Sir Thomas Hunter's Retirement is the \ldots 
END OF AN EPOCH

It is curious to think that to next year's fresher, he will be but a name. Someone else will address next year's freshmen, someone else will plan and negotiate, someone else will sign the documents of state, advise, reprove and urge. Executives will expostulate, and act accordingly. But, for a great many of us, the end of an epoch will be merely a change. But for others on this island and the rest of the world, the end of any epoch is as good as the beginning of a new tradition of a place. People are points of reference, part of a feeling and not of living, and the memories of this Epoch to which he has contributed will disappear like the wind.

The generations of students in a place like this have changed. The College has the essence of a living thing, but it is as hard to understand the life as it is to understand the organism itself. The new students each year bring a new set of eyes to see things. The old ones go and the new ones come. The College is a place of learning, but it is also a place of living.

We have not yet met anyone like Mr. Thomas Hunter, who has been a constant presence in our lives. His kindness and his wisdom have guided us through the ups and downs of our time at the College.

This is the end of an epoch, and we cannot help but feel a sense of loss. But we also look forward to the new beginnings that lie ahead. We wish Mr. Thomas Hunter all the best in his retirement.

The College has lost a dear friend, but we take comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will live on. His contributions to the College will be remembered for generations to come.

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NO MAN'S LAND
Apologia pro suo vita

Sir,—I must apologise for this late reply to the letter of T. Cecil Rauparaha concerning his demise. I have been anewed under with matters relating to the sale of Salient's latest and greatest publication "Down the Garden Path." The information on which our tribute to that great warrior was based was a cable sent by T. Cecil Rauparaha from the lower reaches of the Limpopo basin which read: "T. Cecil Rauparaha passed away last night stop a surfeit of proof alcohol."

Sir,- It was too late to check the exact wording of the wire before publication, but a later communication from Chico Sale made it clear that the insertion of the word "Stop" was a telegraphist's error.

Editor, Christchurch, 1950.

DISCLAIMER

Sir,—While I am flattered by the confusion, I must insist that I have not yet returned to the chair and taken up the catering business at V.C. Yes, the person responsible for this is my cousin, T. (Services) Rauparaha.

T. (Cecil) Rauparaha, 212 West 32nd, Timbucto.

SPORTS JOTTINGS

Congratulations to Ron Dardis who achieved selection in the North Island Rugby Team. Salient is particularly pleased to hear such a yarn as this from a tiresome sportsman who, despite the fact that he has no personal acquaintance with the claims of other logeates could well have played for an outside club, has stuck to V.U.C.

AUSTRIAN VARSITY SWIMMING TOUR

An Australian representative swimming team will visit New Zealand next January and February to compete in the four centres. Two-Dominion contests will be held, the first at Christchurch and the second at Wellington. The Carnival will be held at the Ridgley Baths on Saturday, 10th February. The team is an all male one of ten.

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American Intervention in Korea

P "Salient" of September 14 appears an article on "KOREA" by R. E. Blazy, in which he makes out that his brief account can be accepted as true beyond question. He supports this because (in his opinion) it is drawn from UN sources.

I am not denying the correctness of the UN information concerning U.N.C.O.C.'s report to the Security Council, but what I am concerned about is the "evidence" used by the Security Council when they made their illegal decision to arm the Republic of Korea. This resolution of the Security Council asserted that U.N.C.O.C.'s report expressed "grave concern for the invasion of the Republic of Korea by armed forces from North Korea." (Mr. Dean Acheson, speaking in Washington on June 25, described the report as: "Labelling the Communist action as an unprovoked act of aggression.") Now this is where Mr. Blazy and others have not properly read the official version of the Commission's report. The Commission makes it quite plain in its report that it had seen nothing, investigated nothing, and, indeed, knew nothing except what Syngman Rhee had told it. It didn't even pretend to know, and as a matter of verbal accuracy it did not use the words "grave concern," nor label anything as "unprovoked act of aggression," nor repeat in its report the words "Government of Republic of Korea states," and goes on to give —without actually confirming—what Syngman Rhee's version of the outburst of hostilities, and the charge of the North Korean assertion that it was General MacArthur who was the aggressor. Syngman Rhee would, of course, have said this whatever the true facts were, and his statement was that of no value; nor to do justice, did the Commission say it was. It is the terror that this scrap of hearsay evidence, from one vitally interested party, and a thoroughly discredited one at that—should be thought good enough by the Security Council, and that it should be accepted without waiting for the "more fully documented" statement recommended by the Commission. Here, in this very grave matter, the Security Council has not even thinking of attempts at reconciliation, rejects the idea of asking the North Koreans for their version before condemning them out of hand, apparently ignoring the mass of evidence in their favour (see later), as well as all the probabilities of the situation.

Mr. Blazy's attitude is typical of the daily press—there is no thought that the South Koreans could be the aggressors. In his public speeches, Syngman Rhee himself never hid his desire to have the whole of Korea under his thumb and he asserted with some confidence that the Americans would help him to achieve his object. On October 25, 1949, for example, he spoke aboard an American warship near the Cheonhaean harbour and called openly for "the unification of Korea by armed force." Also on June 19, 1950, during the visit of Mr. Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, to the South Korean National Assembly asking for a "hot" war against North Korea. He said, "if we cannot preserve democracy by the cold war, we shall win a victory in the hot war."

While Mr. Blazy, for the correspondents of the "New York Times" makes the following admission on June 26, that to say after the beginning of hostilities: "The war-like talk strangely has almost all come from South Korean leaders. In asserting that his Government needed more heavy weapons, Mr. Rhee said at an Independence Day rally on June 25, that his countrymen in the North could not long be ignored. On a number of other occasions, he indicated that his army would have to be prepared to defend his country and that Washington had given its consent." No Mr. Blazy, it is not all one sided.

L. B. Piper.

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"1950—SPORTS ROUND-UP"

Although the dazzle-reds of V.U.C. recent sporting history, while it has never been said of V.U.C. as often as in connection with another house, the fact remains that V.U.C. has never shown herself to the sporting-sons, at this late stage of the year, to be a little brightly, but never to a great extent.

Club secretaries, in any case, are never again willing to loan them it as not yet Commit- expression, as they perceive team-lists and results. From the earliest days of the year, like constable of the most promising young players for seasons past. The road to the championships, i.e., the Soccer Club, as distinguished from the round ball bouncers, to wit the Men's and Women's Basketball Clubs, was not out of their sights, but in the heat of a seajon in the "Big Time" next year. This is the result of stern concentration and diligent efforts to bend both walls and roof of the upper gymnais-ium, to regular weekly practices.

The shifty boys and girls, while falling into the habit of sporting history, maintained a good average standard in their respective grades, and produced some promising prospects for the next season.

The tragic loss of a quantity of apparel at the beginning of the year may have had the effect of slightly disorganising the first two rounds of the Amazons, of the basketball arena, but this has been quickly shown that with a little application, the losses should be felt next Term- nament.

Embroidered by the publicity accorded to the Marathon-Winner at this year's Empire Games, V.U.C.'s paper- chalets, scaled manfully, antediluvian but not altogether over Wellington's scarred terrain. This club, the activities of which, by virtue of its very activities, brings the Green and Gold of Wellington as near as the Wellington public at large. Their large and regular muster at local and provincial events is the envy of many clubs who would be reckoned with in harder competi- tion.

V.U.C. supporters need no reminder of the achievements of their team-mates. The skill, vitality and energy which they have brought to their many successful events has assured for Victoria a pre-eminently high place in the swimming world. Noisily too among this club's ac- tivities has been the regular attendance of Victorians at local events and the serious attention paid to the coaching of youn-ger members.

The Table Tennis Club played regularly though with perhaps not quite the same zest as in the previous term. An improved membership which should make possible competition with some of the better clubs. Their performance at Tournament, however, was extremely promising, and among other other things, was responsible for Salient's wishful headline of two issues back. With the enhanced membership which improved facilities should make possible, the Club should be a decided asset in future intercollegiate clashes.

The "veteran" members of the Table Tennis Club in recent years show their way through thick and thin, bad weather, and all kinds of ad- vantage to the club. The club should be thanked for—practice is often more important to these men since it involves some travelling and expenses, which many would not have the time to spare. The keenness of members is unmistake- able, and has been a regular source of Club points.

So much for the Winter Roundup—the golden mists of summer are ahead.

Facilities for all summer games are ample—V.U.C. has well-watered lawns, good courts, and a keen "Green" to back it up, and possibly Croquet Club are in good shape. Sporting atmos-phere is friendly and new faces are welcomed. Teachers are patronised by the club and are advised to contact Club secretaries early as Tournament representation than list the following articles of truth which Salient feels could well be considered in the forthcoming year—

1. A strengthening and extension of the work of the newly-created College Council of Sport.

2. Enquiries to the حين-clinches of the College se- curing Kelburn Park as an exclusive College reserve. This would be an addition to the newly-conceived sportlands on Upper Kelburn Parade.

3. An extension, particularly during the winter months, of the number of small clubs concerned with small but increasing popular indoor activi- ties—i.e. indoor bowls badminton and pademarion.

4. The suggested formation of an Archery Club—a sport in which New Zealand has already produced a world champion, and the expense of which renders it more suitable for corporate activity.

5. When considering plans for the new Student Union Building, it is suggested that the possibility of converting it into an indoor Sports Pavilion be considered.

So much for 1950. Sporting ac- tivities may now rush to the Lib- rary and find out the name of the New Zealand Prime Minister who rode a Grand National winner at Christchurch whilst in office. There are no prizes.

D. N. PRITT, K.C.

[Author of bestselling "Light on Moscow" 1939]

AND "Star-Spangled Shadow" 1947]

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