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ON DIT

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PROFIT OUR ENEMY

Capitalism Inconsistent with Maximum War Effort

Such was the decision reached by a majority at the Open Forum of the P. and I.R.C., where neither of the set speakers would agree to speak in favour of capitalism.

Mr. A. Ramsay opened his case against capitalism by defining the term "capitalism" to mean the private ownership of the means of production, and the distribution of goods produced under such ownership in the way best suited to its interests. In a war-time economy three problems arose as a result of such organization.

FIRST: Being organized through corporate forms that enabled small groups to control large resources, it was bound to provide for (a) the maximum profit possible; (b) keeping up the value of money invested in its plant by holding back new inventions necessitating further expenditure should they be incorporated in the plant.

The result in both cases was a lessening in the quantity of goods produced when a maximum production was needed. Mr. Ramsay instanced British Steel. At the outbreak of the war British shipyards were starved for steel.

SECONDLY: In order to procure a transference of industrial resources from civil production to war production, the latter must be made the more profitable. This could only be done either by scaling down profits on civil industry, or by increasing the profits in war industry.

Owing to the pressure exerted by capitalist interests, the latter means had to be adopted.

This led to a disproportionate share of the national income going to a minority.

THIRDLY: As a result of rising prices, and in view of the fact that industry was making higher profits, employees demanded a rise in wages. This led to industrial friction.

Capitalism, therefore, Mr. Ramsay concluded, was inconsistent with a maximum war effort.

Mr. Hammond in his turn gave a well documented talk on the part played by the monopolies in slowing up the development of industry, and in particular Australian national industry. Capitalism had

given the world nothing of advantage. It would not provide money for essential services, though it could well enough for war.

He also exposed the banking racket which, by lending money to farmers during booms, secured control over their property during depression. Similarly, the Overseas National Debt was forcing us to trade with Britain on their terms.

Racketeering in Australia was preventing a maximum war effort. Mr. Hammond compared the position here to that of Germany, whose war effort was much superior.

Here wages went in taxes, direct or indirect, thus furthering industrial unrest.

Our system was insolvent, he concluded, and urged the creation of a new party, composed of youth, to institute a new form of government.

Some discussion followed, chiefly between Mr. Hammond and Mr. Harris, the latter of whom urged that the way out of the dilemma was not the German method, but the institution of socialism. The German system merely substituted one form of inefficient oligarchy for another.

A.R.P. in MELBOURNE

By I. McILROY,
Chairman Melbourne S.R.C. Committee on A.R.P.

Melbourne University A.R.P. has been late starting, but is now getting well under way.

The organization is headed by the Vice-Chancellor, who was appointed Sector Warden by the State Emergency Council some time ago. He is assisted by a committee of staff experts, with two student representatives, from the S.R.C.

Plans are already afoot for the evacuation of the library and some of the other portable valuables of the University, such as museum specimens; while the State Government is to be approached with a view to its financing the erection of a bombproof shelter for valuable and irreplaceable instruments.

Some of the latter will be dispersed to homes, while those that cannot be removed may be protected to some degree by strengthening of buildings. Wilson Hall's stained glass window will probably be sandbagged.

The auxiliary services are being staffed, slowly at first, but we hope for big things in future.

House wardens and assistants for each building will be appointed from staff and senior students, more or less permanently stationed in the buildings concerned, while a number of patrol wardens are to be elected by the students.

Students are to be trained extensively in all branches of A.R.P. work. Classes in fire-fighting and first aid are beginning now, also courses for wardens.

Students are being enrolled for A.R.P. daily. It is hoped eventually not only to provide for our own needs, but to form a reserve available for service anywhere in Melbourne. This will be particularly useful with fire-fighters.

Having found that responsibility for protection of personnel rests on the University — the Commonwealth Government having delegated elsewhere the

protection of everything except its own institutions — and having no money nor any prospect of obtaining any, it was decided that the only protection possible was by digging trenches.

To this end a supply of picks and shovels and sandbags is being laid in, while a complete plan for trenches is being drawn up. This is based on a scientific survey of subsoils, cover from view, accessibility, etc. The distribution of University population at all hours of the day is one of the chief factors.

The aim is to have a complete working plan ready, so that trenches can be dug rapidly by student labour in event of an emergency. This, although very unsatisfactory in itself, is undoubtedly the best that can be done under the circumstances, as none of the University buildings is suitable for shelter.

That is, if you resign yourself to these circumstances. The Vice-Chancellor's committee feels itself unable to embroil itself in anything in the nature of politics, partly owing to diversity of opinion represented, and partly due to innate caution. However, a number of students feels unsatisfied with the general state of A.R.P. in the community, and the S.R.C. has formed a committee of student specialists in Science, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine, and Commerce, to investigate thoroughly the whole of A.R.P., with a view to suggesting improvements on present plans, which are not being based on scientific principles.

Their conclusions will then be referred back to students in the hope that they will bring pressure to bear to have them adopted by the authorities.

While not having progressed far enough yet to make any definite statement, it seems probable that this committee will recommend deep shelters for much of the civil population.

In the News

Adelaide has had the somewhat rare distinction of being twice mentioned lately in some of the contemporary publications that are sent to the Editor of "On Dit."

The first reference is in the Bulletin of the University Labour Federation, Cambridge, where the banning of the Radical Club by the University authorities is instanced as part of the attack being made on student liberties throughout the world.

The second, and more flattering, reference, is to a "school of Adelaide poets" in an enthusiastic review of "Angry Penguins" in "Art in Australia" — foremost artistic publication in Australia.

Of Birds and Butterflies

BY THE SOCIAL EDITRESS.

From well-earned (?) leisure during the holidays — and except for a few unfortunates such as med. students, it certainly WAS leisure, to judge by the deserted appearance of the University — the cloister dwellers turn once more to thoughts of work, and with hard work ahead of us, the joys of holidays, alas, are soon forgotten. But the bitter memory of tragedies endures much longer, and at least one tragedy occurred during the holidays. There was a certain young law student who awaited the holidays with impatience, for they were to herald the arrival from Melbourne of a certain young lady, late of this University. The holidays arrived, and so did she, but he, of all unjust fates to attack a man, found himself languishing in camp. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

At a rehearsal in the Hut the other evening the "freshette heroine" turned up in evening dress. So did a male member of the caste. When they both left at the same time we drew our own conclusions. And they were right.

Owing to increased petrol rationing we are becoming used to the sight of ever-growing numbers of bicycles invading the premises. But tied to a tree among many two-wheeled, a four-footed one was seen the other day. Who knows but that the University may have to provide stables and a coachhouse before long? The owner, by the way, is a young lady, and we hear that quite a crowd collects to watch her mount and ride away.

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Dr. Evatt on the Future

Speaking to a large audience in the Lady Symon Hall, Dr. H. V. Evatt stressed the need for post-war reconstruction.

Why bother about it now? he asked. Because to be efficient we must plan ahead. He instanced the deplorable failure in this respect of British military science from 1933 to the outbreak of the war.

When this peace comes we want none of the hasty improvisation necessary in the period of post-war reconstruction after the last war. Consequently, the Government had instituted a department for research along these lines, and was

anxious to secure the co-operation of the universities.

Among the problems to be faced at the end of the war would be those of unemployment, living standards, and industrial readjustment. This might involve nationalization of finance, development of secondary industry, decentralization of industry.

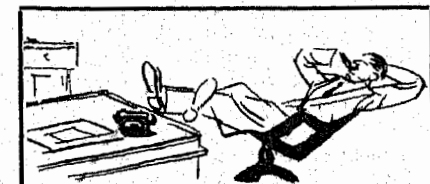
Certain constitutional problems would also be involved in these, necessitating constitutional changes.

What Are Christians Thinking?

There have recently been questions in some people's minds as to what Christians are thinking and doing about the present state of society. The S.C.M. is giving a series of Friday lunch-hour addresses this term, which will do something to resolve this questioning, which will give you the Christian answer to the problem of post-war reconstruction, the Christian criticism of communism and dictatorship, and seek the relationship between Christianity and democracy.

The first address, on Friday, June 20, will be given by Rev. Guy Pentreath on "Christianity and Democracy." Dr. Koo will give the address on July 4. The general subject of "Christianity, Democracy, and Dictatorship" will be discussed by Rev. J. R. Blanchard on July 18. On July 25 Rev. H. G. Hackworthy will speak on "Christianity and Communism." The last address of the series will be on August 1, when Mr. K. F. Newman will speak on the "Reconstruction of the World on Christian Principles."

This is a series of addresses by convinced Christians who have thought about these things in the light of their faith. Their ideas will be particularly interesting and valuable in this community where Christianity lacks the social force it should have. Don't forget!



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STUDENT STRUGGLES

The American Scene and the French

As so far our news service dealing with student activities in other countries has aroused neither approbation nor disapproval, we venture to extend it, hoping that some indication will be given as to whether its continuance is desired. For the present we have chosen as our field, activities in the United States and France.

At least the news service should make us conscious of what is going on about us. And we can be thankful that we do not work under the same disabilities here.

Discrimination in Defence Training Programme.

A recent issue of "Newscast," bulletin of the American Youth Congress, gives details of the Vocational Training for Youth organized by the Federal Education Office in conjunction with American rearmament. Progressive opinion is campaigning for greater control by labour organizations of this programme, which otherwise will easily become mere dilution in the interests of the industrialists. The A.Y.C. is making a particular drive to obtain full equality for negro youth in the opportunities offered, a state of affairs which is very far from the present position, although the authorities recognize it "in principle." Youth delegations have visited the Federal Commissioner of Education, and local officials with the result of investigations, showing that less than one per cent. of available training positions have been given to negroes, instead of about ten per cent. A memorandum issued by the Commissioner of Education calls upon State authorities to carry out the law in this respect, and also pledges to end the widespread discrimination against the employment of even fully-trained negroes.

No Forced Labour for American Youth.

A pamphlet, compiled and distributed by the American Student Union, exposes the drive of near-Government groups and reactionary University people to force compulsory labour camps on American youth of a military or semi-military character. They point out that the abstractness of University education is not to be solved in this way, but only by more direct student participation as citizens in the great social problems facing their people. They pour ridicule on the "crackpot school of thought" which claims that America has "too many doctors, engineers, chemists, architects, social scientists, mathematicians, painters, linguists, writers, teachers," and seeks to reduce the numbers of intellectuals instead of giving them jobs in the service of the people.

This work-camps movement is rapidly developing along the familiar Nazi lines; militarizing the youth and isolating them from the labour movement, undercutting trade union standards, and substituting manual labour for education and skilled training. The following two statements of President Roosevelt's throw light on the official aim of this scheme:

"I am determined to cram American patriotism down the throats of American youth, whether they like it or not."—*"Brooklyn Daily Eagle,"* September 11, 1940.

"I am dissatisfied with the infiltration of alien ideas in the minds of youth, and feel the need for disciplining them and instilling true American patriotism."—*"New York Times,"* June 19, 1940.

Pointing out that labour camps follow naturally from the conscription measures already passed, the A.S.U. exposes the doubtful record of those few individuals in the youth and student movement who are supporting these plans. They say:

"Forced labour camps were Hitler's way out. Shackling American youth to permanent insecurity, low wages, and denial of civil rights, it will create a huge army of cheap labour with which to undermine the economic standards fought for by the American Labour Movement. Brutalizing and militarizing American youth, it will create a machine in itself destructive of youth's democratic aspirations and take giant strides towards lining up American youth for entrance into war."

They point to an alternative, youth's own way out: "For five long years there has languished in Congressional Committee a Bill prepared by American's youth organization, called the American Youth Act. Designed to create millions of jobs in home-building, hospital and

school construction, and other socially necessary projects, this Bill provides for the payment of a minimum twelve dollars a week wage (contrast with the National Youth Administration fifteen dollars a month) to young workers in its programme, and for the payment of a minimum of fifty cents an hour to all college students certified as being in need of help to carry on their education. (Estimated at about fifty per cent. of total.) Guaranteeing democratic control through participation of youth, labour, social service, and educational organization representatives in its administration, the programme provides for strict civilian projects and control. 'Build America' is the aim of the Youth Act."

The Fight for Democratic Universities.

With the growing war crisis and hysteria in the U.S.A., progressive students and professors are everywhere being denounced as "reds" by faked enquiries into "subversive activities." Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, made himself notorious by a speech in which he demanded the resignation of all members of the staff who disagreed with the Administration's policy of aid to Britain. A letter from New York, dated December 9, reports: "The students are up in arms . . . they want those teachers, and they want free public education. . . . Student reaction to this persecution is magnificent and they are flocking to the A.S.U. In Detroit about ten students have been kicked out of Michigan University, and a very broad committee is defending them. The whole town's furious about the affair and the president of the university is beginning to have to back down and has so far let one guy back."

The A.Y.C. Goes to Washington.

Whilst the American Senate was rushing through legislation bringing America more deeply into the war, the youth of America gathered to demonstrate against it. Over five thousand three hundred, representing over four million of the youth of America, gathered in conference, lobbied against the Lease and Lend Bill, and paraded through the streets of Washington. The conference was addressed by speakers from youth organizations from all over the country, including the leader of the National Intercollegiate Christian Council, the representative of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, and the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in China. It was agreed to hold three nation-wide progressive meetings during the next few months. The meeting then adopted the following message to the youth of the world:

"One year ago we addressed a message of friendship to the young people of the world. We declared that youth is not youth's enemy. We asserted our fellowship in which we are inseparably joined by mutual ideals and aspirations for world order of justice, equality, independence, and peace for all peoples. To-day we affirm again that we cannot be separated either by barbed wire or by the poison of hate propaganda. We cannot long be forced to fight each other. America to-day is a land where discussions are being closed even though the people have not been heard. America is to-day and each day being plunged further into war, not because the people will it, but because the popular will to peace is disdainfully ignored by those in high places. Instead, they use the struggles in Europe and Asia to carve for themselves a new Empire. America will get out, and stay out, of the world war when Young America and all our people will learn to trust themselves and make their united power felt. The people shall have peace when they use the rights of the majority in the democracy to prevent a few profiting at the disastrous expense of the people of this and all other lands.

France

A LETTER FROM FRANCE.

"Ever since the new term in October, there is a strong current among the students, particularly in Paris where more than half are studying, against the German occupation and against the policy of Vichy of benefiting by the protection of German bayonets to impose social and clerical reaction upon the people.

"The arrest of Professor Langevin caused open demonstrations in student circles—especially in front of the College de France in November. . . . At the Sorbonne students left the lecture halls en masse because uniformed Germans were present. . . . A high point was November 11, when college and high school students demonstrated at the Arc de Triomphe for the independence and liberty of France. The German army machine-gunned the demonstrators, killed six and wounded several. . . . Besides about two hundred students were arrested, and on November 13 all the faculties of higher learning were closed down. . . .

"A series of vexatious measures was taken at the same time by the German authorities; return to the provinces of all students whose parents did not live in Paris, obligation to report daily to the police.

"Meanwhile the Vichy Government was attacking the French University. It suppressed normal schools . . . it expelled all who were more or less progressive . . . it drove Jewish Frenchmen out of the teaching field. . . .

"The German authorities have been obliged to release Professor Langevin . . . to suspend the measures against the students and to authorize the re-opening of the university at the beginning of January.

"The students of Paris have set up a Committee of Students and Professors for the defence of the University of Paris. The committee has published many documents which circulate not only among the students, but among the whole population to such an extent that the newspapers have been obliged on several occasions to mention them. . . .

"The French police, under orders of the authorities, have carried out numerous arrests for 'communist propaganda.' At the beginning of December eighteen students (four of whom were girls) were arrested, and a few days ago medical students at the Hospital de la Salpêtrière were arrested. Under these conditions the new term in January will doubtless witness a strengthening of the movement."

Arts Students and Faculty Survey

By Max Harris

"What's the good of the faculty survey? What single thing will I get out of it? It's merely the N.U.A.U.S. giving itself something to do." This is the only form of criticism which the idea of the Faculty Survey has provoked. There has been no enthusiasm for it. Students here are all satisfied.

Why are they satisfied? "Possibly because they have no idea of studentship, its traditions, what it implies and demands of the individual. Possibly because there is a large stratum of dilettante students with third-rate minds from the first-class moneyed families.

But to the student the question is as stupid as asking "What is the good of occasionally cleaning up your old papers, tidying up your drawers, washing the V-8?"

Legitimate criticism of courses, conditions, scholarships, and the staff, based on the experience of University life and conditions all over the world, and relating esoteric and academic life more closely to society, is not carping and unjustified. If the Faculty Survey can stir students to desire that the social equipment of University training be improved, outline practical proposals for it, and set about the agitation to achieve these improvements through the N.U.A.U.S., then the "academic altruism" and "searching after truth" of the staff can scarcely but approve of student interest in bettering the University life of the nation. The outside public will approve. Too long has the University cocooned itself nicely away from social issues as a rest home for budding parasites and opportunists.

Consequently, after being in contact with Mr. Sam Cohen and Messrs. Kay and Nicholson, S.R.C. representatives of the Arts Faculty in Melbourne, a uniform approach to the survey will be made by Arts in Adelaide and Melbourne. Honours students from the various schools will

Science Column Science Wins the War

"This is a war of science," said one of our mighty war leaders recently. Accordingly, "On Dit" is privileged and honoured to be able to publish, as far as the need for official secrecy will permit, an account of the sterling efforts of the Science School of this University in the interests of National Security.

But first of all—
First Science Student: What about Killen Macbeth?

Second Science Student: Sure, but what about that Kerr Grant? Yes, I know that it's a very ancient gag, but I thought it was rather clever when I first heard it many years ago.

Still, I'll be the mug—"What about Killen Macbeth?" Prize No. 1 inhabitant of the Chem. Department, I hear, is a dark, dirty, hairy little mongrel. (N.B.: This is the department's dog, NOT any member of the staff.—Ed.), which periodically knocks over bottles of very valuable chemicals, and is petted and pampered in the presence of his owner, and on all other occasions called—well, a nasty animal. Beyond that, I'm not sure what the Chemists do, and I'm rather doubtful whether they do either.

And what about that Kerr Grant? He has a theme song these days, sung to his first year class at every second lecture—"I'm for ever blowing bubbles." But this bubbling is all very secret—done behind the cover of a most impressive notice: "Physics Workshop—No Admittance," so, lest the walls should be listening, I'd better change the subject. By the way, one of the Physics demonstrators was so taken by the Prof.'s confetti exhibition of last year that he recently took steps calling for similar treatment.

And now the Geology. Ah! a grand place, the Geology. All the passages lined with photos of icebergs and blizzards—so refreshing at this time of the year. Nowadays one occasionally hears the Explorer Expounding about Swimming with Shimmering Seals and Perceiving Playful Penguins, with the aid of a wall map too big for the Rennie Theatre.

There are other departments too, but I assume, though I don't know from personal experience, that they don't do anything either.

But the Science Faculty is doing one thing about this war—and it's going to make a job of it. It's running a Ball, THE Ball of the year, in aid of War Charity, in the Refectory on July 5. Tickets, 3/6, including Supper, and it's going to be a grand show. So roll up in force, all you social butterflies and lounge lizards who want a night out, and all you patriotic citizens who want to do your duty. Whatever Science may or may not be doing towards the War effort, help it to help those who need its support.

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OPINION

On Criticism

Dear Sir,

Your very anonymous correspondents have apparently misunderstood what I was driving at in my letter—perhaps wilfully, for they have gone off on pleasant little trails of their own, about which much could be said. So may I attempt to restate my points as clearly as possible, and perhaps correct?

1. It is both foolish and unfair to treat students, who are appearing in public as part of their training merely to gain experience, some perhaps for the first time, as if they are fully trained professionals.

2. Age does not presuppose good criticism, but I should have thought it obvious that good criticism demands both knowledge and experience. Sensibility is, of course, a sine qua non, and so is honesty.

3. I have apparently been more fortunate than both your correspondents in frequently experiencing constructive criticism that bore no relation to flattery, which, after all, is not criticism at all.

4. I'm sorry, but I still think that such a remark as "the French horns were throughout ghastly" is just rudeness. (They were not both French horns, by the way, which, perhaps, explains your critic's extreme aversion to his tone.)

May I suggest, moreover, that such phrases as "the celebrity platform" should find no place in the vocabulary of a writer on art?—Yours, etc.,

CLIVE CAREY.

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What's the Matter?

Sir,

Last term I was taken to task by Miss Robinson for attacking the members of the S.C.M. I admit that at the time I was more acquainted with the programme than the personnel of the S.C.M., and upon reconsideration would like to modify my attack. It was not the members of the S.C.M. that I should have attacked, but an attitude of mind, and one that is not the product of Christianity but of our bourgeois capitalist system. This attitude is exemplified in Miss Robinson's letter when she says that the Christian approach is to change society by changing the individual.

Now I would not deny that the individual must be changed. But to urge that he can be changed without also changing society—the two processes are interdependent—is like urging the sick should be cured, while contributing by our indifference to spreading the disease and multiplying the causes leading to such illness.

Such an attitude, I maintain, arose in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries together with the rise of capitalism. In the period when Christianity really flourished—from Constantine to the rise of the middle class—this was not so. Then Christians organized to enforce their beliefs upon recalcitrant princes or a recalcitrant society. It was not until Martin Luther—that panderer to the exploiters of peasants—that the doctrine of justification by faith was evolved. (See also Tawney: "Religion and the Rise of Capitalism.") True, Christianity in early times had tried to set up ideal communities, but that was more possible in rural communities where the means of production were less interdependent.

The attitude I am condemning, however, was common not merely to the Christians, but to the poets of the period. Horrified by the growth of rampant

individualism and greed, and encouraged by the amused manipulators of wealth, they weakly began on that trek into the garden, which was only the first step in the retreat to the ivory tower. Poets and Christians alike became the slaves of the new order instead of, as hitherto, the prophets of a better one. And so with the educationalists, the scientists, and the philosophers.

How escapist this attitude is can best be shown by the type of spectacle, familiar to all, of the good Christian business man giving his pep talk to the Y.M.C.A. on the value of the Golden Rule, but telling us with a silly hurt smile that he could not put it into practice in business.

The Christian and his Church are necessarily either contaminated by their property, or else, giving it away as advocated by a few extremists, lack the means of carrying on propaganda, and become dependent upon the whims of those from whose they receive alms (the rich members of the congregation). Their news—upon which their immediate reactions are based—is contaminated at its source by the interests of those who collect it. Their education, including the books they read, and the influences they undergo at home, are similarly distorted and have to be unlearned. And if they are born in the slums, they are habituated to vice from their earliest years—see any book on the delinquent child.

This, very briefly, being the case, I find it impossible to see how Christians can fail to support any system that strives to suppress doctrines of racial discrimination, or to enforce through the medium of the State that the wealth and learning of the community shall be used for the good of all.

I do not assert that changing the organization of society alone would produce the ideal commonwealth. But such organization is the easier to isolate, being the more objective, and so more quickly and readily attackable.

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The Editor.

Faculty and other society committees are requested to bear in mind when arranging meetings for the coming term that Wednesday lunch-hours are not reserved for debating meetings. The long Wednesday lunch-hour (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.) was introduced to enable societies to conduct some of their meetings during the day when it was thought that larger attendances would be present. The Debating Committee was charged, not with the arranging of programmes, but the distribution of the available dates among the various societies in order to avoid the clashing of meetings. All societies wishing to conduct Wednesday meetings should apply immediately to the Secretary of the Debating Society, stating, if possible, the nature of the meeting (speaker, subject, etc.) and the approximate date desired.

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Rightly or wrongly, the society in which we live labels itself "Christian." And it is at present engaged in a life and death struggle with a society one of whose characteristics is that it repudiates Christianity. But this is obviously not the fundamental difference between us and Nazi Germany. This war is no crusade.

In other words, Why should our society continue to call itself Christian simply because a minority (if it is a minority) within it clings to the belief in God and a divine Christ? Away with religion—a poisonous rationalization! Scientific humanism, advance to your rightful place!

The studies man has made in his knowledge of himself and his control over the world in which he lives are incredible. Soon it may be possible to create living beings within the laboratory. Why, then, postulate a creative God for things which at present we cannot understand?

Yet the realm of values has the scientist beaten. They exist, he cannot deny them—but he can say nothing about them.

The reason is not far to seek. Science can explain objects only in so far as they act as stimuli for the various sense organs. But what is it behind or beyond the various sense organs which uses the data they supply—thinks about it, is affected by it, acts upon it? This is the function of "conscious life," and of conscious life alone. In other words, science can only deal with the relationships between phenomena; it cannot derive phenomena; it is through conscious life that phenomena explain and complete themselves. So in the sphere of knowing, science is the servant of conscious life, and both are concerned with "thinking in terms of the object." But conscious life also expresses itself in feeling and acting, in the emotions and the will. And this is where the apprehension of values comes in. Values can only be felt. But once really felt, they lead of themselves to action in relation to the object concerning which they are felt. There is no clearer example of this than the New Testament conception of love, which is essentially a feeling and an acting in terms of the object.

How, then, explain conscious life? What is its source? If the scientific humanist could answer these questions, he would have solved the riddle of the universe. But so far the only answer has come from religion, and the most complete answer from the Christian religion.

Following from this—Is progress a reality? What is the criterion of progress? What is the significance for the scientist, the philosopher, the historian, the sociologist, of "essential church doctrine" such as the Incarnation and the Atonement? And finally, what are the implications of all this for the individual in a capitalist society at war?

An attempt was made to answer these and many other questions at the S.C.M. conference held during the vacation. The above is founded upon an extremely meagre report of the first two addresses—"The Origin of Man," by Professor Goldby, and "The Nature and Potentialities of Man," by Sir William Mitchell.

Disapproval Club

One day an ambitious young fellow had a No. 2 iron (steel shaft) poised above the head of X., of whom he disapproved. Just as he was about to "kack" (see below) his victim, his conscience smote him. Thwarted, he whipped out score card and pencil, wrote DISAPPROVAL LIST across the top, and put X below. It gave him some satisfaction—hence the Disapproval Club.

(Note: "Kack, technical term peculiar to the Artillery, nearest interpretation in polite Australia would be "ruin utterly.")

The club has lately had a quiet time, and members, meeting over their lunches, have only added three or four names to the list. One person has been removed from the list (My God, yes. She's definitely got a sensible outlook.)

Notice is hereby given that if A and B do not cease passing down advertisements for corsets (and the like) to the front row in . . . ology classes, they will definitely become qualified for the Disapproval List. The . . . ology women are exceedingly, and without exception, well corseted.

STOP PRESS: Another person has just been whipped down. He (not being authorized) attempted to place foot on the sacred ground of the Anatomy School. And (we know you won't believe this) he was an ARTS person.

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SPORTS

Form: Football and Female

Football

A'S REVERSAL OF FORM.

The football team suffered severe reverses since last edition of "On Dit." At the end of last term we were undefeated and well on top — then came the reverses.

The first was at the hands of Railways. The next week saw us back in winning form to down Payneham, the weakest team in the association, but the last two weeks we have gone under to Exeter and Semaphore Centrals, with a result we have dropped to fourth position.

There has been one thing in common with our losses, and that is that we have played away, and the ovals are not of the smooth, grassy type like the Varsity Oval. However, we cannot blame our losses to this factor, although it might have something to do with it.

The standard of play last Saturday was of high standard, but our main trouble lies in the forward lines. Having played on the oval the week before, we were somewhat accustomed to it, but its unusual shape and hardness and unevenness seemed to upset our forwards, who were always out of place. They led in from the boundary, instead of out, crowding the centre half and goalsneak, thus spoiling their play.

The ragged play in the forward lines was partly due to the faulty passing of the half-forward and centre line. Gurner, who leads out well, stands little hope when the ball is passed to him above shoulder height. This was evident on Saturday. The passes came to him too high, and consequently there was a great deal of fumbling near the goals. He tried to kick goals over his head instead of handballing to someone in a better

position, with a result we scored many points.

The play was in our forward lines for three-quarters of the game, but it was cleared time and time again by their backs. It was our bad play in the forward line, too much fumbling and crowding together with inaccurate kicking for goals that lost us the match. The centre and the halfback line combined in excellent style, and was instrumental in keeping the ball in our forward line, and it was only due to Semaphore Central's uncanny accuracy that kept them in front.

We are now fourth, but the future looks bright for us, for we have four of the next five matches at home, and we are determined to get on top again.

However, there is something amiss with the team. The same half dozen or so seem to be in the best players each week. Thus responsibility is thrown on to six, instead of eighteen.

Bill Betts, who has been the outstanding man in the team, played an excellent game. His determination never gives his opponent a chance. His marking has been brilliant, and but for him and several others, our story of woe would have been definitely worse.

Nigel Abbott again dominated the centre pivot. He is always in position to receive passes from the back line.

Graham Brookman is undoubtedly the most improved player in the team, and has not yet played a poor game. His pace and football sense serve him well.

Peter Dalwood took some brilliant high marks, but should lead out instead of waiting for the ball to come to him.

Norm Shierlaw played consistently, and his height assists his marking.

Disher and O'Grady, two of our ruckmen, kept going all day. Both took some very nice marks, but O'Grady's game is spoilt by his faulty kicking.

After the A's hoped-for win next Saturday against Walkerville, the team will face one of the hardest trials of speed and stamina it has yet had. Miss McGregor will set the pace, which promises to be a killer right from the bounce. This will take place round about eight o'clock after sprigs have been inspected by the reception committee. All players not wearing formal dress will be summarily ordered off the field by Mr. Goodall, the umpire. He has offered to leave it to the opposition to decide who gets the vote, since the competition is bound to be hot.

With the good rains we have had lately, the ground should be fairly soft, but this will detract nothing from the standard of play. Players must remember not to hang back, however, as the Ball is bound to keep pretty low. Harold Page's coaching should stand the team in good stead, as the majority of this is done after dark. Rovers and the more forward members of the side should find their way round the dance floor aided by a few spin turns, but it looks as though the slower men will have to rest in some secluded pocket.

Contrary to Varsity custom, oranges will be taken at half-time in the George Murray, and not in the pavilion (we hope). Due to this departure, some other form of stimulant may be necessary to produce that immortal 'Varsity last quarter (O Death, where is thy sting?). As it is rumoured that the coach has a birthday, and Bill Madigan is going to leave us in favour of the Air Force, it seems likely that the rucks will take the knock on this account, but we hope the services of our trainer will not be required.

We would advise all those intending to come to the dance, that is, all physically and mentally fit members of the community, that it is time to start saving up those petrol coupons to avoid the embarrassing predicament of walking home. Pay your sports subscription, help the F.F.C.F., join the S.C.M., do anything,

Hockey

'VARSITY UNDEFEATED DURING VACATION.

For the last three weeks University A's have not been beaten, although we have fielded somewhat weakened teams. On May 24 Parkside was beaten 5 goals to 2, W. Salter hitting three of them. The two following Saturdays gave drawn games. Without our captain we managed to tie with last year's premiers in a game which revealed fast, clean hockey. Last week the whole half line decided to have a rest. Without them, although the press expected a University victory, we secured a scoreless draw.

The return of the captain was a decided asset to the team, whilst Lloyd, W. Salter, and James were included in the best players.

The captain now expects all members to practise regularly. There is no harm done in doing a little training on the quiet, even if you cannot attend on Wednesdays or Thursdays. If you do not attend practice, INFORM McPHIE that you are training and how much you are doing.

The B's did not meet success during the vacation. Largs Bay, Woodville, and Kenwood just managed to beat them. D. Hart was included in the best players in all three matches, whilst Camens, McIntosh, Aitchison, and Fairley were mentioned on occasions. Goalthrowers included Hunter, Tucker, and Hart. FLY-MISSING is a well-developed technique and will be treated as more than a joke in future.

The C's went into recess and should now be ready to hop in with vigour.

Next Saturday's matches are:
A's: 3.30 p.m. at Varsity Oval, v. Motors Ltd.

B's: 2 p.m. at Varsity Oval, v. Blackwood.

C's: 3 p.m. at Birkalla, v. Y.M.C.A.

Lacrosse

By winning their last two matches, the A's have at last gained a place in the four — a position that they have not held for some years.

On May 31 we defeated St. Peter's, Glenelg (for the first time since they came into A grade) 10—3. Goalthrowers: Cottle (4), O'Sullivan (3), Abbott (2), and Greenhalgh (1).

On June 17 the A's defeated 5DN 8—5. This was an even match, but a second quarter burst, in which we scored five goals to their one, proved too much for the 5DN team. Goalthrowers: Nancarrow (4), Cottle (3), O'Sullivan (1).

Last Saturday the A's were defeated by West Torrens 18—5. This was a poor match and, although the stickwork showed some improvement it is still faulty. Goalthrowers: Nancarrow (3), Wallmann and O'Sullivan. Best players: Nancarrow, Abbott, Osman, Wallman, and Draper.

Cottle, as usual, managed to attract the attention of all the opposing backs and was responsible for many scoring opportunities which the other forwards did not always make use of.

Frayne has shown very good form in goals in the last two matches, and will be a great loss to the club when we lose him.

Thompson and Abbott comprise the strongest A grade defence line in the State, while Kirkman, Munday, and Greenhalgh are combining well on the back line.

Nancarrow made a promising entrance into A grade with four goals, and played a very cool game.

The B1's disappointed critics by losing 3—5 to North Adelaide. This was a shocking performance and should make the B's realize that even a little practice helps. Goalthrowers in this match were K. Ward (2) and J. Ward (1).

University No. 1, 8 goals; University No. 2, 7 goals. Goalthrowers: University No. 1, K. Ward and Hallett (each 3), J. Ward and Elliott; University No. 2, Freeman (4), Beard (2), and Miller. Best players: University No. 1, Elliott, K. Ward, Hallett; University No. 2, Freeman, Bromfield, and Miller.

The B1's were just beaten by the Deaf Adult team, 10—7, in one of the roughest matches of the season. Goalthrowers: Hallett (4), K. Ward (2), Freeman. Best players: Elliott, Daniel, and Hallett.

Recent matches have disclosed some good players in this team. Elliott has shown good form in defence and may possibly take Kirkman's place in the A's, while K. Ward, Hallett, and Freeman all have chances of selection for the senior team as forwards and attacks.

Stirred by the brilliance of Fisk, who threw five of the team's nine goals, the B2's lost by less than usual to East Torrens. Other goalthrowers in this match were D. Kirkman, Bromfield, Keany, and Buick. Best players: Fisk, Bromfield, and Buick.

But Do Not Miss the FOOTBALL DANCE on JUNE 21

Baseball

SCORES.

May 24: A's had a bye. B's were defeated by West Torrens by 25 to 6. Safeshitters: Nairn (3), Soar, Robertson (2), Slade, Taylor, Simmons.

May 31: A's were defeated by Kensington by 7 to nil. Safeshitters: Lewis, Morgan, J. Kilgariff, and Backhouse. B's defeated Glenelg by 16 to 6. Safeshitters: Alderman (4, including home run), Simmons (4, including home run), Slade (3), Wyllie (2), Ball, Hughes, Anderson, and Soar.

June 7: A's lost to Goodwood by 5 to 3. Safeshitters: Lewis, Soar (2), Backhouse, and J. Kilgariff. B's lost to Sturt by 25 to 13. Safeshitters: Simmons (4), Robertson, Hughes, Anderson (3), Slade (2), Wyllie, and Kenny.

BATTING AVERAGES.

A Grade.			
	At bat	Safe hits	Av.
Lewis	19	7	.368
Backhouse	17	6	.353
Daly	15	4	.266
J. Kilgariff	12	3	.250
Morgan	14	3	.214
B Grade.			
Simmons	19	10	.526
Soar	20	10	.500
Robertson	21	10	.476
Nairn	13	6	.462
Alderman	15	6	.400
Anderson	12	4	.333

Women's Hockey

On Saturday, May 24, just before the vacation, the A team played Wirrawarra and was defeated 13—1. There was very little combination on the part of the forwards, and the defence did not attack quickly or often enough. This lack of teamwork will have to be improved if the A's are going to win their matches.

The B team met Y.W.C.A. and M. Hewitson played a good steady game at centre half, and the forwards combined well.

The C team forfeited to Woodville. The matches, which were to have been played on Saturday, 31st, were postponed until June 11, when A, B, and E grades will play.

Last Saturday Varsity met Heathpool and, although Heathpool won 6—2 in the end, the A's played well, especially in the first half. In the second half the forwards were not combining as well and the general standard of play fell. P. Robinson and H. Eyles (who was playing emergency) shot our two goals.

The B and C teams forfeited to Largs Bay and Blackwood, because so many girls were away on holidays.

There is now only one week in which to pay your 2/- registration and \$1 sports fee to either B. McDougall or Mr. Hamilton. Do not pay 2/- registration to the Front Office but to B. McDougall. Any girl who has not paid by June 13 will definitely be unable to play in any match. So pay up!

Women's Basketball

Despite the number of players who went away for the holidays, the basketball club has managed to get through the last three Saturdays with the forfeit of only one match.

The A's had one win and two defeats. In the match against Menadyees last Saturday, they were sadly outplayed. E. Salter, M. Cowell, and P. Fraser in the defence line were kept more than busy and all three played well, but the throwing was ragged all through the team and must be improved. Despite the fact that we were playing the premiers, and the score was no real indication of the game, to end the first round with a defeat of 45 goals to 6 was not very cheering.

The B's have had a loss, a win, and a draw in the last three weeks. The game against Plymptonians on Saturday finished up 31 goals each, and all our team played well, the passing being, if anything, a little too rapid.

The C's as usual suffered from being a collection of players who had never been together before, and this was very evident in their lack of system.

Players in all teams need a lot of practice before the next round, so please be out bright and early on Wednesday.

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