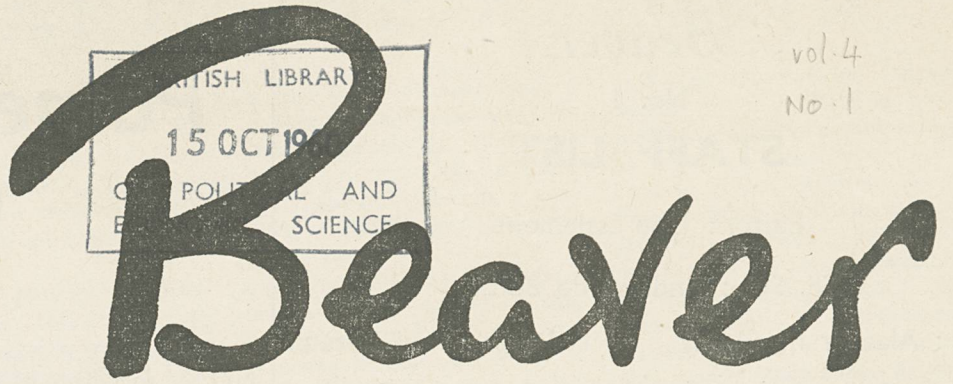


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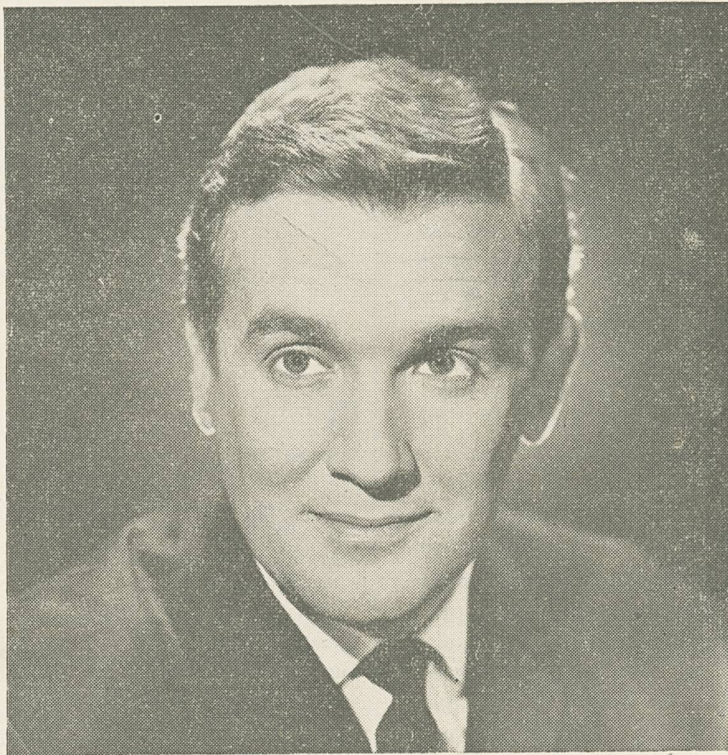
John Moore has just returned to England from India after an eventful motor trip from Europe. He was a member of a party of four students, three of them from LSE, which set out this summer to follow the path of Alexander the Great on his conquering way to the East.

The other LSE members of the party were Martin Dyas, who finished his studies in social science at the School last term, and Pannayis, a post-graduate student.

They left England on 15th July, intending to go as far as Delhi, and to return by the beginning of term.

But although they reached India, frequent breakdowns and serious illnesses delayed their progress. They did not arrive in Delhi until the beginning of term.

It was planned that three students should return to Greece in another vehicle, leaving Pannayis to continue in the original one to Malaya. As a result of the delay, however, John Moore decided to fly back to London, where he arrived on 8th October.



Digby Wolfe, elected honorary president of the Union last term, is now touring in Australia. He has had a very successful trip, and has decided to extend his stay. It is not yet known, as we go to press, when he will return.

THE BUDGET

The Senior Treasurer has announced that unless he receives applications for Budget allocations from Union Officers and Societies by October 15th, the activity concerned may not receive a grant from Union funds for the coming financial year.

GRANTS

The Government has agreed to implement the Anderson Committee's recommendation that all students admitted to a degree course should be awarded a State grant automatically if they hold two A level passes. Further details of the new system are expected to be announced in the next few months, and it may come into operation next session.

"A PRIVILEGE?"

Sir Keith Murray, chairman of the University Grants Committee, said in July that entrance to a university should remain 'a privilege not a right'. Speaking at Manchester Grammar School, he urged the need to place quality before quantity in considering entrants to universities.

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TRAGIC NEWS

When Moore reached his London flat he learnt that his father had died and he went at once to his home in Brighton where our reporter was unable to contact him before we went to press.

We understand however that the two remaining members of the group intend to carry out the original plan and go back to Greece by car. Dyas will then complete his journey by train.

He will not be returning to the LSE, but plans to marry and go to the USA.

NOW KNEEL-INS

The campaign for negro rights in the American South has recently taken a new turn. Following the 'Sit-in' campaign reported in our last issue, students and others have started 'kneel-ins' in the segregated churches.

A number of students have been expelled or suspended from their colleges as a reprisal for taking part in this activity.

One student, at a Baptist college, has learnt that his fiancée will leave him if he persists in fighting for negro rights.

CLARION

Clarion, magazine of the National Association of Labour Student Organisations, is to be edited and produced at LSE this term. Nigel Harris, chairman of NALSO for the second year running, will act as Editor.

NEW PAPER

A new newspaper is to be started at Oxford. It aims to appeal to socialist students throughout the country, and the publishers hope for a circulation of 5,000.

School News

FINES

If you forget to return your books to the Lending Library on time it will now cost you seven and sixpence.

Fines will be at the rate of 2/6d. per book for the first week, and 1/- per day thereafter. It is understood that this system has been introduced in response to a complaint from the Union about the delays in the return of books to the Library.

WEEKEND SCHOOL

A weekend school will be held on the weekend of 25th-27th November at Tyringham House, near Newport Pagnall. The House lies about two miles from the M.1, and it will be as easy to reach as Beatrice Webb House, which is not available this year.

The cost is expected to be less than £2 per head, and the facilities offered are much better than at Dorking.

The theme of the School will be 'Education'.

SIR SIDNEY

Sir Sydney Caine has recently been made a member of the Independent Television Authority and of the new Overseas Development Institute of London. The Institute has been set up to study the whole problem of aid to underdeveloped countries.

SOCIETIES

Some new societies are in the process of being formed. They include: The New Left, Youth Service, Photographic, and Ice Skating Societies. They hope to begin activities this term.

It is understood that the following societies are now defunct: Mill Club, Country Dancing, General Full Course, Celtic Union, and the Communist Society.

PENNY ROY

Penny Roy, the attractive, fair haired young Conservative who left the School at the end of last session after one year of the B.Sc.(Econ.) course, is now working in the City as an assistant to a company secretary. She expects to be able to visit her friends at LSE during the term.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Sixteen students from many countries attended the International Summer School held at LSE at the end of last term. Guests of the Students Union, they enjoyed a full programme of lectures and entertainments while in London.

Since many students could not come to the school, the cost was only about half the budgeted figure.

LEVY JOBLESS

Brian Levy, the last Editor of *Beaver*, returned last month from New York, where he worked on a Newspaper.

On his return he started work with his uncle, an estate agent, he has given this up because, he says, he found the estate business, after the Rent Act, 'immoral'.

A NEW THEATRE

The Nuffield Foundation has granted the University of Southampton £130,000 to build a university theatre, which Basil Spence has designed. The Nuffield Theatre will seat 510 people and will be ready in 1963.

The university will create a fellowship in drama to develop a high standard of performance in university productions. It is hoped that the theatre will be a unifying factor between arts and science students in this rapidly growing university.

Tyneside University

King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, will be a university in its own right if the Government accept a petition that has been sent to them by Durham Convocation.

Students of science and technology will benefit most from this extension, since two thirds of the proposed ninety per cent. increase in places will be in these faculties.

It will take about two years for the separation to be completed, but the extension schemes will take until 1970.

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FRESHERS RECEPTION

On this page today we publish a letter from a first year student which represents a very reasonable reaction to the 'freshers' reception'. In theory this is intended for the convenience of the freshers. In fact it is now regarded as an opportunity for officials of the Union and of Societies to recruit working hands and subscription fodder. This is a human attitude, but a wrong one. Granted that the student who is conned into working for a Union activity will get to know his slave-master, it would be very much more satisfactory if the fresher's first few days at the school were organised with two aims in mind, and no others: to learn to find his way about the school; and to get to know other students, particularly those who are not freshers. It seems to us that the best way in which these aims could be achieved would be to abandon the jamboree in Room 8 and to hold instead an increased number of social functions. Societies anxious to find new members would then have to go out actively to meet the freshers. They would thus make acquaintances who could act as mentors, guides, and what-not, during the first days at the School.

THE LEFT

The Labour Party Conference at Scarborough last week produced no real surprises, but it made it impossible to ignore, as Robert Mackenzie pointed out on Sunday, that there are at the moment two labour parties, with quite different aims and attitudes, struggling for control of the party machine. It would be futile to speculate on which is likely to win, but our own feeling is that, either way, there is a dangerous time ahead. Nothing so breeds apathy and cynicism as the knowledge that elections are decided before the poll, and this would be the result if the Conservatives opposed a Left consisting of three strong parties instead of one.

LETTERS



Small Beer

Dear Sir,
Thank you very much for the complimentary copy of *Beaver*. I very much appreciate the distinction. The only inexactitude to which I might attract your attention is that the bottle of beer I received from the students was much smaller than that which can be seen in the photograph.

Yours sincerely,
S. A. OZGA.

Freshers' Reception

Dear Sir,
I have just spent a week-end attending the functions enumerated in the many sheets of typescript which are, I understand, sent to all students before they come up to the LSE for the first time. I now feel as if I had spent a month working at a coal face, and I have been gulled into joining far more societies than I shall ever have time to participate in.

It seems to me that what is needed, for the reception of freshers, is a greater effort to enable us to get to know each other and the other students. As it is, most of the people one meets are concerned more with making recruits for their own societies than with helping the baffled and exhausted fresher.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID KIRBY.

PROFILE

Pamela Waddleton

Our Social V.P. has entered into the social life of the College with a grim determination that is peculiarly feminine. Her high pressure election campaign was marred only by the fact that she reached her post on the Council unopposed, but it is unlikely that any other first year student had had as much social experience as Pam.

Now in her second year, Pam is busy with the preparations for the Commemoration Ball, hoping greatly to reduce the losses while still making it 'The greatest event of the year'.



POLITICS

Besides her Union work, she takes an active interest in AIESEC, the European Society, and the Conservative Society, of which she is of course Social Secretary. Pam could not imagine herself as anything but Conservative, describing herself as 'fairly liberal'. This is quite fashionable these days.

She thinks that Labour (the Liberal Party was not mentioned) could learn a lot from LUCA and Young Conservatives as a whole, 'Not only social', she hastened to add.

TRAVEL

Taking advantage of the facilities which AIESEC provides, she travelled this summer to Denmark, and worked with a firm of exporters in Copenhagen.

Pam took full advantage of 'the terrific social life', and although she did not have much work to do, thinks that she learnt a lot.

Pam shares a flat at Chelsea. Outside her social activities at LSE she finds her main interest in travel. She has no idea what she will do when she graduates, but hopes to find a job which will allow her to satisfy this interest.

Beaver

Dear Sir,
Student newspapers have three basic functions. First, to provide opportunities for students to express themselves in print on topics of general interest or on particular problems of the college concerned. This does not really concern us here, although one would welcome a few more contributions from people not on Beaver staff.

Second, they should keep students informed about the affairs of their college. Third they should deal with problems of interest to the student world.

Unfortunately, while providing a reasonable coverage of gossip and Union affairs your paper neglects almost entirely the activities of the many thriving clubs that we have at the LSE.

Yours faithfully,
TANAKA MINORU.

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In the past, each issue of *Beaver* has carried a number indicating the Volume to which it belonged and its number in that volume. Since the number of issues in each volume has depended on the number of issues produced each session, it has not been possible to tell whether a collection of *Beaver* is complete.

For the convenience of librarians and others who wish to keep copies of the paper, each issue will in future bear a serial number. This issue, the first of the 1960-61 session is numbered '1'. Future copies will be numbered straight through, without breaking the sequence into volumes.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Eddie Lock

As most readers of this column know, Council has four posts that are held for a full year and four that are held for two terms. At the end of last term, as happens every two years, the two types of office were filled at approximately the same time. Last term also, we lost our Permanent Secretary, Muriel Goulden. This meant a completely new team with the Senior Treasurer as the only experienced member of Council. Because of this difficult transition I think that Council and our new Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Ginz, are to be congratulated on the way in which they quickly mastered their responsibilities.

UNION ACTIVITIES

Besides the various services which are administrated through the Union, there is the very important job of providing an informed forum of students, and provoking discussions among ourselves. In addition to the activities of the various societies, Union also provides debates, week-end conferences, talks by notable people from outside the university, 'Beaver' and 'Clare Market Review'. I am sure that the people we have appointed to these jobs are keen and efficient, they certainly deserve our support.

SUMMER SCHOOL

At the end of last term, Union finally signed the CEDESE Statutes. An International Summer School was quickly arranged with a budget of £200 from the Union and £400 from the School. Invitations were sent to fifteen schools of economics in Europe. Nine schools sent delegations and, as you will see from the report at the next Union meeting, an excellent programme was enjoyed. The cost was finally about £280. May I here give my thanks to those who helped to make it possible, especially to the Academic Staff who participated.

The refectory has been redesigned during the vacation with the hope that the service will be quicker and easier. The new arrangements will do away with the one long queue to which we have been accustomed. Customers will probably be a little confused at the beginning but after some practice should soon master the new technique.



A PROFIT

Last year the Union Shop and the Three Tuns Club made a very useful profit. The retired Admin. V.P. Harry Abernethy and his helpers are responsible for the success of the shop. The growing popularity of the Three Tuns Lounge coincides with the growing popularity of Ron and Marie, whose food, service and welcome for customers are all both good and ready. I hope that those who have not yet visited Ron and Marie will soon become regulars.

LESS NOISE

Finally I would make an appeal. On Friday evenings after the Beer Social, please remember that, although we may feel very exuberant, there are a few tired residents in this area, there is also a hospital very near; they would like some peace. There are also people having a quiet beer in the local who are not altogether pleased if a group of noisy students bursts in half an hour before closing time. Rags and pranks should be saved for the WUS carnival and fellow students.

Education New Style

by our Soviet Correspondent
Sandwich courses conducted by factories themselves are the latest development in further education behind the Iron Curtain. A pilot scheme at five of the most up to date and efficient factories has been started. The courses will be taken either while the students are working at the factory, or in between

stretches in the different shops where students will become familiar with the whole production cycle.

Although this is claimed to be the latest development in modern educational methods, the result sounds very like the courses for HNC candidates that have been operating in British factories for some time.

WHISKY A'GO GO

As a result of the report in our last issue the owner of the Whisky A'GO GO has been interviewed by the London Trades Advisory Council.

He confirmed the existence of a colour bar at his club, and refused to make any change.

Laurence Orbach, a member of the Council, told us that there was nothing further that they could do. The Council is a voluntary body and has no powers in a case of this sort.

Student Action

A number of student bodies have expressed concern about the case, and plans are being made to apply pressure to the owner.

GENERAL SECRETARY

David Lindley, who was General Secretary of the Union last session, has graduated and is now studying at the Institute of Education. David was a keen member of the Labour Society, and was hoping to be able to start a cell in the Institute, which is not at present noted for political activity.

SAM WOOLF

Sam Woolf, formerly a member of the staff on *Beaver* and highly successful Editor of *Clare Market Review*, has started to work on the *Daily Mirror*.

LIBRARY CHANGE

The University of London Library, which is located in the Senate House, has started a new system for the return of books. In future books will have to be returned only four times a year, in January, April, June, and October.

This will save borrowers the trouble of renewing loans and will also reduce the burden of work on the Library staff.

Books in demand will still have to be returned after 14 days, and a book will be recalled if it is requested by another borrower.

The number of books which can be borrowed at one time remains at six, but the Library hopes that the new arrangement will be found more convenient than the old.

ANOTHER PAPER

A new newspaper, *Concetto*, has been started by students at the Chelsea College of Science and Technology.

It is attractively printed on glossy paper and costs three-pence. Copies can be obtained from the College at Manresa Road, S.W.3.

The first issue contains a guide to Chelsea restaurants and an interview with Spike Milligan.

NEWS EDITOR RESIGNS

Alan Segal, who has been News Editor of *Beaver* since May, has resigned.

PART ONE RESULTS

Slightly fewer students took the B.Sc. (Econ) Part I this year; 319 instead of 327. Although the pass rate has not gone up, the failure rate has gone down, 19.4% as opposed to 21.5%. The leeway has been made up on those students who were referred in one subject. The pass rate is still far lower than it was in 1958 — 73.9% (Day students only).

That one student in three should either fail Part. completely or should be referred in one subject suggests that there is something radically wrong with the selection methods, with the teaching or with the organisation of the courses. With university places as limited as they are, each failure means that at least one potential graduate has been deprived needlessly of the opportunity of taking his degree.

The high failure rate might, however, be no more than a reflection of the lack of space available for study in the school and in the library. Unless students can be certain of finding both the books they want to read and somewhere in which to read them, they can only rely upon

the sometimes meagre selection available at the local branch of the Public Library. If there is nowhere quiet in which they can read or write, they can only study at home in the evenings.

Too many classes

Also, in the first two years at least, classes are far too large. With twenty students in a discussion group, unless the tutor is an excellent chairman, the period tends to be monopolized by the five or six students who are sitting nearest to him while the others doodle or gaze out of the window.

If tutors have too many students, meetings between them are limited to a brief

half-hour once every three weeks or so. This is evidently an unsatisfactory state of affairs. Something will have to give. There are only three possible solutions to this problem: fewer students, more staff or less research by the existing staff. Of these, only satisfactory answer is more staff. But this means more space again.

Probably no-one would disagree with this. The only difficulty is, of course, money.

It should not be necessary by now to remind our readers of the comparison between the amounts spent on higher education and on, say, advertising. All the same, the comparison helps to put the matter in perspective.

It is absurd to pretend that the country could not afford to double its expenditure on the universities. It is quite wrong to accept the present allocations from the University Grants Committee as adequate.

They are not.

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Referred	38 13.3	42 15.3	3 8	5 11.1	41 12.5	47 14.7
Fail	58 20	46 16.8	11 29	16 35.6	69 21.1	62 19.4
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LONDON THEATRE CHANGES

Royalty opens

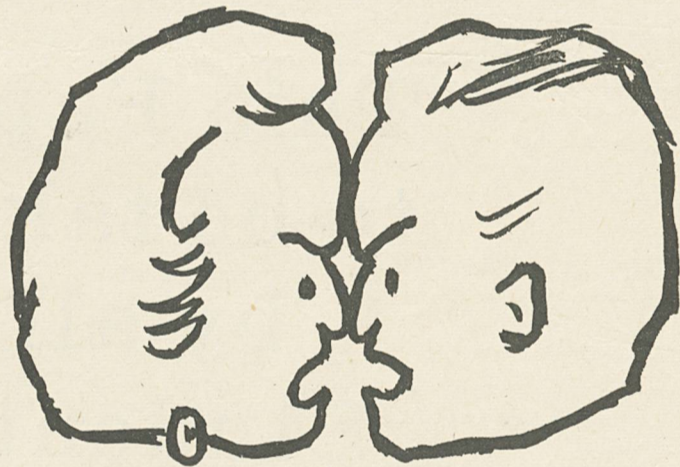
The Royalty Theatre was christened with champagne when it was opened last term. At the reception, Dame Edith Evans unveiled a plaque.

Charles Clore, the financier who developed the site, was unable to say how much the theatre cost, but the whole building came to well over a million pounds. The theatre is situated in the basement of an office block in Kingsway, on the site of the old Stoll. Mr. Clore said that, with land at its present value, the theatre of the future would have to be combined with another building in some such way as this. He went on to say, however, that although he was happy to have been able to replace the old Stoll, he thought that it was plays and not theatres that were needed to save British drama.

The Royalty has been fitted throughout with electrically operated stage machinery and every modern device, including stereophonic sound.

New role for Aldwych

In December the Aldwych Theatre is expected to open under the management of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon. The Gulbenkian Foundation has given a special grant to enable the theatre to offer a new type of contract, providing security of employment for three years, to the actors.



What's all this argument about family planning?

Almost every day, there seems to be another shot fired in the great battle over family planning. Somebody eminent says that family planning spells disaster for the nation. Somebody else just as eminent declares that *without* family planning, civilisation will perish.

What's the truth of the matter? Most thinking people realise that family planning is important in modern society.

(If you compare the average sized Victorian family with the family of today, you'll realise how true this is.) Yet for all that, many people are ignorant of the basic principles of family spacing, and use hit-or-miss methods which have been condemned by doctors and churchmen as unsuitable or even harmful.

There's a small booklet which helps to put these problems in perspective. It is called "Planned Families are happy families", and its object is to clear away some of the false ideas and misconceptions which surround the subject.

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Meet the Freshers—

This page is devoted entirely to Freshers—the Freshers themselves, and what they think about the LSE and the world we live in. Each year in October, the new students arrive at the School, are whirled through the maelstrom of the Freshers' Reception, and are, after a few days, simply 'students'.

During these few days they make many friends among the other students attending the same classes and lectures, and, by and large, settle down as members of an in-group consisting entirely of other freshers. Only those who become involved in Union activities really get to know students of other years.

This week you are invited to 'Meet the Fresher'. We hope our readers will find it useful.

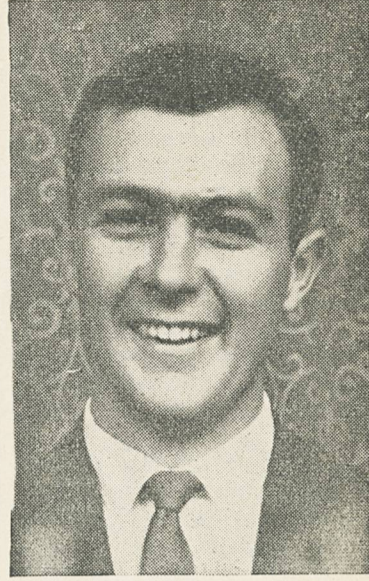
Also on this page is a report on a poll conducted by the United Nations Society to investigate new students' attitudes towards the United Nations.



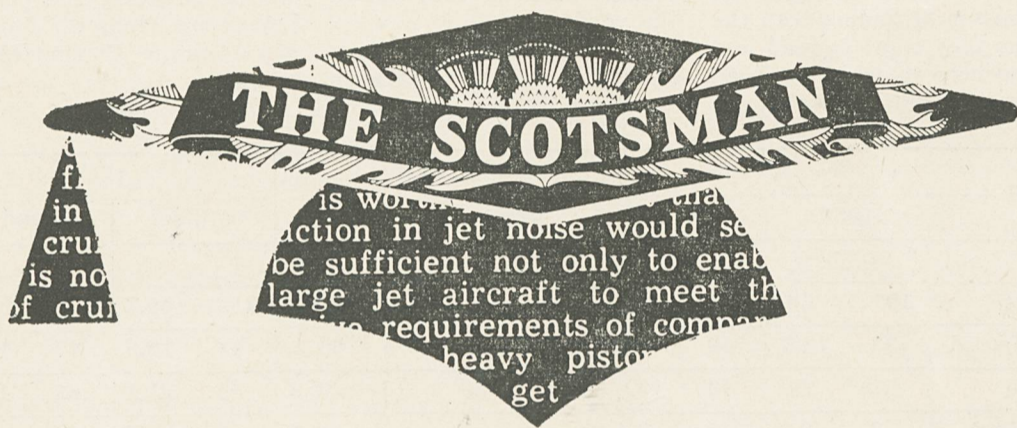
Joke Ogunniyi comes from Western Nigeria. After eight months already in this country, she has come to LSE to read Social Science. Amazed to hear Africans play little part in Union affairs, she is a good mixer.



Lovely Frances Tang, whose home is in Malaya, is going to read for the Philosophy and Economics degree. 'The English are so difficult to get to know really well', she complains, but she is looking forward to her stay here.



Ross Payton, 21, an accountant, has come from Australia to study Industry and Trade. He doesn't like our winter, he says, but enjoys being at the centre of things in London. We are waiting to see if he gets through March.



This Paper to be taken by all Students

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- Question 6: Indicate what you know of the award won by The Scotsman for being the best designed newspaper in 1959.
- Question 7: Ask your newsagent about the special student rate when you order your copy of



Susie Saunders is a Londoner who has been working as a secretary in 'a feminist organisation' (she wouldn't say what that meant). But there is nothing feminist about Susie, who has joined *Beaver* as a reporter.



Margaret Chan, who is here to read Law will surely brighten the 'dark and dirty' aspect of LSE, which was her first impression. *Beaver's* first scoop this year was to persuade her to join its staff.

FRESHERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS

by Brian Attewell

Overwhelming approval of U.N. activity in the Congo and nearly unanimous support for Mr. Hammarskjold was the verdict of 75 freshers who took part in the opinion poll conducted by the U.N. Society at the Freshers Reception. A considerable but less emphatic majority was in favour of moving UNO headquarters from New York.

Two thirds of the replies were from British students. On the Congo issue only 14% of them disapproved of UN action and of the majority group only 6% qualified their views: one sympathises with the one person who 'didn't know'—perhaps the most honest answer!

14% of the Britons wanted Dag replaced, but only two people broadly supported Mr. Khrushchev's triumvirate proposals and another suggested Mr. Krishna Menon—the sole named replacement.

The prevailing British view on the Congo and the Secretary General was shared entirely by the Americans, comprising 11% of the sample; and with only minor qualifications by the Europeans

(4.5%), the Israelis (3%) and the Africans (4%), but one of the last criticized Dag's diplomacy. Neither of the UAR respondents wished the UN to be rid of its Secretary-General but they both disapproved of the action taken in the Congo as did one of the West Indians interviewed.

Hiroshima?

The third question, relating to the site of the UN Headquarters gave rise to the greatest divergence of opinion. One must bear in mind that no reference was made to the cost of the operation which, in terms of practical aid foregone would surely be regarded as prohibitive. Opinion was solidly behind the idea of moving UNO to a neutral city, only 75% of the Americans and 32% of the British disagreeing.

Switzerland was suggested as an alternative site by 27% of the sample and Austria and Sweden had more than indigenous support. Outside Europe India was the most popular choice but one person nominated Hiroshima, the most startling suggestion of all.



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FILMS

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The Time Machine

The first of these films was adapted from a play by Tennessee Williams and the last from a short story by H. G. Wells. I think that the play has suffered less, since Williams was alive to see that his creation was not too badly mangled on the production line.

The film attempts to retell the Orpheus myth in terms of life in the Southern States, and it has christianised the play. In the original, Val (Orpheus) was torn to pieces by police dogs and condemned to Hades. In the film he is burnt to death in a symbolic hell.

This incident typifies the basic weakness of both the film and the play. Tennessee Williams has tended to stick too closely to reinterpretations of original incidents without

FILM SOCIETY

The LSE Film Society has shown commendable initiative in arranging this term's programmes. Although its motto is that a student needs cheap entertainment as a diversion from academic life, it is providing us with far more than amusement.

The general programme provides us with samples of the best films from most of the major film-producing countries.

The next programme, *Ashes and Diamonds* is the third part of Andrzej Wajda's trilogy dealing with the impact of the German occupation upon the younger generation in Poland, exploring the nature of patriotism and the effects of a troubled youth.

For those who are interested in the art of the cinema, the Film Society is also providing the chance to take a closer look at the 'national' styles that Germany and Russia have developed between the wars and how they have altered in the last two decades.

In the first three Tuesday films this term, the directors were attempting to solve two problems. How to tell a story in pictorial terms, rather than let the pictures illustrate the story; and how to communicate the experience of having lived through a revolution and helped to create a new society. The next film in this series is *Storm Over Asia*, one of the best of the early Russian silent films.

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trying to recreate the symbolic meaning of the myth. It is difficult to see how either tracker dogs or a burning confectionery can replace the original Maenads.

Joanne Woodward lacked the range to play the bad girl and both Anna Magnani and Marlon Brando were their own inimitable selves. But the film is the best of the bunch.

The most ludicrous thing about *Too Hot To Handle*, in fact it is the only funny thing about it, is that Jayne Mansfield is far too fat to appear in tights as she does. Apart from this, the film is a cheap nasty and hypocritical pseudo-exposure of the Soho strip clubs which is badly written, shoddily acted and sensationally produced. This is cinema at its worst. A film that is intended to be pornographic but does not dare. A film that glorifies in crime and viciousness but ends up on a 'holy joe' note that really sickens.

The main fault that I could find with *The Time Machine* is that the point of the story seems to have been lost in the making. When H. G. Wells wrote the story, he tried to show that when civilisation becomes so highly developed that men no longer have to struggle to live, they lose their wills and can be enslaved by any perverted form of life.

The film was just a glorified romp, showing an Englishman's innate qualities of leadership, and giving the special effects department an opportunity to show its virtuosity in producing yet another type of monster that could be proved inferior to man's ingenuity.

THE MACHINE AND THE MIDDLE CLASSES

by ALASTAIR McAULEY

The working class has long considered the machine as a potential rival and this apprehension has coloured their attitude towards it. As early as the seventeenth century there were instances of frame-knitting machines being smashed in this country; the destitution of the hand-loom weavers is well known to anyone who has a nodding acquaintance with the economic or social history of the early nineteenth century; machine-breaking was one of the most serious problems with which the Soviet government had to deal during the rapid industrialisation of NEP and the first five year plan.

This mental attitude is completely foreign to 'les bons bourgeois', who look upon the machine purely as a means of increasing output, or possibly, of reducing costs. But the time of the middle classes has now come; they too must regard the machine as a potential rival, hungry for their jobs, intent on depriving them of their livelihood. By introducing electronic computers and punch-card accounting machines, the Soviet Government plans to free ten million people from the unproductive labour of accounting and record-keeping.

As graduates in economics, you may feel that this does not affect you. But accounting specialists first and others later had better beware, now the computer is a tool, but by 1970 it might be an alternative.

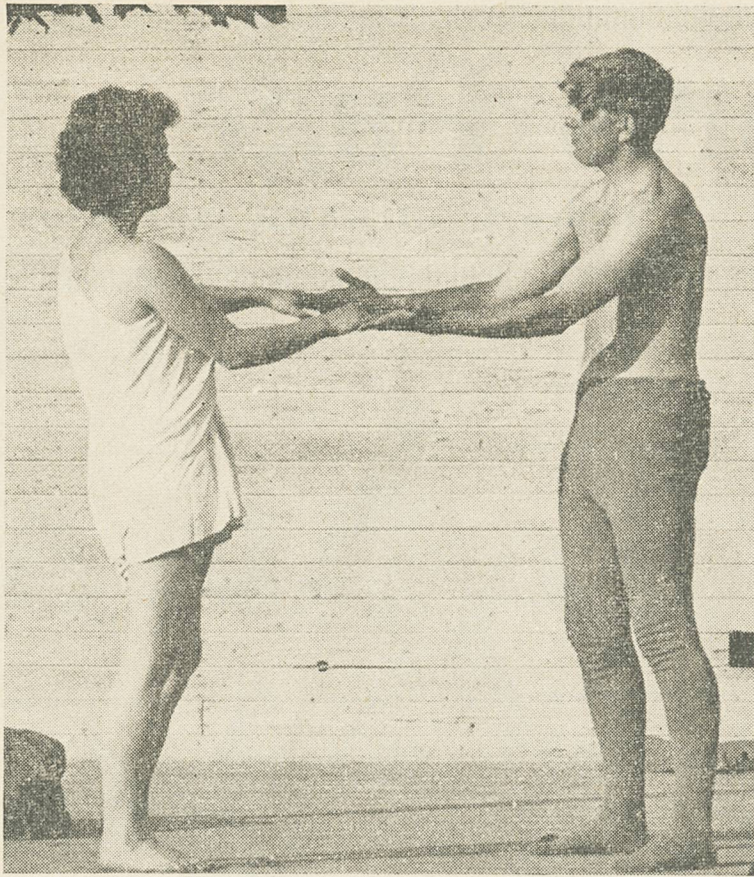


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Maggie Jenkins and Mike Lucas in "The Garden of Eden".

DRAMA SOCIETY IN SCANDINAVIA

The success of this summer's tour surpassed that of any during the last five years. The play which we performed, Marlowe's "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus", was particularly well-received. This was surprising in view of some rather grim warnings that it was not suited to the Scandinavian Character, whatever that may be.

"Dr. Faustus" is the last of the great morality plays in the tradition of "Everyman". Yet it was written when English drama was undergoing a far-reaching change, consequent upon the reformation. We can detect in it a lessening in religion and 'the moral' and a heightening of interest in the dramatic aspects of the theme.

It is a lively play, extremely witty in parts and often very moving. The construction is somewhat chaotic, but this provides the aspiring producer with a great deal of scope. There are additional problems to consider, however, when producing a play for tour. We had little room, so we could take only the minimum of scenery—in fact only two or three screens. These were indispensable to the play, besides providing cover in the open air for dressing and making-up. (Except when they collapsed on one occasion, revealing the cast in

various stages of nudity).

There was little time for rehearsals, and the cast had to be ready to go on stage after only a brief glance at its layout. This was even more 'exciting' as the variety of stages which we came across this year was remarkably large. Some of them were so tiny that the actors were faced with the danger of falling off. Some of them were so shallow that movement was restricted. At times all we had was a raised platform in a field. At other times all we had was grass.

The cast—and no less the play—proved very easily adaptable to these changing circumstances. Every performance was a success and some were quite outstanding. We never failed to overcome the language barrier, and were repeatedly surprised at the sincere and enthusiastic reception which we obtained.

ALAN DARE.

Life with 'Maggie'

It rained. And the flat miles across Belgium and Holland seemed endless. And they said "Last year in Greece we suffered because it was too hot". So across the flat miles we sang songs and consoled ourselves.

The people stared when we stopped in the main square. They stood in quiet clusters round about when we pitched our tents and cooked our food. They came and watched us in the dawning light as we packed our luggage into the truck and journeyed on.

On through Denmark and a mess of pastries to the city of Copenhagen and a student hostel where we stayed two nights. We danced and drank in the Tivoli Gardens and next day we travelled on past Elsinore and Hamlet's ghost along the Swedish coast to Angelholm. We pitched our tents beneath some trees and lit

camp-fires on the beach. We swam—the sea was warm—and sang again and whispered gruesome stories in the dark.

So on we went from town to town up into Norway's welcome. In Sarpsborg we were traditionally entertained to creamy porridge topped with melted butter, then ham and wafer-bread and wine. Some of us were sick that night. On to Oslo, another hostel floor and a tramp around the streets at midnight looking out for food.

Finally to Tonsberg and a welcome fit for heroes, then South from Norway loaded up with gifts of food. We prayed that 'Maggie' would suffer nothing more than punctures on the long flat trek to Ostend. Our prayers were answered and the fourth and last occurred almost on the quay itself.

Life with 'Maggie' for three thousand miles was good.

BOOKS

THE RED EXECUTIVE

by David Grannick

(MacMillan 21/-)

Mr. Grannick compares the social background, training and aims of Society factory managers with their American equivalents. He must be congratulated for presenting the Communist Hierarchy as it appears to most Russians, not a group of fanatics intent on destroying the world, but as another institution of government. If 'peaceful co-existence' is to be more than a slogan, this untendentious approach must be encouraged. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the Russians as people and not as the implacable enemies of Western Democracy.

Alastair McAuley.

A HISTORY OF MODERN JAPAN

by Richard Storry

(Penguin 3/6d.)

This is the best introduction to the study of Japan that I know of. Mr. Storry has produced a remarkably clear guide to the complexities of Japanese affairs and, mercifully, he has assumed no previous knowledge of his subject in the reader.

The ill-feeling towards Japan caused by the second world war still exists in this country. This can only be due to ignorance which this book should do much to dispel if it is as widely read as it deserves to be.

It is a pity that the teaching of history at the School is so centred on Europe. One feels that if students could read the history of Asia or, say, South America, nothing would be lost. A great deal might be gained.

D. H. B. Esslemont.

INFLATION & SOCIETY

by Graham Hutton

(Allan & Unwin 15/-)

Written in a tone of controlled hysteria, the main contention of Mr. Hutton's book is that the governments of the past thirty years or so have deliberately encouraged the disintegration of British society and the expropriation of the more worthy middle classes by their adherence to vote-catching policies. He recommends an immediate return to pre-Keynesian economic ideas of balanced budgets and state non-interference whatever the cost. His obvious prejudice and the lack of references make it impossible to take him seriously.

Alastair McAuley.

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Sports Page

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SQUASH

High Hopes for New Year

The Squash Club is the present holder of the Ernest Cornwall Cup—for the best club in LSE, but it has no intention of resting on its laurels.

Last year the First Five defeated its London rivals—King's, U.C., I.C.—with ease; Reading University by 5-0; and gained a rare victory over a Cambridge College. The loss of three of that Five is not an insurmountable barrier and the club hopes to be a formidable force in the First Division of the new London University League. Further the 2nd Five has been given a place in the 2nd Division while all the other colleges' 2nd Fives are to be found along with some 1st Fives in the 3rd Division. Such an honour may be hard to live up to, so the club looks to the freshers to provide some depth to the team's performances.

Third Five

As a further incentive to freshers who wish to play some competitive sport the Squash Club is running a 3rd Five for the first time. The ladies are playing their part by arranging a fuller fixture list than before.

Keep Fit

Thus it is the hope of the Squash Club to attract more members to play in the teams. As there are so many people who know how to play, the Squash Club's arrangements for them are ideal. One can play in the Squash teams and still be free to play an outdoor (and perhaps preferred) sport on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For those who wish for no more than a means to remain fit, the Squash Club provides the perfect answer. The court is available for use every day (including Saturday) until the School buildings close.

D. SEARLE.

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SAILING

by **Andy Ratcliffe**

During the vacation, the Sailing Club took three Fireflies to the National Championships at Herne Bay. This was the first time that any of the helmsmen had raced Fireflies on the sea in big fleets, and lack of experience of the particular conditions proved a handicap. Usually the Club races with up to 30 other boats and uses a fixed line start. At Herne Bay there were nearly 200 boats and the Gate start was used which requires a very different technique. The wind was very light the whole week which did not make matters any easier. The best result was a fifth achieved by F2441, in the Regatta, after the week proper. During the week, the overall position was 90th almost exactly half way down the fleet, which was as good as we expected.

As 'Beaver' goes to press, the club has just had time to hold some very successful trials on the Welsh Harp, at

which the Commodore distinguished himself by making the first capsizes of the season. We have about 40 new members including several helmsmen. Also we are looking forward to getting a new boat from Fairey's during the next few days. Along with the other three, it is going to be used a great deal this year.

CRUISING

A number of the Sailing Club members exchanged the relatively placid waters of the Welsh Harp for that of foreign parts.

Andy Ratcliffe sailed in the Cowes to Dinard race. Some idea of the weather he experienced can be gathered from the fact that eight gale warnings were issued in sixteen days.

One member cruised to Gibraltar in a 20 tonner, while another group chartered a yacht and sailed it to Cherbourg and back.

CRICKET—Annual Tour

As usual owing to lack of funds we did not have a strong side on tour but it was quite adequate. We all arrived safely in Gorran but we lost our first game en route to a Cornwall brick wall. Our first game against Gorran was an exciting 'overs' game which we won by a few runs but we beat St. Austell easily the next evening. We moved on to Devon and suffered two defeats at the hands of Brixham and the Commanders Eleven at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, but we were disgraced in neither. We had better luck against Whimble whom we beat easily and we finished the tour at Exmouth, before the floods came, so don't blame us! We

had an exciting game which we won with a few minutes to spare.

So much for the cricket, now a word about the social side. The tour is not very expensive and is jolly good fun as it gives you the opportunity to see parts of the country which you would not normally get to. So I advise all promising cricketers to save a few pounds during the summer so that they can afford to come next year.

The beer is passable and the accommodation is usually good so you have no worries. Usual cost of B.B. and B. is 30s. to 35s. (B.B. and B.—Bed, Breakfast & Beer).

M. SHUTTLEWORTH.

EDITORIAL

This term's first edition of 'Beaver' traditionally welcomes freshers to the activities of the Athletic Union. On such an occasion there is a great temptation for members of the "establishment" to draw the inevitable conclusion from the murky depths of their experience that to be fully integrated the student "should work hard and play

hard". Useful though this is as a lead-in to lure the unwary fresher into the A.U., it has been used too often before, and in any case, it is not true.

Therefore, I will limit myself to merely assuring freshers that, whatever their standard of play, they will be made extremely welcome in whichever of the A.U.'s activities they may care to join.

MOUNTAINEERING

The mountaineering season in the Alps this year was one of the worst on record. A party of nine from the Club spent two weeks in Switzerland based around Arolla and Zermatt but frequent snowfalls made snow and ice conditions treacherous. An ambitious programme had to be abandoned as many of our proposed routes had not even been attempted by the Swiss guides.

Italy

The party broke up to find more amenable conditions. Two members went to Corsica while four went east to the Italian Dolomites. It was here that Garrett, Sadler, Bebbington and Powell succeeded in climbing some high grade routes around Cortina d'Ampezzo. Snow and ice were forsaken for the vertical walls of the Tre Cima Lavaredo which was not so badly affected by the weather. Here climbing was of a more artificial nature than that found in Britain and without Piton and Karabiner the vertical cracks and walls which predominated here would have been impossible to climb. Falling rocks were a constant menace which the party had not had to contend with before. The Spigallo Giallo (the Yellow Edge) was the climax of the climbing in Italy. The party ascended a sheer 2,000 feet razor edge on which exposure and difficulty were sustained throughout.

France

On its return to France the party made a brief halt at Chamonix. Here as in Switzerland the climbing season had been a bad one. Mont Blanc and its Aiguilles were plastered with snow which turned enjoyable climbs into slow, perilous and often impossible ventures. After a 13 hour ascent of the Aiguille due Roc nearly twice as long as is normally required the party returned home.

Although the weather turned this year's Alpine season into a disappointing one and caused a phenomenal rise in accidents, the LSE Mountaineering Club climbed well and safely.

ENTERPRISE

Congratulations to the Sailing Club which represented LSE in the National Firefly Championships at Herne Bay. Well done, the Boat Club! They went to Henley.

Neither of these teams really shone. They never looked like winning any of the big prizes—but then, they never expected to.

"Why bother to go then?" some people will say, "All that money wasted".

"Why!"

Because it is good that LSE should be represented at these National events. It is good that our sportsmen should have a chance to pit themselves against the country's best. It is good because it gives an incentive to train and makes playing for the college something to be striven for. Lastly it is good to see clubs looking beyond the parochialism of college sport.

More clubs should show the same enterprise as these two.

TENNIS

This is one of our most successful and active clubs. Last year, the first team only lost two matches out of eighteen; the second team played with equal efficiency. Apart from the usual summer fixtures there are also a number of winter matches.

Furthermore, it is hoped to arrange a tour possibly of the West Country, in the next summer vacation.

A freshers' trial will be held early in the term, to which all prospective players are invited.

PING PONG

The table tennis club has five teams in the London University League, each of which has a match every week during the first term.

In addition to this there is the Caribbean Cup, a team knockout competition, for which we enter a team and the LSE annual singles competition.

Last year we went to Germany to play Mannheim University; this year we hope to go to Paris.

Thus, there are plenty of opportunities for anyone who is interested in playing.

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