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## K.B.O'B. - IN W.F.D.Y. - OUT

**L**ARGE things have small beginnings. When the AGM started at 8.20 there were only 120 people there; as the evening wore on the numbers gradually increased to over 200. As the number increased so did the noise; the chairwoman's plea for short speeches to the point was observed; but her request for no noisy interjections was not. Interjections, if intelligent, amusing and to the point, brighten up any meeting; if vulgar and brainless, they are nothing but the mauling of a mentality better fitted to be occupied in the cleaning out of latrines than attending a seat of higher learning. We are glad to report, however, that no one was counted out.

The meeting opened with the minutes of the General Meetings held during the past 12 months—all five of them. Then came the question of the Annual Report. Several people had something to complain about.

**MR. JENKINS** attempted to move an amendment to the Report by inserting the letter "n" in the word "Jekins."

**Mr. Robinson** amended the letter "n" to "r".

**Mr. Welr** in seconding Mr. Jenkins, warned that, if the motion was treated as facetious, there would be no 'en' to it. The Chairwoman, not at all dismayed, did rule the motion facetious.

**Mr. Connor** brought up the matter of the Common Room. He objected to its situation and maintained that no reports had been made to the Executive. He said that the position of Clubs which may be penalised, for example the Drama Club and Extrav., had not been sufficiently looked into.

**Mr. Mountier** disagreed. The month of the first term during which props were built for Extrav., would see the Common Room temporarily closed.

**Mr. Pottinger** said that, as Gym. Controller, he had seen that the interests of the Clubs had all been safeguarded.

**Mr. Curtin** moved that the motion be put. Unfortunately there was no motion.

**Mr. K. O'Brien** said that, during his period on the Executive at least, there had not been enough reports on progress made on the Common Room. He said that Mr. Pottinger was mistaken in his assertion that the clubs were all "safely housed."

**Mr. Pottinger** objected to Mr. O'Brien's remarks.

### The Meeting Moved On

**Mr. O'Brien** pointed out that the lack of information about NZUSA had been objected to in the past and that he thought that the report in the Annual Report was far too brief.

**Mr. Curtin** moved that the report be that the report be adopted. Passed.

### Balance Sheet

It was moved by **Mr. N. O'Brien** that the Balance sheet be taken as read, but the meeting objected.

**Mr. McIntyre** questioned the £46/8/- grant to WFDY. He said that the original grant had been £30. It was explained that the excess had been affiliation fees and so on.

**Mr. Cotton**. If the Association had not spent £46/8/6 on WFDY we would have made a profit, instead of a loss.

**Chairwoman**. If the Association had not spent any money at all, the profit would have been enormous.

The balance sheet was adopted, and **Miss Pearce** left the chair to Mr. Heath.

### Constitutional Amendments

There followed a constitutional amendment dealing with the conduct of elections. In future, photographs of candidates will be exhibited during elections, and the Special Issue of Salient will be distributed—at the sanction of the Returning Officer.

### Cast Thy Bread

With only one thrifty dissident, £50 of the 1950 Extrav profit was voted to ISS. **Mrs. Garrett** explained the functions of ISS and told the meeting that VUC was responsible for the University of the Punjab at Lahore. As Work Days had not been particularly successful this was felt to be the best way of making up our quota. This £50 was not very much out of the £300 which would probably be the profit from Extrav and Cappicade.

### World Unity

**Mr. Garrett** moved that the Exec. take steps to extend the work of UN Association in the college; settling up in conjunction with the ISS committee some organisation to this end; though we have been nominally affiliated to the UN Association of N.Z. for some years, not a thing had yet been done in the college in the way of active support for the aims of UN. It would not be done until some organisation was actually responsible for doing the work. He advocated the setting up of a committee—and the first job it should undertake should be the organising of an appeal in the college for the World Children's day appeal. Properly organised Work Days would be the best way of tackling the job. **Mr. Robinson** gave him very adequate support for the general principle and particular application.

The motion got through without trouble—let's hope that the Exec. will not take the unanimity as an indication that no-one will worry about it for a while.

### Much Binding

**Mr. L. Robinson**, in moving that this meeting of the Students Association declares its support for the appeal of the Defenders of Peace for outlawing the atomic weapon, pointed out that this weapon was used, with no thought of military objectives. It step in the right direction.

of the Defenders of Peace for outlawing the atomic weapon, pointed out that this weapon was used with no thought of military objectives; it was an instrument of terror and mass extermination. Its use was not compatible with any form of morality. **Mr. Piper** gave further examples.

**Mr. Cook**: Who are the Defenders of Peace? Leave this to UN!!

**Mr. Jenkins**. UN has failed; a reason for this is that it has no direct people's representation. This protest is wanted from individuals.

**Mr. Curtin**. There are two points of opinion. "A point has been erased." He moved an amendment deleting the words "demand" and inserting "request." This amendment was passed, despite those people who pointed out that even if one was opposed to the organisation which made the appeal, on an issue such as this, there was no point in splitting hairs.

**Mr. E. B. O'Brien** wished to clarify the issue—he wished to know whether or not this appeal was against all weapons of mass extermination or only the atomic bomb. If the former, then he was prepared to vote for it.

**Mr. Robinson**: "Mr. O'Brien's remarks marks are an example of muddled thinking. Even if this is

not an all embracing motion, it is a step in the right direction.

**Mr. Henderson**: "It isn't muddled thinking—look at South Korea."

**Mr. Hardie-Boys** condemned the quibbling of the meeting in passing the amendment. He said that one's personal prejudice against any organisation in a matter of such world-wide importance was ridiculous.

The motion was passed in its amended form.

### W.F.D.Y.

Ignoring **Mr. Piper's** protest that motion seven was a positive motion and motion eight was a negative one, it was decided by the meeting that the disaffiliation motion from WFDY would be taken before the motions regarding the report and the motion reaffirming our support to that and other similar organisations.

**Mr. Newenham** reminded us that WFDY had taken up a great deal of our time. He asserted that WFDY has changed during the last five years, the aims were the same but they were carried out differently. After the split in the socialist movement WFDY had moved to the left. It had slandered the policies of the Western nations. He objected to what he called the hysterical nature of its publications. Because it attempts to work against war, and point out the need for peace, it is fostering a war hysteria.

Interjection: "Hurray for Chamberlain."

**Mr. K. B. O'Brien** agreed at length with Mr. Newenham.

**Mr. Milburn** asked Mr. Newenham if he was in favour of an organisation which supported the Western view only. "We are not responsible for Mr. Ron Smith but there is no point in further destroying world unity because of personal prejudice. Continue Victoria's tradition of liberalism."

**Mr. K. B. O'Brien**: "WFDY is a series of national blocks."

**Mr. Earle Robinson**: "Internationalism admires Mr. Newenham's earnestness, but he has lost the real perspective."

**Mr. Grange**: "Not all the material is hysterical; WFDY celebrated International Women's Day. (Why should a mention of International Women's Day have called forth uncontrolled hysteria from the audience?) **Brian Phillips**: Anyone who wants to can read as I did ("Who wants to?") the things that have happened in WFDY. Look—how are we going to get behind the Iron Curtain?"

**Mr. Cook** suggested that Mr. Smith be allowed to reply.

**Mr. Smith**: Everyone properly appointed got visas automatically. There were many right wing delegates there e.g., the President of the British National Union of Students. **Mr. M. O'Brien**: The Yugoslav delegates were not granted visas by Hungary.

The motion was put and passed. 119-57

### Delegates Report

**Mr. Piper**: Owing to the amount of work that the delegates put into compiling the report it is manners to receive it and thank them.

**Mr. Sullivan**: I have been deeply moved by Messrs. O'Brien and New-

enham. He considered them inaccurate.

**Mr. Law**: Objected to omissions and thought that he could make a better report. He then occupied the meeting with a funny story.

**Mr. Fox**: Moved that Mr. Smith be allowed to reply.

**Mr. Smith** pointed out that the accusations of hysteria came very badly from those who had been moving this meeting with hysterical speeches. He challenged anyone to find an anti-British statement in his report.

The motion was put and carried.

**Mr. Bollinger** asked the Association to re-affirm its support to the U.N. and the World Youth Congress. After some unnecessary but expected criticism the motion was passed.

It was then decided by the meeting to postpone all other motions to a Special General Meeting. However the usual motions about spittoons for the Women's Common Room was amended so that "down with the Irish" was to be engraved on each. **Mr. Cook** moved that March 17th. be made an Executive holiday... Then and at last the results of the election were officially announced.

—M. D.

## MATHS & PHYSICS SOCIETY

A2 — 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 13

R. J. DIPPY

will speak on

"NAVIGATIONAL AIDS FOR  
CIVIL AVIATION"

Supper

## ISSUE NOTES

THE issues of "Salient" for the rest of this year should appear on the following dates:—

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In each case, the issue should appear on a Thursday, and copy for the issue should be handed in to "Salient" room, or put in the box, by Saturday morning before the publication date.

Writers are reminded that if copy is typed, it should be double spaced.

Letters will not normally be accepted more than 250 words long, and will be cut at the 249th.

We will try to arrange to make up for the fact that there are only 23 issues instead of 24. We'll let you know about this later.

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Subjects Will Include

The Overflow From The A.G.M.

JULY 18, TUESDAY.

## ISS will be having an APPEAL

in  
the College soon  
SUPPORT IT!!

# Salient

Thursday, July 13, 1950.

## KOREA - A TEST CASE

ELSEWHERE in this issue, we print comments on the Korean affair. Clearly, the question now has become one largely of interpretation of the U.N. Charter. We understand that Security Council decisions depend on the unanimity of the permanent members, plus the votes of a stated number of the other members. U.S.S.R. delegates say that since they themselves were not there, and since they cannot recognise the Chinese Nationalist delegate, there were two permanent members not voting—and the action cannot be recognised as a Security Council one. The American attitude is that Russia could have been present but wasn't, and therefore her non-voting cannot be taken against the decision. Britain is in the peculiar position of recognising on U.N. a delegate of a country with whom she has otherwise no diplomatic relations (formally, anyway). Which is right?

The matter of China should have been cleared up before now. The only part of "China" now remaining to the Kuomintang Government is the island fortress of Formosa. Britain has recognised the de facto government of Mao Tse Tung, but has not yet made up her mind that this involves recognition of the U.N. delegate of the Kuomintang. Lie, of course, in the ten point plan printed in the last issue of Salient, noted that before anything else could be really settled, this question needed to be. And he was in favour of accepting the Chinese Communist delegate — for which he was promptly accused by American senators of being a Communist!

The other question which he raised in his plan was that of membership. There are a number of nations whose applications for membership have been blocked—on the basis of "if you won't agree to admit my friend, then I won't agree to admitting yours." He stated that this issue too, needed to be settled. As the article points out, North Korea is not a member state; and presumably can say that she is not bound by the provisions of the Charter. Legally this is true, though morally we must still deplore the use of that as an argument. Again, then, Lie's suggestions are shown to have more than practical planning behind them—there is the mind of a man who genuinely wants to get the world straightened out, and impartially.

A further question which does rise out of the interpretation of the Charter is the extent of the U.N. action. Supposing we take the American view that their action is under Security Council aegis. Then as we understand it, they are entitled to restore the status quo before negotiations may commence. And this, we suppose, would mean the retreat of the Northern forces to the 38th parallel. Now in early statements, American leaders talked of this as the extent of their action. But the South Korean Minister for Defence has already loudly proclaimed that the "evil devils" (quoting from memory) would be driven back to the Manchurian border! Who is correct? The U.S. has once already made her position shaky by acting without sanction in Formosa: action past the 38th parallel will render her justification non-existent, and will make a mockery of "action in support of the principle of the Charter."

The Charter must not be a man of war without guns: it must have some method of final sanction. But in spirit, a genuine attempt needs to be made first to settle the matter without war; and in spirit, nations must not even appear to be using the Charter to justify—to quote the article—"partisan action."

—D.G.

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## The Bad Taste of "Runner Mortis"

Sir,

The Editor misses the point of the argument. If the Athletic Club did so well it could hardly be used as a guide to understanding tournament disaster. The question of improvement is irrelevant: it is a red-herring. Even the best can be improved.

Anyway who is the Editor to participate in the argument and to pass such remarks as he does in his lengthy footnotes? If the Editor can't keep his mind out of athletic affairs I suggest that he give bodily assistance by joining us on training nights at Kelburn Park next season. Meanwhile he can start "getting fit for training" (as our anonymous critic so aptly puts it) then if he trains 'a't least ten hours a week" (ibid) he would not only get fit, he would also get rid of his surplus wind and would not need to "Gas" so much.

Sporting Clubs in other (leading) colleges, viz., Otago and Canterbury, are not subjected to the local Rags Editorial and anonymous disparagement. They look after their own affairs and judging by tournament results they manage splendidly. May V.U.C.'s Athletic Club have the same privilege?

If anyone is in bad form it is the Editor. It is not his task to enter into controversy with writers at all, certainly not in the partisan manner he has, Well Ed., how about putting your own house in order?

R. E. BLAZEY.

(The Editor of "Salient" has in the past used the right of reply to what amount to criticisms of policy. This correspondence questioned the right of "Salient" to print an article, and we quite rightly answered that issue. For the rest we merely corrected misrepresentation of the original statement. "Salient" probably uses editorial replies far more sparingly than any other newspaper we can think of.

Mr. Blazezy should learn that argument ad editorem is no more acceptable than argumentum ad hominem.

The correspondence is closed.—Ed.)

## Historical Parallelysis

Sir,

The re-election of K. B. O'Brien to the Presidency of the Association calls to my mind an interesting parallel. It will doubtless be recalled to many students that this is his fourth term. . . . I feel sure that many people are of an age to remember that a one-time president of the United States, Mr. F. D. Roosevelt, was also elected for a fourth term. The unfortunate thing about Mr. Roosevelt, was his untimely demise during the afore-mentioned term. What a dreadful and unhappy thing it would be for the Association if our president were to meet the same unhappy fate!

PRO PATRIA.

(While agreeing that our president should take all reasonable steps to guard his health for the good of the Association we cannot agree that the situation is at all parallel. Is our president like Mr. Roosevelt, who was fully active in his mind, while unfortunately impaired from the waist down?—Ed.)

## Rubber, Tin & Ethics

"And you will hear a crash of falling glass and find me (sawdust welling from the wound) stabbed through the bosom with the dirty truth."—Chris Caudwell.

TODAY more than ever it behoves the more intelligent and ethically acute student to defend Western civilisation (the American way of life). Apart from the civilising impact of our way of life upon the pagan there is also the not inconsiderable material advantages that have accrued from the thrift of the investor who have made their capital available for developing such countries. Of course material advances are in their nature a slow business and because of this a narrow section of the community persists in condemning this. Take Malaya for instance. Here by the grace of the British Government English investors have a delightful present each year of £70,000,000 bestowed on them by grateful people. There are a few dissentients (about 90 per cent) who, avariciously thinking of their miserable selves, would appropriate this wealth for their country. But it is as plain as the marking of the Union Jack that this tiny handful of unwitting reactionaries are the dupes of a foreign power, seeking to disrupt and cut off this source of Britain's wealth. After all Britain herself earns 10,000,000 dollars less than her profits from Malaya, and anyone without prejudice can easily see that our gallant plantation owners in the mines must be nearly dead with exhaustion to create all that magnificent wealth. After all it was British blood that manured the soil of Malaya; that made it so fecund. The fact that a good Malayan worker earns about £60 a year is not an injustice, for has not Christ said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for the rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven? No gentleman would be worth a pinch of shares that put the temptation of wealth in the way of these creatures. As for wealth and education, how can they afford it when Providence has ordained that British thrift and courageous national Guardsmen should relieve them of the incubus of wealth. Actually this saves them a considerable expenditure of wealth and worry as this little need for them to erect such costly structures as banks, factories, schools, hospitals and houses. For this their thanks should rise to heaven on a conveyor belt of prayers. Selfless individuals having the colonial peoples' welfare

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## UNITED NATIONS AND KOREA

**A**FTER the emphasis "Salient" has lately placed on the importance of UN, we would hardly be expected to pass by the action in Korea without comment. The thing which has struck us most about it all is the complete confusion which has reigned on most sides because people discussing it have been unable to separate out the very different matters involved, and will insist on transferring the rights or wrongs of one argument to the whole case.

We think that there are at least three separate questions involved, and certainly both sides in the warming war have confused the issue by not distinguishing these.

First, there is the justification for the act of war in the first place. We have been told that the aggression started in North Korea: the Russians, not unnaturally, deny this. We then state that their stories are complete fabrications, they accuse us of the same thing—and no one can get to the bottom of things. There appears to have been no indication in anything we have read as to how it really started. But we can state quite definitely that it doesn't matter: what does count is that there is a dispute about which the opponents have not been ready to adopt the correct procedure: they have had recourse to war. And this we must condemn, or the U.N. Charter doesn't count. The resorting to war is wrong. If, of course, Lie's suggestion that all states claiming membership should be admitted had been acted on, then North Korea would have been a member state and clearly bound by the Charter. This would have clarified the position.

### Blue and White—and Red

The second question is that of the U.N. action. The blue and white flag of peace is now waving over the American forces advancing (sometimes in reverse, it must be admitted) into Korea. Are they justified in claiming Security Council sanction for their action? From the Russian standpoint, they are not—and since the Russians can show (a) that they were not present and (b) that they did not recognise the Chinese vote, then the necessary conditions for permanent members voting in the Council were not fulfilled. The action is to that extent illegal; it is not U.N. action at all. The Americans claim that they can interpret the Charter to support their case, but it is significant that a world affairs talk over the National stations last Saturday made no attempt to refute the Russian argument about the illegality of the action. It becomes more obvious then that Lie's suggestion about the admission of Mao Tse Tung's representative should have been adopted: the Russians would then have been present. It was fantastically silly to think that a genuine attempt to solve the problem could arise without Russian members even present—it looked just too much as though

no one wanted to stop to solve the thing in the true spirit of the Charter.

### 2 Blacks: No White

While, therefore, we must allow the aggression to have been unjustified in the first place, we also doubt whether the Council's action was any more justified. The doubt is increased still further when we see the manner in which the U.S. rushed into Formosa at the same time. While their action in Korea might appear partially justified, if one allows their premises, their action in Formosa is totally unjustified. They cannot use the excuse of U.N. action—and the fact that they coupled the two makes the "U.N. action" look a little suspicious—rather as though it were only a cloak for movement against communist countries. If their support for U.N. were genuinely impartial, then the Formosan affair would not have been linked with it, one is tempted to think.

Obviously, it is not too late to start solving the matter—but rushing into war to bolster up yet another Government which has been accused, like the Chinese Nationalist one, of being corrupt (and perhaps not without force, if the reports that American war supplies have vanished during the last year are correct) is not going to redound greatly to the credit of U.N. If both sides now make an attempt to settle the thing without letting every trigger happy warrior free to work off his feelings, then U.N. action will mean something. If not, then we will be giving the Russians even more material to argue that U.N. has so far meant partisan action.

—JUNO

## DRAMA CLUB

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Produced by Bill Sheat and Paul Cotton.

LITTLE THEATRE: 8 p.m.

## FIRST EXEC. MEETING JULY 3

**T**HE first meeting of the student Executive was held on Monday evening. As might be expected the agenda contained many issues of vital importance to the student body, both in principle, and in detail.

Among the correspondence which was dealt with was a communication from W.F.D.Y. concerning recent measures in South Africa directed by the Malan administration. The letter protested against racial segregation laws, the banning of the Communist Party, and recorded an appeal from the Indian community protesting against the disabilities they suffer under South African law. Mr. Cotton wondered whether he could move that the letter be returned; Mr. K. O'Brien thought that it would be a waste of postage to do this.

Mr. K. O'Brien moved that the letter be received and that the next business on the agenda be considered. After dealing with correspondence the meeting considered the question of VUC representation at the Proposed International Union of Students Congress to be held in Sofia on August 14 of this year. A memorandum giving background matter to this problem was prepared before the meeting and issued to Exec. members for their information. The following is an extract from the memo.

"Some months ago the Executive decided to seek observers to go to I.U.S. from VUC, preferably if they were returning to New Zealand. Four names were proposed and the people written to N.Z.U.S.A. was asked to select its representation from this group but refused. They will be represented by the vice-president Mr. Miller and last year's president together with Mr. Jim Ziman, N.Z.U.S.A. representative in 1947 and 1948. Two people, Mr. Alec McLeod, a former VUC vice-president, and Mr. K. T. Mathews indicated that they would go. Mr. Mathews is returning at the end of this year. Mr. McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. Mathews were appointed. The instructions were sent on June 28. They were granted a total of £15, but this money has not been despatched and the drafts will not be bought till the new Exec. decides its attitude. The point is whether the representation is justified as N.Z.U.S.A. will be represented at considerable expense, as our questions can be asked through them, as they are the national body who have made a majority decision and as the answers to many of the late Executives questions can be found in earlier reports of New Zealand delegates and I.U.S. itself. Presumably the Executive wish to obtain a different point of view, and thought that the value of a man returning to New Zealand would be great, even though he is not in close touch with student affairs in this college."

Mr. Paul Cotton moved (seconded Peter Tarrant) "that letters be written immediately to our observers informing them that in view of the apparent changed attitude of VUCSA to international affairs that we no longer wish them as observers but

that they write to us informing us of any inconvenience which they may have been put with regard to any restitution."

Miss Barbara Fougere opposed the motion: "We should not rescind the instructions to which we have already committed ourselves and that it does not automatically follow that students up here have shown themselves opposed to all international affairs."

Miss Nancy Pearce: "A motion was passed at the A.G.M. associating VUC with efforts toward peace and we should send observers as part of this move."

In the discussion it came out that the proposed VUC observers would also act in the same capacity for New Zealand Student Labour Federation.

Mr. Cotton: "We can get the information from them anyway."

Miss Nancy Pearce: "Something for nothing? Money."

Mr. K. O'Brien: "I believe it is a sheer waste of time, no good purpose can be served; only wasting time."

Miss A. Cooke: "It is the last international body to which we are affiliated."

Mr. K. O'Brien: "Mostly propaganda activity. Yugoslavia was kicked out just as she was in W.F.D.Y."

Dave Horsley: "I think that it is in rather bad taste to withdraw now we have gone so far. Perhaps there is not much to be gained but why go back now? They have already been asked."

Mr. Peter Tarrant: "General opinion of VUC is against international activity."

Mr. K. O'Brien: "We are not here to spend money on propaganda machinery."

Miss A. Cooke: "Haggling over money is a very unpleasant kind of approach to student matters."

The motion was put and lost by 6 votes to 4, Mr. Curtin abstaining.

Mr. Paul Cotton was appointed assistant secretary; Jeff Stewart as Gymnasium controller; Miss Chris Harvey as Cafeteria controller.

This does not constitute the bulk of the work on the agenda. In fact it is only a small fraction of the total and bulks large to many students. I regret that possibly not all who spoke on the motions dealt with in this article have had their opinions recorded but the technical difficulties of recording made this impossible.

—H. C. M. N.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MR. J. W. WINCHESTER

will speak on  
"OBSCURANTISM  
IN HISTORY"

on  
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8.2. — 8 p.m.

AGM of the Society will precede the talk: 7.30

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## MATHS AND PHYSICS SOCIETY

ON Thursday night, June 29, about 20 interested bodes turned up in C3 to have explained to them the mysteries of "Polytopes" by D. Patterson, M.A., M.Sc., lecturer in Mathematics. The display on the bench of C3 soon told that Polytopes are nothing more than regular geometrical solids of any dimension, 2, 3, 4, and more. Mr. Patterson gave excellent explanations of the building up of the numerous three dimensional models arising from the five basic ones on the concepts of duality, reciprocation, and stellation. The comprehensive display of models made by himself, and the late Professor Sommerville, who incidentally was one of the first mathematicians to explore this branch of geometry, contributed much to the meeting. Imagination was taxed to the full when Mr. Patterson asked us to imagine a point in the fourth dimension in order to imagine the counterpart in four dimensions of the three dimension tetrahedron. In answer to the question "What practical importance has this particular branch of geometry?" it was explained that it gives great assistance in the study of the theory of groups, a theory used in advanced physics.

At the conclusion of the address supper was served, and over the warmth of a "cuppa" there was some very worthwhile discussion between students and staff, on the subject of polytopes and also on the problem of how to cut a sponge cake with a pocket knife.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, in A2, at 8 p.m. when Mr. R. J. Dippy, O.B.E., B.Sc.(Lond.), A.M.I.E., will give an address on "Navigational Aids for Civil Aviation." It is hoped that as many students as possible, maths and physics types and others, will come along. You are assured of an interesting evening and a good supper.

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## Big Harrier Event

THE Wellington-Masterton relay was run through driving rain on the Saturday of June 10. Of the eleven teams competing Varsity finished in 6th place though our time was seven minutes better than last year's. For V.U.C. John Goodwin led the field in the first lap to Petone crossing, ahead of the veteran Don Silver, an excellent performance, for Varsity has been well behind on the first lap in the previous two years.

Ken Hancock dropped to 4th place against more experienced runners in the second lap and this place was kept until the 8th lap. Our runners were John Riseborough, Gerry Barnard—who had rehearsed his lap thoroughly—Tony Latham—running steadily over the foothills of the Rimutakas—John Manson—doing the steep hill lap in 10sec. faster than his previous time—Mike Truebridge—who ran strongly on the difficult downhill to Featherston—Bob Hunt took the baton at the 8th change over and lost a place to the experienced John Eccles, and Bunny Harris was running 6th at the end of the 9th lap. Mac Matherson retained the place in the last lap but was unable to overtake the Olympic Club runner who was 20yds. ahead all the way.

Varsity's was quite a fair performance though they were some 15 minutes behind the leaders, Hutt, Wellington and Scottish, and this race should be excellent grounding for the Akansa road race in which we are taking part this year.

After the run dinner was enjoyed at Mr. Daniel's home in Masterton and the company moved on to Carterton for a dance where we amazed the gazing rustics with songs and a haka.

(Our apologies to the club for the unwarranted reminder in last issue: the illness of the Sports Editor confused the issue.—Ed.)

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at heart (i.e. hearts or solid, albeit cold gold) do not shirk their duty by trusting their white man's burden on them. At first when one hears and sees of Malaysians perishing from hunger, dying from consumption, suffering from rickets and beri-beri and a host of other diseases, the tendency for most people is to feel a scorching flame of hatred at an order that permits such vandalism to the image of God. This is where the tragedy arises, for these feelings are base and unworthy and not to be trusted. They are emotive, and 20th Century man has pitilessly exposed the folly of emotive prose and the like, and all articles against Imperialism are emotive they are worthless. To get clear perspective of these issues Justice demands that an irrational thing like a conscience be brutally manhandled. He would have a conscience offers up hostages to fortune.

—P. J.

## DEBATING SOCIETY TRIAL DEBATE FOR JOYNT SCROLL

GYM: FRIDAY, 14

8 p.m.

Subject: "That the development of atomic energy is the greatest threat to world peace."

Affirmative: Messrs. Garrett, Newenham, Curtin.

Negative: Messrs. M. J. O'Brien, McIntyre, Milburn.

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## PLUNKET MEDAL

THE zeal and fervour which Victoria University students traditionally display in support of their own activities was well maintained on Saturday evening. Of the 60 or 70 which came along I suppose at least two dozen were present students of the College; and of these I dare say 10 per cent. were Debating Club officials.

If this sort of thing continues in future years the Club will be able to save money and hold the function in a tram shelter or if cosiness is desired, in a telephone booth.

Jim Milburn, impeccably dressed, opened the proceedings with a few quietly spoken words, detailing the history of the medal, and the society as well as the scope and conditions of the contest. It is indeed a pleasure to be blessed with a chairman of Jim's perception, he spared the audience the agonies of a tedious introduction, but then, Jim is himself, almost the "Burke" of contemporary oratory at V.U.C.

To make a detailed list of the oratorical canons which speakers observed or failed to observe would be either presumptuous or platitudinous and probably both. Here, however, are a few impressions, more concerned with "the man in history" rather than with vehicle which drew him into the senses of the audience.

The Thomas Parnell which Mr. Walsh gave us was a damned insurrectionist, or a noble patriot, depending of course on your world view, and whether you eat spuds in Dublin or Beef in Westminster. He made an unfortunate alliance with a woman already married, and his mealy mouthed adversaries capitalised on this to ruin him. The British liberals and the Catholic hierarchy are to blame in part for his downfall but it is the Irish people who must take the ultimate blame. They deserted their leader when he was hard pressed, to their eternal shame.

Frank Curtin told of Simon Bolivar the man who dreamt of liberty and gave tyranny. A madman after the Rousseauian tradition.

Conrad Bollinger spoke of one Gabriel Peri cast against a wall on Mount Valerian prison to face the guns of the Nazi firing squad, the exposé of treasons, the leader of the underground resistance, the

scholar and fighter, of lowly stock, from Toulouse.

Mr. Newenham gave us Socrates, the noblest intellect of his own time and probably any other. He was temperate but not a wowser. He was never known to be the worst for liquor. (A pity he couldn't be entered for the drinking home.) A man who respected truth more than he feared the wrath of mob and the oligarchs.

Mr. Sullivan told of Niemoller the man who would defy Hitler to his face and possibly be capable of serving on his warships at another time.

Mr. McIntyre orated upon Thomas of the House of Aquine who might have been a Prince in the church yet preferred the rigours of Dominican Order. He finally associated Christianity and reason, he exalted the dignity of man and showed the impossibility of any knowledge contradicting the basis of Christianity.

Mr. Foy was not, as everyone expected, the comic relief of the evening. He approached Mr. Nash from a non partisan standpoint. It was the tragedy of a man who lost the source of his strength, that is vital contact with the masses. Mr. Nash also always met his commitment.

Mr. Hancock spoke of Tamihana, the bridge of cultures, the hero and yet the traitor. However I am sorry really that he rode up to the British general and threw down his "mere."

The judges were Miss Joan Stevens of the English Dept., Canon Robertshawe and Mr. Casey.

Mr. McIntyre won the medal. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Curtin being placed second and third. Supper was also served.  
Hector MacNeill.

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