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## NO MARX— NO MARKS

Why was it necessary for a wave of foot-stamping to rattle through the gallery before the judges could make their decision in the Australia versus New Zealand Debate? It must have been that they could not decide which team was supposed to be upholding which case. According to my programme, the motion was "That Communist Parties in Western Democracies Should Be Abolished," but as all the speakers had apparently "agreed not to disagree" on this point, they spent a pleasant evening debating the most efficient means by which the Communist Party might be abolished. On both sides competent intellects and admirable histrionic talents were put to the mundane task of collating, classifying, and presenting the nose-horized editorials of the local dailies.

**Sydney's RODEN:** "The very existence of Communist Parties in Western countries is a breach of the law." They "advise, advocate and teach" the violent overthrow of constitutional forms of government. This is treason and the law should be enforced. "The principles of free speech is a principle of anarchy. All States impose limitations: the difference is only of extent. The Communist Party endangers the general welfare, and must be suppressed."

**Auckland's O'SULLIVAN:** For its adherents it is a religion, has its saints and martyrs . . . its dynamic expansionist missionary programme. Abolish would mean "persecute," perhaps "liquidate." From Nero to Diocletian the Romans had tried to suppress the Christian church, martyrs had been used to "light the Appalachian Way with their flaming bodies." Communism was "born of suppression . . . when workers really had nothing to lose but their chains . . . If the blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the Church, so it has been of this faith." It thrives on being outlawed . . . where it has been given its licence it has had least effect . . . spiritual forces are not dissolved by seeking to destroy the organisation that contains them. (No, he didn't mention the Inquisition.)

**Adelaide's HERMES:** For the sake of "common decency," "every fair-minded man would welcome the findings of" the Royal Commission on Communism held in Russia—er—ah—Canada! "It should finally bring home the truth to those dilettantes in Communism, and the long-hairs in the Universities," he said, the light twinkling on his glossy pink pate.

**VUC's O'CONNOR:** "Forbidden fruit tastes sweetest" . . . banning "Forever Amber" gave it vogue and popularity. "Western democracies are reaping what they have sown."

"When a man like Paul Robeson supports Communism, it is not because social justice exists under capitalism." The best way to cure some evils is to produce their opposite good. Our duty is to maintain social and economic health so that Communism cannot flourish.

**Sydney's WEBSTER:** The spiritual quality of social crusade is present in Communism, but not in the Communist Party. The danger to-day ceases to be Forever Amber and becomes Red.

**VUC's O'BRIEN:** " . . . from my side, the light would be Green." Would Mr. Webster also extract Christianity from the Christian Church? What profiteth it a man that he insulate his mind and suffer the loss of his intellectual integrity? Suppression of the Communist Party in France, where one-third of the Deputies are Communists, would result in chaos, civil war, the very conditions in which the Communist Party has its best opportunity to power. If Communists infringe the law, adequate provision exists to deal with them. He suggested that Mr. Roden lay charges with the police when he returns to Sydney.

Roden was the most commanding speaker; fierce, fluent, and volatile, he was the only one to make the Town Hall rafters ring. For New Zealand, O'Brien made the best showing. O'Connor was not his usual vituperative self, though he took hecklers in his stride.

Mr. O'Sullivan, in thanking the judges, felt that in view of his team's Hibernian combination, the Australians should be thankful for small Murphies.

Mr. Roden, leader of the victors, decided he was "not Cohen to say what he had been Cohen to say," after all.

—Francis Gawn.

With a voice changed in tone by age, Peter Fraser has spoken. Attempting to avoid putting the issue to popular vote, he tried to get blanket approval from the Labour Party Conference to conscript young New Zealand. But since it is to be put to the popular vote, we might as well investigate the reasons Peter has put forward for supporting the "yes" vote.

**Peter, Peter, fire eater . . .**

## DEFENDING WHAT?

### War?

1. "Mr. Fraser said they thought when the United Nations was founded it would mean the end of war or conditions that would lead to war. 'The tragedy is that peace has not been established.'"

— "Evening Post," 24/5/49.

Please compare:

"The danger of another war seemed to have disappeared," said Dr. Evatt, who arrived in Australia last night."

— "Evening Post."

"The possibilities of war had receded even further than they were 12 months ago, said Mr. Chisley, addressing the Annual Conference of the N.S.W. branch of the A.L.P."

— "Evening Post," 13/6/49.

### Who Wants War?

2. "As long as others wanted to impose their will by force, protection was necessary."

— P. Fraser, "Evg. Post." 24/5/49.

What others? Could it be the Russians?

"In the U.N. General Assembly to-day Russia proposed . . . that the commission for convention on armaments draft a treaty for the prohibition of atomic weapons by June 1 . . . and that the commission draw up a plan whereunder the five Big Powers would reduce all armaments by one-third by March 1, 1950."

— "Evening Post," 10/2/49.

"Moscow radio commentator Leonidov has challenged the British Foreign Minister to quote a single fact showing that the Soviet Union has ever threatened Britain, France, the United States, or any other country participating in the North Atlantic Pact."

— "Evening Post," 1/4/49.

"Dr. F. J. Miles, international secretary of the (anti-communist) Russian Mission Society, in an interview in Invercargill . . . declared emphatically that Soviet Russia was not bent on waging another war. She was looking forward to years of peace to enable her to recover from the devastations of the Nazis . . ."

— "Standard," 18/3/49.

None of the Western nations, of course, "wanted to impose their will by force"?

"In as much as the Russians appear to be achieving great successes in the peace . . . the conflict would have to be of our own making, sparked eventually by some 'event' either in Berlin or elsewhere in Europe where Russia and the West may come into conflict."—"Canadian Monetary Times" quoted in "Standard," 17/2/49.

3. "There are huge number living by war under the war-lords in China, and that is the force that is on the border of Burma now."—Peter Fraser, "Evening Post," 24/5/49.

Compare this view with that of one who has actually lived in China:

"Many of the leading Christians in China are thanking God for the rapid victory of the Popular Army as being the only means for the Chinese people to get peace and reconstruction."—Dr. T. O. Chao, Dean of Religion at Yenching University, "Salient," 8/6/49

"There is no evidence of direct material aid by the Russians to the Communist forces."—A. T. Skele in "N.Y. Herald-Tribune," quoted in "Salient," 8/6/49.

"The chairman of the US Atomic Energy Commission told the House Sub-Committee to-day that the US was making better atomic bombs and making them faster than ever before."—"Evening Post," 13/4/49.

"A government spokesman said it was no secret that Chinese Nationalist troops were being supplied with Canadian rifles, bombers and other military equipment."

— "Evening Post," 14/11/48.

"Thomas Reynolds cables from Athens: 'American intervention has been completed . . . American officers with wide experience in warfare tactics . . . will occupy posts as advisers to the army command. The UK commanders are not bound to accept their advice but should such a case arise they would probably find themselves one fine day without ammunition . . .'"

— "New York P.M.," 20/11/47.

"(If the USSR withdrew from UN) . . . the globe would openly be divided into two worlds and our own world would see with full clarity the need for constant enhancement of its might. Translating this into the language of business we would have an armaments boom in the course of which the production of war weapons would not be limited to the requirements of our own country, but would also envisage the supply of arms on profitable terms to Western Europe and the Pacific countries."—"Barron's Weekly" (NY Business Journal) during 1947.

### The Cock Crew . . .

"Mr. Peter Fraser was unanimously elected secretary of the important Anti-Conscription Conference which met in Wellington during the third week of December."

— "Maoriland Worker," January, 1917.

"The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, asked the NZ Labour Party's Annual Conference to-day to endorse a policy of compulsory national service."

— "Evening Post," May 24, 1949.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

The Annual General Meeting  
of the Students' Association

will be held on

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29th,

at 8 p.m.

BE THERE!

# Salient

The Organ of Student Opinion at Victoria College, Wellington

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1949

## HEADS IN THE SAND

In the 18th century, a considerable number of men in America had principles. They held them so strongly that they were quite ready to face the combined might of King George III and all the damned Britishers in the world to get what they believed in.

One of these principles was that there should be "No taxation without representation."

Last year, there were 2,400 people who paid over 32/6 each in Stud Assn. fees. And of these, less than 700 cared enough about what happened to their cash to vote for the people who were to control it. More than two-thirds of the students at a University were not concerned about their own administration enough to vote on it. Who said that all modern youth thinks about is cash?

This is, of course, no reflection on those who are chosen, but this two-thirds of the students in Victoria were quite happy to trust to the intelligence and integrity of the voting minority. It shows a faith in others' wisdom which is touching in these cynical times.

So remember, if you aren't going to vote, to keep your fingers crossed and hope for the best; and if you are one of the minority, don't forget that you bear the heavy burden of responsibility for all the other ostriches in the Association.

And while we're on the subject of numbers—last year's Annual General Meeting managed to attract one-tenth of the students in the College, or about 200. There must be a lot more than that who spend their time grousing in the Common rooms, or in the Caf. It is a chance to say that moan where it will do most good; it's precious little use making loud complaining noises in dark corners.

## COMMUNISM AND THE CHANCELLOR

### The Russians Hate You!

"How sentiments of hatred towards opponents of the Soviet system are inculcated in young Russians was shown by Sir David Smith, Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, in an address to the Wellington Rotary Club. Sir David quoted from the textbook on education for Soviet Training College students, the title of which is, "I Want To Be Like Stalin."

—Wellington Press Report, May 25, 1949.

The halls of Western Culture are echoing to the noise of those who have risen up to save us from Communism. No less persons than the Dominion Executive of the R.S.A., the Minister of Labour, Field-Marshal Smuts, the Governor-General of New Zealand, and P. Fraser have all within a space of a few weeks given forth solemn utterances warning us of the immediate danger of destruction by the dark forces of social progress.

How fitting, therefore, that our Chancellor should have chosen this very moment to be outspoken, too, in his fearless speech before the Rotary Club. But what a shame that he should have chosen to produce some evidence and that it should have been such a well-known old fraud as the alleged Soviet teachers' manual!

On 3rd September of last year, an article appeared in the English "Daily Mirror," headed "Know These Russians." It professed to be made up of quotations from a book, "I Want

To Be Like Stalin," allegedly a translation of a Russian teaching manual. This was read with great interest, especially as the English translation of the Russian original was remarkably free. The title of the book, according to the Russian authors, was, "Pedagogy, a Manual for Students in Training College." This was duly translated, "I Want To Be Like Stalin."

Other little dodges were employed to make the volume more interesting such as the translating of "clothes" as "uniforms" throughout the book. Mrs. Beatrice King, the well-known authority on Soviet education, wrote pointing out these unfortunate errors to the "Daily Mirror." That paper did not see fit to publish her letter.

Our Chancellor, too, has been written to, offering to submit the Russian title of the book to impartial translation. His reply is eagerly awaited. Good luck, Chancellor. Keep trying!

—H. C. E.

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## KNOCK . . .

Sir,

On page five of your last issue is an inset in black type headed "Debating Team for NZU." This item contains two careless inaccuracies and furthermore this does not represent the position as it was known at the time of your going to press.

In the first place, the team was not selected by a committee of the Resident Executive but by the Resident Executive itself at its regular monthly meeting. This was done at the insistence of the Organiser, who was not prepared to take the responsibility, and it was known to all interested at VUC beforehand.

Secondly, I am not the VUC representative on that Executive, Mr. I. T. Heath having been appointed some time ago. I am entitled to attend meetings, but I have no vote as the only voting members are the president and College representatives, and in fact I cannot even move any resolution whether on a financial issue or on anything else.

Besides this, at the time of your going to press it was widely known that another VUC man was in the team, namely B. M. O'Connor, who replaced P. O'Connor of Otago.

I can only conclude, therefore, that this item was published without any regard to the facts of the situation, and the kindest interpretation is that it was done in ignorance, something inexcusable in a student paper printing an item of student news. Particularly is this so when it is remembered that the facts were so easy to obtain.

K. B. O'BRIEN.

## . . . KNOCK

Sir,

It was with regret that I read your report of the selection of the New Zealand speakers to meet the Australian Debating team. The report purported to be nothing more than a bare presentation of facts and the obvious implication it contained was both unwarranted and unjustifiable. Whatever standards of reporting "Salient" may at times sink to, surely it need not go so low as to insinuate a personal insult into a merely factual statement. If "Salient" felt that there were grounds for criticising the selection it should have stated them so that an answer could be given by the people concerned.

The poor taste and poor reporting evidenced in this statement will not, I hope, be repeated.

Yours faithfully,  
ALISON J. PEARCE,

Vice-President of the Debating Society.

## . . . KNOCK

Sir,

It is rather satisfying to note that "Salient" refers to itself as an organ of student opinion. I would agree with that appropriate description; only in this instance it is not the organist who plays the music. Rather, it is the Editor who calls the tune, and the students who must dance to it.

I am not annoyed with "Salient" for its actions, for I have long since passed that stage: after all, one has to make allowances . . .

But, surely, don't you think that the little paragraph about the NZU debating team in the last issue of "Salient" was just a little below the belt, even for your methods? I do not suppose you will agree with me, for you apparently have your own standards of judgment.

I sometimes wonder whether "Salient" is not an organ of personal malice: for example, what good could really come of the inference in the paragraph I mentioned? If it was inserted merely out of personal malice then students can draw their own conclusions as to the staff of "Salient" . . . If there was no malice in the inference, was there something, unseen by many, that warranted its inclusion?

I hope an explanation will be forthcoming.

F. L. CURTIN,  
Committee-member,  
VUC Debating Society.

(The article in last issue which prompted these letters was NOT initiated by "Salient" staff; we were informed by one whose knowledge and veracity we had—and have—no reason to doubt. As it appears that certain of the facts were not correct, we are prepared to admit that we were misinformed. However, without any personal malice to anyone, it can be said that the selection did seem to have unusual features.

Last year's Joyn't Scroll team from VUC was B. O'Connor and J. Milburn. The final placings were P. O'Connor, OU, first; K. O'Sullivan, AUC, second; and J. Milburn, VUC, third. And in the trial debate in the VUC club before the VUC debate against Australia, the placings were B. O'Connor first, J. Milburn second, and K. O'Brien third.

It would seem from this that, while the selection of the first two members of the NZ team was done on qualifications as shown in actual debating, this was unaccountably not so for the third member. People with apparently superior qualifications seemed to have been passed over. We do not suggest at all that there was any "wangling"—and in fact, though "Salient" could hardly be expected to know it when we went to press, Mr. O'Brien well justified his inclusion (see report in this issue).

However, "Salient" acknowledges Mr. O'Brien's correction, and apologises for the mistake.

We are sure that Mr. Curtin will be as ready to withdraw the quite unwarranted insinuations in the letter above, which seem to be based on a purely personal malice—towards "Salient."—Ed.)

## What, No Brick?

Sir,—

We wish to congratulate "Salient" on the accurate reporting of Dr. Frankel's address to the Biological Society. "Salient" has in the past been criticised for its selective reporting; we are, however, glad to see this "refreshingly different" situation.

Henry Connor  
Audrey Cook

## OFFERS ?

Sir,

Mr. F. A. de la Mare, of Hamilton, one of our most prominent ex-students, has a complete set of "Spikes" except for three numbers. He is anxious to get hold of these three:

1943, 1944, 1946.

I wonder if any reader of your paper would be able to supply him with them. His address is P.O. Box 178, Hamilton.

I am,

Yours faithfully,  
R. W. BURCHFIELD.



## HILLTOP

### Rivals Landfall Resembles Parish Magazine

The second issue of "Hilltop," published by the Literary Society, is now at the printers. This magazine, the subject of much controversy, is not confined to contributions from Victoria College, but contains a wide selection of contemporary New Zealand writing.

The next issue is to include poems by James K. Baxter, Pat Wilson, Hubert Witheford, and translations of Ronsard by Arthur Barker. These poets are already well known to us. James K. Baxter has published two volumes of poetry, "Blow Wind of Fruitfulness," and "Beyond the Palisade," and the Pelorus Press is to publish shortly a volume of Hubert Witheford's, "Shadow of the Flame."

There are to be three articles, one by Dr Munz on "An Idea of History," Professor Miles on Gerard Manley Hopkins, and a satirical attack on Howard Wadman. Erik Schwimmer

has written a diverting short story about Bohemian Life. The Editorial, written by W. H. Oliver (the poet as distinct from the geneticist), deals with the conscription issue. What is your opinion on this question?

The cover, which perhaps provoked the remark "resembles a Parish Magazine," is now quite different from the previous one. The number of copies to be printed has now been increased to 1000, because there were not enough of the first issue to supply those who wanted them. "Hilltop" holds the policy of paying contributors as it believes that this is the only way of obtaining material from worthwhile writers. The chief difficulty in the production of a literary magazine, that of not having sufficient contributions of a reasonable standard, has not arisen.

"Hilltop" will be sold for 2/- a copy, but university students will be able to obtain it at the College for 1/6. Further notice will be given when it is due to appear.

## Winefred

*Your lost bewildered eyes speak strange questions  
Which form a curious paradox when seen  
In the same mould of flesh which holds  
The age-old knowledge of your curved mouth  
Some wistful nun terrified burning with thoughts  
Of fleshly love stronger than vague spiritual joys  
Might peer uncertain from those troubled windows  
But that a smile of sweet forbidden reminiscence  
Comes and goes on your cruel tender mouth  
And then you speak and in the sensuous  
Warm caressing glow of your voice  
Doubt melts away.  
In your eyes I read the answer  
Long awaited  
There is no nun but the devil behind  
your eyes.*

—Alec Bryan.

## The Pool

*There's a warm pool slowly flowing  
where the blunted  
numbly scarred hills  
meet in a narrowing gulch,  
and soaking in it  
the occasional fool—  
led by optimistic pointers,  
torn by the grasping gorse—  
and such a one was I.*

*I lay and watched a leaf  
break waveringly from its stem,  
gliding softly down  
to make a little kissing ripple,  
swirled away  
and sweeping smoothly  
to a square stone face,  
spinning madly,  
aimlessly,  
until caught by another current  
and curved widely around its block.*

*I felt my body as one  
with warm water, and surrounding grass  
shivering with each passing breath  
and a heavy long-stalked pod  
nodding slowly low and high—  
then on the pool's side.*

—H. R. Unger.

## TWO POEMS OF PARTING

*Because the wind will have it that way  
She makes the sea  
Wave a thousand white handkerchiefs  
at me  
Mocking me with your going.  
Because the wind will have it that way.*

*Because I could not bid you leave my  
mind  
That ship that burst  
Past the headland was the first  
Thing to hold me from you,  
Because I could not bid you leave my  
mind.*

*Because my love, you are gone,  
Each little influence  
Of wind gathers the cloudstreams to a  
confluence  
That promises thunder and battens me  
Under,  
Because my love, you are gone.*

II.

*While the rods of rain sally the roof  
With reminders of your kisses  
The everlasting, everlost wind, comes  
with his legions  
And his drummers muffle the outer ear  
Follow the feathered knocking of my  
heart.*

*How can the rain bind us?  
When will the wind find us?*

*The long days interpose  
They hang as beaded curtains hung;  
But listen!  
They rustle with notice of my coming*

—Lyster Paul.

## Table Tennis Club

By the queer sounds that infiltrate into "Salient" room every Monday night we gather that the Table Tennis Club has come into action again. Although we were promised notes none have appeared and so we will try and tell those interested a little about this club. It meets every Monday night in the Upper Gym and all those who are interested in this indoor sport should come along. No previous experience is necessary and the only qualification needed is interest and the knowledge of which end of the bat to hold. VUC has teams in most grades in the Wellington Competitions, from the bottom up. Here's a chance to represent your college in the local competitions which may ultimately lead to representation in a Tournament Team.

## CHILLED WILDE

Last Friday, June 12, the curtain of the Little Theatre was drawn to reveal a large and chilled cast seated around the stage and a smaller and even more chilled audience huddled awaiting the wit and wisdom (wordily) from the lips of the readers. In case any of you have not guessed what this gathering was for, it was a reading by the Drama Club of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband."

I'm afraid that this play is by no means Wilde's best. He became very tangled in his plot and has an unfortunate seriousness that doesn't mix with his polished wit. The characters are in nearly every case much too exaggerated. Lady Chiltern is over virtuous; Sir Robert is over conscientious for a statesman of the gay 19th century of Wilde. The stage was more like the death chamber of a concentration camp than the drawing-room of a society lady or the library of an eligible bachelor.

However, I shouldn't be complaining about the production as the play was a reading and in this respect the actors all put across their lines with the nonchalance necessary. Henry Connor, as the eligible Lord Goring, allowed the epigrams to flow off his tongue with an ease that would have delighted any cynic; we all felt sure that at the end of the play he would have made an Ideal Husband indeed. June Scott, as Mabel Chiltern, got her man (as usual!). The early acts were livened by John Macdonald and Roy Melford, as two society dowagers, being pleasantly catty about everyone. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was had by all, despite the lack of warmth.

This Friday "Major Barbara" by Bernard Shaw will be read in the Little Theatre at 8 p.m. We have it on good authority that the hall will be heated this time.

## Groaning Trojans

The Trojan Woman of Euripides has now devastated me twice, which is quite enough for one lifetime. This is a play of unrelieved gloom and tragedy. When one of the characters raises her voice for a few moments to contemplate some less gloomy facet of the future, such as the delight of plunging a dagger into the ribs of her sleeping bridegroom-elect, one feels that the play is going to pieces!

This is an excellent production in every respect, except for the poor reproduction of the music specially composed by Douglas Lilburn. Gracie Gordon as Hecuba sustains a part of almost fantastic intensity. The chorus comes across with infallible timing and great clarity, no easy task with a group of a dozen. The producer, Maria Dronke, merits special congratulations.—J.R.J.

## God and Man

Passing examinations is important but it is not the only thing. If students are to take their places as intelligent members of the community, they must concern themselves with such questions as: How can knowledge be used for the benefit of man? Is mankind worth troubling about?

The Student Christian Movement is a body of students who attempt to face these disquieting questions. It believes that Christianity contains the answer—that the tragedy of the world situation comes from the distortion of relationships between Man and God, between Man and Man. It is a fellowship of students who desire to understand the Christian Faith and live the Christian life. The organisation gives opportunity for students to meet and worship, study, discussion and recreation.

MARY MILNE.

## SOCIALIST CLUB

Invites you  
(By courtesy of the U.S.S.R.  
Legation)  
To

"THE STONE FLOWER"  
"THE STONE FLOWER"  
(First prize 1946 Cannes Film  
Festival)

FRIDAY JULY 1, 8 p.m. FRIDAY  
ROOM BIOLOGY 1  
Silver Collection for Student Union  
Building Fund.

## Enough Said

Whether or not "Education in NZ has deteriorated since 1935" is apparently of interest to remarkably few students of Victoria. The debate on this subject that took place on Friday, June 10, was attended by 20 people, counting judge, chairman, main speakers, speakers from the floor and hangers-on. Nearly everybody present took the opportunity to debate, qualify for the Plunket medal, or soliloquise, though several, having had their say, did not wait to hear other people having theirs. When it came time to vote there were enough present to defeat the motion by nine to two. The placings, decided by Mr. Birchfield, were Denis Garrett 1st, Alec McCleod and Ephra Garrett 2nd, Gwenda Martin 4th, Maurice O'Brien 5th and Jim Milburn 6th.

## SOCIALIST CLUB

### China and Spain

Two other storm centres were treated at separate sessions of the Weekend school. Mr. James Bertram outlined the probable nature of the new democratic government in China. The Communist armies, which had engaged over 60% of the Jap forces in China during the war, had the full support of the Chinese people. Chiang's government had a long record of corruption, oppression and unkept promises—notably in regard to the establishment of a democratic coalition administration.

Bonk Scotney led an interesting discussion on the fascist government in Spain, dwelling on the symbolism of popular attacks on the local churches in the Civil War.

## Coming Events

Tuesday, June 21: Mr. J. Scott on "The American Press."

Wednesday, June 22: A combined meeting with the SCM on the subject, "What is Communism?"  
Friday, July 1: A showing of "The Stone Flower" at 8 p.m. in Biology I.

Tuesday, July 12: Another combined meeting on "What is Christianity."

Tuesday, July 19: A talk by Bonk Scotney.

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT!

## ONE-ACT PLAY PRODUCTION

FRIDAY, JULY 15th

in the

LITTLE THEATRE

at 8 p.m.

DRAMA CLUB

Paul Zilch continues his chronicle of racialism in the universities of the democratic United States . . .

# LAND OF THE FREE

In the very country loudest in its proclamation of its own "democratic way of life;" human beings of the same sex are forbidden to share a room because their skins are different colours. Yes, and in the universities, the bastions of reason and free thought!

At the same time as Estelle ran into the ban on mixed rooming among women, I was waiting for assignment to a room in a university dormitory. About 35 of us, the others white, slept on cots in Villard Hall. Two weeks after registration, only myself and several footballers, who stayed for different reasons than I, remained. One day I asked a sponsor at the Veterans' dormitory when I would get a room.

"Just as soon as I can find a roommate for you," he said.

A week later another negro student and I moved into a double room. During the second term my roommate left school. At a time when a number of students waited to enter the dormitory, I occupied a double room by myself till the end of the next term.

You may not see anything objectionable in the ban on mixed rooming. But I, as a negro, do. What is it but a version of segregation? The doctrine of inferiority dies hard. We are permitted in the dormitories—a right we exercise with high regard—but not yet on equal terms.

A few days ago, a white student invited a negro to share his room. The two are rooming together only with the permission of the dormitory supervisor, not with the approval of the director of dormitories. All of the negro students and some white are watching to see whether the ban will be officially re-imposed when word is carried to the Portland mothers who "put Estelle Allen in her place."

And why shouldn't two persons, each qualified to live in the dormitories, room together if both are agreeable? They pay the same money, eat the same food, and take the same course.

## On The Ball?

Another aspect of campus life underlines the situation of negro students and citizens. Athletics have carved out an exclusive and almost untouchable domain of their own in American colleges. In fact, many

athletic departments take precedence over any of the academic departments. Because athletics have become a commercial venture, the capable northern negro athlete can usually win a place for himself on a team on equal terms with whites.

Off the playing field, however, the discriminatory pattern reasserts itself for the negro athlete.

One of them described to me over his studies one night the way he felt about it.

"I have asked myself many times why I ever decided to go out for sports," he said. "Ask why I should continue to contribute something that offers only short-lived mental compensation off the field. I can't get away from this question when I'm constantly reminded that my association with other players ends, socially speaking, on the field."

He snapped his book shut as he went on. "Sure, when the teams travel I'm usually accepted in hotels, restaurants, and so on. That's because I'm a team member, not because I'm an American citizen. Do you think they'd serve me and sometimes they don't any more than you, as a negro?"

## "Sport" vs Freedom

Remarks about visiting negro athletes are indicative of the divided attitude to negroes on the campus. At the Oregon-Long Island University Basketball game some weeks ago I heard vile insults directed at negro members of the visiting team. These were not just ordinary expressions of excitement and school spirit. One of these negro players was refused service at a Eugene restaurant. I do not hesitate to mention, on the other hand, that many of the student spectators paid compliments to the negro players.

To a negro student at Oregon, the Cotton Bowl was a test of racial equality as well as football talent. In accepting the invitation to the Cotton Bowl, the University had a chance to show its regard towards its negro athletes. But unlike Pennsylvania State the previous year, which ruled that athletes of both races should eat and sleep together, Oregon agreed to segregate its players in accordance with Texan notions of civilisation and democracy.

Coach Jim Aiken and the athletic department secured the consent of

the three Oregon negro players to submit to segregation slickly enough to rouse the envy of any big-time commercial operator. Between December 18, when Christmas vacation started, and December 24, when the team embarked for Dallas, the players were permitted to go where they liked. The three negroes went to Portland. Coach Aikin telephoned each of them separately. He informed them that the athletic department had been unable to procure mixed accommodation for the white and negro team members. "It's up to you to decide whether or not the team will go under the circumstances," he told them.

With the game only 10 days away, with 110,000 dollars and the schools' athletic prestige at stake, and with a "Bowl-crazed" student body to face, the negro players had no alternative but to agree to segregation.

The University administrators, of course, had no intention of putting civil rights before cash or the bigots of the State. And the coach and athletic department did not dare to present the no-discrimination or no-Bowl issue to an open meeting of the team.

Oregon poured democracy down the drain, where it is most of the time in America anyhow, and opened a new bottle of Jimcrow You All, the American Century special. Oregon's 110,000-dollar cut of the gate receipts demonstrates that ideals rate high in this country, because ideals and dollars are identical.

## White Souls?

Besides the basic discriminatory patterns, negroes must contend with the stereotyped prejudices that set them apart and served to justify the perpetuation of inequalities. Sociologists are familiar with many of them, negroes all.

Here on campus a few whites have told me in all seriousness that negroes make good athletes because of innate superiority of muscular coordination.

At a campus function not long ago, attended by several townspeople, a city churchman approached me with a proposition illustrating the negro stereotype — and discrimination. "Say," he questioned, "could you get enough of your men on campus together to form a quarter?"

"What for?" I ask.

"Our church would like a negro quartet. You wouldn't be expected to join, of course, and we'd supply you with pocket-money," the recruiter said.

The ugliness of stereotyping lurks behind the pseudo-amblability of the mammy and grand-

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daddy negro character assignments of white community. For the negro, life is not just one happy minstrel-show enacted to the appreciative applause of Caucasians.

An incident at the Greyhound bus station some months ago bears out this point. Two other negro students and I were buying tickets to Portland when accosted by a grimy Caucasian, who was dressed suitably for a rag-collectors' Jamboree.

## Black and Boot-Black

"You guys think because you're going to college that you own the world," he said. "Just wait till you get out—we'll cut you down to size."

This uninhibited gentleman expressed a common, though usually not so openly displayed, sentiment. Displayed, that is, by word of mouth when we are present.

But the whites who think us degraded manage to advertise the fact in other ways. I feel that the black-faced, red-lipped sketch on the shoe-shine machine in a local college hall, expresses the general attitude towards negroes here and throughout America. Without doubt many white people think I should be a shoe-shine boy for them. I am "out of my place" as a student.

Those are hard, accusatory words. But I was asked to say what I think in these articles. You know now.

As for belonging to campus social organisations, a negro friend sums up the situation in four words: "Fratnities, what are they?" Yes, what are they?

## Liberty, Equality . . .

Fratnities profess to build on the "noble and potent principle of brotherhood." The completed structure rears itself as neighbourliness. "Good fraternity chapters teach it by the example of men learning how to live with their fellows; and these chapters do not fail to capture the respect of the campus, the institution and the public," say the apologists for fraternities.

Yet fewer negroes than you can count on your two hands belong to fraternities affiliated to the National Interfraternity Conference. Since the turn of this century the constitutions of many fraternities have contained non-Aryan and religious exclusion clauses. Where these clauses do not appear on paper, an unwritten gentlemen's agreement prevails.

Here, Jewish students have been forced to form an organisation of their own. Any complaint about exclusion from their lips would seem like disloyalty, so they keep quiet. But not a single negro belongs, or has ever, to a fraternity on this campus. Guilty brothers cannot enjoy brotherhood. Guilty brothers cannot be invited into the best society.

We negro students, though a precedent has been set by negro fraternities at white universities elsewhere, look upon suggestions for the establishment of a negro fraternity here with uncompromising disfavour. Negro fraternities mean submission to discrimination and segregation. They represent the ultimate in refinement of social ostracism. Negro fraternities are an extension of the Ghetto pattern.

(These articles will be continued in the next issue of "Salient.")

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# RED FASCISM—

## or the Art of Lying

The Article on Wadman is a fine example of emotional lying and illustrates the communist method of argument and propaganda. To ignore, understate and over-emphasise is lying and to this method the communist is committed for the putting across of a philosophy which has no necessity to tell the truth because it is not true. The communist must therefore consciously or unconsciously be a liar.

This fact is more unfortunate because most of them are so desperately sincere and their passionate enthusiasm which must be admired, since it expresses itself with courage and zeal deludes their hearers and even themselves into a firm belief. But because they think they are right and impress everybody else with their conviction supported by what seem to be facts the case is not proved. A close examination of their facts usually reveals discrepancies and errors. The article which chastises Wadman is typical in style—that of the soap box orator.

The current keynote of communist propaganda is the fight against fascism. The rise of fascism was fortunate because it gave the communists a cause for people to fight who were not in need of material benefits. The well fed are not very interested in fighting for something which they already have, but a crusade against fascism which was threatening their freedom enlisted support from many who would never have bothered to read the first page of Das Kapital. But more important still was the reason for this fight. After a brief fraternisation period the communists fought fascism because it was their rival in totalitarian technique. The fight against fascism has distracted the attention of the world and the communist faithful from the fact that Red Fascism and Brown Fascism are brothers in method, in aim and in result. The perpetrators of Buchenwald are therefore damned as fascists while the fascists who caused the Ukraine famine are extolled as anti-fascists and lovers of freedom. Propaganda for the communist is, as Mr. Gawn pointed out "a present duty." It is also the fine art of scientific lying. It may be hard to be young and harder to be truthful, for the communist it is clearly impossible.

### Treachery?

To whom? the writer asks with glib answers which are questionable themselves. He makes no mention of treachery on the grand scale. The four Non-aggression pacts the Soviet made with those great warlike powers Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Lithuania which the Soviet broke—without provocation. Is this not treachery?

But then listen to Mr. Stalin: "Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or wooden iron."

### Cruelty?

The pot calls the kettle black. But is it not cruelty to let five million people starve as Mr. Stalin

did in the Ukraine because it was expedient? Trotsky was bludgeoned to death with an axe—a kindly death. The communists are cruder than the gas chamber fiends of Dachau. No one knew the extent of Nazi methods until that system was overthrown and exposed to investigation.

### Hatred?

The questions asked import their own answers—most of those answers have sufficient truth to be credible—but they are never the whole answer. But the reader flatters himself that he knows the answers and the writer makes his point without a mention of the regular diatribes of Moscow radio, the Russian wives who may not join their husbands, the German wives in the same position and the other side to those suggestive questions.

### Fear?

More sidestepping, more colourful words like parasitic and that abused term "the people" (as if business men are not people). This is followed by some good old political man to man "You've got something there Mr. Wadman" . . . but listen to the communist who will say "Yes as a matter of fact Mrs. Kasenkina was not the least bit frightened. She only jumped from a second storey window. And those refugees who risk their lives in frail tubs to cross 6,000 miles of Ocean away from Paradise, they're not frightened. They're all peasants and intellectuals and have tremendous fortunes—that's why they are frightened."

### No Force? No Terror?

The proletarian revolution is impossible without the forcible destruction of the bourgeois machine." Lenin: The Proletarian Revolution.

"The scientific concept of dictatorship (of the proletarian) means nothing more nor less than power which rests on violence which is not limited by any laws or restricted by any absolute rules" (Problems of Leninism).

"The proletariat cannot and ought not to seize power if it has not the majority in the country"—But wait read further—"This absurd thesis" continues Mr. Stalin, "cannot be justified either theoretically or practically" Stalin in The Theory and Practice of Leninism).

### Are They in Blinkers?

Here Mr. Wadman's critic begins his descent from treading gently in the swamp into the mire of nonsense and presumption. Relying on an editorial by Mr. Combs which proved nothing of the sort he tries to make us certain that communists are not in blinkers by some abuse of Christianity. "In contradiction to evidence" (what evidence?) he says, "it has all the signs (what signs?) of being 90% myth" (for example?). This

type of unproved assertion is an insult to Salient's readers. Is it the result of an overdose of Lenin? "All religious ideas are an unspeakable abomination" (Lenin on Religion).

The point in issue (the Blinkers) he noisily overlooks.

I invite the writer to attempt to arrange a subscription to three American magazines to be sent to readers in the Soviet Union and see how far the blinkers extend.

### The Abolition of Slavery

It is not to the Churches' credit that some Churchmen condemned the abolition of slavery but one swallow does not make a summer and many churchmen did fight for it. Moreover if a system, and a large one, of forced labour camps is anything but slavery then what is it? It cannot be defended on the same grounds as our penal system because there is no code of law comparable nor are our prisons closed to inspection.

### End Justifies Means

This section at least indirectly admits that the statement "the end justifies the means" (incorrectly imputed to the Jesuits who, quoted in context, said something quite different) is dear to the communists heart—as of course it is and must be. But, the conclusion "after all ends are means" is glib but dissatisfying.

An approximate end may be a means to a remote end. But any fool can see that ends and means are there used in differing senses. If the end is good but the means evil the choice of evil means cannot be justified. Absolute morality commands that one choose the lesser of two evils only if one must be chosen otherwise neither may be chosen.

Ends are means only when used in different senses. Presume ends are means. Let the end be the extermination of Cancer—a good end. Then if means are ends there can be no evil in killing off all those with Cancer. This idea may not be offensive to the Communist. How does it strike you?

### The Church and Art

I have not the space to deal with this absurdity fully, but I wish to remark in passing that anyone who has the nerve to say without qualification that Beethoven was the world's greatest composer is a fool.

This argument about art in all its aspects leads nowhere since it is mainly a matter of opinion.

### The Church and the Worker

"Christianity broke down the contempt with which the master had regarded his slaves and planted among the slaves a principle of

moral regeneration which expanded in no other sphere with equal perfection." Lecky (a bitter opponent of the Church) History of European Morals.

"In the Middle Ages, wages were taken as a first charge; in modern times the reward of the labourer cannot but fluctuate in connection with fluctuation in the utility and market price of things" Prof. Cunningham noted English economic historian.

"Medieval authorities . . . did not hold what we may call the theory of minimum subsistence . . . Instead they seem to have recognised that wages should be made to conform to a fit and proper standard of life." Lipson: Economic History of England.

"The Church recognises and affirms the rights of employers and workers to form industrial associations, separately or together . . . and urges their formation." Included in the official statement of the Catholic Bishops of Australia "Peace in Industry" 1946.

It would surprise me to learn that Mr. Wadman's critic had read any of the teachings of the Church on such matters. His emotive criticism indicates that his knowledge—or hers—has been culled from the literature of communism which is strictly limited to its own biased view.

### Pie in the Sky My Eye?

To debunk an idea is one of the best ways of getting it put aside as fact. For this reason the Christian view is called "pie in the sky" and then not discussed at all. Instead there are some quotations from the Bible calculated to point out that perhaps Christianity had said something sensible. This is labelled Brown-shirt gutter philosophy and then left to be pointers for Bolshevism. This childish evasion ignores the issue. Is there any evidence sufficiently strong to contradict Christianity?

The communists unable to answer prefer to debunk the whole thing. Mr. Wadman's critic does so because he knows his propaganda. Nothing will allow his biased mind to be imperilled in this deception so dear to his radical vanity, and his fanatic refusal to admit another point of view leads him on to bigger lies and nastier deceptions.

The rank and file communists know their party slogans, the villifying catcheries, the glib answers to knotty questions but a discussion of essentials must be avoided for those who become too interested in that sort of thing seem to have trouble. Communism's essentials are its weakest point since they are based on distortions and philosophical errors. (See "Communism and Man." F. J. Sheed.)

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## Spotlight On The East

Dr. Chao, Dean of Religion at the University of Yenping, Peiping, and President of the World Council of Churches, has hailed the Communist success in China . . . "China is going over to Communism," he says. "While the Kuomintang have blindly disregarded the lessons of history, the Communists have been willing to learn, thus winning the people and easily leading them to victory over feudalism . . . No human power can arrest the motion of the mass strongly forged into solidarity for the revolution."

Meanwhile, on April 1, the right-wing Kuomintang Government gave a parting lash to the people of Nanking by firing on a student demonstration for peace. In case you share Mr. Fraser's fear of "Chinese bandits," and are willing to accept the present trend of events in China as an excuse for introducing military conscription in New Zealand, lend your ear a moment to a few extracts from the Hongkong weekly, "CHINA DIGEST" for 19 April, 1949, received by the Stud Ass last week.

In a long and enthusiastic article, Dr. T. C. Chao describes the occupation of Peiping by the People's Liberation Army, so assiduously identified in our press with their leaders, the Chinese Communist Party.

### A New China

"In the lane leading to the East gate of Yenping University posters appeared: 'Long live the Communist Party!' 'Celebrate the liberation of Tientsin!' 'Push to Nanking and capture Chiang Kai Shek alive!' In the same lane, Tsing Hua University students were painting big white characters on the wall: 'Salute the People's Liberation Army.' It seems that the country round has turned red overnight. A few days later, and now one hears music drums and gongs that accompany the

popular Communist songs, and if one is unprejudiced, it is impossible to feel unstirred. One sees dramatic performances that depict the life of the poor in a realistic way. It seems as though history were telling its own story, that China is going over to Communism.

"The Kuomintang was a short time ago the reigning power invincible with its experienced armies, and in control of almost the whole of China. Its leader Chiang Kai Shek was the idol of the nation. But within the short space of three years, the party finds it necessary to take a flight to Canton while its leader is named the first war criminal by the Communists. His achievements have been forgotten not because the people are short of memory, but because these achievements have been overshadowed by his dictatorship and dogged

determination to exterminate the Communists instead of following the people's will to peace, and effecting a moral reformation of his corrupt party. Almost everything the Kuomintang did alienated the people, the liberal-minded and the students who were treated shamefully. Imagination fails to function at the thought that several thousand youngsters were thrown into prisons, often under secret torture, without a decent trial. Every time a black list was published, those whose names appeared on it went over to the liberated areas. The current knowledge that the biggest sum deposited in an American bank belongs to a Chinese, is enough to explain the rapid success of the Communists in China.

"Chinese history has repeatedly taught the lesson that a dynasty falls when it loses the support of the people. The Chinese race could be exploited indeed, but exploitation has a limit beyond which it cannot go. While the KMT have blindly disregarded the lessons of history, the Communists have been willing to learn, thus winning the people and easily leading them to victories over feudalism.

The immovable begins to move, and as momentum is gained, no human power can arrest the motion of the mass strongly forged into solidarity for revolution.

### Intellectuals Go Red

"China's intellectuals have also become growingly sympathetic towards the Communists. They see things clearly, and being open-minded, find no reason why Communism cannot be the salvation of their country.

A large majority of them have been reduced to poverty by long years of war. They are therefore in a process of transformation, feeling more and more sympathetic towards the poor and the oppressed. They experienced gradual conversions. The younger generation, students especially, change quickly. Sons and daughters of wealthy parents are willing to live on coarse food within the warm comradeship of the Communists. Only by becoming revolutionary can they gain a sense of worth, acquire a life purpose, and attain to real manhood and womanhood. If a thoughtful young American were transported among Chinese youths of today, it may be doubted if he would not become a Communist too.

### Religion Under Communism

"Responsible Communists have made it clear that religious freedom will be given and written into the new constitution. There will also be freedom to criticize and attack religion.

Contact with young Christians among students results in astonishing discoveries of dissatisfaction with the churches. Some are torn between Communism on the one hand, and religious escapism on the other. Christianity as represented by the churches appears often to be a twisted thing, a thing connected with foreign imperialism, bourgeois ideosyncrasies, and the corrupt and dying status quo; a thing that is an opiate of the people, an escape from reality, a high-sounding idealism that is nowhere effective, a source of irresponsible liberalism, atomic individualism, spineless sentimentalism, defeatism in regard to this world and man's capacity in transforming it for his own good—in short an anti-revolutionary dead log to be cleared away. No wonder so many young Christians go over to the Communists!"

### "Blood Is On The Grass"

You have just read the words of one of the world's leading Christian intellectuals, on the occasion of his country's disappearing behind the iron curtain. At the same time, the government associated for so long with that Christian gentleman Chiang Kai Shek, was busy testifying to its humanitarian principles:

"It was on the very day the Kuomintang 'Peace' delegations flew to liberated Peiping," says Jack Pei in the same issue of China Digest, "that the bloody massacre of students took place at Nanking."

The Chinese student movement has always been suspected by the right-wing government. Enmity to culture and thought is always the hallmark of reactionary and fascist governments, and Chiang's has been no exception.

Even in its death-throes, the Kuomintang delivered a desperate and bloody thrust at the students of the old capital. On April 1 last 6,000 students and staff members from 11 Nanking colleges paraded through the streets of the city in a demonstration for genuine peace. Slogans included "NO MORE AMERICAN AID TO THE KUOMINTANG!" "NO MORE CONSCRIPTION!" "AWAY WITH HUNGER AND OPPRESSION!"

After the demonstration, the individual college groups made their way home. Then came the cowardly attack by the military. Beating with clubs, a group of 300 KMT army officers rushed into two small groups of students. Harvest: 3 dead, 16 "disappeared" (i.e. arrested for private beating up), 95 seriously injured. Remember July 1947 in Sydney? and Wellington? That is how it begins. Students demonstrating for peace are never popular with governments built on that unstable economic system which must, in the end, rely on war. When such a government has

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## MOANING AT THE BAR

The teaching of law is a difficult task of increasing complexity and the remarks in this article are made with full realisation of that fact. There has been much discussion for many years about the law course, discussion which was revived at the last two legal Conferences. Although nothing very practical has been done it is hoped that some definite steps may be taken to solve some of the problems.

This course is in two distinct parts which will be considered separately. At present it consists of nineteen units, including one which is not examined, making it the longest course in the local calendar.

### The Art Units.

The five art units are designed, it is said, to provide a cultural background to the Course. It is proposed to consider this cultural background, but if their actual purpose is to hold students until they are sufficiently mature to commence the study of law, then it is time that the units were abolished altogether since it is a penalty upon students who may be mature enough already.

Latin is a compulsory art unit but the remainder of the units are optional. The cultural background which is supposed to be a necessity for a law student cannot be any more necessary than for the commerce and science student where the same dangers are inherent but ignored. Students are unwilling to dilly dally in the Arts faculty and they therefore chose those subjects which will delay them least.

### The Hurdle

Is Latin necessary? Few students seem to think so, and many lawyers agree with them. Latin I is of no more assistance to a lawyer than sixth form Latin; for those phrases in the law which remain in Latin are few and far between, most are well known, and the number of students who will need Latin for wider purposes are few. Moreover, much of the course consists in studying the two set books (in many cases from cribs parrot fashion). The further plea that Latin encourages preciseness of mind fails because Latin is studied in that fashion. One of the essentials for a lawyer is the ability to think clearly, analyse the thoughts of others and express his own. The study of Logic or Mathematics would be more inductive to preciseness of mind, and Logic would indeed be best as a basis for the development of the reasoning method.

A variety of subjects are studied once Latin is mastered and the resulting combinations are usually pot pourris of subjects which provide a most disjointed cultural background. Some study of other subjects is wise for Commerce, Science and Law but why the Law Faculty should be the only faculty compelled to postpone a career for the present doubtful benefits is not at all clear.

### Must Haves

#### The Law Units.

Law Units are difficult to discuss since many of them are interdependent. Subjects essential are Company Law, Contracts, Trusts and Wills, Torts, Property and perhaps Evidence. Roman Law is a useful, if not essential subject, particularly as a basis for the study of Jurisprudence and as such should be placed alongside that subject where it would be more useful. Jurisprudence and Constitutional are becoming increasingly important as the bulk of administrative law increases. None of the subjects above could be removed from the course, although the last two could perhaps be options.

Both International Law and the Conflict of Laws are worthy of some consideration as subjects which may be relegated to optional status. They are not necessary for the solicitor's exam and many law students would perhaps prefer to make a more exhaustive study of other subjects.

#### Conclusions.

1. The course is too long in its present form especially as an introduction to a career.

2. The cultural background achieves little.

3. Latin is not essential but if a compulsory subject must be, then Latin, Logic and Mathematics could be the options.

4. Some investigations should be made with a view to shortening the course especially the compulsory study of Conflicts and International.

### The Course Generally

It is not suggested that the first result of a Law Course reform should be the quick passage of students. If mediocrity is a result then the reform has not been well judged nor has it been effective. Nevertheless some subjects are regarded as more difficult than others and not only because the subjects are themselves more complex. A useful guide to this would be the collection of student opinion some of whom agree that academic and theoretical questions which are more the concern of the student for LLM are over emphasised.

A recent article by Anton Vogt in Salient made the point that note taking is greatly overdone and discussion lacking. Cyclostyled notes with allowances for corrections made necessary by recent decisions of the Courts should be considered immediately. More discussion would be an aid to students who are often loth to discuss problems they do not understand.

#### Court Work.

It is a fiction that lawyers spend most of their time in the Courts but many spend a considerable portion of it there. Actual experience of case preparation, cross examination and procedure is rare or confined to moots which are usually barely attended.

American Universities make a study of this part of the course. Moots are a regular feature of classes and although difficult to arrange and hold are nevertheless persisted in as essential.

#### Office Work.

In New Zealand the financial regulations for Law Offices are most strict and there is a high standard of professional integrity.

Students who enter offices know very little about the business of books and methods of business which they have to learn as best they can. A few lectures on office management which cannot be the same for a law office as other offices could possibly be included as an option.

#### Conclusions.

1. More moots as an integral part of the course.
2. Visits to the court for classes.
3. Lectures in office Management.

### The Master's Degree

The Degree for Master of Laws is in a peculiar position since it is one of the few degrees of that nature for which a thesis is not required. But what is required?

The subjects are divided into three sections and one has to be chosen from each section with the result that at least one of three has very little relation with the other two. This seems to be an absurd position. A student who wishes to specialise is forced to spend time studying a subject which holds no interest for him and has little connection with the other parts of his work.

There are two possible changes that could be made: either the introduction of thesis work or the more rational arrangement of those sections.

### Discussion

Mr. Vogt's recent article has mentioned discussion. It is only necessary to repeat that this also applies to the Law Faculty. One of the troubles is, of course, the length of the course. Like most other faculties Law comes together very rarely which means a lack of faculty spirit, although this is stronger than in some other faculties.

English tutorials make it clear that discussion does not come easily to students (Is this because modern education gives them nothing really worth saying?). But discussion should be insisted upon for it trains students to bring out ideas, enables them to familiarise themselves with expression and is a good teaching method.

### Minor Point

Are eight o'clock lectures a good idea? Other faculties also have them which does not make them any better. From eight in the morning to probably six at night with an hour or so of work in the evening is a

very long day—a fifty-five hour week in fact.

This article is not purely destructive and all the criticism is meant kindly. Many qualifications and provisions which could have been added have been omitted because space does not permit and the whole problem is very complex. The writer is aware that there are points which are not made sufficiently clear, some which are perhaps contradictory and more which are very debatable.

It is not desirable that the law course should be made any easier by the lowering of standards but by the serious study and the solution as soon as it is practical of some at least of its problems. Perhaps it should be made clear that a law student is as anxious as anyone to commence a career and at present he has to wait a considerable time before it is possible for him to make plans for other parts of his life. If he is suffering from unnecessary disadvantages these should be removed. Law courses should exist for the student and the lawyer and not students and lawyers for the law courses.

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come to make war a matter of policy, then demonstrating students are murdered.

### Dollar Fingers

And who has been maintaining this government? No one other than your old Uncle Sam. The Chinese people realize the reactionaries would be helpless without the support of the United States. Those who have so directly experienced American imperialism, have no love for the diplomatic emanations of Washington, D.C. The first article in the 19 April China Digest is thus of especial interest.

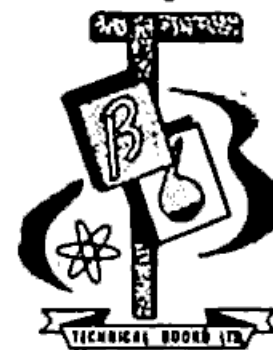
Perhaps Victoria's Debating Society was right in deciding that the Atlantic Pact was not in the interests of world peace. For this article contains the statement of the democratic parties of China on 3rd April—signed by the representatives of eleven organizations, ranging from the liberal National Salvation Society to the rampant Communist Party. (And no punches pulled:)

"If the power of money, which has for so long kept the living standards of the Chinese people at starvation level, plunges the world into war, then it will find the combined might of the Chinese people against them."

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## CLUBS OFFSIDE

If the sports clubs at V.U.C. were a little bit more interested in letting the student world know how they are getting on in the local competitions this page would be more interesting to read. Students do not have the time or inclination to search through the pages of the "Sports Post" in order to see how the V.U.C. teams have done in their matches. They usually, however, make time to look over somebody's shoulder at the latest issue of "Salient." Clubs complain about lack of supporters at their matches but unless they take the trouble to publicise their club, how can they expect to see hordes of barracking students on the sideline. Some of the V.U.C. teams are high up in their grades, but do they take the trouble to let the rest of the college know about it?

### Indoor Sports

This term, after a long retirement, the Social Committee has resumed operations. The first event was a Tea Dance held last Saturday. These will be held at regular intervals throughout the year. Come along and get to know the rest of the students. A good meal will be provided to help you cope with this energetic indoor sport.

The next event will be a dance which is to be held in the Gym on Friday, 1st July. As this is the beginning of Mid-Term Break, swot cannot prevent you from coming. Forget your swot and come along and join in the fun and games.

### Ping-Pong

The support given to the table tennis club this year has not been as good as in past years. Attendance at annual and team selection meetings was poor despite adequate notice. The number of teams entered in the Wellington Table Tennis Association thus dropped to six.

To date, two rounds in the inter-club competition have been played, of which two games in the first round were lost by default. We did, however, win several games, so there is life in the old boy yet. All interested are invited to attend practices held in the upstairs gym every Monday night at about 8 p.m. and on

### Rugby

Congratulations are due to the Senior A Rugby team, who for the second time running won their match. This win last Saturday proved a great surprise to the Rugby fans of Wellington, as the Wellington team had been amongst the top teams in the Jubilee Cup competition. Good play on behalf of the whole team resulted in the 14-5 win.

This game was undoubtedly the best that has been played by Varsity this season and the many spectators were rewarded for their watching in the cold. We hope that in succeeding games the team will emulate their efforts to date. Keep it up, types!

### Ski Club

Although the cold weather is depressing many people in the city, those people who are affected by a chronic disease known as ski-fever are not in the least depressed. In fact as the barometer falls their spirits rise. The VUC Ski Club will have held its first trip by the time this goes to press. The next trip will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of next month. Those interested watch the notice-board. For those hardy types, there will be a trip to Kime. Details of this also appears on the notice-board. All those people who like getting away for the week-ends should join the Ski Club and frolic in the snow.

### Indoor Basketball

At the commencement of the season, as a result of two grading games, this, the VUC second team, was placed in C grade, and has since then played with varying success on Saturday mornings.

Skipped by Trevor Turner and ably supported by Dave Jibbets, Eddie Wong, — Jones, Ray (Sugar) Robinson, — Corkill (jun.), the team showed possibilities of developing into a side strong both on attack and defence. However, the untimely explosion which almost incinerated an ancient Model T, along with a large part of greater Wellington and several innocent bystanders during the Capping Procession, also nearly put out the light of a most promising forward in the shape of Eddie Wong. This loss, coupled with some difficulties encountered by the worthy skipper and some other members of the team from arising early on the Saturday mornings following Capping and Jubilee Balls, and the onset of the holiday period when all the boys hijacked it out into the open country to escape the Conversatione and other things, the team became hard-pressed for players. In fact on two (or is it one) occasions the team had to default! The team has, however, had a majority of successes in other games played to date and is shaping well in practises against the A team.

The most notable recent victory immediately prior to going to press was the defeat inflicted on Marist by 16 to 15, mostly due to the efforts of John Corkill (skipper of the D grade team) who came in as a spectator but showed the remainder of the boys how to shoot goal. Nucleus of the attack (if he has been able to awake when the alarm goes off on Saturday mornings) has been Mac (Tartan) Turner, whose penetrating thrusts and accurate goal shooting have provided both the initiation and completion of many scoring plays.

With play improving every week the team is obtaining greater cohesion and should acquit itself creditably in the future.

Trevor Turner is to be warmly congratulated for selection and play in the C grade reps. trials game played on the Saturday before King's Birthday week-end.

### Up In The Air

Another sport which has a number of followers at VUC is flying. Every fine week-end numbers of students can be seen out at Rongotai taking off into the deep blue. The enthusiasm shown by those students who are striving for their licence gives promise that in the future a flying club may be formed at VUC. In the States and England the majority of varsities have their own clubs and flying tournaments are held regularly. For those who can afford it

this is one of the most thrilling sports in which to participate. In the future it is hoped that flying fees will be cheaper and so all students who are interested in flying will be able to learn to fly.

### Pistol Packing Mommas

The Miniature Rifle Club is now under way for this year. Club nights are held every Monday night on the range at Buckle Street. This year the club hopes to keep up its fine record at Tournament and so all members should come to Buckle St. and get cracking in preparation for Auckland. Any freshers who are interested, should come along, too, and give the club your full support. You are eligible for Winter Tournament.

Women are especially welcome on club nights, both as onlookers and as participants. Women in the Tournament Team would be a good thing for the college, so all you pistol-packing mommas come along. Incidentally, girls, the club motto is "Shoot or be shot."

### Soccer

With more than the usual number of missed kicks and sore feet on the hard and bumpy surface of Te Aro Park, the season got under way. Our numbers are much smaller this year — so are our number of wins. The senior team fails to touch last season's for form and their playing has been characterised by much unproductive kicking. The team was lucky to win two games.

Among the few worthy of mention is Sel Spiers, who has improved greatly. Ken Johnstone is always his usual steady self, and two promising young players are Don Robinson, full-back, and Lin Bateman, goalie. Add to these Ted Meuli, sharp shooting bombshell from Taranaki, who seems rather out of place in a motley of hacks.

The second grade team is doing well thanks mainly to Ron Gray on the left wing and Ram Mahabir, inside right. A forceful young player is Stanley Seager on the right wing, who seems to take after his illustrious counterpart, Stanley Matthews.

A showing of some films was greatly appreciated by the handful who witnessed it at Training College. Working on the theory that a visit from us might improve Soccer at Massey, a team travelled to play them last Sunday. An invitation from the Sydney University Soccer Club to play in their Inter-Varsity Soccer Carnival has been declined. Why? Well—it was thought that our own tournament was more attractive.

Bal Reddy.

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### Codlin Moth?

Defections at the heart of the communist apple on earth are increasing and the Party is hard put to it for explanations. Mr. Sharpley was a blow they are trying to explain away with an excuse that has nothing to do with his knowledge of Red Fascism. Two other recent defections are not well known in New Zealand, for leaving the party or any country under its control is a risky business and not rashly tried by the higher ups when minor figures find it necessary to leap from a window or go into hiding. It seems that Communism has nothing left to offer but a nice rosy red apple with a very rotten heart.

At least that must be the opinion of both Mr. Hyde (ex-editor of the Communist Daily Worker in Britain) and Mr. Budenz (ex-editor of the Communist Daily Worker in the U.S.A.). These two men ought to know. That is why they left the party which promises everything and reduces man to the statistic in the Plan. But one must not mention them—they must be fascists or decadent bourgeois profiteers or parasites. After all the truth will out which is unfortunate for the communists since you cannot tell the truth and be a communist too. Which is just too bad.

### Laying a Ghost

It is time that it was made clear that no Christian body of any importance is fascist. Listen to Pious

XI on Fascism: "A regime based on an ideology which clearly resolves itself into a true, a real pagan worship of the State . . . the Statolatry which is no less in contrast with the natural rights of the family than it is in contradiction with the supernatural rights of the Church." June 1931.

Every other Christian body has expressed similar views. There are similar and stronger quotations condemning inequitable wage systems, the exercise of competition so that it offends the common good and reforms in the present system for the benefit of the people in any nation as a whole. Statements which make the suggestion that the Church only worries about the hereafter as ridiculous as the person who is ignorant enough to believe and propagate it. All the Churches realise that conditions here and now are vitally important in relation to man's End. Any other assertion is contrary to fact.

### The Voice of Democracy

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