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Interview . . .

ISRAELI LOOKS AT PROMISED LAND

The wandering Jew. He has been one of the world's great problems for two thousand years. But at last he has a home, and in the promised land of his forefathers. Isaiah's age-old prophecy, "And the desert shall blossom as the rose"—is, albeit slowly, being fulfilled.

Two Salentin reporters met one of the returned wanderers out on a minor wander, on board the "Akarah" before she sailed last Friday. He was Mr. Lederberger, citizen of Israel, who has been visiting Australia and New Zealand, and is about to return to the land of his adoption and the land of his fathers.

Mr. Lederberger is a member of one of Israel's prominent settler families, most of which are agricultural, but some engaged in the automobile and with industry. The communities are dispersed all over the country, and, despite their being as self-supporting, although an aggregative the republic has a flourishing trade abroad. This has offered benefits to which communities among the peoples, and conditions of living are almost uniform. Nevertheless the fact that food prices are going down indicates a rising standard of living.

A suggestion that the communal enterprises were run on the principles of Communism was hastily denied by the Jews, who were held together in the common ownership of lands and the control of the new Israeli community life, by the bond of their national spirit. Nationalism pervaded every aspect of living.

A Nation of Sages

The Israeli Trade Union movement fulfilled a very different function from that of the British unions. Besides defending the interests of the organized workers, it ran many communal factories, and also helped raise the educational and cultural standards of the young people.

Despite difficulties due to the country's smallness, the educational system was now free and compulsory to the age of 16. The national language, Hebrew, was the only language that the Jews of the Belgian and the Arab minority within the State. The Jews and the Lederbergs, who had suffered much from persecution ever to persecute others.

He also mentioned that there was a Hebrew University in Jerusalem with which Salentin might profitably arrange an exchange. He had himself been pleased to meet other students from Australia and New Zealand, and having addressed the University Labour Club in Melbourne.

Ernini's Paws

In the company of nations, Israel had received the greatest hospitality from Ernest Bevin. Despite the widespread right of the Poles to the sea and all other Jews on the side of the Democrats against the aggressive mission of Hitler and his partisans, the unyielding Herbert Bevin committee on Jews by the Nazi racial ideologues, the popular masses of the Jewish people had been ignored and even fought by the British Mission Office. However, an opening had been made towards a trade settlement between Israel and Britain.

The cause of world peace was one which Israel must espouse as the cause for which all other Jewish nations fight. That it would be a better position to do so. She would, therefore, be thankful to the people and government of the United States for their friendship and support in gaining economic stability.

Great friendship had been built up between Jews and other nations and, while the war is over, friendship is a precious heritage. It remained your reporters certainly other war-time friendships that are conveniently forgotten.

Despite the pre-war mind of the Foreign Office, and especially of Mr. Bevin, Mr. Lederberger was confident that this friendship would remain.

Student Congress

The annual get-together of NZ students will be held, as last year, at the University of Otago, Dunedin. The date has not yet been fixed, but will be printed as soon as it is known.

The students are AUC 80 students, GU 25, CUC 50 and VUC 40-50. The total you can count yourself.

It will cost—that according to the latest estimate—$30 per head. The programme is fairly like this:

The general theme of the program is "Modern Trends". Every speaker will treat of one or more of these. The speakers will be:

Mr. MIRAMS possibly talking on Films—if he is not available he will be included in the programme;

Mr. E. SIMPSON re Art;

Rev. BATES on Religion;

Mr. MARSH on History;

Mr. MUNZ will be speaking on Social Work and Intensive Work;

Mr. J. G. PETERSON on Education on Science;

Mr. PHILIP on Politics;

Mr. E. BURTON on Economics.

The programme will be held in the main hall of the University. The guests and their subjects will be:

Mr. BURNE on Education

Mr. PHIRTH or Mr. FARLEY on Drama

OWEN JENNER on Music, supported on another key by Professor C. GRIFFITHS.

The Papal Bull

Odd Opinions Round the College

Varying students, if anyone, could be expected to have opinions on this subject. The Papal bull was given a fair amount of publicity in the Press, but it is important enough, as a policy statement of a very large and influential group, to be noted.

Here, then, for what they are worth are a few assorted comments, some for, some against, some neutral. None of them is to be taken as an indication of editorial or Salentin opinion.

4th Year Arts

If the Bull is implemented—as it must be—it can have three results. All may be to be deplored. It could be followed in theory, but disregarded in practice. Then if members of the church criticized the Communion, they would know that the people were talking about, and be intellectually honest at the expense of the Church. Or it could be fully implemented: the whole church could refuse to read anything contrary to its views, and thus assume that they had not ever pressed purely irrationally.

And the third? That there would be them who can and those who can't—an elite save from conviction by argument who could bring the Bull to read without endangering themselves, plus the mass, told what to believe on the authority of the few who represent the mass. I can't see how it can be squared with the universality ideal of intellectual freedom.

Members of Salentin Staff

How is this going to affect the circulation of Salentin? If Salentin is as red as we have been told over the last few years, then our Catholic readers are going to miss out on the organ of student opinion.

3rd Year Arts

I will say nothing except in the presence of my lawyers . . . . In my opinion as a philosopher any canon lawyer, it is perfectly justifiable.

Exec. Member

It doesn't make the slightest difference to me, they all go to Purgatory anyway.

Arts

If Catholicism is opposed to Catholicism, it is impossible to believe in both ideologies. I do think it is possible to believe in the democratic socialist state for reasons other than those prescribed by Catholicism and, if we do, we can ask to what extent politics and theology are co-ordinated. I think that Catholicism could be conditioned by democratic ideas, but surely there are moral principles, just as great spiritual principles, which did not occur to excommunication. One is justified in concluding that in the light of the Vatican's past, reliance on the present decree has been made on political grounds.

We then asked him of his opinion of the Papal Bull, he declined to answer.

1st Year Arts

It makes no difference to me . . . . I disagree with the policy—the idea of selling the soul for personal political views, it has to say in Church matters. The political power of Catholics should be left alone.

Honours, Law

It's cruel. It's clear, they're going down the drain when they have to assert such powers. It's an attempt to break into the Church to interfere in political matters. I can't see how it can be squared with anachronism, historically possible.

2nd Year Arts

For the Institute to take such a step shows, I think, that the old, tight control the Church has so successfully exercised over its members since the Reformations is beginning not only to break down, as it has been for the last 30 years, but also to completely sweep away. This would appear to be substantiated by the divided loyalties in the Church in Czechoslovakia especially, as well as in other Central European states. Where this is a question of the Church, or of the Church's position in the country, the Church has lost its former unity of purpose. In other words, freedom is beginning to doubt—and is doubt is fatal to any organization on the principle of infallibility.

2nd Year Science

1st Year Arts

Oh dear! I haven't heard about it before . . . I don't think it's right. (Planted to collect his thoughts.) A number of a Church has certain beliefs making him a member of that Church . . . . if through other sources he has other beliefs, all right. But if those other beliefs amount to a complete negation of the Church's doctrines, then the Church's duty is to renounce that Church. If the Pope believes that Catholicism is the foundation of the Church, then he is doing the right thing, and merely putting this in an existing situation. Let the Pope talk to them— it is conviction without trial.

Exec. Member

I do hope the Archbishop of Canterbury does not come acting.

3rd Year Law

At a time when there is much nonsense being denoted in the Press and other political myths, and the Iron curtain is screamed at for being the freedom of speech, this latest decree is unfortunate to the least . . . . In adopting what many people consider to be the views the Bull represents, the Church implicitly admitted that its cause has no more justification than the other.

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THE FAULT, DEAR BRUTUS...

Being an extract from a speech which will NOT be delivered on September 3, 1949.

"And so, ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to look back to that day. It was only ten years ago. We have seen how it all happened; we can see quite clearly that we were as much at fault as anyone else—that there never has been a war in which, like the Old Time Theatre, it was the good, good hero versus the bad, villain.

"So for this, for our sins as much as theirs, we were landed into another war. Between that September night and this, what has happened?"

"I am going to be accused of playing on your emotions. But please consider—coolly and dispassionately if you can—the result. How many corpses were neatly stacked into rows or piles? I don’t know. Thirty million? Forty? How many people are still, even now, wandering round what rubbish has been left to mark their homes? Another thirty millions? It’s nice to think that we can cock this sort of unpleasantness with the satisfying abstraction of statistics—we might be shocked, ladies and gentlemen, out of our post-war stupor if it weren’t for statistics. In how many countries is there still famine—we’ll call it an unsatisfied consumer demand for staple foods, and make it less shocking? In how many countries are the schools nonexistent, the children growing up learning arithmetic from black-market cigarette deals? And that reminds me, ladies and gentlemen, that we’re, too, suffering in this country:

"Here we are, ladies and gentlemen, ten years later and a few tens of millions less. Some of us are thinner—and that reminds me that I mustn’t keep you from this excellent supper too long. Here we are.

"Where?"

"You can answer that one as well as I. Read over the back numbers of the papers. Listen to the politicians’ speeches. What has changed?—of those millions? Maybe I suggest again, not a thing.

"Here we are, ready to be led into battle by the first capable clarion blower who comes on the scene. Ready again to despise, to discriminate, to take those few tens of millions. Ready again to—liquidate that man who doesn’t agree with us, in the name of tolerance and freedom of opinion. Ready again, ladies and gentlemen, to take the geographical chances of existence for the whole of our species, if only our national pride is saved in the holocaust. And when we have done it again, where will we be?"

"Do you mind if I think—nowhere?"

"Some time ago, before the last war, I think, Louis MacNeil summed the world situation up like this:

"The glass is falling hour by hour, the glass will fall forever."

"If you break the bloody glass, you won’t hold up the weather."

"Perhaps we are not so badly off as all that. Perhaps we are not, as Shaw also doubted, ‘incurably depraved’. But may I suggest that war again and again and again is merely an attempt to break the glass in order to hold up the weather; that perhaps, if the cause can be tackled at all, it certainly isn’t that way.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I give you—the Human Race!"

D.G.

STAFF CHANGE

Rather regretfully, we have to note that, at its meeting of July 35, the Executive decided to accept the resignation of Pete Jenkins from the position of editor of Salient.

Pete, who has been editor since the beginning of the year, found that being editor is beginning to prove a notch worry to allow him to continue.

The revised staff for the rest of the year are printed above.

POLICY

In future, all articles contributed to salient by students will bear the name (or pseudonym) of the author.

The only articles which will not do this are staff articles and reports; these may be held to represent the opinion of the editor and staff.

Each article which has not a name, pseudonym or initials at the bottom of the personal opinion of students, and cannot be taken as Salient policy or opinion.

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We may grant that the play was interesting; that it is powerful or convincing or even beautiful is a claim to which we cannot subscribe.

Neuberg Trials

In Mr. Frank P. Neuberg, Deering College has a competent stage designer, who has created a convincing setting for his story. He has used for this purpose more of the space the stage was divided in two, but Mr. Neuberg’s idea of what was at his disposal. A serious omission on the programme was, in our opinion, an acknowledgement of thanks to the actor of the main role. As it is, we believe it quite a success—by accident—that Mr. Neuberg underlooked the interesting, short notice, and although no longer a student at Training College, this is the stranger, as no one can doubt his deep understanding of a difficult part, and the apparent ease in handling it. If this production was a success, irrespective of our opinion about the play itself, surely some special merit in this success should have gone to Klaus Neuberg.

They said, once, not to say that Mr. Neuberg "made" the play. The reason for this is that the play was not written by Mr. Neuberg, as is thought by May Schreiber, Sue Thompson, and sometimes, Mr. Neilson, added much to the force of Mr. Neuberg’s idea of what Annette Durey as Rebeca sometimes thinks can occur within a certain "nuance" of acting. Let it be remembered that Neuberg, as the enthusiastic still about the casting of Obidiah and Ahab—neither of them sounding convincing in their parts, both admittedly difficult and quite unhelpfully. It is a pity that Mr. Davis lacks the necessary self-assurance and command of his lines that are so essential for convincing acting. Colleen Dalma as the Boy Ben acted convincingly and, remarkably—the part in itself is a bit "ugly" to all. There have been several times when it seemed to us that Neuberg had made good use of whatever he had been given, both personally and in the third act, whereas the last few minutes of the play to themselves. Alex Ketells was very good when he had a few parts of the play to themselves. The production rested in the experience of Mr. Neuberg, in the good hands of Mr. Neuberg, as we have come to expect of him, being smoothly and very well indeed. Our compli-ments also to those back-stage who have helped to contribute to a play which so gloriously—our play—satisfied both us and our audience. It was the whole, all parts seemed to agree on an high standard of this TC produc-
Sir. Recently the Debating Society debated the subject "Humor is Intellectually Unjustifiable". At that debate there was a small attendance. The most notable fact was the absence of representatives of that most vocal group of University students. It may be that they were assisting the anti-conscription campaign, but nevertheless this subject is closely concerned with a cornerstone of their philosophy. A clear-cut judgment by the placings of the speakers and the resulting vote, is plainly to be said for the theistic view. They are therefore not entitled to claim, as a solitary person who seemed their way inclined, that religion is a dying force and that all the most competent and sound thinking men (with no examples--except a Professor of Philosophy in Moscow) think that religion is a force and atheism in the form of dialectical materialism the same thing.

Nay, they are entitled to say that Marx presumed that this was the case and that he was right when he said so. They are not entitled to presume anything of the sort since the evidence against this prime fallacy of Marx and his adherents is so strong. Furthermore, their vocal group of Atheists in the College may be to sugar to publish in Stalinist reasons why they did not accept this challenge. This was the case with most other debates, particularly those where the arguments against their side were so strong, they have been forced to defend atheism from their viewpoint. It is a case of intellectual cowardice.

There was little support from some of the religious organisations either. They can only be excused the same reason, they are not so vocal about their theism and should not be expected to defend it so vigorously. This is a very poor excuse. Protectionists have kept both sides away, but it was not that they did not believe in them. The teachers asked your views--why anyone is able to say why.

CURIUS.

ORDINIS TRANQUILITAS

Take comfort, heart! Peace know her path and they
Know her. She needs not the bountiful
But burns the hearts of men to bitter ash
Is sick's heart: fire for a holocaust of hate.
In fear nothing, heart! Confusion is self-confounded.
Peace makes no advocate. Her voice is thin;
Yet plot her years speak her very soul.
Her nature still is sweet tranquility;
Her home, the heart self-calmed now.
Where justice sits, a monarch absent.
Where trust and greatest want and wish;
The right of that true man who makes
Fair pledge of peace, his battery safe
And herald of tomorrow. He stands fast To an Age that has no dead past but death and steadfast hold it firm in faith.

The warning-her of all his own courageous soul.

E. H. DONOVAN.

Yah, Cowards!

The next Drama Club entertainment is to be held this Friday, Aug. 12, in the Little Theatre at 8:15 p.m. It is hoped to present a good production of "Hamlet," by William Shakespeare. This is an excellent sketch of life in the mind of the characters portrayed. The involved plot will be greatly helped by the expression of the competent actors. This should be a help to all taking Stage I English this year.

Owing to circumstances entirely beyond the control of the Drama Club the advertised "non-stop Review" will not be held, as had been hoped for; instead there will be a production of "Tournament play" on September 16. The original cast will be acting.

Don't forget those dates: Friday, August 12, and Friday, September 16 in the Little Theatre at 8:15.

Finals Protest

Sir. It is quite common knowledge that this year's final Stage I exams will be held between 17th and 27th of November. Surely this is just right in the other extreme to that of the first week? We had three to four weeks between Stages I and II and Stage III then, and now we are being subjected to having Stages I, II and III in the one week. We are assured that Stage I exams are held in the beginning of November so that there is a little bit of time to clear the brain? Let's see some action by the Brainstorm.

Brainsorm.

Please Note

Sir.

This is a small protest concerning the college notice-board. There are usually so many notices that the average student hasn't time to read them all. But the problem is accentuated by the mass of obsolete notices which clutter up the boards and the cafeteria. Some of the club notices may be good, but those of the College Offices are only good for a few days. Therefore, frequently notices instructing Bursars to collect past instalments, when the latest notice would suffice. This is not only irritating, but also sometimes important notices are overlooked in the scramble to sort them from the mass of obsolete rubbish. This is an appeal to those who put these things up to take them down when they are no longer needed.

Irritated.

Protest

Sir. I have a small note of manipulation to make, and would be pleased if you would publish same in the next issue.

The article "The Cross and Conscription" appearing on page five was not so entitled by myself. The title I gave with the manuscript was in fact "Conscription as Some Christian's Answer to the Question: "What is the Blood of the Martyrs?"

In addition, the quotation "the blood of the martyrs is the blood of Christ, and should be shed for the seed of the church.

J. E. Webbin.

(Salient at no time has necessarily used the title given by the contributew] to this article, and likewise, and it could, we felt, be replaced by another which concurred better with the contents. We do not think that in any way it detracted from the essence of the statement."

Sir. More Moaning Via Media, Dear Volente

Sir. You mention and Veritas are at opposite ends of the scale of bias and cannot hope you will approach a third opinion to clear the problem.

I don't see how we can definitely state there is no God. We have no proof of his existence. There is no evidence, or any degree of certainty in his existence. He is in theory a possibility that the force is some conscious Being. But allow me to unseat case.

Sir. If it is clear that there must be something there is a move, but it does not follow that this move is for strong, but let them look with the law to form an intelleca: to form a perience. There is not enough to be more than just a new. The compulsory arts units have at present no relevance to the liberal art and are almost useless. If there must be arts units, and the case for strong, let them look with the law to form an intelleca: to form a perience. There is not enough to be more than just a new.

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VUC FENCING

This year we have the strongest and the most experienced (what in, we don't know) men's team ever. The women's team have not been around as much. Our coach, Mr. N. Dickson, has been nominated to coach the Empire Games and there is no doubt that he will produce first-class results.

VUC SOCCER


VUC HARRIERS

VUC suffers from the loss of Clem Hawke but should put up a good showing: F. M. Chil, J. S. Gully, R. Hunt, S. Osborne, J. J. Richardson, J. S. Saxon, M. Truebridge, C. T. Cleve, J. W. Mawson (coach).

VUC MEN'S HOKEY


Stop Press

T. (Cecil) Raupara, who is always, a starter on or off the table, is renowned for keeping his ammunition dry, a strong forcing player, has put up a good performance but he is still some combinations at the first base, and strong barriers will prove the out-builders of any combinations, ultimate victory; he may well be heading the "finals" of the year's Tournament. He represents VUC in incredible positions, and hopes to make a Blue or two in indoor sport.

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VUC WOMEN'S HOKEY

This August we are sending a stronger team to Tournament than for several years and therefore have high hopes. The following is the team.

Jo Francis—left wing; playing good hockey this season.
Bette Young—left inner; captain; makes excellent openings for the forwards.

VUC MEN'S HOKEY

The team says that a strong VUC team did not participate at Tournament through illness and not having played together for six weeks. This must not happen again. Fortunately, all the A team are able to travel.

The players:
Loon Williams (goal)—a sound experienced player; possesses a strong clearing kick.

OU MEN'S HOKEY

The team say that a strong OU team did not participate at Tournament through illness and not having played together for six weeks. This must not happen again. Fortunately, all the A team are able to travel.

The players:

OU SHOOTING

J. Bell—Captain OU and NZU Blue 1948. In great form and good for a possible or two in any competition. We see he is still shooting.

OU MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Men's Basketball team at Auckland needs to improve considerably if they hope to win the Basketball Cup again. Their club gates have been poor—presently they are last equal in the competition and will have to play hard to beat Cardinals in the finals game. The combination between the presence has been good, Brown and Thompson have done so well.

VUC TABLE TENNIS

Miss F. Todd, Miss S. Levita, Two of the following: B. Phillips, B. Carton, B. Hollingham.

LOST, FOUND Tournament

Graham West (inside right). More reliable this season. Outstanding pass and dribbling ability.
Alan Lindsay (right wing). Speedy—exploits opportunities in attack.
Tony Minden (half). Speedy and keen.
John Anderson (inside forward).

WOMEN'S HOKEY

Mary Norris—Otago—plays outstanding game on left wing.
Joan Howie—Young player who has come on well this season. Strong and skilful.

Barbara Richards—NZU Blue—one of the most popular goal scorers this season.

Barbara Richards—Otago—play with great dash and flashes of brilliance.

Joy Wright—Speedy and hard-working right wing.
Muriel Saunders—Reliable left half who marks her wing very well.

Pam Brice—Effective centre-half. Directs play well.

Cameron—Excellent goal at half. Equal good on attack or defence.

Buckton (left wing)—plays grand game and teams in well.

L E T S  G E T  T O G E T H E R

This year Victoria's Tournament team does not show great promise as last year's Winter Tournament team showed. To be quite truthful, Salient knows very little about the teams, due to the great apathy of those who did not hand in any form guides on their teams. This is a pity because, contrary to general opinion, there are some people around the college who are interested in who are in the teams that will represent the college at Auckland. This is the case in some cases all we properly publish is that the team are there. To those who are going to Auckland I wish them all the best in their various events and hope that they will do their best to bring home some honours home. Remember, if you go to Auckland, you are not only to play sport but to meet with other students. Apart from Congress this is one of the very few opportunities that the students from the various colleges can get together. You represent Victoria and it is up to you to meet the others, and by establishing the link between the colleges forming the University of New Zealand, I hope a good time will be had by all. It was fun in Christchurch last year. I know, I was there.

D. E. D.

Salient, August 10, 1949

... OTAGO'S
this year’s team, on paper at least, reads the strongest we have yet sent to Townsville. One of the club’s competition, while six players from two A grade teams lead, rather than in the club, four of whom will be traveling to Auckland have been selected for the Otago rep. team.

The players:
- Stan Brown—NZU Blue, ex-Canterbury rep., another of the six.
- Jim McCoy—NZU Blue, ex-Otago rep.
- Graeme McKenzie—ex-Southland rep. and another six.
- Jack Pauling—1949 Otago Blue and Otago Blue "B" rep.
- Speed Smith—1947 Otago Blue; NZU "B" rep. 1947, Otago "B" rep. 1948.
- Jim Spites—Otago "C" rep. 1948; may be the "find" of the Tournament.
- Ross Wightman—Otago "C" rep. 1948; top scorer in the "B" grade 1948 NZU champs; yet another of the six.
- Ted Wright—One of the club’s most improved players.

OU HARRIERS
The team: This year OU has a team; its strength lies in the uniformity of its members rather than in their individual brilliance. Only

AND PERSONAL
Form Guide

one hundred yards separated the first four names in the Club Champion, and they should form a useful group in the team’s race.

The Coach:
C. Drake—This year’s Club champion—consistent performer, and likely member of Otago provincial team. Ran for Christchurch in 1946.

W. (Bill) McGregor—Club Captain: has had many duels with Drummond, but his best hit at Christchurch. Has won OU twice.

L. Black—An enthusiastic newcomer, of whom much is expected.

R. Busby—Has shown considerable promise and may yet be the "find" of the tournament.

OU TABLE TENNIS
The team describes itself as optimistic. Jocelyn Davies has had variable success this year but is working into good form.

Jennifer Dudding was Wellington Junior Singles Champion before coming to OU.

Bill Phillips may well be the find of the tournament. He is a possible winner of the Men’s Singles as Russ Alkyne lost.

Leo Cooney—He and Bill are the present holders of the doubles title. Leo has a strong attacking forehand and a fast main on the table. (Is he in the mixed doubles?)

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THE EDITOR
REGRETS...

I would like to apologize for the fact that although we obtained for monogram as appears that CUC it is not printed. The rest of Club then disappeared last Monday night, when a person, or persons, unknown broke and entered Senator room. In their glorious wrecking campaign they destroyed the copy that had been sent up from Canterbury. THE LAND OF THE FREE—Shit Bold—

CUC WOMEN’S HOCKEY

M. Barclay—Left wing and captain. A CUC Blue who is one of the most experienced players in the team. She has a very fine turn of speed which she uses to her advantage.

A. Weston—Left inside. She is playing a greatly improved game this year.

A. Smith—Middle inner (1). Another experienced player whom it would be a pleasure to see. She is a left half. Her positional play is good but she could backtrack a little more.

D. J. Smith—Middle inner (2). Yet another experienced player who was playing consistently.

K. Smith—A left half. Her positional play is good but she could backtrack a little more.

N. Vite—Left back. A good positional player who tackles well.

L. Holland—Right back. She has a strong clearing shot and providing a tendency to take flying shots is held in check, she is a sound defender.

J. King—Goalkeeper. She has played some really outstanding games this season. She is never layouts and her feet are always the most important.

CUC FENCING
The CUC team is as follows:
A. Simms—A new boy.
D. Coleman—Runner-up of Varsity Champion. The old man of the club.
D. Alexander—Experienced campaigner.

W. J. Bourke—New to tournament. Very promising.

Sophia Walsh—Presents a wonderful target. New to tournament.

Jean Stevenson—CUC represents last year’s Varsity improved fencer.

CUC SOCCER TEAM

AUC TEAM NEWS
AUC seems to be keeping their lists and capabilities secret. As yet we have heard nothing from them so we take it for granted that they prefer to remain silent even though they have been very insistent about obtaining VUC information. They feel as VUC usually feels after Tournament, that the teams said about their teams, the better.

JOINT SCROLL
This year’s intra-university debating tournament was notable for the success of an Agricultural College (Massey) and the statement by the Judge that the standard of the debate was excellent. VUC was represented by Mr. M. J. O’Brien and J. D. Milburn who debated with Massey on the subject “That for the solution of New Zealand’s Social and Economic problems New Zealand should adopt a rural bias in outlook and development as a subject that suited Massey down to the ground— and gave ample scope for the Massey leader, Mr. K. O’Connor, to dwell lovingly on the need for us all to return to our “little plots of land”— inevitable anyway—rejection.

VUC outlined the pernicious effects of rural bias on New Zealand’s efforts in the direction of self-reform thereby convincingly the OU yokels (Koekohe Band throwing away) of our Moscow domination. The award for the best speaker went to J. D. Milburn, of VUC, and would seem to confirm criticism of VUC selection this year.

Intending boarders at Knox College next year are advised to contact Mr. Milburn for the inside dope on “How to be a social success at Knox”—an intimate knowledge of the debaters and debaters (as practiced at many of our leading primary schools), an ability to withstand iron ration, “lots of poca, poca,” and a tellingly earnest book are the main prerequisites.

WYN BEASLEY.
INSPECTING A SPECTRE—CAREFULLY

"Socialism will grow and capture the imagination of the students. It will do so because it is true."


The radical-red variety has no hesitation in using arguments for his philosophy, and all who in any other way would doubt or dispute for the sake of honesty. There is, however, one merit in the dogmatism of Mr. Winchester: once you set out as clearly as he has done that something is true, whether it be the fact that two and two make four or the fallacy that socialism is true, the refuge of intellectual licence is gone forever. Something is true at last and the deluded dogmatists are one with Mr. Winchester in his belief that some things are clearly false.

The Rationalists dogmatize their views on the impossibility of dogma and the absurdity nearer strikes them. Some radicals were once one with them in this dogma of there being no dogma, but the Radicals prefer to avoid argument altogether. Experience has taught that intelligent and reasonable arguments with persons as well practised as themselves and as reckless as themselves in the way of argument, means less so is dangerous. Their way out has been the use of various dissenting techniques. One of these has been a great vagueness: words of high emotive value undefined and liberally used like spices in bad cooking. "The People" fight for "freedom" and "democracy" against the "forces of reaction", the "facilitators" and "warmongers" for the inevitable triumph of the "people's socialist democracy". Who knows for certain the meanings of any of these words any more than I can exactly tell what Mr. Winchester means when he speaks of "socialism"?

A political freethinker knows as surely as he "sociologizes" can mean at least three things and since the three of them cannot be wholly true, nor even understood, we are left to decide for ourselves what is meant and what Mr. Winchester would tell us is true. For him the word may have a precision of meaning which is satisfying enough to allow him to proclaim its truth without first telling us what he is proclaiming. This is not sufficient for the freethinker who is also a freethinker, because they are also sure that some things are false. Among these Mr. Winchester's particular brand of social democracy. You can avoid definition for convenience but once avoided then it is a presumptu- tion to try by means as subile as his "socialism" to be a word of at least three meanings.

Hobson's Choice?

Can I presume that Mr. Winchester is not interested in key socialism? I think so. Then I am left with a choice between communism, the philo-sophy of materialism and that other sort of socialism, the political-econ- omic theory of state of ownership. Communism is a complete philosophy, a totalitarian philosophy which attempts to provide a complete framework for human activity. Socialism, except in the communist sense, does not go beyond state own- ership and is therefore a compromise between politics and those other philosophies which may exist where that inherently dangerous idea may apply.

None of the facts in Mr. Win-chester's prologue to his ambitious statement quoted above are conclus- ive evidence for the truth of either of his possible meanings. Persons who may sometimes take that attitude which is later regarded as frightfully right do not necessarily take that attitude because what they believe is wholly true. It may be true: their attitude lends weight to the suggestion, but Mr. Winchester were he on the other side could not be deceived into thinking that it proves anything although he may be in a position to believe that it does.

Because a radical sees as an error the poor best of the sincere but mis-guided Chamberlain, and our faint- hearted Press preferred to be faint- hearted, one cannot infer that those of the same mind as Mr. Winchester were wholly right or even alone in the cause of truth. In the cause of truth! Many professors of Chamberlain wrong, including Mr. Mullin, who would surely be an- tipastern.

If George Bernard Shaw on each of his plays published his view on some subject—Indonesia, for example, or each democracy—would they not ring round the world? But if he was later proved correct, would Mr. Winchester immediately and without further investigation declare the truth of vegetarianism? I think not.
LAND OF THE FREE

The atmosphere of an institution of higher learning somewhat diffuses the glare of the American caste system in which negroes, American Indians, Mexicans, Orientals, Jews, and Italians occupy positions of ascending order, the community fostering the institution keeps these groups focused in the harsh light of a supposed inferiority.

Here the people boast segregation is unknown. True. There isn't even a scheme of things. In the South, a negro has at least somewhat to go. A survey taken by some students shows that none of the city's academic institutions accommodate negroes. Two say they will if the attention of his eye is directed or recommended by a white person. Fifty per cent. of restaurants in central Eugene reserved to serve negroes. Another 25 per cent. discourages negro patronage.

Out of Bounds

One tavern—the cheapest, and the proprietor of which was rescued by a negro called "Joe," in 1906—had 13 open its doors to negroes. An unlisted "no colored persons" sign hangs over the entrance to every barber and beautician shop. Two barber's shops in the near vicinity of the University cut the hair of negro students.

Cabarets, bowling alleys, part of the churches, and the skating rink stand out of bounds for the 150 negro persons in the Eugene area. Services of doctors and dentists are difficult and sometimes impossible to procure. Negroes are to be hired and first to be laid off, except in the relatively few instances when they fall under the protection of trade union seniority.

For example, the barber in Eugene exhibited the utmost refinement in ordering me never to return to his shop. It was a three-man shop, the father, whom I thought the owner, the son and a third barber. I had opposition from the son. The father, in fact, had told me to ignore them. One Saturday morning a white student, with whom I was well acquainted, and I went to this shop for haircuts. The father finished cutting my hair before the son the white student's, and I read magazines while waiting for the student stepped from the chair. "Tell the fellow you can't have that," I heard the son order the student in lowered tones. "Why, what's wrong?" the student asked.

"We don't want them here." The student ... of the shop by the father's guns.

"I don't run the shop any longer," the father apologized.

"Well, here's a better American," the white student said as we left the shop.

This is only one of the common happenings negroes here and everywhere in America must contend with. How many dollars the negro spends runs into a colour bar. But the dollars the negro makes for the white man in the fields and factories of America do not carry a stigma.

In a white environment I am always conscious of my race. Discrimination and prejudice are good reminders. No matter what the negro's intellectual, artistic or financial attainments, he will not be accepted in this society. His highest attainments will still leave him on the lowest notch of the white scale of values.

Frustrations, anxieties and inhibitions lead to different psychological conditions, resulting from the different conditions of living. Sometimes the Negro's employers will set aside his diet and give him junk food. At the same time the Negro's employer is searching for a way to liberate himself and his people either as a threat or proof of a popular trend.

The Negro is ready to be read and what the Negro wants? Charles C. Spaulding, negro president of the North American Mutual Life Insurance Company, a negro business, declares: "Our capitalist society in America depends for its growth upon bold leaders who are willing to take a chance on pioneering new fields of service. And it is boundlessly rewarding the skillful pioneer, whatever his origin."

"As for myself, I shall always feel as if I was living in a world of doubt that my ancestors were transplanted to North America. It is a world of lies and I have found to live and leave one's mark.

Spaulding says, in effect, the negro wants nothing he hasn't already seen. Even the doubt is a real argument by asking: what does the recent enrolment of hundreds of thousands of negroes in trade unions mean, if not progress?

The World War II years did, of course, open new fields of employment for negroes and broader thinking. The same relaxation of employment barriers may be noted during World War I, though to a lesser extent. But between 1920 and 1940 the pre-war employment pattern was reestablished in some fields, moreover, negroes lost ground. For example, the number of negro skilled craftsmen declined.

Negro intellectuals, however, increasingly look toward something outside the present economic and social system, rather than toward the long-promised reforms from within. When the status quo so obviously depends on the Machiavellian device of racialism, its victims are forced to consider ways of achieving equality not provided for under the established order.

Red and Black

I do not offer the following examples of the changing attitude of the negro intellectual toward the betterment of himself and his people either as a threat or proof of a popular trend.

It merely indicates, I believe, the irrefutable results of the dual present and unwinding search for a better future. The negro leader of tomorrow is today making up his mind.

A negro friend hastened to meet me recently playing scrawny trumpet in a band.

"Say," he said, "do you know how the '1947 Negro Year Book' describes Russia? It says Russia is the promised land for the negro."

He had copied two paragraphs of the Soviet Constitution. They read: "Equal rights for citizens of the USSR irrespective of their nationality or race, in all spheres of economic, cultural, social and political life shall be an inviolable law. Any direct or indirect limitation of these rights or conversely any establishment of direct or indirect privileges for citizens on account of their race or national exclusiveness or hatred and contempt, shall be punished by law."

"That's the kind of equality and protection I am looking for," my friend said. "And I understand the 'Year Book' it's really working out."

The next day: just to check on my friend's account of Russia, I glanced into the 'Negro Year Book.' Though I didn't come across any references to a 'promised land,' I did discover, among other things, that more than 170 nationalities in the Soviet Union live together in harmony: that Russia's 1,000 negroes enjoy real citizenship. The section on Race, furthermore, stressed: "The complete equality of all races as an integral element in the beliefs and attitudes fostered by the Government of the Soviet Union."

Nothing has given me reason to believe that the 'Year Book' exaggerates or espouses any particular political cause. It simply compiles material illuminating negro life the world over.

I make no comment other than that the negro is thinking, thinking the long, long thoughts of freedom.

I make no prediction other than that America will be the land where ever man is free.

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