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PROCESSION A SUCCESS

30,000 GREET 'MONTY'

Heralded by a hellish outcry, the 1947 University procession burst upon a startled Adelaide population at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, 25th. Local inhabitants, momentarily stunned with shock, soon rallied round and formed an appreciative audience of 30,000 as the procession really got under way.

Two heavily camouflaged "plain-clothes menacers" led the way, their faces of the legend, "Simple but Catching," above their motor cycles' grips. This apparently was too subtle for the onlookers, who displayed more hilarity at the appearance of "the结果 of Calwell's quest for migrants." Under banners of "Calwell's Chicks," "Wages Galore," and more heterogeneous collection of villains-looking cut-throats could not be found at the docks of Marseilles (only at the University of Adelaide.)

Parades on politics formed the main content of the procession, several prominent figures collecting their share of unexpected popularity. The Prime Minister would no doubt have been highly gratified had he seen the Engineer's pleased and jittery suggestion, "Neil Kelley for Prime Minister," which was closely followed by one of the Dental displays of a formidable set of fangs entitled "To help 'Chiff.' Take his 400 bite!"

"Boycott Forbes for Treasurer:" the satirical comment on our revered "financier," drew its share of laughs from the now highly amused spectators.

The Medical Faculty struck immediate response with their hospital bed, and patient wearing top hat, together with a huge jar of blue liquid with its banner, "Putting Blue Blood into Mr. McKellar!"

The Big Four were impressively arrayed around a table, with the troubles of the world weighing heavily upon their shoulders, deeply engraved in a game of poker. Their notice, "Ullora, Please!" ensured freedom from interruption and permitted profound concentration.

A sinister-looking car bearing cloisonne windshield, e.g., "Moscow Trading Co." "Gift for the Lama of China" and "Well, No Villains" enclosed the Socialist fraternity, possibly plotting more clandestine outrages. The President, complete with cloak and dagger, slung proudly to the back (perhaps keeping "gift" for his comrades) and spent his time darting sly and stealthy glances at the crowd's rabble.

Politics exhausted, students drew from other channels of their fertile

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UNION REPORT ON REFECTORY

THE House Committee of the Union Council has received from the President of the S.R.C., and discussed, a petition signed by about 600 students protesting against conditions obtaining in the Refectory at the present time. There is little or no ground for some of the complaints; the complaints that are genuine and substantial have their origin in the extreme difficulties under which the

inadequate to the task of dealing with these numbers. Shortage of staff also has been a real difficulty. It has been almost impossible to get trained staff, and additional staff, if available, could not be housed adequately.

The last extensions to the Refectory buildings were made at the be

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OUT OF THE DIM DARKNESS OF HISTORY

TRE PREAGES FUTURE

The following is an extract from the 1956 Union Handbook. Digressions compel us to refrain from comment on the concluding paragraph.

"On Dit" is published fortnightly. All articles, contributions, etc., for publication should be typewritten or legibly written in ink on one side of paper only.

TILL THE END OF TIME

Those who won our independence believed that the final end of the State was to make men free to develop their faculties and that in its government the deliberative forces should prevail over the arbitrary. They valued liberty both as an end and as a means. They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness, and courage to be the secret of liberty. They believed that freedom to think as you will and to speak as you think are means indispensable to the discovery and spread of political truth. That was free speech and assembly; discussion would be futile; that with them, discussion affords ordinarily adequate protection against the dissemination of vicious doctrine; that the greatest menace to freedom is an inert public; that public discussion is a political duty; and that this should be the fundamental principle of the government. They recognised the risk to which all human institutions are subject. But they knew that order cannot be secured merely through fear of punishment for its infraction; that it is hazardous to discourage thought, hope, and imagination; that fear breeds hate; that hate menaces stable government; that the path of safety lies in the opportunity to discuss freely supposed grievances and proposed remedies; and that the living remedy for evil counsels is good ones. Believing in the power of reason as applied through public discussion, they eschewed silence coerced by law—the argument of force in its worst form. Recognising the occasional tyrannies of governing majorities, they amended the constitution so that free speech and assembly should be guaranteed.


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supplement)
Count: Elementary Calculus 13/6
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WESTERN DRIVE, UNIVERSITY
RESULT OF PROTEST MEETING

VICE-CHANCELLOR TALKS TO SRC EXECUTIVE

MATTERS relating to the motions passed at the Special General Meeting on June 26 were discussed by the President and Secretary of the Students' Representative Council with the Vice-Chancellor, following his invitation, on July 4.

Professor McMillan Stewart began by querying the phrase, "the method of imposition." He then explained the way in which the new constitution was introduced and he agreed that it might have been put before the students for their consideration. He expressed the view that the origin of the statute for which arose from the decision of the University Council that there should be a general meeting of the student activities: University in the British Empire. The university wasArrested: concerning similar fees, their purpose, their amount and the method of levy, and, after consideration, the University Council decided on a statutory fee of £3/3.

The scheme from this fee was considered and the University Council decided that it would require careful administration. This was consistent with the fact that the council looked upon that income as University funds, led to the decision that something more permanent than the existing University constitution was needed. The Union Council was therefore established.

In setting up this body, the University Council considered the three interests-staff, students and graduates. The object was to bring into the Union, the duties of the Representative Council and the responsibilities of the University to the students were reconsidered.

The University Council thus set up the Union Council as the body of administrators of the Union. However, the Professor was careful to point out that, and later in the day, at the W.S.R. meeting, that really the Union had no money—that money was part of University funds administered by the University Council. The University, in granting part of its funds to the Union Council gave that body a completely free hand to use the money as it saw fit for any specific purposes for which it was used and paid.

The opinions and feelings of the students were raised throughout the discussion and given full consideration. Professor McMillan Stewart thanked the students for their co-operation and then assured them that they would be considered through the usual channels. In effect, this means that they will come before the Union Council, who will refer them back to the three bodies comprising the Union, that is, if agreed upon, will be referred to the University Council.

F. H. HETZEL,
President.

BRITAIN'S "ECONOMIC DUNKIRK"

THE DOLLAR SHORTAGE AND AUSTRALIA

By N. Goodier

ADDRESSING the Political and International Relations Club on Wednesday, July 23, on the problem of what he described as the critical problem facing England and Australia for the next generation would be the dollar shortage.

While such an extreme contingency would hardly be likely to occur, there was a great danger of a great improvement of Britain's standard of living.

This would have serious repercussion on the United States, because this country had been the market for our whole wool, the main source of American trade since 1815.

In the past, Australia's trading amounts with U.S.A. had been only balanced by Britain's surplus dollar reserves, which had been sufficiently large. This had no longer been the case, and Australian dollar was probably nil.

SOCIALISM AND LABOR

THE PROBLEM OF THE TRANSITION

The Director of Public Relations, Department of Post-War Reconstruction (Dr. Lloyd Town), addressed a well attended meeting in the Lady Symon last week on the subject "Socialism and Labor."

Dr. Ross pointed out that the objective of the Socialists party was in complete agreement with the objectives of the Socialists party.

He then mentioned that the workers and laborers had failed to achieve the bridging of the gap between the two lesser problems of the theory of Socialism and its organization, which was necessary to remember that when the Labor Party was very closely related to the Socialists party.

Dr. Ross criticized the absence, within Labor, of any serious desire for Socialism. The party's objective was uncertain because the Government in power had not been able to serve the needs of the Australian people. The Australian Labor Party was yet to win election after election, its existence and its power of recovery was probably

While there was some ground for, said the Professor, the party had been defeated in the last election, there had been no reason to believe that the Government in power had not been able to serve the needs of the Australian people. The Australian Labor Party was yet to win election after election, its existence and its power of recovery was probably

planned ahead to solve its problems, but instead, instead, it wanted to hang on to them. The final test of this will be the next election. The final test of this will be the next election.
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In Memoriam

of the suggested suspension of "on dit" for publishing a student letter on union fees without notifying authorities, and the article on refactory conditions, for which the S.R.C. deemed an apology unnecessary.

of what this page might have contained it dignity did not prevail.

of your money which might have been devoted to "on dit" had not the S.R.C. donated it to sending John Redrup to the Prague conference of the International Union of Students (I.U.S.) after it became known that the National Union of Australian University Students (N.U.A.U.S.) executive had already sent him overseas without adequate financial backing; Australia already had two observers on the spot and had disaffiliated from I.U.S. for certain reasons.

It is unlikely that there will be any more issues of "on dit" this year.

With deep respect—R.I.P.
FIERY RUGBY

S P O R T S H E E T

FOOTBALLERS FAIL ON SUCCESSIVE SATURDAYS

On July 19, the University A team travelled down to the Large Reserve Oval to play Excelsior and fight out the right to stay in top position.

From the first bounce, Excelsior raced away, and with accurate shooting for goal soon had a comfortable lead. They were playing brilliant one-two football, and their control of the ball was unerring. We were just met in the rush, and at half-time they led a nice load of eight goals.

However, remembering the last time we met, when they were seven goals in front at this stage, and won by only five points, we commenced the third quarter full of hopes. But at this stage the tides struck firm, and it looked as though we would make a game of it.

Robinson, having returned the balanced.

Veterans Star

drew goals much, showed on how to start on another century, and with accurate following and anticipation chased our heroes and increased our efforts. We outplayed Excelsior by three goals the third quarter and by two points in the final term, and finished with two men storming ahead of our opponents, so although we were badly beaten, we fought it out to the finish. A pile we could not kick straight. Donovan was unlucky in trying a knee in the third quarter and had to retire, while Walsh, playing in a new position on a wing showed effective form. Allen was again a pleasure to watch, while Walsh can

be congratulated for his intelligent and vigorous play. Holman and Davies also showed in advantage. Murray for his anticipation and clearing duties, and Jim for his vigorous efforts to raise both flags.


On July 26 Valency went to Walkerville very keen to safeguard the minor premiership. This small oval has been the site of the downfall of many a Valency team.

Dower and Abbott were out of the side through injury and were replaced by Sanders and Stieger.

Valency attacked strongly from the beginning. Our forward line were functioning smoothly with Davies and O’Laughlin playing fast, clever football. Walkerville attacks were held up repeatedly by Brehm at half-back.

The second quarter was very even, but Walkerville seemed much more at home on the small oval. At half-time they led by 9 points. Sanders left the field with a groin injury and was replaced by Duffy.

In the third quarter Walkerville played good football, to lose this match meant "outcasts" for their semifinal chances. Butterworth went off and

AWARDED OF BLUES

The following have been awarded their blues.


The following were awarded their club letters:


Crickets—L. Smart, G. Davies, R. Sharp.


Bowls—R. Coles, A. Curry, R. Montgomery.
WOMEN’S SPORT

BASKETBALL

Early morning practices have improved the play of the University Women’s “A” grade basketball team. In July 13, Varsity played the Fossil Institute’s team, and it was a very close game. The result was 27 goals to 22. Di Fliforde and Ros Styles were outstanding in this game. On July 20, Keith Kirkman was the star in this match.

On July 20, it was a different story—the Lodged team won 8 goals over the Varsity team, scoring 9 goals while Varsity managed to score only 3 goals. In “C” grade, Holdens accounted for Varsity 44 goals to 11.

HOCKEY

In hockey women’s “A” team continues to win its matches. On Saturday, July 19, they defeated Heathpool 2 goals to 1. Jo Kelly scored the 2 goals in five minutes—one a very neat unassisted shot, and the second off a penalty corner with the Heathpool goalie—Viv Nasini.

Di Fliforde and Viv Nasini drew in the “C” grade match, 8 goals all, and the “D” grade team had a bye.

Attracting strongly from the first whistle, Varsity “A” team built up a lead of 4 goals to 1 by half time, in their match against Warrumbung, on July 20. Warrumbung, after many opportunities, scored only one goal in the last half, while Varsity registered 3 more goals, and as spectators claim in the privacy of Members, Williams hit 4 goals in the match. Jo Kelly scored 3 of these, Mary McCaughey and Marion Fricker, one each. The “D” team lost to Brown Oaks, 1 goal to 3, while the “C” team defeated Heathpool, 2 goals to none.

The “C” grade teams are combining their winning run, defeating W.W.G.A., 8 goals to 1.

PROCESS OF A SUCCESS

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imagination to furnish amusement for all and everyone.

The graceful builds of the Phys. Ed. girls, displayed from principal points of position on their finals, succeeded in riveting undivided attention upon them for a surprisingly long time. Numerous other trick-loads of feminine patience, inter- spasmod at regular intervals along the D. L. P. variously diversions, bored onlookers chiefly from Physiology and Theatre Guild enthusiasts. Occa- sional glimpses were caught amid of a fast-moving picture bearing the pious legend, “The Lost Week-end.”

Comer students threw mathe- matical into confusion with these remarkable phenomena, on top of a 30 ft. pipa pipe “The Self-balancing Ledge.”

Radio fans of “Dr. Mac” were provided with an opportunity to express their admiration when a noisy student, in full regalia booted along on an elderly oiled horse, labelled beyond any ambiguity, “Avel It’s Mac.” Students carried this behind the house as they were not permitted to dispense it.

The “On Dit” float (in all modesty) displayed a record, as the crowning of which was attached in a mantle, but effective, display of humility under the caption of “Process Type”.

A score or so of descendants of the dandiest pipe conveyance (complete with sound effectual) added tone and decoration to the procession, and created as much general laughter as the most spectacular exhibit.

When flour substitutes crumbled their professional intellects, students degener- ated to the traditional forms of relief emotion, such as “Dawn’s of Bernborough—46 a day.” This year’s par on Wheeler’s “Last Year’s Fun on Wholes.” “For That Lazy Motion,” etc., mostly too grave to speak past the censor; but all added to the atmosphere of youthful exuberance that made the whole show such an unqualified success.

Bringing up the rear, with dignity of bearing as befitting one of such exalted vocation, “General Interimcongress” “took off” Monty so effectively as to warrant headlines in our local papers.

PARS AND JARS

It seems that the University is not the only place where students have grievances over excessive statutory fees. The present unrest in the University is also found in the Teachers’ College. Normally college students pay 25/- to their asso- ciation and a further 4/- to the University Union. Near a surcharge of 7/- per student is being forced from college members to pay the expenses of an interrupted carnival between Melbourne and Adelaide in the final week of the term.

The power that students possess in the management of their affairs within this Union is manifested in a recent decision of your Students’ Representative Council. It has passed this way: Next week the International Union of Students (which you belong) will be holding its annual Congress meeting in Prague.

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B RUGBY

The II Grade have not quite come up to the great things expected of them. It is still hoped to have two A Grade teams by the end of the year. To do that our B team must defeat the bottom A grade team, and that is beyond them at present. Something is wrong in the backline. In my opinion the players are in the wrong positions. Hindsley needs a change, and would make a good inner-centre. Gledson is as tight as a fist at five-eighths, and should go half. Still anything is possible with men like Dougidity and Morritt in the team.

Jack Logan, Vice-President of the National Union of Australian University Students, has been sent to represent on, and each Australian S.R.C. has contributed to, the traveling expenses—approximately $200. Adelaide decided to give $300; but not a nick. The Union Council will not permit the S.R.C. to pay such traveling expenses from your Union funds. These $300, however, a special fund of the Union Council for students who cannot afford to pay their own inter-varsity travel. So, while the $23.24 profit which the Union gained on last year’s Union fees remains idle, support the S.R.C. dance to raise the conge sum.
All those students who might feel that the Adelaide University was a classic example of autonomy should have heard the talk on Australian Universities given by Dr. O. B. Finch, at an Aquinas Society meeting on Friday, July 25, in the Lady Symons Theatre.

There were many other points, however, that more than compensated for this, including the fact that

Students Can Attend Lectures as They Please

Despite the fact that in Australian Universities was so completely autocratic that "the private lives of individuals could be subjected to inspection and control, and police not permitted to enter the University to exercise their civil powers, there appears to be a great many advantages which would allow Australian students more freedom than they might exercise in their own Universities.

There were usually three lecturers in such universities. The student was permitted to attend any lecture he pleased. If there were two students beside himself, the lecturer was obliged to continue. If the student did not feel the lectures were worth while he need not attend. The lecturers were engaged in continuous research work and so employed in spite of student action.

VIVA EXAMS ONLY

Students did not need textbook study to pass an exam, since lectures were usually of a very high standard and lecture notes were sufficient.

Lectures could last for hours without reference to lunch or noon. They were men of great practical experience, the minimum age for their selection being 45, and the maximum 60. They were paid by the Government and were engaged in research.

In all faculties except philosophy which was taught to the extent of 80% of the students, books were used. They were sufficient for the students to understand the knowledge they were to have.

NO STUDENT BODY OR FEE

There is no student organization such as our S.R.C., but the administration of the University, as it was, probably it would be likewise in Adelaide.

Again, there was no other fee than that required for the subject materials. On the other hand, the Adelaide University is a private University.

A PLAN

There is a splendid idea and solution in our Science Club, which, if carried out to a higher extent, will be a good use to stick away from. If you read this plan:

(a) the world is, to say the least, becoming more and more of a University, so that it might be said that we are all engaged in the same world-wide effort;

(b) there are some motives which insist that Christianity is relevant to the world.

It then you should take some helping hand.

It's the first weekday of the war, August 15-16, at Holden Home, Mt. Macedon. Five tutorial groups will discuss different aspects of Christian Responsibility—"you choose the one you want to go to. One talks to Christian responsibility as it affects his relation with God; another as it affects his relations with other men; a third as it affects relations between races; another relations between classes in society; another relations between nations.

These tutorial sessions will each be followed by a study circle during which there will be ample opportunity to discuss which you disagree. Continuing emphasis will be placed on the farm-experimental application of the Gospel in the things of the world, how it affects YOU!

If you weren't out on camp, you wouldn't be out on the slopes, and when you made the plunge, there will be a meeting on the return, at which you might even enjoy yourself."

We are going to have further details of tutorials, etc., in the coming issues of "The Occasional". We hope you will come to the meeting at 3.30 p.m., Bishop Wynne room, on August 15th. This is open to all students, and it will be a most helpful meeting for those wishing to make the most of their time at University.

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For the amount of useful work they do or have done or are ever likely to do, and in view of the immense, tragic indifference of students to this body and their own affairs, I feel, quite sincerely, that the S.R.C. represents a useless waste of time, money, and energy.

Further, it does not represent the students.

I have been present at none of their meetings this year, and also I have not met the S.R.C. So, I must speak to a great extent out of ignorance.

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The cause of all this is the pre-

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REFECTORY CONDITIONS (cont.)

B.O.C.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. PERRIN

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