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THAT nationalization of the land is in the best interests of New Zealand was argued by Rod Smith and Mike Brittain at AUC against Kevin O'Connor and Ian Insker at VUC. The debate, which was marked by the usual verbal fireworks, was held at [location], and was well attended, with [number] present.

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AKE, AKE, AUCI

Kevin O'Sullivan is the first AUCK to win the [Red] Newspaper and Kevin O'Connor, who won the [Blue] Newspaper, was the only candidate to speak for both teams, although he did not speak for either. O'Connor's speech was well-received by the audience, who appreciated his clear and concise arguments.

The debate was a success, and the audience was well-informed and engaged. Congratulations to all those who contributed to the success of this event.

Kahn to Pol. Sci. Soc.

Report On Germany

ALTHOUGH the weather was far from attractive, the Political Science Society nevertheless had a successful first event on July 18 with [number] present.

Dr. Kahn knows Germany from the inside, and his [speech] was well-received by the audience. Kahn's speech was detailed and informative, providing a comprehensive overview of the political and social landscape of Germany.

In his [speech], Kahn discussed the dark history of Germany, from the Nazi era to the present day. He highlighted the challenges faced by Germany in rebuilding its economy and establishing a stable democratic system.

Kahn's speech was well-received by the audience, who were interested in his insights and analysis. Kahn's [speech] was a great success, and the audience was grateful for his time and dedication.

Unrepeatable

This is a grim picture of Germany today. Germany has no future, no hope of a better tomorrow. The Germans are living in a world of fear and uncertainty. The country is divided, and the population is fragmented. The future of Germany is uncertain, and the world is watching with bated breath.

However, despite the challenges faced by Germany, there is hope for the future. The German people are resilient, and they are determined to build a brighter future for their country. With the right leadership and support from the international community, Germany can emerge from this difficult period and become a prosperous and stable nation.

Democracy?

What is democracy in Germany? Dr. Kahn says there is no such thing. In Germany, there is only the illusion of democracy. The German people are manipulated by their leaders, and their rights are violated. The German government is corrupt and inefficient, and the people are powerless.

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A.G.M., Thursday, August 10th in B2 at 8 b.m.

"CAN THERE BE A SCIENCE OF HISTORY?"

by F. Winchester

Questions and discussion.

NOMAN'S LAND

Liberal?

SIR, At a recent meeting of the Students Association a certain Mr. J. L. Ballard was speaking on the Communist Dissolution Bill and in the course of his impassioned address he mentioned something about the Liberal Clubs in the Australian University Liberal Clubs in New Zealand I must ask you to publish the following extract from the minutes of the 2nd Annual Council of the A.U.L.C.:

"Realising the necessity for the future security of Australia that the Australian Communist Party should be dissolved and its members excluded from employment in public service and from positions of responsibility in public and private industrial organisations as are of vital importance to the security and defence of Australia, and realising further the difficulties attendant upon the effective execution of the provisions of an Act which the aforementioned purposes might be fully carried out, this Council declares: (1) That the Australian Communist party is an anti-Australian anti-British Party, the aims of which are to overthrow by force the present Australian democratic system; (2) That it supports fully the move of the Federal Government in their introduction of a Bill to dissolve, the Communist Congress; (3) That it endorses fully all the provisions of the Bill at present before the House of Representatives."

Hoping this will clear away any misunderstandings which Mr. Goddard, who has probably caused, I remain,

Paul Cotton.

We took the liberty of forwarding this letter before publication to Mr. Goddard, who denies that he claims (cf. J. L. Ballard) Liberal Clubs in Australian Universities were opposed to the Bill. He merely quoted the instance of the Melbourne University Liberal Club, which, he still. eq., concludes student paper "Parragq", of the opinion that the Bill is a bad thing.

Human Rights

SIR, Colonial Governments should extend human rights to their citizens and leave Kenya to settle their own dispute.

The Town Crier May 24th 1950 said "... an important amendment in the Town Criminal Code was put into effect last year. This amendment provides for the imprisonment of five years prison sentence for persons publishing words on documents or making visible representations which are tendentious in intent."

In Mauritius the situation is similar. "A Bill has been published to provide that, when a person has been convicted of sedition in any newspaper, publication of the paper may be prohibited for a period of up to three years. The proprietor, printer or publisher may be prohibited from editing, writing for, or taking part in the production of any newspaper for three years; and printing press may be seized."

Dr. Thompson speaking at Melbourne April 3 1950, said about the shortages: "I saw natives chained by the necks and led away under armed guard without even the formality of a trial, to which every man is entitled. I saw a little girl of seven, mothers and children run after them, crying because they knew their men would never return from Palm Island, known as the Island of Death."

The Queensland Government Monthly, early 1949 "... nine horses heads appeared before the British District Commissioners and demanded 15 dollars a week for all native working on the coal plantations. The improvements were dealt with, by jailing 19 of the leaders for periods up to six years hard labour.

Why WFDFY?

SIR, Your report of the walkout at the S.O.G.I. I suggest, somewhat neutral meeting is then regarding W.F.D.F.Y. was put forward only three weeks ago: a week after A.G.M. 19-57 at the A.G.M. Previous motions for disfiliation were carried, I concede, but not after such a short interval, and not after such a clear vote (two I traced were 80-101 and 75-25).

There are at least 57 W.F.D.F.Y. supporters whose opinions we must respect; these people should let the subject drop unless they can assemble a proper meeting and 2 secure seats. For the sake of our own strength of 57 at the A.G.M. overview, the interest and patience of the opposition section of the audience is lost if it was last week.

What I found a great deal more disconcerting was a report of the same meeting in some of our local newspapers, which was front page news in the "People's Voice" published the day before the "Salient" report. I do not think the meeting was aware that it was being reported on; and I suggest that clear reporting on newspaper reporting is desirable for future general meetings of the Association.

A. W. OOK

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THE NEED FOR PHILOSOPHY

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In Search of...

WHAT DUGGAN MEANT

The only school of thought which Dr. Duggan will admit to the status of Philosophy is Realism. Philosophy, for Dr. Duggan, is merely Metaphysics in all its ramifications. When he was asked whether he could, without committing linguistic, and syntactical errors, define metaphysics as anything other than a fragment of man’s imagination, i.e., as nonsense, Dr. Duggan replied that metaphysics was the study of infinite being.

Let us consider these two symbols, “infinite” and “being” (N.B. for the sake of brevity, please note that in the verb “to be” are included other forms—e.g., to exist, to become, etc.). To avoid being wearisome we will quite hypothetically assume a message for “infinite” and will concentrate upon “being.” “Being” can be used as a verbal noun, but no other verbal noun, e.g., “sitting,” assert an activity, the verbal noun “being” asserts a thing that is “Being” also may be used as a non-verbal noun as in “human being.” C.F. the use of “sitting” is a sitting of eggs. This is an arbitrary usage, however, and if Dr. Duggan is using “being” in this way he will have to face the fact that “I am a human being” is equivalent to “I am sitting.” Or, “Eggs are sitting” is equivalent to “Eggs are being.” And that “Metaphysics is being” is equivalent to “Metaphysics is sitting” will therefore be merely a tautology. The way to avoid the error in language of attempting to use “being” both as a verbal and a non-verbal noun which can be qualified by an adjective such as “infinite.”

But, if “being” is to be used at all as a verbal noun, the user should realize the implications of his act, for it is demonstrable that the verb “to be” is not a necessary symbol, since “the table is red,” the “red” verb “to be” is not a necessary symbol, since “the table is red” asserts no more than “does red table.” When, too, the sentence “the table is red” is analyzed, it is not a necessary symbol, for “the table is red” asserts no more than “does table.” Or, I assert “love” and not “I.” And when I say, “I am,” I assert “I” and not “am”—again the verb “to be” is an unnecessary symbol.

It is self-evident that if a symbol is not necessary it is meaningless, and the verb “to be” is therefore a meaningless symbol—nonsense. By his own definition, Dr. Duggan’s metaphysics, his Philosophy, is the study of infinite beings. “Being” is not a substitute “infinite being.” dr. Duggan’s use of “infinite being” is therefore a substitution for “infinite” in such a way that Dr. Duggan’s metaphysics, and, indeed, all philosophy, is conceived in, to say the very least, defective—defective not only in that it is open to erroneous use even in the hands of those who realize its defects, but also in that its very structure assumes the metaphysical philosophy which it is used to justify.

It would appear then that the study of the problems presented by this language, the realization of its short-comings and the clarification of its ambiguities, would be fundamental to any serious study of philosophy; and yet Dr. Duggan dismisses this linguistic problem with a shrug of the shoulders and, apparently, blissfully ignorant of the limitations of the medium in which it is conceived holds up metaphysics as the philosophical study.

—David Webster

About Duggan About Philosophy and About

If anyone wants to talk about philosophy (even after all this meditative philosophy) it seems to me that there are various requirements, such as patience, clarity and reasonableness which should be fulfilled. Further, the speaker should not purport to be able to sum up and discuss any recognized philosopher in one sentence. Only too seldom did Father Duggan fulfill these requirements in his recent talk to the College.

On the other hand, his contention that the mind is impressed with the knowledge that there is something in existence as well as that mind possesses a tendency to consider a value as a postulate seems to me to be the most of the difficulties some when one tries to proceed from the visible. It is very difficult to know how, if at all, one can pass from the concept of some existence to validly asserting its objective existence other than as a concept. Answering Father Duggan seemed difficult, I think that this transition is validly possible, but I could not, I thought, satisfactorily answer my help question, which was directed to this issue.

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THE RESPECTFUL PROSTITUTE
And Three Others

On Friday and Saturday last, the Devonshire Club presented in the Little Theatre, their one act play "The Respectful Prostitute." Chrissie Chancy" was first on the bill. It was a kind of little diversion, ridiculing the pettibourgeoisie at the theatre and naturally it was not prolonged to any great length for I feel that there was little inspiration would have found it boring, extremely quickly.

By A. A. Milne and "If Men Played Cards As Women Do" by Guy R. Smith were much in the same strain. The play by Milne was the latter of the two in a light frivolous way amused the audience but, I fear, by the trick played upon us at the end. "If Men Played Cards As Women Do" was, like the other plays, competently acted, but, as Fred offends the effect of being simply a lampoon on one topic, and once a fair measure of fun had been given it the object of derision the tedious and aimless and the plot impossible to mention all by name with very much by stage graces and invidious to specify any in particular, though the part played by Henry Conner should not be lost sight of in the Milne play.

For scatological carcinomas, "The Respectful Prostitute" by Paul Selena provided the intellectual meat of the evening. Lizzie, a young woman engaged in carnal commerce, has fled from New York to what is presumably the Deep South, and when she is amusingly sitting in the theater, she witnesses a drunken white man murder a Negro. As one might expect, her affections, if by hard, a member of the upper crust, "a natural leader" at the training in a military academy, and of course highly esteemed in the locality. To make sure that she will testify in the interest of the oligarch family, she is visited by Fred, a cousin of the murderer, ostensibly for a business relation. After a social visit, with avid protestations of affection, and other things, Fred speedily discloses his real purpose for visiting her. Besides undersquad her Fred offends her greatly and fails to make her complaint in the matter of her treatment. The plan is to have the police, in league with the oligarchs also to break her will by intimidation, but Fred's father, a southern gentleman, with a boyish idea of democracy, is looking like a Sunday School God who will appear. We succeed where others have failed, by pitching a skirmish which has been fabricated by the Chacean of wealth and a few, and of course, some passage of crude violence, the realization of her mistake done.

Little helps another Negro unjustly accused as much as she can, and, in the end she is offered the position of Fred's kept woman in "nice place on the hill" at Fred's assurance that she will visit her at least three times a week and that "not at all sure that Fred's father is not averse to meeting her on the same terms.

It must be submitted, by even the vaguest of well-intentioned American citizen, that the race question in that country is a serious one. It is not enough simply to tell a story about what a shame it all is, unless it is, at least, stating some kind of solution. Even Hollywood recognizes the problem exists and has brought out a couple of films recently; of course, thoroughly muddied and confused so that wicked attackers cannot make possible capital out of it. If we are going to have an awakening in social consciousness, then the film industry will ride the bandwidth too and morale till further orders. If the same merciful calculation does not apply in the case of Sartre, but the same confusion reigns in his play, "The leading characters are very well done" with a suggestion of subtle naive enjoyment, lurking around, though hard to pin down. This is particularly the case with Fred who appears to be as necessary to the wanton that he loves him; the Negro is so much overawed by the white man's mana that he won't try to defend himself.

The leading parts taken by Gweneth Carr, Anthony Keating, Roy Menzies, were well done, although voices did not carry very clearly to the back of the hall. Although the play had some defects the VUC Drama Society are to be congratulated on picking upon a playwright's not well known in New Zealand, yet having something to say.

—Hector McNab.

for a riposte!

PROVINCIAL FENCING TOURNAMENT

The VUC Fencing Club was the host for 1950 Annual Provincial Fencing Tournament, July 15-16.

 Held during the worst month in living memory, with contestants and spectators shivering as the swept in through the broken window. Tournament managed nevertheless to produce some good fencing. And some very bad. Besides VUC, the Wellington Swords Club, the Dunedin College, Hutt Valley and Nelson clubs were present.

The Men's Senior Pool brought good fencing from the men who would probably represent at Tournament — Hamilton, Bennett, Stevens, McMichael and possibly Flaws. Club captain Hamilton was down 4-1 in one fight and came up to win 4-5. Fane Flaws (Bob) walked in on Sunday for Sabin and walked off with the title. He fought at the Empire Games. Brother Eric was second, and won the Epee contest.

The boys from Wellington College showed definite promise. Some are coming to VUC and will be a big asset. Their fighting ability was to the teaching of Eric Flaws and Ray Michael — the latter, by the way, won the Men's senior foil title.

Jill Burrell, runner-up to Julie Flaws in Women's senior foil pool, has only been fighting two months. New Zealand, her place, and Pita is Maori. Burrell's third was, due to determined attacks in her own inimitable style. Jill and Sue hope to do her goal in the next year. — someone please warn them down there.

The Tournament was a good show; the centre judging was of the usual standard, which could be improved. Women's Senior Foul — Julie Flaws, VUC; Jill Burrell, VUC; Priti Lux, VUC.

Men's Junior Foul — Ray Michael, VUC; Sid Holland, HVSc: A. R. P. Cooper, WCSC.

Women's Senior Foul — Elizabeth Pierce, VUC; Betty Tenenbeek, VUC; Julie Burrell, VUC.

Men's Senior Foul — Walter Stafford, Peter Hampton; Win Stevens; Liza Jansen.

Epee — Eric Flaws, VUC; Walter Stafford, VUC; Brian Cato, NVC.

Foils — Fane Flaws, Flaws, Yvan Flaws, Brian Cato, Wyn Stevens.

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