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A GHOST CLANKS CHAINS

At Scots College . . .

STUDENTS CONFER



STUDENTS, 150 of them, members of the S.C.M. met at Scots College for a week during January.

The Summer Conference of the S.C.M. took as its theme "Worship and Life" and Salient here publishes a report, a personal report from one of the students who attended and found the Conference informative, interesting as well as an excellent holiday.

The theme of the Conference was "Worship and Life." Perhaps already you will exclaim "How dilettante! Have you nothing, then, to offer us? The Conference, however, found the theme relevant enough. Do you think that the prevailing idea of the Conference was one of pepped-up humanism; some people, on seeing the title of the theme, will doubtless have a vision, in pseudo-psychological jargon, of something to do with the myth of the balanced life, of the necessity for Man to pay his respects to his Maker if he is to preserve that fully-rounded psychological wholeness which is considered the pre-requisite of the good life. Such an idea was not current at Conference.

There may have been whispers of it when speakers referred vaguely to the apparently evolutionary progress in man's response to his environment, and the necessity of workshop which it involved, but the idea was never explicitly affirmed. Any worshipping Christian community will bear witness to the inadequacy of that conception and the Summer Conference of the S.C.M. is no exception.

SACRAMENT STUDY

A large part of the studies at Conference were centred around the Holy Communion, and from the affirmation in those studies of the reality of that sacrament, sprang perhaps the most fruitful idea which emerged from the Conference: sacramental living; that is to say, living which draws not only its strength but also its inspiration from worship in the sanctuary; and that not by any process of psychological satisfaction, but by the grace of God manifested particularly through the sacrament.

By referring to the Holy Communion as a sacrament we mean, as was made abundantly clear by our considerations of the New Testament sources and the nature of Christ's sacrifice, roughly that, in the performance of that act of worship, God's Grace is conferred upon us in a peculiar way; that the mere performance of the sacrament en-

sure a sufficiency of grace through as a real work of the church. Living becomes so centred around the performance of worship that there is a sense in which all our endeavour is directed towards and from the sanctuary in which that worship is performed.

SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS

Such a conception of worship has serious implications for the life of the church. In the first place there is restored the unity (not the balance) of human life, in which work and worship are one; and this unity is not an individual matter. The performance of worship, and supremely of the Holy Communion, is essentially a family business; the church is a worshipping family and there can be no sacramental living unless the Christian goes forth from a community to which he belongs in worship and in life. The unity of the whole Christian church was necessarily something which had to be considered in relation to the Holy Communion. This is a question always very much on the conscience of the S.C.M. and at Conference it was made more obviously desperate when separate Holy Communion services had to be held.

Probably most of the Conference

YOU CAN AFFORD SALIENT

For two years the staff of Salient have been attempting to edit Salient in the interests of most students. Judging by the comments of various students Salient is run by Communists. Our Business Manager faced similar criticism.

This was not suspicion of the sort which is provoked by a bawdy process, a pinkish Extrav or criticism in Salient of accepted social shibboleths. Students particularly quoted chapter and verse incidents we thought were forgotten.

We had the usual crop of apathetics, vegetators, ivory towerists and students who were sorry "can't afford it"—even one copy. On the whole our sellers found that Salient's ghosts still clank their chains and lower circulation. Salient's "tradition" went astray somewhere and students have long memories. As a staff member put it—with his finger on the obituary of the King—"this would have been bigger if it had been Stalin I suppose." You see our difficulties?

was firm in the conviction that there is nothing to be gained by rushing into inter-communion until all the members of the Movement can do so with a good conscience and perfect freedom. In the meantime we can only acknowledge the sinfulness of our position.

FRIENDS, NOT INDIVIDUALS

Probably the most pleasing feature of Conference was the very real Christian fellowship and friendship which was evident at all times. In the general life of the Conference there was less of that individualism which can easily choke any effort to live in a community and which Christian student groups are not always free from. At meal-times, in the sporting activities and tournaments, in ordinary leisure time, in the general daily affairs, there was an easy informality and genuine caring for people which made no distinctions. It is important to realise, however, that any movement which works for the unity of the church requires a sense of fellowship intellectually also, and must be free from intellectual pride and misunderstanding, or lack of desire to understand. In a Conference the tragedy of division is always most apparent and sometimes the spirit of friendship and understanding is not always carried into theological fields, especially by those to whom differences in theology matter most.

However, the general spirit of goodwill at this Conference was something which helped stu-

dents over their differences more than anything else.

PACIFICISM AN ISSUE

How did the Conference respond to the challenge of the world's social conflicts? What had Christian students to say about peace, and politics, and economics, and so on? There were two tendencies observable in the attitudes of students to this. The first was in the direction of a rather stereotyped "party line" approach, perhaps coloured by Christian principles, but more or less conforming to a secular radical approach. The second became noticeable in an informal discussion on pacifism; there was no very wholehearted attempt to relate the discussion to the modern situation; it was rather an abstract consideration of principles, of violence as opposed to non-violence.

There is a very serious situation to be faced by Christian students in this direction if the faith is to retain any vigour in its redemption of the ordering of society, and it may be a situation which will receive more serious and wholehearted consideration in preparation for the next Summer Conference on the theme "The Evangelisation of the World in this Generation." The question of missionary activity will perhaps make us think out more carefully our attitude to the contemporary political situation.

There are lots more things could be mentioned—the great interest in

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Universite de Montreal

Pax Romana will hold some of the Sessions of its Congress here in August 1952. The University Catholic Society of New Zealand hopes to be represented.

See page 3.



—Blue and White Photo.

EDITORIAL

PRINCIPLES:

This issue reports three Congresses which have one thing in common: the students who attended them believe in a set of principles.

The old "liberal" idea that our main duty as students is to doubt wears thin in the face of modern despair and confusion.

These Congresses look to ends and expect man to have some purpose. That so many students are interested is surely a straw in the wind for those who prefer objective confusion.

BURSARY BLUE

The decision to increase boarding bursaries by £15 will do few people little good. Those who need increased assistance are the part-timers. Without a major grant from parents few students can be full time and they need the increase least.

The Senate and Mr. Algie between them are aggravating and ignoring the position. What is more dangerous than an ignorant democracy?

CURIOUS COVE

Our next issue will report fully the activities at the N.Z.U.S.A. Congress at Curious Cove. If you think at all this issue should interest you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEWS FOR CHINESE STUDENTS

SIR.—The V.U.C. Catholic Students' Guild has received the following information from the representative of the Catholic Students of Hong Kong. We would be grateful if you would pass it on to the students of your college by way of your paper.

"There is a point which I would like to suggest to you as a means of co-operation and help for Chinese students, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, who may be studying in your country. For many months we have been thinking of the needs of Chinese students overseas, and of their great feeling of isolation in these times of great trouble for their country. The news they receive from China is often of the scantiest—the daily newspapers of the various countries carry practically none—and certainly no word of hope for the future. We have begun the sending out of a monthly newspaper in Chinese on an air-mail form to Chinese students all over the world. The letter gives a summary of the most important news of the month from China, word of the stand that the Church is making—practical advice about letters home, etc., and most important, the word of hope and encouragement for the future. It is meant to be a link for the students with a "safe" place in China—here in Hong Kong we are in the privileged position of being in very close contact with the life behind the "bamboo curtain" a few miles away, and at the same time at complete liberty to communicate with the rest of the free world.

"Needless to say, the letter has no political bias whatsoever; it is simply an official work of the Church here, for the students. It is sponsored by Pax Romana headquarters, and has the approval and blessing of the Apostolic Nuncio to China. It is produced by the China Missionary Bulletin and is written by a priest. Any addresses of students that we receive are regarded as completely private, for use only in our newsletter file, and special care is taken to see that they are safeguarded. The letter entails no obligation, financial or otherwise, for the student. They may write us if they desire, but it is simply a service and a help for themselves.

"We have no addresses to date in New Zealand, and we would be most grateful if you could assist us to contact any students, Catholic or non-Catholic, who may be known to your Society. China is undergoing so great suffering, but when the time of trial is past, she will have such great need of her students from overseas to return to re-build the country—we pray, for God—and anything we can do for them now will be later bearing fruit a hundred-fold." The Guild suggests that any Chin-

An Invitation

Dear Fresher,

You are cordially invited to a Fresher's Day which is being held by the V.U.C. Student Christian Movement at 14A Kelburn Parade (opposite the University) on Saturday, March 15, beginning at 10.30 a.m. Come part of the day if you can; come all day if you can.

Programme:

- Morning: Morning tea.
- Staff-student discussion.
- Lunch:
- Afternoon: Free. Picnic arranged.
- Tea.
- Evening: Introductory talk by the chaplain.
- Supper.
- Close of day.

Tune: AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld AQUINAS be forgot
And never called to MIND
Tho' we should be as SAUREZ
(sour as) Heil
Oh would DUNS SCOTUS mind?

Or dear old WITTGENSTEIN my dear
Or dear old WITTGENSTEIN my dear
Who'll quaff a cup of hemlock here
o dear old WITTGENSTEIN.

Oh some have other FICHTE
(fish to) fry
A'sizzling on their HOBBS
LEVIATHAN with salt and chips
To feed the MILL-ing mobs.
Or dear old, etc.
Or others with a PLATO GREENS
PECK/HAM or yet scoff BACON
PYTHAGORAS is SCHELLING
Beans
Unless I am mistaken.

And poor old WITTGENSTEIN my dear
And poor old WITTGENSTEIN
Is sauce for WILLIAM OF
COCK/HAM
Is poor old WITTGENSTEIN

Oh our Epistemology
Is orthodox of course
While CRITICAL PHILOSOPHY
Puts DES CARTES before de
horse.

The same with WIGGENSTEIN my dear
The same with WITTGENSTEIN my dear
They'll never TRACATE--US my dear
DESCARTES or WITTGENSTEIN
So raise your voices CONTRA
GENTS
Of non-SCHOLASTIC MIND
Sing SUMMA is 'cumen in
And tow DES CARTES behind! !

And read your AUGUSTINE my dear
As every HIPPO-pot-o-must
Oh read your AUGUSTINE ! ! !
P. A.E. H.

ese students interested should forward their names to Miss Nan Johns, Catholic Centre, King's Building, Hong Kong. (Pax Romana is the International Catholic Student Organisation, and any work which it sponsors can be vouched for as being of good intent.)

Your sincerely,
D. E. HURLEY.

STUDENTS CONFER

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music shown at the Conference, the talks, the services, the outdoor life. An important experiment in the life of the S.C.M. followed the Conference when a work-camp was held in Wellington for six weeks and an opportunity of worshipping and working in a Christian community was taken by some of the students. The best way of finding out about Conference is to attend; next year's is being held in Christchurch.

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At Raumati Responsibility Discussion The Key

WITH the 70 students present agreed on fundamentals, the University Catholic Society of New Zealand Congress at Raumati discussed aspects of student responsibility with a minimum of distraction by side issues. Responsibilities were discussed under four heads: Spiritual, Social and Political, Professional and

Every speaker stressed the necessity for being a complete student whose main activities were mainly centred on the University. University clubs and societies were given first place as the proper loyalties of every student.

TO PRAY IS TO BE IN TOUCH WITH REALITY

Fr. Havenman, a Dutch priest, who was imprisoned by the Japanese for several years during the war lectured on Spiritual Responsibility.

His lecture postulated the three ways of knowing God: natural, dogmatic and mystical theology. Natural theology, the study of God as He manifests Himself in His creation, and dogmatic theology, the study of God in Revelation and in the doctrine of the Church are natural complements to mystical theology, the experiences of prayer and contemplation.

For the development of the mature man, the man that is, who is constantly in touch with reality; whose knowledge of the reality God gives point to merely useful knowledge, these three ways of knowing God are necessary. As students we have a responsibility to be spiritually mature because from such spiritual maturity will grow the desire to increase further in the love of God and the desire to inform others of His truths.

SYMPOSIA: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL

The two symposia on Social and Political Responsibilities had two spheres of reference: The Social Statements of the Popes and Professional Responsibility.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. K. B. O'Brien, M.Com.
Mr. D. G. Nolan.

In the political and social sphere which is only incidental to spiritual sphere and the saving of souls the Church only takes a secondary and general interest so that men may not be so oppressed and suffering as to be unable to love and think about God and their neighbours.

Here the counsels of the Church are general guides but the discussion was vigorous. Worker-ownership, distributism and co-operation received more compliments than present day capitalism. The major controversy was: Christianise capitalism or find a better system to replace it?

Collectivisation either by monopoly or by state was rejected at once in favour of a recognition of the responsible nature which Christians regard as the essence of a free man. The exact nature of a Christian system would require intense study, gradual development and hard work, but in the end men must be free to know and serve God and man.

DOCTOR, LAWYER, INDIAN CHIEF?

Mr K. O'Connor,
Mr W. F. McIntyre, LL.B.

Professional Responsibility

Professional Responsibility is a difficult concept. Although the first responsibility is to be as good as it is possible to be, a Christian must go further than that, and the basic disunity of belief in each profession complicates any solution.

The two speakers first agreed that the Professional classes have to be extended beyond traditional limits. Original thought, freedom from purely material necessity and the fact that they give social direction to society meant the inclusion of such man and women as trade unionists, bureaucrats, industrialists, professional politicians and the like.

The search for truth it was agreed is an essential task of the profession but Christian standards de-

manded enunciation and support. After discussion which included a plea for personal action and realisation that God was the first end of man and not money, Mr. O'Connor's point that religion integrated with life necessarily meant a high standard of responsibility to members of the profession and community led to more specific discussion. The legal profession and divorce, profits in land transactions, contributions to professional journals and the necessity for Christian professional study groups were among the matters discussed.

Mr. McIntyre was advocatus diaboli.

FORUMS PROVOKE ACTION

Two matters of particular interest were raised during the forums. During the Forums on University Affairs N.Z.U.S.A. representation on the Senate was agreed to be desirable and support for any move to ask for such representation. The tendency to criticise Maoris and immigrants was deplored and students agreed that racial discrimination was almost unknown in our Universities. It was resolved to try to bring before the Catholic people of New Zealand their responsibilities toward Maoris and new settlers.

ASIA IS OUR NEIGHBOUR

The Pacific area is bounded by the Americas, Asia and Australia and New Zealand, the latter being underpopulated and blessed with a high standard of living must realise that they have no right to restrict Asian immigration while they are not using the land themselves.

To this thought in the minds of those who read the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement for 1951 Mr. Harker M.P. added much factual information and suggested other lines of discussion, our responsibility to grow and export food to Asia, to assist in education and insist on religious rights for all, to increase our immigration while working for the intensive development of Asia's potential.

Faced with these suggestions discussion was practical and the thesis that New Zealand and Australia had twenty years in which to act or be absorbed in Asia made the problem appear more immediate.

AND UNCLE TOM COBLEY . . .

Representatives were present from the university colleges, except Lincoln, and the conference which ran concurrently took action on, among other things: The Hungarian Student Fund, which is the practical action being taken by the U.C.S.N.Z. to assist the D.P. problem.

One of the two Hungarian students being assisted in New Zealand, Tommy Paulay, was present at the Congress.

The weather was fine and the food good, with the sea two minutes' walk away by day and more often by night.

Pax Romana, the paper of the Catholic Students' International, was available. The wall newspaper, "The Parapram Papist and Ophthomist Times," published the gem in the box on page 2.

Mention was made and prayers said for the late King and our new Queen.

Apologies were received from Federations in Malaya, Indonesia, India and Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines, and from Pax Romana, Fribourg, Europe.

U.C.S.N.Z.'s fourth Congress organised belatedly by Victoria was clearly successful but it became more and more obvious that Christians have a responsibility to think, pray and act or watch most of Christianity perish.

Cerfit of Wit Needed



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MOST of you know the feeling of writing to a deadline, that pushed, harrassed, uncomfortable feeling.

And you know how at such a time little irrelevant things seem to pop into your mind to annoy you. Things like that time the fly made an attack out of the sun on to the ink-stain and you wondered "Are your intentions honourable?" And then you went on to think that if only you did not have to finish your damned essay, you could really be amused by things like this, and you would like other people to hear more of your witty sayings.

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A NOTE OF APOLOGY

DUE to a shortage of space in our last issue we were unable to publish John Cody's note on the article—"A Book About You!" This stated that the quotations used were from Professor J. C. Beaglehole's 1948 Jubilee History—"Victoria University College."

Professor Beaglehole, M.A. (N.Z.), Ph.D. (London.), is History Research Fellow and lecturer in Colonial History. Latest tribute to his brilliance as a historian is his election by U.N.E.S.C.O. as a writer of the first international world history.

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Varsity Socialists Confer . . .

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MEMBERS of the College Socialist clubs meeting at the N.Z. Student Labour Federation Congress in Curious Cove the two days before the main Student Congress, spent much time discussing international events. Why? Because international events are vitally connected with more immediate student problems, in relation to the Pacific Area.

The S.L.F. Policy Report cited some very significant figures. New Zealand's "Defence" expenditure has increased from £9.8 million in 1949-50 to £31.6 million budgeted for the current year—an increase of 222 per cent. Compare this with the total education figures for the same two periods—£13.9 million and £18.5 million—an increase of only 33 per cent., swallowed almost entirely by increasing costs and urgent needs. The vote for University bursaries this year is £146,200, compared with £149,523 spent in 1950-51. In the field of science, "Defence Science" expenditure has increased by 95 per cent in a year (£45,000 1950-51, £88,000 1951-52), compared with a total increase in the D.S.I.R. vote of a mere 9 per cent.

The conclusion is obvious. As in Britain and America, education and the constructive side of life are being squeezed out of the nest by the bloated bird of rearmament.

The report also set into the context of the war-drive, attacks on civil liberty in New Zealand and Australia, and assaults on militant trade unions. The indivisibility of industrial, academic freedom, and of the economic needs of workers and students, was pointed out. The report also detailed the economic trends in New Zealand, showing how overseas rearmament is responsible for inflation, and for the lowered workers' share of our national income which was down another 4.6 per cent. last year.

Visitors from overseas, including Dr. Conant and Van Deusen, are also subject of discussion in the report. "These visits are no more accidental," it says, "than Von Luckner's in 1938. United States policy requires a supine intelligentsia as well as a supine working class in the South Pacific."

The S.L.F. Congress concerned itself at some length with the academic work of its members. It was decided that one of the S.L.F.'s main tasks was to develop the socialist attitude towards subjects, taught in the university, and to combat reactionary ideas that are given pro-

minence there. It was noted in the report that the New Zealand colleges were fortunate in having numbers of reputable scholars whom objective facts are leading to a socialist analysis of their subject.

UNANIMOUS

Other sections of the report, which was adopted, with some amendments, unanimously, concerned the evil effects of comics and other cheapjack literature such as the New Zealand edition of the Reader's Digest, the growth of racialism in New Zealand, the puppet role of New Zealand's foreign policy, and events in Korea, Germany, America and Japan.

The organisational report, upon which unanimity was also reached, outlined how the socialist policy of the clubs would be put into effect in 1952. It was apparent that the Federation was in a healthier state than it had been in for some years—for the first time in two years all four colleges were represented at the congress. Although the national executive will be stationed at Victoria College again this year, the Auckland club will be undertaking some of the work formerly handled by the executive.

The S.L.F.'s weekly Newsletters will be continuing to appear this year, giving up-to-date news on the activities of other clubs, of overseas bodies, and local and international politics; and giving a lead on day-to-day activities and policy. For congress there appeared the first issue of what is to be a quarterly organ of the Federation, "The Varsity Socialist." This contains valuable articles on the history of the Federation, on Gordon Watson, an interview with Sir John Pratt on the question of relations with China, a report on N.Z.S.L.F.'s activities against the Police Offences Amendment Act, a section from the report of the N.Z.S.L.F. delegate to the Warsaw Conference of the International Union of Students, and a statement by a leading Wellington scientist on the subject of biological research in the Soviet Union. The next issue of "The Varsity Socialist" will be appearing at Easter.

Not Eligible Easter Field Events Star

FIELD events star I. Lissienko will not be eligible for Easter Tournament.

V.U.C. will miss one of New Zealand's best discus men owing to the fact that Lissienko did not take a sufficient number of lectures last year.

This fact is no reflection on him but it is not a cheering fact.

His performances during the season have been outstanding in spite of the New Zealand carelessness in regard to throwing circles.

In our last issue we gave the details of the Tournament, the University Jubilee Tournament, being held this year in Wellington. The greatest problem is still the billeting of students from other Colleges. Remember you may be billeted yourself some day and try and help the organisers.

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From the 18th to the 22nd of March V.U.C. Drama Club is playing "The Rivals" in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. You can afford to go and you are sure to enjoy it when you do.

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