WHY DID WE CUT LOOSE FROM WFDY? 

OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENTS OF VUC

PARIS, September 1, 1950.

Dear Students,

It was with considerable surprise that we learnt of your recent decision to dissociate yourself from the World Federation of Democratic Youth. This decision was all the more surprising for the two of us who are members of the Student Congress in that body. We would like to request for further information or clarification that we have been forthcoming, although this was suggested in our report of that Congress.

We are of the opinion, however, that the present moved concern in the student movement is with another aspect of the matter. It is quite clear from the statements that were made at the same meeting where your decision was announced, that the dissociation is not concerned with the activities of the Student Congress, but with their association with the WFDY. We understand that you have stated that the formation of the SUC (Student Union Congress) is a better way to achieve our aims. However, we believe that the aims and activities of the WFDY are not so different from those of the SUC, and that the two bodies can work together towards common goals.

We believe that the WFDY can be a valuable ally in the struggle for democracy and peace. The WFDY has been instrumental in organizing youth movements all over the world, and has played a significant role in the struggle against colonialism and imperialism. We believe that the SUC should consider the possibility of working closely with the WFDY in order to achieve our common goals.

We urge you to reconsider your decision and to work together with the WFDY in order to achieve our common goals. We are confident that the WFDY can be a valuable ally in the struggle for democracy and peace.

Sincerely yours,

[Names]

PS. We would like to hear your views on this matter and encourage you to participate in the discussion that is taking place in the Student Congress.

ISS Conference

DELEGATES from the various Varsity and Training College ISS Committees gathered at the ISS Conference during the August vacation. Dr. Hulme, Rector of CUC and President of the Student Congress, was in attendance. E. K. Braybrooke and R. A. Matheson were among the delegates present. Because of the difficulties encountered by many students in Europe and Asia, a special session was convened to discuss the issue further. The conference was successful in reaching a decision that the ISS should continue to provide financial assistance to those students who need it, in order to ensure that they can continue their education.

Merger

Coming merger of ISS, WSB, and constituent organizations was discussed. A proposal was put forward that the ISS and WSB should merge, with the formation of ISSA 25 years ago, from European Student Relief, originally an offshoot of World Student Christian Federation. It was suggested that a new organization would be well equipped to carry on the work ISS has done. The proposal was considered to be the best way to ensure the continuation of the work of the ISS.

ISSA 25th Anniversary

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the ISSA, the VUC committee will be holding a collection in the college. All students are encouraged to give a contribution to support the work of the ISSA.
VISIONS OF THE FUTURE...

Victoria has usually made the news in not quite such a respectable way. But the paper has appeared with our future in perspective; our present dwarfed by the towering buildings, our hopes condensed into six-storied buildings and our wildest dreams all depicted in serried rows towering the skyline from Salamanca Road almost to Arcadia.

Wellington's future appears to lie under the shadow of Victoria. Her Western Skyline, if the paper is correct, will be jolted with institutions of higher learning, to which the citizen in the street, going on his daily round to the office or the shop, will look up in awe and admiration. Overseas visitors will frequent the bays to see the city dominated by its university.

Over the commercial and political centre of New Zealand will brood, like an architectural form of Rodin's "The Thinker"—Victoria University College.

It is a pleasant thought.

Victoria got here in the first place for reasons none of which had much to do with disinterested planning for the future. The clay of our foundations has never settled into a respectable and dignified soil; like the university itself, the foundations drew attention to the fact that there was a newness about it all. And the site, supreme though it may be over the city, while enjoying the advantages of closeness to the centre of things (for those inevitable part-time students who were no long-sightedly seen to be destined to take such a part in its life, this was its biggest advantage) was an awkward one which demanded that every advance and expansion should be hewn out of the ground as hardly as every advance of the college's name was hewn out of the metropolitan mind of the commercial community.

The site was not only inconvenient—it was laden with gorse, prickly and hard to get rid of; a plant with a sad habit of prickling hardest the most comfortable and of becoming inconspicuous in the most dangerous of grounds.

All in all, there was much in the site and its accomplishments which was short of the art of the spirit; the emphasis on utility rather than looks; the uncomfortable habit of making hard the paths of the self-righteous; the removal from the ways of the city.

But this, it seems to go, Victoria looks rather as though it will be domesticated. Not only will the site be up and above the city, but the city is going to look up to it. Not only will the site be subsided by the irresistible advance of mechanisation, but it is altogether to become something of which the city will be proud. And in refined forms the Lanese Emulsion advertisement at the entrance to Lyttelton Harbour. Victoria will become something of which we splendidly without a doubt the shrines of its community after higher learning.

The new Victoria, campus and all, looks as though it will have little in common with the rows and rude buildings of the present college.

Somewhere on this magnificent campus, we hope, there will be room for us all, and that there will be no more snobbery among the students wasting their lives. Not the least. Then the students adopting their interest to the site on the fifth floor, will look down at the gorse and remember that once Victoria was as bit like that—wilder and less relished by the community, but prickly hard the most solid citizens when they strayed from the narrow paths.

Wanted

Applications close Sept. 30. Secretary of the Association for the following positions:

Producer, Extrav., 1951*
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Visitors' Debate

"THAT THE PRESENT WORLD CRISES CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY CHRISTIAN PACIFIST ACTION."

Affirmative: Mr. E. Burton
Negative: R.S.A. Team
The Little Theatre 8 p.m., Friday, September 22.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

NEXT THURS., 28th

To Re-affiliate to the WFDY.

NO MAN'S LAND Protectors?

SIR,—These remarks of Major General Smedley D. Butler are interesting today. They are quoted in "Man's Worldly Goods" by Leo Huber.

"I spent thirty-three years and fourteen months in active service of my country, a member of our country's (U.S.) most agile military force, the Marine Corps. I served in all campaigns, from those conducted in the Argentinean War to those in Korea, as a member of the Marine air sections. During that period I spent most of my time being in the saddle, primarily with muskeg men and black aloos, on, for the Army, and for the Navy, and for the messengers of the world, the Red Cross. And I have known the modem transformer, from Wall Street, and for the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer for the Red Cross.

Thus I helped make Mexico and especially Tampa safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped to put the indies for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-12. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras for the American fruit companies in 1913. In China in 1927 I helped see that it Standard Oil went its way unmolested. I feel that I might have given Al Capone a few hard years of prison, but as he was the best he could do to operate his racket in three cities districting three million American oil-eastern and northeastern central continents."

The United Nations' troops protect U.S. investments in Korea: The Consolidated Mining Co., New Zealand Quarries, and tungsten smelting company at Sangdong. The U.S.S.R. of course, has Asia's other Asian investments—W.M.

Infallibility

SIR,—Canon Raven spurned an orthodox outstandingness when referring to the Catholic doctrine of the Infallibility of the Pope. As he is reporting as saying: "none of us up to the present point in his life have received a liberal education and that the human being could measure up to the standard of Infallibility."

When Catholics speak of the Infallibility of the Pope, they mean that he is infallible in matters only concerning faith and morals. He can speak only after consultation only after consultation with the college of Cardinals. Errors in science, in economics, in politics, are not infallible. Perhaps he will not deny Him the power of appointing a representative on earth and of it to other nations for this representative with the power to safeguard His teachings and His Church. It is a pity that Christians will not realise that it is essential to any society to have an authoritative head. Canon Raven would be first to admit that it is lack of allegiance to authority that has shattered the unity of Christians. It is mainly due to the doctrine of Infalibibility that the Catholic Church has and will remain united when other churches have suffered internal strife.

Also, when Canon Raven maintained liberal education and belief in infallibility, he implies that those who believe in infallibility have not had a liberal education. Is he merely remarking on the shortcomings of a liberal education?

THE CAF LOOKS UP

Out of the CAF on recent nights have come sights and sounds that would have совершенно forgotten that the Y.W.C.A. eating—satisfied smiles.

New order on the CAF front has seen things done a lot more satisfactorily from the consumers' point of view—what is, after all, the view which counts. A system which deals with things more efficiently and economically, meals served reasonably well and tasting quite a deal better, the chance to do any other things like cigarettes and chocolate and so forth—these are likely to make theCAF look up. On the other hand a system that can give it a working chance of clearing expenses. The CAF, now taken over by a private concern, is to be run for a trial period until the end of this term, will have a final chance of showing that it can justify its existence. As far as the consumers have been highly favourably, and we suppose, which one of the people who in the past have done the odd meal and grumbled about uninteresting conditions at Y.W.C.A. go along and sample the new order in things.

CONGRESS 1951

HAVE you made plans for the Christmas vacation? If not, now is your chance to go to the big attraction which you have heard all your friends go to—C.A. Congress! The third National C.A. Congress Cove in the Marlborough Sounds from February 9th to 18th, and promises to be as great a success as in previous years.

If you are at all busy as to just what you can do, let us break the news to you. There is a meeting of students from all the National Colleges there will be Australian visitors as well—who have come together to listen to a series of addresses from some of our country's best men in their various subjects. They then have a basis for discussion and in informal groups we arrange that we have had come to our own conclusions about the subject discussed.

But this is not all—for there is plenty of time to enjoy all the pleasures of the Sounds on a sunny Saturday holiday maker—swimming, sailing, or just lying in the sun. The lectures and discussions take place in the mornings and early afternoons, whilst the afternoons are free for you to do what you wish! There is an optional "Sports" programme, e.g., tennis, or cricket, or just "live" your day's trip, in which you will go for a launch trip through the Sounds.

The theme for Congress is a study of Western philosophy and civilisation under the title "There is Still Hope," and talks on various subjects have been approached. The sub theme is "Can you imagine the National Affairs, Politics, Religion, Economics, and Health" and Congress has been successful in arranging a visit by Dr. Nicholas Manergh, one of Australia's leading experts on Commonwealth health relations. He will address Congress on "The Path of Commonwealth Foreign Policy, 1956-50," and will address Congress on the Commonwealth in Asia. These alone should be worth a visit to Congress.

Applications close on September 10 so hurry along to your Students' Association Societies Committee for the registration form. There is a deposit of £2 to be paid to the Union's bank account, £10 10s. is payable at Congress.

Be in early with your application, and we shall see you at Curious Cove next February.
Beaglehole Writes on...

Unesco Works for the World

O'NE returns from the international conference with mixed impressions. There is the intolerable tediousness of other people's eloquence. Why, one asks God at intervals, is this chap allowed to go on like this? And one reflects sadly that it is a plague rampant, the delegate feels it strictly necessary to hold up the flag of Cuba, or Ecuador, or the Philippines, or Thailand; he is asserting the national self-respect, and will be voice of C or E or P or T was respectfully listened to. And one begins to wonder what new technique of running a meeting the chairman has got hold of, whether he was taught it at school or whether he has invented it himself on the spur of the moment, make hostile remarks, even to oneself, about the debating habits of foreigner. One has too many memories of not only the one way of doing things. And is not also, one's peculiar heart warms towards these efficient Scandinavians, who are so many people—With the New Zealanders.

Difficulties

The talk is bound to go on as long as conferences are held; for after all conferences are held so that people may be able to confer. There is bound to be even more talk in a national conference or a national parliament, simply because of the nature of words and of the assumptions behind the words, which are different for New Zealanders or Frenchmen, or Swedes, or Americans, or Ecuadorians. Even with the most skilful technique of translation, people are bound to get at cross purposes; and in the face of incomprehension there is bound to be intrigue, pacts about voting, and misunderstandings of phrasology, honest misunderstanding. One could take half a dozen separate instances off-hand as the test for an improving dissertation on international psychology; and indeed, until one gets an awareness of this snag in the way of international co-operation, one finds it difficult to work to full value. The same thing, I understand with regret, is the case with the Secretariat; a man of the Foreign Service Mr. Macmillan. I am certain that the International Civil Service can hope to work with more than thirty per cent of the efficiency of a national civil service. This may be an under-estimate as far as the "hope" is concerned; after all, international civil services only go back to the League of Nations, and efficient national civil services have taken a long while to build up. The wonder of the thing is, that certain departments of the United States are so well. I think inevitably of the Education Department and the Post Office, that was knocked into shape by a New Zealander, Beeby, and let me remark in this connection how fortunate it is for us to get Beeby as Assistant Director-General of the Education Section when he did. Those eighteen months made as much difference as you can have no doubt about it. Beeby is an international figure of some note. Those who took to our Education Department in New Zealand, please assimilate. The difficulty is to get similar men, at once

Subsidiaries

You can do specific jobs with education; if you don't do those, indeed, its a bit silly talking about science and culture (in any non-antropological sense) for what, as a percentage of mankind the work for "fundamental education"—i.e. the attempt to make people literate, tolerant, aware of other points of view; that day international understanding, and the way in which UNESCO is engaged is much more important than anything else. At the other hand the scale is the Co-ordinating Bureau of Humanistic Studies, which UNESCO was instrumental in forming. Somewhere between these came the Field Science Co-operative, no something on an international scale which is not just propaganda, or professional liaison or anything rather stuff without any significance whatever.

Subscribers

The difficulty becomes all the greater, when one gets away from abstraction, and considers the twin purposes with which UNESCO was founded: for while the programme is aimed at carrying the world in-hermitage of science, and culture and the total population of the world, in the faith that these things were ends in themselves, yet it was thought that one was done in the cause of "international understanding," of world peace. And of the twin ways run all the while in dual harness. Take a long view, by all means; but I remember that one of the governments of fifty or sixty member states to take a long view as well. Remember also that the USSR has never been a member state, and that the rest of us are
doriously able and quite disinterested, to run other departments. There are men, but they generally have other jobs already, and conflicts of allegiance arise continually. Until there is a first-rate team of men able, honest, diplomatic, and with a capacity for putting things first, UNESCO will not be working at all.

...With Verbiage

To return to words again, it was inevitable that a UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation should in its early days get bogged down. Talk about education, science and culture in any language and you are already bogged down. In ten or eight languages you tend to get refuge in incantation, and there is only one people at conferences who haven't got past that stage. But still, one can consider the part that incantation played in the national scene before you turned it to despair. The difficulty of course is to do anything solid about "universal" science, or international scale which is not just propaganda, or professional liaison or anything rather stuff without any significance whatever.

Are Surmounted

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SOCIALIST CLUB HEARS COMBS, LEWIN SCOTT AND... ROBESON

NO LOST WEEKEND

LISTENING to an unusually brilliant galaxy of speakers, playing recordings of revolutionary songs by Paul Robeson and others, eating, and endless discussion occupied the weekend 8th-11th September for the students who came at different times to 5 Halsey Street to the Socialist Club's Fourth School.

Opening session, addressed by F. L. Lewin, Robeson, P. Lewin and B. C. Stanton, attempted a universally agreeable celebration of Socialism. It consisted of a description of how to get there. All speakers agreed that acquisition of individualism was the core of capitalism, and was the more or less direct cause of the woes inflicted on the world today. Comparison of China and Russia, and discussion of the role of the British Labour Government in nationalisation, foreign and colonial affairs, were the main trends in the open slasher following. Mr. Lewin launched his talk by describing John Strachey about 15 years ago; a comparison with the same gentleman's activities today occupied the gathering for some time.

Mr. Lewin described six points which he considered the sine qua non of Socialism: they included social ownership and control, equality of opportunity and less disparity of wealth, and a measure of self-existence and individuality. Mr. Combs stressed the need for education in the struggle for a society of socially-conscious individuals.

How is the Empire?

James Bertram and Rona Bailey spoke on Saturday evening about "socialism and Colonial Countries." —Mr Bertram dealing with the Far East, he knew at first hand, and Mrs Bailey with youth movements in India, Africa and elsewhere, whose representatives she met at the A.Y.D.V. Festival in 1947. The national revolutions of Malaya, Korea, China and the Philippines, protruded themselves as the main topics of the session.

There was a general agreement that national self-government was a necessary prerequisite for peace and socialism and that Korea and the Philippines fell into a general Asian pattern of colonial revolt to these ends.

The late evening was filled with music—records of Robeson singing "Joe Hill" and "The Four Greats" being popular. There was also a 10-voice Robeson delivering a significant address in London last February on the world situation. —The song that will work in the end. Every now and then, to press a point, his voice would fade out, we would hear the voices of Wallace, Robertson of Foster Duchas, and as a general background and theme, swelling up to a mighty chorus at the of the Fourth and final song, was Robeson with an American choir, singing the Anthem of the United Nations. The words brought back those wonderful, terrible years when the Nations were unified in the fight against the Hitlerism. The sun and the stars are all singing With songs rising strong from the earth.

The voice of humanity singing the song of a new world in birth,
To the old European folk-melody made famous by Shostakovich's arrangement.

The Club resolved to have a copy made of these recordings, and a collection was taken up for this purpose. Saturday night was spent by those failing to stay up on the premises in a certain degree of comfort, despite the tendency in the small hours to miss the sleeping-quarters for a circus tent.

Horny Hands and Dog Collars

Next morning, Ted Matthews, Secretary of the Wellington Engineers' Union, spoke exhaustively on the role of the trade unions in the struggle for socialism. He described the F of L-TUC split, syndicalist tendencies in the latter body, and the bad influence of compulsory unionism and the Arbitration Court in New Zealand's industrial history. He pointed out that poor attendance, questions were many and the morning, not a bad one,

There followed a song-session —"The Red Flag" as sung by a group of Republican artists. "Norma Doro" being followed. Then came dinner, which, under the red flag, was much appreciated —roast

Extrav. Scripts

THE Hon. Secretary of the Association has announced that the closing date for Extrav. scripts for 1951 is January 31.