I.S.S.

ARE WE AS STUDENTS DOING OUR SHARE TO DEFEND CULTURE? ARE WE HELPING HITLER'S PLANS BY SENDING UP TO THOSE WHOM HE SEKS TO REPRESS?

Students in New Zealand can work here in ease and comfort—dimly we read and hear here, most of the bitter struggles and conflicts. The tremendous advantages we have are obvious, but the contribution which we will make to learning and to humanity going to justify these advantages? Should we not do all in our power, now, to help less fortunate students in—

CHINA: "Our college students are peculiar war victims. How they have been suffering and the economic studies is known to the world. They constitute one-tenth of our population: one college student out of every 10,000 Chinese. The Chinese nation is poor, and many of the Chinese college students are of the poor families. For obvious reasons the Government did not draft them into military service and not many of them insisted on entering the service when their Government advised them to continue studying. Their colleges moved on as the war spread. They followed, in the midst of suffering that is acute and world-wide, their ancestors' teachings, in the face of heart and mind spirit deeply. Amidst the hardships they have travelled over hundreds of miles to find facilities for study. They might have lost contact with their families which, in turn, might have suffered untold misfortunes. Their colleges, moved into new locations, might have been bombed again; their meagre possessions might have been lost and they themselves might have remained alive only by chance. Yet again, land or aerial bombardments actually have forced them to move, with less remaining of goods and family and more only of suffering."

"The universities are now somewhat settled. At the very beginning there was a tendency to congregate in the big cities in West China. Because of the continuous bombing from Jap planes the universities have now moved into the country. At present there have sprung into being a dozen of what might be called 'isolated university communities' and in the midst of these are small towns or even villages. Many of these universities are quartered in temples or clan halls. The equipment is plain and simple. Students have to use double bunks beds in their crowded rooms. Mud-bricks are piled up to serve as desks and dinner tables. Mats are put up as temporary lecture halls. Oil lamps are generally used for night study. These universities need books and laboratory equipment very badly."

"Unless we give students enough to eat they will soon or later come back to us for medical aid. In fact, medical aid has been increasingly frequent in our relief work among students. For the moment the most common diseases among the students are colds, malaria, cholera, skin diseases and tuberculosis. Quinine is not only expensive but also in some places unobtainable.'"

SWITZERLAND:

"The students here are men who were part of any army that fled, in June, from an overwhelming invasion it could no longer cope with. While physically these men are well cared for, their morale is bad, and the greatest task lies in this field. The men entered Switzerland suffering from the terrible psychological handicap of knowing they had been defeated. Their condition was made worse by the anxiety they felt for their people in France and with whom they could not correspond."

CENTRAL EUROPE:

"While numbers increase on the one hand, avenues of relief are being closed on the other. For most of these refugees the only solution is emigration. But this is becoming more and more remote, as the consequences of war drive nations to close their doors to those of other countries. But people who are homeless and friendless cannot be..."

For the benefit of those who are not sure WHAT they are expected to do on April 3rd.

1. We are advertising the day to the people of Wellington as an opportunity to get all their odd jobs done—in the house and in the garden. They will ring us up and state the number of students they want and for what purpose.

2. Students meanwhile put their names on the lists at Varsity.

3. We sort the two lists and pair them off, keeping the students as close to their own district as possible, for their convenience. We then notify them of the address to which they must go, and what work they will be expected to do.

4. Saturday comes and we set out—some of the things we may be expected to do are: Weeding, mowing lawns, shifting gravel, cooking, ironing, washing, polishing, minding children, cooking and washing up for dinner parties, etc.

5. The day over, we receive our wages with due thanks, 6/4 for a half day, 10/6 for a whole, return home, and on Saturday night or Monday hand in the money at the Exec. Room. The proceeds will be sent without delay to the S.S. Headquar ters of the International Student Service, for forwarding to their overseas Headquarters.

MUSIC IN SOVIET RUSSIA.

In Soviet Russia music was the subject of a talk given in CS by Mr. Stanley Oliver, a well known Wellington musician and conductor. He was the first in a series that has been inaugurated by the executive of the business association and it uses the music room with an audience..."
Editorial

In the first two issues of SALIENT this year there has been a considerable difference of opinion as to the attitude which we should adopt towards the German people. What should our attitude be to this people who we are fighting? Do the German people deserve to share the fate of Hitler or are they friends? That is a question we must face. University students can have little excuse for believing in the pseudo-history of Vansittart and his friends, few of us adopt his views but unfortunately many of us are affected by the insidious propaganda, which is essentially religious, which our enemies post and future. It is true that the German people were unable to prevent Hitler coming to power, but we have no indication that he ever won their whole-hearted support.

The German masses are potentially our friends, but—as long as they allow Hitler and his Nazis to lead them we must treat them as our enemies. The Nazis cannot be trusted any more than the Nazi people—a large section of them fought Hitler long and vigorously we must not ignore but encourage their devotion to the cause of progress. This is not a national war. This is a war against Fascism.

M.C.C.

Letters to Editor

NO MAN’S LAND

(To the Editor)

Dear Madam—For some time past there has been a substantial commotion in the quality of "SALIENT." For this we believe there are two reasons. Firstly the inherent inability of the editor of "SALIENT" to co-operate with the staff. Secondly that original material has been excluded from the publication of much crudely presented overseas propaganda, which has the effect of damping down those causes which it purports to further.

At a meeting of "SALIENT" considerable criticism was expressed on these grounds; and the editor agreed to consider the contents of the coming issue. But instead of co-operating with staff, the editor withdrew this offer and gave members of the editorial committee the task of publishing it, whose policy and standards seems to us, unworthy of a University.

PATRICK HAYMANS

P.S.—We should be glad if you would publish this letter in the coming issue of "SALIENT."—P.H. and H.W.

P.S.—We should be glad if you would refrain from publishing any of our communications under the name of ours in your possession.—P.H. and H.W.

(A meeting of "SALIENT" staff called on Friday, 19th, to discuss the contents of the coming issue. Mr. Haymans and Witherford levelled considerable criticism at the past "SALIENT" policy and the attitude of the editor. The issues of "SALIENT" seemed to appear so far this year were criticised, namely, the first single page issue which appeared at the beginning of the term. The editorial committee had notified the newly-appointed editor that it would be desirable for the paper to set in operation the first day of the new session. The committee had framed the issues, written and sent to press in the interest of the editor, whose only job in the connection was the proof reading and laying out the issue. It was not necessary that the two gentlemen consider that they had not given the practice of co-operation between editor and staff adequate trial.

The second meeting of "SALIENT" was called for Tuesday, 26th, position as above was outlined in slightly greater detail, and the position of the editor was criticised. It was agreed that members of the staff were asked to co-operate in future with the editor as to content and layout of material from staff and faculty, and failing that the above named chose to resign. Other members of the staff were asked to voice their views and it might be recorded that the editor was supported from the students. The staff then passed on to discuss the policy of "SALIENT." (The Editor)

Training Col.

The Training College column in this issue will be in the form of odds. First, and of greatest importance, is the annual tournament with Auckland University. Should the University win, the annual tournament with Auckland is held last year. But negotiations are in progress for the reception of an Auckland team this August. It might be of interest to note the composition of a Training College tournament team, since it differs considerably to the University team. First, there are no athletic competitions, and there are rugby, hockey and association contests included. There are also drama and debating teams who compete for separate trophies. Should the Auckland tournament be held, we hope that it will arouse the interest of University students. They are assured of a hearty welcome to the contests and accompanying social functions.

Full-time students may have noticed about three weeks ago the sale of duplicated periodicals in the passages of the College; this year's first issue of "Student Opinion," better known as "The Club" monthly magazine which came into the world at about the same time as "SALIENT," is now in its third year of a career. We ask any Varsity student to spare a little money to support a copy of the next issue, and inquire further within.

Much of it is heavily professional, although not, perhaps, lacking in interest, I think it the sort of things, again, will deal with internal politics—we man with the muckrake very much in view. A little of the writing is undefiled by shop, and will well repay reading, for as our motto says: "Latest scientifulla forsana."

Regarding debating we do not pretend to rival the University club, containing ourselves with more modest panel discussions. Four or five speakers at a time—fire-side discussion and the result can be most enjoyable. The subject last Friday night—continued from Monday morning—was "The influence of America on the social and cultural life of the N.Z."

It was most enlightening; we were pleased to see the students' interest and hope this aspect of a social life will continue to interest them. We would like to see inter-College student debates and discussions taking place later in the year.

Culture Clubs are a feature of our curriculum in which University students can scarcely take part, but the scheme may interest you. We make a choice from drama, choral, Masonic art and craft, nature study and folk dancing. Two Drama Club performances and a choral concert will come later and we look forward to production from similar University organisations. Of the other clubs we may hear later: I may say that the thought of Training College students folk-dancing with beautiful unself-conscious movements caused many of you to ridicule; we suggest that you attend folk-dancing evening—of course you will have the pleasure we do ourselves.

The year has begun well with generosity and co-operation from old students, who always support our new students. We feel sure that this will continue to the benefit of both Colleges.
Mr. Oliver expressed himself as "staggered" at the attention given by the audience to Mossovol's "Iron Foundry" and Metast's "Euphilette Water Power Station." A handful of the audience may in its turn have been staggered at the memory of Schostakovich's Symphony.

At the end, everyone was happy; much of it was the result of Oliver's rhetoric, which he had delivered with some of the conductor's art, with much violence and a lot of gestures that people find enjoyable, and with much delight with his implicit belief in a union of republics where "75" is under 30. We have broken the tradition which nearly crippled us, and when we wish to have one more chance we have got."—A.A.
With the passing of summer many sports clubs are quietly finishing off rather eventful seasons. The absence of the old Easter tournament is particularly unfortunate for these clubs for it not only robs the end of season period of much of its interest but also removes the incentive to keep going over the long difficult season period.

The men’s clubs should find that the altered man-power conditions will make their position much more satisfactory than last year. Certainly indications manifested so far bear out this belief.

The senior team has started to display the ironing characteristic peculiar to Varsity teams of winning matches when it doesn’t really matter a damn. Both teams have strong combinations though the ‘long hair’ and ‘strong combinations’ make some heartburning in the second, which is not without justification.

Weston who performed so well for the seconds has yet to perform in the seniors and against Midland-Wellingtion ran up an excellent 75. A left hander and a useful bowler he is content to wait a long time until he gets his eye in and then proceeds to let them worry. The seconds, having beaten Midland-Wellington twice, decided at the third meeting to have a rest and give five runs. Amongst the nobest was "Irish" O’Brian who, after several abortive attempts to out his partner Bob Vance, finally succeeded much to the indignation of that young worthy who was not at all mollified to find he had top scored with 48. He had hoped for more—such is ambition.

However poetic justice was meted out when Doug, Olson gave "Irish" run out when he was most obviously in. This, of course, may have been from motives of vengeance resulting from an incident of the previous Saturday but we are charitable enough to think not. After all what do Swedes know about cricket?

Table Tennis

Table Tennis is a game unknown to man and particularly to woman at V.U.C. The reasons is by no means clear. Perhaps it is that old Father Hanhan had charge of the club. However, a bloodless revolution has occurred in the ranks of the Club and a progressive committee has been set up. Club times are Monday night and lunch hours when the top Gym’s available. Balls will be provided. Since tea drinkers polish the fighting minds of the players and tennis shoes are essential for play.

How do you spend your lunch hours? There is no doubt that playing Table Tennis, except sweating. Good attendance will not be possible. If the boys hear feminine footsteps padding tidiously up the Gym steps, they shouldn’t hide in "Salient" Room with fright.

SPORT

SWIMMING.

To the accompaniment of the music of Weir Hospital swimming discordantly with the shrill yipping of Vic A, the Swimming Club held its final season on Tuesday, March 16th, at Thorndon Baths. Since then there has been another club night and a carnival.

A comprehensive programme of championship and novelty events was drawn up and then ignored just to add that subtle air of mystery which for some time everyone generally gives these evenings a zest all of their own. The fields were small, particularly in the women’s events, but the standard was quite high, certainly high enough to warrant a much larger attendance than it did. Outstanding performances were by P. Fleischue, Misses Margaret Eichelbaum and Pat Gardiner. Most of the entries were close enough to cause considerable excitement on the bank and many agitated consultations among the judges, the first night the only easy win was, as expected, by Margaret Eichelbaum in the ladies’ breaststroke. The diving proved particularly popular the awk-

The meetings were organised by Gih Bogle, but he hopes to organise some singing were mercilessly abortive, generous out the social tradition of the Club we have to bow out.

Club officials elected were: President, Mr. Lean on; Secretary, P. McDowell; Vice-Captain, M. O’Connor; Sec.-Treas., G. McDowell; Commit-

At the invitation of Professor and Mrs. Gould the first run of the sea-

MEN’S HOCKEY CLUB.

The prospects of the Hockey Club for the 1943 season are the brightest ever known. The Club has a whole host of new players and for the sur-

The Club has a whole host of new players and for the season it is hoped to be able to field two Senior A teams. The players in the first XI are already having almost too many good players. This is due to the most seasoned players who are back against the ever-increasing numbers. Evan Raine, Ken Kiddie, Irv Ting, George Stacey, Grif Jones and Bruce Duncan. All of these players are Senior A standard and to these we add such well known players as 2nd Liut. Speight, A.U.C. 1st XI, Trigger Gunn, ex-Wellington College and a Wellington Representative. Of 26 new members this year at least 14 are Senior standard.

The Club committee consists of: Ken Kiddie, Irv Ting, George Stacey, Barry O’Donnell. Archie Ives is Club Captain and is present busy making arrangements to arrange a Hockey tournament.

Bruce Hands has left Wellington and his presence will be sorely missed by Thom Slinn. The Club hopes to start its practices on the 1st of April and to arrange tour to arrange a Hockey tournament.

"MY" DANCE.

Pubs were closed—the pictures had not yet opened their doors; University students (and others) filled the gap by moving harmoniously round a slippery Gym floor and consuming quantities of asparagus patties, washed down by a few yards of tea. Of the sexes it was largely presumed by some to be tea, by others to be wish-wash.

Inculcating the viveo—eclat (particularly obvious in the recital of the names of the evening). The huddle of males herded round the door evaporates rapidly owing to the absence of anything of the feminine sex—thus inaugurating a new era in Tea dances.

The final line dancing was not of good calibre and refreshing after the stifled pronunciation last year. Sure the supper could have been better—the hour of the final line dancing is about the same. There tables could have been provided—but these were minor items not detracting from the final success—but for the music—it was lovely.