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THIS EXTRAV. AGAIN-1950

A s we go to press for this issue, we can't say definitely what the 1950 extrav. will be about. We do know that two scripts have been handed over to the script committee (Dave Cohn and John McCrory) but we know no more than that.

But by the time this does appear, the script will have been chosen.

The first step after that will be to call the casting meeting. This will be done by notices on the men's notice boards and by bus telegram. We advise you to keep your ear to the throbbing drums; the meeting will be—at our guess—on the Sunday of Monday after this appears.

This is certainly one of the best times of the year to be a good man to come to the aid of the party. If you want to know where we hold our meetings, first of all, the pros and props and wardrobe made, and get the whole show tied up.

So the call is out. If you are interested in getting in touch with the board, you may as well have the new men down in touch urgently with Phoebe Garrett—through the Women's Common Room.

YOU DON'T KNOW UNO

07. All the problems facing the world today are the most urgent, two, three problems more urgent than the existence of mankind: the problems of finding food, and banning peace.

We in this comfortable country can scarcely imagine the starvation, the disease, the brutality, the hatred, the war in which the race will be lost. We cannot care—being more interested in horses; most do not know what is even now happening. UNO, all would be against, fought against, with an irrefutable defence, "What can I do about it?"

The chief menace to world peace today is the religion of Power. We have to face the situation arising from the existence of man-made problems of mankind: the problems of finding food, and banning peace.

These problems are worldwide, and must be attacked worldwide. Everywhere men and women of good will have an individual duty to help other individuals to study these problems, and work and pay for their solution. Most of us have been guilty of this unconsciousness. We need not continue to be so guilty. There is a way for everyone to join in ending the human struggle for a lasting peace, and make the Universal Declaration of Human Rights a living reality.

UN—OR "1984"?

In the United Nations lies the only hope for the future, a slender hope perhaps, but that depends on you. And if you want the United Nations to work, we must look forward to some near-worldly hope, that is like the one portrayed in Huxley's "Ape and Essence." For a popular outline of the realities of division, see "One World or None" (Wellington Press, 1949).

In those vast viewpappers which purport to be the "Free Press" we see often, after a glance at the usual quest to find that U.N. serves only as a place where the signatories sit on high, their thumbs up at each other, a sign that "the talks" are going on, but hearing no voices.

THE SPIKE, 1950

The annual publication "Spike" is scheduled to appear in early September. The idea of a year-end publication was born in the first week of the first term—i.e., Friday, May 26.

The aim of the editor this year is to prove, by printing good material in stimulating articles, that the student body at VUC is not quite as dead as some people seem to imagine. Already articles are in hand—one taking an unconventional look at Burgess—on. On trends in music composition in New Zealand. The verse section will include works by H. K. Baxter and Elizabeth Crichton. In addition there will be the usual photographic collections for the best verse and prose.

But this does not make a "Spike." Your co-operation is needed. If you can write, then do so. If you think you can't write—send it in. If you would like to write—then have a bash. All material is welcome, including short stories, verse, and photographs. Please leave all contributions in the letter rack addressed to "Editor." Spike.

The service of an amateur artist who can do posters for the college newsletter, you urgently required by the end of this week. If you could do as little as one notice or poster please contact Cliff Strachan or Peter Jenkin through the letter rack or via "Sallient" Room.

I would like to receive a note in the Men's Letter Rack from anyone interested in forming a group at VUC to discuss U.N. topics, preferably at the Wellington Branch of U.N.A.N.Z.

In conclusion, I would recommend to your perusal a quotation from the Constitution of U.N.C.

"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed."—Colin Francis Vance

"PAIISA"

Not only could there be a further reduction of the ordinary man's idea of the typical Latex fitted to his nose by Rossini's glove with the effects of war on a number of human belong-

Fiati unremoralised—more reporting. Few films deserve the label "great," but this is one. Perhaps the least of the six almost unrelated episodes, "Paiisa" is part psychological, part by virtue of the scenery in which it was shot, it has an empty space even beauty which none of the other scenes get. It is, in short, a part of a most interesting expansion of the chase as the German counterpart of the bag of партизаны and soldiers among the marauding enemy with a "dine and escape" mentality. Probably war has never possessed less pets and more than in the last few feet of "Paiisa."
STRAW ON THE THIRD TIME DOWN?

A n article on the work of United Nations, which has been sent to us, appears in this issue.

It should by now be clear to even the worst of the "my-country-istic-thees" school of jingoists that a real and effective world government is the only way out of what a correspondent in this issue calls "the present critical international situation." What surprises is, that having accepted the idea, they can proceed to entertain the delusion of national sovereignty—which, as the article says, is the worst of the monacres facing us. Even the correspondent we mention goes on, in time of stress, to appeal to the man who "has... a respect for... his country. Always, national pride: always the sanctity of isolationists sanctity to retreat to: always the call to arms for our country.

Nationalism has been termed a tinking corpse from the 19th century but it is in serious danger of polluting 20th century thought.

Effective world government must be achieved, but how? Earl Russell, in a recent symposium on the effect of atomic energy so far lapsed from his earlier sanity as to argue that the way to achieve peace was for us to supranational block (the term is culled from another letter in this issue) to blast and squish the other out of existence; we are—if not top-dogs—at least the only dog-left—and peace is sure to follow. What nonsense! By the time we had succeeded in that, we would have aroused so much bitterness, have created such a rift between the sweetness of our theory and the desolate cynicism of our practice that our resulting moral state would be subhuman. Paying lip-service to anti-materialism would not overcome this.

One possible way out is to strengthen and broaden the work of the lesser international agencies: students here can do much to assist. But getting behind—even if it is only trying to understand—UN, is a practical way of doing something. It will undoubtedly be argued that UN is failing. But do you know? Probably what the newspapers give you; and it suits nationalist pride to hold international organisations in detest.

The first thing is to find out whether UN is doing anything. Students seem often to be willing to help student organisations, sometimes even international student organisations. We can't afford to be cynical about this one.

The drowning man on the way down for the third time does not care how the preceding weakness: he grabs, hard—then asks questions afterwards, and does some swimming on his own account. When we have had two wars, are we, on the way down for the third time, scoring UN because we're told it's a straw.

—D.G.

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PRActICAL REASONS

Sir,—In accusing the executive of "a grave breach of principle" (see "Salient," March 9) you have given a misleading interpretation of the facts.

The primary obligation of any duly elected executive is to administer the affairs of the association as best it can.

The key to this is a number of points. First, the executive must have a clear mandate, which in this case is derived from the fact that the association is an unincorporated body. The executive is the only body that has the authority to act on behalf of the association.

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The Blues Panel

The award of NEUZ Blue for individual merit in sport within the University this year, has been made to the permanent body, a sub-committee of NEUSA, called the Blues Panel.

Until 1945 when the first post-war Tournament was held (1945 also saw the inauguration of Winter Tournament) the award of Blues was automatic with the winning of events or selection for an NEUZ side. As from that first post-war Tournament, the award of the non-automatic Blues was withdrawn from those whose performances were poor. However, the standard was not made uniform, nor was it high enough. Some members of the student population paid little if any attention to the number of Blues being awarded as one said 'they are worth 1/6 a dozen' came into being.

WHAT?

What is an NEUZ Blue? As said above it is an award for individual merit in sport and its rating according to the Panel is such as to place it second only to a New Zealand Blazer—i.e. slightly higher than that of a good provincial rating. It is awarded for the award of an NEUZ Blue a person must at least be up to the standard expected of "a good provincial side." Circumstances make this guide fairly elastic, and it is the job of the Panel to compare "a sport with the general level of that sport throughout the whole of New Zealand."

In Melbourne the organisation was even better, and the students tried to make the NEUZ road trip feel at home, with cocktail parties, and so on.

STUDENTS' CONGRESS

This was held at Gan-Gan, near Newcastle, N.S.W., and about eight (not all) thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning more about Australian organisations and giving what information they could about New Zealand. They also met some of the 140 Australian girls there, and were well treated with their beauty.

To sum up, we all had such a good time that we'd all like to go again. What are you waiting for?—P.W.

SIGHTSEEING

Most students spent a good deal of time sightseeing. Nearly all saw the interesting city of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, and a few reached South Australia. One physics student worked at Alice Springs for some time. We travelled by the easiest and cheapest method—hitch-hiking—where possible.

Two O.U. girls hitch-hiked from Melbourne to Brisbane, and reported it was a bit of a strain if the people concerned happened to be financial at the time.

Coming Events

24th and 25th March, Coriolanus. The last two nights.

26th March, Tennis Club: Freezers: "A good game of tennis, I like tennis, but I prefer a game of squash."—M.F.

31st March, Athletic Club: Roseland Cabaret: Club Ball.

For the basketballers the weekend ahead will cost you money. How much depends on your team. You must take an armchair hitch-hike or not, for example. One club has been told "...armchair hitch-hiking is a bit tame, but most..."—M.F.

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W'ARRENT TURNAMENT

WE are obtaining good co-operation from several Clubs and, better still, two Clubs—the Tramping and Football Clubs, passed motions at their AGMs assigning a person to be responsible for sending club notes to us. How about the other clubs following suit now that two reputable Clubs have shown the way?

Tourism is looking large on the horizon again. All prospective programmes should now be in strict training. If you have already begun to prepare the old Luxury to complete physical efficiency do so now. You can’t do justice to yourself or V.C.G. if you don’t.

—N.M.

ROWING CLUB

The Club has now settled down to training for the Easter tournament and there is some very solid rowing going on now. Whenever possible the crews are up and in training shed by 6 (yes six) a.m. and are thus able to get a good row in while conditions are at their best. As well as this there are training rows in the evening and it is rumoured that fairly soon some P.T. lines will be starting. The crews for the eight, four and double scull have not yet been chosen but will probably be announced soon after this issue goes to print. Then it will be over to coach Stan Gillen to beat the crew into shape. Among new-comers to the club is Ivan Vodovitch who has twice trained a New Zealand University Blue for rowing and previously rowed for Marist and Auckland. He is attending lectures at Victoria in the School of Social Science this year, and we are fully of hopes that his experience and skill will be able to impart the essence of victory to Easter Tournament. More news when the crews are chosen...

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

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Tennis Club

THANKS to grand job done by Ben O’Connor and Anne Walker, the Tournament team has been chosen. We are lucky this year in having both players. Anne is of course, well known in Nunnally Casual circles, but this is the first year she has been eligible for Tournament.

The team also includes Bill Young, Janet Young, Juliet Burrell, Nancy Hodder (from Otago), Gill Poden (from Canterbury), the young John Hutton and Terry Eady, Bill Putchard and Fred Ross, who incidentally finds the Wellington ‘B grade doubles championship’, Harold Tuttler and Trevor Bacon (from Canterbury). Our strength this year will lie in the doubles games, and practice for the team has already begun.

The Tennis Club has had an invitation to go up to Palmerston North and play Massey on their own ground (Massey having come down here for Tournament trials); a team of eight will go up on Saturday, March 25, at some primitive early hour, and will return on Sunday night.

The club is also active in other directions trying to raise money for the Central Park Courts. It has run a Beginning-of-the-Year Dance and a picture evening on Sunday, March 29.

FRESHMEN'S WELCOME

The Freshmen’s Welcome Tournament, a Knockout championship (for either Freshmen or the Committee) will probably be held on Saturday, March 25, at 8 p.m., watch the notice board for details.

ERRATUM

In our last issue, we called a man Brian Bull. The name is Brian Burt. The sport is boxing. The address is c/- Weir House, and he’s waiting to hear from you.

TRAMPING CLUB ANG

ON Tuesday, March 14, the Tramping Club held its AGM. The meeting was attended by about 50 members. The Annual Report was adopted and the Officers re-elected: President, Wilson leads the field with A. H. Smith, B. Butcher and G. Wilson as his vice-presidents. Secretary, J. M. Murray; Treasurer, G. H. Knott; Committee, A. P. Fergusson, G. H. W. Smith, G. H. Stephenson, W. J. G. and T. A. Wilson. For information contact any officer above via letter racks.

Under general business three motions were passed after the chair had been reminded that 24 and 16 against did not mean that the motion was lost. These were:

1. That a member of the committee be appointed to supply club notices to Salient and that the sports editor be notified of such an appointment—Moved: Jenkins.

2. That the incoming committee be recommended to extend the possibility of a club badge or cap—Moved: Jenkins.

3. That the incoming committee be recommended to limit to U16 Christmas trip this year to groups of 10 (ten) - Moved: Piper. The possibility of getting of this last motion was the source of a good deal of regret on part of the chairman, and as we hope this wording is correct.

After this, “Precautionary measures” were taken—so we can recommend all Freshmen to look at it. If there is a chance of it being a really excellent production.

The club have a ‘spim’ of a party of V.C.G. bods on the Merle Gwynne church. Very informal and highly enjoyed by all.

HARRIERS

THE Harrier Club needs freshers and others who have until now been running for outside clubs to swell its ranks this year. You do not have to be a first-class runner to spend your Saturday afternoon with us. You need not be afraid that an over-enthusiastic secretary will push any work on your shoulders. The club’s standing is second in the province and those who wish to run seriously shall have every encouragement and training. The Harrier Tournament in Dunedin is our goal and training will be done on Tuesday morning by Bob Hay, an ex.U.C. captain who was with the club last year.

To those that value the social and convivial we can offer our invitation runs and furthere enjoyment in the lower grades of football. Watch the notice board for the date of our first run—probably shortly after Easter.

—JIMMY CRITIC

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CRICKET

CONGRATULATIONS to Vance for his fine effort recently. After a near miss early in his innings he played flawless cricket to score over a century, showing the command of the game we expect from a top class V.G.C. cricketer.

TRAMPING CLUB

Freshmen’s Jaunt Starting from the Station At 9 a.m. SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Bring boots or strong shoes, a rainproof coat.

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use of long shots give a total effect much as though we were the unobstructed observer of all this. Most markedly, he doesn’t even bother to explain the things which have preceded the event; we are left to infer them as we may.

“Open City” may have been more coherent, more effective in the density of its events, “Vivere in Pace” may have been more human, more rounded. But “Paine” getting only broken and blurred images of the drift of war, is completely out of depth and starkness in which it shows the futility of war, which is the root of all their讲解. We feel it, its characters, one by one, are left in the rubble of their civilization to face larger problems than wartimes ones. And “Paine" puts the questions squarely in the lap of the audience before it can leave the theatre.

—JIMMY CRITIC