Yellow Sea Correspondent Reveals U.S.A. Policy on China Coast

Ever since the Japanese armies in China submitted to the forces of the interior, it has become increasingly apparent that a very thorough "News Blackout" shrouds all political and military developments in the Far East. Those few persons returning from the China Coast invariably tell of their surprise at seeing vast quantities of armament, military material in the cities, and some amazing figures, ostensibly the number of United States Marine and Army Corps stationed in the towns.

Today, not only has "Salient" had these facts confirmed, but we are also presented with the reason for the presence of this "mystery army.

A student at Victoria College, and an arts graduate in 1939, our correspondent is in a business firm in Hong Kong, and lest there should be those who suspect undue bias in his tale, it should be recalled that the Far East business has never yet been noted for its radical activities, nor for the leftist leanings of its servants. Not only do his allegations speak reason, but they correlate entirely other information received to date from equally conservative sources.

Canton Date Line

Writing to relatives in New Zealand he says:

"Although I plentifully bespatter no letters with political news, your reaction is the first I have had—so now you are for it.

"I now realise that Hong Kong is as much a part of China as Chungking or Peiping, and no assessment of the colony is possible without first considering the Chinese as a whole. The Japanese war was in reality an "incident" for the Chinese as well; it interrupted the civil war which, back to its old peace-time activity, is bigger and better than ever. In fact, the product of generations of incredibly rotten and corrupt politicians—a small gang struggling frantically to retain the impossible system of extortion, high taxation and "squeeze," of which they are the chief, and practically the sole beneficiaries. Their main source of revenue is the bankrupt, powerless Chinese peasantry.

Red Rum

"The Communists, not Marxists but Socialist revolutionaries, have canceled land mortgages and put the peasant on a sound economic footing. Thus, although the Chinese official is a born "squeezer" artist, he hasn't much scope, and the administration is reasonably honest. Chiang and Co. realises the Chinese, given the chance, would have a such government and bring the gang to a bloody end obliterating it.

"Not being strong enough to hold out alone (the Communists were the only Chinese to beat the Japanese in pinball battles), the boys look after their old friend, Uncle Sam, dangling before his hopping ears a succulent double bill—the Communist threat to appeal to the Sir Gaillard in him, and the unlimited market of China for his more profitable tastes.

"Well, it's another case of hook, line and sinker, with the Yanks pouring in dollar credits and munitions into the country (over 200 U.S. warships have been driven to the East to play with). American soldiers, too, were sent in to disarm the Japs—the last Jap left China in a north-westerly direction. The doughboys are still around, although a lot of them have a Fair Godmother before our policy ever a socialized labour—therefore the Communists threaten to appeal to the Sir Gaillard in him, and the unlimited market of China for his more profitable tastes.

"The Chinese Liberals, inheritors of the ideals of the Republic, headed by Madame Sun Yat-sen, have called on them to leave the shores of China forever. If they pull out the Communists will win hands down because the people are with them. If they stay Chiang will need a complete do-over to retain power.

"They can help to complete the jigsaw fantastic UNRRA profits and the destitute still striving—the best thing for the state since the police—the new law allowing police to enter any building without a warrant.

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The Yankee Dollar

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IMPERIALISM ON THE MARCH

Early in June this year a VUC student en route to Japan spent a sleepless night in Manila, capital city of the Philippines. It was not the tropic heat that disturbed his slumber, nor the merciless attack of the mosquito; the clatter of rifles and machine-gun fire that commenced soon after dusk was only interrupted night long by the occasional explosion of oil and ammunition dumps.

"Slight activity due to "bandits," was all the American news service cared to report.

That night the peoples of Luzon were fighting for their independence, fighting as they had fought the Japanese eighteen months before—not for the masked oppression by a puppet Rojas, but for the full right to self-determination such as they might have expected from the forgotten principles of the Atlantic Charter.

One month later an oil tanker was discharging at the Shanghai waterfront. The radio operator told "Salient!" of the conditions prevailing there. "The port might have been the naval base at San Diego," he said. "Barred to the city were some two hundred thousand American troops." From reports of the time denied all such rumours, quoting in reply a United States General: "The only American troops stationed today in China are the 20,000 Marines in the repatriation of Japanese war prisoners."

And now "Salient!" is in receipt of first-hand evidence of the true situation in Hong Kong and on the adjacent mainland.

It is no mere disarray of the Chinese Red Army that prompts the United States to send her emissaries to the stricken natives of the China coast, and it is no small body of recalcitrant generals that urges military support of a corrupt, degenerate, and malevolent government that has neither the confidence of the people, nor the intention or ability of legislating the least social reform, however necessary.

For one hundred years the Don Juans of the West have coveted and fought for the raptures of Chinese exploitation, and today Uncle Sam, with a nation on the verge of vast economic expansion, having wooed the Jules Chiang, has won his unworthy affection.

And while the showmen of the Pacific juggle with the Atomic Bomb on the Bikini stage, further back in the news blackout the runners of Wall Street are busy establishing the interests of Farben Industries, Du Pont Ltd., and L.C.I.—the monopoly firms of American capitalism.

It is clear that the peace of the Atomic Age will depend largely upon the immediate military and political developments in the "Far East."

Mr. Hurst, delegate of NZUSA to the Conference of the World Federation of Democratic Youth held in Prague, November last, recommended that his parent body do not affiliate with WFDY as the latter appeared to him a somewhat radical organisation. Figures quoted by the travelling secretary Mr. Williams, printed on page 4 of this issue, dismiss this impression entirely, but evidently Mr. Hurst does not conceive of any good that could come out of affiliation to a federation not completely of his own political aspirations.

If the aims of WFDY are not the aims of world youth then we as conscientious students must work within that body and see that they are made so: if these aims are common, however, and it appears that this is correct, then it is the duty of NZUSA to see that we are not left alone outside this progressive and powerful body.

Our reply must be—Affiliation.
Soil Conservatism

On Thursday, August 8, four films on soil conservation were shown in C3. Despite the large amount of advance advertising, there were not so many students present as there should have been. This display of apathy is characteristic of the present generation, which has been brought up to regard scarred hillsides and deer-ravaged forests as part of every New Zealand landscape. The films soon corrected this complacent attitude with a few shots of the end-products of erosion.

The longest film and by far the best produced was "The River," an American documentary made in conjunction with the TVA. It is the history of the Mississipppi and the terrible floods caused by the removal of water-absorbing forests from vast areas of land around the source of the river. The Americans were the first to really do something about soil erosion, and this film is an excellent and factual document. The other films were made in New Zealand and are in a sense a sequel to "The River"; however, in spite of this, many of the shots taken were nothing short of sensational. One scene, a close-up of a large tract of land utterly devoid of topsoil, due to burning-off followed by bad agricultural methods. One film showed the Moleworth Station in Marlborough, which has been ruined by livestock, and Vickery's farm, which are being carried out by the State to bring the land back into production, is an area where thousands have already been restored, but it is a long and costly job. Another film, taken mostly in or about the Oakdale Valley district, gave a very clear picture of the scarred hill country which is now characteristic of the area. In some parts of the Eskdale Valley so much topsoil has been washed away that only a few naked pillars of rock remain to show how much is gone.

Much of the present destruction of forest and pasture is due to the ever-increasing population of deer and rabbits. The film shows some shots on the number of deer and rabbits killed in the last few years, but it is evident that the problem has hardly been touched upon. Scientific extermination of one area after another is the only way to deal with this problem and the ordinary deerstalker or rabbit hunter is not equipped sufficiently to do this.

The Soil Conservation and River Conservation films are to be reviewed on the excellent job they are doing in bringing the nation back to the urgent need for soil conservation in New Zealand.

* Women rumble
* Get men into tuckbibs.

FAMOUS NEGRO SINGER GIVES VIEWS ON AMERICAN COLOUR BAR

"Now that the majority of the American people, both Negro and white, recognise that the Negro people are fully capable of assuming full citizenship, and now that they are struggling effectively for equal rights, all anti-negro and other reactionary organisations are becoming increasingly vicious." This is how Mr. Todd Duncan, the eminent baritone at present in Wellington, sums up the situation in America today. The Ku Klux Klan in the South is reorganising and its membership is increasing, and the Fair Employments Practice Committee, which was supposed to clamp down on racial discrimination, has recently been rejected by the Senate. The Southern Bourbons are attempting to exclude the Negro completely from membership of the Democratic Party, the only party in the South.

Many other famous Negroes in the North, such as Yale and Harvard, have a number of coloured professors, lecturers and students. This is not the case in the American South. It is a completely different story. No coloured students are admitted into the universities, and those whom the Southern authorities in their magnanimity condescend to allow in for example from the average an education grant of $16 compared with only 50 for the Negro. Negro-white unity is the key to progress in the South as it has been in the North. The cities in the North, Mississippi, this has been achieved by the stevedores with splendid results, and the white workers will not accept any concessions without the Negroes getting their share, and vice versa.

The Southern politicians in Congress, backed by the Southern landlords, hold back the progress of America and they are there only because they have access in dividing the whites and Negroes.

Mr. Duncan is Professor of Music at Harvard University and, incidentally, the first Negro college in the country. However, his success in the most colour-conscious part of the North, is not a "Jim Crow" university, but is the traditional Negro sent of learning and culture and endowed with Negro money and receives a Federal grant of 1,000,000 dollars a year. Howard University has a smaller proportion of white students and staff.

Dear Sir,—Would it be taking too much to demand that "Salient" refrain from employing diabolical scoundrel editors or rhetoric in the editorial rooms; that the only possible escape from the morgue in the Morpeth in your issue of July 24. Presumably this outrage comes under the heading of "Modern Verse" for it is typical of the work of present-day poets who have neither "ability nor time for metre and rhyme." Maurice James has surprised even the wildest critics of T. S. Eliot and Stephen Spender.

I visualize the scene of the conception of the typical New Zealand smoke-laden room, no doubt hired to lend atmosphere to the occasion. Merely to help the success of the event sprang a collection of modern youth—"the gentler" sex, succumb, ill-favoured; and the "male" portion blushing about with lies askew, chauvinist in spirit. In one corner at the same time, making the place an abode of good-natured, canonic, rousing oaths, evident discrepancies in logic and false etymologies. In one corner, evident, (one corner, evident) rousing oaths, evident discrepancies in logic and false etymologies. Angels and Ministers of Grace defend us! Such soliloquies border on the morbid, I am far from the conviction that the poet's author's thought. Why must he have this precious youth in such a futile manner? Here is a world where useful work is crying aloud to be done, and the students and members of a able-bodied young men to fritter away their time in silliness to the detriment with such ideas which really do not exist.

WEELY HAIRCUT
Youth at the Helm—WFDY Secretary Reports

Last Friday week the Stud. Ass. Exec. sponsored a lecture given in the Gym. by Mr. Bert Williams on the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) and on the World Student Congress held at Prague last November, 1945. Mr. Williams, an Australian, is one of the travelling secretaries for WFDY, and also an Australian student at Prague. After the lecture a very impressive film was shown of the Student Congress.

As the name implies, WFDY is a federation of all youth organisations except the Fascist and, although not yet fully representative of world youth, it is most certainly so of European youth. Delegates came from almost all walks of life; the majority had considerable service to their credit. The Spanish delegate, a girl of 18, had covered over 500 miles; she was also 13; there was a woman, formerly a captain in the Yugoslav National Army; a Norwegian delegate, the editor of the Russian Federation of Trade Unions, a Spanish delegate from the League of Youth, and several others. These representatives belonged to organisations that had been particularly impressed and they had heard that the young people who had actually experienced Fascism could understand it. The composition of the Conference held in August, 1945, in London, was as follows:

- National Youth Councils 15%
- Regional Youth Councils 9%
- Cultural and Educational Organisations 5%
- Students 10%
- Trade Unions 6%
- Sporting 1.5%
- YMCA and YWCA 2.5%
- Scouting 3.5%
- Catholic 4.5%
- Military 3.5%
- Services and Veterans 4%
- Jewish 5%
- Farming 2.5%
- Cooperative 1.5%
- Conservative .5%
- Liberal and Radical 1%
- Untied and Progressive 7%
- Communist 3.5%
- Socialist 2.5%
- Unclassified 13.5%

The Aims of Youth

The delegates determined that the constitution of the Federation should remain a more urgent business. Youth will fight for freedom and a better world and for the preservation of peace. Youth will work for the complete elimination of Fascism, national and racial discrimination. Among the fundamental requirements for a free youth are complete democratic rights, including freedom of worship, adequate scope for culture and sport, with particular reference to the colonial countries, and relief work through UNRRA or other suitable organisations.

The WFA has made definite provision for international exchange and for government support.

The Federation is to have its own press in Paris to produce suitable material and will hold a World Youth Festival in France next year after the International University Conference. The Conference called for the establishment of an exchange bureau especially for jobs, as this would enable young working people to travel more easily. Holiday camps should be organised for overseas visitors, as has been done by the Czech Youth with great success. The WFDY, like the World Federation of Trade Unions, demands a voice in UNRRA, since youth has earned and deserves a voice in international affairs. A positive campaign has been launched to encourage youth organisations in all countries not devastated by the war to adopt similar organisations in the former occupied countries.

Mr. Williams gave a brief summary of youth work in a few specific countries. In Britain, youth delegations have been reconstituted in the House of Commons to report on conditions in Greece. They were among the 60,000 young students and workers at a youth meeting during which the local Fascists, without provocation and with the condoning of the police, fired into the crowd. Among those killed were some of the finest young people in Greece. "She," concluded Mr. Williams, "is all well in Greece."

Position in Spain

In Spain the position of students and youth is very poor. The number attending universities is proportionately very small; professors and students who dared to speak the truth are sent to the all-say-ever concentration camps; democratic organisations such as student associations or trade unions are not permitted and there is no freedom of worship.

The situation in Germany has improved considerably. Although the youth were the victims most corrupted by Nazism, there are already many fine democratic bodies such as Catholic Youth, SCM, Boy Scouts, and, last of all, the Free German Youth Movement with a membership of 250,000. As with the other democratic organisations, it is led mainly by elderly or former nationalists.

The recent British delegation to the Soviet Union, led by Flatta Mills, M.P., included Peggy Jones, travelling secretary for the British SCM. He brought back a most favourable report on what was being done behind the "iron curtains." Of all the things he saw in Russia the youth of Stalingrad impressed him most with their transgression to the city, their hard work and their love of life in spite of the inevitable bad conditions. He visited more churches and gave more religious services than on any other visit to the land of Socialism.

The World Student Congress was held in Wurtzburg and opened on October 17, International Students' Day. It is significant that it should be held on the 50th anniversary of the seventy-eight heroic Czech students who were shot by the Nazis. Student representatives from fifty-four different countries discussed and planned action on many important things. The whole of Prague turned on a terrific demonstration for the Congress. The Czech students are held in very high regard by the rest of the community, and Mr. Williams attributed it to the real heroic part they played during the war and to the fact that they have consistently supported anti-fascist sections of the community. At the Data box factory where several thousand workers worked the delegates and held aloft placards hailing the unity of workers of hand and brain. The student movement in Czechoslovakia numbers nearly 100,000, of which 50,000 are at the famous Charles University in Prague. A committee consisting of three professors, sixteen students and four administrators have compi, cent a fund and raised £20,000,000 sterling. The student bodyhandles accommodation finance, relief for refugees, removal of collaborators with the Nazis, supply of instruments, books and other materials. Youth is keen to learn, and students sometimes queue up at 7:30 a.m. for an Afternoon, First-year Medals, and lectures are held in cinemas with students at the back looking at the demonstrations through binoculars.

NZUSA and WFDY

During the discussion Nig. Taylor elucidated the question of WFDY's affiliation to NZUSA. NZUSA's representative of the Congress recommended to the NZUSA Committee that WFDY be admitted as a constituent organization, because WFDY is a communist organization. Mr. Taylor pointed out that WFDY had been very active in the Congress but that other Colleges were against it.

"For those unfortunate people who have to see youth getting together to solve their own problems," said Mr. Williams in reply, "any excuse is sufficient to deter them."

Before showing the film a motion was passed recommending the Exec. to urge affiliation of NZUSA, and if this is turned down by the other Colleges to consider direct affiliation with WFDY.

The highlights of the film were those held for eighty-eight Czech students, the demonstration by the population of Prague, and the presentation of the honorary degree of Doctor in Memorian on the famous seventy-eight.
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SOCIALIST SPEAKER OUTLINES TRADE UNION ORGANISATION

The great importance of the Trades Unions in the struggle for social progress, and the community of real interests between Trades Unions and students, were the two important facts discussed by Mr. Bruce Skilton, prominent Wellington Trades Unionist, in his address to the VTC Socialist Club on August 13 on the subject, "Socialism and the Trades Union Movement."

Mr. Skilton first outlined the development of trades unions in England during the last 150 years. He related how from small and difficult beginnings the movement gradually grew, as industrialisation and mass production progressed, fighting a bitter struggle against Combination Acts and other repressive legislation, into the large and powerful organisations of the present day.

Today the trades unions are in the forefront of the struggle against reaction; active trades unionists are the "soldiers of the class struggle." It is only by close cooperation and sympathy with the TU movement in this and every country that students can best work in this struggle for progress. University-trained people will play an important part in the TU movement; one of the most promising working-class leaders NZ has produced was provided by VUC—GordonWatson, later killed in Italy.

Today, the worst enemy of trades unionism comes not from without but from within—the malady known as Reformism, or "Gradualism." This disease, working under the slogan that "the conquest of trades unions is economic, not political, affairs," has done enormous damage in the past, and is still at work today. "Reformism" was responsible for the collapse of the 2nd International in 1914; it was responsible for the success of Mussolini in 1922, of Hitler in 1933, of Franco in 1938, and of the Munich appeasers. Today, Reformism is responsible for the attempted splitting of the WFTU, and for the recent successes of those reactionary forces that plan another world war—for the recent leading in this country of word for Franco Spain.

From all these and many other examples, Mr. Skilton demonstrated the danger of "gradualism," and the impossibility of divorcing the economic from the political struggle. From many hard lessons, the working class has learned that there can be no social security without international security.

The most powerful weapon of the trades unions is organisation, and after that the strike. The necessity for organisation has been demonstrated again and again. In this country, what is required in the organisation of unions on an industrial basis instead of on a craft or "trade" basis. The recent threatened maritime strike in USA was successful so quickly because of the amalgamation of seven large maritime unions and the co-operation of the WFTU.

Mr. Skilton described trades unions under Socialism. In USSR, TU's are part and parcel of the Socialist State. They are the basis of Socialist action, and their first task is to raise the general living standards of the workers. As well, they are concerned with obtaining the greatest possible expansion of productive plant working in harmony instead of in conflict with the State. The 28,000,000 TU members in USSR are democratically organised on an industrial basis.

After a lively discussion, during which were discussed the questions of Compulsory Unionism, Affiliation with the Federation of Labour, the necessity for co-operation between white-collar workers and manual workers, and the current WFTU boycott of Franco Spain, the meeting was closed, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to Mr. Skilton for his instructive and inspiring address. — H.C.F.

"That the New Zealand divorces laws are a menace to marital peace is a subject which drew some hundred students to the Gymnasium haunts on August 3. Speakers were at a disadvantage due to the unfortunate framing of the motion, but nothing could prevent Mr. Eichelbaum to say other than that the Society had not lost its gift for humour. He placed the speakers—Frank O'Flynn, Dick Collin, Kevin O'Brien, Gutch Higgins, Frank Coleman. "Marital peace is non-existent," said Mr. Taylor, affirming that the unhappy are often forced to live together for several years.

"Often couples cannot have a divorce because proof of reasons is a pre-requisite, particularly for adultery. We must tackle this problem retrospectively," said Mr. Higgins, and he proceeded to elucidate the reasons—illegitimacy of marriage arrangement and restitution of conjugal rights.

"Both valuable and desirable, it holds together the bulk of the bourgeois society," said Keith Matthews. He spoke with some conviction. "The fee is not unreasonable—forty guineas!"

Said Frank Coleman: "These legal cases don't get down to the true spirit of the thing." The most common cause of this frequent ailment he listed as childhood complexes, mother-in-law, half-brothers and -sisters and ruff.

Sentiments from the floor were diverse and not entirely impersonal.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Harold Grettin (a.f.)—When you buy a bull you want to know how it will perform. Now Mr. Higgins, for an answer.

"Mr. Chairman—I am not a bull!"

"With many people, the end of the first fine rapture is the end of the marriage," said Mr. Collins. "Finance is a prominent cause."

Mr. Halfen's argument was consistent and rational—but it is too long to print here.

Speaking to the negative, Mr. O'Flynn said: "Divorce laws do not enhance the dignity of the law, and they menace marital peace." His arguments were necessarily strictly legal and as the centurion, a horse, happened, to be the pinion of his arguments, his inherent eloquence carried him to the first place of the evening.

"There is need," said Kevin O'Brien, "for a form of pre-marital education on the laws of the marriage contract."

Other remarks were:
"The only people who benefit are the lawyers."— Maurice Casey.
"There is a great deal to be said for trial marriage."—Gilbert Johnston.
And in answer to a query: "I don't know—I'm too young."—Nigel Sowerby.

SWORDS CLUB

One week before Winter Tournament the Swords Club report the following team—Brian Cato, Pix Harrison (captain), R. A. Hall, and Peter Hampton. Emergency Fig. Moore is shaping well. Somewhat an improvement on 1949 team, the club aspire even to first placing.
**Troubled Waters**

Dear Sir,—The Executive has as yet not made known its intentions as to the amount of subsidy to be paid to those representing the College in the forthcoming Winter Tournament. The minutes of the Executive Meeting (12/8/46) however, reveal that it has found time to approve of the payment of the full fares to Auckland of the Tournament Delegates and the VUC representatives to NZUSA. As an ex-Tournament Delegate and ex-VUC representative to NZUSA, I should like to know why the Executive should with our money pay the full fares to Auckland of such delegates (who are usually members of the Executive) and yet make no provision for the representatives who also pay their own Sub. fees.

The delegates and reps. to NZUSA have been voted £20 to cover their entertainment and other expenses while in Auckland. Why then should they not be prepared to place themselves on the same footing in all other respects as those people for whom Tournament is principally run, namely, the actual Tournament competitors? I should also like to know by virtue of what authority the Executive chooses to ignore the Constitution, which provides that travelling grants up to £2 per person only may be made. In an attempt to discover whether the Executive is abusing its authority and if, as appears on the surface, they are acting unconstitutionally, the matter is one for the auditor, and the students to take up and contest.

M. J. POOLE.

and the Oil

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Poole I have to say that the decision arrived at was on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and was adopted unanimously by the Executive. There is a precedent for expense allowance to delegates—1945, I think. In any case, delegates will be accountable to the Exec. for their disbursement of these monies. Every other Students’ Association in New Zealand pays full fares for its travelling delegates, who are, if anything, better remembered, not people who have willingly competed for the right to represent their College in a chosen sport, but public-minded students who have accepted responsibility for an onerous and often thankless task of considerable magnitude. While I thank you for the opportunity of replying, I wish to say I have no intention of indulging Mr. Poole in his well-known line of public wrangling. If he has constitutional issues to raise he should do so with the Executive direct.

HAROLD DOWRICK.

Secretary, VUCSA.

**Hockey Bungle**

Dear Sir,—It is a serious matter that in the second year of Tournament a first-class bungle has cropped up from the group meeting at Auckland, August 29 to September 4. I hope that Winter Hockey is excluded by reason of the conflicting national contests at Christschurch.

Firstly, those concerned with Tournament in Auckland should have seen that the national contests were held at a date not conflicting with Tournament. This applies to the majority of sports and can be done easily if sufficient notice is given.

Secondly, if a clash is inevitable, there should be more sportsmanship ways out than taking Women’s Hockey out of Tournament. Either the Hockey Associations are prohibiting teams from travelling or the Colleges concerned are pulling out of Tournament. In either case it shows poor spirit if the interests of one or two representatives are put before those of the whole hockey team, indeed of the whole Tournament.

In my opinion, if a clash in unavoidable, the choice should be left to the players concerned whether they support their College, or seek representative honours before an NZU Blue. The attitude of the NZAAG last year is a notable contrast. They not only allowed University runners to compete for their Colleges, thus weakening the Provincial teams, but also provided officials for the NZU event.

I understand that VUC are not at fault. I hope, sir, that you will tell whatever just whose snubbing is involved, and assure them that when Winter Tournament is here next year nothing of this sort will occur.

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Players Ready For Winter Tournament

The Siege of the Wellington Railway Station is scheduled for exactly a week from the appearance of this report. For on that day, Wednesday, August 26, a wild soccer team, composed of nearly 300 representatives from Victoria and all the South Island, will leave for Auckland, and to Winter Tournament.

To any person who has attended such an event, the term "Tournament" really means something. In a patch of sublime euphoria, D. P. F. chairman of the NZU Winter Tournament Committee last year, said: "The object of Tournament lies not only in the competition it affords, but also in the fact that it brings us students from other colleges...". Tournaments are doubtlessly successful functions for two apparent reasons. "There is an intoxication to be found in a crowd" (Macaulay). Secondly, most of the representatives are away from home anyway.

It is essential that due importance should be given to the sports. Few competitors from Victoria at Winter Tournament last year will say that it was a great show, but fewer will maintain that it was well in the individual sports. The seed victors cut of the eight teams who competed were those who borrowed with success, thereby gaining half of VUC's total points (and Table Tennis. This year will hope to see more than mere confidence on the part of Victoria representatives.

With the experience of one Winter Tournament to guide us, the organization of Tournament has been comparatively smooth going. We have been confronted with only one major problem to date—the Women's Hockey.

In this sport there is a clash between Tournament and the Provincial Games, and even at this late date we are not sure that it will not be a "no-go" Tournament.

However, with the undoubted enthusiasm of our host College, Auckland, and the cooperation of the other Colleges, Winter Tournament, 1946, promises to be a great success. It would be difficult to eclipse last year's effort, but if it is possible we will certainly try.

VIV. RICH.

VUC Tournament Delegates.

Debating Team Prepared

Dick Collins, who has recently returned from the Army overseas, has become an active member of the Debating Society. He looks like a certainty for the 1946 Union prize, and has been well placed by the judges.

The Joyst Scroll Contest is to be held on the evening of Friday, August 26, and there is a possibility that our debate may be broadcast. As this is the final year war contact the standard promises to be high, and the debate will be well worth listening to.

Women's Hockey Expectant

The following players will represent VUC at Winter Tournament:—

Nancy Frye and Quiona Turner will be looking forward and have played sound hockey throughout the season. Bice Young, right forward, and Vivienne Rich (centre-forward) have worked up a good combination and are in good form. Margaret Rose from the Senior II has been playing good hockey of late, and for inclusion in the team as left-winger is quite justifiable. The mainstay of any team is its half-line, and it is hoped that VUC's half-line will give the necessary support to the forwards. The wing-halves, Jo Lawwill and Francis Frye, deserve their selection, and Julie Fleit (centre-forward) should give a good account of herself. Doris Finner from the graduates' team will also strengthen the half-line. The full-backs, Susan Noet and Janet North, have played consistently good hockey and should prove to be solid defence. Colleen Murphy has proved to be an outstanding goalkeeper, and is expected to produce good form at Tournament.

With two freshmen and several players in their first year at senior hockey in this team, it will probably lack the experience of those of the other Colleges. However, it is very keen and is expected to play bright and good hockey.

Men's Soccer Exultant

("Salient" received a somewhat verbose and unprofessional report on this club's prospect for Winter Tournament. Due to lack of space the report is abridged.)

Last week's easy win by 5-2 against one of the leading teams, namely, Hospital, has given new heart to the representative Soccer team. We have played this season somewhat under the shadow of Jomah, but feel now that we can write the following notes with a ring of confidence. Those latent powers have at last manifested themselves!

The rep. team appears to be as follows: Pat Gates (goal—outstanding); Roy Dixon and B. Sutton-Smith (defense—solid); Colin Richardson (centre-half, captain); R. Spears and K. Johnson (halves); R. Mackie, J.

"Salient" is not and never will be a paper for social gossip. Sports club reports forwarded this year have brought us too near the margin of uninteresting and sectarian drivel. For this reason Tournament prospect writeups this issue have been considerably abridged. Material that is of interest only to the clubs themselves should not be forwarded for publication. Clubs will be given adequate space when their reports are impersonal and of general interest.

Walls, Ted Simmonds, R. Edwards and Bruce Werle (forwards). "We pulled it off last year... we feel that this year will be a matter of repetition."

TABLE TENNIS

1946 NZTTA Shield Team:—Alan Graham (captain), Ken Wood, Earle Bedford, Brian Phillips, Pat Ralph and Mary Land.

A committee of three selected the team this year from some very close games. "Tournament team this year is a good blending of brains and brawn."

FILM

After two breaks the film of the Wiltkin Valley finally got to a glorious Technicolor start. There were some excellent panoramas of the valley and a number of very good shots of peaks taken through a telephoto lens. Barney Burchetts gave an admirable commentary supplemented by three ex-Travelling College persons singing "Falld the Dreamer." Our thanks are due to Mr. Ellis for lending the film to the Club.

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