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W.S.R. APPEAL STARTS

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OUT OF THE RUINS

A University should be a focal point of culture free to continue the search for truth and its dissemination without being tied to some ideology which requires less.

If you believe this, you realise the importance of rebuilding University life throughout the world.

The students of the 'devastated Universities know it, and are striving to bring together the remnants of their ruin. Must their efforts fail through lack of food and clothing, books and buildings which we can help to relieve?

The greater the co-operation between the students of the world now, while the need is great, the greater the hope of peace and goodwill in the future. Now is a chance to show practically a belief in the ideals so glibly mouthed.

To-day, the Adelaide committee of World Student Relief launches its campaign to raise £500 for the assistance of students in areas devastated by war.

The need is imperative and calls for an effort on an international scale, unhampered by national, religious or political bigotry.

Be in it!

KULTUR OF CULTURE

The Universities of Europe were among the first institutions to be attacked by the Nazi regime. Like the churches and trade unions, they formed foci for groups of free men whose duty was to think and oppose the growing slave state. The effort to bludgeon them into passivity was one of the tragedies of the years before the war. The deliberate smashing of the Universities as the Nazi war machine moved over Europe and Asia was a conspicuous and significant feature of the war against enlightenment and culture.

As the war ended, the full effects of this belief became apparent. Ruined buildings and libraries needed to be replaced; shortages of food and clothing to be overcome; displaced persons and prisoners of war

to be rehabilitated. The sick and injured required special care, particularly the enormous number of T.B. students.

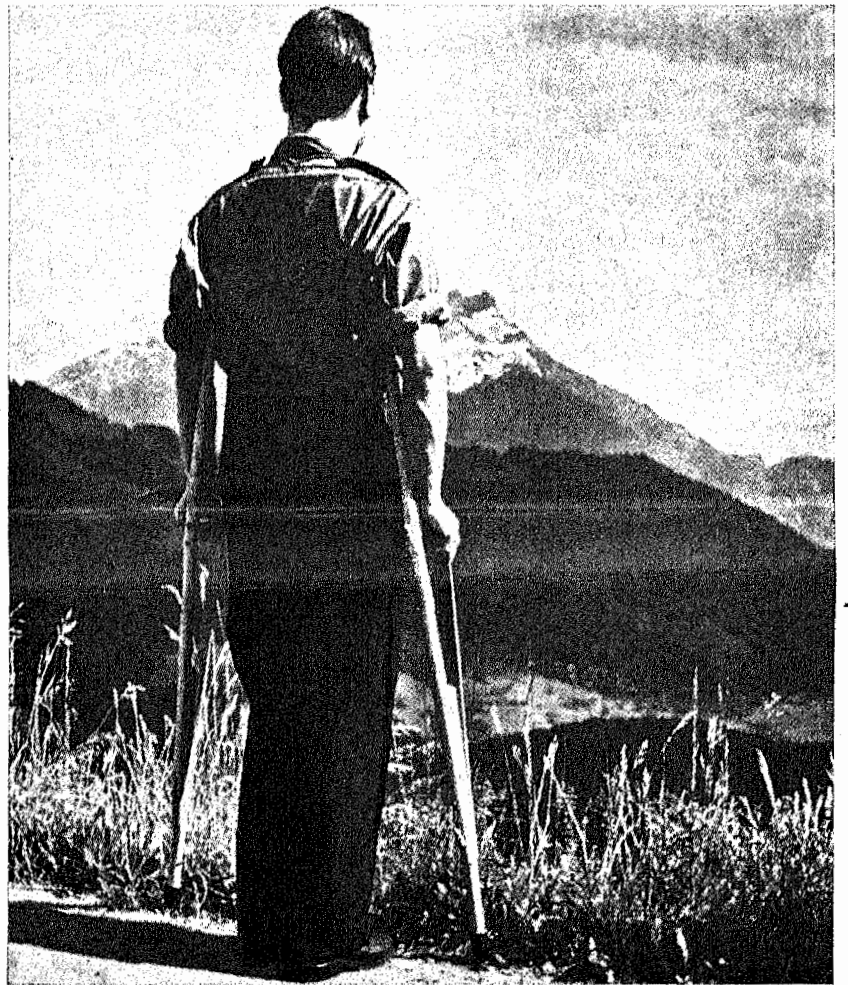
A great amount of this work is being done by the students themselves, but they need the assistance and co-operation of the students of the world.

ONE WORLD

In 1940, World Student Relief was formed to co-ordinate the activities of existing bodies engaged on the work of student relief.

The International Student Service (its relief activities date back to 1920) co-operated with Pax Romana (representing R.C. students) and

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NO CONFIDENCE IN UNION!

FINANCE ALLEGATIONS

Students Unanimous in Disapproval

MARCHING through the refectory to the strain of Rimsky Korsakov's "Ivan the Terrible Overture," supplied by the U.J.A.S. amplifier, a parade of protesting students, with banners slating the Union set up, excessive Union fees, and demanding "Students Say in Funds They Pay," set off the fireworks of the Special Protest Meeting at 1.15 p.m., Thursday, 26th.

The Lady Symon Hall was uncomfortably packed by the largest crowd in its career. The number of students present more than quadrupled the previous largest to attend a general students' meeting.

The meeting was called as a protest against the dictatorial and undemocratic conduct of the last A.G.M. of the Union (Friday, May 23). S.R.C. President Hetzel was in the chair.

The motions put before the indignant students expressed their disgust of the present Union set up and were passed with unanimous approval.

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Tuxedo Functions!

The W.S.R. drive, which commences in the University to-day, will depend upon the success of numerous functions for much of its own success.

In addition to faculty collections, which will take place during the next fortnight, W.S.R. will conduct a Badge Day on Monday, July 7. Some 70 women have already volunteered to occupy sales positions from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

All female casts will take part in three one-act plays to be presented in the Lady Symon Hall, on July 2, 4 and 5, at 8 p.m. Half the proceeds from the plays will be presented to the W.S.R. Appeal: the remainder will be sent to the Food-for-Britain Fund.

The cloisters will become a fair ground on Friday, July 11, when sideshows, organised by faculty societies and other clubs, will present lunch-time amusement and pleasure with profit.

APPEAL EXECUTIVE

This is your committee. Contact them for detailed information on any phase of the work. Let Colin Taylor have your donations, or support your faculty or club society to fill its quota.

- S.R.C.—
 John Roder (Arts-Law), President).
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CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Overwhelmed by the spirit of giving embodied in this issue, the Editor has decided to give everyone a break and delete his editorial.

W.S.R. APPEAL STARTS

(Continued from Front Page)
World Student Christian Federation (representing other Christian students) to form this body. In February they were joined by the recently-constituted International Union of Students.

One or other of these organisations has direct claims on you.

All students of this University are affiliated with the I.U.S. through S.R.C. Many belong to Aquinas Society, and others to S.C.M. or E.U. All these organisations are united in this appeal.

PARS AND JARS

And so to bed! At Cracow, Poland, one student hostel built to accommodate 2,500 students, has had to refuse an additional 7,000 applications. Even so, these 2,500 take turns in sleeping in the available beds—if they're lucky they have a bed every fourth night.

"I'm sitting here in this crude center building and wishing there was some way to let the students of America really see this barren campus—the library and class-rooms and science laboratories crowded with double-decker bunks scarcely leaving room to walk; the dining-room, an old broken-down shack filled with tables; no benches; no chairs; the food—rice and one vegetable meal after meal, and once in a great while, a small piece of meat; no eggs, no milk, no fat, no sweet, no fruit. Sometimes I wonder how I can look another cabbage in the face."—Edith Lerrigo, an American, at Shanghai University.
"Relief Department." No, it wasn't the headquarters of the local W.S.R. Appeal, but simply a notice on one of the doors leading from the bar of one of the local pubs.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

RUSSIAN BOLONEY AND THE DEATH PENALTY

To the Editor,
Sir,—The workers of Soviet Russia were defeating and annihilating the fascist hordes while the blimpist controlled forces of the decadent western democracies were sheltering in safety. After the Communists of Soviet Russia had defeated the Nazis, the capitalists of Britain and America hopped in with a token force to share the spoils won by the heroic struggle of the Soviet workers.

In face of this, Mr. Editor, you have the affrontery to criticise and lightly dismiss the Soviet Union and the Socialist Club.

To help further shatter your bias, Mr. Editor, I would like to point out that Soviet Russia leads the world in the humanitarian abolition of the death penalty.

Yours,
"STUDENT SOCIALIST."
Mr. Editor replies: General intelligence will be sufficient to dismiss the first paragraph.

As for the death penalty illusion may I be permitted the privilege of stating a few facts without having the disclamatory tag of "bias" hurled at me from the gutter.

Last month, in a spate of blather and blah, Moscow Radio spouted that the death penalty would be abolished in favor of confinement in corrective labor camps for 25 years. This, of course, provides unlimited cheap labor to repair war damage and the tottering Five-Year Plans. People in disfavor, no doubt, will continue to disappear.

The abolition of the death penalty is not an innovation of only the Soviet regime. In 1741, Czarist Russia abolished the death penalty except for political offences, and used it only rarely ever for these.

Again, in 1920, capital punishment was abolished after the revolution which was led largely by men who had been imprisoned or exiled when they would have been executed in most other countries.

The death penalty was reinstated within three months, and February 15, 1920, became known as the Night of Blood to anti-Bolsheviks, because Communist executioners worked overtime to beat the deadline.

TAYLOR'S TRIPEWRITER

To the Editor,
Sir,—I am amazed at the appearance of this issue. When I read the calamitous decision of M. Gleeson Taylor ("On Dit," 28/6/47), I wondered whether you could possibly carry on after receiving such soul criticism.

The cry went up—"M. Gleeson Taylor has joined the other camp—with his typewriter." "On Dit" staff went round with a harrowed look, ploughed deep on their faces.

For many years now, I have followed with trembling enthusiasm the progress of the viperous pen, nay, tripewriter of Mr. Taylor from the M. G. Taylor that he was, past the Michael G. Taylor stage till we arrive at the M. Gleeson Taylor that he is to-day.

In their mind's eye who cannot see editors cringing as they receive each new burning attack on some incandescent issue.

The cry goes heaven-ward (or am I mistaken?) "Taylor attacks—" "Taylor attacks—"

Sir, I await the fate I so richly deserve — "Taylor attacks" Ras-metaz."

RAS-ME-TAZ.

"STUDENTS DEMAND SAY IN £12,000 UNION RAKE-OFF"

(By Charlie Joe—An Evil Genius)

So read one placard in the big V.S. (Victory Students) Day Parade, which preceded last Thursday's S.R.C. Protest Meeting. The procession moved off at 1.10 p.m. to the roar of a Jap. air-raid siren, a war trophy from another struggle for Democracy.

The Last Remains of the Student Body were borne in state through the Refectory to the majestic dirge from "Ivan the Terrible." The benign expression of the Departed bore witness of the happier world into which he had passed, and from which his pall-bearers and mourners were excluded.

THE STUDENT BODY—STRANGLED BY THE UNION COUNCIL

Thus read his epitaph.
Outstanding among the many floral tributes was that of the Editor-in-Chief of "Smith's Weekly," to which was attached a card—SUPPORT MOVE TO WIPE OUT—SLAVERY IN UNION.

Mr. Calwell sent his sympathies to the relatives of the deceased—PROTEST AGAINST SUPPRESSION OF STUDENT EXPRESSION, while the following expression of condolence came from Mr. Meizies—OPPOSE SOCIALISATION OF MEDICINE: HEALTH SCHEME IS THIN END OF WEDGE.

A further tribute was received from an unknown admirer—SCARIFY CANCEROUS GROWTH OF GANGRENOUS CONSTITUTIONALISM. Prof. Campbell???

The funeral pyre was borne forth through secluded cloisters where once the Student Body had walked. To sorrowing mourners came Browning's immortal words:—

"This is our master, famous, calm, and dead,
Borne on our shoulders.
Leave him—still loftier than the world suspects
Living and dying."

The cortege paused for a moment while the Free Press paid their last respects, then on to the Seat of Judgment the vast concourse moved.

There sat Peter at the Pearly Gates and there the Student Body spoke forth for Student Democracy and right strongly did he bear witness to the Sins of Higher Councils.

"They shall be PURGED of their Sinners," cried the Student Body in Spontaneous Unanimity.

Then did the Great Cannons boom forth from the Parade Grounds for the Resurgence of the Student Body was upon the Evil Councils and Lol great was the Panic and loud the Bull.

"Back to his studies, fresher than at first,
Fierce as a dragon
He (soul hydroptic with a sacred thirst)
Sucked at the flagon."

TALK

Eng.-Capt. G. I. D. HUTCHINSON will address Engineering students in the Engineering Lecture Theatre at 1.20 p.m., THURSDAY, JULY 3, on the opportunities for careers open to Engineering graduates in the Navy.

Just Arrived!

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Gray: Textbook of Anatomy, 1946. Lemon & Ference: Physics

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W.S.R. LETTERS

Where it Went



Rebuilding University in Poland.

Money Talks

ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS, 1947

- 37.5%:
 - China.—10 new student hostels; nutritional and welfare aid; clothing and bedding.
 - 2%:
 - India.—Famine relief; student hostels.
 - Burma.—Student hostel at University.
 - Philippines.—Self-help.
 - Indonesia.—Books.
 - Japan.—Enquiry.
 - 3%:
 - Reserve for Asia.
 - 17%:
 - Poland.—Hostel.
 - Hungary.—Food, medicine, clothes, books.
 - Yugoslavia.—Hostels and laboratories.
 - Austria.—Food.
 - Greece.—Food (at present, 750 calories per day); 100 beds for T.B. students.
 - Italy.—Food.
 - Czechoslovakia.—Almost self-supporting.
 - Germany.—Book since 1932.
 - 18%:
 - T.B. Relief.
 - 10%:
 - D.P. Students, P.O.W.
 - 5%:
 - Intellectual Relief.—Books, materials.
 - 2%:
 - I.S.S. Rehab.—Rehab. Hostels Combloux, Rocca de Papa, Ashton Hayes.
 - 1%:
 - International Education and Conference.
 - 3%:
 - Reserve.—Emergencies.
 - 6%:
 - Administration.
- Denmark, Holland, Norway, Finland, France, and Czechoslovakia, are now self-supporting.

"OUT OF THE RUINS"

In a letter dated June 9, 1947, Dr. H. Graham Andrew writes to the Secretary, W.S.R. (S.A.):
 "I had some first-hand experience of the efforts of European students to overcome immense difficulties, both academic and personal, in their efforts to get the Universities and schools going again. Actually, U.N.R.R.A. was educating some hundreds of medical and other students, and doing much to re-establish University teaching staffs and facilities.
 "The student needs in Europe are tremendous, and every bit of practical help is a very real contribution to world affairs."

STARVATION STALKS

This letter, dated March 8, 1947, is from a University worker at the Innsbruck University, with an Austrian degree of Dr. of Philosophy.
 As it is a personal letter, we have used only those portions relevant to conditions of life and the University.
 "Our suffering because of the war and because of the frightful bombing and Nazism cannot be imagined. But supplies and living conditions are now incomparably worse. We are allowed per week, 3½ ozs. of meat, 3½ ozs. of fat, 3 lbs. 5 ozs. of bread, 1 oz. of cheese, 2 ozs. of maize flour, and daily, 1 cup of skim milk as blue as the Adriatic. That is all one may have. The last egg one was allowed was Easter, 1946. One egg a year! No legumes, nothing of the spaghetti kind, no tea, coffee. Political internees are left almost to starve. If I didn't have my work, which for a few hours lets me forget this terrible suffering and want, I would give in to despair. I don't know myself any longer. You will

P.O.W.'S APPRECIATION

Manley,
 Brisbane, Australia,
 Nov. 19, 1946.
 The Director,
 W.S.R.,
 13 Rue Calvin, Geneva.
 Dear Sir,—As a P.O.W. in Germany, your society made life for me less intolerable by your wonderful and unlimited service in providing text-books so that the monotony of P.O.W. life might be usefully employed. My friends who were also



Medical Treatment at Combloux.

in Germany, silently and sincerely offer their gratitude and profound heart-felt appreciation to you and your officers for their indefatigable devotion to their cause and interest. My sincere regards and best wishes to you, Sir, and to your staff for a happy Xmas.
 RONALD ERNEST DALBY.

"DOUBLE DUTCH"

"... As for our entire people, we are very impoverished by the

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

The University believes that the suffering and weakness of any University is the concern of all. The strength of our concern will be measured by the action we take to relieve and restore a weakened member.

remember what a lively enthusiastic person I was. But we have all unlearned to laugh. To-day, there is only injustice, vengeance and retaliation in the world. With such methods, National-Socialism will never be destroyed.

"A few days ago a speaker on the radio said, 'Only one thing is missing—some wagon loads of veronal. That would make things easier.'
 "This, then, is how things are. If this is the Austria for which we have so longed and suffered—an Austria that now neither needs our people nor considers for a moment using their co-operation—then, we don't need this Austria.

war. The German occupation has cost us much. . . . We have shortages of many kinds. A suit takes 60 of our 80 coupons, a shirt 16, a sheet 15. During the occupation, we could buy practically nothing, so our cupboards are nearly empty. . . . For young people there is now and again an egg, while they get 6 pints of milk a week. . . . As for teaching conditions, in the war-damaged zones many schools are destroyed or damaged. . . . Paper shortage causes many difficulties. High schools and Universities are most overcrowded. But in spite of all difficulties, the spirit is unbroken and the schools, which during the German occupation refused any collaboration with the Nazi "kultur," do their best to help the youth overcome the damage of their education in the dark war-time, when the schools were occupied by German troops and many young people had to 'dive under' to avoid enforced labor for the Germans."
 —From H. DE JAGER, Hilversum, Holland, June 15, 1947.

LOST! LOST!
 ONE PAIR RIMLESS SPECTACLES
 Before term end.
 Needed Urgently.
 REWARD.
 Return to Union Office.

This is an account of funds spent, October-January, 1947. It does not include the goods and services secured within a local project; but only materials sent and cash spent at chief shipping centres of Britain, U.S.A., Scandinavia and Switzerland.

Asia	
1. China:	£A255
For the student centre at Shapinga.	
2. India:	255
For student hostels.	
3. Burma:	510
For books and study material, University of Rangoon.	
Europe	
National Programme	
1. Poland:	3,262
For repairing student homes at Poznan, Lodz and Warsaw; beds for hostels at Cracow; books and paper, food and medicines.	
2. Hungary:	2,288
Food for Budapest, study material, shoes, books.	
3. Yugoslavia:	1,192
Food, laboratory supplies.	
4. Austria:	1,606
Shoes, books, medical supplies.	
5. Greece:	1,177
Food, installation of canteen equipment, International Reading Room, Camp Pendeli operation.	
6. Italy:	725
Programmes of student aid at Milan, Rome and elsewhere, food and support, student self-help, canteens, etc.	
7. Czechoslovakia:	675
Books, equipment student reading centres.	
8. Germany:	495
Books and study material.	
Tubercular Students	6,000
W.S.R. share in supporting some 140 students of 14 nationalities at Leysin.	
Uprooted Students	
1. D.P.'s:	1,012
For support student D.P.'s in Paris and Rome. (The work in London and Stockholm is additional.)	
2. P.O.W.'s:	1,290
For books and service from Geneva and London.	
3. Refugees:	4,905
For support of student refugees in Switzerland of many nationalities with funds from various relief organizations.	
Intellectual Relief	227
For books and periodicals to individuals and libraries in Europe.	
Rehabilitation centres	1,725
For support Combloux, Ashton Hayes and Rocca di Papa, where some 150 students are accommodated in each rest period.	

W.E.A. BOOKROOM

- Cornford: The Republic of Plato
- Harrod: International Economics
- Nunn: Education—Its Data and First Principles
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S.R.C. News

ANOTHER ART EXHIBITION

Following the successful Art Exhibition held in the Lady Symon recently, an exhibition of the best work of this and other Universities will be sponsored by N.U.A.U.S., here, early in third term. These exhibits are to be shown in all the Universities, and Adelaide's exhibition has been arranged by the S.R.C. with Pam Cleland again in charge.

NOT ENOUGH SPORT IN "ON DIT"?

The S.R.C. received a letter from the Secretary of the Sports Association (Mr. K. T. Hamilton) asking, on behalf of that organisation and all interested in sport, that two pages be regularly allocated to sport, and that the Sports Editor be given sole responsibility for those pages. After due consideration, the S.R.C. decided that in an 8-page issue one and-a-half pages were sufficient to devote to sport, unless in the advent of special circumstances, and that it did not feel in a position to guarantee sole control of those pages to the Sports Editor.

This decision was made in view of the following:

- (1) "On Dit" is an S.R.C. publication;
- (2) "On Dit" devotes more space proportionately to sport than any other student paper;
- (3) The Editor is responsible for all that is included in "On Dit," even if it be outside his control.

MOTOR BIKE MENACE

At the request of the University Council, the S.R.C. has appointed a sub-committee of motor-bike riders, to enquire into the problem of the noise and disturbance caused by motor-bikes in the University grounds, and to seek some solution, satisfactory to the owners of the cycles.

DEBATE ON I.U.S.

As the S.R.C. has endorsed the policy of N.U.A.U.S., as represented by Mr. John Redrup, its delegate to the International Union of Students' Council at Prague, it feels that students may like to know a little more about the set up of this body. In lieu of this a debate on the pros. and cons. of affiliation by N.U.A.U.S. with I.U.S. will be held in the near future. Watch notice-boards for date and speakers.

WHO SHOULD S.R.C. SUBSIDISE?

In connection with the problem of which clubs in the University are entitled to financial help from the S.R.C., a sub-committee has been appointed to look into the question of affiliation of student societies with the S.R.C.

The rights and needs of faculty socs. and other student groups, such as the S.C.M., E.U., Theatre Group, Debating, Table Tennis, etc., for some assistance, are recognised by the S.R.C., which, however, cannot at present discriminate in allotting them subsidies, as the relation of so many of them to the S.R.C. is uncertain.

£12,000

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The Lady Symon Hall was packed to overflowing for the Protest Meeting on Thursday, 26th. Students were forced to enter via windows. The crowd, estimated by the Press at 600, was the largest ever to attend a Union meeting.

PAY UP AND SHUT UP!

The Chairman read the first motion which was amended to the following:—"That the Union Constitution no longer has the confidence of the student members of the Union."

The proposer, J. P. Scott (Law) pointed out that the Union consisted of 2,248 students and 400 to 500 non-students. In 18 months, the students had contributed £12,000 to the Union—98 per cent. of its funds. Yet there were only 3 students on the Union Council of 11 members. This was due to the imposition of the £3/3/- statutory fee by the University Council in January, 1946.

THE RAKE-OFF

"It has been publicly alleged and never denied," Mr. Scott continued, "that Union fees were increased from 25/- to £3/3/- to cash in on C.R.T.S. The University Council, not content with that, then set about gaining control of the moneys which they grabbed from you and the taxpayers."

The speaker described how the new Constitution was forced upon the 1946 Union A.G.M. It had never previously been seen by Union members or by the Union Committee. It was not put to the meeting for ratification, nor was it able to be amended by the meeting, which was informed that it was henceforth to be the valid Constitution. By this means, the old Union Committee of 15 students and 9 non-students, was summarily replaced by the Union Council of 3 students and 8 others.

LEGAL CASUISTRY

In June, 1946, the students called a meeting to protest against "this astounding piece of constitutional skull-duggery." They complied with the regulations in both constitutions. Seven days' notice was given, but 5 minutes before the meeting was to commence, when the hall was already packed, the Union Council Chairman sent a message that the meeting was invalid, because the clause relating to meetings in the new Constitution had not yet been ratified!

A further meeting was held at which the Union President promised that the Constitution would be placed before the members of the Union for their ratification. This promise was never kept.

THE GAG AGAIN

"At the invalid 1947 Union A.G.M.," Mr. Scott said, "there was a deliberate abuse of the rules of procedure in order to suppress student opinion. Union members were not permitted to receive the balance sheet, contrary to S. 31 of the Constitution nor were they allowed to propose any motions. The meeting was closed while a speaker was on the floor with six others waiting to speak."

Mr. Scott finally appealed to the students to oppose a policy of "Pay Up and Shut Up." What was happening to-day in Hungary had been going on for 18 months in the Union.

"This Union has been dragged down into the muck and mire of financial conspiracy and minority rule which makes the Ironwork-



UNANIMOUS VOTE.—Students voting unanimously on motions, expressing disapproval and no-confidence in the prevailing Union set up and Constitution.

ers' Federation look like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," was the speaker's parting shot.

Mr. Thompson (Eng.) seconded the motion.

Mr. Potts (Sc.), a Union Councillor, supported the motion, and protested against the distribution of Union funds in the present manner. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

RIGHTS ABROGATED

Mr. D. A. Sangster (Sc.), past president of C.S.C., moved:—

"That the student members of this Union strongly disapprove of the present Union Constitution, and consider its contents, the method of its imposition and the failure to place it before the student members of the Union for ratification, to be a direct abrogation of student rights."

Mr. Sangster briefly recapitulated the history of the Union A.G.M. and S.G.M., and urged the students to support the motion.

Mr. Dunstan (Law) seconded the motion, and spoke of evil and genius. He pointed out that the students' rights had been overridden and that their representation on the Union Council was insufficient.

Mr. Potts: "I support this motion. I would like to point out, however, that the Union Council has always given S.R.C. representatives a good hearing."

Mr. Thompson: "I would like to point out that we have no rights, and the students have to go, cap in hand, to the Union Council for anything we want, begging for the money we pay. The Union Council's 'fairness' is a trap for the unwary."

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

THE STAT. FEE RACKET

Mr. Thompson then moved:—

"That the student members of this Union consider the three-guinea statutory fee to be an excessive and unjust surcharge."

Mr. Thompson said that of the £5,876 collected in stat. fee in 1946, nearly £3,000 came from the taxpayers who pay for C.R.T.S. £3,245 had not yet been spent, but was held in reserve funds and contingent liabilities.

"There has been an attempt," continued the speaker, "to explain away these unspent moneys in the period from January 1, 1947 to March 31, 1947. This is another trick. The

expenses from this period will eventually be paid from this year's fees. The £3,245 was only used as a credit balance.

"The sop which was thrown to the students in exchange for their money was the 'free' health scheme which was slow, cumbersome and unwanted by the students. It took one person 3 1/2 hours to get an X-ray. The scheme cost £2 per head last year. In contrast to this, an X-ray at the Town Hall costs 2/6, and a private medical examination, 10/6.

"Ex-servicemen, for whom nearly £3,000 was paid in stat. fees, are already provided with medical services by the Social Services Dept. The taxpayer is being forced to bear these double burdens."

Mr. Opie seconded the motion. A long general discussion followed, which was ample proof of student interest in the matter.

Mr. McBride: "Why couldn't the reserve funds go towards paying Inter-varsity travelling expenses? If teams are good enough to represent us, we should pay their expenses."

Several amendments were suggested, but were thrown out or ruled out of order.

The general feeling of the meeting appeared to be that under the present "regime" the fee was excessive, but that this could be remedied by student control of student funds. An amendment could not be put to express this opinion, and Mr. Magarey's motion: "That the motion be not now put," was carried.

Mr. Magarey pointed out that the matter was complex, and far from clean-cut, and it should be thrashed out more fully at a later date.

THE WAY TO THE STARS

Mr. J. Roder (Law) moved and Miss E. Robin (Sc.) seconded the motion:—

"That the secretary of the S.R.C. forward notice of all motions passed at this meeting to the Vice-Chancellor and to the Warden of the Senate."

Carried. Several questions regarding the Union Council were then asked, and Mr. Scott made the following statement:—

"It is deplorable that we should have to descend to student rags and stunt publicity in an attempt to shame the University and Union Councils into respecting student rights."