 p.a. cut in salary when he came here." ("Beaver," October 15th.) If he could afford such a cut, what exactly was his salary before he came here? But perhaps this is a point not to be mentioned. After all, it smacks of K. Adalja's scheme to lower his cost of being educated at L.S.E. while having a salary not unadjacent to £45,000 p.a.

The phenomenon called Dahrendorf, like the peacock, hides himself behind a dazzling display of attractive feathers, viz. concentration camp inmate, philanthropist, anti-bureaucrat, and non-Socialist. Looking behind this plumage divulges an image which is nothing short of a Eurocrat for the establishment of a European Educational System to maintain the present tenuous balance of forces within society. In the words of Dahrendorf, "I don't believe that Western civilisation is coming to an end. What is happening is more like a gigantic turbulence on a trans-Atlantic flight." He does add, however, that "It tests your nerves."

A. OPPEL

## Houghton again

THIS year Santa Claus may be able to distribute his goodies at L.S.E. without the fear of having his reindeer's antlers caught up in the exhaust pipe of some reckless automobile. The optimistic news that Houghton Street may, at long last, be closed to traffic for an experimental period of 18 months has been revealed recently by a G.L.C. official.

The official, Mr Hudson of the G.L.C. Planning and Transport Section, informs us that, if all goes well (i.e., there are no objections to the closure of Houghton Street), then the following three-stage schedule of events is what we may hope to expect:

STAGE	DESCRIPTION OF STAGE	DATE
1	PUBLICATION IN LONDON GAZETTE OF GLC ORDER TO CLOSE HOUGHTON ST. (Delayed due to strike by Gazette workers).	BY ABOUT MONDAY, NOV. 11th.
2	21 DAYS STATUTORY PERIOD FOR OBJECTIONS TO GLC ORDER.	MONDAY, NOV. 11th to DEC. 2nd
3	CLOSURE OF HOUGHTON ST. FOR EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS TAKES PLACE 3-4 WEEKS AFTER END OF PERIOD FOR OBJECTIONS.	MONDAY, DEC. 23rd

Now that the responsibility for the "Houghton Street Saga" has been transferred from D.O.E. to the G.L.C., a second period for objections will exist — this time under S.9 of the Road Traffic Act, 1967 (as opposed to S.212 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, which was used by the D.O.E.).

So, under stage 2 of the schedule above, the public have yet another chance to object. Each objection will be examined by the Planning and Transport Section of the G.L.C. so as to eliminate those which are frivolous.

The department has the authority to recommend to the G.L.C. that even a valid objection be over-ruled. However, should the relevant G.L.C. committee have to do this, then the whole process may be delayed by about two weeks, thus taking us up to January, 1975.

The only obstacle, at this stage of the game, to the eventual closure of the street would be the demand by an individual for a Public Inquiry into the whole affair. Were this to happen then, in the words of Mr Hudson, "We would all be in the shit." — Including Santa Claus!!

# N.U.S. Women's Conference Report From Women's Liberation Group

**CONTRARY** to the inaccurate information contained in the last issue of "Beaver" the Women's Group at L.S.E. ARE concerned with what happens in L.S.E. and the N.U.S. — hence the sending of five delegates to the N.U.S. Conference on Women on October 12th, all of whom were members of the Women's Group.

Since 1972 it has been N.U.S. policy to support the struggle against the oppression of women in society and specifically in education. A campaign did not get off the ground — due to male dominance of N.U.S. executive (lack of understanding, not lack of sympathy) and the unwillingness of Women's Groups to work through N.U.S. This is not the situation now — at least with regard to the Women's Groups — as seen by the increasing

numbers attending N.U.S. Conferences on Women (though there are still problems here).

The N.U.S. Campaign is centred round the following issues:

(1) **Married Women's Grants** — the maximum grant a married woman can receive is £475 while the figure is £605 for a married man. Reduction of the grant through means testing works both ways — but a woman's income is rarely sufficient to affect her husband's grant. An end to this discrimination and to means testing is being demanded.

(2) **Nurseries** — democratically organised nurseries should be provided in all colleges for students and staff, to enable both men and women with children to participate in higher education — especially one parent families. Nursery pro-

visions are likely to suffer under government cut backs in education, e.g., staff versus a nursery.

(3) **Contraception and Abortion** — the need to ensure that Student Health Services have a sympathetic attitude in their provision of services and advice. N.U.S. also supports the demand for Abortion on Demand and Free Contraception.

(4) **Educational Opportunities** — an end to quota systems controlling the numbers of women admitted to certain courses, e.g., medicine — 25 per cent, and the fight to remove the sexist bias throughout our educational system, e.g., in careers advice and provision of facilities in schools. The main front obviously being in the Colleges of Education.

An Action Committee was elected at the Birmingham

Women's Conference last year and was given an advisory role by N.U.S. Executive, and not the role it was set up to perform — to be an Action Committee co-ordinating and directing the campaign. By choice the committee reported back to the Leicester Conference and had its status as an Action Committee reaffirmed. It was a very sore point with the women at the Conference (representative of women in N.U.S.) that the committee they elected should be relegated to being the Women's Ad-Hoc Advisory Group to the N.U.S. Executive and be given only £150-£200 by N.U.S. It seems ridiculous and dare we say it "sexist" that the N.U.S. Women's Campaign should not be run by the people it concerns, though it was agreed that policy decisions should rest with N.U.S. Confer-

ence. A new ACTION COMMITTEE was elected by the Conference, on the basis that they would take up their originally intended role and would demand more money from N.U.S. in order to carry it out. It also appears that, in order to give more direction and effectiveness to the campaign, activities will be centred round the issues of nursery provision, contraception and abortion and the Working Women's Charter, though this will not involve the exclusion of other issues.

## Workshop reports

### Nurseries Campaign

The Workshop discussed the issue of nursery provision in further and higher education. It was pointed out that the fight for nurseries is part of the fight to make higher education more easily accessible to all sections of society — particularly to women in one parent families. Nurseries are as essential as facilities such as libraries, canteens, accommodation, etc., and as such should be funded by the D.E.S. The position at the moment is that nurseries have to get funds from the D.H.S.S. for the under threes and the D.E.S. for the over threes. The D.E.S. must become the focus for action.

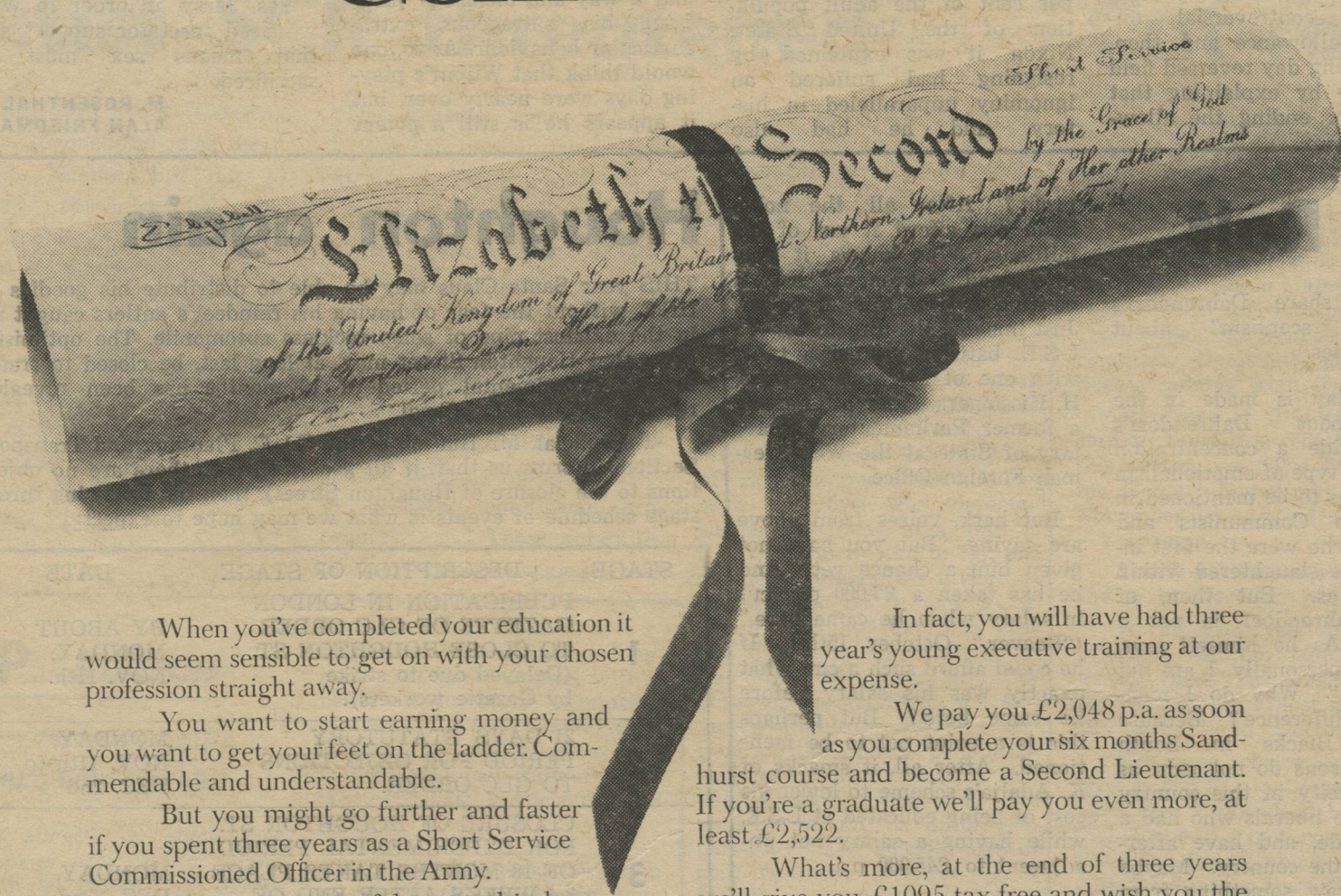
We saw the need to link the nursery campaign to the struggle of students for better conditions. It was proposed that the demand for nurseries should form part of the demands of the grants campaign, but that the nursery campaign should retain its autonomy.

The nursery campaign should also be linked to the Working Women's Charter Campaign, which includes a demand on nursery provision. It is worth noting that the government's proposed anti-discrimination act makes no mention of nursery provision as a prerequisite for equal opportunity for women. We must expose the deficiencies and tokenism of such a policy. There is a danger of becoming isolated or overcomplacent and ignoring the fact that nursery facilities in many working class areas are inadequate or practically non-existent — some university nurseries do provide places for people outside, but demand does not usually allow for many places to be allotted to people in the community.

There was support for the struggle of nursery nurses for better pay and conditions. (At present staff nursery nurses get between £1,200 and £1,300 and assistant nursery nurses between £1,000 and £1,100 p.a.) It was also felt that there should be pressure for all those who work with the under fives to undergo the same training; instead of the present division between nursery nurses and nursery teachers.

Nurseries should not be reserved for students; the staff must also be able to benefit from the facilities: many places of further and higher education do not employ women with young children on the cleaning work, in canteens, etc. This discrimination will be less easily justified if nurseries are provided. We need to link our

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**Army Officer**

campaign to the needs of campus workers too.

The workshop also agreed on the importance of all nurseries being democratically run by parents and staff and that students should play an active role in the running of the nurseries.

The conference agreed to put a motion to the N.U.S. Margate conference:

**Policy**

1. There should be nursery provision in all institutions of higher education, colleges of further education, of adult education, etc.

2. Facilities should be available to all employees and students.

3. This demand should be part of the N.U.S. grants campaign.

**On a practical level:**

A day of action is planned (date not yet decided), a national "Baby Day" in which all parents will bring their children along to lectures and disrupt the proceedings. We need to show the authorities that the need is there.

It was felt that individual colleges should launch their own nursery campaign with the backing of the N.U.S.

L.S.E. has no nursery. From January, 1975, the Centre for Environmental Studies is providing three places for children of L.S.E. students at the old Charing Cross Hospital. This is hardly sufficient for the needs of the parents here, whether they be students or staff. It is important that we at the L.S.E. should take an active part in the N.U.S. Nursery Campaign. The L.S.E. Women's Liberation Group held a meeting last week in which they discussed proposals for action around the N.U.S. campaign. Further meetings will be announced.

**Lesbians in the N.U.S.**

The group recognised the existence in the student world of the same attitudes and prejudices against homosexuality which are prevalent within the wider society. Great pressure is placed upon the woman student to conform to the heterosexual norm. Women students without boyfriends are still looked upon as, and made to feel, failures.

Women students should have the right to determine their own sexuality whether they be bisexual, asexual, heterosexual or homosexual. That women be seen to be self-sufficient and independent of men is a direct threat to our male-dominated, capitalist society. (Keith Joseph's recent speech in praise of the family, of "normalcy", etc., shows the vital link between the nuclear family, monogamy, heterosexuality and the capitalist system.)

The workshop, therefore, agreed that Women's groups and the S.U.s should give their support to any women who come out as lesbians to challenge the discrimination and hypocrisy of the student world.

In the final plenary session of the conference the 250 delegates voted unanimously to support the new 6th demand of the Women's Liberation Movement: To end all discrimination against lesbians and to defend the right of all women to a self-defined sexuality. A second motion was also unanimously passed: In recognition

of the suffering of all lesbians within N.U.S., college authorities should give £1,000 p.a. to each lesbian who comes out at college and this should be backdated to the time when she came out, subject to sliding scale and threshold agreements.

The Lesbian Workshop agreed to the formulation of this demand in order to impress upon delegates that nothing they may decide on at the conference could have any effect upon N.U.S. policy as the conference and ad-hoc committee were only given advisory status.

**Married Women's Grants and Social Security**

We did not have enough delegates to go round so here are the main points which came out of the reports back at the final plenary session:

(1) the campaign should be worked in with the N.U.S. Grants Campaign.

(2) the Ad-hoc Committee should co-ordinate action by Women's Groups to flood M.P.s and the D.E.S. with letters and phone calls to get the message through.

(3) there is a possibility that discrimination against women in this sphere may be illegal under anti-discrimination legislation (though the present Bill does not appear to cover this — pressure is needed to make sure it will).

**Women's Studies**

Discussion was centred around two major issues:

1. Why Women's Studies courses?

2. What sort of courses do we want and how can women's groups and S.U.'s organise the setting up of such courses?

The need for W.S. courses was agreed upon by all. W.S. courses could correct the androcentric bias prevalent in many academic disciplines. By the development of a comprehensive theory on the roots of women's oppression, courses of action against oppression will become clearer. Effective action against the oppression of women will only be possible if we have understanding of the roots of our oppression.

It was noted that extra-curricular courses are often more successful than formal courses. W.S. courses involve study of the relationship between the personal and the political. Open and on-going discussion of such topics can sometimes be prevented in too formal an academic teaching situation.

Delegates decided that their own unions should give recognition to the need for W.S. courses and also to the major role played by Women's Groups in the organisation of such courses. (L.S.E. union passed a motion of support last year for the Women's Liberation Group's demands that a W.S. course be set up in the Sociology Department of the School.)

**Contraception and Abortion Anti-SPUC Work**

For elucidation S.P.U.C. is the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, it has support in the medical profession and tends to concentrate its propaganda in schools.

Some colleges do provide good services and advice but there are too many where service is poor and/or unsympathetic, students being

# Where has all the money gone? Pop goes the weasel!

THE more important aspects of the Student Union's financial incomings and outgoings have been listed below to serve as a guide to the uninitiated as to where all the money goes.

	INCOME	£(Col.1)	£(Col.2)	£(Col.3)
Grant from School .....		17,391		
Ex gratia payment from School .....		2,500		
Other .....		1,677		
				21,568
EXPENDITURE				
1 Central Administrative Expenses—				
Salaries, etc. ....		7,106		
Other .....		4,156		
				11,262
2 Welfare Expenses .....				1,797
3 External Affairs—				
N.U.S. Subscription .....		1,301		
Other .....		520		
				1,821
4 Publications .....				2,121
5 Reception and Hospitality .....				1,596
6 Social Section—				
SOCIETIES—	£		£	
Africa .....	104		Law .....	89
Afro-Asian .....	85		Legal Services .....	23
Anthropology .....	32		Monetary Economics .....	6
Arab .....	113		Music .....	125
Art .....	2		Pakistan .....	55
Asian Club .....	90		Photographic .....	158
Bridge Club .....	58		Political Science .....	22
Celtic Culture .....	25		Pooh .....	8
Chess .....	4		Psychology .....	92
Chinese .....	48		Radical Economics .....	105
Cinematic Club .....	145		Snooker Club .....	68
Drama .....	2		Social Science .....	107
Gay Culture .....	37		Sociology .....	113
Grimshaw Club .....	66		Tawney .....	67
Geography .....	24		Third World First .....	1
Hellenic .....	155		Women's Lib. ....	54
History .....	93		Wine and Food .....	139
India .....	100		Turkish .....	35
Industrial Relations .....	96		Urban & Regional Planning .....	86
Islamic .....	9		Millenium .....	400
Jazz .....	76			
Latin American .....	138			3,265
7 Committees, Gratuities, Office Expenses .....				151
8 N.U.S. Loan 1972 Balance Due .....				488
9 Loss for Year 1973-74 (Income less Expenditure)				- 935
				22,503

The Union Trading Activities are treated as separate accounts. The reason for this is the Union cannot depend on this income to finance its activities for two reasons—the income comes in gradually during the year and more importantly if any accident happened (to wit, a fire) there would be no income whatsoever. The three trading enterprises made the following profits:—

	£
Three Tuns Bar .....	3,822
Florries .....	2,428
Union Shop .....	480
Total	6,730

Of this amount (£6,730), only £3,295 was transferred to RESERVES because £2,500 was spent on Florries annuity and the year's loss of £935 had to be met.

Thus the reserves rose from £21,751 to £25,046. Of this £5,005 is invested in Treasury Stock and will not be available to meet this year's excess of expenditure over income, leaving only £20,041 to meet a possible loss of £20,285. (See back page).

forced to attend local F.P.A. and V.D. clinics. General agreement was reached on the need for an offensive on the woman's right to choose.

Several points arose to help co-ordinate action against S.P.U.C.:

- (1) contact system for demonstrations.
- (2) pressure should be put on the N.U.S. for an Abortion Campaign.
- (3) the N.U.S. should contact other unions to get them in- especially the teachers, nurses volved in anti-S.P.U.C. work — and lecturers.
- (4) S.U.s should set up a hardship fund for women needing abortions.
- (5) pregnancy testing should of closed groups had all been blocked by N.U.S. It was be free.
- (6) S.P.U.C. literature should be banned in schools.

**Autonomy of Women**

Debate was initiated over the question of Leeds Poly, where the Women's Group had been denied funds from its Union because they wished to be a closed group. In contrast the right to autonomy was accepted by Kent U.G.M. The Action Committee had passed a motion demanding the right to autonomy but were referred to the Constitution by N.U.S. executive.

The main points raised dealt with the organisation of the campaign and not its content. The printing of documents, a decided that the Action Committee should be accountable to the Conference, have an increased budget, produce regular bulletins and generally co-ordinate the actions of local groups.

The main reasons for Women's Groups wanting autonomy are:

- (1) they feel that a campaign dealing with specifically women's problems should be run by women.
- (2) certain activities, especially consciousness raising groups, could not usefully be carried on in the presence of men.

**Men and the Campaign**

This group, which included most of the men at the conference, centred its discussion on the need for Women's Groups to be more involved in Union activities and thus to involve men students, or at least get more support from students since the majority are men. The Ad-hoc Committee was asked to make information about "Men Against Sexism" available to Women's Groups so that this could be passed on to any men interested in forming such a group.





# Out of Ireland— but still in education

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of the facilities of the School in six weeks."

to impose a Summary Tribunal's on the School." These two bodies are two other bodies, a Discipline Panel, (except in the case of the ST).

The Summary Tribunal (ST) and the Discipline Panel can be investigated, we must have the "The Disciplinary Panel shall be appointed annually by the Court of the academic staff... selected by the Disciplinary Panel shall continue to select students selected annually by the ST to commence their appointment. To get appointed from one of the ST or B of D, one must again go through the procedure.

A ratio of 20-10 seems rather high for the actual membership of the ST. The ST is the junior of the two (20-10) shorter period of warning for breach of the Regulations and the ST (72 hours), a smaller committee procedure (within 48 hours). The academic staff, one student and one staff member on the Discipline Panel, usually

three staff to one student could be the accused is allowed to be heard only appeal to an "Appeals Board" of two more academic staff, who are considered a sound defence. The only meaning that can be made is that the one student on the board convincingly, 3-0 and 2-0

the reverse, that the three staff members has a certain lop-sidedness in favour of the B of D, the other board, has in this case the defeats are 0-0 is "the big one" and thus has a longer period of warning for the breach of the Regulations and the ST (three weeks), the higher appeals procedure (again the Board is made up of: two lay members of the School, appointed by the VC of the agreement of the VC of the School and who shall be subject to the agreement of the VC of London."

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RIGHT now the UK Ministry of Defence is paying for 600 research projects at British universities and colleges. The US Department of Defence is financing 65 projects at least. How much does the MoD spend in this way? In October 1973, it was announced that £1.7m. a year was spent. The US Army arranges and checks on research agreements through the "scientific counterpart of the Marshall Plan," the European Research Office (ERO).

As an example of research carried out for the Pentagon was a research programme at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) which ran for four years up to 1973. It dealt with cloud and fog dissipation, which is not unconnected with rain-making used as a weapon by the US in Vietnam. The research programme has now been discontinued, perhaps because of political pressure within the US.

What are the implications of such research? Firstly, of course, it results in improvements in British military technology. Many of these advances are tested in the battlefield of Northern Ireland. For example, certain universities have MoD contracts to study short distance communications, which is directly relevant to the NI situation, as advanced methods of communication are widely used. Tear gases are much used in NI (e.g. CS, patented by Porton Down, which farms out contracts to educational institutions).

Secondly, we should note the attempt by the army to influence university life. Consider the army ads signed by industrial leaders, claiming that army training is better than university training. One of ("Low Intensity") Kitson's pet notions is the drive for "co-optation", intended to absorb potential enemies into the State structure. This concept will be familiar to LSE students of sociology. From this point of view, it's far better to farm out military research contracts than to do all such work in specifically military institutions such as Porton Down: it involves the civilian community in supporting the military power. In general terms, Talcott Parsons' recent LSE lectures dealt with precisely this topic.

The Students' Union at UMIST, because some of its "members" are worried about research grants, has limited itself to making apolitical motions. If Union activists try to amend the constitution to allow political motions, thousands of students emerge from their labs to vote against. Isn't that a classic example of absorption, or "co-optation"?

The MoD also pays for eight "Defence Lectureships", for the



purpose of improving "the scope and level of Defence subjects among informed public opinion". That scheme began in 1968, coinciding with the beginnings of the present situation in Northern Ireland. Neither the MoD nor the Pentagon will list their research contracts, because of the "professional relationship" involved.

The kind of counter-insurgency operations visualised by Kitson are carried out in Ireland with the aid of the latest technology: water cannons, tear gases, rubber bullets and perceptual deprivation (commonly known as sensory deprivation). Interrogation methods are directly related to sensory deprivation research.

We can observe attempts to get the British public used to internal military operations: the Heathrow "anti-terrorist" affairs, the urban guerilla exercise carried out by the Territorials in Hull, the shadowing of demos with armoured cars.

How near were we to military operations during the Miners' Strike? We can note the riot control equipment issued to West Yorkshire police, the expansion of the nearly-dead local government "Home Defence & Emergency Planning Committees", the appeal to railway workers to join the Territorials, the rumours about identity cards and the exemption from the three-day-week which was given to a firm turning out 500 riot helmets a week.

It appears that, even if the

against peaceful demonstrators at the onset of the Civil Rights campaign in Northern Ireland, it seems likely that a situation could emerge in which troops "would have to be called in".

To conclude: the role of the British Army in the UK is changing. A far greater interest is being taken in absorbing the general public into an internal military structure. This is not a sudden "event", it is an ongoing process. It just happens, however, that certain aspects of the "change of emphasis" are immediately obvious and point to overt military action in the near future.

The British army is now a factor in British politics in a way that was not so in, say, 1945. The military-industrial complex, the second state, is emerging in Britain without any serious opposition from the vote-getting parties. One way to uncover its operations is to publicise the way research projects are funded by both the MoD and its peaceful ally the US Pentagon, and NUS policy is to oppose and make public such projects as have military applications.

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# FROM MOSLEY

## Beaver uncovers

**HAROLD WILSON, leader of the Labour Party, and Mick McGahey, Communist president of the Scottish miners' union, would rarely see eye to eye on the major issues facing the Labour movement. Independent of each other, however, they have found one issue which does unite them: the danger of Fascism as a result of the Heath administration, both in its success to achieve anti-union objectives and its failure.**

In January 1973, Wilson described in the House of Commons how Tory wages laws are Fascist and, insisting that bodies were being set up which were outside the effective control of Parliament, stated: "Their inspiration is in part Teutonic, bureaucratic and in part corporate."

McGahey, in the February 1973 issue of "Scottish Miner", wrote: "There is no doubt in my mind that this country is not only heading toward an authoritarian state but, indeed, a corporate one. The odour of Fascist tactics is in the air."

### FASCIST REVIVAL

These were not scare-mongering. Ample evidence existed at the time in both high and low places of the seeds of a Fascist revival. A year and a half has passed since then and further evidence continued to be proffered: first the Heath confrontation with the miners, then the Heathrow operations and finally a stream of brave announcements and professed preparations involving all sorts of odds and sods; Mosley, Stirling, Walker, Rippon, Chalfont, etc. One thing has become crystal clear: there is no watertight demarcation between Fascism as a particular breed of organisations, and the Establishment as a set of established social institutions: the Civil Service, the Army, the Church, Right-wing parties (Tory, Liberal, and Gaitskellite Labour), and down at bottom rentiers, bankers and captains of industry both domestic and international.

The activation of Fascism as well as its self-generating growth out of the impasse into which the British middle class has brought the country to rest upon an already established structure of organisations, some small and seemingly irrelevant, some with leverage on the British government itself, in which ideas are being propagated and plans drafted that are a cause for concern to the Anti-establishment and the non-establishment alike.

Best known of the Institutions of the Far Right are:

- the National Front,
- the Monday Club, and
- Enoch Powell.

Like a subterranean sewage system there are intricate connections between some of them. And these forces are becoming bolder, their finance greater. The marches that have been organised lately, over the last two or three years and that have led to the fall of our comrade Kevin Gately are uneasy echoes of the past.

Ten years ago another upsurge of neo-Nazi activity forced many battles with the progressive movement until Fascism bowed and the menace appeared to be crushed.

### HISTORICAL ROOTS

Fascism, however, is not an alien phenomenon to the British situation. Nor was it borrowed from abroad in anything but its name.

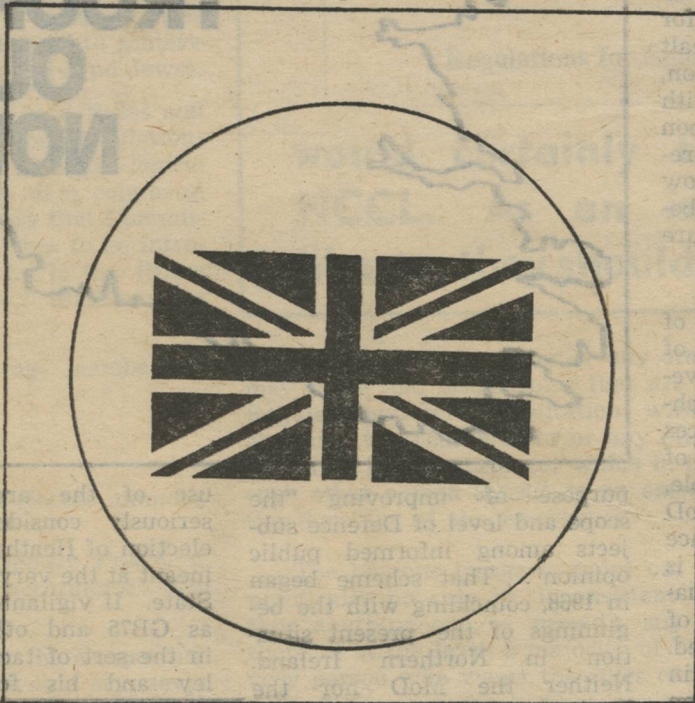
Indeed, R. Skidelsky may be right in his contention that "British fascism was the personal creation of Sir Oswald Mosley" (of European Fascism, ed. S. J. Woolf, p. 231). But British Fascism was not the child of one or the product of subjective factors alone. (See the place of British Fascism in the structure of Right-wing politics and conservatism in J. R. Jones' article on England in The European Right, ed. H. Rogger and E. Weber).

The National Front of Fascist organisations was formed right at the start of the present Right-wing offensive against the working class of Great Britain. Its origins, however, go back to Mosley's Fascist campaigns of the '30s, with an essential difference. Neo-Fascism is at one more mature and more vicious.

After the Second World War, the atrocities of Nazism and its influence upon the socio-political attitudes of the British public then made overt Fascism impossible. Disguise for a time was all-important and return to "moderation" and "centralism" was essential for survival and further development.

Thus in 1954 the first component of the present National Front was created. A. K. Chesterton, the second cousin of novelist G.K., South African-born and prewar editor of Mosley's paper, "Blackshirt", helped found the **League of Empire Loyalists**. He also edited the League's bulletin, "Candour". One essential function of the League was heckling the Left. Its boys always turned up at events like the Aldermaston march and Labour movement demonstrations to heckle and disrupt. This cesspool spawned the present chairman of the National Front, John Tyndall whose activity dates back to 1957.

Another future leader, Colin Jordan, was also in the League at one time, but left to form the **White Defence League in 1958**. Not only in their titles were they fully loyal to imperialism and white racialism, against "foreigners" and blacks but these were also two essential themes in neo-Fascist activity. The third and more essential theme was yet to come. Deceiving the working people by nationalism and courtship of working-class interests



featured in a new Fascist organisation when Tyndall and John Bean, another current Front leader, set up the **National Labour Party**; at the same time, the Notting Hill race riots announced what that activity could mean. Four years later, in 1962, Jordan, Tyndall and Bean formed the **British National Party** while getting closer to outright Nazism. However, Bean "expelled" Jordan for having a "Fuhrer obsession" and Tyndall joined Jordan and Denis Pirie to form the **British National Socialist Movement**.

### NATIONAL FRONT

Nineteen hundred and sixty-two had a long, hot summer of Nazi-style rallies, marches and even a camp where about 30 NSM members as well as foreign Fascists came together. Prior to this, in July 1962, the National Socialists held a rally in Trafalgar Square. Tyndall and Jordan were the main speakers, but strutting around the plinth was an overweight teenager, a "heavy" man in more ways than one, Martin Webster. This is who the National Front now has as its "activity" organiser.

The Trafalgar Square meeting broke up in fighting when Jordan exclaimed, "Hitler was right". Quick to realise their duties towards the real protection of democracy in Britain, Left-wing and trade-union organisations chanted again, "They shall not pass". All that year the Fascists took a hiding everywhere they raised their heads; the governmental power had to bow and people like Tyndall and Jordan were more often in court than out of it. Two years later, these two fell out and Tyndall organised the **Greater Britain Movement**, which later became the third component of the National Front.

Having served 18 months for offences against the Race Relations Act of the time, Jordan was released from prison in January 1968 and retitled his organisation, the **British Movement**. Around this time was the crucial jumping-off point for a new Right-wing initiative that culminated in the administration of Heath, Barber, Whitelaw, Carr, etc.

In 1967, the **National Front** was set up by amalgamating the three existing Fascist organisations—

John Tyndall's **Greater Britain Movement**,  
John Bean's **British National Party**, and

A. K. Chesterton's **League of Empire Loyalists**.

But Jordan remained for a while out. This amalgamation was yet another step taken by the Hitlerites of the '60s in the hope of making themselves both impressive and respectable. They eliminated some of their internal differences and prepared themselves to act their role in the new Right-wing offensive which increasingly gathered momentum down the road to the miners' confrontation, the death of Kately and the bigger battles that are in front.

Back in the fold is also Andrew Fountaine, wealthy Norfolk land-owner, founder member of the National Labour Party, generous donor to the British National Party, and activist at the para-military training camps of the early '60s. Another typical type is Ron Tear, now the Front's Essex organiser who appeared in a press photograph alongside the shrine he had erected to Hitler in his home. Others of the same calibre were peddling their wares when, on April 20, 1968, there came a crucial turning point in their fortunes.

On that day, in Birmingham, Enoch Powell, MP for Wolverhampton South-West, made his notorious opening and delivered his "River of Blood" speech in which he forecast doom and gloom until coloured immigration was stopped completely and reversed by "re-emigration".

### POLITICAL RESPECTABILITY

Every racist in the country now gained a measure of respectability and "Enoch is right" became the slogan of everybody in the Right-wing camp from the Monday Club, through the National Front, out to every tinpot little Nazi sect. Until then the swastikas and Nazi regalia of the nut-case Right had seemed consigned to the dustbin. Now they appear to be polishing up the iron crosses again. It had been reported that at the end of 1972, a meeting took place in Winchester of representatives of British NS groups, plus some from West Germany and Sweden. They were apparently hoping for a resurgence of Nazi activity in every country in Western Europe and preparing for some kind of a rally or like event to mark Hitler's birthday on April 20, 1973. Nothing was heard of this, then or this year. Perhaps they did it in secret, but it was not strange that Powell's 1968 speech was more daring as it was made on that very date. On the other hand, the Irish NS group was getting into its stride again and Colin Jordan made regular contacts with members of the Orange Movement in Liverpool preceding this year's events in Ulster while other "more respectable" Right-wing officials made similar contacts and arrangements.

In the 1970 elections, Baptist minister Brian Green stood as a National Front candidate in Islington North, London, polling 1,232 votes. The Rev., whose parish is Hounslow, is a close personal friend of the Rev. Ian Paisley. In 1970 Green was general secretary of the British Council of Protestant Churches. Paisley was vice-president.

Furthermore, in the spring of 1972, William Craig, the leader of Northern Ireland's Vanguard movement, came to London for a rally to which 2,000 people turned up. Vanguard was assisted in the arranging of facilities by Martin Webster, the National Front Activity Organiser. Also, John Tyndall who edits "Spearhead"—a magazine which supports the Front—spoke on the same platform as Craig. (Spearhead, of course, is the name of the Para-military wing of the defunct National Socialist Movement).

Webster and Tyndall are understandably annoyed when their political origins are examined in public. But the record stands. On August 6, 1963, Webster was sentenced to two months' jail at Bow Street for assaulting Jomo Kenyatta, Premier of Kenya. Tyndall was fined £25 for using insulting language. They have remained in tandem virtually ever since, and have been defended on several occasions by Front leaders when their previous associations are referred to. It was all youthful error, not to be taken into account today.

Nevertheless, they are the leading lights of the National Front now. Tyndall's predecessors Chesterton and John O'Brian, a former Tory from Shropshire, both left office over the last two years in protest against evil influences at work in the Front.

### FRONT CONNECTIONS

However, in spite of the leadership crisis, the Front has grown significantly in the last five years. Now it operates as an umbrella for several other organisations outside its structure.

Close contact is kept with the two biggest of these—

# TO WEBSTER

## the startling facts about

# British Fascism today

Jim Merrick's Manchester-based **British Campaign to Stop Immigration**, and the **Immigration Control Association**, whose secretary is Joy Page, leader of the **Free Speech Defence Fund**.

Vice-president of the ICA is Mary Howarth whose son Gerald is a member of the **Society for Individual Freedom**. He worked in **Freedom Under Law**, whose head, Francis Bennion, successfully prosecuted Peter Hain. Other friends of the Front include Alan Hancock, organiser of the **Racial Preservation Society**, who runs a guest house in Brighton called "the Heidelberg".

Worthing in Sussex is one of the Front's strongholds. Oliver Gilbert helped get together the **Patriotic Front** there which comprises—

the **Front**,  
the **Worthing Debating Society**,  
the **Racial Preservation Society**,  
the **Anti-Common Market League**,  
the **Anglo-Rhodesian Society**,  
the **Sussex Forum**,  
the **National Democratic Party**, and  
various **Powellite** groups.

National Democratic Party chairman, David Brown, Parliamentary candidate for Ipswich, has been quoted as being in favour of forced repatriation of immigrants. If they did not want to go? "They would go".

A staunch defender of the Front is Air Vice-Marshal Donald Bennett, of war-time Bomber Command, who leads his own **National Independent Party**, and who has walked with the Front at recent Armistice Day ceremonies at the Cenotaph in London. **Flags of South Africa and Rhodesia** have been prominent on these occasions.

Since the War, the Ultra-Right has mainly attracted middle class members with a few Lumpen workers tagged on, but now they are looking to the organised Labour movement for recruits. To this end they set up **TRU-AIM, Trade Union against Immigration**. This is a conglomeration including Colin Jordan's **British Movement**. Although Tyndall and Webster dissociate themselves from their former Fuhrer, the Front was represented at the inaugural meeting.

TRU-AIM called off its scheduled march through Oldham in 1972 after the Labour movement and progressive groups made it clear that they would mobilise their forces to stop the march. However, as events in Manchester early in 1973 and in London this summer illustrate, the Ultra-Right, and increasingly the not-so-Ultra Right too, **would not give up without a fight**. They call and work for it; **they bow only in the face of a determined stand to defend democracy by the working-class demonstrative strength itself**. The fact that the Front and the so-called union movement have members in the **TGWU** at Smithfield meat market in London show that the Labour movement is not immune from **infiltration and sabotage**. **Provocation** is one weapon; another is a **showdown with one tiny, isolated group on the Left**.

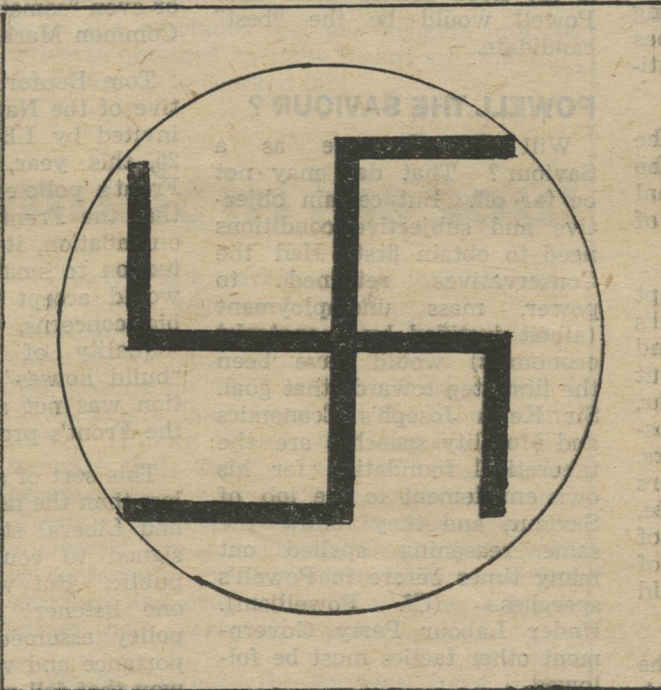
But the trade union and the student movements have learnt from the Gately case how to cope with **psychological gimmicks** as well as with **hidden alliances**. It is understandable that the National Front has members in the police force of Britain, although it is impossible to assess their strength. The Labour movement must face the forces of Fascists not as a separate group but as it is, **a component of the Establishment, its private army, designed for special purposes that differ from inter-war anti-socialism by less than one iota**.

A report in "Britain First", another magazine which supports the Front, and the Conservative Leadership, at least in lending its title to the latter's manifesto, shed some light on the relations **between Fascism and the police force**. Describing a National Front march which took place in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, the newspaper stated in April 1971 that "many policemen, including several National Front members of the Hertfordshire Constabulary, were angry at the orders to cancel all police leave". How far up the ladder of power does the Ultra-Right extend? An adequate answer can be proffered only by History, however much the self-subbed anti-Historicists disclaim **the lessons of the past**.

Recently the forces of the Establishment showed different responses to the activation of private armies: some gave overt support; others, including Jeremy Thorpe, the leader of the Liberal party, called for **special constabulary**. It amounts to the same thing, albeit in **different guises under different names** as we saw within the Fascist structure itself.

### MONDAY CLUB

Another connection between the National Front and the Establishment is through the **Monday Club**. The Club is the most influential of Britain's Right-wing organisations. Its chairman, Jonathan Guinness, is a member of a famous family and a merchant banker in his own right. He is also a step-son of Sir Oswald Mosley. His mother, Diana Mitford, married Brian Guinness in 1929, divorced him in 1934 and was secretly married to Mosley in Hitler's Germany in 1935. Jonathan tried briefly to tone down his extreme Right-wing image in Lincoln



but abandoned the attempt. It should also be remembered that he was put up as a Conservative candidate to create a mock contest with the Labour traitor, Taverne.

The Club's policy on immigration and race is virtually indistinguishable from that of the National Front, and Guinness himself displayed characteristic Right-wing paranoia when he talked in 1972 about the Uganda Asians and tried to capitalise on the death of Comrade Gately this year by calling on the Polytechnic of Central London with a hundred policemen to provoke its student union into confrontation.

Among the Club's 8,000 members are some 30 MPs, three of whom were government ministers in the Heath administration. They were Geoffrey Ripon, who recently advocated the activation of private armies in the open, John Peyton and Julian Amery.

It is a wonderful irony that Amery should be a prominent member of the club. It was set up on January 1, 1961, in a disillusioned response to the then Tory Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan's Winds of Change speech which they saw as neo-Socialist, be that what it may. Amery, of course, is married to Macmillan's daughter, Catherine. Some will remember that Amery's brother John was hanged at Wandsworth prison on December 19, 1945, as a traitor. He was found guilty of, among other things, trying to form a legion of St. George among British POWs to fight beside the Wehrmacht on the German eastern front. Later, Julian as Tory MP for Preston North, in March 1950, asked the government to set up a foreign legion since Britain's relations with the Soviet Union had changed since the war.

Guinness and Amery may not be Nazis but they are Fascist-like all the same. There are other scary people in the Monday Club. For example, John Ormowe, chairman of the sizeable Sussex branch, who was expelled after expressing his admiration

for Hitler to the "Daily Mirror", a matter that could not at the time be accommodated with the attitudes of some of the Club's members. (But things are changing fast.)

Especially significant at the moment is the infrastructure of local Conservative associations, the Monday Club and the National Front at ground level, and of the Club and extreme anti-Labour movement, and in particular anti-communist, elements higher up the genealogical tree. At bottom, the West Middlesex branch was disbanded after supporting the National Front candidate in a recent by-election in Uxbridge. But a few weeks later, John Tyndall, chairman of the National Front, was invited to address the AGM of the Monday Club at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford.

Further up the ladder, the Club organised a one-day conference "somewhere in London" in January 1970 on "internal subversion". A principle speaker was General Giovanni de Lorenzo, who was dismissed as head of Italy's security police in 1967, at the time of the uproar over a suspected attempt at a Fascist coup d'etat.

### MONDAY CLUB CONNECTIONS

Top connections involve financial interests and extend into the upper echelons of the City of London. George Young is one of the driving forces in this area. In 1961 he was under-secretary of the Ministry of Defence, and he had also been a senior official in MI6 (secret service) specialising in Middle Eastern Affairs. Young is chairman of the Club's economic group and a member of its immigration group, which has made repeated calls for repatriation of black people. He is also chairman of the **Society for Individual Freedom**. The Society's secretary is Frederick Stockwell, formerly director of the Monday Club, and prominent members include the late Sir Gerald Nabarro, Sir John Eden, ex-minister of Posts and Telecommunications, and the discredited Reginald Maudling. The link as mentioned above is the son of Mary Howarth, vice-president of the **Immigration Control Association**.

Before his stint as Home Secretary, Maudling had been a director of Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bankers. George Young is an executive of the same firm. No coincidences then that Kleinwort Benson is a financial contributor to **Common Cause**, an outfit born in the McCarthy era, to try and keep tabs on Left-wing activists.

Another patron is **British Ropes** of which Anthony Barber was a director before becoming Chancellor of the Exchequer. **Common Cause** items have appeared in a fortnightly journal called "East-West Digest", an anti-Communist publication run by Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, one of the Monday Club ex-MPs. A former "Daily Express" journalist, Stewart-Smith was, in the middle of the late 'sixties, a kind of adviser to Paul Daniels, an East London businessman and former soldier who founded the **British Volunteer Force** and made an abortive attempt to send a 2,000-strong mercenary force to fight for the Saigon regime in the Vietnam War.

In 1968 Stewart-Smith and Daniels were in regular contact hoping to send similar force to Czechoslovakia at the time of the intervention of the Warsaw Pact countries. Stewart-Smith is a member of the **Anti-Communist Foreign Affairs Circle** and runs the **Foreign Affairs Publishing Co.** which produces books such as his own "No Vision Here: Non-Military Warfare in Britain", which purports to describe communist activity in this country. The foreword is by Julian Amery; the author puts forward a number of suggestions as to how we could more effectively defend ourselves against the Communist threat and how we might retaliate against it in a true Fascist style.

Amery's boss at the Foreign Office, Sir Alec Douglas Home of Munich and Rhodesia fame, had a foreword to another of these books. "Assault in the West" by Ian Greig, a Monday Club member. The Apartheid regime is the darling of all Right-wingers. Harold Soref is a member of the Club's **Immigration Group** along with Ronald Bell, George Young and Gerald Howarth of the Society for Individual Freedom. Soref is also chairman of the **Africa**

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# Powell the saviour?

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Group and the vociferous lobbyist for South Africa. Soref and Bell, both MPs, handed in a petition at 10 Downing Street after the 1972 Monday Club anti-immigration rally, where National Front members acted as Stewards. Ronald Bell was responsible for "talking out" or blocking the private member's Bill to end discrimination against women during the Heath administration. Bell's action shows how comprehensively reactionary the Club is.

On the student front, Adrian Day, secretary of the Club's **University Group**, had to resign from his post when it was made public in 1972 that he asked his members to compile files on the activities of fellow Left-wing students. And since George Young became connected with London's South Place Ethical Society, the Conway Hall in Red Lion Square has been polluted by the Ultra-Right. In a meeting there in 1971 held by the Immigration Control Association, John O'Brien (NF leader) addressed the meeting and this was chaired by Roy Bramwell, chairman of the South West London Monday Club.

A supporter of the ICA, the Dowager Lady Jane Birdwood provides a link with the "anti-permissive" brigade. A Festival Of Light campaigner, she considers the "permissive society" a Communist plot. The Lady is a friend of Geoffrey Stewart-Smith and was an honorary member of Paul Daniels' British Volunteer Force. She also works closely with Ross McWhirter (Warhol ban) in an anti-socialist publishers called **Inter-City**, itself being a part of a larger CIA-funded organisation, **Inter-Doc**, based in Brussels.

In such an intriguing array of inter-connections, one face remains absent, Enoch Powell; he went to co-ordinate with Irish Fascists.

## THE 'NEW' PHILOSOPHY

What unites all the elements of the British Ultra-Right is the racist campaign on the question of immigration, and against black people as a whole. However, contradictions abound.

# Poems to the people

Edited by Barry Feinberg.  
Foreword by Hugh MacDiarmid  
(George Allen & Unwin) 85p

DESPITE the offputting cover there are some poems in this book which are fine, precise and moving. "Freedom Poems" from any of the many oppressed countries of the world often fall into the trap of screaming, instead of stating, and no matter how harsh the pain, if you wish to communicate it, screaming is the least effective method.

Take the beautifully dry and sardonic Hugh Lewin who by simply stating facts informs and moves to rage, with a simple staccato style, a machine gun literacy bang on target. Also A. N. C. Kumalo. His "Before Interrogation" is wonderfully funny and sad together. Take:

For example, in 1967, Enoch Powell warned of the dangers of a corporate state emerging from the relationship between the Labour government, the TUC and the CBI. On the other hand, organisations like the National Front tend toward corporate statism, are opposed to all of the existing political parties, and suggest they are opposed to capitalism.

This theme was taken up in an article written by Tim Beardson in the Summer 1970 issue of "Monday World", the quarterly magazine of the Monday Club. Under the title "Maurras and Integral Nationalism", Beardson examines and praises the philosophies of Andre Maurras (1868-1952), the French theorist of the corporate state, and a vicious anti-semitic (anti-Arab and Jew alike).

Beardson states, "For us, perhaps the most politically important contribution to right-wing philosophy which Maurras made was the concept of the "anti-nation". It is of course especially relevant to us today. An alien community owing no allegiance and having no ties to its host country does in reality constitute an "anti-nation" within its borders".

Such is the mentality of the Monday Club. Such is the mentality of the National Front. Such is the mentality of Enoch Powell.

The corporate state concept was expounded by Mussolini's Fascists, Hitler's nazis, and other "nationalists" throughout the capitalist world, Salazar, Musha Dayan, Sir Oswald Mosley among many, many others. Now, although Powell appears to criticise the corporate state, he does uphold another of Maurras' standpoints, that of the "aliens in our midst" as did Mosley.

Powell could indeed be the man to unite the Ultra-right, however, the competition of Sir Keith Joseph and other Official Conservatives is intensified. John O'Brien, former chairman of the National Front, is said to have asked Powell if he would lead them. (The leadership he gave to the British colonialists in Northern Ireland

We know communists  
When violence is planned  
Commit suicide  
Rather than mention  
Their comrades names.  
They are taught to jump out  
Before interrogation.

The irony is the window from which they are alleged to voluntarily leap is in a South African Police Station.

But to get to the cruel essence of being black in South Africa the brilliant tightly controlled rage of Arthur Nortje conveys and informs in a manner that puts him easily into the top league of poetry, or would have done if he had survived, for he died in "tragic circumstances", and who knows what horrors led him to them. This is a fine and worthwhile book which has taught me more about South Africa than the endlessly necessary charitable bazaars of political compassion to which I seemed doomed to attend.

PAUL BOSCHER

is not an alternative but an extension and co-ordination.)

Danny Harmston, the Smithfield meat porter, member of Mosley's Union Movement, is an admirer of Powell, and said in 1972: "When I let slip my dogs of war, when I let loose my league of Smithfield gentlemen, we will take no prisoners."

Grass-roots Tories love Powell like a god-father and some of the Monday Club MPs are his staunchest allies.

What will he do? He has never made any formal connection with any right-wing organisation until he joined the Colonialists in N. Ireland. However, many of the ultra-right lust for the day when he will utter the rallying call. The last prominent British politician to leave one of the major parties and set up on his own was Mosley, when he quit the Labour Party and formed the New Party, which subsequently became the British Union of Fascists.

But now we have a growing number of such contenders for the job of the Saviour, the Hero who saves the nation from collapse. The problem is that they are weaklings; but the media can cock up one of them if the need arises. And then Powell would be the "best" candidate.

## POWELL THE SAVIOUR ?

Will Powell pose as a Saviour? That day may not be far off. But certain objective and subjective conditions need to obtain first. Had the Conservatives returned to power, mass unemployment (albeit justified by monetarist economics) would have been the first step towards that goal. Sir Keith Joseph's Economics and Morality speeches are the theoretical foundation for his own entitlement to the job of Saviour, and they follow the same reasoning spelled out many times before in Powell's speeches. (Cf. Powellism). Under Labour Party Government other tactics must be followed.

Last year, anti-fascist campaigners in the Midlands were informed that Powell considered the spring of 1973 or the summer as the critical period which was to determine whether he would go it alone. He was said to claim that he would not be alone, that at least eight MPs would immediately join him, and that he was assured an initial support of 30,000, growing to 100,000 by the end of the year.

People at the time thought that if such eventuality were to happen, the black population and the progressive movement in Britain could face a situation of direct confrontation as sharp as that of the Mosley era. They were not wrong. The Heath administration itself decided to do that job.

Realising the hopelessness of its "growth policy" (growth, that is, in terms of injecting the economy with massive amounts of money instead of increasing productivity by increasing the welfare and improving the technical education of the workers), the Heath administration plunged the whole country in direct confrontation which made the intervention of Powell unnecessary.

Meanwhile, the government started the process of Heathrow Operations under the pretext of

taking precautions against Arab guerillas and the whole middle class mobilised its forces to reorient the nation against the trade unions and the Labour movement at large.

With the collapse of the Heath administration, the bourgeoisie went back to further preparation of Ultra-Right intervention and brought about the maximum activation of Fascism. Thus were the interlocking activities of the BBC, the police, the National Front marches, the new organisational actions of Stirling, Walker, the Rate-Payers, etc., as well as the activities of Lord Chalfont, Shirley Williams, Roy Jenkins, etc., all in the pursuit of bashing the trade unions, stop the shift to the Left in the country and splitting the Labour Party. (The cooking up of Liberal Ascendency is not removed from these processes.)

## ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNING

A focal point for ultra-right activity was the local and general elections both last year and year current. Candidates stood wherever there are racial minorities. But a certain sophistication has been taking place. Some were standing as national independent, some as national or labour democrats, or even "something" against the Common Market!

Tom Benford, as representative of the National Front, was invited by LBC on September 25, this year, to explain the Front's policies. He explained that the Front was Monetarist on inflation, it would give protection to small businesses but would accept no break up of big concerns, it would accept "equality of education" and "build houses" while immigration was not a prime point in the Front's programme.

This sort of sophistication, no less than the usual stuff of Tory and Liberal statements, is designed to court the innocent public. But when pressed by one listener the immigration policy assumed a greater importance and was clarified in a way that fell more in line with the pro-monopoly points upheld in the programme. "The National Front will stop all immigration except from Australia and New Zealand. We will repatriate all immigrants. We will accept no Asians, Africans, nor West Indians."

He gave examples about the effects of reliance on "foreign labour" the Irish in housing and nursing at the very time when Enoch Powell was touring Northern Ireland to convert the Irish to British Nationalism!

## FASCISM & RACISM

What seems to be happening in Britain is that many people are unable to make connections between nascent Fascism and prejudice against racial minorities. This may be helped by an existing culture and educational system lingering on from the times of the Empire. But the denial of the "nationalists" that they are Fascists may also help in fixing the mask.

Racism is the central support of the new Fascism. It represents to us what the French describe as **fascisme ordinaire**. Thus the emphasis of the NUS motion in April 1974, banning both "fascists and racists" from speaking on college campuses.

The labour movement with its two wings, the trade unions and the student unions, must

combat racism as vigorously as it knows how. The repressive Wage Laws, Laws of Picketing, Immigration Acts, Social Policies on milk, meal and minimum incomes, as well as the Acts and arrangements affecting education are all interlocked.

However unpopular such a campaign would be initially with backward sections of the working class, it must be embarked upon. Propagandising against the racists is not enough. A course of action must be mapped out.

The racial minorities in Britain have to some extent been passive in face of widespread discrimination and, in the case of the Ultra-Right, outright abuse. National Front chairman, John Tyndall, writes about "non-Europeans":

"While every race may have its particular skills and qualities, the capacity to govern and lead and sustain civilisation as we understand it, lies essentially with the Europeans."

## THE WAY FORWARD!

A crucial factor in the defeat of racism, must be leadership from the racial minorities themselves through the process of politicisation. The left must give help and support to this aim. If we fail them our brothers and sisters, we fail ourselves.

Yet more than this ought to be done. The books we read on history must change to represent more accurately the truths about what happened in the past. The habits of mocking the Irish, the Scottish, etc. must change.

Indeed, Steve Parry, the secretary of the NUS, was right when he said in an interview with Bernard Crick, a professor of Politics at Birkbeck college:

"I would not take the question of the platforms for Fascists and Racists in isolation... it is concerned with racialism as embodied in Government legislation... with the ideological racialism that is still contained in school textbooks. And then, of course, there is discrimination in housing, employment and education. It is only within this context, where we are attempting to develop a campaign involving large numbers of students, in co-operation outside the student body, that one can see this specific tactic. Banning fascists and racists from speaking on campuses is simply one tactic in an overall campaign. We do not want to assist... the propagation of racist and fascist ideas...."

(Of the "Observer", June 9, 1974).

To defend the people of Britain against fascism starts with an all-out attack on racism in all its forms. It also involves an all-out defence of the Labour movement from the onslaught of the Right and the CIA on the democratic rights of the working class to defend its wages and living standards.

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# Books

## Try it, you'll like it

**"The Master Game," by Robert de Ropp**  
(Picador, 65p)

WITH your level of education you probably believe in a spiritual self, a facet of your existence separate from your daily routines. If so, you probably agree that the closer you come to living in constant awareness of your spiritual self, the more meaning life has.

In the "Master Game", de Ropp cites an interesting analogy for this thesis: that of an inhabitant of a house with five rooms, "vast chambers full of treasures and with windows looking out on eternity and infinity". Sometimes the inhabitant suspects that there are other rooms beside the one he is locked in but he never knows for sure. In the analogy the house is the mind, the rooms are the levels of consciousness of which the mind is capable, and each individual is the inhabitant of his own mind.

The first room corresponds to the lowest level of consciousness: dreamless sleep. The second room is the next stage up in terms of awareness: sleep with dreams. The third room corresponds to our wakeful selves: waking sleep.

"Waking Sleep" is that state when we can go about our daily chores and register, through our senses, the events and sights around us. . . . Maybe even do a bit of thinking. But "man in

this state is acted upon and manipulated by external forces as a puppet is activated by puppeteers", we are at the mercy of our environments, conventions, and taboos. This is the room most people prefer to stay in.

"Only in the fourth room of self-transcendence is man liberated from the tyranny of his personal ego and all the fears and misery that this entity generates".

The fifth room corresponds to cosmic consciousness, the realisation that the essence of you is the same as the essence of the cosmos and everything in it.

This belief, together with the author's insistence that we should observe the functions of body and mind more closely, has been common knowledge to many in every age, and millions of books have been written on the subject from one angle or another.

This book differs from the rest because it centres around the drug angle and puts forward an alternative. The author has experimented with drugs himself and the book is subtitled: "Pathways to Higher Consciousness beyond the Drug Experience". De Ropp says that exploration of the mind is handicapped by taking drugs. An expert on biochemistry, he gives an account of how drugs work inside the body and concludes that any insights into the universe obtained by these means are immoral; they have to be worked for.

## Only a hobo, but music in his soul

**"Bound For Glory," by Woody Guthrie**  
(Picador, 75p)

SHEER simplicity. No other way to describe how this guy writes. Ahead of his time. No other way to describe the guy. A colossus. No other way to describe his influence.

The book is an autobiography, it describes Woody's childhood and his years as a hobo riding the freight trains in America during the depression. The guy had a lot of bad luck and went through scenes that would have broke a lesser personality (mother going insane, sister getting burned in a house fire, a cyclone that destroys the family home and everything in it, the degradation a wanderer in a desolate land has to take etc.); but my kid brother reads it to my six-year-old sister as a bedtime story. There's no sign of bitterness, the philosophical detachment makes his account of his life interesting reading, very pleasant in fact. And when you reach the end you feel real good.

Woody was a travelling man with no possessions except a guitar before the hippie movement came along. Woody turned down appearances on TV and a chance to make a fortune just because he didn't want to dress up like a clown before Bob Dylan and the Stones came along. (Unlike Woody, the others were able to make their fortunes without compromising because they live in more enlightened times.) Woody refused to give up the hazardous and unpleasant life in exchange for the stale smell of conformity and convention before we had squatters and drop outs. Woody was a hippie before there were any hippies.

Woody has been the strongest force in our culture. The new culture of songs that have meaningful lyrics, of books that speak in terms of awareness and coming to grips with being an individual in a conformist society, owes a great deal to a very simple man. Only a hobo, but he saw a lot of places and loved everything he saw. And sang about everything he loved.

## Solzhenitsyn: "August 1914"

Penguin Books: 75p

"AUGUST 1914" basically gives a very detailed description of the Battle of Tannenberg and the events which immediately preceded it. The book is the first of a series which will chronicle the outbreak of the Russian Revolution, and the Battle of Tannenberg is an apt point at which to start, since this Russian defeat brought alive to a greater number of the Russian people the corruption of the government and ruling class. I feel that one of the weaknesses of "August 1914" as a novel is the fact that it is one of a

series which may or may not follow now that Solzhenitsyn is exiled in Switzerland; for instance characters are introduced who do not figure very largely or at all in the following chapters, which can result in some confusion.

Solzhenitsyn has, however, used some interesting forms of narrative, such as the extracts from newspaper articles and screen sequences. The former are titled "A Random Selection from the Newspapers" and give an indication of social differences, while the latter, for me, add more interest to descriptions of battle.

## Robert Fegg's nasty book for boys and girls

Eyre Methuen: £1.50

THIS book is an example of the worst of Monty Python's humour, so make sure it appeals to you before you spend £1.50 on it. There are a few political jokes and some of them are amusing. A lot of it however is simply boring. The book is written by Terry Jones and Michael Palin and the different illustrations are by Martin Honeysett.

## Sporting relations

ROGER McGOUGH  
Eyre Methuen: 75p

THIS is a book containing prose written as poetry. All the poems use as their subject matter, individuals participating in sports as diverse as rugby and soliciting. Most of the book is amusing but a 63-page paper-back is expensive at 75p. The drawings are by Barry Gilliam.

## Poems from hospital

LEICESTER University classics graduate VIRGINIA REID, a 24-year-old Anglo-Italian, sends BEAVER some of her poems from St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, where it seems probable that she will continue to be a patient until September, 1975. She would therefore much appreciate letters from anyone on the subject of poetry or Buddhist philosophy.



### The Pool of Despair

My heart bleeds for the weeping girl  
—But what can be done  
When the power lies in the wrong hands?  
—Hands that slowly strangle the dignity of love  
Cannot rest in peace.  
Hands that slowly strangle the heart of love  
Sink into the deep pool of despair.  
I fear that love will drown  
While so many people weep  
And the gentle old ones sleep.

### Shadows

WALK with me in the shadows of this place.  
Speak the slow difficult thoughts in the low light.  
Allow a dream now and again  
So that our hands can touch across the stream  
Where the piper is playing the song of all songs  
With lilies at his feet.  
The shy creatures and the wild hunters  
At the jungle edge  
Forget their strangeness and listen only to him  
—And a bird flies out of a tree for the sky.

### An Ant

Gently I remove an ant from my hand  
The wind slams shut the window.  
I start in the airless room.

### Section 26 Blues

Bewitched and divided spiritual nomads  
And mourners for vanishing lands;  
Furtive old men in loos  
Who forget the invincible army of lovers;  
And you weavers of dreams  
Who sweat on the streets you own.  
—Who must carry tomorrow along  
The tightrope alone?

### The Politicians

THE men who are fighting it out  
Gulp greedily from the cup of worldly power.  
Like fools they get drunk on their own selves.  
—Do they not know that all they touch  
Will turn to dust  
And be blown away in the winds of time

### Today

The west is best and the west is a beast  
Sliming her poison and strangling her children  
With obscene machines and gold that is soulless . . .  
The moon is cold tonight  
But tomorrow will bring another unknown time . . .

### Tomorrow

The future lies ahead of you  
In the rhythm of the seasons and the sea  
And their loneliness and their weariness.  
The casual crowded hours and brief sublime  
Must balance you an inch or so  
Along this tightrope we call time.

### A Thought

For a brief while you inhabit this frail shell.  
All timeless moments are one.  
Use them well.

VIRGINIA REID.

# Music

## One step forward—two steps back

IN an attempt to reflect the contemporary nature of classical music, Decca introduced a series earlier this year under the title "Headline," with the aim of presenting new musical ideas from whatever background they may come.

Their first three recordings (see reviews below) are devoted to the music of five modern leading composers, Messiaen, Lutoslawski, David Bedford, Lennox Berkley and Takemitsu, all made in close collaboration with the composers in order to ensure authenticity.

Decca must be commended for attempting to bring works with less-known commercial potential to the public. They have done this, however, by seeking sponsorships for certain recordings in the series and under the emphasis that the headline series has to stand on its own feet as a commercial proposition. In a sense, Decca are taking two steps forward and one back, because this attitude of "commercial propositions only" is probably one of the major reasons why young composers and musicians have been starved of the attention they deserve, a situation which has prompted Decca's headline series.

Subsequent releases under Headline are promised twice yearly, with three or four records in each batch.

**Takemitsu : Corona-London Version ; For Away ; Piano Distance : Undisturbed Rest Roger Woodward (Keyboards)**

### HEAD 4

Takemitsu likens his music to the language of dolphins. This is amply illustrated on Head 4, as each pure chord is surrounded by moments of silence, emphasising that we can only feel the full beauty of sound once we know what silence is.

In the programme note for one of his pieces in 1962, Takemitsu wrote: "The activity of composing consists in creating an environment where sounds can meet directly." The rasping and strident notes of his music at first fall strangely on Western ears, but after the second or third listening, the drama and tension created by Takemitsu becomes almost unbearable.

Corona is the most freely conceived of the works on this record. The score is not traditionally notated but consists of five different circles containing instructions and symbols which can be fitted together or overlapped in any combination, to allow for different emphasis in articulation, vibration, intonation and expression. Woodward admirably realises the work, using piano, organ and harpsichord.

For Away (1973), another piece, is a personal gift to Woodward, an offering to the Galaxy of Life. Other pieces are Piano Distance (1961), and Undisturbed Rest—based on a poem by Shuzo Takiguchi which Takemitsu wrote in 1952, "a dream of Western music," echoing Scriabin, Debussy and Ravel.

C.T.

**Messiaen: La Transfiguration de Notre Seigneur Jesus Christ. Seven instrumental soloists, Westminster Symphonic Choir, and the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington DC, conducted by Antal Dorati.**

**Lutoslawski : Paroles Tissees**

**Berkley : Four Ronsard Sonnets**

**Bedford : Tentacles of the Dark Nebula**

**Peter Pears (tenor), with the London Sinfonietta, conducted by the composers.**

### HEAD 3

Four works which received their first performances in the 1960s—and of which comparatively little has been heard since—make a welcome appearance in Decca's Headline series.

Three of them—settings for tenor and chamber orchestra, go naturally together for they are all sung by Peter Pears, with whom they are closely associated.

The four Ronsard sonnets of Lennox Berkeley were commissioned by the BBC for a Promenade Concert and first performed in a full orchestra version. Mr Pears, the soloist at that concert, later commissioned a version for chamber orchestra, and it is this which we hear on this recording.

The London Sinfonietta, conducted by the composer, give a wonderfully rich account of a work which reveals Berkley at his most lyrical and Pears at his sympathetic best.

David Bedford, who studied at the Royal Academy of Music with Berkley, is represented with a work in complete contrast to that of his teacher's. Tentacles of the Dark Nebula is based on a text taken from a short story by Arthur C. Clarke.

The strange, haunting nature of the work is beautifully revoked by Pears, who also sings Witold Lutoslawski's Paroles Tissees, a setting of words by Jean Francois Chabrun, which was commissioned for the 1965 Aldburgh Festival.

Admirers of Messiaen have a feast of music in his La Transfiguration De Notre Seigneur Jesus Christ, which is available on a set of two records (Head 1 and 2). Antal Dorati gets some splendid playing from the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington and the performance by the Westminster Symphonic Choir is clear and incisive. The spacious recording is thoroughly recommended.

M.T.

## Bodily Functions



### AMPUTATE YOUR BODY

RECENTLY I strolled into this establishment where I once "studied" and began to spread the news about "Bodily Functions". Being time to kick the legend into life, this article has been manipulated.

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If you can see the possibilities of this, just imagine "Mike Royal and the Bluebloods".

## ENTSNEWS ★ ENTSNEWS ★ ENTSNEWS ★ ENTSNEWS

AFTER a pretty successful freshers, Ents has temporarily gone into a bit of a lull whilst awaiting news of its budget application for the coming year. However we hope to be putting on bar socials and free lunchtime concerts on a regular basis as well as the usual Saturday night concerts in the near future.

As freshers we made a small profit on the Saturday concert and both the free lunchtime concerts were well attended and well received. The Johnny Rivers "blow out" however is something of a sore point as it wiped out the profit from the previous week, and left us somewhat in the lurch. What actually happened was that Johnny had a rather hard time on the Continent with problems within the Boogie Band and with the equipment hire firm.

Apparently he was also troubled by the fact that he did not get the "star" treatment he gets in America, all these factors together led to Johnny packing his bags and flying back to America just 24 hours before his scheduled concert at LSE. At the moment it would seem that there is very little we can do about it but we shall continue to try and see if we have a good legal case.

Anyhow, Ents for the remainder of the term does look a bit more promising with three top line concerts to come. The first is **Manfred Mann's Earthband**

who appear at L.S.E. on November 9th at the end of a short 14-date British tour to promote their new LP "The Good Earth". The group has spent most of

this year in America where they are now on the point of breaking into the big time having logged up in excess of 60,000 advance sales of the new

LP which is easily enough to give them a good chart placing. Indeed they return to America for yet another long tour within a few days of playing at L.S.E.



## Manfred Man's Earthband

... and Rod Felton at L.S.E.

Nov. 9th—£1

advance tickets from ents

In Britain they are now on the point of becoming very big and last year they sold out concerts at Imperial College, City University and Central Poly so the concert at L.S.E. could be one of the last chances you'll get to see them in a small venue. Manfred Mann himself is one of the few keyboard players who seems to completely understand the full possibilities of the synthesizer — it should be a fine concert, probably the best at L.S.E. for many months.

Ents meetings are still held on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and for some reason we don't seem to have attracted any females in our new recruits so maybe some ladies would like to come along some time. The remaining concerts for this term are Chilli Willi plus "O" (November 16th) and the Neutrons plus John St. Field (December 7th). There is now no hope of 10 c.c. appearing here this term and we are now fixing up a date for some time next term.

# Sporting Beaver

## Squeeze is on

ONCE again the Athletic Union is being forced to operate on limited funds. Our grant from the School has been set at £6,000, a ridiculous figure in view of the present rates of inflation and our increasing level of activity. Representations have been made to the Director, but the chances of getting any additional money must be slim.

At the Budget Meeting, held last week, the following clubs' budgets were approved:—

Athletics	£45
Badminton	£200
Basketball	£60
Boat	£285
Cricket	£100
Cross-Country	£240
Gliding	£420
Golf	£105
Hockey	£100
Judo	£153
Karate	£120
Lawn Tennis	£57
Mountaineering	£227
Riding	£75
Rugby	£550
Sailing	£228
Soccer	£425
Squash	£50
Volleyball	£80

It was also agreed that £685 be set aside for the Boat Club to buy a new boat.

## Rugby

THE 1st XV Rugby team has got off to an encouraging start to the season despite winning only one out of the first four fixtures.

The victory gained last Wednesday was at the expense of Imperial College's very fine reputation of recent years. Although losing 9-3 at one point, the School fought back to eventually win 13-9 through a drop goal by Colin Hughes and a well-taken last-minute try by John Strudwick.

Last Sunday two teams travelled to Snowdown Colliery, Kent, where despite both teams being narrowly defeated a very enjoyable time was had by all. The miners repaying the hospitality shown to them during last winter's miners' strike.

This season we are hoping to raise a 3rd XV to play on a regular basis and any players—but forwards especially—are urged to contact any member of the Rugby Club in the Athletic Union office—S110.

ANON.



## Touchline events

FOR THOSE football oriented don't forget the 30th, for England's noble team starts to try to salvage some of its pride from the ashes of its failure in the World Cup. The match kicks off at 7.30 at Wembley and should be of great interest not only because it is the first round of the European cup but also because Don Revie might just inject some new blood. T. Francis to mention only a couple.

TALKING ABOUT blood, on the same night the long awaited Ali-Foreman fight is due to take place and it could be the greatest anti-climax of all time or else it could be a really filthy fight with lots of blood just as the media predict. If you are a sadist and like good brawls the match is being relayed to several cinemas in London.

You'll see where in the papers but beware of the prices as the cheapest seats will be about £2 or £3 and when you consider that Ali might get knocked out in the first round it's expensive entertainment. For the less keen you will be able to listen on the radio or wait a day or two for recorded highlights.

A CONTEST closer to home is the Inter Varsity yard of ale competition being held at U.L.U. on November 7th. The fastest swiller gets a holiday for two round Europe's beer capitals but there will be plenty of other prizes according to the sponsors, Caxton the home brew people. Perhaps there ought to be a prize for the person who can hold down Caxton's brew for the longest without going green.

IF YOU, hear of any interesting sporting events whether they be punting, football, pub crawling contests or whatever, drop a line into the "Beaver" letterbox. I am also quite partial to tasty scraps of gossip which I proceed to devour and spit out at passing bandits.

SINEC

## Rowing Club

IAN WILSON, a Trade Union Studies student at LSE, and member of the Rowing Club, has scored the first of many victories for the Club this year.

Rowing at the Nottingham Scullers Head on the first Sunday in October, Ian managed to come second in the competition. He received a penant and tankard.

Ian, who rowed formerly with the Leander Rowing Club, intends to compete a great deal over the coming year. With the use of the new pair that LSE Rowing Club intends to buy in the near future, it seems probable that news of further success will be forthcoming.

It seems that the beginning of October was lucky for those by the name of Wilson.

TONY BROWN

## Reviews

### Two plays at The Place by the R.S.C. Comrades

Strindberg's cowardice dissolves his attempts to resolve the early struggle between social tradition and the awakening consciousness of women. Bertha Alberg, in attempting to establish herself as an artist, becomes embroiled in a battle with her artist husband—which of their paintings will be accepted for the exhibition, what will be the effect upon their relationship of she succeeding and he failing?

In answering these questions Strindberg's nerve fails. Rather than have the outcome of the result of the exhibition's choice, mirrored in the change in the sexual definitions of the man and the woman, Strindberg with the character of Bertha presents us with a personality battle, the outcome of which is irrelevant to the question he is attempting. Bertha is a scheming person whose disaster is a vindication of morals, a result that also supports a backward male chauvinist attitude.

The acting is full, perhaps extravagant, although the evenness of the script dictates that some injection of brio is required. The price is high (£1.10), the quality good, the writing entertaining and the play worthless.

### Can opener

A disaster. The play says nothing but the mundane, is not entertaining on the way, and arrives nowhere. Joe Melia and Roy Kinnear work hard at a desperate waste of time.

### The New Hall, Rosebery Avenue

The red brick and glass symmetry of the New Hall of residence towers above the Thames Water Authority offices in Rosebery Avenue. Inside it live nearly two hundred students, mainly in single rooms. The rooms are comfortably furnished and all have wash-hand basins. The heating tends to get tropical if left uncontrolled. With admirable foresight the architects effectively sound-proofed the walls and the doors. Unfortunately, however, they provided large windows through which the noise of traffic hammers in.

It is in the size of the public rooms in the basement that this hall suffers. The television room

is minute and the refectory cannot hold everyone at once. The bar area is also small but a problem has not arisen here yet as the licence is still pending. There is a launderette but the table football machine has

not yet arrived.

The hall is conveniently placed for buses and Sadler's Wells but there is a five-minute walk to the Angel tube station. Given time, however, many difficulties should be overcome.

### 901 and 44/100 Dead—Rialto, Coventry Street

THIS film concerns two rival gangs running an archtypal American city. They declare war on each other and Richard Harris is hired to do a poor impersonation of Michael Caine acting a professional killer. From then on the film runs through scenes of theatrical violence and suspense to its inevitable conclusion. There is some black humour but in general the film is neither clever nor amusing.

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## AU & Eric

MANY people will be wondering what could possibly follow the Lynn dynasty in the football world. Those were the days, 15p for the coach to Malden, 15p for a pint, the smell of horseoils in the nostrils and the greatest sound in the world, Eric in full cry with five part harmony and the backing of the L.S.O. The answer to my initial and now obscure question is that the year of diminishing returns is upon us.

The coach fare has increased by 66 per cent, the ale has gone up, horseoils have given way to Radox and Eric has left. Inflation has now hit L.S.E. sports with a vengeance, the grant to the A.U. has not increased enough (see this page) and those who play are now having to pay for the privilege.

The point is that without the stabilising power of the Eric, inflation is now an important issue to the A.U. and some means of countering it must be found or else more and more people will give up playing, simply because of the cost. The A.U. along with the rest of the Union must push their cases for a higher grant; after all that is the main way they can help the student body as a whole, which is their professed intention. Only as a complete whole can the A.U. combat the debilitating effects of the collapse of their Ericonomical system.

B.L.

# S.U. to make £20,000 loss this year

THE Students' Union is heading for the biggest loss of its life, according to preliminary calculations made by those in the Finance Office.

The £20,000 loss is made up of the following elements—

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935	the loss of 73/4
2,500	the one off ex-gratia payment received in 73/4
3,150	inflation at 15 per cent on £21,000 73/4 exp.
11,700	projected staff pay rise
2,000	two sabbatical officers
£20,285	

An amount not included in the calculations is for increased Societies' activity. In 73/4 they underspent their total budget by £1,735 (£3,265 instead of an estimated £5,000) because of a rationing operation by the then Senior Treasurer, John Carr. This year that stringency is not being applied, and an actual increase in activity is taking place.

The reason there could be an increase in staff salaries of £11,700 (from £7,100 to £18,800) is that the staff are being diabolically underpaid, the full effect of a late appointment last year will be felt, and the full effect of a new post (assistant to the Finance Secretary) will be completely realised.

The new salary scales were worked out by the Finance Committee at its first meeting on Wednesday, October 16, and have to be ratified by the Executive, when it is elected and by a Union Meeting. Taken into account in their decision was a moral obligation to pay the staff at rates comparable with the outside world, and not trade on their goodwill.

This type of loss can only be sustained for one year. The Reserves now stand at £25,046, of which £5,005 is in Treasury Stock and is thus not available. The projected loss of £20,285 is a conservative estimate and the difference between that and the available reserves, £20,041 leaves no room for error. Obviously the case for a higher SU grant settlement, is urgent.

P.T.

# Sennet—a cub attacks

SENNET'S future is being threatened by the Editor of the Queen Mary College students' newspaper, "Cub."

Ruth Pordes is challenging the appointment of Sennet's sabbatical Editor, Jeremy Clift. She points out that Mr Clift was not elected in accordance with Sennet's constitution. She further says that if the constitution has been changed, no-one was told about it.

The constitution, she alleges, has on its Editorial Board, all the editors of London University student newspapers and that as an editor, she should have been consulted about the change in the constitution or the appointment of Mr Clift. She also alleges that none of the editors have been consulted about the content of Sennet. To this end she is organising a meeting of all editors to discuss the situation.

Part of the driving force of her objection is the fear that Sennet is taking valuable advertising revenue away from College-based newspapers. She also seems to doubt that Sennet should exist. Why this should be so, one cannot guess, unless it is fear of competition. What should be made clear is that competition and comparison is healthy and that as long as Sennet has to sell its soul to remain self-financing, it will remain the prime example of the adage "advertising ruins a newspaper."

# N.F. assaults L.S.E.

IN THE early hours of Friday morning, October 11th, at the election count of Wood Green constituency, an LSE student was assaulted by the National Front Parliamentary candidate, one Mr Keith Squire, a scrap metal merchant from Tottenham.

The incident occurred after the voting figures for each contesting party had been announced. All the candidates spoke for a brief period, but at the end of his speech, Mr Squire attempted to sing the National Anthem. He was joined by a small number of National Front members, but by no other grouping, not even the Conservatives or Liberals that were present. Halfway through the National Anthem, however, a local Labour councillor began

## Drugs are here?

TWO LONDON School of Economics students and a six-month pregnant woman appeared at South Western Court today charged with possessing drugs valued at £80,000 on the black market.

Noel Ransby, 20, a student; his wife Christine, 22, and John Simmonds, 21, also a student, all of Broadwater Road, Tooting, were charged with possessing cannabis resin and tablets of LSD with intent to supply them to others.

Det.-sgt. Malcolm Simpson, of New Scotland Yard, objecting to bail for the Ransbys, said the drugs were worth £80,000 on the black market.

Simmonds was given bail of £500 with surety of £2,500 on condition that he reports daily to the police.

The Ransbys were remanded in custody until October 29th.

—With acknowledgements to the "Evening Standard".

## Chile at RCA

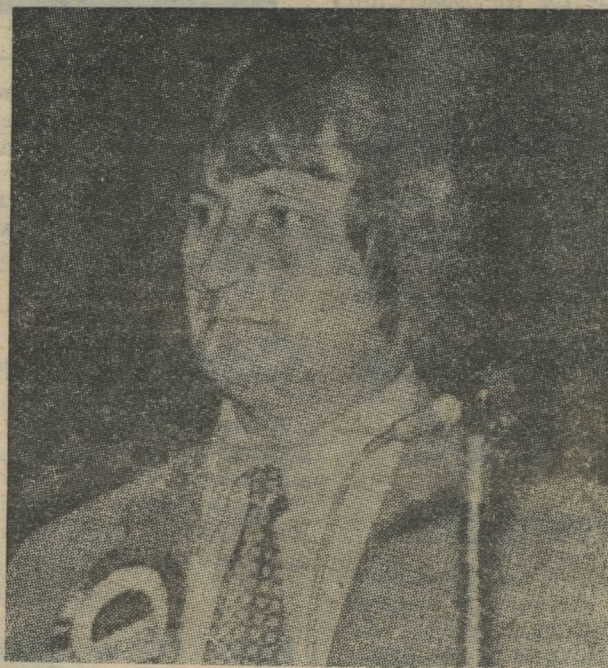
A TWO-AND-A-HALF-WEEK-LONG festival in support of the Chilean resistance is nearing its end at the surprising location of the Royal College of Art. The festival has attracted the attention and support of artists in many fields, trade unionists and many others. The gathering at the opening events was addressed by the Popular Unity Ambassador to London, who welcomed the support of those who made themselves citizens of Chile through supporting the Chilean struggle.

Apparently the RCA was a little taken aback to find out that the Artists for Democracy exhibition was in fact to be an anti-junta "political" event—witness the change of name—instead of supporting the Chilean resistance, the festival is now in support of Chilean democracy. At least the RCA resigned itself to the making of anti-fascist statements within its walls.

There is an area of posters, banners, pamphlets and agitprop, a campamento set-up of little huts and a room of paintings and prints. The festival has been planned to develop over its time, and started off with an evening of poetry, dance, music and films on October 14th. Two films were shown, each good in its own way: "Chilean September" about the coup and its immediate aftermath, and "Chile: with poems and guns," a film made on a shoestring by a Los Angeles co-operative, which received its British premiere.

The latter film was dedicated to an American film-maker who, refused the sanctuary of his "own" Embassy, died at the blood-stained hands of the junta. Anyone whose conscience was stirred by the Chilean tragedy should see these films, if only for the incredible footage of the funeral of the great Chilean and communist poet, Pablo Neruda, in "Chilean September." Only the presence of foreign cameramen saved the Internationale-singing mourners from an attack by the military.

The Artists for Democracy have put together a co-operative artistic statement on Chile: they need our support, financial as well as participatory. Go and see what they've done before this event finishes.

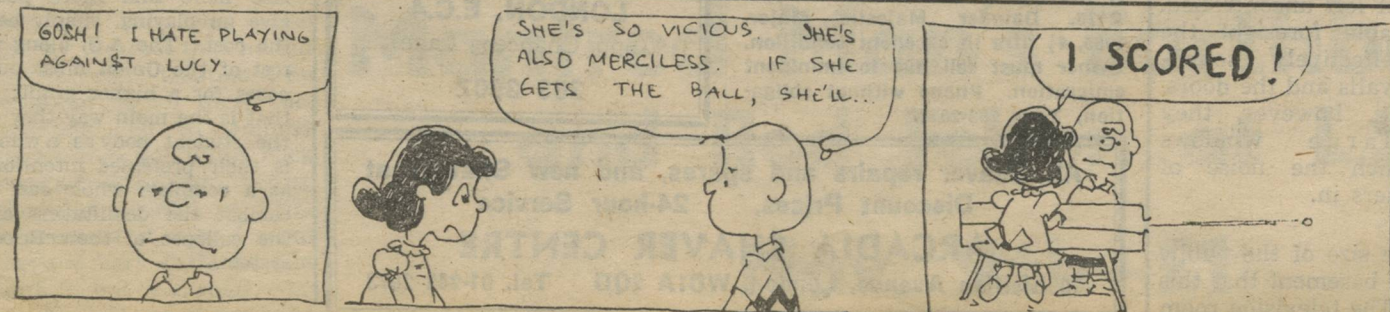


singing the old German anthem, "Deutschland Uber Alles." The National Front candidate evidently took exception to this unpatriotic interruption, as he began to rip the amplifier out from its sockets, and proceeded to throw it at the offending local Labourite, but not before shouting something about repatriating all Labour Councillors to Moscow.

Needless to say, the amplifier missed its objective, but struck Terry Donaldson, a second-year student of economics, on the head.

Terry was rushed to hospital in an ambulance, where he received a number of stitches.

The National Front candidate is to appear in court, on charges of actual bodily harm, and criminal damage, in the near future.



With acknowledgements to Schultz

## Rent strike

After Passfield Hall Society rejected the Union's Call for a rent strike, Carr-Saunders followed suit. Because of the lack of solidarity the matter was dropped at the Rosebery Hall without a vote.