"VICTORIA CAN SHOW N.Z. HOW"—SAYS PLISHKE

In the trading of brains with other countries, N.Z. has a pretty uneven trade balance on the wrong side of the ledger. We did mark up something to our credit when E.A. Plishke came to New Zealand. In any place, an architect with a world reputation would be an asset. In this country of much building and few architects, he assumes major significance.

The 1947 A.G.M. decided unanimously that Plishke should be responsible for the planning of the new Students' Union Building. And so, when Salient wanted to find out just what was going to happen to all this money when it is finally raised, we knew that the only way to find out was to ask Plishke.

We managed to interview him in a coffee house which was about half as crowded as the Caf. at 5 p.m.—this fact brought home the urgency of having a place which can cater for the needs of students.

"A lot of thinking seems to have gone," he said, "into the gathering of money to build this for you. Into the form of the building: into the functions which it should serve, very little."

"Your building can be an answer to a very real problem in New Zealand architecture—the lack of any social focus. At present, when you go up there, you go into the Cafeteria and get out as soon as you have finished eating; you go into the Library, but—oh, you go into your common rooms, but where can you talk, relax?"

We saw what he meant. The men's common room at 5 p.m. isn't really suited to quiet discussion.

A NEW PROBLEM

"Now modern architecture is not for rich people only, as architecture has been in the past. In fact, the best examples of modern building are in public buildings. Here we are faced with a contemporary problem. Here we must provide a centre for young people. You can see that it must be answered in the idiom of modern architecture—using those materials, those building processes and those new aims architecture must be suited to such a problem. It must be functional—design linked intimately with function. I don't mean by that 'utilitarian.' There's a great deal of difference."

"Well, what sort of a place do you think would satisfy this?" we asked.

"Remember that it must be a social focus, and provide for that side of life which is at present neglected. It won't be just enough to have facilities for sports and clubs. The whole atmosphere of the place must be such that discussion and relaxed social intercourse can take place naturally."

Of cafeterias . . .

"First, let's take the Cafeteria. In building it, it must be an essential part of the function. It should have space it should be a place where you can sit and talk—in fact, the sort of place where you feel you want to sit. This would make it essential to the social life of the students. It is hardly that at present we think of this as important the question of atmosphere will be. For the rest, I think there must be a flexible use of space. Your groups will not always be large, and a large room would often hamper the sort of feeling which it ought to have. Yet this same space must be able to be adapted to large meetings, talks, assemblies. It must have provision for the showing of films when you wish. Sometimes, a concert—recorded music, a quartet perhaps? Where does your debating club meet now?"

"We might have answered "In the middle of the props for the Drama Club's next show" but we refrained. "You're very lucky with this," he said. "I have been over most of New Zealand and I have seen nowhere any place of this sort. Since this is a new problem, the answer can be entirely original; you see that there is no tradition to be tied to—we can create as we like."

... and things

"I saw down at Curious Cove how you like to get together, to listen to music, to discuss in informal groups. These things you have no place for at present, they are not part of the university life though the need is there. This building should also have a library—not of the style of the present one, but having books, say, on international students' movements. There should be facilities for showing paintings, especially those of contemporary artists. If these things are not done at a university, where are they to be done? We can take it for granted that there will be areas for sports, for acting, and for all those other sorts of activities. But it is the informal social aim which is the important one."

A NEW ANSWER

"There is much danger in New Zealand where there is so much building for homes, and so little catering for the equally important communal needs. Here is a chance to show a lead, to do something new. We are not shackled by any tradition of design—why then we may go ahead and express creatively the essential idiom of modern thought. Most important to remember is that we cannot build like most of those I see around: where a Gothic exterior is wrapped around a space used for what? Shopping or for a factory. This is insincerity. Needless too, in a country which is young and has its own problems of climate and of culture. You up at your university do not wish to repeat this sort of thing, do you?"

We assured Mr. Plishke very fervently indeed that we did not wish to have our students' building looking like a house. Building or the like. He said, "If you can fill the names in yourself, you can fill the names in yourself. We walked out of the after-work rush, about six inches we felt above the pavement: feeling a distinct sense of elation that when the Building Fund Appeal had finally achieved its aim, the thinking would be passed over to E.A. Plishke, one of the few very men in this country who thinks deeply enough about architecture to be able to plan a genuine students' building."

You Can Help!

In 30 days time Victoria will be inundated by hundreds of students from Auckland, Dunedin, Lincoln and Massey for the Easter tournament. It is the duty and privilege of us all to act as enthusiastic hosts. Much assistance is required from us. We are to be of assistance you are asked to do:

Perks

(a) Bill for a student from another college. This is the most essential duty of all. Everyone who is in Wellington should bill at least one student. If there is a shortage of bedding in your house we will supply it. And whoever becomes eligible for free passes to all sports and the hall.

Workers

(b) Help on various committees: advertising, publicity, selling programmes, bands, hall party and dispensing information. Much help is needed up to and including the Easter period. If you are a willing worker please leave a note in the Executive Room.

Get Fit

(c) If you are a college representative get fit and train hard in order that our teams may acquire themselves well in the field of sport. You will be hearing more of Tournament week. Please let us hear from you.

VANCE HENDERSON.
Senior Tournament Delegate.

EXEC. OPPOSES CONSCRIPTION

The most important matter brought up at the Exec meeting on 21st February was the instruction to the Association's programme that they support the following at the meeting of the Movement Against Peace-time Conscript.

(a) To actively oppose the introduction of conscription.

(b) To work for the maintenance of peace and to oppose militarism, war propaganda and other action directed towards war.

(c) To actively oppose restriction of present civil liberties and citizens' rights as being intended to pave the way for conscription and war.

Come to the . . .
ANNUAL MEETING
of THE SOCIALIST CLUB
Tuesday, 22nd March
8 P.M. in the LOWER GYM

MASTERLY INACTIVITY
Salient would like very much to know when the Exec. will actually do something about this year's Extrav.
HAS SALIENT A POLICY?

In an article in this issue "Student Opinion or Red Blanket," criticism is made of Salient policy. From the outset we will make it clear that any editorial article will be printed that is:
1. Of interest to students.
2. Grammatical.
3. Free from slander, libel or malicious personal abuse.
4. Free from personal gossip.

Veritas is quite misinformed when he claims that student apathetic hand—which would control the range of copy available for publication. Very few students will sit down and write seriously on matters that interest them; fewer still will rise to criticize point by point an article that appears in print with which they do not agree. Veritas has not criticised any of the articles in our last issue on their own ground. He is content to label whole articles as bad journalism or Rosaries. Further in last issue we did not run a single filler nor a single rewrite.

We would point out to Veritas, articles on both Lyssenko and the stone Flower, were featured by that bastion of genteel respectability, the N.Z. Farmer. Why is Salient to be held ruder than the Listener when we publish similar articles?

We are not catering for "the more woolly minded of the old students" nor for the public, whose capacity to establish real political distinction has been blunted by fifty years of crude sensational journalism. We can see if Veritas cannot distinguish the between publishing a review of the artistic technique of a Russian film or a summary of a current intellectual controversy in biology, and being violently russophile.

Mr. F. L. Combs in the last issue successfully attacked the Rev. Sullivan without once having recourse to the old argument of the college clubs demolished. Sullivan has an able attack based on the real issues involved and not by appeal to any fundamental political or religious bias.

We invite all Salient readers to do exactly the same with any and every article in our paper, and then, at last, the inartistic "dead hand" which weighs so heavily on our faculties may be stimulated to the serious intellectual, political and religious thought that it so obviously lacks, and for which our secondary schools cannot train it.

---P.F.J.

A DRAMATIC OPINION

It is obvious to any interested observer that the students in this college are badly needing an outlet for their energy, a place where they can freely let loose their "GENTLEMEN'S" in the College hours graphically witness to this fact. Even such activities as Extrav. and Proser, are but poor substitutes for full and satisfying self-expression.

Seriously, there are few clubs in this college that actively cater for this all-important need among students. Perhaps the only club which could be described as fulfilling this range for such activity is the Dramatic Club. But has it in the past given the fullest opportunity for such expression—in other words, has it even had the scope necessary? It has not!

A Wail

The Drama Club in the past years has not made full use of their possible scope. They have attempted to produce a selection of melodramas previously produced in the West End, in the main experiments, that can be described as not reaching the highest possible standard that they might have reached. These performances have long since been dammed up and the present management of the club is hoping to obtain some original plays that may find a place in the coming school year.

One resident in particular that has been untried is that of play-writing. It arises from the experience gained after the first successful Drama Festival conducted with Winter Ternet last year. The policy has now been suggested that VUC send only original plays to Tournament.

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Lies and Liberals

Sir---We noticed in a recent Char- ter Club pamphlet two blatant mis-state- ments of fact. The Executive of the Club by the "battle fair" General Meeting has been dubbed by the Chartists as "socialist controlled." Simple reference to personalities alone is not sufficient to assert that a disciple and some elementary arithmetic will show the socialist majority by our present standing has not even been met by a challenge to the loyalty of the Club.

Further it was the Debating Societ- y who by the present Club to Gottywald. It cannot be said of the leftist majority of the Club that they do not put out their propaganda with conscious intent. We, therefore, have no Clearing house in order to avoid confusion, nor any number of notices on the notice board. Two Seekers After Truth.

EXEC. MOTION

Moved: Elton, seconded: Cook.
That in view of the publicity re- ceived to the statements made by the Rev. Martin Sullivan referring to Communist motions, woolly-mindedness, and mumps at the recent Students' Con- gress at Daring Cove, this Executive wishes to record its rejection of these allegations as they are completely without any marbled and serious reflection on the student members of the Con- gress and on New Zealand University Students in general. We affirm that the Congress, at which all contribu- tions to discussion were freely dis- cussed, was a most valuable and enjoyable experience for those stu- dents present, and a great step for- ward for the New Zealand student (The Congress.
We wish to congratulate the Congress Management Commit- tee and particularly the Congress Organiser, Mr. Harold Downie, for the work they did in organizing the Congress the outstanding success which it definitely was.
O'Brien abstained. Battery, Pearce, Langford, Holm, Birt reassisted.

---CARIED.

Again

Sir---A certain person writing under the name of Veritas, accuses me of being a paper martyr merely because I wrote an article on the subject of basketball in a basketball game, in Salient last year. I admit I said no mean word about the average accoun- t, in the world’s Press of the absolute neces- sity for accurate and truthful reporting. Congratulations, after Mr. Colony were at any rate convinced of this.

As a political science student, may I suggest that if attempts are made to tabulate student voting at Graham's Cove or elsewhere, they should be made by competent observers who can do distinguish yes from no.

And as a student who happens to know the average accoun- t student about W.F.D.Y. I should like to state that it would appear the author of the affidavit of N.Z.U.S.A. with the signatures of the President and others, I on the contrary seconded a motion that consideration of affiliation be deferred until N.Z.U.S.A. had sent a representa- tive to the congress of the federation this year. Since this motion carried against the party ruled, out of order as contradicting the original motion, I am scarcely likely to vote for the latter—Yours etc.

PAULINE M. HOSKINS.
P.S.: No, I hold no grudges against Salient for the verbal report of portion of my remarks—it sounds to me a most faithful reproduction.

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Psychopathies

Sir---I would like to suggest to the Department of Psychology that interesting material for research intoT1:4 and possibly into personality is available within and outside the walls of Victoria College. Ink and Fireside drawing were used by self-taught artists to scribble across a page, but it is not likely that the psychological is a simple matter of doodling.

"This I think," as Sherlock Holmes would say, "has all the appearances of a case in which the motive is a good one.

What Vandalism? In these sacred precincts? Surely only unscientifical, and such an insinuating manner of insinuating way of asserting their interest in the matter. To be sure, that certain clubs posters or their publications were defaced, which indicates that the perpetrators are either psychopathic or psychopathic and in neither case can the people concerned be said to be psychopathic. The people concerned are uncertain to which category we refer them to consult the Department of Psychology.

If the "boys from up the hill" scrabble on posters, the undecayed can be easily tampered with on tulips.

---ART CRITIC.
It’s some 300 years since...

THE DAY THE AXE FALL ON CHARLES

Some people disapprove of Salient showing an interest in the affairs of the world. The great ideological struggle that is raging outside the walls of our brick tower is of no conceivable interest to us. We can afford to ignore it, and retire into our absolute standards of philosophical truth, our fossils of classical literature, and our life cycles of periwinkles—but we must allow nothing so vital as Socialism to intrude.

Very well. Perhaps three centuries ago is sufficiently remote for me to dare to open the door to it? The fact is that 1949 is the tercentenary of a very significant date in world history—the day the axe fell on the neck of Charles Stuart, 21st January, 1649.

Already the daily press has given its contribution towards commemorating this event, which a few weeks ago a strange article appeared on the back pages of the Times. Concerning Charles R., it seems, died a martyr to the cause of democracy and freedom! What lengths the ruling class of the moment is prepared to go to renounce their own revolutionary past! Halitza once scoffed at Sir Walter Scott: "Through some odd process of reasoning, it occurred to me that in restoring the claims of the Stuarts by the courtesy of romance, the House of Brunswick are more firmly seated in point of fact than the House of Hanover."

"For House of Brunswick," and we have often heard, "for House of Hanover." It is true that the Hohenzollern's are more numerous and more capable. But at least there is no longer a Suffer. There was a day when we learned from William Jameson that the Hanoverians were Right but Punctual: and the Cavanders were Right but Romantic. Now, apparently, the Cavaliers were both Right and Romantic.

AXE-GRINDERS

There is, of course, a reason for it. Any admission on the part of those who got the plums of our present order of the fact that the revolution was in their own interest would be the first step to an admission of the whole of that conception of history, which sees class interests as the motive power of history and the material foundation of political institutions. This logical step would be an admission that the conflict in our own society, and ultimately of the fact that the NRA is just another way (oh I'll, I said it again).

For the fact is that the Great Revolution changed the whole structure of class interests. It represented the clash between the different classes and the material foundation of whose position (the land) had already been expropriated and, who clung like leeches to the power of the Crown and the rising middle classes of town and country, on whose personal initiative and self-seeking the whole structure of constitutionalism was to be reared. There is no doubt as to which group was, historically, the more progressive.

MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Within a few hours of receiving the news of the accident, an emergency party had been assembled at the home of Katherine Jameson while the police and armed forces in the upper Taurochinoi Gorge were making the rescue. The injured girl's party which was making slow and arduous progress.

In an exclusive interview with Mr. Ron Ellis, who had been the working party, they were told that the rescue effort was progressing. Early in the morning, the police and armed forces were setting up camp on the ridge. At approximately 10.30 a.m., Mr. Ellis and his party were making their way to the mountain top. "The weather was improving," he said, "and we were confident of making a quick rescue."

"After a tiring day carrying 10kg of equipment, we set up our tents on the ridge. The evening was spent in planning our rescue efforts. The weather was clear, and we were confident of making a quick rescue."

MILTON MARCHEDE

It was the most vividly remembered scene in the history of the English-speaking world. Long Parliament's long-awaited return of William III and Mary went off without a hitch, with all its stubbornness, egotism and delusion, that Milton took the stage to acclaim.

First, oddly enough, he is seen signing his signature. The critic giving cultural support to Parliament in the struggle, and beating a drum to the tune of the streets of London to present it.

He left that he could not stand the war and watch the fight from his ivory tower. If reaction should conquer, he would all the worse. He could hear within himself stories of dismemberment, reparation, hatred, the people's intelligence. God and Man was to be plastered, God and Man could. He could not be silent, he could not bow down. "But thou wilt go down!" So he jumped, boots and all.

The literary answer was to be found on the episcopacy. In attacking the ac-

cracy of the religious of the dead society, he was, in reality, attacking the ac-
cracy of the religious of his own society, and in putting forth his advanced

Back to the realities of the world. The religious of the dead society, and in putting forth his advanced

Sufficiency of his own society, and in putting forth his advanced

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FORSTER AND PHILOSOPHY

In the 1948 edition of Suive there
appeared an excellent review of one
of E. M. Forster's later work by Mr.
Gordon Orr. However, despite its
fine sensitivity and its first
sympathetic approach I believe Forster
is definitely divided in his
influence. The criticism in the review
is first credited with a profound unc
sciousness" (probably an allusion to
"Eminent Emigrants"
and the author's
desire to have a
"new" society. Mr. Orr extends this
argument by pointing to Forster's
"fundamental error" in invoking the
spiritual principle and then referring
it to the ultimate sanction not to God,
but to the supranatural... to nature.
While I readily agree with Mr.
Orr that there is a strange
and unsatisfactory Heilenstein
worship of nature throughout Forster's
writing, in Stephen Vintum, in
old Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Moor, who
stood far back and sat with the
Gods in the fields of Elysium, all this
would not have made his novels any
more convincing if the characters
had sought more orthodox
channels to salvation, and had under
gone the changes in the last chapter, a sorting
out, and final declaration of faith in
the Drisn supernatural solution.

Uncertainty

I do not believe that there is a
profundity, a "uncertainty" in Forster's
writing. I have read the mysti
cism and allusions to
Greek traditions, but
demonstrated his faith in tolerance
and sympathy are suffi
siently philosophically balanced to his lack of
"absolute divine inspired moral
truth" at this point. I should like to
leave Mr. Orr's argument and quote
"towards" on it:

"I cannot believe that Christianity
will ever cope with the present world,
or they will argue that its failure
proceeds from the wickedness of man
and really proves its ultimate
success." These people, says Forster,"have
faith with a large F. My faith has
never been small and it only increases
because these are strange days,
and one clings to say what one can
say, while speech is comparatively free:
it may not be free much longer."

Progressive

At this point you return your objection
by saying that good temper,
tolerance and sympathy are not
enough to supplant a formidable
crushed" as Demos in one of
his many supernatural forms, as a philo
sophy on which to write a serious
work. Mr. Orr's quotation showed
that belief in the supernatural is needful for the
soul "beyond the stars" but is
inefficient for life here and now. The
thoroughly progressive liberalists who
Forster himself believes in, is
a practical business and to me at any
rate an entirely creditable notion to
justify the situations, beliefs and
actions of his characters.

Liberals

How far are we able to properly
designate Forster a liberal? By no
means can we identify him with the
traditional liberal economic outlook and the
cultural horizons of his country.
He says (before 1939), "If I could only
change the world that I would like to see
in its place, but I shall have to
change it till I die." Again he says, "there
is an alternative" Fascism, leading only
on the blackness which is its
chosen symbol, in smartness and

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his constitution braves out
against a blossoming nightfall
-his pot-bellied worn grotesquely
with a fit tree in his navel... 

(Never see clefts,
only shallows
on flatness
or depths.)

The crimson clouds slowly stray across the darkening blue shell
-suddenly disappearing
behind a thick sheet
that is the night.

The mountain slowly changes,
becoming an unbounded mass
without lines to present
into disintegration,
disappearing
into its own background
and my thought...

-Ralph Unger

Train Journey

I came again, whither I had dreamt of,
dearly,
Hills of my child's days, changed by memory and chance,
And no longer a child, a stranger nearly,
Unknown at the first glance.

I came again, and all morning long a rain
Had painted the land in a rainbow,
and I was glad,
Climbing the valley slowly in the
old red train
Climbing a slope spring-clad.

I came, and found the glint of
yellow gorge had stunned
Along the cuttings: and over the
hedges high
The strange new beauty of white
hauchorn was thrown
Beauty to die.

I came again seeking—for the
hour before the dusk's half-glow
To find in the fields the cattle
gathered round the old hebech
—Not a vanished childhood, but
a fuller bloom!

Listen, for the hills preach.

—Elizabeth Enright.

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March 29 Catholic Students Guild Brains Trust.
March 30 Pol. Sci. Society—Address by Prime Minister
March 30th on International Relations.
March 17 Drama Club Special
March 19 Inter-Faculty Sports, Kelburn Park.
March 17 -Harricer Club A.G.M.
March 19 -Cricket Club practices start 5 p.m.
China

A book drive for Chinese students organised by the V.U.C. International Student Relief Committee in the last term of 1948 resulted in the collection of books for the overseas students. The total number of books was 2,000, sent to China, through which the CHINA Welfare Fund.

The work of the CHINA Welfare Fund is well known to all students in New Zealand, but few know much of the work or the fund.

The fund has been operating for ten years (it was originally the China Defence League) under the continuous leadership of Madame Sun Yat-Sen, who has recently made a tour of all parts of the world, as well as of the leaders of the fund, which is also available in bookshops in the city.

Functions

The functions of the CHINA Welfare Fund since its first days have been:

INFORMATION to people on the world and the Chinese nation.

COLLECTION of funds and supplies of various kinds to be sent to people in China who are in need.

DISTRIBUTION of funds and supplies to the needy in China.

INITIATION of new projects as needs dictate and funds become available.

REPORTING on the manner in which funds and materials are used, the progress of projects, so that needs can be covered as fully as possible. CHINA Welfare Fund is also interested in the welfare of people in China, and to this end, the fund is trying to be further developed.

eliciting ...

The report contains a personal letter from Madame Sun Yat-Sen, in which the following is the excerpt:

"This is a cruel period for China, and the Chinese people. The war is on in the whole world. All of us are on the threshold of being defeated. We must live like human beings with another. One must have faith in the future, in the victory of the Chinese people."

On August 2, 1945, the Japanese surrendered, and the war was over. The Chinese people had won the war.

The CHINA Welfare Fund has been operating for ten years, and the fund is now in a position to continue its work.

One way to make clear that you want the people to win is by joining them in their efforts. interest in their fight must be continued. Your contributions must be maintained for those projects which have started, in the hope that they may actually reach down to the people.

... testimonials

And a quotation from John Hersey, author of A Bell for Adano, and Hiroshima:

"The contribution of Madame Sun Yat-Sen to her country is, above all, her example. She manifests qualities which China needs in great measure: integrity, selflessness, incorruptibility, courage and compassion. She is in the best quality of the Chinese people."

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Well, at last the period of anxiety is over. All the retired colonels have retired, and the war is over. The people in China are now at peace.

Mr. Hutchings, who composed the song, is the only person to whom these words apply. He is a person who wishes to discover what these words mean, and who is advised to contact him. The song is not a simple one, but it appears to be a simple one in the eyes of the CHARTER CLUB members.

At last we have a body in the college that can protect poor innocents from the demoralising influence of the Capitalist Club. The CHARTER CLUB is delighted, and has offered material support in any customs or other responsibilities that the college may care to stage. Cooperation of the Town Clerk and the Prime Minister's Department are assured. A distinctive club badge has not yet been decided upon, but those in position of responsibility have indicated that the badge will form a large square, to be attached to that portion of the anatomy best suited to take it. Committee members will be distinguished by a purple stripe, and a handsome expression.

"We have the word of Mr. Patrick Hutchings that the club does indeed possess arms and constitution, but as an example of the waste and maldistribution of man power, he showed how in his sculpture there were two gloves, each with, on the average, three fingers too many, and that all forty, or all those in the waste and distribution trade, are ready to serve two or three times as many children as a proper size, if required, and as a result, most of the children left school without any education, as they knew it, and ready to absorb the misinformation supplied by our daily press.

... misinformation

Our education system does a fair job in turning out people whose main goal in life is to run the car, the comic strips and the latest murder. Neither our schools nor our universities are interested in educating the people to a realisation of the facts in our world. Both are instruments of an anarchy society. Instead of being fact-finding and probing into social problems, the press is feeding the people into the bowels of society with which society has been trained to associate.

All important as they are to the development of the individual, we cannot dismiss the real importance of education for a capitalist society. The popular thinking that the arts and the films, and our other leisure activities are degrading is a propagation of the idea that society is bad. In fact, most of our cultural and leisure activities are a result of the struggle against the black forces of communism. Mr. Hutchings, who composed the song, is the only person to whom these words apply, and who is advised to contact him. The song is not a simple one, but it appears to be a simple one in the eyes of the CHARTER CLUB."

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STUDENT OPINION

For the second year in succession Salient has made its debut looking like pieces from the People’s Voice. Cries of “Reds under the bed” may be justified by Salient’s regular imputations and bad journalism. It is not wrong to write about Russians, Tito, W.P.D.X. or anything of Communism but the emphasis is often misleading. If Salient believes in honesty rather than pleasing readers, it should not waste its pages of Wool Wool.

Good journalism is sometimes Salient’s God. Every row and then, the mistakes and prejudices of other newspapers are paraded smugly in Salient’s columns. We are told about our capitalist press, Tory journalism and other catch cries. Yet, Salient, the critic, commits the same crimes. It is blatant and stupidly than any of those newspapers it loves to pillory. It is not fair to do articles replete with material that should be printed that does not give the impression that this university has one major interest: Socialist ideology.

Now, before I call down the Editor’s wrath, let me make it clear that in the first instance, much of the material I am quoting about Salient, but the sum of the contents is enough to give the idea that Salient is a Red rag.

The dissatisfaction arises mainly because Salient does not dictate its journalism. Salient thereby—sitting in judgment on students, they are the students, out of a small number of students. Salient Blazoned

In this instance, for example, the article “Youth Unite for Lasting Peace” is one of the most disgraceful articles printed in the weeklies. It is so a charge of violence, which is so a charge of violence, which should be printed that does not give the impression that this university has one major interest: Socialist ideology.

Theology Wanted

Religious articles are very rare—probably the fault of College religious organisations. The only sort appearing in Salient are similar, with a few exceptions, to those of last year when, in the last issue, some papers were called Swen, made a profound comment which would be accepted by John A. Letts. Fortnightly it should not hurt students’ feelings to discuss not abusing religion. The idea of God is almost as a popular word “Facing” is common in Salient. Surely it would be the members of the Salient staff no harm to stuff their heads in their idea that God should be allowed to them, so we would blame them if they waved them now and then—and concentrate on publishing a good student newspaper.

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Salient staff may think that they are sound, but there are those who believe that Salient is not sound enough to believe them. All we could do with less oaths and childishness, less ideas we had in that lamented issue after last year’s Madhouse meeting. A campaign is needed to get student opinions that will be a force in student affairs. Will it ever get it? The answer is for Salient staff, and you, the readers.

VERITAS.

NATIONALITY

AND ALIENS

We in New Zealand have heard much in our press of the recent campaign that is to be called “police states.” To those who have made any study of the Rise of Fascism in Germany, in the 1930’s, the sight of a country attempting to do the same actions under a newspaper bar is a sad reflection of what happens to an opponent’s so-called misguided, it is not unfamiliar. Therefore it is with some grave concern that we view the passing of two particular interesting last dangerous Acts which were passed during the last session of Parliament, i.e., The British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act, 1948, and the Aliens Act, 1946.

Scope...

Section 23 (3) of the former gives the Minister of Internal Affairs the power by order “to deprive any New Zealand citizen who is a naturalised person of his New Zealand citizenship if he is satisfied that that person has abused himself by acts or speech to be dissolved or defaced towards His Majesty.” It becomes abundantly clear that this provision grants the Minister of Power powers which have no court of law possessed. It is unique amongst the statutes of any country. For the purposes of the legislation, the person so deprived of his citizenship thus becomes an alien.

The Aliens Act contains provisions even more sweeping and giving a large number of people a good excuse not to make some colonisation. People are not allowed into New Zealand no longer permitted to enter the country within 28 days. Section 135 (1) goes on to say, “The Minister may at any time order any alien to leave New Zealand.” There is no appeal to the courts against such an order and the alien must leave the country within 28 days. Section 135 (1) goes on to say, “The Minister may at any time order any alien to leave New Zealand.”

The type of legislation is repugnant to the democratic traditions of this country and the sooner the better. Therefore sections of these Acts are removed from the statute books the better.

** Protests**

In a meeting held December 9 last year the Students’ Association Executive decided to protest to the Minister. As many members of the Students’ Association are New Zealander citizens by naturalisation, it was the duty of the Exec. to protest. In its statement the Exec. stated that they recognised the need for protection against foreign born, many of whom were refugees from persecution or success. They have contributed and are contributing a great deal to the knowledge and culture to the welfare and progress weighed and that neither is the university. They considered that if the principle of fair go to a court of law is right for British-born people, then it is also right for foreign born people. Therefore if any person is considered to be a foreign born, this is a “loyal or disloyal or disaffected towards His Majesty” that person should be entitled to a fair trial to the ordinary process of law, whether he be British born or not. It should require some more evidence substantial than the opinion of the Executive to condemn a person to suffer such penalties as loss of citizenship or deportation.

YOUR LAST CHANCE

Last year we ran a campaign to raise funds for the new Student Union Building. We all know how badly it is needed and we believe it would be to have a centre for all student activities.

We raised £400.

This year, we have a good effort though not as high as we hoped. It is now now or never. We are giving a large number of people a good excuse not to make some colonisation. People are not allowed into New Zealand no longer permitted to enter the country within 28 days. Section 135 (1) goes on to say, “The Minister may at any time order any alien to leave New Zealand.” There is no appeal to the courts against such an order and the alien must leave the country within 28 days. Section 135 (1) goes on to say, “The Minister may at any time order any alien to leave New Zealand.”

A Reminder

The building will cost £80,000 approx. The Government will give a gift of £2 for every £1 that we can raise. So far, students in many years have raised over £80,000 and that once we reach the £20,000 mark we will have £60,000 altogether.

Why not join up as quickly as possible because the more we raise the more we will get their support.

So if you have not already given, give into the Executive's box tonight.

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STUDENTS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Having been around the University for some time now and seeing freshers behave exactly as I did as regards choosing a course, I decided that there was a need for a better information service.

To date, facilities for finding out about courses have been firstly the staff who are "always prepared to talk about problems" with the new student and secondly any older members of the College than I am.

In my opinion there are many students who have not used this second avenue properly. They are very open to a lecturer or professor about their problems. Take for example the case of a student who had to leave last year, who was doing four pure reading Arts courses. He referred only one of them and mentioned that he was going to take two newly evolved subjects later in his course. He naturally failed two of his four subjects. Now what did this student need?

Obviously if somebody had told him the standard of the different subjects he could have done his four in fifteen, which is determined—composed of two large reading subjects and two more common-second ones. In his second year he could then have known even in a year what way he would have completed his degree and taking all the subjects he desired in a balanced system rather than just凭空乱来. However, nobody had told him about it so he had to pay for it with failure.

Suggestions

It seems that most freshers get their information from the work point of view are the students who have been here for a few years, i.e. Honours students. If there were a committee of these students in different advanced subjects was set up the fresher could go to them and find out what the fascinating name he found in the Calendar really means. It can be seen that this is firstly the staff's job and that secondly that an honours student has a distorted view of his subject.

Objections Overruled

In answer to the first objection the staff are definitely not fulfilling this function. In a final evolution of this function, if practised, we would have the suggestion that the Auckland Board that in I.Sc. courses the student is told what subjects to take according to what he is interested. This is even more so in its worst form and when, if ever, put into practice, we believe able to advertise ourselves a night school quite open.

The second objection is not answered by the fact that the committee will be composed of students from all backgrounds and that blason will be cancelled. Also it would be embarrassing to have average people not the very bright ones as advisors. We don't think that they would be very much trouble in getting people to sit on this committee. Honours students want to help as well.

I invite correspondence about this plan giving your opinions and perhaps even on them depending on the judgement whether the scheme is practicable or not.

FAILURE!

[Although the following contributed article seems most appropriate for print it, because it represents the thoughts of many students on a most important subject—Ed.]

The Building Fund Appeal which concluded last year was a failure. Not even half of the amount aimed for was raised. Either students hadn't had enough pounds or they had no wish to give it.

No one denies that this building is a necessity. All students—except a few who never think much anyway—know that the Gym is inadequate, unsafe and should be replaced.

The dominating idea in the minds of those who organize and that is to get the money now from the present students. The idea should be dropped. For if the new building is ever a reality it will not be those who were asked for five pounds who will enjoy better facilities. That's not a dog in the longer as long as that is not just to expect this generation to pay in full for something future generation will use. Buildings such as this will be a burden to the future and students who usually have very little money think that five pounds is a lot of money. As it is, some portion of every student's association fee is set aside for just that, same building fund. That was one of the reasons why the building fund was started. Students would gain nothing from that allotment itself. The entrance barrier appears as a farce.

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This is not a matter that should be regarded as a difficult problem. University education and facilities require higher standards than are possible with the present staff. The Government is making this effort and there is a chance to improve the present accommodation. It is a chance to make something better.

PITHY

By Burlowbin

The year now has, it seems, commenced. A bane. It has been rather starting to the poor innocent freshers to find that the speech of the Socialist boys in the College had cymbal. Yes, indeed.

But lest it should seem that all are students are members of the Socialist Club. I hasten to write this article. On looking over the description of "Victoria's Finest Hour," and on considering some of the actual facts of the demonstration, I cannot entirely agree with the conclusions arrived at. If we are to judge by the "Sallent’s" first issue, it then "P. Day"—was a great day indeed. In fact, when I read that article I was so carried away by its eloquence that I made bold to suggest that the Stu. Ass. should have a motto of its own. After all "Sapientia magis aurea desideratur" is hardly applicable here; for judging by the actions which went to make Victoria’s "finest hour," students who come here with both sapientia and auro, depart with neither. That was what made me suggest a new one. "Why not," I said. "In gloria, Victoria." Pretty good, eh? Next, snappy, and, I think, pithy.

Eulogy

Yes "Operation Indonesia" cer- tainly was a show. There is no need for the intelligence of students and the University to reach a conclusion at least a week before the United Nations—and furthermore, they did it without notes. Where U.N. needed all the trapp- ing experts and their students and watersiders only needed their heads! Wouldn't it? Of course, such you as take mathematics will be able to evaluate the chances of a correct judgment to be in the vicinity of 50 per cent. and, of course, U.N. could always be wrong.

The chief trouble with this Opera- tion was that business was that it set a precedent. Citizens began to think it a good idea to engage in little bouts of recreation. Children began to think of the days on the calendar before the next procession. And then the recondite capping procession, of '88 it was too much to expect that the students could wait a whole year before their next procession.

Cerebration

I have tried to find the difference between the "Do Consequence" pro- cession of September 29th, and the capping procession in May. Of course the capping procession was composed only of students and excluded—quite undemocratically, I thought—such interested persons as communis- tists, watersiders and railwaymen. Furthermore, in the capping procession, the literature was of a higher standard, and was sold to the public and not distributed free, in pamphlet form. The capping procession was much—yes you a Bigger and bet- ter show, not looked at in the light of utility. I would give full marks to the procession of '88. After all, it was openly admitted that it was advertis- ing the students collectively. Extrava- ganza. But very few people realized that the second procession was adver- tising the students' other folly. Still as someone once said, "Very per- cent of us are striction." On the whole I think our "P. Day" was quite a happy, cheerful affair, with streamers, flowers, wreaths, cops and even paddles.

And do you know—I have quite changed my mind. "In gloria, Victoria." I think it would be better as "Ingloria Victoria."

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This year, contrary to all preceding years, we have not had to keep, pray, beg or tear our hair out in the effort to get Sports Clubs to send in reports on their clubs. Perhaps this may just be a new year resolution on the part of all clubs, and if so we hope it will keep up, for we get tired of thinking up various ways of getting the shy and retiring clubs to publicise their doings to college.

However, this year as you all know Victoria is the host college and it is up to the sports clubs to do their best in regard to billets. After all Tournament is a sporting event in more ways than one and it is extremely necessary if it is going to be successful.

If you can’t take a billet yourself, persuade your friends or relations to take someone—remember you will probably need a billet one day.

True as steel

Reason Number One for our appearing in print again so soon is to inform all and sundry, particularly all the members, that the Annual General Meeting of the Swords Club will be held in the Upper Gym at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 23rd March. And you don’t think it will be an interesting meeting—come along and make it so. Remember that not only committees, but also club policy, can be formed at general meetings.

Reason Number Two is that we think it’s always a very sound idea to keep in the public eye, if you own a club, the doings of your club. Freshers should have stopped being shy and retiring at the end of the current university year, so we expect to see them (or large numbers of them) at the Tuesday evening and Saturday morning meetings, which are becoming progressively better-attended and more interesting. Firing is an honest-to-goodness, true-as-steel sport, and can be as vigorous or as sedentary as you want to make it. Also, we say this in all modesty—being ourselves a born exponent of all sports, it affects some very good tricks; and remember, one of the aims of our two instructions is to create more and better Very Good Tricks. If you haven’t a sword (complexion for “foil”?) we will be happy to let you have one. So take advantage of our kind offer—we mean it seriously.

Women’s Indoor Basketball

This club was started last year and fielded one very keen team of beginners in the local competitions. Mainly because of the efforts of Mrs. Wood, Brownriggs and the encouragement of the Sports Club, we finished up the year third in our grade after being seventh at the end of the first round. So this year with our numbers already three times as great last year we hope of big things.

Unfortunately, playing space is limited in Wellington so that the Association has to respect several teams every year and it may be possible for us to field only two teams. Therefore—

1. Of the 12-15 best players, ten chosen by Brownriggs will be included in these teams.

2. Members who regularly turn up to practice will be considered for the Tournament team. Practice is arranged to fit in with lectures and practical classes as far as possible but we cannot arrange them to suit anything else, e.g., music lessons and other personal obligations.

3. All members are very welcome at any practice and players not amongst the first 15 may be required at any time as emergencies.

Women’s Hockey

For the benefit of those who were not able to attend the A.G.M. (which by the time this page is printed should have been held) here are a few points.

1. All members please try to get hold of an old or new Valley or Solway tunic. The club has a number for hire but these are very dilapidated.

2. Goal-keeping pads will be supplied by the club, but sticks, boots, and shin pads have to be bought by each member.

3. Socks can be obtained from Fowler’s Ltd., Union Clothing Co., Haltenstein Bros. or Hope Bros. These socks are not men’s hockey socks but Rugby football socks (green with yellow tops and no yellow stripes) so get in early before the footballers get in and buy up all the stock.

4. If any intending players have not already signed the list outside the women’s common room, you will do them a big service if you let them know how many teams to enter in the local competitions.

5. If there are any old hockey players who would be willing to play for us at any fee, we would suggest that a short (e.g., May holidays) trial period be arranged. See the sign the list also and indicate same.

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Tennis Club Blues

The Tennis Club is plugging away, but with wide knowledge of Otago’s strong team our hopes are not too high. There is a definite shortage of players, in fact the women’s Senior A team have not won one yet, and they’re looking for a match. Our best lady is ineligible and she is much to our woe but we have a steady second in Vailima Turner. After that the team is anyone’s guess. The men might do well in the men’s doubles with Hugh Davidson and Jack Walmsley last year’s Wellington doubles champs but if Jeff Robinson is playing for Otago as rumour has it, there will be a great fight. We wish them well. McRobb, Gifford and Otgo play Cecily Neave, we are straight away. Doubles out, the women’s singles. Men’s singles are a foregone conclusion with Robinson in Otgo’s team. Mixed doubles are always an unknown quantity. We might...