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SLF - FORWARD!

Burzaries, textbooks, world academic freedom, and international youth and student organizations were the main concern of the Student Labour Federation when it met in Christchurch on Easter Day. Representatives of AUC Labour Club and VUC and CUC Socialist Clubs were present.

Action for the coming year will revolve around further research into an improved Bursary Scheme with the cooperation of NZUSA, the setting up of Peace Committees in each college to "strengthen activity and propaganda for world peace," investigations of the volume and quality of textbooks with a view to making recommendations, and the support of trade union demands for a general wage increase, and opposition to abolition of contracts, prices and rentals. A big programme, but the clubs are confident they can handle it.

Strongly-worded protests were carried at the cutting of medical and dental bursaries, which was seen as a step towards the whole education system of equal opportunity. SLF also prepared Sir David Smiles' horticultural suggestions, and declared its opposition to "exclude or remove anyone from a union on account of his political or religious convictions."

World peace and co-operation occupied a large part of the conference's time. All clubs, under the coordination of the National Executive — this year moved from Auckland to Wellington — will work with other groups in their colleges and localities to rally ever larger numbers of students and working people behind the cause of peace. The urgency of this question is underlined by Mr. Dodge's reference to "the decreased probability" of a war on Friday, April 14, in his address to a Symposium on the National Peace Movement.

In the same direction, the Federation is urging the New Zealand Congress for Pacifists for Peace, which was founded in 1924 but which has been idle for many years, to take up the cudgels. An application for registration was made through its new chairman, Senator Tolhurst, formerly Australasian rep on IUS Exec, It was agreed to appeal to him on a National Committee to discuss IUS with NZ students.

The conference closed with the singing of "Kevin Barry."

Photographic Club

The AGM was held on 12th April when the following officers were elected:-

President, Prof. I. A. Gordon; Chairman, J. B. Butler; Secretary, P. C. Alve; Committee, Miss C. W. Harvis; Messrs. H. C. A. Somerset, J. E. A. Reece, J. W. Mowitt.

This programme for the year was discussed and it is hoped to be able to include most of the features desired.

So watch the board. At the conclusion of business, an interesting commodity, the "Canadian Christmas Book" loaned by the Canadian High Commission officer who was in this issue of Ballantyne for the purpose of "serving" the function of a Christmas present. Good prizes are offered.

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NZUSA: STUDIES STUDENT NEEDS

The Annual Conference of the N.Z. University Students' Association held in Christchurch during the Easter Tournament saw Victoria (represented by Miss Pottinger, F. P. Finlay and Bernice Juanette Murray as observers), alone plugging a consistent line for the real need from the college and student council. It was managed to revive in NZUSA a liberal policy on bursaries, scholarships, Commonwealth grants, and in general with the co-operation of the Student Union of Students — although Congress remits regarding WFTY, the Peace Manifesto, and free expression in student papers were dealt with rather summarily.

Under the eminently fair chairmanship of beady President Bruce Miller, the Executive keener Kevin O'Brien and Secretary Pauline Michael, Congress opened Friday noon and the strong smell of explosives that had annoyed the minutes was whether the Drinking Horn should be abolished from tournament games. It was resolved that it should remain if unoffensive, orderly and with minimum publicity. Auckland President A. G. R. M. K. was allowed to congratulate the Student Labour Federation organizer "Student Vanguard" had accused NZUSA of not making proper adequate reasons for disallowing from the I.U.S. AUCSA had demanded an apology, but Lascelles, in a rare conference in vindicating SLF attitudes.

College reports indicated that VUC was most active in maintaining contact with overseas organisations. She was also congratulated on completing the Building Fund. Canterbury's Health Scheme aroused much interest — compulsory X-ray of students by the Chest Clinic — and VUC suggested, it might be made the basis of a national system, but AUC was worried that New Zealand's good name might be at stake in this direction. Messy were being agitated for students, AUCSA and, with Price Control Division, against extortionist hostel rates.

VUC's vague suggestion that National's Festival embracing drama, debating and music would lead to more concrete proposals. No truck was held with the idea of blues awards for dramas or debates.

Massey was very fuzzy for its right to challenge VUC teams in all sports (including un-co-operative cricketers and shooters) to give them a chance of representation at tournament as part of VUC teams.

CONGRESS HO!

Congress passed a 'horrible's next. Canterbury and Otago won their way that it be held mid-February if possible. AUC announced that they only going to pay B$ to the ruthless regarding the suggestion to stick to Curious Cove and a population of the under 12's. The decision was according to NZUSA standing orders. President Miller: "After all, should the Steeple Chase run the above?" Mills criticised "huckabbling" at open forum sessions, and when fair, plump-faced Kelly of O.U. next Congress convener, moved that Congress should discuss student as well as purely in- ternational problems, AUC's Brittain complained about "wasting our time with the troubles of the world."

VUC's remit that liquor be openly tolerated at Congress under supervision, met with howls of rage. Pot- tier: "Everything to do with drugs in this country is supernatural... we had to smugle it in over the border by night." said Holm: "It was officially banned but we couldn't freely purchase. This is an attempt to straighten out a contradictory situation." Others agreed the present set-up was not regarded the Committee's responsibility.

ECONOMICS AND FREEDOM

Congress remit in favour of continued campaigning for increased bursaries was referred to NZUSA. Original proposals of the Bursary Scheme approved by NZUSA in 1949, for concrete proposals to hand to the Minister. Otago disavowed. Sal- low President McCoy: "Bursaries are quite adequate already!" Other college showed considerable enthusiasm. London adopted a similar proposal in 1948. Otago senior scholarships.

NZUSA collect and collate from all Colleges information concerning hostel facilities, and submitted the Minister of Education for securing adequate hostel facilities. Otago President disavowed NZUSA's disapproval. VUC undertook to prepare a questionnaire and lead the campaign.

Another Congress resolution, that supporting "freed speech in student papers" (shades of Prof. Board, V. Salle) was loudly supported by VUC and CUC. Said Mills: "We aren't going to be treated like a lot of school kids... Solidly conservative Roderick Smith, AUC: "We happen to believe in good taste and good manners." We could see their point. The motion was lost.

The Peace Manifesto likewise re- ceived Victorian and Canterburyopolitan support, only WFDV against. AUC's resolution was upheld by VUC alone, and an ignor- ant blank from the floor on the question of disarmament upheld by Holm.

The reply by Sir David Smith's deliberations about "heretical" in the University left was voted in VUC's alma chara. The motion was moved by Professor that NZUSA declares its inability to any proposals to exclude anyone from a University establishment on the ground of religious conviction, Smith (again) said it was "absurd nonsense." To grant the students (presumably the Communist) freedom to dominate us, or to exclude us from freedom in order to save our own freedom." Ireland (C.U.C.-long, long): "If a lecturer propagandises in the lecture-room, he is undesirable whether red or blue. Eakin: "If our way of life is to stand the test, then Communism must be given freedom also that both can fight the gauntlet of open argument." O'Brien: "That is the basis of the respect for democracy.

Miller favoured the setting up of a sub-committee to assure the de- signation of the academic zone, and O'Brien, he agreed that the question would increasingly become an issue affecting the New Zealand Univer- sity. But it was referred back to Colleges for discussion.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

O'Brien then delivered a report on the Australian negotiations of the State and Government for safeguarding student interests under the Concis- picus Act. Students, as a result, will obtain indefinite postponement of training on application. Thanks to Kevin for valuable work.

O.U.'s McCoy reported on the Aus- tralian Federation of Student Con- ference in January. Australian students were urged to reply to IUS request to split the world student movement. He recommended NZUSA to remain relations with IUS and its affiliates and not to accept the Kelso-Austen vacation exchange scheme, was commended, and the Debating Union "The Station" was transferred to the Committee's responsibility.

The International Union of Stu- dents doth live to some and new ad- ductions. VUC criticised the send- ing of delegates to splinter organi- zations at Leiden and London and when no one was sent to IUS Council meet- ing a delegate who was returning to the country and could report ade- quately. This was not ascertained at CUC at first opposed sending anyone. Mills: "It's like sending delegates year after year to the Congress and if the delegates are still black..."

Bruce Miller was highly commended for his work on the vacuum received. McCoy brought up the question of the IUS drama and music troupe who are to visit Australia. "Let's agree to invite these people; we are to agree to invite them over to New Zealand," said McCoy, following T. L. Tolhurst, formerly Australasian rep on IUS Exec. It was agreed to ask him on a National Committee to discuss IUS with NZ students.

The President undertook that NZUSA was not going ahead with any plans to form an International organisation outside IUS. "We will co-operate with IUS if it is at all possible..."

Only concrete step arising from an IUS delegation to the Conference was the sending of a NZUSA delegate to IUS conference in Calcutta. Many delegates were critical of the work of the IUS, but agreed to co-operate with it where possible.

ON THE BALL

Sports Sub-committee recommended further steps to persuade Rugby Union to hand over control to Winter Tournament. Hard things were said about VUC's playing the Haka Party's beer to the general discomfort of last year's east- erners.

Together a very many-sided con- ference. In the main, a vast im- provement on the shambles held at Christchurch last year. It is hoped NZUSA will continue to look after its position of strength, and not try to settle things on the status level as heretofore. That probably depends on Victoria continuing to give a strong lead.
TOLERANCE IN THE UNIVERSITY

A CONSIDERABLE howl was raised in the Press letter columns—and an
even greater one in the leader columns—when a motion at Congress,
commemorating editorial independence of the student press, was
unanimously carried. However, it is comforting to know, as the headlines
had it, that the main tenor of the Press comments—we think of one leader
in particular—was that this view was (a) idealistic, because we shouldn't be
allowed to have comment, holding teaching posts for practical reasons,
whatever merit "freedom of expression" might have and (b) just the silly
opinion of a group of irresponsible who know no better. Freedom of
speech, we were informed, was an outdated and 19th century liberal idea
which had no relation to the political necessities of the present day. The
authors of the motion were therefore either communists or impractical
idealists who ought to go to Russia and see whether the situation there
pleased them. Allow free speech to those who planned to overthrow
socialism!!! The righteous indignation of “every right-thinking citizen”
was aroused. There was smaller talk of cutting cushions out of university
students who could express such silly and outrageous and wicked and sub-
versive ideas. Freedom of speech (even if for evils criticism of the Russian
system was for its lack of such freedom) could never be allowed to seep
into the universities. Why, the young might be led astray by those whose
ideas were heretical! Of course, it was all in a line with what one expected
of the irresponsible university student, who just didn't have an appreciation
of the hard cold facts of political needs.

Some two months later, a gathering of British scientists (the Association
of Atomic Scientists) is quoted as having decided that “the effect of the
development of science and the advancement of knowledge” of the purge
being implemented by the “dictatorship and dis-
tinction” they said “are being replaced by others of lesser attainments who
have the recommendation of political conformity.”

This is very much what was said by the authors of the motion; that the
place of a university in the community was, among other aims, to seek
knowledge disinterestedly. And this cannot be done when any viewpoint
is a priori biased discussion, nor when men are chosen for "political conformity"
rather than ability.

And the gathering of British atomic scientists? Were they, too, all
communists and idealists and impractical dreamers who don't know the hard
facts of political necessity? Are they, too, all irresponsible who will know
better when they grow up? Should they all be sent to Russia to observe the
lack of “the aftermath of applied communism”—and perhaps to prepare them
for its introduction into our society? Should their livelihood be taken
away from them, their jobs in industry suspended or removed from
their lives, whose ideas are “heretical”?

It is the manifestation of a fanatical and hysterical nonsense. The
British scientists, like the students here, are concerned with the growing
in-
tolerance in our society. They would, if it weren't so subterfuge, be cynically
assumed at the sight of our society proceeding to introduce just that intoler-
ance which it attributes to its "heretics." In ordinary life it is amazing
enough to view the spectacle of society suppressing every liberal viewpoint
because it is heretical, but in a university, the effects would be disastrous.

/service to the community and to this
country.
—Margaret Morton.
(This letter exceeds 850 words. Presumably the writer had not noted the
recent agreement which had allowed it because we did not wish to allow the
time we cut our letter. If the comment "how well it accepts the standards
of its own editorial policy" is a criticism of our editorial policy, then we accept
it as such.—Ed.)

Contra Partia . . .

Sir,

Your leader in the 23rd issue was, as usual, a bit of an eye opener. It
would mean the ear-marking of the world for the historian's leisure disposal
and perhaps the birth of a sedentary age in world morals.

But when will the global govern-
ment be born. We must be frank,
realistic, about this. Idealism is only
one answer; the insurmountable
barrier is what the average man is
thinking in Mexico, Germany, Liberia.

We wouldn't like it in this country
if they made the English of a biling-
ual New Zealand the companion to
Afrikans nor if we had to give our
employers the deified respect that
still lingers in England. How would
San Francisco react if the plague
mission of our welfare state were
suddenly enforced—ideal living stan-
dards carried to absurdity by excess
legislation? or instead of having
high-pressure competitiveness, there
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We have shown again the creme de la creme of Victoria's athletic strength. We really only wish in the Tournament Jug. We weren't certain that we would win the wooden spoon this year, some of us went so far as to believe that Victoria would emerge triumphant. But we brought the Wooden Spoon back.

Had our winners been better supported by the second strings in our team, we would have had a chance of winning the Athletic Shield. Victoria won six men's titles with only two seconds, and the absence of a few 'stars' but our overall strength (5) is our weakness.

Dave Batten performed very well although his times were not the best he has done; this was perhaps due to wind conditions, a rather dead track and a very strenuous season which has left him a little stale. Dave has been a very good club member and it is unfortunate that he will not be eligible for Tournament next year. His running is very attractive to watch—he has the knack of appearing to move effortlessly even when he is flat out.

F. Turnbull, who has completed his course at Matsec, will also be running for us at Tournament next year. He ran twice this year, the three miles and six mile events. More will be heard of him in athletics in future.

He is the first distance runner we have ever had since Clem Hawk—be broke his nose at the Mile Runner event against the faculty sports. His times at Tournament were good, but not good enough for the mile, and for the three miles.

Bar Liasenko was severely handicapped by having the right hamstring pulled by himself while winning the discus throw with 1250, 9.8-91. Owing to an operation in October he could not attend good form this season, but he should do well next year. He was unfortunate in not getting a blue, as his time was the best merit on his N2U record. He was unlucky not to have been included in the Empire Games team, as his jumping has been consistently good throughout the early part of the season. It appears that the Games selectors made a slip somewhere. Right now, he's had enough of athletics for one year.

Barbara Hill came second in the 75 yards' sprint to N. Courtey, of Otago. Barbara is not running as well as last year; it seems that this is one of those off-year seasons for her.

Barb Mylop did not perform as well as he usually does. He will do better next year, as this is his first year as a senior.

John McLevie will improve. He has only started seriously at the 440 yards hurdles this year.

Gerry Harman and Fred Marshall could not go to Christchurch. They probably would have added to our meagre total of points had they been able.

In all fairness to the club, it must be said that the selectors and officials have, as usual, been doing a lot of hard work to whip up enthusiasm. Gerry Fox, Dave Tsawas, Stan Eade, and Trevor Levy have been towers of strength in this respect for many years.

If all the athletes who attend VUC would run for us instead of outside clubs, as quite a number do, we would have a side capable of winning the athletic title.

Athletics is a serious sport. It requires more training and time than just mere "recreation." But it offers more in exchange—fitness, self-discipline, travelling, and a good social side. Let's gird for the battle. And remember the motto—Nihil Est Ars Sinus Carborundum. Don't let them do it to you.

—N.J.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

In rowing we have one of the few occasions when Victoria did succeed in carrying off undisputed the usual useful kitchen implement in the Rounding Club. Victoria will be congratulated on an excellent effort.

The closest race of the morning was the Eight, Auckland putting on a fine though unsuccessful spurt just before the winning-post. In the Fours the placings were more obvious from the start, the two Canterbury teams being well ahead, the first from the moment the boats came into sight. Victoria's second place—one of the two Canta teams—not being eligible for points—was not closely disputed, but AUC had a close fight for third. The Double Sculls was a relatively easy victory for VUC.

The Double Sculls team consisted of Wiff Taylor and Wyndham Head. Dave Horelay (Eight) and Will Taylor (Sculls and Double Sculls) succeeded in gaining blue. Our reporter understands that one member of the team is in the running for a swimming blue on the basis of a splendid exhibition of swimming under extremely unfavourable conditions.

The Rowing Club is especially deserving of our congratulations since its total membership is 37—a number reflecting little credit on the part of our members of our student body.

"Tennis Balls, My Liege!"

**Only** title gained by Victoria A was the ladies' singles won by Ann Walker. Ann breeched through the first two rounds, and met stiff opposition from Jennifer Dudding early in the Semi-Final in the first set. Ann set to work to win 10 games in a row but seemed to relax before she clinched the match at 6.2. With perfect driving on both wings and forceful serves, Ann completely outplayed her hard-hitting opposite. The only blip in Ann's game was her frequent lapses at the net where she missed a few "sitters," but from the base-line her game was flawless.

After an easy win in the first round singles, Bill Pritchard ran into trouble against Garrie White of OUC, who snatched the first set to the tune of 6.0. Bill tightened up in the next set and, with careful placement, won a most-contested set 6-4. In the third set the going was even in the early stages but White was too severe and ran out the winner 6.3. Bill's was a great effort, and he was roundly applauded for his gymnastics.

Next day, in the final, White was soundly thrashed by the maestro, Robinson, 6-3, 6-1. Johnny Hutton (Massey) put up a game struggle against Robinson in the semi-final, but had to bow to the might and craft of the ex-N.Z. champion, 2-6, 4-6.

In the combined doubles, Bill Pritchard and Garrie White of OUC took the CUC second pair 7-5, 7-5, but eliminated the Otago pair Otway and Cook. Both Otago pairs were in the same group, and played extremely well in this game, but failed to reproduce this form against White and Nola Nile who were on blown-up form, and failure to be decisive at the net was the trouble. The second place went to Adam and Armstrong (Otago). Meanwhile, J. B. White and Janet Young appeared to be in the running for Misses Bird and Sparrow (CUC), who were flogged in the semi-final by O.U.'s Neave and Duling (6-4, 6-1) who won the title for the loss of only four games.

Janet Young concealed a hard-fought first set to Angela Wilson (AUC) 8-10 but lost the next 1-6. Janet's ground strokes are good but she will have to acquire some volleys and serve surer. Our congratulations to Wiff Vile (CUC) proved too strong for Roddy and B. Young who were continuously scratching for points.

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The undermentioned list of needs for the new student building has been circulated by the Executive to all clubs. However, we have been asked to post the list here for the benefit of club members and other students.

The closing date for suggestions is April 28. They should be given to the secretary before that date. Please note that at this point suggestions are for the secretary before that date. Please note that at this point suggestions for are for the secretary before that date. Please note that at this point suggestions for the secretary before that date.

1. Catteries to seat a minimum of 200.
2. Canteen to sell cigarettes, confectionery, drinks, matches, notebooks, badges, and anything else required. If necessary there can be a bookshop in this canteen, or run by an association.
3. Common room so seats a minimum of 150. This room may be divided into two if needed, to avoid a bar/bake selling.
4. Men's common room to seat a maximum of 100.
5. Women's common room to seat a minimum of 75.
6. Gym facilities based on the needs of the largest area for any given day—e.g., basketball court, 100 ft by 60 ft.

Following sports clubs:
- Athletic, tennis, dodge ball, tennis, handball,badminton, flag ball, rifle, archery, discus, tennis, basketball, rowing, swimming, table tennis.
- N.B. Please give area in basement for minature rifle range 8x9 by 30 yards.
- Small tennis court arrangement similar to that in Otago Medical School, 25x25 by 30x30. Depth 3ft 6in. to 4ft. Temp. 10 degrees.
- Storage space for equipment for above clubs, together with ski, tramp and tennis clubs.

Women's Club facilities:
- Two rooms for meetings, for 20 people.
- Two rooms for college publications, one twice as large as the other.
- Small kitchen facilities for after meeting suppers.
- Facilities for any medical schemes instituted.
- Sick bay.
- Photographic dark room.
- Sound proof room, for small recitals by glee clubs and music clubs.
- Space for staging of these.
- Association offices.

The needs are:
- Office, executive meeting room, public phone boxes, building intercom system.
- Large meeting facilities should be provided by use of gym for big functions, and by arranging common rooms so that they could be opened up by the theatre.
- Plat for caretaker and rooms for cleaners and their equipment.
- It is suggested that dancing facilities should be provided by gym and opening common rooms.
- 23. Letter racks are needed and these would have to be fitted into vs most suitable rooms.
- 24. The possibility of provision for one or more billiard tables as well as football table tennis, for non-club members might well be considered.

Note: It is not intended that facilities should be given for all of the above. This is a matter for the University authorities, and is beyond the scope of the student body.

Some of the above facilities will need to be combined into the same rooms.

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**WOMEN'S OUTDOOR BASKETBALL**

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