DELEGATES' MESSAGE

ONCE AGAIN Winter Tournament is upon us — this time in the "Sunny South" in the City of Duned in. Victoria this year will be entertaining us with a fine record for the State's Winter Tournament.

REMEMBER that last year's team won the Shield: It is up to you, the members of this year's team, to retain it.

REMEMBER that when you hit Dunedin you have two duties — to play well and to see that we have a good time, and that includes the dance field. On paper, our teams appear quite strong, but it is in the field that they prove themselves. May good fortune guide you and the night of right with you.

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JIM HUTCHISON, TONY ELLIS, Delegates.

ARTS LAW AND COMMERCE GRADUATES

Graduates who are interested in a career in PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION are invited to write to or call on MR. E. A. MEISEN, Superintendent of Staff Training, Public Service Commission, University Senate Buildings, Sevenrow, Wellingto, N. J.

NEWS FLASH.—(Bec. 5 p.m., Thursday, N.Z.U.S.N.—A.)—On Friday, August 12th, a party numbering 150 will depart from the port of Wanganui on board the s.s. "Moiri" on the first stage of a voyage of exploration into the deep South. We are told that they are in search of the famed W.T. Shield which, although previously discovered in Wellington last August, has since gone missing and is believed to be at the bottom of the sea. Because the area is still only in a semi-civilized state, our representatives are well-armed with a varied assortment of armament ranging from miniature rifles to shotguns.

The leader of the expedition is Gentleman Jim Hutchison with Montague Teal Ellis—a nominal negotiator and former coach of the Second. Mr. Hutchison is reported to be bringing the modern-day tact of military science to the expedition. The six members of the team are Messrs. Gill, Bird, and Stevenson, all of whom have some experience in exploring the uncharted seas. Messrs. Ellis and Teal, although a bit older, are still capable of handling the younger members of the team.

On the male side we have another interesting explorer in Mr. Beale who has just returned from a three-months' expedition to the "Tasman Sea." Beale has been out of the country for most of the year and has returned to take part in this year's expedition.

The expedition, which is the first of its kind, will set sail from Wellington. Beale is expected to be in charge of the expedition and will be responsible for the safety of the party. The party is expected to be back in Wellington by the end of the month.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

UNLIKE the guidance and firm hand of their coach Harry School, the women have had a great deal of freedom over which of the two teams they would like to play. Last year's Tournament and the girls' enthusiasm for the game have made it possible for them to meet the other team.

Captain of the team is Miss Bertie. She has a wealth of experience and a NEU player and VUC Blue of the Douglas School. Tournament play should have a standing order with the other team and a representative for the new and inexperienced players. Another team will play for the final round, which will be held for those who have not played with the team.

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This has been one of the VUC fall sports programs for many years as they have found the weather suitable and both have enjoyed their invitation to be one of the host and make their good feature of their fall season and enter the Tournament. Over half of the "A" teams and the whole of the "B" teams participated and so the team includes more than those who normally play, with numbers determined to a certain extent diminishes the numbers who have been eliminated that have been eliminated in the last meet.

It is the opinion of the team members that the "A" team has the best chance of finishing near the top of the standard and the "B" team has a fighting chance of finishing in the middle of the pack. The strategy is to set the eleven and plan and prepare for the tournament that is due the possibility of team players.
At an emergency meeting of the Executive last night the resignation of Mr. Whitta was discussed at length but the matter was held over until 29th August. Mr. Whitta's resignation followed that of Mr. Marchant's tendered on Monday, 8th August. Subsequently, Mr. Whitta asked permission to withdraw his resignation.

As soon as the meeting was declared open, Mr. Bench moved: 'That the Executive go into committee.' Chairman Iles refused to accept the motion at that stage. Mr. Iles then read Mr. Whitta's letter of resignation and his letter withdrawing that resignation, which read as follows:

'President,
V.U.O.S.A.

Dear Walter,

Following our telephone conversation regarding this whole resignation affair I wish to withdraw my conditional resignation. It seems to me that John Marchant may still be made to continue in office; and that being so, I am quite prepared and willing to pull my full weight in the position of Treasurer.

Upon reflection I can see that I would be better able to inaugurate my pet, the Health Scheme, from inside the Executive, and there are a number of things I wish to push through before I leave that august body.

Finally may I say that I sincerely believe that John can be persuaded to continue in office and I shall do my part in this direction.

10th August, 1956.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) J. W. WHITTA.

Mr. Iles then gave an account of telephone discussions between himself and Mr. Whitta prior to the meeting. Mr. Whitta stated that Walter asked me if my resignation was definitive. I replied that it was dependent on John's resignation. This had been explained in his first letter, as the initiative that he (Marchant) had been injected into the Executive would be gone.

Miss Puscell: 'What about the initiative that you were injecting?'

It was then moved, Leech/Puscell: 'That the Executive do not permit Mr. Whitta to withdraw his resignation.'

Iles: 'I would prefer a positive motion.'

The motion was then withdrawn and it was moved, Hutchison/Poukes: 'That Mr. Whitta be given leave to withdraw his resignation.'

Mr. Marchant had been approached by Mr. V. Iles during the day concerning Mr. Whitta's resignation. When asked to clarify his views on Mr. Whitta's resignation, Mr. Marchant said: 'If the Executive accepts Mr. Whitta's resignation I may well see my way clear to ask the meeting to accept the withdrawal of my resignation.'

Whitta: 'This is a most interesting problem.' He went on to say that Mr. Marchant's earlier statement did not seem to point a finger at any one member of the Executive. 'My resignation therefore appears to be the easy way out for him.' Mr. Whitta had thought that his resignation would be discussed on 22nd August after Mr. Marchant's. This smashed of convening, he said. 'It may not be so, but that is the way I am inclined to look at it. The whole purpose of my resignation was to follow Mr. Marchant's. This Executive means a lot to me. Perhaps I have suffered more than anyone else from 'Salient's' bad publicity (reference to slating of old Executive in 'Salient', July 1st, 1955,). Mr. Whitta said that he had contacted Mr. Mason who had told him that there was nothing else that he (Whitta) could do to help him. 'I have always been willing to do whatever has been asked of me. I have one or two pet schemes that I am interested in, like the Student Health Scheme. I feel that I have shown the requisite initiative and have pulled my weight in the Executive. I could say more but I now request the Executive to allow me to withdraw my resignation.'

Iles then pointed out that some of the criticism directed against Mr. Whitta as Treasurer was unjustified. The job was a sinecure at any time.

Whitta: 'He cannot do such as Treasurer but he can as an Exec. member.'

Leech: 'The issue is really a question of voting between two people.'

Whitta: 'That's the way he (Mr. Marchant) put it, but I hope I can still persuade John.'
Mr. Hutchinson then stated that as Mr. Whitta was an H.S.H.S.A. Delegate leaving that night he would suggest that discussion on the resignation be held over till the next meeting. He did not agree with the attitude of either the Secretary or the Treasurer in resigning. It is like deserting a sinking ship he said, terrified, so I would rather that the matter was left for a while. John (Marchant) has given the view that either Mr. Whitta or he will have to resign. Mr. Rich then indicated that he would support the notion that Mr. Whitta be permitted to withdraw his resignation.

Mr. Iles then explained that the Treasurership was the only position which requires a qualification (only a qualified accountant could have stood against Mr. Whitta).

Russell (to Whitta): What would you do if we accept Mr. Marchant’s resignation?

Whitta: ‘I cannot say. I feel that I can still persuade Mr. Marchant to withdraw his resignation.’

Burnett: ‘Mr. Whitta has made clear to us his position. I would now like to hear Mr. Marchant clear up his own position.’

Mr. Marchant then read a statement: ‘Ladies & Gentlemen, By the severity of my action we have suddenly become the centre of a critical interest. To many determination to resign has been misunderstood and in some cases sadly misconstrued.

My purpose has been to shock you into the realization of the remarkable responsibility which Executive office imposes. If you are sensitive you will have been mortified, but here is the opportunity to give the world some idea of wisdom and fairness. Let us form a club and be a club. This is not the time to think only about ourselves.’

Crockett: ‘Mr. Marchant’s action is irresponsible.’

Iles: ‘I deny that there had been any controversy; the meeting had been called on his own initiative to consider Mr. Whitta’s resignation and to clarify the position. In view of the fact that Mr. Marchant’s resignation statement was in general terms, he felt that the sooner the position was clarified the better. He was quite sure that it was not possible to withdraw a resignation without the permission of the body to which it was addressed. I do not feel that the resignation should be withdrawn, nor do I feel that it should be accepted at this stage. I suggest that the resignation lie on the table until the meeting of 22nd August.’

Whitta: ‘I can see the purpose behind this, but I would like to go on record on the understanding that the withdrawal of my resignation has been accepted. I feel strongly about this attempt to condemn one member of the Executive.’

Ellis: ‘Would you resign again if Mr. Marchant does not withdraw his resignation?’

Whitta: ‘I will not want to resign again if Marchant resigns. The position has changed considerably since Monday night.’

Rich: ‘It seems that the people here must decide whether they want Mr. Marchant on the exec. or Mr. Whitta. This is the time to decide it.’

Hannex: ‘Why does Mr. Whitta think that Mr. Marchant will reconsider his decision within two weeks when he has been considering it already for a period of some weeks?’

Whitta: ‘Because of the new circumstances which have arisen.’

Marchant: ‘I have not tried to remove you, I still hold to my first statement. I would have achieved my purpose if anyone who had a sense of conscience resigned. I promise further outbursts if some who have been tardy do not reveal a new spirit of real enthusiasm and work.’

Hutchison: ‘What would have been the position if you had been elected President? Would you still have resigned?’
Merchant: 'Most certainly.'

Mepsey: 'Do you hope to get somebody better and go against the whole idea of a voting system? If everybody in the world were not given a second chance a lot of good work would not have been done.'

Merchant: 'I would be prepared to give a second chance.'

Grocoff: 'Thank you very much.'

Pius: They said that Mr. Marchant was underestimating the authority of his position. If, instead of resigning, he had gone to the people to whom he was referring and had spoken to them individually, it would have carried a lot of weight. Such men perhaps than he thought.

Barnett: 'If Mr. Marchant resigns whenever things got slack he is setting himself up as a subjective judge.'

Merchant: 'I am entitled to do this. 2,000 others are doing this.'

Ellis: 'People should be able to do whatever they like as long as they don't hurt others.'

Tappa: 'Because I am going south tonight and a taxi is leaving shortly, I would like the motion to be put.'

Hutchison: 'Can I withdraw my motion.'

Tappa: 'Only with the consent of your seconder and the leave of the meeting. I withdraw my seconding.'

With the leave of the meeting the motion was withdrawn. It was then decided on the motion Hutchison/Loscher: 'That the resignations of Mr. Marchant and Mr. Tappa lie on the table until 29th August (all members of Executive could not be present at the next scheduled meeting on 22nd August and Mr. Marchant agreed to remain in office until 29th August.)

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