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Wye You Should Go To Congress

The 1953 Annual Congress, which is arranged by N.U.A.U.S., will be held in February next year at Wye River, in Victoria. This site, which is situated about 10 miles from Lorrie, on the Great Ocean Road, is an ideal place for Congress, being just near one of the few good beaches which Victoria possesses. Furthermore, this paradise in the wilderness lends added enchantment by the very fact that it is only 400 yards away from a very fascinating country pub.

Although drinking is prohibited on the actual Congress site, Dame Fortune has certainly played into our hands and supplied us with the next best thing. On the other hand, those of us who are the outdoor and sporty types, and who have no desire to be in the grip of the grape, have the personal satisfaction of knowing that the proprietor of the said pub has also thought of them, and has come forward with £100, which will be used to purchase trophies for all the sporting competitions that the Congress Director, Mr. D. T. Grant, of Melbourne University, is organizing.

N.U.A.U.S. Congress in Victoria

Congress will begin at the evening meal on Tuesday, February 17, and after nine days of glorious weather will end on Thursday, February 26, at breakfast. The theme is "The Causes and Consequences of International Tension," and many well-known speakers have already accepted invitations or been asked to speak on the many phases of this highly controversial and interesting topic.

Not only should the National Union be congratulated on their excellent choice of an excellent theme, but they should also be showered with praise in their approval of the Congress site which has four grass courts, one bowling green, all lit at night, a golf course and facilities for archery and table tennis. It is submitted by all those who are organizing Congress that never before has a Congress been held which will give students so many good facilities for entertainment for such a small cost.

Transport to and from Congress is the student’s own problem. Most students will be travelling second class rail, but students under 19 are reminded that they can travel by Ansett Airways at half-price. Buses will leave from Melbourne on February 17 at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and all those who intend going will have full details posted to them. Applications will be close on February 25, and a deposit of 20/- together with the application form must be handed to the local secretary/traveller N.U.A.U.S., Mr. John David.

If any enrolments are withdrawn before January 1st, 20/- will be refunded. The cost of Congress itself will be about £10 per student, and will cover everything provided during the nine days. As far as other expenses are concerned, the students are told to allow for food, transport costs, and any pocket money which is likely to be spent at the snack-bar or the pub.

As far as actual facilities at Congress are concerned, tents will be provided, as one very well-known member of this University has already observed, this probably means that the ensurers and mattresses will be provided, but no blankets or pillows; some blankets will be available all for hire, but preference will be given to those who are travelling. Students should therefore, be well advised to bring a sleeping bag or a sleeping bag if they can. Electricity will be had on and there are also hot and cold showers, washing machines, electric irons, washing tanks, and other conveniences.

These are the details. Here is the opportunity for all students to have one of the most terrific holidays imaginable. The Congress Director, Mr. Grant, anticipates that there will be over 600 students present, but he has warned us all that the camp can accommodate well over this number. So don’t forget to bring your ascension from in early, and if you are in any doubt at all, always remember that one of the best aims in life is to live hard, die young, and make a good looking corpse.

Don’t miss the Bus

Scott a Turncoat?

This week’s greatest bomb-shell is the announcement by the Liberal Union that Mr. Jeffrey Scott has been accepted as a financial member.

When asked to comment on this sudden divergence from his previous policy, the Old Pretender said: “I have been a Liberal all my life. It will be my constant endeavor to eradicate the forces of Fascism and Conservatism, which have long dominated the Councils of the Liberal Union in this University.”

“On Dit” also asked the president of the Liberal Union, Mr. Charles Stokes, to give his opinion on the Union’s latest acquisition. While briskly chewing the new well-worn wing of his glasses, he said: “I am delighted that Mr. Scott has seen the error of his past socialist ways and has joined our Liberal Union ranks. His endeavors concerning Fascism and Conservatism will, as they have always been, be supported by the Liberal Union committee. In all sincerity I welcome Jeff, with his reformed beliefs, into our ranks, and feel sure that his presence in it will be a benefit both to himself and the Liberal Union.”

“On Dit” is, of course, obvious that the A.I.F. is the only Liberal Party in Australia, as it alone seeks to protect the liberty of thought in which the individual from both the political tyranny of Communism and the economic tyranny of Capitalism. It is therefore the duty of the Liberal Union to support the A.I.F.”

Perhaps there might be some interesting repercussions, and all of us await with interest to see whether or not Scott will be permitted to continue as a member of the Liberal Union.

Drama Festival Here

A special general meeting of A.U.D.S. to consider having Drama Festival here next year provisionally voted 80% affirmative.

Another meeting will be held on October 30, at 1:30 p.m. in the George Murray Lounge, to make a final decision, our application then being forwarded to N.U.A.U.S. Council. Therefore, I ask all members to attend and put forward their views, as none of the arrangements are quite definite. Remember that Festival entails work for the whole society, not just the committee.

The Tivoli, tentatively booked, will lighten almost totally the big problem of "set-building" in that its staff handles much of the work. The problems of publicity and entertainment, however, which have been deemed not sufficient to stop us having Festival. In the meantime, the various functions will be further assessed, e.g. billing is effective by the number of Intervarsity functions here in the vacation and use of University facilities. There will be a play reading as soon after the exams as is possible. The purpose is to cast the orientation week play, in the next year’s activities, and to diversify, with the aim of the Intervarsity festival and the Society’s social life. All those interested therefore are cordially invited.
On Dit

Facetic Fastest

The Barr-Smith Library is to be moved, to be torn down brick by brick, to be reconstructed elsewhere. You are amazed? You did not know? You are horrified? Oh, come, this is now, during these plea- bably only, of what cannot be, of what is to be, or what is to be enacted engineering feat in its proper perspective. This is a step in the right direction. Rebuilt on a yet more outlandish site, the magni- ficent edifice will rise, become the jumping board for more and more and more academic freedom (that is freedom for peaceful, unmolested study). What horizons are there, what hopes for this new ven- ture, for this haven of the industrious man, which is to be established somewhere in this Univer- sity?

Now, it may be that in some more steady goal the meticulous, and quite meticulous, thought is at this very minute rearing its baby head: why shift the Barr-Smith? And yet some more tre- mendumous, and more effectual, mind may ask loudly: what is wrong with our library, what is there to fault in such an imposing land-mark? Be ye all answered in these words. The walling sires of a neighboring faculty have obstructed the 2 o'clock saints (or whatever it is that one takes in "our" library at that hour of the dawn, they have been heard to protest. Not very strongly, mind you, they have not been vehement in their protests. But the present effect of the humble students has championed this lowly cause. Discussion produced but one conclusion: the necessity of a change. Thus it was that this dream needs to be moved to a more congenial locus. I hope that is quite clear. There must be no misunderstanding: for any ulterior motive has the change been proposed, but only for you, dear friends, and solely at your behest.

But once we have demolished, have trans- formed, have set "our" library refugium, a little hill, far away, and above, its present inqui- sitive, and as it is known, its present inqui- sitive, and as it is known, the dirt that displaces the old and thrust forward into new projects, will I, wonder stop? There from the ruin walls and the whispering that arise on every side, I feel it will not. And the powers that be, are, let us say, appallingly efficient that twin demons of activity and success may stir up a wave of popular feeling for more and more ac- tion which would cast them dangerously close to even higher and more powerful spirals. Already are these powers bent by anonymous letters and subtle immedias foreshadowing greater innovations. And particularly, it is clear, these clack and dagor factories would like to see their bombs- taking beneath the foundations other mighty buildings which many, over many years, have been denouncing as impossibly and indeed useless sections of the student community.

Of course we must not countenance such das- tardly plans. We must not think of offending those whom Fox delights to honor. We must be prudent, we must suppress these violent men for the good of the community, and these schemes, which arrest the wildest imaginings, would call forth terrible retributions, would hit us most where we least afford to be even touched—in the pocket.

And so we come to the next to final paragraph. If you have come so far, you will do well to realize that most of the above arguments signify something. Indeed they do. They signify absolutely nothing. They have little meaning, they are not intended to persuade; they are little more than a random harvest of thoughts on the deliberately funny subject of our institutions.

This may, or may not, be a disappointing swan song. I would not like to express an opinion on that matter. Sufficient it is, for quite a number of people, that it is a swan song. Next year a new bird will rise in the little box provided above. I will feather his nest, I hope you will.

Debater's Odyssey

The following is intended to be neither a report of the debates nor a systematic criticism of the Adelaide team's performances. If it is susceptible to definition, then it must be said that it is a recollection of many things more or less allied to the debates. For those concerned with a more concentrated account of the context, the eminent journal, "Australian," offers such.

The Adelaide team possessed the subdued charm of consisting of contrasting, yet harmonious, characters. Now poised, now convivial, now composed, now conservative, the team was, in every sense, a team; and we believe it to have been the most important thing that decided the outcome of the debates. The team included an establishment of infinite logic and impeccable logicality. Here indeed was a happy one—bound on the one side by the harbor, and on the other the focal points of the various debates. With us were the members of the Tasmanian and Western Australian teams (by the latter, our convivial aspect was considerably stimulated).

In the evening we made our way to the more discerning of Adelaide's cocktail parties. Here, the Adelaide team proved its strength; it was possible to deliberate over the several aspects of a specific topic. In fact, one finds that the team is often to be found, sometimes left, and yet present at an inescapable re-examination of the outstanding debaters. In this way, the immense advantages of division of labor were gained. Later, wine was added to wines and although the traditional trinity was never completed, we could not forbear from drinking.

Our first debate was appointed for the night following the opening party. During the day we sought to reconstruct our cases and to de- signate, as far as possible, the non-essentials which we found essential to the winning of the debate. The debate was set, a side by side with our opponents, the arrows and the whiskeythreads, which, as it was seconded, the debate was absolutely decided. We were unable to obtain immediate acceptance of our team, but we were not discouraged from the final result. We did pay us the compliment of calling it with a distintest lesson in the art of the game.

GAS DISCHARGE LAMPS

J. P protesting and E. O. Orpana

This text is the first of a series of chapters written by J. P. Phillips, B. L. O. Orpana, and published in "Yale University Illumination Engineering." The publication was first released on the Coast in 1941, and the present text is a revised version of that work.

The topic of the text is extensive, and is divided into two parts: theoretical and practical. The theoretical part deals with the general principles of gas discharge lamps and the associated electrical phenomena. The practical part deals with the design and construction of various types of gas discharge lamps, including low-pressure and high-pressure sodium lamps, high-pressure mercury lamps, and high-pressure xenon lamps.

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Liberal Trouble

At one of this year’s liveliest general meetings, the Liberal Union showed itself to be one of the most wide-awake Societies in the University. One of the undergraduates of long standing in this University claimed that he hadn’t attended any meeting so lively for six years.

Things started when a certain Socialist peddled a petition for a general meeting of the Liberal Union. This meeting was held on September 23, when the first issue of ‘Active Interest News’ was read. The students who read the daily press, no doubt, were aware that at this meeting a motion was put against the Government’s action in refusing passports to delegates to the Federal ‘Peace in the Pacific’ Conference was passed.

This motion proposed by Ian Macmillan was:

That the A.U.L.U. protests at the unfair decision of the Federal Government in banning passports of delegates to the Peace Conference for the following reasons:

1. The ban will be used in Communist countries as a powerful propaganda weapon against Australia.
2. The ban prevents the possibility of the truth about Australia’s attitude on the question of disarmament and the coming conference being presented.
3. The ban represents an abrogation of the democratic rights of Australian citizens to travel freely throughout the world and to express their opinions in what is before the A.U.L.U.
4. The ban represents an unjustified lack of faith in democracy. As in the Government implies that in any conflict of words with the Communists, the latter must necessarily be victorious.

New S.R.C.

Some people might happen to know that in August of this year, in the declining days of the second term, the seventh S.R.C. was elected. In the infant and adolescent days of this third term, this has even gone so far as to hold two meetings, apart from the combined meeting with the retiring Council. The former of these meetings was almost entirely devoted to the election of new members, a rather tiresome task, but one which is obviously essential.

It might have been less onerous if more of the electorate had thought it worthy while attending, instead of leaving it to the Warden and the merest handful of students.

It will not be necessary to repeat the names of the new executive, for they are known to all. Information elsewhere in this edition of “On Dit” if not from a notice-board or verbal report. Nor will it be possible, in this confined space, to enumerate the numerous other officials. The S.R.C. Office has a list of them, and will be only too pleased to divulge its contents to anyone who cares to enquire.

At this meeting there was not a great deal of “other business” but there is one item which deserves plenty of publicity: a resolution that future meetings be held in the George Murray Library, as far as possible, so that open air meetings will not be needed to accommodate a larger audience than the S.R.C. can hold. After all, the Council is nothing but a collection of undergraduates generally, not a cabal or exclusive society, and the obvious way to emphasise this is to make adequate provision for a substantial gallery. However, experience would seem to indicate that the faults, if fault it be, lie with the representatives rather than with the representatives.

CORRUPTION IN THE S.R.C.

It is understood that one day recently a representative of a press concern rang Mr. Charles Stokes, acting treasurer of the S.R.C., at his home address and asked him to comment on the recent breakdown of the staff of the Office, and on gambling generally. Mr. Stokes was unwilling to say anything, and referred the caller to the S.R.C. Office. He rang, and was answered by the S.R.C. secretary, who made a comment criticising the S.A. Government and Liberal administration generally. We have eagerly scanned the columns of all papers in S.A., even “Truth,” but have found no mention of the secretary’s statement. Perhaps Mr. Stokes has got to work and muzzled the press, or something ought to be done about it.

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With myriad stride the rain threads my roof,
And drenches the robes of life, and perhaps a
And I think, and say; there is no sure proof
That the rain upon the roof is the face
Stricken off of the un-derworld's
And its life's hard mace.
There is no sure proof, but at least I think
That if we could see the path of our fate
We would shun the rain and want to drink;
We would cry, "No more! No! Forbear thy weight,
Nor thy dreary beating heart, I shudder, I shudder.
Your constant throb upon the roof tells us
Of lack of pity and demon delight;
Of the pain that unpacks and that
In the soil where we are striking down by agile
Hailing upon us from fortune's

CHARLES CLIPTON.

Three in One, and One in Three
By GEORGE WATERSHOUSE

Some who heard Bishop David Hand must have been
impressed by his frequent insistence on the three parts
of man: body, mind, and soul. The function of the Church
be said, is to minister to each, and to seek that each is
properly and fully developed.

What he is saying is nowhere new, although he has
it in an altogether new way. The Christian Church has often
spoken of the need to minister to both soul and body. But
there has always been a vague feeling that it is a
bit of sentimentality, perhaps, to talk seriously
of the need to develop the whole man. Perhaps,

The Dickens

The Editor, "On Dil.

The Adelaide City Council desires our sincere
endorsement of their decision to erect a
miniature model of the "Hobbit" community
at the entrance to the entrance to the new
Road intersection. With this end in view, Kintore Avenue
will not be newly named, as is usual.

It is abundantly clear, therefore, that in order to render
the proposed miniature model attractive to the eye, the
bushy-looking Spanish Chestnut has been
selected. This tree is likely to grow very quickly
and will be in full blossom by Christmas, the.newest
date at which the tree can be planted.

In the mission field, too, the Christian ideal of
unselfishness and understanding, sometimes
underlying certain aspects of the work of the
Church has not always been to the fore. But
something seems to be changing, and we are
likely to see a new spiritual awakening in the
future. The Church has always been
the hope of mankind, and the way to
 liberté and social justice has always
been through the Church. It is a
concept which is still valid, and we are
likely to see a new spiritual
awakening in the future.

Mr. M. C. W. B. Y. O. M. E.

You're in luck!

Dear Sir,-

I should like to say how much I appreciate your kind
and thoughtful sentiments of the Catholic Church. In
fact, I have not even had the privilege of
reading an article on this subject. But I am very glad
that you have written this article, and I am
confident that you will be greatly
impressed by such a thing.

Yours truly,

BODGE R. ARTIST.