

## 'BEAVER' STAFF MEETING

All past, present and future members of the 'Beaver' Staff are asked to meet at 4.30 p.m. in the 'Beaver' Office, today, Thursday, October 26th. The new editor will then be in a position to interview and appoint this session's staff at:—

**4.30 TODAY**

# Beaver

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS & POLITICAL SCIENCE - UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

# LET'S GET OUT

## CHESS SUCCESS



The University Chess Championship Team.

'The Chess Club has had its most successful season for at least thirty years', says their Plymouth based Irish captain, Jim O'Driscoll. For the first time in living memory LSE won the Pugh Cup, the University Knockout Trophy, by beating University College four boards to two.

Although the club was unfortunate in losing two of its best players last year the side looks like being even stronger than last year.

### Internationals

P. Gillebrand is perhaps the best, if the most reluctant player in the team. He is backed up by B. Hare, the runner-up in the S.W. England Championship 1960, and a former Junior International.

Numbers three and four are Nye John and Richard Cureton. Nye is an ex-Welsh Junior Champion and, along with Hare, a regular performer for the University side. Richard is the League Secretary of

the University Club and a regular member of the side.

Last year saw the Club's most ambitious programme ever. It included matches in Dublin, Swansea and Cardiff; All resulted in wins. This year a game is scheduled in Belfast and it is hoped to arrange a summer tour on the Continent.

## CHEAP FLIGHTS

Students who might not otherwise have been able to afford to go home for Christmas may now be able to do so under a new scheme instituted by B.O.A.C.

From December 1st to May 15th students will be able to fly to their homes in British territories at the cost of only a one-way Economy or Tourist fare for the round trip journey.

## anti — NUS campaign

by Beaver Staff

There is a strong body of informed opinion in the Union which is in favour of seceding from the National Union of Students and using the money thus saved to set up student hostels.

'The Eddie Lock doss-house scheme', as it is commonly known, was devised by our past President. The idea is to buy properties in the £5,000-£8,000 range and for the Students' Union to convert and operate them as lodging houses for students.

Enthusiastically received, the idea was temporarily dropped: 'Where will the money come from?' was the question.

To do anything along these lines at least £500 a year would have to be put into a special account. In the opinion of last year's treasurer, John Gibbons, this kind of money could only be raised from two sources, profits from the bar and the shop (about £200 a year) and NUS.

### Cost — £300

All other expenses are, he feels, necessary (like administrative costs, wages, etc.), or desirable (like societies and the Commemoration Ball).

Last year £300 of Union money was spent on affiliation to NUS and officers expenses to their conferences.

And what benefits do we get from this? Very few, says Mike Burrage, Editor of CMR. 'As far as I can see, none at all', said Third Year student Roger Eglin.

### 'National Context'

True, there are discounts on certain goods, cheap travel and a hostel but very few benefit from these. For those who want to take advantage of these, individual membership is only 15/-; why spend £126 on affiliating the whole College?

'NUS gives student activities a national context and political impact', is the old line, but what legislation has stemmed from NUS action? Surely the disregard which

the Anderson Report shows for the NUS is implicit enough.

### Real Impact

Martin Plimley, Chairman of Debates, believes that, 'NUS will never have any political impact until Oxford and Cambridge come in. Their opinions are as respected as anyone's, yet they don't need the NUS to give them a "national context".'

Many people feel that an enterprising Union, buying and running its own hostels would have far more impact than any amount of NUS Conferences.

### Frightening

When asked what his reaction would be to LSE leaving NUS, Mr. Watson, the Deputy President of the National Union, said he found the prospect 'quite frightening'. LSE, he said, had always played a big part in the organisation. It has provided it with many officers (including last year's Secretary Alan Hale) and has played a big part in the framing of legislation.

He seemed to think that we would be missed.

### Budget Meeting

Despite Mr. Watson's concern a number of people consider the hostel scheme of greater lasting benefit than NUS. Certainly a number of members have intimated that they will argue along these lines at tomorrow's Budget Meeting.

## REFORM BILL 1961

'A shambles!' 'a disgrace!' 'disgusting!' — these were some of the more printable comments on last year's Clare Market Parliament. What went wrong?

In private post mortems the Labour Society blamed the Conservatives — 'they knew they couldn't win, so they tried to sabotage our speeches by heckling'.

The Conservatives countered that the Labour speakers couldn't, or wouldn't, answer the 'government's' case and therefore tried to prevent the Conservative 'ministers' from presenting it. The Liberals, true to form, blamed both the major parties.

### 'Never Again'

'Never again', said Debates Chairman, Martin Plimley. So, supported by last year's President Eddie Lock, he presented plans for civilising CMP.

This year when Clare Market Parliament assembles on Nov. 6th with Mr. Speaker Bob McKenzie in the Chair, it will be with guest MP's acting as leaders and deputy leaders of each of the three parties

Sitting at the Clerk's table will be three judges to assess the merit of the speeches and to award a book token for the best one from the floor.

### Liberals — The Key

All three parties seem to favour the 'reformed Parliament'. The Labour Party will be in office and has high hopes of seeing its 'Queen's Speech', based on a programme of social legislation, receive a substantial majority.

Key to the opposition will be the Liberals who are presenting an independent line but who could, by voting against the 'government' tip the balance heavily in favour of the 'official' Conservative opposition.

At any rate, the introduction of these new measures will, it is hoped, keep the 'Parliament' parliamentary.

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**A Serious Proposal**

When Union Officials, particularly those in the External Affairs Department, recover from their apoplectic fits, brought on by the suggestion that we should get out of NUS, they should sit down and consider it, as calmly as possible, as a practical and beneficial move for the Union.

Of course, the advocates of this course of action are purposely overstating the case in order to make their point. No one really believes that we get no benefit whatever out of NUS. There is no doubt that we do derive certain substantial benefits from our membership.

It is not a case of getting out just for the hell of it or to annoy the 'national context' fiends. If we could not put the money to better use the question would not arise.

The Hostel Scheme is a bold and imaginative idea which would, if carried out, bring prestige to the Union and benefits to the student.

Unless we make a real effort to save at least this £500 we are in no position to canvass for financial help in other quarters.

This is not a hair-brained scheme. It is a serious suggestion made in all good faith. The least that Council and every member of Union can do is to treat it as such.

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This is my last 'Beaver' editorial. I wish the new editor, Kishore, every success. At least I have left him plenty of faults to iron out.

My regular readers, if there are any, will be pleased, or displeased, to know that I now intend to devote my tireless energies to my real interest, the Passfield House Book.

**PRESIDENT'S****COLUMN**

Council has just completed the mammoth task of interviewing applicants for Union appointments and of making the decisions between them. It has been very encouraging to see so many people volunteer in such an enthusiastic spirit.

May I thank everybody who came forward. It is always very difficult to choose and I hope that the unsuccessful applicants will not allow this to deter them from future participation.

**Budget**

In the possible event of everything going true to form, this column will be published on the eve of the Annual General Budget Meeting.

I am sure that everyone hopes that this year's Budget can be settled quickly, amicably, and, as near as possible, to everyone's satisfaction. This can only be done by approaching it from a position of tolerance and by a determined attempt to resolve our differences sensibly.

**New Building**

This is, of course, by no means easy in a Budget Meeting, with its complicated procedure, but I am sure that it can be done and that it will make the discussions easier.

A little further in the future, though probably only a matter of days, the new bar in the St. Clement's Building will open. This then sees the last of the new Union premises.

Besides the bar there are two games rooms in the basement, though the details of how they are to be used have

not been finally settled at the time of writing. I hope the new premises will be as homely and congenial as the old Three Tuns.

**Complaints**

However congenial the Three Tuns may be, it appears that in some pubs around LSE students of the School are not the most welcome customers.

I have received a number of complaints and threats of bans so far this term, and I promised one landlord that I would say a word about it in this column.

I would only ask everyone to be aware that public houses are public, and that not all landlords are as devoted to LSE students as are Ron and Marie.

**Commem. Ball**

Provided that one or two more points can be sorted out, the Commemoration Ball will be held after all, in the Festival Hall. Although this will mean a slightly increased charge the attraction of the three bands and the de luxe surroundings should make it well worth while.

**Confusion**

Twice this term a great deal of confusion and inconvenience has resulted from two societies booking the same room for the same evening. This could be avoided if everyone were to consult the Bookings File in the Union Office and were to enter their reservation. To avoid future clashes this can and must be done.

**Tom Evans**

The preliminary agenda for the NUS Council meeting at Margate on November 17th-20th, has now been published. I hope that everyone will take the time off to read it with a view to amending any motions on it.

**Worthwhile**

It is often said that the NUS is the concern only of the specialists. But the opportunity of formulating or guiding policy is important. It can be utilised by anyone who takes the trouble.

The NUS is a worthwhile organisation, in which the LSE has always played a great part. But this depends essentially on the interest of all students. Only by the expression of their opinions can it hope to be a representative body.

I hope that we will try, at least to make it this.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****POLITICAL THOUGHT**

Dear Sir,

Interesting as was Mr. Handa's article, 'Thinkers All', in the last issue of 'Beaver', and useful, doubtless as his resumé of the standard practice of Part I candidates in the selection of political philosophers was — though to whom, with the revised regulations, it is difficult to imagine — one cannot but feel that in seeking anything but the history of political thought in a course entitled, 'The History of Political Thought', he is suffering under a misapprehension.

**Drawbacks**

History must necessarily delve into the past, and to argue that the political thought course is not relevant to the present day is to mistake its purpose.

To begin the study at Rousseau, or even later, as Mr.

Handa advocates, has very serious drawbacks. And if he wishes to include only those thinkers with direct impact on the modern world, many would consider Plato and Locke to have better claims than Spencer and Bentham.

Also the influence of early thinkers is not irrelevant to the study of any philosopher.

Yours sincerely,  
Malcolm Falkus.

**AIESEC**

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the caption under the photograph of students queuing outside NUS on Page 4 of the last issue of 'Beaver'.

Article One of the AIESEC Statutes clearly states that the Association is non-political and non-racial and any implication that coloured students were discriminated

against by foreign AIESEC committees is completely fallacious.

Over 20 per cent. of LSE students who went abroad this year with AIESEC came from Afro-Asian countries and I would like to point out that about ten traineeships this summer remained untaken due to the lack of technical and linguistic qualifications required by our students by firms abroad.

We would like an apology from you and a retraction of the implication that AIESEC discriminates against anyone.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Klingner (President)  
D. Pearce  
J. C. Hartley.

*AIESEC is respected for its stand against the Colour Bar. However, there were cases last year of coloured students being refused traineeships by foreign firms.*

—Editor.

**THE REFECTORY**

Dear Sir,

Mr. Simpson's article in your last issue was, I think, wholly absurd. In view of the bad layout which, at lunch time, turns the refectory into a market place, the low quality food and the poor counter service, I am of the opinion that no words of praise for the refectory can be justified.

From three premises, i.e. 1) that the refectory has to provide upwards of 1,500 meals a day; 2) that the refectory loses money during the vacation, and 3) that the refectory compares favourably with outside catering organisations, Mr. Simpson concludes that we should not criticise the service.

**Effort Needed**

Even if Mr. Simpson's premises were exhaustive, which they are not, this would be no reason for failing to criticise the system. A valid comparison would not be with outside bodies but with the refectory at ULU.

I end by saying this. I believe that if they really wanted to, the refectory people could raise both the standard of the food and of the service in the refectory,

Yours sincerely,

O. Mehmet.

# A STUDENT PRESS

## COUNCIL

by Simon Klinger

### POINTS FROM THE UNION

Finance Committee and Council finally approved Jim Sainsbury's budget on Monday, October 23rd, having discussed it for some 17 hours at three separate meetings.

Certain discontent was caused when Council held one of these meetings at Passfield Hall last Sunday. It was widely felt that Council should give every facility possible for interested parties to observe these important proceedings. For this reason they should have been held at LSE on a weekday, not in a private room on a Sunday.

The Sunday meeting broke up promptly at 12 p.m. It is understood that the President was loath to break the Hall rules by having women in his room on Union business.

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Reginald Maudling, the new Colonial Minister, replaced Selwyn Lloyd, who replaced Donald Soper, in the Old Theatre last Monday.

Bill Quinn, Chairman of the ULU Labour Society, denies any complicity in the socialist plot to recall Parliament a week earlier and to table two motions of censure against the Chancellor, thus robbing LUCA of their five-star speaker.

There is no reason to doubt Mr. Quinn on this. After all what interest would he have in preventing Selwyn from getting his fair share of toilet rolls?

Poor Mr. Maudling copped the lot.

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Council are in a quandary. When asked, at the last Union Meeting whether the NUS Officer was a man or a woman, one member replied, 'We are not sure yet'.

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At last Friday's Union Meeting, External Affairs VP Sally Aubin found herself in the invidious position of trying to persuade Union to send Tony Worthington (her partner in crime in the gowns scandal) to the NUS Conference at Margate.

'Mr. Worthington has a vast store of facts at his fingertips concerning student welfare which would be of immense value to the delegation', was the plea.

Union, unlike Queen Victoria, was amused but not impressed.

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At a recent Finance Committee, Eddie Lock suggested to the Film Society that they should sell ice-cream in the interval or while, in their own inimitable style, they change reels.

The General Secretary will be pleased to accept applications for the post of Ice Cream Officer.

One has only got to glimpse at some of the student newspapers published in Great Britain to realise that the general standard is far from satisfactory.

It is worthy of note that in many countries, the standard of student papers is distinctly superior. Furthermore, most of them are very rarely faced with deficits and British editors, may I respectfully point out, are not the only ones plagued by shoe-string budgets.

Our universities certainly don't lack the talent, but unlike similar institutions abroad, they can expect very little encouragement and practically no guidance at all from experienced quarters.

Again, it is of significance that we know very little about the life in universities abroad and even less about colleges in these very Isles. We are more likely to go around asking questions at Heidelberg than in University Road, Leicester. There is an almost total lack of communication between ourselves and other students and I do not believe this is due to a couldn't-care-less attitude on our part.

#### Inadequate

'Student News', published by NUS is hardly adequate and is rarely recommended as a model newspaper. COSEC publications, to be found in the Union waste-paper baskets, do not deserve a better fate. Their quasi-political manifestos are ghoulish; they look bad and make even worse reading. This is partly due to their efforts in keeping up with the 'avant-garde' Jones's in Prague (the home of IUS publications).

The state of student mass media in this country has been and still is, in a mess, but it needn't necessarily remain in it.

#### Rags

Newspapers are called rags by their own editors, and I am afraid I have got to agree with them. Most of them can do little better than copy the style and other features of some daily tabloid in Fleet Street. News items concerning other colleges bear a strange resemblance to reports we read in the 'Guardian' or 'The Times'. Further descriptions of our journalistic shortcomings may turn me into a 'persona non grata' with our Paul Slickeys; nevertheless, whether we write about it or not, the arid deserts of verbiage are there for all to see and they never fail to bear witness.

#### Prestige

Why then are our foreign counterparts better off? Although they hate to admit it, they enjoy the benefits of Student Press Councils.

In most countries, their duties also include the fostering of good public relations with the National Press, advertisers, and trusts and foundations interested in journal-

ism. The results of their campaigns are pretty obvious and the prestige of student newspapers is thus greatly enhanced.

#### LSE Proposes

Is there anything we can do in Great Britain? The answer is an emphatic YES. The motion passed by our Union on October 20th may well be the first step towards an improvement of our newspapers and magazines. The motion recommended that:

'Council proposes that a conference representative of all student newspapers be called in order to establish a student press council as the advisory body between the future annual press conferences.

And hence, the student press council shall be established:

1. To raise the standards of student journalism;
2. To be responsible for amicable student press relations;
3. To act as an agency for diffusion of student news between colleges;
4. To assist student journalists in obtaining facilities comparable to those available to professional journalists;
5. To assist the exchange of information through similar agencies abroad;
6. To act as a clearing house to ensure that the National Press receives those news items which constituent members would like to have released.'

#### Co-operation

If the idea is acceptable to the NUS Conference in Margate, editors, budding journalists and their readers will be better off for it.

As long as miracles are not expected and as long as student journalists are prepared to put their heads together, a brighter and less frustrating future can be anticipated. The Press Council it is hoped, will be free from Endsleigh Street politics and jobniks.

#### Only a Start

After the SPC is set up, it is hoped that the other Press Council, the National Union of Journalists, tycoons and other institutions connected with the world of ink and paper will come forward and offer their help.

I am confident a tremendous reception will be awaiting them.

### OUR OPINION —

#### for what its worth

by Beaver Staff

'Beaver' wholeheartedly supports Mr. Klinger's idea of setting up a Student Press Council. The scheme is good; press councils are a useful and accepted part of Student Journalism in many parts of the world, as Mr. Klinger must well know from his recent visit to Canada.

As student journalists, we do not, of course agree that the standard is so deplorably low in this country. 'Varsity' and 'Guild News' (to say nothing of 'Beaver') compare favourably with student publications anywhere in the world. That is not to say that they could not be better.

#### In America

As for Mr. Klinger's high opinions of our foreign counterparts, we can only think that his experience is drawn largely from his American experience.

Far from working on a shoe-string budget most of these papers get large grants. Their offices and printing works are on a Fleet Street scale.

Since it is possible to 'major' in journalism in the States most of the staff are semi-professional in that their work on the College paper counts towards their degree.

#### Free

The larger Universities provide their papers with a virtually captive readership of upwards of 20,000 students. Many papers are produced daily; most carry national as well as local news and some, like the University of Penn-

sylvania, are distributed free.

In the fairly self sufficient student communities, centred on the campus, it is natural that the College Paper will have a bigger impact and influence on students than we can ever hope to achieve in the diffused student communities such as are typical in this country, outside Oxford and Cambridge.

Furthermore, with such a vast readership the American papers can command very high advertising rates and in such a compact community, it is well worth an advertiser's while to pay them.

Is it any wonder then that we find it difficult to compete with such organisations. And should anyone wonder how British standards compare with those on the Continent they have only to look beneath the COSEC publications, in the Union waste paper basket to find out.

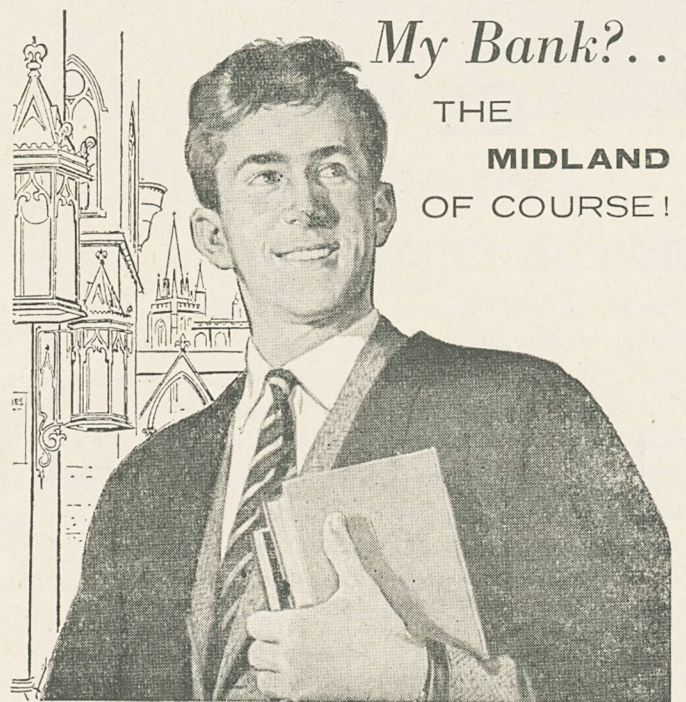
#### Megalomania

However, apart from Mr. Klinger's unjustified tirade against the local press, we feel that his motion deserves our wholehearted support. The point he should have made is not that present standards are so bad, but that they could be better.

Editors are naturally very concerned, in their frequent fits of megalomania, about their autonomy. But, provided that the Council does not assume dictatorial powers and provided it is run by journalists and not Union administrators it can be only of an advantage to editors and readers alike.

### My Bank?..

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## Midland Bank—

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# COMMUNISM AND THE STUDENT

by Jan Alker

'The National Union of Students of England, Wales and Northern Ireland is a political organisation of students which aims at educating them in Conservative principles and encouraging them to further the Conservative cause'.

**Confusion! Amazement! Furious protest!** Such would be the reactions of students if the NUS Executive proposed the inclusion of the above clause in the Constitution. In Britain the student expects his political affiliations to be his personal concern and such a clause would be insufferable.

To Yugoslav ears, it would not sound strange. The functions of the Yugoslav Union of Students are primarily of a political nature. These may be summarised as:— the education of the student in the principles of Marxist ideology and the concrete social and economic needs of his country.

## Construction

Discussions and seminars, visits to factories are the means of effecting this edu-

cation. In addition to this the majority of students at some time attend a work camp and have done a great deal of valuable construction work (e.g. 'we built the best road in the country').

No rule enforces this labour as it does in Red China but it is so widespread that one gets the impression that it would not be easy to avoid it.

The student is expected to take an interest in international affairs. He supports the struggle for peace and disarmament. He fights colonialism and imperialism. Above all he supports the pronouncements of the government; for with a one-party government, which theoretically represents the opinions of all, not to support them would be dangerously anti-social.

Frequent international student meetings are organised

by the Yugoslavs, at which desperate efforts are made not only to preserve a 'neutral' outlook but to be seen preserving it.

## A Pyramid

YUS is also concerned with matters arising specifically within the student sphere. It stands at the apex of a pyramid of Councils established in

each University to facilitate staff - student negotiations. These have a dual purpose. Like Workers' Councils they aim to permit self management and at the same time to provide training in the art of leadership for the future benefit of the society.

Strong emphasis is placed on the glorious role of the student in the battle against the pre-war government, his

heroic resistance to Nazism and above all his part in the establishment of Tito's government. As a natural continuation of this traditional battle for freedom and the happiness of his countrymen, the student is expected to play a large part in the building of the socialist ideal society. Thus it is only natural that the Programme of the League of Yugoslav Communist is the basis of the YUS Constitution.

However, readers who have by now dismissed the YUS as a mere 'propaganda machine' are, I think, misjudging it.

Yugoslavia is an underdeveloped country which has an urgent need of energetic and educated leaders. Given this, it seems reasonable that the student should be kept directly in touch with economic and social conditions outside the University and should be encouraged to apply his abilities to the elimination of ignorance and poverty. From this follows their pre-occupation with Marxism, for the government does not make its economic plans in a vacuum but in the light of Communist philosophy. Therefore it is only natural that a knowledge of the country's problems goes hand in hand with the study of Communism.



Visits to factories are one important way in which students may be kept in touch with the activities of the rest of their society. Rod Beale (LSE) in centre of photo, takes part in one of these visits during a student seminar in Yugoslavia.

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# Freedom in the South

by  
Constance Lever

For a long time there has been little or no improvement in the life of Negroes in the Southern States. They are disenfranchised, second class citizens. The discontented joined the vast exodus to the north, leaving the position unchanged. But in the last few years there has arisen a struggle for civil rights, carried on by outside pressures from the north and by Negro communities within the South. Local action has arisen in small towns and rural areas also, where outside pressures were scarcely felt. Now this resistance too is linking up with northern supporters.

In Fayette County, Tennessee, the Civic and Welfare League was formed, inspired by John McFerren, a Negro grocer who had returned from the army with a new determination. In a mass voter registration drive the leaders went up and down the back roads seeking out sharecroppers, tenant farmers, day workers. 1,200 Negroes voted. The response was swift. A blacklist of voters and members of the League was circulated. They could not obtain loans (essential for sharecroppers), they could not buy food or petrol, they were refused treatment by doctors. Then they were

evicted. Other Negro families responded and most of them were taken in. For the rest a tent city was set up. It has been standing for nearly a year. But then support came. Food and money were sent from Chicago and elsewhere. The Trade Unions later moved to help them. The Federal government brought suit against 155 defendants including two banks, and this summer sent relief food in.

## Home Guard

In Monroe, North Carolina, a small town with 11,000 pop-

# SEGAL

So you've arrived at LSE. Countless hordes of eager faces, eager receptacles of society handouts and eager listeners to lecturers, tutors, Evans (our President) and other lesser known people. You the fresher will have advice handed out like book-lists at a lecture, advice, advice and still more advice.

You will in time find the coffee bar, Room R, the Shaw Library, the way to Passfield Hall, etc., etc., and will give up after a week, attempting to learn in a month that which by any normal process will take a year.

### Real LSE

Perhaps you've been exhilarated by all that you have seen, or scared, or bored, or just plain amused; but have you seen the real LSE?

The antics of our Union are only for the truly initiated; those queer fellows who have the audacity to criticise, and dare I say it, sometimes embarrass our Welsh crusading President. In the Union you, the fresher, will soon find the 'characters' of the LSE. For, let's face it, it is not hard to find the individual, the unusual woman who arrived to a post on Union Council — 'I dreamt I'd delivered my maiden speech in my Maidenform bra'. Then there are the old men of the College, 'pass me my teeth dear; I want to bite you'.

By the time this article reaches you (¾ has been edited) the Eichmann Trial will have been settled out of court,



the staff lift mended in the main building, and my girl friend may have sorted out her problem.

### Ugley

Last May she joined the Women's Institute; and unfortunately she comes from the Essex village of Ugley (pronounced ugly). The organisation is known as the Ugley Women's Institute. Being very touchy she is naturally perturbed by this, and so I suggested they change the name to the Women's Institute —

Ugley Branch. If any of my readers can help with this problem, please write to the 'Dear Aunt Agatha' column.

### All Types

We cater for all types whether you have been nationalised, monopolised, certified or sterilised. We can fit you in.

The men are most genteel — a young man on being refused a dance at a hop in the refectory one Saturday night sweetly replied — 'I'm sorry my dear, I didn't see your two left feet'.

### Undertaking

Since I have space, I would like to remind our President of a letter mistakenly sent to me by his undertaker. It reads, 'Dear Sir — If you don't pay the last instalment on your mother-in-law, up she comes'. I have since replied on behalf of Mr. Evans, 'Dear Sir — she remains, yours sincerely, Tom Evans'.

### The Law

I would warn freshers not to get arrested under any circumstances. The magistrate

### Freedom Riders

This is the first time Freedom Riders had gone into a small town. Together with local people they intergrated a drug store and churches, tried to negotiate with the mayor and picketed the courthouse. When the picketers were attacked by a white mob they were all arrested and forced to leave town, temporarily. Now a committee of supporters for this town has been set up in New York.

### Finance

The militancy and solidarity of whole communities in the South is inspiring, but the odds are heavy and they must have every possible outside help if this is to spread and succeed. If anyone is interested in sending money to the Monroe Non Violent Action Committee or to the Fayette County Original Civic and Welfare League, please contact me through pigeon holes.

## speaks out...

### a cautionary monologue

by Allan Segal

was a sweet old fellow ('what is a toothbrush?') and he gave me 42 years and life imprisonment to run consecutively. On telling him, 'But sir, I'll never make it', he replied, 'Never mind, my boy, do the best you can'.

need spiritual guidance since I was an agnostic pedestrian.

Nevertheless, I was amazed to find that all prison equipment bears the Royal crest. Let it be remembered that in this free and democratic country of ours that even the humblest man in England can sit upon his own Royal throne.

### Democracy

On being taken to the cells, I informed my jailer that I was neither Catholic, Protestant or a Jew, but did not

Finally to Fresher X. I have looked into your problem, and will be sending you some advice in a plain sealed envelope. No, you need not tip the porters.



## Not all who read The Times are gentlemen

THE NOTION that The Times is an article of gentlemen's furnishings, like a hat or umbrella, is not quite apt, as our picture shows. For this young woman, in any case, The Times is a professional necessity as well as a personal pleasure.

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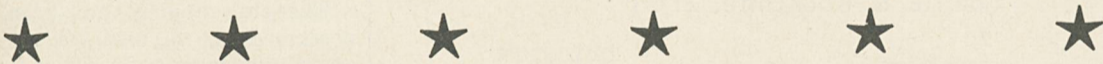
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Freedom Riders and local people in court

ulation, the community organised a home guard to protect themselves from Klu Klux Klan attacks. Through this summer they have been picketing. Attempts were made on the life of the picket organiser

in full view of the police, attacks at night increased and law and order seemed to be collapsing. Appeals to the state and federal authorities produced no help, but 17 Freedom Riders responded.



# TALKING ABOUT THEATRE

The West End scene at the moment looks quite dismal. True we have 'Beyond the Fringe' (for those lucky enough to get a seat) and 'Oliver', by far the best musical in town plus Osborne's 'Luther', and Anouilh's 'Becket', for those who like their drama in a historical package. Even so, the removal to distant parts or perhaps just to a shelf in the local library of 'Man of All Seasons', 'Altona' and 'The Caretaker' to name but a few has left a very big gap particularly in the realm of good dramatic theatre.

## US Imports

The imported American musicals continue to draw the crowds largely due, perhaps, to the 'big-name' stars and possibly to the large, floating American population in London, who just couldn't get a seat on Broadway for any money.

'My Fair Lady'—now in its 4th year—still plays to packed houses, whereas 'West Side Story' alas, suffered the fate of most great, original shows.

## Alas!

The scene has become saturated with a series of half-baked reviews plugging the same, old 'queer' jokes. Side by side with these are the old hardy annuals such as, 'The Amorous Prawn' and 'The Mousetrap' dragging down from the provinces the factory bus loads to resuscitate their 'once nightly, two matinees weekly' corpse. Well might the management of the *Ambassadors*, home of the 'Mousetrap', proclaim, 'in its ninth INCREDIBLE year'—they have good reason for their surprise.

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In London we have no theatres for the welfare of the people: they are all for the purpose of producing the utmost obtainable rent for the proprietor. It was not Tynan but George Bernard Shaw who uttered these sage words and I hope that the proposers of Britain's National Theatre bear them in mind.

## Commissions

Not that Shaw's dictum holds quite so much water today as such places as the *Theatre Workshop*, and the *Arts Theatre Club*, amongst others reveal. A National Theatre, however, by its very nature, needs be on a much grander scale. But it must take care not to degenerate into a mere tourist attraction presenting solely the well-tried and commercially approved classics, nor fall into

By  
OUR ARTS  
EDITOR

the esoteric ranks of avant-garde drama.

It could, if it were allowed, use part of its revenue to specially commission works after the example of the Edinburgh Festival and *The Aldwych*. The latter's commissioning of Whiting's 'The Devils' proved perhaps their most successful venture last season.

## Anathema

This system would enable authors to write full-time, perhaps to travel for inspiration and above all to write with the aim in view of an immediate West End production, rather than in the semi-dependent atmosphere of realising that their work will have to worm its way to success from some obscure small town repertory.

The commercialisation which pervades British theatre manifests itself most blatantly in the fact that to date, none of Wesker's plays, despite the valiant efforts of the *Royal Court*, has had a prolonged West End run.

The anathema is spread throughout the arts. It is the reason why we hear so little Bruckner and Mahler and so much Tchaikovsky and Beethoven, largely because the concert halls will not be packed for the former. True, they are an acquired taste but at least people should be given the chance to acquire it. I hope the National Theatre will provide the public with this chance.

## 'Commercial Carrot'

It could have at its disposal far greater funds than most commercial managements; enabling it to avoid incurring peptic ulcers whenever queues do not encircle the theatre twice round. If the commercial carrot can be removed then perhaps we can find in the National Theatre a theatre truly concerned with 'the welfare of the people'.

## NEW BOOKS

Prof. Mills' latest book, 'Listen Yankee', is something of a departure from his better known books—'White Collar' and 'Power Elite'. This is a violent, angry book about the Cuban Revolution written in the words of a Cuban revolutionary.

It caused quite a stir in the States as the first pro-Cuban book to appear at a time when all 'informed' opinion was condemning Castro and his policies. One of the chief points made is that 'opinion' was misinformed. Particularly striking is the indictment against the sensation-hungry American press.

## Out of Touch

Although some of this criticism is not so relevant to the British reader (Mr. Mills makes a point of saying how much better the story was covered in the English press) what is relevant is the contention that Cuba speaks for all the 'hungry nations of the world', not only in South America but also in Africa and Asia.

This book is a remarkable and disturbing comment on how the Western world can get out of touch with the upsurging nations.

'What the Cubans are doing and saying today . . . other hungry peoples will be doing and saying tomorrow', and if we do not listen to them, if we look on them as another act in the South American comic opera series, then we should remember that, 'other powerful nations are listening—certainly the Russians are'.

Ballantine Books have also issued a reprint of G. Rattray Taylor's classic, 'Sex in History'. Particularly interesting is the chapter on Medieval sexual behaviour and Mr. Taylor's excellent account of the Victorian period, when sexual repression 'reached the point that even piano legs had to be covered with crinoline'. To sexualise a piano leg was, as Glover pointed out, no mean feat.

John R. Spears' account of the 'American Slave Trade', (Ballantine, 2/6d.) is useful for the copious quotations from the writings of the early slavers, the balance sheets of slave merchants, letters, and other original material.

Unfortunately the author cannot refrain from highly coloured epithets such as, 'this the most evil of trades known to man'. Even if, in this day



Children at play in the 'Danse Macabre'

## HUNGARY'S WAR

(Curzon)

'Danse Macabre', directed by Laszlo Nadasy, is a refreshing insight into the realities of post-war Eastern Europe. Centred around an apartment block in Budapest, it is a story of a group of children who discover an unexploded grenade and barter it amongst themselves as a 'toy'.

## Innocent Victims

Into this is weaved an interplay of backgrounds of the older generation and the pathetic love of Matyi, a lonely adolescent, for Ildi, a young girl just blossoming into beautiful womanhood.

The counterplay of the war survivors and the play of the children was effectively portrayed in the photography of Gyorgy Illes and the conflicting scenes admirably blended in Ranody's direction.

Despite unnecessary gimmicks such as the constant close-ups, shots of reflections and the melodramatic opening sequences accompanied by synthetic music which the film did not warrant, it is a harsh, realistic narrative of the escapist older generation being forced to accept reality with their children as the innocent victims of the 'Danse Macabre' of war.

A.C. and M.B.

## LSE OPERA

The Music Society has plumped on Donizetti's 'Linda Di Chamounix' for its Opera production. To our knowledge, it was last produced at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in 1848.

Subject to such details as performing rights, it will be performed in the Old Theatre at the end of the Lent Term.

A lengthy search through such masters as Handel, Puccini and Wagner, has had to be set aside for practical reasons, and the absence of adequate resources.

The chosen piece has been described as a semi-serious opera, whose tragedy is blended with a happy ending. All those interested are advised to watch the Music Society notice board for further announcements.

and age, there is the need to write about the Slave Trade atrocities in these crusading terms, a calm, detached approach would be much more impressive.

Mr. Spears does not seem to be aware that his cause was won some time ago.

## THE PENGUIN ATLAS OF MEDIEVAL HISTORY by Colin McEvedy (10/6)

This is a beautifully produced book illustrating the political, economic and religious history of the Middle Ages by series of maps. Each map is explained by a page of text, which is admirably terse and relevant.

It is a fascinating book to skim through (see the amoeba-like fluctuations of the Byzantine Empire and the thickening and widening trade routes of the Later Middle Ages) as well as a mine of information for the serious student.

Everyone in LSE should read Cross's 'The Fascists in Britain', for the light it throws on pre-war politics. It is difficult to imagine the present day racist, Sir Oswald

Mosley, as the leader of the Labour Party, but this is what he nearly became.

He was the man of whom Beatrice Webb wrote, 'We have made the acquaintance of the most brilliant man in the House of Commons', and Harold Laski said, 'Oswald Mosley, who I like more and more, is turning towards Labour'.

## Battles

Today one scarcely realises how powerful an influence Fascism was in this period. The British Fascists in 1924 numbered 100,000 and in the 'thirties pitched battles were waged in London's streets between the pro- and anti-fascists.

The style of this book is as interesting as is its information; Mr. Cross maintains his air of impartiality, although in his preface he admits to detesting fascists and racialism; he writes both clearly and economically.

R.E. and R.C.S.

# SCRAPPY WIN

## Strong Attack

On Saturday, October 11th, the LSE First XI continued their unbeaten record by defeating Newland Park T.C. 3-2 in a scrappy, unexciting match at Chalfont St. Giles.

The character of the match was to some extent determined by two factors. The first was an over-keen referee. He was not so much biased as weak in the faculties of judgment. Some of his mistakes were so obvious that they could not have been intentional.

The second factor shaping the match was the great width of the pitch. This meant that the wingers were of necessity, given lots of room to manoeuvre, but neither team could capitalise on this.

LSE were hampered by the indecision of two inexperienced wingers and the Newland Park forward line was too small to make any impression on the beefy LSE defence, in which Crowther and Jacobson were outstanding.

Newland scored their second and best goal. It came from a nicely placed centre which floated over the heads of the LSE defenders to be headed home by the left winger.

LSE won this match because they had the superior finishing power. The large inside forward trio, all of whom have good shots, could reap a rich harvest of goals if only the wingers could supply them with the right sort of ball. I.H.

### Opposition Dominant

For the first half Newland, if not dominant, were playing more coherent football. Their passing was crisper and more accurate and they were less often caught in possession than were the LSE team. However they were unable to finish their efforts in goals.

Shortly before half-time LSE managed to get a break-away goal when Habeshaw collected a nicely placed head-flick and efficiently deposited it in the net.

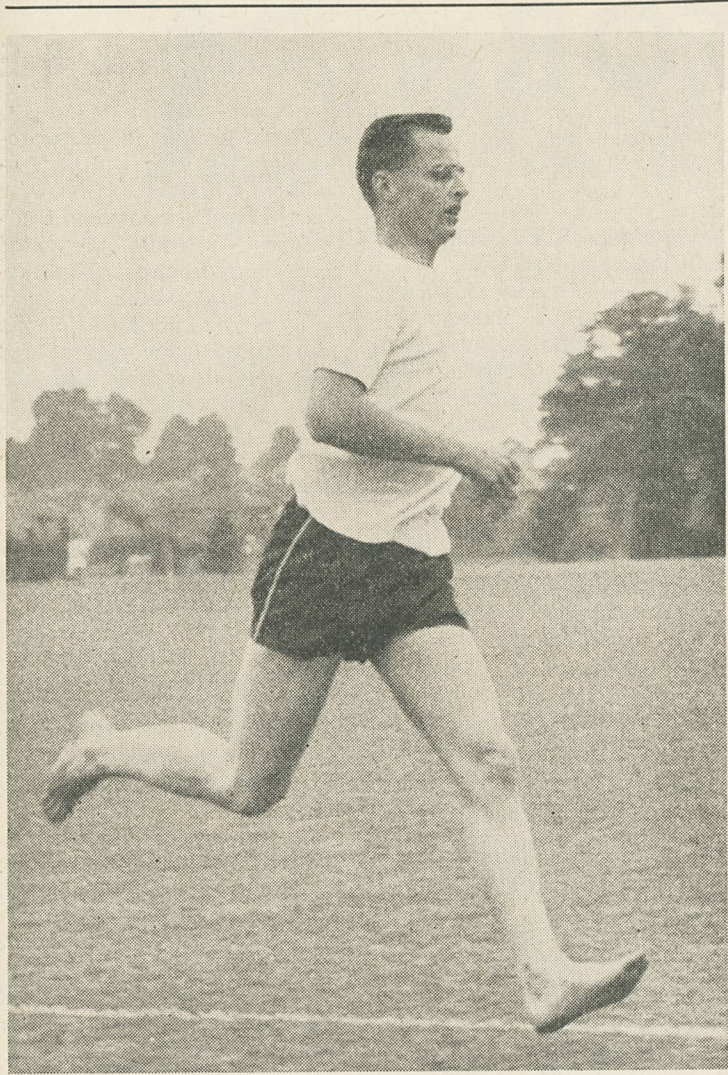
### Morton — Goal

Shortly after the turn around LSE looked safe when two more goals were added to their score sheet. The opposing right back must, however, be given credit for heading into his own goal a perfectly safe centre from the LSE captain, Morton. It was Morton who got the third goal with a good left foot shot from just inside the penalty area.

### Big Mistake

Towards the end of the game, Jacobson made his first big mistake; that is apart from having his name taken. He mistimed a pass back and gave Newland their first goal, as it was intercepted on its way to the keeper.

Then, too late to give them any chance of equalising,



Mike Heck Winning the Mile at Open Day

## NORTHERN INVASION

Fair haired, slightly built, Dave Bagshaw, LSE's best running prospect for some years, recorded one of the best times of the day in the London invitation relay race on Saturday, October 10th, with a time of 8 mins. 12 secs. for the 1.6 mile course.

The Saturday previous, Bagshaw provided the shock of the day in the University Trials Match. He finished fourth in a field of athletes much older and more experienced than himself. He was the first fresher home and must be one of the University's brightest hopes for the coming season.

### Sheffield Again

Mick Heck, an experienced runner in University events and LSE's most consistent performer, was unable to better Bagshaw's time on either occasion.

Another good prospect for the cross country team is Terry Harvatt. He, like Heck and Bagshaw, hails from Sheffield, and also put up an excellent time in the invitation relay event in which LSE finished sixth in a strong field.

Gus Schumacher, an American studying for his master's degree, has adapted himself

well to the rigours of cross country running having been a very fast runner on the track.

### Potential

The Club's prospects for the season are the best for some time and if the general team form continues to improve the College should emerge from the backwoods into the limelight of University cross country. Not only has the Club the potential for a fine team but it is also likely to provide several runners for the University side.

### GOOD FRESHERS

The Men's Hockey Club trials produced many promising freshers. The first team seems assured of a strong side.

Having won the first two games comfortably, 9-0 and 5-2 the team lost to a strong Petters Sports side by 4-2.

## MANNHEIM TRIP

On Monday, November 6th, 27 members of the AU will travel to Mannheim (near Heidelberg), this being the next of our now traditional fixtures with the Hohen-schule there.

Three teams will make the trip; football, athletics and table tennis, and will return on Friday, November 10th. The cost? About £4 10s. 0d. per member, each being subsidised by about £5.

Just for the record, when Mannheim came here last year LSE won the football 5-4 and lost the athletics and the table tennis.

## SQUASH CLUB

Having already proved itself to be the strongest squash club in the University, the LSE team is likely to be even stronger this year.

The freshers' trial, held on October 14th, produced two outstanding prospects: C. Isarangun, who plays for Wimbledon SC, and G. Emmer, the Harvard number one. These two should compensate for the loss of Axford, a superb player who was caught flat-footed by Part I.

## TEETHING TROUBLE

The Rugby Club is now beginning to settle down after the first two drastic weeks that always begin each session. Trials and practices over, the three XV's have started the two matches weekly routine.

### Splendid Seconds

An unsettled first team lost its first game to Battersea Poly., but soon made up for this with a 16-9 win over Goldsmiths, and a hard fought victory against Borough Road College (11-5).

A splendid second XV, as yet unbeaten, hammered Gold-

### Ebullient

Despite the loss of several socially eminent members, the club, with its attractive fixture list, and the ebullient leadership of Mr. Thomas, is likely to have a very successful season.

### Editorial

## POWER CORRUPTS

by Dave Sheasby

In June, 1960, Geoff. Roberts, who was then the Sport's Editor, complained bitterly of the apathy amongst the rank and file of the AU. He wrote after a year of observation, 'the main impression I have received is the striking contrast between the initiative, imagination and sheer hard work of a small minority of the members of the AU and the almost unbelievable apathy of the majority'.

### Active Interest

In an attempt to prevent the cultivation of a similar parasitic growth this year, I feel obliged to make an appeal now, at the beginning of the session, to all members of the AU. However small your own particular department may be it would be wise to take an active interest in the administration of the AU.

### Fifth Column

There are many ways of showing this interest but one of the most important of these is to use your vote in the election of officials. In the past these polls have been an excuse for the power groups in the Union to exercise all manner of fifth column techniques in an effort to secure votes for their respective candidates.



Dave Sheasby

**AU cards have been obtained surreptitiously, non-members voted and the ground floor has been the scene of tenebrous murmurings of rival factions.**

Yet there remains a good deal of justification for this state of affairs.

If only a small minority of members have any interest at all in Union affairs; if there is only a small group from which candidates can be drawn; if the electorate is a shrunken effigy of the real voting strength of the Union it is inevitable that such tactics should become acceptable.

### Sinister

The only way these petty vote-grabbing sessions can be avoided in the future is for every member of the Athletic Union to use his right to vote on every possible occasion.

**Only then will administration and policy become the concern of all Clubs, and not just the exclusive battle ground of the stronger, more active, and in some cases the more sinister members of the AU.**

# Leonard Lyle

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## WHAT TO YELL

Mr. John Gibbons, ex-Senior Treasurer of the Union and well known intriguer, was puzzled by the article in the last issue of 'Beaver' in which Mr. Hart, writing about LSE in 1919, affirmed that the School yell was:

RISH! RASH! ROSH!

He was puzzled because several national and local newspapers, reporting the opening of the Main Building in 1920, by King George V, clearly stated that the yell was:—

**Polycon! Polycon! Polycon!  
Hush! Hush! Hush!  
Rah! Rah! Rah!**

Now says Mr. Gibbons, 'Is it likely that the reigning sovereign would be greeted by a bastard yell—even at LSE?'

### Action Needed

Yet Mr. Hart's article had the ring of truth about it, so we are left with the problem of what to yell? Mr. Gibbons has no doubts as to what should be done. He believes that:—

**'Forty one years of indecision is far too long. The President has had ample time to weigh the competing merits of the yells and he should resolve this disturbing matter forthwith.'**

The President, it is feared, has yet to take this matter seriously and has not given it the attention which it clearly deserves.

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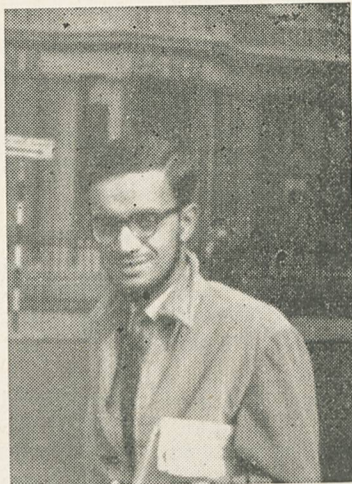
It is reported that an increasing number of ink wells are being filled with eggshells. The numbers of students who spend lectures trying to fit them together will provide a vast and unexplored field for the LSE psychologists.

## COMMEN. BALL

Commemoration Ball will be held at the Festival Hall after all. Following several weeks of indecision by the Festival Hall authorities due to structural alterations, arrangements were finalised last Thursday.

Date of the ball is 24th November: time 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.; price £2 10s. a double

# NEW BEAVER EDITOR



Kishore Bhimani

(by Beaver Staff)

The new editor of 'Beaver' is Kishore Bhimani from Calcutta. Having edited a university magazine for some time at home, he is familiar with the intricacies of the press, the occasional drabness and frustration and the ultimate creative pleasure which goes with such a job.

To the readers of 'Beaver' he is known as an occasional contributor and a prominent member of the Drama Society and the India Society. He has many new ideas and hopes to

bring about 'A Thursday they will look forward to'.

Also with this issue, we say farewell to our present editor, Mr. Richard Stevenson, who has worked with 'dedicated fervour' over the past months, 'amidst good times and bad', to maintain a high standard(?), of accuracy(?), and punctuality.

Many members of the Union are pleased to note that the appointment of Stevenson, an Englishman, has not been taken as a precedent.

## LIBERAL TALK

Mr. Desmond Banks, the chairman of the Liberal Party Executive, predicted the imminent decline of the Labour Party, in his talk to the Liberal Society on October 19th.

He also gave a detailed account of the Party Conference at Edinburgh and spoke of the 'growing success of our campaign to recruit a 100,000 new members'.

### Too Soon

Continuing in the same vein, he went on to describe the 'fantastic' success of the Liberals in the Local Government elections and drew the conclusion—by now inevitable—that the Party was going from strength to strength.

Our Liberal Correspondent spoke of the audience being 'visibly impressed and obviously ready to go out into the world to preach Liberalism'. The applause, he described as 'tumultuous' and remarked that the meeting came to 'an all too early close'.

Must have been quite some meeting.



Richard Stevenson — the retiring Editor

## 'PRISONS and AFTERCARE'

'The average large prison is fundamentally the same as it was fifty years ago', said Mr. Sorensen, the Welfare Officer at Pentonville Gaol, in his talk on 'Prisons and Aftercare', to the Social Science Society on October 12th.

Mr. Sorensen was just recovering from the 'flu'; this might account for the rather depressing note of his talk.

welfare officers who are fully occupied with the bare essentials of routine welfare. There is no provision to ensure that arrangements are made for the prisoners' homecoming and, above all, no chance to visit their families.

This was an interesting, if worrying, talk on one of the blind spots of the welfare state which could do with a lot more illumination.

### Schemes

The greatest fault in Mr. Sorensen's eyes is the general overcrowding and understaffing of all the large prisons, and the boring, pointless existence which the prisoners are forced to lead. There are some exceptions and some schemes; the one at Blackfriars which tries to improve the lot of discharged prisoners is a case in point.

### Blind Spot

On the subject of understaffing, the speaker showed that Pentonville has 1,300 inmates and a weekly turnover of 80 a week. There are three

## DRAM. SOC.

## 'DESIRE' AT LSE

The Dram. Soc's main production this year will be Tennessee Williams', 'Streetcar Named Desire'; copyright difficulties having prevented them doing Logue's, 'The Lily-White Boys', which was seen last year at the Royal Court.

Auditions for 'Streetcar' were held on October 12th and 13th. Graham Buckley is to play Stanley, Jacqueline Weitz—Blanche, and Julie Motz—Stella.

### Wrangles

In addition to this the Society will put on a double bill of one-act plays this term. Although they are not cast as yet the plays will be Christopher Logue's, 'Antigone', and 'The Bald Primadonna', by Ionesco.

On October 17th, a business meeting was held to fill vacant positions on the committee. After much constitutional haggling, Mike Lucas was made President, Tony Hughes—Business and Publicity, and Liz. Swain became the new committee member.

## FURTHER BEYOND THE FRINGE

Mac Albutt wants this year's LSE Review to be even better than the successes of the last two years. A greater co-ordination between the various script-writers and possibly some unified theme is what he is aiming at.

With the great West-end success of 'Beyond the Fringe', the task of producing a revue which is both original and witty is now rendered more difficult.

### Want to Help?

Mac, however, is confident that early collaboration between people wanting to write for the revue, may throw up quite a few fresh ideas. So at this very early date, he hopes that anyone interested in writing sketches, songs or monologues will contact him (through the pigeon holes) as soon as possible.

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