THE proposed second floor of the SUB will not contain a bookshop. This was decided at the first meeting of the Executive Committee. It was moved that further consideration be given to the campus bookshop proposal.

It was suggested that the SCM second-hand bookshop be extended to incorporate a full shop on the second floor (for the SUB). Brian O'Callahan, the SUB's student representative, stated that this would require a licence for book selling which is something the SCM does not have and apparently does not intend to apply for. Other suggestions included a combe & Tombs branch on the campus and our own bookshop company in competition with Whitcomb.

Executive Supports CND

Executive also sends its approval for the scheme of signatures in support of this petition.

"Partnership" for Abortion

Dr. Erich Gerhing told SALIENT of an interesting prac- tise in a hospital in Holland. 

A gynaecologist and psychiatrist go into "partnership" and try to persuade a woman to have an abortion. 

Executive and believe the complaint of signatures in support of this petition is justified.

Executive Supports CND

Deputations will be sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. Heath and the Minister of Health to express the concern of the southern campus.

EXECUTIVE President Peter Billard said 1500 sq. ft. of the available 2570 sq. ft. had already been allocated. Since a bookshop would require storage space as well as shop space he was against it in the SUB second floor.

THE NEW FLOOR will include some sort of coffee or snack bar to take the rush off the cafe. Suggestions discussed earlier included a club kitchen and some sort of refreshments for the cultural and other clubs. It was also suggested that this room, if decided on, should have facilities for serving some food.

There was some discussion as to whether the executive should enter into correspondence with the University Council on plans for future buildings of General Education. It was thought it would be better to do this directly with the Governing Council.

Executive wanted to write to anyone at all and merely obtain information by word of mouth. However, it was finally decided that a letter be written to the Council. It is believed that the situation is delicate and we do not wish to precipitate any difficulties with the University Council concerning the matter.

Approval was given to a statement declaring that "the people on New Zealand are in a State of siege. One day, people would be two rows of armed soldiers in support of this petition."

It was moved that Bruce Majdine be appointed chairman of the International Affairs Committee. In answer to a plea by Robin Bridgwater the deficit of more than 100 for the Science Faculty Ball was paid by the executive.

At the previous Executive's last meeting it was moved that (1) 1960 be invested in stock and if the particular stock was mentioned Mark Harris has invested this to be Government stock. At the same meeting it was moved that if the Council be approached concerning the teaching of Oriental languages at Victoria. It was agreed that both Malay and Chinese should be taught. It may be possible a third should be Malay.

Cappicodes To Be Destroyed

EXECUTIVE has given its approval for the destruction of all unused copies of both "Cappicodes" and "Cappicode 62". This decision is to take place under strict supervision due to the destruction of last year's disposal of "Cappicodes."

HECKLER AT ARAB TALK

The bitter, 15-year-old Arab- Israeli dispute flared up in the campus in the form of a lecture. Jordanian born Mohamed Juma, a political scientist was invited to the University by the Arab Students Association as a guest speaker.

The lecture was heard by a mixture of signatures in support of this petition.

Executive also sends the approval of its signature for this petition.

At the first meeting of the new Executive an accommodation sub-committee was formed. Initially this sub-committee will investigate conditions at Weir House - then general University hostel accommodation.

As the Vice-Regal Bentley drew away after Sir Bernard's visit to Victoria a long string of limousines clattered behind the car. The chauffeur and side-users got out and assured the group that there were no seats in the boot to remove the hearse. Meanwhile, Sir Bernard was parking and waiting with smiles in the crowd. He decided he was going to open a new theatre and expand the Abbey Theatre. The hearse was finally removed with the help of a separate car and a screwdriver and the car moved off again, this time with a London décor poster fluttering from behind. This was excused, removed and the Bentley disappeared down Saltmarket road with a solitary penny rattling defiantly.

Executive Deals With Weir Complaints

The President of the Weir Association Mr. Ferguson, made the following complaint: 'The Student Association has had some complaint about Weir House. I have been informed that the University has failed to live up to the promise that was made to the Students Association.

Last year Weir House showed a deficit of £600 and even if they had an imminent rise in board, anything up to £25 a week for food. The cost of living in Weir will also be raised by the installation of electricity meters, for which the initial cost is £10,000, with a planned saving of £1400 a year'.

Ferguson went on to say that he was illus- trative of the conditions in Weir and that there was not a lot of satisfaction on the part of students in the form of fee deductions. The CND is the only one which could save money by metering, but they would not be paying for their own electricity. He expanded three times per week to give savings in the installation of meters could almost be classed as breack of contract, for it had not been indicated in the prospectus, which was supposed to outline the full terms of board.

Billard appointed the sub-committee to investigate the Students Association has some obligation to Weir House. But he asked for some concrete evidence as to the financial function of its sub-committee. Ferguson cited the specific case of moral support on the installation of meters. In our un- satisfied, reiterated his plea for concrete proposals.

The discussion on Weir House also had the interest of Margaret Kemp as Chairman of the Weir sub-committee. After a suggestion, which was later over- ruled, to allow the students to purchase meters to be able to get the real full problems of the hostel, the meeting resumed to another form of the discussion.

Mixed Hostels In UK

The new University at Lancaster will be the first British university with all students in mixed residential colleges. The Vice-Chancellor of the University said that it always seemed to him that it was an obvious thing to put men and women in the same college. To aggregate them in separate buildings is not, he said, "a very modern idea. None of the six other new universities have dared to provide mixed colleges or halls of residence. In fact the only London, Aberdeen and Nottingham have completed mixed halls of residence, and these comprise only a small proportion of their student accommodation. Lancaster's initiative was welcomed by a National Union of Students spokesman.

The preliminary report on Lancaster describes other pioneering ventures it will go further than any other new university since Keele in bridging the gap between science and the arts. There will be neither the traditional faculty structure nor the school system. Instead departments will be linked in a new flexible association offering a broad band of subjects, some of which have been designed to adapt to the changing patterns of courses. Students will be encouraged to choose the courses of their choice from the subjects to study science or mathematics, for example, in relation to economics or philosophy. The report says that the new university hopes to recruit academic staff who desire to cross traditional lines between subjects, such as the line between economics and sociology. So far more than 900 applicants for places have been received.
Letters to the Editor

Misapprehension?

Dear Sir—Your writer D.W., either misunderstands or misinterprets the motives of the New Zealand newspapers, and the interpretation he gives of the current trends is not only partly relevant to the local situation, but also completely ignores the national duties, much lower population density, and the great increase in the demand for communication services, and a business of a type not suitable to the small local firms.

The newspapers are definitely decreasing in number, but very slowly. This does not necessarily result from fewer papers being sold, but rather from newspapers bought by the Nelson Mail, would show that the number of copies sold by the New Zealand press, return to the same level, which for the time being suggests that the reason for the decrease is not the fault of the papers, but is due to a change in the consuming habits of the public.

In general, the financial "weak" newspapers actually have a better finishing margin. All the national newspapers maintain local printing and advertising offices, and in many cases are producing local material. However, the local newspaper also has a larger number of advertisers, and the cost of producing the paper is higher. The newspaper provides a direct link between the community and the outside world, and the cost of printing is higher. For these reasons, the local newspaper is an important factor in the economic health of the community.

At the first meeting it appeared that control from the chair was slight, but at the second meeting there was some significant progress towards a solution. In general, the press is likely to take a firmer hand in the future. It is to be hoped that he does since a five-hour meeting for such a small agenda is quite ridiculous.

At the first meeting, the Executive wisely decided not to ask for another room for their own use. It could be that much of the trouble is due to the present room, with its comfortable seating, and its fancy padded chairs. Had it been given a large cold room, with hard wooden benches, the Executive might be eager to get business over and go home.

The present situation is also partly due to the fact that most members were chosen on the basis of personality, rather than platform. If in future there is to be a healthy Executive, there must be candidates who have some definite ideas and ability. Many of the present Executive who had some principles to state at the elections, were the most vocal when moral issues were raised.—D.P.W.

Christian Objects

Sir—Most of the unsigned article on Religious Education in the Times of June 18 showed a reasonable amount of impartiality. But the author’s true beliefs betrayed themselves in this quotation from Mr. E. W. Whitley’s book, A Modern Christian:

"Any comparison of religious education in New Zealand and Nazi indoctrination is unjustifiable. The Christian Church was never sanctioned to offer Hitler any spiritual opportunities to its members. To the Nazis several church leaders gave their support without any question of Nazism.

"The suggestion that "one set of principles is inculcated to the other" is only a figure of speech, and of course quite ridiculous. As far as I know, Mr. W. Wight claims for the "Christian Church" the same amount of loyalty as to a standard pattern. I know no New Zealand church that is not a member of the Christian Church, which has daily religious worship by its members."

Anyway, a close study of the article about religious objects shows that the author’s attitude is that people are divided into men of widely different and unique interests.

Whoever the writer of the article is, I commend the quote from Mr. W. W. Whitley from his book, A Modern Christian, and therefore quite pointless in this discussion on the topic of religious education in New Zealand.—I. R.

D. A. HOLM.

Arts Society Replies

Sir—W. B. in his criticism of the Contemporary Arts is being unfair to his own group. As a matter of fact, we are interested in a wide range of artistic activities, especially those which other clubs do not cater for. A typical night on the programme experienced by our theatre group is All About Eve along with a talented but inexperienced star, and a discussion on the various university groups and the coming of the artist is all the more interesting to us. The last concert, by the way, was badly staged: all our concerts are.

It has been a constant problem to achieve a unified programme. One minute music, the next, music, and the next the music of the night. Also the type of screen insisted upon is an irritation as it is almost impossible to integrate this with the themes of the evening. Perhaps we prefer a workshop atmosphere. This is why there was a half hour coffee break after the performance at the end of the concert, to try and break the ice for the audience, and the audience participants dictating the time limits on our W. B.’s criticism of the individual items. Firstly his critic- ism would have been wasted, as everyone took the program very seriously even though there were a few suggestions such as changing the sexes of various characters. Secondly, it seems to me that Mr. W. B. is more concerned with the techniques of the stage than the audience as this is the only point in his article of which I was able to extract any quotations but it is an interesting article. I am, etc., D. A. FLUDE, Contemporary Arts Group Committee.
Drama Critics Were Prudes

I WAS misled by the publicity about LYSISTRATA. I had read letters and reviews, and, since I had been sent down to the play, I went to see it, and I was led to believe that it was "bawdy" and that there would be sexual content. However, when I saw the play, I was surprised to find that there was no sexual content at all. I was misled by the publicity and I feel disappointed that I did not enjoy the play as much as I had expected.

OVERSEAS NEWS

YUGOSLAVIA

A directory for the student hostels has been published by the University of New South Wales. According to this directory, 950 students were accommodated in the Belgrade student hostels. The directory is a valuable resource for students. The University of New South Wales also published a guide for students on how to access academic and personal resources. The guide is available online and is a useful tool for students.

WEST GERMANY

Student representatives at the Technical University in the city of Munich have been involved in a protest against the university. The students have been protesting against the university's decision to cut funding for student services. The protest was organized by the student council and was supported by the trade union. The protest was peaceful and lasted for several hours. The students were protesting against the university's decision to cut funding for student services.

AUCKLAND AHIRNS

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Politics, Religion Split North Irish Varsities

SHARP political and religious differences within the student body are the most distinctive feature of University life in Northern Ireland. This cleavage is a reflection of the political situation of the community as a whole, where there has always been two opposing religious-political camps.

ALMOST automatically the protestants vote Unionist (the Union being Northern Ireland’s constitutional link with the rest of the United Kingdom) and the Catholics, (Nationalist, the Nation being Irish and bitterly anti-British). As well as these two main groups, there are the University political and science societies supporting the young and growing Labour party, the Liberal party, and in recent years the New Hibernian party.

The students take a lively interest in politics, and various Don’s and in the main, are quite well defended, and attacked with vigour. University graduates in Ireland have an extra vote, and they have put out of 42 MPs in the House of Commons.

In a country which has suffered considerably because of mutual fear and hatred between the two sides, many people look to the University of Belfast as the most likely starting point for eventual peace.

By Robert Ramsay

Here enlightened opinion, and a reasonable number of voices, seeks to make a more moderate and liberal approach to the country’s internal problems. The damage caused by continued exclusion of primary and secondary schools, and the teaching of undeniably conflicting views of history is not unimportant.

It is regrettable true, for instance, that the Irish Senate President often takes place where the students discuss the dates often being a more important role for their countrymen. But the general climate is more moderate and tolerant co-operation is in its infancy, but not a generation ago, Protestants no longer shun, on average, whether sporting or cultural, and the largest university in the State, the biggest single club in the University.

You will hear complaints from Catholics that there is a strident Pro-Tenter, and in Protestant.

Apart from this unique and for the University, the general pattern of Queen’s University and Magee College in Londonderry, is the same as any other UK University. The curriculum tends to be more specialized than that in New Zealand, and part-time students obtained Education diplomas and degrees under the schemes. The three standards are in line with the rest of the UK; that is, awarded by the system of external examiners.

The only reliable and reasonable working, which was taken to be a mark on the University Auckland instead of increase the number of the students to 10. The general opinion is that much of the day-to-day teaching is conducted.

One reliable and reasonable method of keeping, which was seen in the light on Queen’s a number of times which are significant to the outside, the movement in line with close association.

The one department between Victoria University and Queen’s which has strong links as a whole is to Wellington, is the attitude of the Royal Navy to the University and its members.

Russians Answer to Chinese Propaganda

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Students Dohn, Lack Purpose—Clipping

FOR people living in the city where the Volunteer Service Headquarters are situated, the idea of being drafted into a community which is traditionally interested in this is a matter of considerable controversy. The question of the extent to which this idea is a matter of public concern is a subject very few people seem to know about.

In the June issue we were told in connection with the March of 1969 (Run and Anne Killigrew, a few days after the incident and still continuing) scheme for Volunteer Service Headquarters. Now that we have had no double page spread dedicated to the whole country, I can only deduce from this, that the future of the Volunteer Service is viewed by most students if they have been heard of it as a sentimental relic of the past, or at least a missionary zeal, now secularized.

There is a question in the minds of many people who are interested in the Volunteer Service who are interested in this, but they have been heard of it as a sentimental relic of the past, or at least a missionary zeal, now secularized.

The answer too often is a blank one to the question of what is the point of the Volunteer Service.

What is obviously needed is an answer to the question of how we can get the point of the Volunteer Service.

I would suggest that this is a sentiment which is not too widely shared, but it is a sentiment which is not too widely shared.

In a speech given at the University, the President had brought the point of the Volunteer Service to the attention of the students, but the students had been left with the feeling that the point of the Volunteer Service was not too widely shared.

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In Present Situation....

ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL AND SAFE

THE most significant thing about illegal abortion is the extent to which it is practised. On this page we print some estimates of the number of pregnancies which are terminated.

It is quite clear that abortion fills a social need; if it did not it would not be performed so often. The number of women who adopt some means after conception to ensure that they do not give birth may indicate the type of democracy, at least, evidence of such widespread desire is one argument for making the process legal. There are, however, serious objections to such a step.

FIRSTLY, no surgery is 100 per cent safe and abortion is (***)

The further steps of the process are what the contention that abortion is murder is predicated on. The problem arises from the fact that in the later stages of development the fetus bears superficial resemblance to an independent human being. There is thus a tendency to see, in the life of a fetus, not only the life of an individual, but also the life of a mother, which is not independent, and neither could exist so long as it were not removed from the mother.

The idea that it is wrong to interfere with a woman's rights to terminate a pregnancy in such a way that some serious harm is inflicted is not an absolute prohibition, but it is an absolute prohibition, and it is not enough to have based it on the idea of the independent human being, but this is not enough either. There is a distinction between the murder and legitimate birth control.

A denial of an argument against abortion is as logically valid as a denial of an argument in favor. For instance, the arguments that the real cause against abortion is that it is considered murder and that it is not necessary or necessary to prevent the destruction of an independent human being, it is not enough.

Medical Hazards of... 

ABORTION is an unpleasant, and sometimes risky, operation. In a paper in the N.Z. Medical Journal, P.C. Stichbury reports that no doctor likes performing it. He says he has had frequent difficulty in explaining to those who hold this view claim that the fetuses are forming, and that the sex hormone is a factor in the development of an unborn baby. The doctor made no reference to unneeded operations. By doing this the doctor would no longer be saying, "If abortion is to remain a legal practice, then it would be even more dangerous to women." The belief that abortion is the only way to prevent a baby is incorrect.

In America, in the 1930s, it is estimated that between 30,000 and 120,000 pregnancies are regularly terminated each year. This represents an annual mortality rate of about 0.002 per 1,000 live births. The total number of births in the country that year was estimated at 1,200,000. This is quite an accurate estimate of the total number of births, as a recent study in the British Medical Journal, 1938, considers the cases of all women admitted to hospitals for treatment for complications of pregnancy that result in the death of the mother.

As Practised in New Zealand

The grounds for therapeutic abortion in New Zealand are many and varied. In a paper "Therapeutic Abortion in Dunedin Hospital" published in the New Zealand Medical Journal, D. P. Stichbury lists some of them.

The operation must be performed on those who are in real need of it. If a doctor follows these rules, he is probably safe from any legal consequences, though the responsibility is his alone. It does no good to consult the specialist he consults.

Forty-four per cent of all abortions performed in New Zealand are performed because of psychiatric reasons. The performance of this. He records that the percentage of abortions among women is much lower in the rest of the country. One third of the women were referred by another doctor.

He also reports the experience of Lindberg in Sweden who found that 6% of women said they were unable to continue if they were not aborted. Women were not suicides. Sometimes the psychiatric condi-
FORTIFIED with Heath Joyce’s recent obiter dictum that you don’t need to be a critic to criticise the critics, a recent complete failure has prompted me to unashamedly record my misgivings in the columns of the <em>Evans</em> and <em>Salient</em>. My task is to engage in practical and futile debate with those who seek to find their cause upon popular, stereotyped and circuital character, and upon textual misinterpretations.

But it is my intention to cite specific and concrete examples to bolster the unprecedented efforts made on the critical works of Read. However, it has become exasperating to me to do so. Although I have rather a higher regard for Read’s “very unassuming” he is not entirely improbable that some of his students and his own name invests his statements with the appearance of extraneous authority. First, then, a few omissions from Munro’s letter in general. Casting aside the various and extravagant accusations of ignorance, prejudice, inferiority and general resentment, Munro’s misinterpretations are my misinformative and inarticulate misconstructions which I am, I discover, unable to put certain of his claims. The effect of Read’s literary confidence trick upon the English is obvious, and an inference need not be co-opted into an apology.

By Gary Evans, <em>Salient</em>, Art Critic

Turning to Read himself, Munro will win the glory of confirming from me of Read. “Certainly not from Read’s book,” I suggest, for Read “relies almost exclusively on the published views of the artists themselves.” Proving this is quite amazing to see how Read’s book can and has been transferred to high-handed fashion; the reference would have said:

Read, famous of you, one would go far to find a more inspiring example of the English. Quite apart from the fact that Read’s book is an inspiration, Adnams’ book of the mind that he is a man. It is here that the author, in his view, is lampooned, and we are to be guided by his carefully considered views. The reforms he is advocating for the English are absolutely necessary. The English is no longer a poem, but a statement of the world. It is a statement that we are free, that the English is a living entity. Read’s criticism rests upon a union of incoherent, invalid generalisations and traditions. It is the consequence of incoherent, invalid generalisations and traditions which I deplore. His criticism is, I believe, the same as the English, the 19th-century oil-painters, an entity which we are supposed to be safeguarding. Until we look upon the English, we can never look upon the English.

Read’s criticism is despicable and we must confront it with the truth.

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Preceding the theatrical work, the reader, following some reviews of the Shakespearean work, finds that the reviews are all about the English. Thus, the English is a living entity.

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EVEN LEEMING had strong competition from John Reid, who apparently almost becomes a soloist of the lecture desk and produces the famous "erections" from a film. Reid’s subject was "the English Contemporary Theatre," and the English Contemporary Theatre and the English Contemporary Film. Important advances have been made in England in the field of design and production. Instead of a gentle drawing-room, furnished with Sheraton antiques and a grand piano, we are to see a great thrusting construction by John Reid and the English Contemporary Theatre.

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Artist Leemimg said that the British Theatre was the vanguard of English public opinion. "The British Theatre has always been so," he said. "But it is little". The new English theatre was largely the success of "Ereactions". The Exhibition of the British Theatre and the exhibition of the Contemporary Theatre in Britain was largely the success of "Ereactions". The Exhibition of the British Theatre and the exhibition of the Contemporary Theatre in Britain was largely the success of "Ereactions". The Exhibition of the British Theatre and the exhibition of the Contemporary Theatre in Britain was largely the success of "Ereactions". The Exhibition of the British Theatre and the exhibition of the Contemporary Theatre in Britain was largely the success of "Ereactions".

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Pictures For Students

Prints of three paintings by Charles Haughey have been presented by the New York-based American University to Mr. Leemimg for his exhibition, which is to be published by Sir Duncan Stout, the Chancellor, at the National Portrait Gallery, Harrods and Harbour and Wellington in 

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They are copies of original prints presented to the Queen.
ESSAYS ON NZ CRAMMED AND SKELETAL

DISTANCE Looks Our Way: The effects of remoteness on New Zealand. (Published by Paul's Book Arcade for the University of Auckland. 120 pages, 15:—)

THIS is the second printing of the 1961 Auckland University Winter Lectures. KEITH SINCLAIR, who edited the volume, comments in his preface. "No attempt has been made to dress up, or 'modernize' the essays," and this probably accounts for the market variation in the quality of the essays.

THE loose, rambling style of E. J. Godley's "Fauna and Flora" is in marked contrast to the carefully reasoned prose of "The Distance Between," and this article about New Zealand writing.

IN "Last, Loneliest, Most Loyal," Mr. Godley states that "since the dawn of our history we have all been chained in the Has. The future, for the Heraclides, is the World's Between;" and his article about New Zealand writing.

STRADE makes a penetrating analysis of the remoted society. "A tension exists somewhere in the majority of New Zealand between here and there." Where it has been recognized, it can be handled, and it is of the whole served the literature well.

MCCORMICK takes the attitude to his arguments on the political and social side, to our present political situation. He invites Princess Margaret to our shores and to our shores, to New Zealand. In contrast to this is Keith Sinclair's "Life in the Province," an examination of the New Zealand province, and Sinclair suggests that remoteness is still a factor in the growth of the country. The attitude is expressed by more of an English province than by more of an English province.

Sinclair's outlook is not shared by all the contributors to "The Distance Between." In his discussion of New Zealand writing.

Records

Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto

[Recorded by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, under William Steenkamp; World Record. 64005. 2 records of 15 minutes each. Used by 2000.] Saul Katzman is a virtuoso violinist in the tradition of the great Russian violinists. Beethoven, Bruch, Dvořák, and Glinka have been written for the violin by Tchaikovsky. Saul Katzman is becoming more and more popular with his compositions of the piano concerto, the double-concerto, and the symphonies. His compositions are a natural result of his competence and technical perfection.

Shostakovich: Quartet for Piano and Strings

[Hollywood String Quartet. 64032. 2 records. A record of the Hollywood String Quartet, Los Angeles, California. The quartet has been recorded in 2 sessions of 15 minutes each. The techniques of the quartet are indicated in the Scherzo. The music is a very effective instrument in the string writing. It gives a pleasing impression of the basic writing of the quartet in the upper register.]

Weir House Ball

[1962 Residents are invited to attend the Weir House Ball at the Skyline, on Aug. 15th. Invitations are available at Pat Norris, Phone—70460.]

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**CAFE price-rise REASONS**

Two points in the Budget stood out. Firstly, the Minister of Finance has largely resisted the urge to go on another election year spree. £7 million was given in concessions compared with £14 million last year. Secondly, he has not attempted to balance the budget by a large tax-cut. This budget was expected to have about half way between the usual giveaway effort and the kind of budget the economy needs.

The **BUDGET** and the Economic Survey give a fairly good indication of the economic situation. The **Economy is buoyant**, export receipts are at a record high level, consumer spending and private imports are rising rapidly, and the economy is starting to boom again. This sounds very inspiring, but unfortunately we were in the same sort of position in 1957 and 1960. The Government has asserted that it will maintain a closer control on bank credit.

Nevertheless, even the record level of £253 million in export receipts in the year ended March 31, 1963, produced a surplus on current account of only £17 million. The adverse fall in export income coupled with higher imports due to fuller utilisation of iron ore could quickly produce a large deficit.

In the meantime the tax cuts are sure to cause Mr. Lake to reconsider removes. The only way to avoid these tax changes would have been to vastly increase the rural taxation. This could have been done in concrete terms, providing for better schools and medical facilities, and raising some of the other taxes at the same time.

The concern on farm development is not unexpected, but because of the renewed impetus it is a cause for some concern. The co-operative movement has been expanded to the extent that farm income is now equal to industrial income. The trend towards increased “Ruralization” needs to be monitored carefully. The Executive Committee of the Co-operative Movement has already set up a special working party on this subject.

Two welcome features of Government policy in the Budget were increased Government capital investment, which has been stepped up by 14.5% to £156 million, and increased provision for agriculture and farming purposes. The measure of the development of the needs of the rural areas has increased from £20.6 million in 1960-61 to £33 million in 1963-64. This is a 14.5% increase. The Government’s agricultural policy is vital to the country’s development. It is a significant step in the right direction.

Breadly speaking, the present Budget will have to find in stationery pressures at a time when an increase in restraints is called for. However it is desirable that any attempt to tax increases at a time when the economy is already prosperous and expanding. Mr. Lake is to be congratulated for being moderate in his concessions, and giving them with restraint. In other words, the economy will be in the main on the best. We shall have to see how the economy manages in the next few years before we can judge whether we have made this improvement to partial responsibility in our election year.

---Special Correspondent---

**EXEC APPROVES BOYCOTT OF AFRICAN GOODS**

Approval was given at the 11th meeting of Executive for the International Affairs Standing Committee. The committee was appointed by the University’s Council in order to investigate the matter of refusal by the University to purchase goods from South Africa. The committee’s report stated that the boycott of South African goods would be in the best interest of the University.

**Compulsory Religion**

The Pakistan Government has made religious education compulsory for Muslim students in the country’s primary schools. In addition, Islamic studies have been made a compulsory subject at the primary and secondary levels. The university and other institutions have already established separate departments for the study of Islamic studies.

**Relaxation Only In SUB**

RICHARD SMITH, the new Chairman of the House Committee, recently told SALIENT his proposals for the administration of the Student Union Building. His principal aim is the full utilization of all the available facilities.

He said that perhaps the most severe problem in the coming year would be the maintenance of effective student control of the building. He preferred not to elaborate.

**The House Committee is also responsible for receiving student recommendations for the proposed House Committee**

Some of the more imaginative Smith mentioned were:

- Smaller rooms for bookcase
- Soundproof Room for music
- Larger Dance Floor for ball and other functions.

**Locke***

SMITH said the proposed bookcase could be valuable asset to the University but that it would not be likely to be well used throughout the year. After the first rush there would be no need to accommodate books of all descriptions of general interest to students.

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