**Tennis**

Freshers' Tournament was held on Saturday, 6th March, and took the form of a Yaleke tournament. Several promising freshmen were seen in action for the first time, among these being J. R. Tread, W. Crowe, G. Gordon, K. O'Connor, Beverley Wilson, Sue and Jo Francis, Alice Curnack (who won the girls' prize of a pair of ball-handled clubs), I. Hall and S. Grist, who jointly won the men's prize and who declined to toss for it because "they live together."

It is to be hoped that many of the freshmen will be keen enough to challenge on to the ladder and next season play for the inter-class team to which we have had three this year—First-Year Second, Second-Year Third Grade, with four men and four women in each. Most of the teams have finished up about the middle of their grades.

The team for Easter Tournament is as follows:

Men's Singles: J. Wals, R. McKenzie.

Men's Doubles: J. Wajik and H. Davidson; J. McIvor and W. Fritchard.

Women's Singles: Elvyn Conn.

Women's Doubles: Joan Robbins and Evelyn Coull; Suzanne Holt and Gillian Peden.

Mixed Doubles: J. Rees and H. Davidson; Lorna Webster and W. Fritchard.

Women's Emergency: June Scott.

Team Manager: G. Napier.

All our top players, Lorna Ngata and Ben O'Connor, who won the men's singles at Tournament last year, are not available there are several bright spots in the team, one being J. Wallis-Hugh Davidson doubles combination. These two won the men's singles at the last Wellington Christmas tournament and were runners-up at Easter tournament last year. Avis Reed also did very well in the Wellington Christmas tournament when she beat Thaya Smith, who was ranked sixth for Wellington. Several other members of the team reached the finals and semi-finals of various Norfolk Island tournaments over the long vacation and their match experience should prove a great asset over Tournament. In fact there is every prospect of the team proving, just as it was at Auckland last year, that we have little difficulty in carrying off the Tennis Shield. We think we really have!

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**Boxing**


Winners of the shield last year, the boxing team will again be strong. The club has been training since the supervision of an excellent coach, Mr. T. Adams, and has been very keen and much has been gained by the enthusiasm of new members. Altogether the prospects are very bright and it can be expected, without undue optimism, that the boxing shield will remain with Victoria.

Bantamweight in the Victoria team is A. W. Young. A. W. Young is a two-fisted boxer, whose determination and clever weaving make him a worthy representative.

Allan Young, winner of the featherweight division in 1940, is again competing in this weight. Fast and efficient, he has every reason to expect success at Dunedin. A V.U.C. Blue. Lightweight Merv. Wielharte has been the winner of the featherweight division in the last two tournaments and last year won the scientific award. Fast, orthodox and versatile with a long record of victories which he has added this year. His chances of retaining the scientific medal are also very good. Another V.U.C. blue.

The only news from Messrs. concern a welterweight named Christy who has added to his already long record of victories. He is expected to have an excellent chance of success in Otago in the "Cathy" Middleweight, Victoria has a natural fighter supplemented by boxing skill—Determined and aggressive with a vicious punch he may well anticipate victory by the short route at Tournament this year. Another member of last year's team, A. W. Young, is a strong puncher. Although he left his training until comparatively recently he is now in peak condition and will undoubtedly turn this year's campaign on the right track to success at Dunedin South. Another Lightweight G. C. Kays will meet Adams soon.

Representative for the past two years, John Cam, is a member of our team's heavy weight. His height and weight make him a formidable opponent and he has a good punch. His present form indicates that he has improved since last year and the existence of his standing has already been noted in the scientific world. More Tournament notes on Page 8.

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**EASTER TOURNAMENT**

**Dunedin Debuchery**

In a matter of days now our representatives in the various Easter tournaments are scheduled to depart for Dunedin to uphold the game of Victoria and we wish them every success. Our chances are about the same as usual but hopes are high and all the time is here for a good performance.

Our Tournament delegations Pip Piper (senior) and Geoff Ward (junior) have put in a great deal of time on the very necessary administrative side of Tournament. Tournament workers are too often forgotten in the flurry of the purely sporting side of Tournament. Other non-sports personnel proceeding to Dunedin are from U.S.A., delegates for the Press, and Sports Editors of this paper who are attending a Press Conference held in conjunction with Tournament.

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**Rowing**

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Our Betters

Dear Sir,—

The attention of my executive has been drawn to a number of unfortu-

nate facts made in your issue of the 27th February. The executive has

expressed the wish that the following matters be pointed out to you so

that no similar unfortunate issue precedence can be given to the correction of

such matters. A great deal of confusion in the minds of your readers, owing

to the fact that this information is incorrect.

The first matter relates to the article on examination fees on page 10 of

the issue. You discuss the examination fee question up to the stage of

the case N.Z.U.S.A. acting through G. W. Laggis v. the Senate. You go on to say: "The matter rested, until in 1947 it was quietly announced that a reduction of a shilling per paper had been made." This is most unjust to N.Z.U.S.A., who, during the whole of the session, made a reduction which was finally made with a long report embodying the contents of a great deal of investigation which had been made into all aspects of this matter. Officers of the Association acted on the instructions of the Senate Finance Committee, which Senate subsequently ratified. I might point out also that the Senate considered the Finance Committee's report and rejected it.

The next article to which I wish to draw your attention is on page 5, and is headed "Whither Goes Your Student Fee?" In the first column you say, "The revenue from this source, which the Finance Committee recommended the College office of a collection fee ..." I wish to point out to you that there is no deduction of this collection fee by the College authorities unless a student signs the necessary form, and by signing the form the student consents to have the fee charged to him or to be paid for him, and is liable to the payment of the fee.

The next point in this article concerns the matter of wages. The wages

of the office assistant, payments to the gym, etc., are also charged with the

money. In addition to the collection fee, there is also an examination fee of $1 which is charged with the money. The fee is collected by the College authorities unless a student signs the necessary form, and by signing the form the student consents to have the fee charged to him or to be paid for him, and is liable to the payment of the fee.

I would be grateful therefore if you would give prominence in your next

issue to the points I have mentioned.

Yours faithfully,
K. O'BRIEN.
Hon. Secretary.

Action!

Dear Sir,—A copy of the Report of the International Student Service

Annual Conference held at Aarhus University, Denmark, in July, 1947, has

recently come to my hand. As the V.U.C. I.S.S. Committee was at present

raising funds for the I.S.S. World Student Relief by means of work days, it

might be of interest to students to know how other national committees of

I.S.S. are raising their funds for I.S.S.-W.S.R.

(a) Collections at dances, films, festivals.
(b) Sales of records,中有 concerts, auctions, special events.
(c) Plea to alumni and friends of the College or University.
(d) Door fee at student discussions (per group).
(e) Dinners and dances by clubs or groups.
(f) House to house, and street collections.

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ONLY OF HALF FOOLSCAP SHEETS. Our staff is small, our
time is short, we've got more than enough to do without having to re-type all contributors and decipher bad handwriting. We also prefer to spend the wee ams' hours of the morning in bed.

W.J.C.

Our Debators

Dear Sir,—

I am instructed by my committee to draw your attention to an error in

the current issue of Salient. On page 5 there was stated that the motion: "That the Present Foreign Policy of the U.S.S.R. is a Menace to World Peace" was lost. It was, in effect, carried.

Since this was printed in heavy black type the committee were hoping to see a correction in the next issue of Salient in similar type.

H. M. TRACTRY.
Hon. Sec. V.U.C. Debating Society.

Our Critics

Dear Sir,—

Since Salient has commenced the New Year with an assurance that it

has an anti-fascist history of which it is proud it will be interesting to

see how reconciliation will come about. The reconciliation will consist of

an explanation of the actions of those "naturally leftist" students who have been demonstrat-

ing against those who have once more in purging reactionary (a favourable name for us), and those students who are said to have been

presumed is a student paper.

For the benefit of all students Salient might spend some space telling

us just what is a fascist. The matter is becoming more and more confused even in "progressive circles."

I remain,
R. M.
(See Editorial.—Ed.).

Loverly Sir,—

SPELING.

A notice on enrolment day read "Zoology Enrollments. A last chance to put spelling in a hell of a mess and make it correct. Can you help me?"

PUZZLED.

(This malady needs special personal attention. Please call on me between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. in Salient Room. Ed.)
WHEN IS A DEMOCRACY?

DEBATING CLUB CHECKS UP ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A well attended meeting of the College Debating Club on Friday, 12th March, brought much heated discussion over the motion "That the present Czechoslovak Government is not based on democratic principles."

Mr. B. O'Connor opened the case for the affirmative by remarking that "War has happened purely to suit the convenience of V.U.C. Debating Society." The question was one of democracy, and, although many of the more important nations in the world were not democracies, it was held that in no country was it possible to maintain an outward appearance of democracy without facing the responsibility of democracy.

Mr. O'Connor cited the case of the "one-party" nations, and said that the reasons of the Chinese invasion were due to the lack of democracy in China, and that the purpose of the invasion was to impose democracy on China. He also referred to the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, and the French invasion of Morocco.

Mr. O'Connor concluded by saying that the present Czechoslovak Government was not based on democratic principles.

Ski-Ing Club

A Fast Pair of Skis . . . .

New Club to be Formed

For a good few years now many people have at various times talked of the idea of starting a Ski-ing club. The reasons advanced were good, e.g., a ski-ing club could be a great asset for ski-ing only.

There are students who are interested in ski-ing, and although the majority of persons interested in ski-ing are not students, Ski-ing is a activity which would be more expensive to the individual than to the club. The expenses of the equipment, and the cost of travel, are all expenses which would be incurred by the club. Therefore, a ski-ing club could be a great asset for ski-ing only.

Our Athletes

Unfortunately, Ski-ing has been unable to "get the names into the stop press" but we hope that some idea of our athletic strength may be gained from this article.

The 1947-48 season has been a good one for the athletic club. While we have fewer outstanding athletes this year, we have a team which has been criticized with good reason, and this year we have a team which has been criticized with good reason.

Our results this year have been improved over last year, and the team has shown great improvement in all events.

Our achievements this year have been as follows:

- First place in the yearly track meet.
- Second place in the yearly swimming meet.
- Third place in the yearly water-polo meet.
- Fourth place in the yearly tennis meet.

The team has also been successful in a number of individual events, and has shown great improvement in all events.

Our next meet will be against the University of New Zealand, and we hope to be able to give a good account of ourselves.

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Captain Boycott

Our belleline article on Film Criticism has apparently driven would-be contributors to believe that the belated manuscript from the cold eye of our literary experts. We publish the only film criticism that we can, not with our editorial blessing, but with the hope that someone may be good enough to inform us of some new developments, unexposed opinions and its inability to tell us anything we didn't already know, if we have seen the film.

"And if one objects to the film fantasies, you can boycott them."

The words have changed somewhat; boycott has now gone to strike, and the leagues are now called the British Film Critics' League. The method of settling an unjust grievance is as follows:

The British have been producing historical dramas for some time now, and have been making them very good. But whatever they are the people go to them, and Mr. B. O'Connor, of the one of the good ones, is to be congratulated with The Great War and Gilliat.

"How much of it is true? None of it. The title of the film is history, and so are the main events. When it is fiction, all the things that happened are fiction."

Except for one of the Lockwoods, the Irish accents have been retained convincingly, and they have been performed so well since so many of the cast are Irish. They have all been selected by the producers, and, much to his credit, did not let the play down.

Mr. B. O'Connor, of course, was not bad, but he did not have the same character, and was not as strong. He did not have the same character, and was not as strong. He was not as strong as the Lockwoods, and not as good as the Lockwoods.

The handicap events that day we were told to the fore runners were: 100 yard dash, 100 yard hurdles, 220 yard dash, and 880 yard run.

On the 27th February, a second of the team that travelled to Hastings were in hand, and were in hand, and were in hand, and were in hand. They were in hand, and were in hand, and were in hand, and were in hand.

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Renaissance in India

STUDENT REVIEWS

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS

India's political and national determination has caught the eyes of the world, but apart from the political aspect nothing or little is known of the inner transformation of the sub-continent. To even outline the developments of "Cultural India" would be a task of great magnitude and the transformation in that country can but merely be touched.

DECADE INDIA

To those who have had little to do with India, its cultural progress is great and its revival of learning would be considerable. With the mind, I will endeavor to bring to notice what really has been and is taking place in India.

From 1306 India had been declining until the middle of the 19th century—her culture and progress had come to a standstill. In proportion to her population and in comparison with the past India was virtually a decadent country. She had made no startling contributions and her sole fame rested on the country's past glory.

THE CAUSE OF RENAISSANCE

In the middle of last century the Indian Mutiny of 1857 opened India to political and national consciousness and that in its turn gave impetus for the deep interest in culture and a desire for progress in spheres of life. The country again became spiritually alive and every school of religion was going under transformation. Ram Mohun Roy fought against the rigid rules of Hindu orthodoxy and founded the Brahmo Samaj. There was Ramakrishna, who had a new interpretation of Hinduism. Then a long list of ardent reformers and theological-philosophers, like Chunder Sen, Ripin Chandra Pal, Babuji Bose, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Vishwanath, Brahmanand, Saraswati, and a host of others with a later addendum of Rabindranath Tagore and Ananda Coomaraswamy who are internationally known.

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Dance to the throbbing of the drums
To the thousand eyes that stare;
Dance till the conical hanging cones
And the crisp auroral air.

Sing to the tune of the crying flute
To the castanet that rings
Dance before the hungry male
To the old harp's broken strings.

Smile when the tears gather in your eyes
Grace those moments bring
Suppress those wild sighs
Wheel wildly around the ring.

Show that youthful bosom rise
Beating time with forceful ease
To the wild beat of the drums
In a wild desire to please.

Dance, dance, the drums they quickly leap
The music dies before the hour
She falls into a helpless heap
Like some forgotten flower.

—Onar Hjumas.

Salient, March 17, 1948

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I fully believe that Ananda has been imitating Tagore like countless other men who have written translations. Though one common bond between Tagore and Ananda is that they have been influenced by Tagore's poems. The latter has never been able to realize that Tagore's power was fully for Tagore has the aptitude and gift of the most beautiful poetic language and on the other hand he is an abstract poet. Ananda has not the richness of language to support his expressions of mysticism to some concrete object. The translations from Tagore and Ananda might help to bring home their characteristics.

"Here is tiny footprinted and there rest thy feet where the poorest, and the lowest, and lost.

When I try to bow to thee, my obliance cannot reach down to the depth where thy feet rest among the poorest, the lowest, and the lost.

(Up to the advent of Tagore there were outstanding poets of India, Bakim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Rabindranath Tagore. The latter has written poems in English. It is India's greatest and most beautiful lyric. Tagore was not even capable of the type of popular songs that Ramparsad has been noted for. The loveliest of all Bengali popular songs is Ramparsad's "This Day Will Surely Pass," "This Day Will Pass." Tagore, great as he was, borrowed the first line for his own poem "(I Know This Day Will Pass"). Other personalities in poetry are Jibanananda (Musal poet), Naiidu (poetess), Ananda and Sen.

WHAT IS INDO-ANGLICAN POETRY?

Those figures who have written English while expressing their East-Indian thought belong to the Indo-Anglia school proper. However, Tagore broke this rule—his translations of his own works were so perfect and beautiful that the prose-poetry was unchallenged. Mrs. Rabindranath Tagore and Ananda write a great deal in their poems directly in the English. Mrs. Naiidu's "(The Golden Threshold)" first collection was the result of her skill in writing a great number of poems in English. Smiles stand apart from the others; she keeps to the rules of "poetry proper," i.e., she uses rhymes and figures to western forms, and to quote a verse from "The Illusion" to demonstrate her style and mechanics.

"Beloved, you may be as all men say Only a transient spark Of flickering flame set in a lamp of clay—

I care not. . . . since you kindle my heart With the immortal lustres of the soul.

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DEBATING AND DIVERS DESTRUCTIVE DISCOURSES

The 49th Annual General Meeting of the Debating Society was held in the Gymnasium on Friday night, March 1st. The following Committee was appointed: -
Patron: Rev. Hon. the Chief Justice
President: Graham Bell
Vice-President: Harold Bowick
Secretary: Jean Milling
Treasurer: Neil Coburn
Committee: Lorraine Lees, Ann», Allan Trice, Myra McLeod, Mildred Blomberg, Mildred McLeod.

Mr. H. E. Sherington was elected the Society's representative on the Bulletin Committee.

Impromptu Speeches: The Effect of Strong Drink. Mr. O'Mahon thought it would be seen everywhere around us. He was against the exaggerated opinion of the capacity of students in this connection.

That Jazz and Swing are the National Music. Mr. McConnell, evoking the Russ Mulligan Evolution. Mr. Hogg asserts that jazz has no other meaning than the destruction of "fashionable" fads. They should be brought together, and they should be considered (loud laughter). He came to the rather startling appearance that B.S. Elliot is a par with Harry James.

The Necessity of Union for Chocolate Men. Mr. Battersby told us of his great suffering for the clergy. It was not to be doubted in a society with a union then "they could all be served".

The New Look. Conell Bollinger argued that the New Look was a "new" subject. He said, however, "I have an old aunt" (referring to the young audience). "She had an ostrich feather in a parody suit. I think that the New Look is probably very handy for "hiding things.""

To work out the connection.

The Oumph Bird's Philosophy is Open. Dr. Hopkins, most popularly acclaimed the Oumph Bird's philoso- phy, made his appearance, and went, giving a thoughtful exposition of what he considered to be the meaning of the Oumph Bird. We were asked "how many of you have ever tried to say "sounding bliss" in such a sort of thing"? The audience, stunned, decided to take a procedure. "Of course," we were informed, "we agree to the conclusion." It was also suggested that there was some connection between Oumph and the New Look.

COMING EVENTS

ISS WORKDAYS
March 20th, April 3rd.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19th
DRAMA CLUB
Deep are the Roots. Following a brilliant performance. 1/5.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd
A.G.M. Swords Club, 8 p.m. Downstairs Gym.

WORLD YOUTH WEEK
Youth Club, Thursday, March 18th, Blue Triangle Hall, T.W.C.A., Boudot St. V.I.U.C. (Victory in Russia) Clubs, Training College.

FRESHERS FRATERNIZE
... Bash
Dresses were torn, sweat dripped, shoes were bruised, food was wasted, drink was split, women were kissed, eggs were smashed—nothing was wanted—that was Fresher's Welcome.

A store of grog was under the leadership of the Social Committee. If they could get it at the bookers and the slaves, they would get it, or if they could get it at the bookers and the slaves, they would get it, and round the Gym.

Conversation was limited to "Are you a Fresher?" No, this is my 4th year. How are you going, will you be fresh with us?" Come into the Chemistry Man, and other little nannies of polite conversation. The hall was tastefully decorated with old pieces of rope, basketball goal, Biology Society notices (hep! hep! and a lovely stag's head. (The stag was left over from the Biology Soc. dance.)

Wound round the mike was that "homo fatalis, Warren Johnson, who commandeered the dancing (in) his usual inebriated manner. This Fresher's dance brought to much little hearts descend, but Warren was too busy on the dance floor (which incidentally included a very hush-hush) to give them his full attention.

Seated on the floor were the usual corps plus many who hadn't seen them there before. Taken in all Fresher's Welcome was the usual, bash or dash that we have seen in 1899-

MARCH, 1948 we take this opportunity to state that if Fresher's show the same fortitude as they did on the dance floor on the night of March 5th last, they will go far in their College careers.

And Dash
The evening of Tuesday, March 24th, the Women's Hockey Club gathered to welcome new players and to introduce them to the more seasoned members.

Last year's teams grouped round their captains in each corner of the room and vied with each other in displaying their dramatic talents in novelty evocations. (Imagine the most dignified person you know reading on the floor: "Name the person for yourself.") Competition became noisy then in turn had to sing (or shout) as many nursery rhymes as could be remembered or invented, Other teams followed in quick succession as the evening became more informal and more boisterous. After being refreshed by a good supper the party adjourned to the College dining hall. We feel that this was a very successful party and we would like to thank all those who contributed to making it a success.

Monday, March 1st, saw a new venture mounted at V.I. U.C. A Freshers' evening was organized by the Executive and Social Committee on the suggestion of the Executive Vice-President, Alice McLeod. The unfortunate Fresher's were first of all subjected to a shower of indiscipline ad- dress on matters of general and specific student interest by the President and the Secretary. A Beer House was partly helped matters before and after the speeches. Following on this was a Community sing song session which lasted for about half an hour. From then till midnight the fresher's danced apparently happily in the upper gym. The serving of a definitely light and certainly soft supper was the only interruption to proceedings.

The show appeared to be enjoyed by the Fresher's for whom it was organized, some three hundred of them being present, some indeed out on the balcony and up the stairs. This is a satisfactory for Fresher's Hall which is still being held shorn of unnecessary interruption. It en- dures matters of interest to Fresher's but tedious to old lags to be gone over for the benefit of all concerned.

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E. J. FROST, Proprietor
The third week in March is World Youth Week. Throughout the world youth organizations affiliated to the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students will be celebrating this week by holding special meetings and functions, by collecting money for World Student Relief, and by reviewing past activities and planning for the future.

Two main activities are to be held by our University in connection with World Youth Week. Firstly, a Youth Rally in the Blue Triangle Hall, and secondly, a Work Day for World Student Relief. Both should receive wide student support.

Previous International Youth Organizations

Perhaps the nearest approach to WPDY and IUS previously were the International Federation of Students and the Boy Scouts movement. The former, which disappeared in the war, was composed of students only, whereas WPDY organizes Christian, trade union, farming, political and student youth bodies. The Boy Scout movement, organized in quite different lines. It is mainly made up of boys from 11 to 16 or 17 whereas WPDY consists of people in approximately the 16 to 26 age group and of both sexes. The Scouts never took up the broad problems of youth, such as improved education and apprenticeship, dead-end jobs and youth unemployment, and bad working conditions and low pay, especially during slumps and in colonial countries. The Scout movement did organize large international gatherings which have had a certain value in building peace but their value was completely lost as they failed to expose the main-spring of the drive to war. In fact, with its national jingoism the Scout movement directs the energies of youth as an agent of Imperialism, a fact well known to some of the reactionary politicians who work in leading position in the Scout movement.

Democratic Youth

"Through International Friendship and Reconstruction. Build the Peace." This was the theme of the World Youth Festival held in Prague last summer by WPDY. Over 17,000 foreign youth and 64,000 Czechoslovaks participated in the festival. A vast, rich, varied programme of events was laid out during the festival—delegates and bands, drama and film festivals, ballet, puppet and open-air theatre. International sports tournaments, art exhibitions and dance contests. The young people who participated were able to share each other's cultural heritage and also to learn of the problems and needs of youth elsewhere, in a first-hand fashion of information and opinion on a scale that has never been seen in the past.

In the field of reconstruction the most outstanding event played its part in WPDY's plans for the rebuilding of Litle. The Yugoslav Youth Rally travelled 1500 miles long in Bosnia, went over the very heart of the very centre of Yugoslavia, and in the meanwhile showed a most magnificent rally. The experts said it would take two years of hard work. It was actually completed in just one year only. Student engineers and technicians were used and the line was built by 221,000 volunteers from the Yugoslav student movement and 6000 foreign youth. Only two New Zealanders visited the line so far as is known but quite a number of Australian workers worked on the line the whole period. They returned at the end of January last. The first train ran over the line on November 15th, 1947.

WPDY has been very active in promoting the interests of youth. Over 3000 delegations have been very active in promoting the interests of youth in many countries. A magnificent magazine "World Youth" is published in five languages—French, English, Russian, Spanish and Polish. It organizes and assists international travel by young people. WPDY is the United Nations organization of Youth and it is a pity that its wide work on behalf of youth is not better known in New Zealand.

International Union of Students

The organization of IUS is now fairly well known. At the last council meeting in London, the International Union of Students was represented by John Ziman and Ernest Williams. Mr. Ziman is being cycled to all students and is on his way to Moscow now. It is hardly likely that he will bring back a copy of this report. In particular, it is not clear that the financial aid and in WSR, in which students are to be supported, flying standards, should be taken to heart.

New Zealand's Part

Twelve thousand miles from Europe, and twelve hundred miles from our nearest neighbor, we in New Zealand still have a part to play in the life of the Youth of Europe. Australia, India, Venezuela and many other countries we demonstrated vigorously at the opening of imperialist war. A photograph of our procession was published in "World Youth."

SOCIALIST CLUB

DISCUSSION ACTION

Approximately fifty people attended the annual meeting of the Socialist Club on March 8th. The annual report presented by Gunter Warner revealed the intense club activity of the year. The salient points were the Indonesian demonstration, which brought Victoria world fame, and defeated legal attacks on the rights of citizens to free assembly and expression of opinion. The Yugo- slav clothes strike, films evening and publications were also mentioned. The election of officers resulted:

Patron: Mr. F. L. Coombs.

Vice-presidents: Mr. Platts-Mills (British M.P. and ex V.U.C. student), Mr. Donlin Findlay, M.P., Mr. Toby Hall, Mr. A. H. Scnesty.

President: Mr. Harry Elson. Secretary: Conrad Bellingar. Committee: Neil Casey, Oscar Melling, Harold Dowrick.


Ron Smith then gave a full and interesting report as delegate from the Club to the Australian Student Labour Federation in Melbourne in January. He revealed that the Labour and Socialist Clubs which exist in every Australian university play an extremely active part in student affairs. The conference considered that a united front of trade unionists and the V.U.C.E. who embraces all types of labour and socialist is preferable to a club with direct political affiliation.

The police bashing of students in the Indonesian demonstration in Sydney outlined and the subsequent legal condemnation of the police in the Supreme Court was explained. A report on the decisions of the conference and plans for the future and an outline of the Melbourne train strike. Smith also commented on the Australian Financial Assistant's Conference for travel concessions and urged our executive to take up these questions. The need for club members to take a lead in the union building campaign was emphasized. The secretary read a letter to Mr. Platts-Mills, a British Labour M.P., and a previous Rhodes Scholar from Victoria congratulating him on his consistent fight for Socialism and peace. This was signed by members present.

A resolution supporting the N.Z. Carpenters' Union and demanding the withdrawal of repressive emergency war legislation was carried.

Carpenters and Students

Mr. Moleynux, President of the Wellington Carpenters' Union, was the guest speaker of the Socialist Club at a meeting on Wednesday, March 9th. Mr. Moleynux, who was one of the union leaders who were recently heavily fined in the Courts, gave an outline of the stand the union is taking in those of other sections of the building industry. After doing everything in their power to obtain an equitable settlement, the union has started a "go-slow" action, and such was the justice of their case the solidarity of their struggle that 95 per cent. of the members involved were capitalized, and were willing to pay the additional id.

It was at this stage that the Government had entered the fight on the side of the employers. Leaders of the union throughout the country were prosecuted under wartime emergency legislation. "The Labour Government can no longer be regarded as the union movement," declared Mr. Moleynux.

The role of the Arbitration Court in delaying and preventing the satisfaction of the workers' demands was then explained. The latest development was the Arbitration Court's refusal to give over to the National Council of the Federation of Carpenters were also outlined.

The questions raised by students at the conclusion of the meeting indicated a keen interest in the functions of the Arbitration Court and the effect of industrial laws on the workers' conditions in general.

The Socialist Club is to be congratulated in its first function for 1948. It shows that we are carrying out its objective of bringing students into contact with the Labour Movement and giving them an insight into the real forces operating in our society today.

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Russian, Spanish and Polish. It organizes and assists international travel by young people. WPDY is the United Nations organization of Youth and it is a pity that its wide work on behalf of youth is not better known in New Zealand.
Fascism Explained

The two words "anti-fascist" and "progressive" are emotionally laden with power, yet they do not mean what they are usually made to mean. They are being misused and distorted to suit the political ends of a war society. "Progressive" is used by those who are fighting to maintain the existing war system, while "anti-fascist" is used by those who are fighting to replace the existing system with a more just and democratic one.

First, "progressive circles" are those which contain people who see society in a constant state of change, usually with the faith that it is progressing from a worse form of social organization to a better one. In the last dozen centuries this social and economic organization has been that of a steadily rising capitalism. I.e., the means of production of distribution are in the possession of owners who run them at their discretion, driven by the urge for profit in accordance with the possibilities of making a profit at a given time. This form of society has given rise to a great many, in the capitalist sense. Fascism claims to be neither capitalist nor socialist. I.e., under fascist state control, private property but places its use under state control. Criticism is rejected and industrial disputes are suppressed. Fascists and Communists all oppose "reactionary" and "revolutionary." Propaganda is seen as a change over to a different society and opinion is based upon the right plans. "Progressive circles" is the label applied to the policies of change and the Socialist form of society. Whatever means are to be used in achieving it, they are all agreed that they are anti-fascist.

F. M. J. in a Jillett policy is confusing the two words "anti-fascist" and "totalitarian." Many anti-fascists are not necessarily totalitarian. A state which fully rejects the rights of the people may be described as totalitarian without being oppressive. We might like to see F. M. J. present day's debate the present economic and political environment is Greek without being representative of the Greek people. We think that there are a few political activities in Melbourne and by the reports appearing in our daily papers he is doing a telepathic job.

Youth Meeting

On Thursday, March 18th, a rally is to be held in the Blue Triangle Hall in the T.W.C.A. Building. Sponsored by the Students' Association, this meeting is being held in conjunction with the Young Australian Workers' Union, Teachers Training College Students, Railway Workers Club, Apprenticed Club and progressive youth organizations. The Rev. Martin Sullivan is to chair the meeting. One of the principal speakers will be Harold Dowrick, our President, who will speak on his recent visit to Australia and the wonderful recent developments in the Australian and World Youth Movements. Let others know of the details of this important meeting.

SATURDAY NIGHT IS SPEEDWAY NIGHT

Thrilling spectacles as daredevils ride the rails at Hutt Speedway opposite Park Avenue.

8. P.M. SATURDAY NIGHTS
Shooting

The team to represent Victoria at the National Clay Target Championships will be D. V. Henderson, I. M. Henderson, A. J. Blakely, G. Catley (Massey), G. Cullinan and D. Howarth.

The shooting team is still a little sore at not having had a strong N.Z.U. team shooting last year and are determined that this year they will be the best. The team consists of five members, as Blakely and Howarth have always performed well. After a shaky start this season appears to have corrected itself and has returned scores well above the blue standard. Altogether we feel confident that in addition to having shots of above average accuracy, we also have fair, if not match-winning ability, attribute with experience.

Athletics

Although the Athletic Club have not chosen their representatives for Tournament yet, we have heard that they are likely to be the star performers of the club.

They are:

- A. Marshall, former national titleholder in a field event, and present Wellington titleholder for the shot put, discus and hammer throw.
- B. Pohlen, first mile walk Easter Tournament winner last year and three mile walks. Wellington Provostion is in second place in the three mile walk titles at Wellington Provostion. The Athletics Club is in third in the mile at the Wellington Provincial Championships for the year, and his time would be about 3min 30sec.

Swimming

The swimming team this year gives no indication that it will be stronger than last year, although the water polo team is good.

This year we have two very valuable swimmers in Ross and Pleschke, present University, 100 yards and 200 yards back. If we can hold these men in face of claims from other clubs, and if we are able to work out a team successfully, our team will be considerably strengthened.

Our 220 breaststroke entrant should swim well in this event this year. He is also a star in the 440 yard.

Des Dowse present 220 University champ at breaststroke looks like taking the title. Both he and Piper will be forming the nucleus of a strong polo team.

Ken Staples our most vктuall swimmer will once again be competi- tive with Pat Andersen, our long distance man, will prove to be tough opposition.

T. Gebbie—exclusive water polo

— is strong. He will be playing in goal again, and those who have seen his performances will realize what an asset he is.

P. Tarrant is the final selection of our water polo side, he is good, and has three out of five selected. Firstly in his Nannette Broom who swims consistently well and is our only hope in 100 and 200 yards freestyle in the centre.

We are particularly strong in the breaststroke division with Bruce Young and Jeanette Murray—either of them could win the 100 yards breaststroke.

It will be seen that our hopes are bested on breaststroke swimmers and the water polo team.

Cricket

This Easter, at Dunedin, the first cricket contest between the four Universities will be held. Dunedin have been the most successful in the South Island with their fine performances in the cricket. Canterbury is the only college of the four who have fielded a senior team in their local competition and they are competing in every year under the same rules.

Amongst ourselves there are some misgivings about this scheme on the score that it was being played at the wrong time of the year, which we prejudice the interests of our students. Students of this college will remember those two extra-ordinary boys who took a keen and active interest in athletic and cricket and in many aspects of student life.

Several enthusiasts have spent the last four weekends on the bus route which is now cleared, but these few cannot do all the work. They have erected the four corner posts and from now on the bat will begin to take shape. The project is well beyond the preliminary stages and we would draw the attention of umpires, would-be-trampers and even non-trampers to the following points.

1. Trampers: Most of you will have known Stan and Roy and should therefore have the necessary sentiment to help with the work. Besides, you will derive obvious advantages from the newly established building. Do you want to come to the opening bash with the satisfaction that you personally have done little or nothing towards the building.
2. Would-be-trampers: Freshers and others who have not had experience in the hills or the bush should go to the ideal chance. The Taunherenau Valley is as beautiful as any in the Wellington province, providing unparalleled views of uncrushed bush trees, logs, flats for camping and sailing, a fine river

with magnificent swimming good hunting and fishing (last week’s working party found a wild sheep and three trout) and other attractions. The oil has cancelled all other trips and those who come will be happy to have them. There will be a working trip hut site every weekend for some time this year you need specialized gear and trip. For the Boys who are coming Beginner’s party will be held at the same time and some private arrangements for themselves and future student trampers are not too.

3. Non-trampers: There are no restrictions and every hut will be of great benefit, assistance both in collecting donations and funds and in at work on working parties will be not come.

4. Everybody: We need and work. You and each of us provides these, and in return derive personal, satisfactory pleasure for years to come.

Imagine that your contribution be insignificant. Add your n the list of volunteers for parties on the notice board.

Tramping Memorial

The last issue of Salient we described the Tramping Memorial plans for the section of a hot in the Taunheroana Valley as a memorial to Stanley Allan. And Roy Dickson, who lost their lives in a small party on the Neumann Range.

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MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE EXECUTIVE.

STUDENTS:

Some of you may not have read the papers and you may wonder what this is all about.

Summary, the position is this.

At last Friday night's meeting of the debating society, two motions were passed:

1. That "The present Czech Government is not based on democratic principles"; and

2. That "A communication be sent to the Democratic Students' of Prague University expressing profound sympathy in the death of your great democratic statesman, Dr. Masaryk, in this time of trial for your country".

This required the approval of the Executive of the Students' Association.

Approval was given for the communication, but the Executive then passed a motion that a letter be sent to Prime Minister Mr. Gottwald, "congratulating Mr. Gottwald on the triumph of democracy in Czechoslovakia."

You will note that the Executive passed the last motion - with four dissentients - on behalf of the student body - on behalf of you - which means that they consider YOU are in favour of the present Communist regime in Czechoslovakia.

This serious action by the Executive leaves no course for democratically minded students to follow but to move a motion of no-confidence in the Executive and expressing disapproval of the contents of the communication to Mr. Gottwald.

NOW THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN.

The meeting will be held in the Gymnasium or in Room C.3 on next Monday night, March 22, at 8 p.m.

BE THERE AND BE EARLY.

Absence through apathy means that you approve of helping the Executive to put another nail in the coffin of democracy in Czechoslovakia. Let us issue a warning to you who may be apathetic.

The question vitally concerns YOU, your future as a student, the future of our country and the future of democratically minded
people throughout the world. We do not contend our own system is perfect, but we do consider it is infinitely better than the curse of communist dictatorship.

Let us emphasise that as each bastion of democracy falls, the time draws nearer when the devotees of the vile system, dressed up in the garb of humanitarianism and anti-Fascism - Fascism having come to mean anything opposed to Communism - could cripple this country; when it could happen that you would be forced not only into a mental straight-jacket like the Communist himself, but also into a physical straight-jacket from which there would be no escape, no appeal and no hope.....

This University has a coterie of such representatives prepared to sell you to this diabolical system.

Are you prepared to do something about it?

Are you prepared to show that at least the light of democracy and freedom glows in this University and that you do not approve of that abysmal thuggery of purges, of foreign domination, terror, and denial of freedom that exists today in Czecho-slovakia?

So be at the meeting early.

We are dealing with masters in organisation who will stop at nothing to gain their ends.

But we are sure that if the student body stirs itself from its complacency that it can end for all time the danger of the communist cancer in our University and help the community along the path of true progress instead of towards the slavery offered by our opponents.

Do not be dismayed at the prospect of voting your executive out of office. The machinery exists to maintain continuity of administration.

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE 26 STUDENTS REQUESTING MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE.