THE NEED FOR PHILOSOPHY

A student, acquainted with Dr. Duggan's philosophical position and impressed with his intellectual capacity, cannot but feel that in his lecture he hardly did justice to himself or to his subject.

In the first place Dr. Duggan tried to cover too much ground and time at his disposal, with the result that what might have been an excellent statement of the modern scholastic position was marred by the too frequent use of dogmatic assertions for which he did not give adequate support. Furthermore, in order to bring forward adequate supporting argument, he was forced to refer to various philosophers, including those of the Middle Ages, and to some extent to modern philosophers, most of whom he knew personally. He was not able to make the key points as clear as possible, because he had to work with so many different ideas at once.

Nevertheless, Dr. Duggan did make some very good points. He demonstrated clearly the contrast between modern idealism and the realism of the scholastics. He mentioned the importance of the subject of the ego, and the importance of the distinction between the two philosophies. He also made a clear distinction between the nature and function of philosophy, which is particularly necessary in a talk on scholastic philosophy.

If, as Dr. Duggan claimed, the modern philosophers are "at fault in their epistemological dogma," surely the most appropriate action is first to help them out so that they can give their attention to more fruitful points of philosophy, and then to draw the lesson that in the future others will not suffer the same fate. If the bog is to be drawn satisfactorily, it must be thoroughly surveyed in order to show where there are not other sources of seepage than the one which stems from a Cartesian origin.

Epidemiology is today regarded by most philosophers as being of major importance, and there are indications that the scholastic philosophy of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, at least, are in general agreement with the modern views. Van Steuben's recently translated book should help to stimulate further inquiry in the English-speaking world. The talk was somewhat disappointing, being characterized on all sides by far too much obscurity.

CRISIS IN KOREA

A state of war in Korea, the Security Council decided to take all necessary action, including economic sanctions, without the presence of the Russian delegate and the doubtful support of China.

Eric asked the question "is war a war crime?" He must be careful to maintain the systems of the world by which they should have an inward serenity with a calm in all the grandest levels of ideas and every dimension of things. It is the war that is right and justifiable, not the China or the Americans. Eric summed up his attitude by saying that he did not consider it necessary for any Christians to enthrall themselves to the will of others.

Dove Cohen started by outlining the whole chapter of his book, for he said that the Korean situation had to be regarded as part of the movement taking place throughout the Far East, especially in Malaysia, Vietnam, and Korea. The same type of uprising had also occurred in China. It must have taken place by the potdam declaration and they promised self-government and assistance in rebuilding themselves. The experiments and planning that had been done could have been useful.

WINTER TOURNEY

FROM the minutes of the last Exec. meeting:—"Remit: Moved K. O'Brien, seconded Pearce; That VUC ask that a special investigation be held into the wisdom of holding Wintour Tourneys on the grounds that, (a) they are cumbersome, (b) they bring no social functions for which they were originally intended.—Carried."

The discussion in support of this resolution was not very frequent, and one of the main objections was that the Tourney was not sufficiently attractive to people who did not participate in the events, and (a) it is not very interesting, and (b) it is very expensive. (3) A Tourney a year is enough. (4) The clubs not interested in Wintour Tourney could probably arrange other inter-college matches.

The main points: (a) Winter Tourney are cumbersome; is needed for the social aspect of the Tourney. But what's the cause? (b) The only legitimate course is to investigate management. (c) A subcommittee to report on things which could not be much improved.

(c) What are these social functions that are referred to? We always thought that Tourney was a good opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy each other's company. But what's the cost? (d) The only legitimate course is to investigate management.

The discussion needs no comment and is simply that the Tourney is a good opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy each other's company. But what's the cost? (e) The only legitimate course is to investigate management. (f) A subcommittee to report on things which could not be much improved.

The main point: what clubs were represented at this meeting and were they winter or summer?

Less Reason to Rumble

FROM Monday, August 14, the Cafeteria will serve only a light evening meal. This is due, partly, to the increase in wages and of prices, to the type of items we have to run. A light evening meal will be served, cut wages and prices sufficiently to help make up the loss, or at least to make us break even.

The meal will consist of a soup, a fish, an assortment of vegetables, an apple, a banana, a slice of toast, and a drink. There will be no soup, a fish, and no vegetables included. The fish will be served on a platter with rice and vegetables.

We felt that it was possible to introduce this type of evening meal as a substitute for a dinner, but we felt that this is the only alternative to even higher prices.

We hope that you will continue to support the Cafeteria, for it is by far the best in the college and can probably survive without us.

—Chris Harvie for the Cafeteria Committee.
NO MAN'S LAND Peace and the Atom

Sir—The daily press has been full of propaganda aimed at dissuading people from signing the World Peace Council Appeal to the prohibition of the atomic weapon. Latest gallant warriors to join the fighting ranks of pro-atomists are the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, who claim that the Appeal is a Kremlin plot, and incidentally argue that all international attempts to control atomic energy have been frustrated by the ingenuity of the Russians.

As "Salient!" seems to be one of the few remaining manifestations of this country's "free press" (we have had countless letters screened before publication in the great dailies), we submit this facts to you, sir, in the depths lest they may be put before a few hundred people, and assayed to counteract some popular lie.

As a matter of fact the Soviet Union, through Vyacheslav Molotov, introduced into the U.N. General Assembly, on November 28, 1946, a resolution for a general reduction of armaments. As a rider to this resolution, was a proposal (1) to ban the use of atom bombs; (2) to destroy all stocks; (3) to appoint an international control authority to carry out regular inspections wherever and whenever it decides; all decisions of this body to be by majority vote, and punishment of offences, like all other matters of peace and security, to be in the hands of the Security Council. The Basic laws of the United States, on the other hand, would have set up an authority to own and control all atomic energy projects; it was to be independent of the Security Council, and only when it was working was the United States to decide when the time had arrived to destroy these stocks and share their peaceful results for peaceful use.

When Lord Boyd Orr was ousted from the Presidency of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization last year after insisting that the needs of human beings take precedence over the world's cash interests of certain Americans, he remarked (World News 4, 2; 50): "The Americans are not prepared to take part in any international organisation in which they are not in full control." That tells a story. So does the General Guard's message of 28/9/49, which stated: "Time and again have rejected Roman and international armament proposals without even discussing them.

What is needed is obviously a demonstration by the people of the world themselves that atom-energy be used exclusively for peaceful purposes. The Bomb Holm Appeal is just that.

Literally, hundreds of millions all over the world are signing it. Despite the gibberings of their Graces the Archbishops, the Appeal has already been signed by at least one Anglican Bishop in the United Kingdom; severals in the United

International Student Service

SOFAR this year, the sum of £120 has been transferred to ISS. This includes the sum of £50 which was granted by the University of the Punjab at Lahore. The other half goes to the Headquarters at Geneve for General relief purposes. The money is spent directly where students need assistance—and some of them are under conditions where even such simple things as writing paper is hard to come by.

The VUC ISS committee feels that even more assistance can be given this cause and in order to raise further funds, are organizing a modified work scheme for the forthcoming vacation. In addition it is proposed to make a further collection around the college during the third term.

Many students, because their parents were working on the Farm, were unable to do anything. It is now proposed to distribute forms in college so that students will sign up to do a day's work for half a day's work during the coming two weeks recess.

The ISS committee will arrange to get all the work done, offering the students a vacation. Some difficulty was found last time in finding work for all the female workers offering, so that if people can find their own work, then so much the better.

Your contributions always welcome and may be paid into the Exec. office any time.

The annual conference of the N.Z. ISS will be held in Christchurch during the vacation; Salient hopes to report some of the more important matters arising at this time.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

At a time when New Zealand is honoured by the presence of so many international University men of note, it is a sad reflection on our society to think that other conferences are going on also which are likely to vitiate much of the good of our own little effort.

In the thermal regions, visitors are being shown simultaneously the usual visitor's array of natural wonders which it is everyone's duty to wonder at, and the array of talent which New Zealand's youth is so full of, is gathering together. And the latter is perhaps more to be wondered at in the genuine sense than in the former. For New Zealand can take no particular pride in the fact that she has been endowed with a host of geniuses and such-like—and anyway, even comparatively second rate countries like Iceland can turn on much the same sort of treat.

But we are distinguishing a little in the men who can represent us at a University conference: some of them are maybe not New Zealanders by birth, but they have been here long enough to have assimilated our outlook.

The University which they are so much part of is far from ideal. It suffers from the broad basis of the pattern which is essentially colonial, and in many ways it is far from satisfactory. None probably are more aware of this than the men who are speaking to us at the conference.

Probably they are looking, not so much to the concrete things which we can take some pride in, but the things which, in the future, must be remedied.

And probably at the same time they are thinking that the results of other international conferences which are going on at the same time are likely to make the results of their thinking into the future worth about as much as the hot air which is issuing from the vents around them.

This is no fault of their own. Such conferences are vastly worthwhile, well justified by the spirit they must engender among the young who are responsible for universities. Maybe if the other conferences were going as well as theirs, we would have no need to be worried.

-D.G.-

Continued from Page 1. pointed out that much of the assistance taken the form of pliant collaborates with the Japanese in positions of authority. This, naturally, was objected to by the majority of the people. It is the Malayans who are not a group of any importance in the population, who are the, the Malayan plan is for; as yet another example of the results of this policy. The Malaysian "handful," far from being a minority group, must be the, a part of a large percentage of the population to be able to continue against the Colonial Government and put forward their striving for national independence.

The Malays are not a primitive people; they invented gunpowder and movable type long before they were used in Europe. It is a country not easily divisable and this division was the cause of intense activity all over the Korean. All organisations which pressed for unity in South Korea were disbanded by the Yankie and representatives of the land-owning minority were made an intern govern- ment.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The meeting called for Thursday, August 10th, has been cancelled.

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Yugoslavia and the IUS

SLAYS, SLAVES AND STUDENTS

“Tito! Tito! Tito!” The cries of young blackshirts for their Due, the cry rings out in Belgrade. All the enthusiasm that had built up the great President’s regime, that had helped free Yugoslavia, and set her on a new democratic course, has been perverted into the dangerous idolisation of a single man.

As long as they thought of this little Serbian peasant as a “Communist,” conservative “western” students classified him in the prejudiced bookshelves of their minds, with Uncle Jo, and spoke of him with similar acronyms. But when a breach opened between Yugoslavia and her neighbours, the automatic classification, too, changed. When our local toasts went to backguard WPDK for, they helped the last time—they spoke fervently of the rights of the young Yugoslav who had been expelled. The Belgrade catch-cry nearly broke the air in our own Gym.

The reason for the expulsion of the People’s Youth of Yugoslavism from WPDK (Bulletin Jan. 30th), and of the Student Section of the FTT from the International Union of Students (Circular July 5th), was an immediately different one from that for which the Communist press with Tito, although they must be discussed together. The subject is of some importance for New Zealand students, as the British National Union of Students’ governing body suspended membership from IUS (Gurrina news 23.50) allegedly because of the “unconsisting” attitude of the Yugoslav organisation, and has circulated a detailed report entitled “Students in Yugoslavia,” giving the findings of a British delegation to that country early this year, and supporting the FTT decision.

This report has been widely circulated among student organisations in New Zealand, and has given the evident aim of influencing delegates to the IUS Congress next month, at which the New Zealand and VUCUSA will all be represented.

Revolution

Many students will remember a talk given to the Socialist Club in 1941 by Dr. W. B. Sutch, who had served as economic adviser to UNRRA in Europe. His impressions were vivid, his conclusions clear, and the Yugovites, he pointed out, many of the positions that he stated go in all parts of the Continent, welcomed the Nazis as an effective weapon to discredit the workers and the Left. That was, somehow, the historical role of the Nazis in Germany itself.

Resistance to the invaders was due above all to the Communist groups: the result being that, with the Allied victory, collaborators fell with the Hitlerites, and a virtual revolution took place in most countries, the Left emerging as the populous leader of new governments. Even in France and Italy this was, you will remember, the case.

“Tito, Yugoslavia, like other Balkan states, has been the scene of terror under petty despotism, a strong left of government tools under the Communists of the Flourp. However, this is not the case in their countries. The government has been able to control big estates, nationalise big industry, and work with workers, inaugurate a new era in industrial and agricultural methods, education, social security, housing—in Yugoslavia, small peasants were not encouraged to develop their land, or to collectivise in co-ops where this was an obvious solution towards increased prosperity. They gradually became the victims of the exploitation of entrepreneurs who had not been employed, who were workers, and on whose support the government had increased in recent years. Tito’s decision.

Repression

This line failed to correspond either with popular wishes or with official international Communist opinion. Indeed, there was growing opposition to the Tito regime, and the government, in order to maintain its power, had already held a disaffection in the one man with whom it could be expected to symbolise its resistance and victory. By 1948 resistance to the government had crystallised. Suddenly General Jovanovich and Colonel General Zujovic, both famous leaders in the Party, and a close associate with Tito, and executed without trial in August (v. Press). They were known to be leaders of certain trends in Tito’s policy. Closely following on those executions was that of the Yugoslav opposition student leader and member of the Communist Party, Tito’s sting in the tail, and hundreds of arrests of students opposed to the government (“Guld News”, 23.50).

At the same time came the final break with other European Governments. The Communist organisation has opposed all the governments of Poland, and finally expelled Tito’s government by having been the objective of the Com- munist Party.

But the Tito government had started on an unpardonable road, and was driven by the logic of circumstances into more and more unpopular acts. Internal criticism, the lifeblood of the revolution, was strangled (by high officials, strangely enough, by Commu- nists), was supressed. But the “western” governments at once em- braced Tito in the great Marshall Plan. The State Department had already shown by its attitude to Tito, that it was not a fussy thing it financed, provided he was anti-Communist.

In the February 18 issue of the “Central European Observer” (London by Rev. Stanley Evan), IUS columnist William Wolf, recently returned from Yugoslavia, publish- ed an interview with a States Department official working there: “The strategy calls for two primary goals: action, giving as much economic assistance as possible to Tito, and working for the spread of the Titoite movement.” (“Tito’s Times” [31.10.49]).

We are not told how much (U.S. Ambassador) Cavendish Cole- man averted trouble in the air before the Communist split burst open, but it seems that the Titoite government the encouragement and supported it needed to keep the rebellion firing.”

Disruption

The split was then, known before it started. Maybe there is something in the evidence addicted to the Rajk Trial at Budapest last year, and analysed by Derek Harton, who was, in his “Tito’s Plot Against Europe,” that that particular tool in Tito’s confidence have been but agents within the Communist movement for such anti-red forces as the White Guard, the Chilean, and the U.S. Office of Strategic Ser-

Commission Confusion

The Commission is set up by the Russian government to investigate the violence and brutality report, which is said to be so many for another year. By the time the elections had been arranged, after considerable protest at separate elections for North and South. All the more reason for the Americans over the Yugoslavs. Voters were on the one hand the Volunteers at each booth, and finally a govern- ment approved by the Yanks was elected.

The democracy continued at work under the new political and economic system. Any member of the government who did not approve of such action as the South Korean invasion of the North was imprisoned or executed. It was agreed that the question of whether the Volunteers had caused the split, yet the alertness of the American action was significant.

There was no room for discussion and Mr. McVey, opposing the Russian government and U.S. methods, declared that the Club could not come to any conscientious opinion on this question: the North must have been decapitated. Mr. Cohn, listening to their opinion and at the end of the meeting the Boycott Club’s chairman, Mr. Bollinger, nominated by Mr. Smith, had been nominated by the VUC Socialist Club endorses the resolution passed by the Boycott Club calling for a full meeting of the Security Council with all the parties to settle the present dispute in Korea, peacefully, followed by a general election for a new government.

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Men's Basketball

This year's team is a neat blending of old hands and new comers. The lineup for this season has been changed, and form the nucleus of Victoria's most successful men's basketball team of recent years. The players are well up to standard, and we are confident that Victoria will be back in contention. Our winning streak will soon be back where it used to be.

The season was disrupted by an unexpected illness, and the team was forced to play some games without their star players. But the team rallied and managed to win the championship. The season ended with a playoff against the University of British Columbia, and Victoria emerged victorious. The team has been invited to participate in the national championships, and everyone is looking forward to a successful season.

Women's Hockey

Manny Richmond, goalie, has shown great form in the early games. Rosemary Smith, who played in the reserve team last year, has been promoted to the first team this season. The team has been successful in their opening games, and are currently in the lead in the league.

Women's Volleyball

The volleyball team has been training hard and is looking forward to a successful season. The team has a mix of experienced and new players, and is poised to challenge the reigning champions. The team is currently in the top four in the league, and is looking to move up the ladder.

Soccer

The team is in fine form, with a mix of experienced and new players. The team has been training hard and is looking forward to a successful season. The team is currently in the top four in the league, and is looking to move up the ladder.

Table Tennis

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