NO MARX, NO MARKS

Why was it necessary for a wave of foot-stamping to rattle the gallery before the judges could make their decision in the Australian versus New Zealand Debate? It must have been that the judges could not decide which team was supposed to be upholding which case. According to my programme, the motion was "That Communist Parties in Western Democracies Should Be Abolished," but if the gentlemen had apparently "agreed not to disagree" on this point, they spent a pleasant evening debating the most efficient means by which the Communist Party might be abolished. On both sides, competent, intelligent and admirable historical talents were put to the mundane task of collating, classifying, and presenting the nose-horizoned editorials of the local dailies.

Sydney's RODEN: "The very existence of Communist Parties in Western countries is a breach of the law." They "advise, advocate, and teach" the violent overthrow of constitutional law and government. This is treason, and the law should be enforced. "The principles of free speech are a principle of anarchy. All States impose limitations; the difference is only of extent. The Communist Party endangers the general welfare, and must be suppressed."

Auckland's O'SULLIVAN: For its adherents it is a religion, its saints and martyrs... its dynamic expansionist missionary programme. Abeloh would mean "Communism; the gang hangs liquidate." From Nero to Dickey the Romans had tried to suppress the Christian church, martyrs had been used to 'light the Flavian Way with their flaming bodies.' Communism was "born of suppression... when workers really had nothing to lose but their chains... if the blood of the marxists has been the seed of the church, so it has been that of this. It thrives on being outlawed... where it has given its licence it has had less effect; for the spiritual forces are not dissipated by seeking to destroy the organization that contains them. (No, he didn't mention the Inquisition.)"

Adelaide's HERMES: For the sake of "normal decency," "every fair-minded person must condemn the goings-on of the Royal Commission on Communism held in Russia-came to Canada! It should finally bring home the truth to the diabetics in communism, and the long-haired in the universities," said he, the light twinkling on his glossy pink pate.

VUC's O'CONNOR: Forbidden fruit tastes sweetest. "Forever Amber" gave it some popularity, "Western democracies are reaping what they have sown."

"When a man like Paul Robeson supports Communism, it is not because social justice exists under capitalism." This was the first time to cure some evils is to produce their opposite good. Our duty is not to maintain social and economic health so that Communism cannot exist."

Sydney's WEBSTER: The spiritual quality of social crusade is present in Communist, but not in the Communist Party. The danger today to the forces to be forewarned and becomes Red.

VUC's OBRIEN: "... from my point of view, the question would be Green." Would Mr. Webster also extract sympathy from the Christian Church? What profiteth he that which is sickly and suffereth the loss of his intellectual integrity? Suppression of the Communist in France, where one-third of the deputies are Communists, would result in chaos, civil war, the very conditions in which the Communist Party has its best opportunity to power. If Communists infringe the law by the least adequate provision it is to deal with them. He suggested that Mr. Roden lay charges with the police when he returns to Sydney.

Roden was the most command- ing speaker: Benevolent, furtive, and volatile, he was the only one to mention the Russian people. For New Zealand, O'Brien made the best shot. O'Connor was the only one to mention the usual vituperative wrath and though he took at least in his stride.

Mr. O'Sullivan, in thanking the judges, felt that in view of his youth's hibernation combination, the Australians should be thankful for small marrows. Mr. Roden, leader of the victors, decided he was "not Cohen to say" on what he had Cohen to say," after all.

Francis Gawn.

With a voice changed in tone by age, Peter Fraser has spoken. Attempting to avoid putting the issue to a popular vote, he tried to obtain approval of the Labour Parliament to continue mining in what was the "vast reserves of coal at the border of Burma now." Peter Fraser, New Zealand Prime Minister, compared this view with that of one who has actually lived in China. "Many of the leading Christians in China are thanking God for the rapid victory of the Communist army. They say the only means for the Chinese people to get peace and prosperity is under Dr. T. G. Chan, Dean of Religion at Yenching University, 'Salient.' 8/8/49


The chairman of the US Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. Robert Oppenheimer Sub-Committee today that the US was making better atomic bombs and making them faster than ever before.

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HEADS IN THE SAND

In the 18th century, a considerable number of men in America had principles. They held them so strongly that they were quite ready to face the combined might of King George III and all the damned Britons in the world to get what they believed in.

One of these principles was that there should be "No taxation without representation."

Last year, there were 2,400 people who paid over 32/6 each in Stud Assm. fees. And of these, less than 700 cared enough about what happened to their cash to vote for the people who were to control it. More than two-thirds of the students at a University were not concerned about their own administration enough to vote on it. Who said that all modern youth thinks about is cash!

This, of course, no reflection on those who are chosen, but this two-thirds of the students in Victoria were quite happy to trust to the intelligence and integrity of the voting minority. It shows a faith in others' wisdom which is touching in these cynical times.

So remember, if you aren't going to vote, to keep your fingers crossed and hope for the best; and if you are one of the minority, don't forget that you bear the heavy burden of responsibility for all the other ostichis in the Association.

And while we're on the subject of numbers—last year's Annual General Meeting managed to attract one-tenth of the students in the College, or about 200. There must be a lot more than that who spend their time grousing in the Common rooms, or in the Caf. It is a chance to say that mean where it will do most good; it's precious little use making loud complaining noises in dark corners.

COMMUNISM AND THE CHANCELLOR

The Russians Hate You!

"How sentiments of hatred towards opponents of the Soviet system are inculcated in young Russians was shown by Sir David Smith, Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, in an address to the Wellington Rotary Club. Sir David quoted from the textbook on education for Soviet Training College students, the title of which is: 'I Want To Be Like Stalin.'"


Salient, June 24, 1949

I am not annoyed with "Salient" for its actions. But I am tense when you pass that stage; after all, one cannot make allowances.

Certainly, surely, you think that the little paragraph about the NZU debating team in the last issue was just a little below the belt, even for your methods! I do not suppose your readers, for you apparently have your own standards of justice.

I sometimes wonder whether "Salient" is not an organ of personal malice: for example, you could really come of the inference in the paragraph I mention. If it was inserted merely out of personal malice then students can draw their own conclusions as to the personal malice of "Salient." If there was no malice in the inference, there was something, unseen by many, that warranted its inclusion.

I hope an explanation will be forthcoming.

F. L. CURTIN,
Committee-member,
VUC Debating Society.

(The article in last issue which prompted these letters was not initiated by "Salient," but informed by one whose knowledge and veracity we have reason to doubt. As it appears that certain of our debating team, in acting on the editorial, were prepared to admit that we had misinformed the VUC beforehand.

Secondly, I am not the VUC representative on that Executive, Mr. J. T. Heath having been unopposed some time ago. I am entitled to attend meetings, but I have no vote as the only voting members are the President and College representatives, and in fact I cannot even move any resolution whether on a financial issue or on anything else.

Besides this, at the time of your going to press, it was widely known that another VUC man was in the team, namely B. S. O'Connor, who replaced F. O'Connor of Otago."

I can only conclude, therefore, that this item was published without any regard to the facts of the situation, and the kindred interpretation is that it was done in ignorance, something inexcusable in a student paper printing from so much student news. Particularly is this so when it is remembered that the Geta were, so easy to obtain.

K. B. O'BRIEN.

... KNOCK ...

Sir,

It was with regret that I read your recent selection of the NZU team to meet the Australian debating team. The report purported to be nothing more than the selection of facts and the obvious implication it contained was both unwarranted and unjustifiable. Whatever standards of reporting "Salient" may at times sink to, surely it need not go so low as to impute a personal insult into a merely factual statement. If "Salient" felt that there were grounds for criticizing the selection it should have stated them so that an answer could be given by the poorly concerned.

This letter and your editorial in your last issue are of a refreshingly different situation.

Yours faithfully,
ALISON J. PEARCE,
Vice-President of the Debating Society.

... KNOCK ...

Sir,

It is rather satisfying to note that "Salient" refers to itself as an organ of "correct opinion." I would accept with that appropriate description; only this instance it is not the organ who plays the music. Rather, it is the libellon who calls the tune, and the students who must dance to it.

—H. C. E.
Rivals Landfall Resembles Parish Magazine. The second issue of "Hilltop," published by the Literary Society, is now at the printers. This magazine, the subject of much controversy, is not confined to contributions from Victoria College, but contains a wide selection of contemporary New Zealand writing.

The next issue is to include poems by James K. Baxter, Pat Wilson, Hubert Whyteford, and translations of Ronald by Arthur Barker. These poems are to be submitted to us by James K. Baxter has published two volumes of poetry, "Blow Wind of Fruitfulness," and "Beyond the Falsi- sad," and the Polrous Press is to publish shortly a volume of Hubert Whyteford's, "Shadow of the Flame."

There are to be three articles, one by Dr. Hume on "An Idea of History," Professor Miles on Germain Manley Hopkins, and a satirical attack on Howard Wadman. Erik Schwimmer has written a diverting short story about a Bohemian Life. The Editorial, written by W. H. Oliver (the poet as distinct from the genericist), deals with the conservation issue. What is your opinion on this question?" The two, which perhaps provoked the remark "resembles a Parish Magazine" is now a different one. The number of copies to be printed has now been increased to 1,000, because there were not enough of the first issue to supply those who wanted them. "Hill- top" holds the policy of paying contributors as it believes that this is the only way of obtaining material from elsewhere. The child difficulty in the production of a literary magazine, that of not having sufficient contributions of a reasonable standard, has not arisen. The "Hilltop" will be sold for 2/- a copy, but university students will be able to obtain it at the College for 1/6. Further notice will be given when it is due to appear.

HILLTOP

WINFRED

Your last bewilded eyes speak strange questions Which form a curious paradox when
In the same mould of flesh we hold
The age-old knowledge of your current mouth
Sweet sorrow was that baying burned with thoughts
Of fleshy love stronger than your spiritual joys
 Might you be uncertain from thrice-troubled wisdom
Just that a smile of sweet forgotten remembrance
Close and goes on your cruel tender mouth
And then you speak and in the silence
With enervating gaze of your voice
Doubt melts away.
In your eyes I read the answer
Long awaited
There is but the deceit behind your eyes.

—Alec Blyth.

THE POOL

There's a warm pool slowly flowing where the blunted
Sunken, scurvy hills meet in a narrowing gash, and looking in it
The occasional fool-
Led by tipsy poachers, torn by the grasping gorges—
And such a one I was.

I lay and watched a leaf, 
Break waftingly from its stem, 
Gleaming softly down to make a little kinking ripple, 
Waved away and accepting smoothly to a square stone face, 
Spaceward, without, 

paralysed, 

wait caught by another current and curving widely around its blue.

I felt my body as one with water, and surrounding grass fibers driven by the long breath and a heavy, long-stalked pad nodding slowly low and high—

then on the pool's side.

—H. R. Unger.

CHILLED WILDE

Last Friday, June 12, the curtain of the Little Theatre was drawn to reveal a large and chilled cast seated around the stage and a small audience even more chilled audience bidden by the wit and wisdom (or lack thereof) from the lips of the readers. In case any of you have not guessed this gathering was for, and a reading by the Drama Club of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband." I'm afraid that this play is no means Wilde's best. He became very tired in his plot and had to confine much too much exaggeration. Lady Chiltern is not an ordinary virtuous Sir Robert is ever over conscientious for a statement of the gay 19th century. The stage was more like the death chamber of a concentration camp than the drawing-room of a society lady or the library of an eligible bachelor.

However, I shouldn't be complaining about the production as the play was a reading and in this respect the actors all put across their lines well, the nonchalant necessary. Henry's line that the eligible Lord Goring allowed the epigrams to flow off his tongue with an ease that would have deceived even any cynic: we all felt that at the end of the play he would have made an Ideal Husband. June Scott, as Mabel Chiltern, got her man (as usual!). The early acts were handled by John Macdonald and Roy Melford, as two society dowagers, being pleasantly amusing throughout. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was had by all, despite the heat.

Friday “Major Barbara” by Bernard Shaw will be read at the Little Theatre at 8 p.m. We have it on good authority that the hall will be heated this time.

GROANING TROJANS

The Trojan Woman of Euripides has now devasted me twice which is quite enough for one lifetime. This is a play of unrelieved gloom and tragedy. When one of the characters raises his voice for a few moments to contemplate some less gloomy facets of the future, such as the dawn of a new day, the night of plunging a dagger into the ribs of her sleeping bridegroom-elect, one feels that the play is going to pieces.

This is an excellent production in every respect, except for the poor handling of the music composed by Douglas Lilburn, Gracie Gordon as Hecuba sustains a part of almost Mr. fantastic intensity. The chorus comes across with infallible timing and great clarity, no easy task with a group of a dozen. The production of Maria Drucker merits special congratulations. —J.R.J.

Table Tennis Club

By the queer sounds that infiltrate "room every night we gather that the Table Tennis Club has come into its own. Although we were promised notes none have appeared and so we must try and tell those interested a little about this club. It meets every Monday night in the University from all those who are interested in this indoor sport should come along. No previous experience is necessary and the only qualification needed is interest in the game. At the end of the night to that end VUC has teams in most grades in the Wellington University and Intercollegiate competition. Life. Here's a chance to represent your college in the local competitions which may ultimately lead to representation in a Tournament Team.

God and Man

Passing examinations is important but is not the only thing. Many students are to take their places as intelligent members of the community, they must concern themselves with such questions as: How can I be used for the good of my fellow man? Is mankind worth trouble by? Is man responsible for the actions of the human race.

The Student Christian Movement is a body of students who attempt to face these disquieting questions. We have to ask that Christianity explains the answer—that the tragedy of the world situation comes from the distortion of relationships between man and God and between man and man. It is a fellowship of students who desire to understand the Christian faith and the Christian life. The organization gives opportunity for all to meet and worship, study, discuss, and receive.

MARY MILNE.
LAND OF THE FREE

In the very country loudest in its proclamation of its own "democratic way of life," human beings of the same sex are forbidden to share a room because their skins are different colors. Yes, and in the universities, the bastions of reason and free thought!

At the same time as Estelle ran into the ban on mixed rooming among women, I was waiting for assignment to my room in a university dormitory. About 35 of us, the others with all the rotten cats in Villard Hall. Two weeks after registration, only myself and several footballers, who stayed for different reasons than I, remained. One day I asked a roommate, the Veteran Dormitory, when I would get a room.

"Just as soon as I can find a roommate for you," he said.

A week later another Negro student and I moved into a double room. During the second term my roommate left school. At a time when a number of students wanted to enter the dormitory, it decided a double room by myself till the end of the next term.

You may not see anything objectionable in the ban on mixed rooming. But I, as a Negro, do. What is it but a version of segregation? The doctrine of inferiority dies hard. We are permitted in the dormitory—a right which we exercise with high regard—but not yet on equal terms.

A few days ago, a white student invited me to share his room. The two are rooming together only with the approval of the director of dormitories, not with the approval of the director of dormitories. All of the Negroes here and some while are watching to see whether the ban will be officially re-imposed when word is carried to the Portland mothers who "put Excelle Allen in her place."

"And why shouldn't two persons, each qualified to live in the dormitories, room together if both are agreeable? They pay the same money, eat the same food, and take the same course."

On The Ball?

Another aspect of campus life underlines the situation of Negro students and citizens. Athletics have carved an exclusive and almost unattainable domain of their own in American colleges. In fact, many athletic departments take precedence over any of the academic departments. Because athletics have become a commercial venture, the capable northern Negro athlete can usually find a place for himself on a team on equal terms with whites.

Off the playing field, however, the discrimination that arises for each of them separately. He informed them that the athletic department had been unable to procure mixed accommodation for the white and Negro team members. "It's up to you to decide whether or not the team will go under the circumstances," he told them.

With the game on, the 10 days away, with 310,000 dollars and the schools' reputations at stake, the University had to decide. A "Bowl-crazed" student body to face, the Negro players had no alternative but to agree to segregation.

The University administrators, of course, had no intention of putting civil rights before either the big shots of the State. And the coach and athletic department did not dare to present the no-segregation or no-Bowl issue to an open meeting of the team.

Oregon poured democracy down the drain, where it is most of the time in America anyhow, and opened a new bottle of JimCrow and the American Dream. Oregon's 118,000 dollar cut of the gate receipts demonstrated that ideals rate high in this democracy, because ideals and dollars are identical.

White Souls?

Besides the basic discriminatory pattern, Negroes must contend with the stereotyped prejudices that set them apart, and served to justify the perpetuation of inequalities. Societies are familiar with many of these Negroes.

Here on campus a few whites have told me in all seriousness that Negroes are good athletes because of the superior quality of muscular organization.

At a campus function not long ago, attended by several townspersons, a young correspondent approached me with a proposition illustrating the negro stereotype in — and discrimination. "Say," he questioned, "could you get enough of your men on campus together to form a quarter?"

"What for?" I asked.

"Our church would like a negro quartet. You wouldn't be expected to join, of course, and we'd supply your pocket-money," the recruit said.

The ugliness of stereotyping lurks behind the pseudo-equality of the mammy and grandpa.

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Black and Boot-Black

"You guys think because you're going to attend a Negro university in the South that you're going to be 'up in the world,'" he said. "Just wait till you get out—we'll cut you down to size."

This uninhibited gentleman expressed a common, though usually not openly displayed, sentiment. Displayed, that is, by word of mouth when we are present.

But the whole who think we've degraded manage to advertise the fact in other ways. I feel that we're black-striped to death by a television machine in a local college hall, then forced to face, throw our heads towards negroes here and throughout the South. What kind of students think I should be a shoe-shine boy for them? I am "out of my place" as a student.

These are hard, accusation words. But I was surprised that I didn't think of these articles. You know now.

As for belonging to campus social organizations, a Negro friend sums up the situation in four words: "Fraternities, what are they?" Yes, what are they?

Liberty, Equality....

Fraternity profess at build on the "noble and potent principle of brotherhood." The completed structure rears itself as inoffensiveness. "Good fraternities teach their by the example of men who live with their fellows; and these chapters do not fail to capture the respect of their reputations when they pull with the public," say the apologists for fraternities.

Yet fewer negroes than you can count on your two hands belong to fraternities affiliated with your campus. False that many fraternities have contained non-Negro, and religious exclusion clauses. Where these clauses do not appear on paper, an unwritten gentlemen's agreement prevails.

Here, Jewish students have been forced to form an organization of their own. Any contact with the institution from their lips would seem like disobedience, so they keep quiet. But not a single Negro belongs, or has ever, to a fraternity on this campus. Guilty brothers cannot enjoy brotherhood. Guilty brothers cannot be invited into the best society.

We negro students, though a precedent has been set by negro fraternities at white universities elsewhere, look hopefully for the establishment of a Negro fraternity here with uncompromising disdain. Negro fraternities mean submission to discrimination and segregation. They represent the struggle against negro racism, against social ostracism. Negro fraternities are an extension of the ghetto pattern."
RED FASCISM— or the Art of Lying

The Article on Wadman is a fine example of the tragic folly and inconsistency which is also characteristic of the communist method of argumentation. To ignore, negate, and over-emphasize is their method to the hilt. But the communist is committed to the putting across of a philosophy which has no necessity to the truth because it is not true. The communist must therefore consistently or unconsciously be a liar.

This fact is more unfortunately because these communists are so desperately sincere and their passionate enthusiasm which must be admired, since it expresses itself with courage and in the face of them and themselves into a firm belief. But because they believe that they impress everybody else with their conviction supported by what seems to be factual case is not proved. A close examination of their facts usually reveals inconsistencies and error. The article which chastises Wadman is typical in this style of the soap box orator.

The current keynote of communist propaganda is that it is a red fascism. The rise of fascism was fortunate because it gave the communists a cause for people to fight who were not ready to fight for their own special benefit. The wolf fed are not very interested in the well-being of the world, which they already have, but a crusade against fascism was their first Appearing from the right who would never have bothered to read the his books from the Revolution. But more important still was the reason for this fight. After a brief examination period the communists found that the rise of fascism was an inevitable in totalitarian technique. The fight against fascism has distracted the world and the communist faithful from the fact that Red Fascism and Brown Fascism are brothers in method, in aim, and in result. The perpetrators of Bushnell are therefore damned as fascists while the fascists who caused the Ukraine famine are exalted as anti-fascists and lovers of freedom. The commissar of the communist is, as Mr. Gawne pointed out "a specialist in the fine art of scientific lying. It may be hard and is often harder to be truthful, for the communist it is clearly impossible.

Treachery?

To whom? The writer asks with glibness which is questionable themselves. He makes no mention of treachery on any scale. The four Non-aggression pacts the Soviet made with these great satellite powers—Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Lithuania which the Soviet broke—without any provocation is this not treachery?

But then listen to Mr. Stalin: "Diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or wolveren iron."

Crudely!

The pot calls the kettle black. But is it not crudely to let five million people starve as Mr. Stalin did in the Ukraine because it was expedient to exterminate them in order to end the life of one by one to death with an axe—a kindly death. But the reader states himself that he knows the answers and the writer makes his point without a mention of the regular districts of Moscow radio, the Russian wives who may not and the women in the same position and the other side to those suggestive questions.

Fear!

More sidestepping, more colourful words like parasitic and that abused term "the people" (as if business men are not people). This is followed by some good old political man to mean you've got something called "Mr. Wadman"... but listen to the other writer who will still maintain a matter of fact Mrs. Ksenovina was not frightened and jumped from a second story window. And those refugees who risk their lives in frail boats across Mis 6000 miles of Ocean away from Paradise, they're not frightened. They're all peasants and intellectuals and have tremendous fortunes — that's why the are frightened.

No Force? No Terror?

The proletarian revolution is impossible without the forcible destruction of the bourgeois machine.

"The scientific concept of dictatorship (of the proletarian) means nothning more than the renunciation of violence which rests on violence which is not limited by any laws or restraints by any absolute rules" (Problems of Leninism).

"The proletarian cannot and ought not to seize power if it has not the majority in the country."—But what if you read further—"This absurd thesis" Mr. Stalin, "even more. It must be justified either theoretically or practically." (Stalin in The Theory and Practice of Leninism).

Are They in Blinkers?

Here Mr. Wadman's critic begins his descent from treading gently in the swamp into the mire of nonsense. He commences his re-education by Mr. Coma who proved nothing of the sort. He came to make it is a certain that communists are not in blinkers by some abuse of Christinity. "In contradiction to evidence" (what evidence?) he says, "it has all the signs (what signs?) of being 90% myth" (for example? F. This type of unproved assertion is an insult to Saull's readers. Is it the result of an overdose of Lenin? "It must be proved".

The point in issue (the Blinkers) he boldly overlooks.

The writer attempts to arrange a subscription to three words - in order to get to Saull's readers in the Soviet Union and see how far the blinkers extend.

The Abolition of Slavery

It is not to the churches' credit that some churches condemned the abolition of slavery but only one swallow does not make a summer and many churchmen did fight for it. Moreover of the system and a large end of forced labour camps is anything but slavery then what is it? It cannot be said on the same grounds as our penal system because there is no code of law comparable nor are our prisons closed to inspection.

End Justifies Means

This section at least indirectly admits that the statement "the end justifies the means" (incorrectly attributed to the Jesusists who, quoted in context, said something quite different) is dear to the communists. The reason is that it is a matter of facts. But the conclusion "after all ends are means is glib but dissatisfaying.

An approximate end may be a means to the remote end. The fool can see that ends and means are not always a success. If the end is good but the means evil the choice of evil means cannot be justified. Absolute morality commands that one choose the lesser of two evils only if one must be chosen otherwise neither may be chosen.

Ends are means only when used in the same sense. Premises are ends are means. Let the end be the extermination of Cancer—a triumph. Then if means are ends there can be no evil in killing all those with cancer. This idea may be offensive to some Communist. How does it strike you?

The Church and Art

I have not the space to deal with this absurdity fully, but I wish to remark in passing that anyone who has the nerve to say without qualification that Beethoven was the greatest composer is an idiot. This argument about art in all its aspects is nonsense since it is mainly a matter of opinion.

The Church and the Worker

"Christianity broke down the contempt with which the master had been regarded in slavery and planted among the slaves a principle moral regeneration which expanded in no other sphere with equal perfection." Lenin is a bitter opponent of the Church's History of European Music.

"In the Middle Ages, wages were taken as a first charge; in modern times the reward of the labourer cannot but fluctuate in connection with fluctuations in the market price of things." Prof. Cunningham, noted English economic historian.

"Medieval authorities... did not hold what we may call the theory of minimum subsistence... Instead they seem to have regarded work as a fit and proper standard of life." Lipman: Economic History of England.

"The Church recognizes and affirms the rights of employers and workers to form industrial associations, separately or together..." in the official statement of the Catholic bishops of Australia "Peace in Industry" 1946.

It would surprise me to learn that Mr. Wadman's critic had read any of the teachings of the Church on such matters. He is not aware that his knowledge—or hers—has been lifted from the literature of communism which is strictly limited to its own biased view.

Pie in the Sky My Eye?

To debunk is an idea of the business of debunking. It is an idea of the success of debunking. For this reason the Christian view is called "pie in the sky" and then not discussed at all. Instead there are some quotations from the Bible calculated to point out that perhaps Christianity had said something sensible. This is labelled "Down with the pious phony guffaw philosophy and then left there to feed. This childish evasion ignores the issue. Is there any view which is strong enough to contradict Christianity?

The communists unable to answer prefer to debunk the whole thing. Mr. Wadman's critic does so because he knows his propaganda. Nothing will allow his biased mind to be imperilled in this deception so dear to his radical vanity, and his fanatic refusal to admit another point of view is only his greater lies and nastier decepions.

The rank and file communists keyboard the shrill alarm bells of the banner catchers, the glib answers to the questions of the examination of essentials must be avoided for those who become too interested in that sort of thing seem to have trouble. Communism's essentials are its weak point since they are based on distortions and philosophical errors. (See "Communism and Man," F. J. Shedd.)

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**Spotlight On The East**

Dr. Chao, Dean of Religion at the University of Yenching, Peiping, and President of the World Council of Churches, has hailed the Communist success in China. "China is going over to Communism," he says. "While the Kuomintang have blindly disregarded the lessons of history, the Communists have been willing to learn, thus winning the people and easily leading them to victory over feudalism... No human power can arrest the motion of the mass strongly forged into solidarity for the revolution."

Meanwhile, on April 1, the right-wing Kuomintang Government gave a parting shot to the people of Nanking by firing on a student demonstration for peace. In case you share Mr. Fraser's fervor of "Chinese bandits," and are willing to accept the present trend of events in China as an excuse for introducing military conscription in New Zealand, lend your ear a moment to a few extracts from the Hongkong weekly, "CHINA DIGEST" for 19 April, 1949, received by the U.S. last week.

In a long and enthusiastic article, Dr. T. C. Chao describes the occupation of Peiping by the People's Liberation Army, minutely identified in our press with their leaders, the Chinese Communist Party.

**A New China**

"In the lane leading to the East gate of Yenching University pastures appeared 'Long live the Communist Party!' 'Celebrate the liberation of Tientsin!' 'Push to Nanking and capture Chiang Kai Shek!' and the same line. Tientsin church students were painting tags while characters on the wall: 'Salute the People's Liberation Army.' It seems that the country round has turned red overnight. A few days later, and now one hears music drums and gongs that accompany the popular Communist songs, and if one is unprejudiced, it is impossible to feel uninterested. One sees dramatic performances that depict the life of the poor in a realistic way. It seems as though history was telling its own story. China is going over to Communism..."

"The Kuomintang was a short time ago the reigning power in China. It is as weak as yesterday's newspaper, and in control of almost the whole of China. Its leader Chiang Kai Shek was the idol of the nation. But within the last three years, the party finds it necessary to take a flight from Canton while its leader now ranks in the first war criminals by the Communists. His achievements have been forgotten not because the people are short of memory, but because these achievements have been overshadowed by his dictatorship and dogged determination to exterminate the Communists instead of following the people's will to peace, and effecting a moral reformation of his corrupt party. Almost everything the Kuomintang did alienated the people, the liberal-minded and the students who were treated shamefully. Internment fails to function at the thought that several thousand youth were thrown into prisons, often under secret torture, without a decent trial. Every time a black list was published, whose names appeared on it went over to the liberated areas. The current knowledge that the biggest sum deposited in an American bank belongs to a Chinese, is enough to explain the rapid success of the Communists in China..."

"Chinese history has repeatedly taught the lesson that a dynasty falls when it loses the support of the people. The police and the KMT have been cruelly exploiting, thus winning the people and easily leading them to victory over feudalism. The Kuomintang begins to move, and as momentum is gained, no human power can arrest the motion of the people forged into solidarity for revolution..."

**Intelectuals Go Red**

"China's intellectuals have also become growingly sympa-thetic towards the Communists. They see things clearly, and be-fore the Chinese people can be completely educated, no one can be said to be well-minded. And no reason can be given why Communism cannot be the salvation of their country."

A large majority of them have been reduced to poverty by long years of war. They are therefore in a process of transformation, feeling more and more sympathetic towards the poor and the oppressed. They experienced gradual conversions. The younger generation, students especially, change quickly. Sons and daughters of wealthy parents are willing to live on coarse food within the ranks of the Communists. Only by becoming revolutionaries can they gain a sense of worth, acquire a life purpose, and attain to real manhood and womanhood. If a thoughtful young American were transported among Chinese today, it may be doubted if he would not become a Communist too..."

**Religion Under Communism**

"Responsible Communists have made it clear that religious freedom will be given and written into the new constitution. There will also be freedom to criticize and attack religion. Contact with young Christians among students results in astonish- ing results. There is no anti-church feeling among the churches. Some are torn between Communism on one hand, and religious escapism on the other. Christianity as represented by the Communist party appears often to be a twisted thing, a thing connected with American socialistic ideologies, and the corrupt and dyng status quo, a thing that is an anathema to the people, an escape from reality, a high-sounding idealism that is nowhere effective, a source of irremovable division, alienation in- dividualism, apathetic sentimentalism, delusion in regard to this world and men's capacity in transforming it for his own good—in short an anti-revolutionary dead end to be cleared away. No wonder so many young Chinese go over to the Communists..."

**"Blood Is On The Grass"**

You have just read the words of one of the world's leading Christian intellectu- als, on the occasion of the country's disappearing behind the iron curtain. At the same time, the government associated for so long with that Christian genius Chiang Kai Shek, was busy testifying to its humanitarian principles: "It was on an island near the Kuomintang 'Peace' delegations flew to liberate Peking..." and in the same issue of China Digest, "the bloody massacre of students took place at Chongqing..."

The Chinese student movement has always been a serious asset of the lib- erty loving government. Enmity to culture and thought is always the hallmark of reactionary and fascist govern- ments, and Chiang's has been no exception.

Even in its death-throes, the Kuomintang delivered a desperate and bloody thrust at the stronghold of the old capital. On April 1 last 6,000 students and staff members of Nanking paraded through the streets of the city in a demonstra- tion for genuine peace. Slogans in- cluded "NO MORE AMERICAN AID TO THE KUOMINTANG!" "NO MORE CONSCRIPTION!" "AWAY WITH HUNGER AND OPPRES- SION!"

After the demonstration, the in- dividual college groups went on their way home. Then came the cowardly attack by the military, in- clubs, a group of 300 KMT army of- ficers rushed into two small groups of students. Harvest: 3 dead, 16 "dis- appeared" (i.e. arrested for private beating up), 65 seriously injured. Re- member July 15 in Sydney? And Wellington? That is how it is now. Students demonstrating for peace are never permitted. Governments build on that unstable economic sys- tem which must, in the end, rely on war. When such a government has (Continued on page 7)

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MOANING AT THE BAR

The teaching of law is a difficult task of increasing complexity and the remarks in this article are made with full realisation of that fact. Many much discussion in many years about the law course, discussion which was revived at the last two legal Conferences. Although nothing very practical has been done it is felt that some definite steps may be taken to solve some of the problems.

This course is in two distinct parts which will be considered separately. At any rate one unit, of nineteen units, including one which is not examined, is the longest course in the local calendar.

The Art Units.

The art units are designed, it is said, to provide a cultural background. The Course is, however, pro-posed to consider this cultural background, but that there is no unit, to which the Art students until they are sufficiently mature to commence the study of law, then is time that the units were abolished altogether since it is a penalty upon students who may be mature enough already. Let's say that a unit is unit the remainder of the units are optional. The cultural background, which is supposed to be a necessity for a law student should be any more necessary than for the commerce and science student where the same danger is always the same. Students are unwilling to dilly dally in the pursuit of knowledge and those subjects which will delay them least.

The Hurdle

Is Latin necessary? Few students seem to think so, and many lawyers agree with them. Latin is of no more assistance to a lawyer than sixth form Latin; for those phrases in Latin which remain in Latin are few and far between, most are well known and the number of students who will need Latin for wider pur-poses is none. Moreover, much of the course consists in studying the two main courses (in many cases from crux parrot fashion). The further plea that Latin encourages preciseness of mind fails because Latin is studied in that fashion. One of the essentials for a lawyer is the ability to think clearly, analyse the thoughts of others and express his own. The study of Logic or Mathematics would be more beneficial. Websters notes that older courses are not necessary by recent decisions of the Courts should be considered imme-diately. More discussion should be ad to students who are often left to discuss problems they do not understand.

Court Work.

It is a fact that lawyers spend most of their time in the Courts but many spend a considerable portion of it there. Actual experience of case preparation, cross examination and procedure is rare or confined to moots which are usually rarely atten-ded.

American Universities make a study of this part of the course. Students are a regular course of classics and although difficult to arrange and hold are nevertheless persisted in as essential.

Office Work.

New Zealand the financial regulations for Law Offices are strict and there is a high standard of professional integrity.

Students who enter offices know little about the very little of a large number of books and methods of business which they have to learn as best they can. A few lectures on office management which cannot be the same for a law office as other offices could possibly be included as an option.

Conclusions.

1. More moots as an integral part of the course.
2. More to the court for classes.
3. Lectures in office Management.

The Master's Degree

The Degree for Master of Laws is in a peculiar position since it is one of the few degrees of that nature which a thesis is not compulsory. But what is required?

The subjects are divided into three sections and one has to be chosen from each section with the result that at least one of the three is little relation with the other two. This seems to be an absurd position. A student who wishes to specialise is forced to spend time on a subject which holds no interest for him and has little connection with the other parts of his work.

There are two possible changes that could be made: either an extension of the thesis work or the introduction of a course, especially as an introd-uction to a career.

Discussion

Mr. Vogt's recent article has men- tioned discussion. It is only neces-sary to repeat that this also applies to the Law Faculty. One of the troubles is, of course, the length of the course. Like most other faculties Law comes together very rarely with a lack of faculty spirit, although this is stronger than in some other faculties. English tutorials make it clear that discussion does not come easily to students. Law courses are frequently made to familiarise themselves with expression and is a good teaching method.

Minor Point

Are eight o'clock lectures a good idea? Other faculties also have them which does not make them any better. From eight in the morning to probably six at night with an hour or so of work in the evening is a very long day—enough for more useful work.

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perhaps Victoria's Debating Society was right in deciding that the Atlantic Fact was not in the in-
terests of world peace. For this article contains the statement of the democratic parties of China on 3rd April—signed by the representatives of eleven organizations, ranging from the liberal National Salvation Society does not permit and the whole pro-blem is very complex. The writer is not sure if the course which are not made sufficiently clear, some of which are perhaps controversial and much more which are very debatable. It is not desirable that the course should be made any easier by the lowering of standards but by the rigorous study and the solution of problems. Perhaps it should be made clear that a law student is not an anxious, but one who is going to commence a career and at present has to wait a considerable time before it is possible for him to make plans for other parts of his life. If he is suffering from unnecessary disadvantages these should be removed. Law courses should exist for the student and the lawyer and not students and lawyers for the law courses.

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If the sports clubs at V.U.C. were a little bit more interested in letting the student world know how they are getting on in the local competitions this page would be of more interest to read. Students do not have the time or inclination to search through the pages of the “Sports Post” in order to see how the V.U.C. teams have done in their matches. They usually, however, make time to look over somebody's shoulder at the latest issue of “Salient.” Clubs complain about lack of supporters at their matches but unless they take the trouble to publicize their heroes of barracking students on the sideline. Some of the V.U.C. teams are high up in their grades, but do they make the trouble to let the rest of the college know about it?

**Indoor Sports**

This term, after a long retirement, the Social Committee has resumed operations. The first event was the Tea Dance held last Saturday. These will be held at regular intervals throughout the year. Come along and get to know the rest of the students. A good meal will be provided to help you cope with this energetic indoor sport.

The next event will be a dance which is to be held in the Gym on Friday, 18th. Tickets are on sale at the Sport Club now. Forget your sortie and come along and join in the fun and games.

**Ping-Pong**

The support given to the table tennis club this year has not been as good, and the team is now in need of an adequate team. The table Tennis Association thus dropped to six.

To date, two rounds in the inter-collegiate match have been played, of which two games in the first round were played by V.U.C. We did, how- ever, win several games, so there is life in the old dog yet. All interested are invited to attend practice held in the upstairs gym every Monday night at about 8 p.m., and on

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**Codlin Moth?**

Defections at the heart of the communist apple on earth are increasing and require some further explanations. Mr. Sharpey was a black sheep, but now he has explained away with an excuse that has nothing to do with his adherence to right fascism. Two other recent defections are not well known in New Zealand. For leaving the party or any country under its control is a risky business and not easily tried by the higher ups when minor figures find it necessary to leap from a window or go into hiding. It seems that communism has nothing left to offer, but a nice red apple with a very rotten heart.

At least that must be the opinion of Mr. Hyde (ex-editor of the Communist Daily Worker in Britain) and the present editor of the Communist Daily Worker in the U.S.A. as these two men ought to know. That is why they left the party because they hated everything and reduced man to the statistic in the plan. But our one must not mention these momentous defections or decent bourgeois proletarians or parents.

**Laying a Ghost**

It is time that it was made clear that no Christian body of any importance is fascist. Listen to Pius XI on Fascism: “A regime based on an ideology which clearly exalts one self into a true, a real pagan worship of the State... the Statalatry... is both heretical and pagan, as the natural rights of the family that is against the divine commands with the super- natural rights of the Church,” June 30, 1931.

Every other Christian body has expressed similar views. There are similar and stronger quotations condemning improper wage systems, the exercise of competition so that it offends the common good and reforms in the present system for the benefit of the people in any nation as a whole. Statement, which make the suggestion that the Church forbids any religion, says the person who is ignorant enough to believe and propagate it. All the Churches realize that conditions here and now are vitally important to man's end. Any other as- sertion is contrary to fact.

**The Voice of Democracy**

"We desire to give the Soviet people absolute liberty only when those they desire to elect... in the Soviet Union they are not, and can- not, be, any other political regime than the other than the Communist Party," “Hammer and Sickle” News in an article in New Constitution Nov 7th, 1936 p. 19. The Free People's Community in truth.

**Indoor Basketball**

At the commencement of the season, as a result of two grading games, the V.U.C. second team, was found in C grade, and has since then played with varying success on Saturday mornings.

Skipped by Trevor Turner and assisted by Dave Jibson, Eddie Wong, Jones, Ray (Sugar) McLoughlin, and Corr. (Jim) Lumley, the team showed possibilities of developing into a side strong both on attack and defense. However, the explosion which almost incarcerated an assembled crowd, Model T, along with a large part of greater Wellington and several important bystanders, the Capping Process, also nearly put the light of a most promising forward in the shape of Eddie Wong, out of play with some difficulties encountered by the worthy skip- per and some other members of the team from early on the Saturday mornings following Capping and Johnstone Falls, and the ordeal of the holiday period when all the boys hijacked it out into the open country, to escape the Conversations and other things, the team became hardness for players. In fact on two or three occasions the team had to default! The team has a majority of successes in other games, at least up to date and are doing well in practise against the A team.

The most notable recent victory undoubtedly prior to the last week's was the defeat inflicted on Marist by 19 to 15, mostly due to the efforts of John Corrick (skipper of the D grade) in giving the game away. The boys have both the initiative and control of many scoring points.

With play improving every week the team is obtaining greater cohesion, which should equipt itself creditably in the future.

Trevor Turner is to be warmly congratulated for selection for play in the C grade reps, trials game played on Saturday before King's Birthday week-end.

**Pistol Packing Mommmas**

The Miniature Rifle Club is now under way for this year. Club nights are held every Monday night on the range at Buckle Street. This year the club hopes to keep up its fine record at Tournament and so all gun enthusiasts, be it Model T or any other, are invited to come along, and give the club your full support. You are eligible for Winter Tournament.

Women are especially welcome on club nights, both as onlookers and participants. Women in the Tourna- ment Club would be a good thing for the college, so all you pistol- packing mommies come along. Incidentally, girls, the club motto is "Shoot or be shot.

**Soccer**

With more than the usual number of000 kicks and sore feet on hard and bumpy surface of Te Aro Park, the season got under way. Our Corinthians are down in man power this year — so are our number of wins. The senior team fails to last last season's form for their play and this has been characterised by much unprouduc- tive kicking. The team was lucky to come second.

Among the few worthy of mention is Joe Spiers, who has improved greatly this season. His usual steady self, and two promising young players are Don Robin- son and Paul. Louis, in addition to this, are goal. Add to these Ted Medley, sharp shooting between the ears, and Maff, who seems rather out of place in a position of backers.

The second grade team is doing well thanks mainly to Ron Gray on the left wing, with the mid-field, in- side right. A forceful young player is Stanley Seager on the right wing, who seems to take after his illustri- ous counterpart, John, at Mathieson.

A showing of some films was greatly appreciated by the handfull who witnessed the showing. Col- lege. Working on the theory that a visit from us might improve soccer in the future, we are looking forward to them last Sunday. An invitation from the Sydney students to play in their Inter-Varsity Soccer Tournament is much appreciated.

Well—it was thought that our own tournament was another success.

**Up In The Air**

Another sport which has a number of followers at V.U.C is Flying. Every fine weekend the number of students who launch themselves off into the deep blue. The enthusiasm is almost contagious for those students who are striving for their license gives prom- ises for the future a flying club may be formed at V.U.C. and States and England in the majority of variables have their own clubs and flying tournaments are held regul- arly. For those who can afford it this is one of the most thrilling sports in which to participate. In the future it is hoped that flying fees will be cheaper and so all students who are interested in flying will be able to learn to fly.

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