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THE FOURTH TIME OF ASKING

Yet another election next week

Next Monday and Tuesday, you, as a member of Imperial College Union, are entitled to vote in the fourth Presidential election of the current academic year, and the second for the election of next year's President and Secretary.

The last election, held in early March, was declared invalid since only 540 people voted, a shortfall of nearly 500 from the necessary 25 per cent. minimum poll. Candidates for President were Simon Allnut and John Herrick, and those for Secretary were Rob Armitage and Roy Matthews.

This was the culmination of a disastrous year for IC executive elections, ever since Chris Sheppard withdrew from College last June. The first election for his successor in October was a total fiasco, when 833 out of a total of 1100 voters abstained. The second, where John Lane was elected, was short of the quota of 25 per cent, but the election was declared valid by a UGM desperate to avoid further elections.

PRESIDENT

There are three candidates for President.

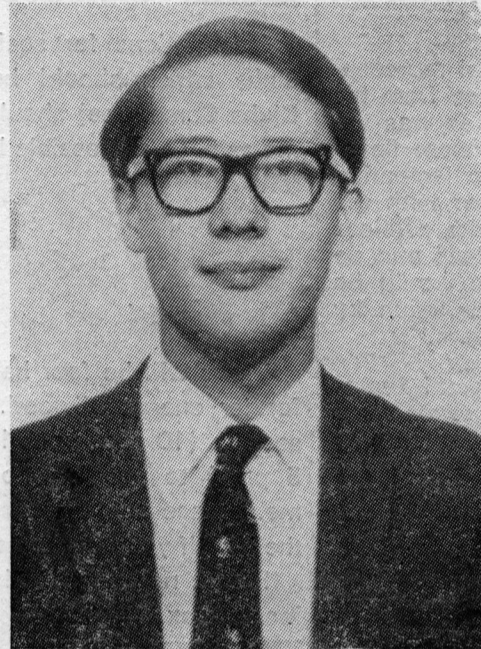
ROB ARMITAGE stood for President in October

would have got in unopposed had Roy Matthews, who was more interested in training for Rugby than contesting the elections, withdrawn beforehand—he only announced his intention of doing so after the election. Rob was last year's Rag Chairman, and is this year's External Affairs Officer. He is also on the University of London Union SRC Executive. A third year Physicist, he is a well-known figure in the Union.

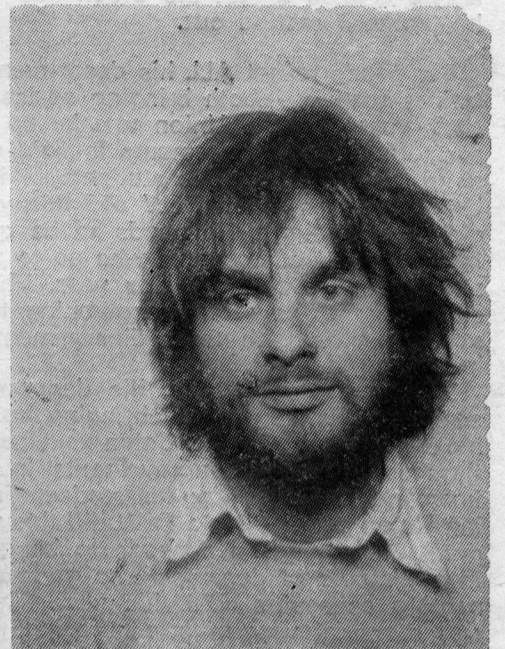
JOCK VEALL, your local revolutionary party candidate, is an "unaligned member of the left" with sympathies directed towards the International

Marxist Group, led locally by a certain Piers Corbyn. Although a hard worker for last term's demonstrations and days of action, he is probably better known to members of the union as one of the prime perpetrators of the "Letters from Heaven" in last term's issues of FELIX. (His latest offering on Church investment in South Africa appears on page 8 of this issue).

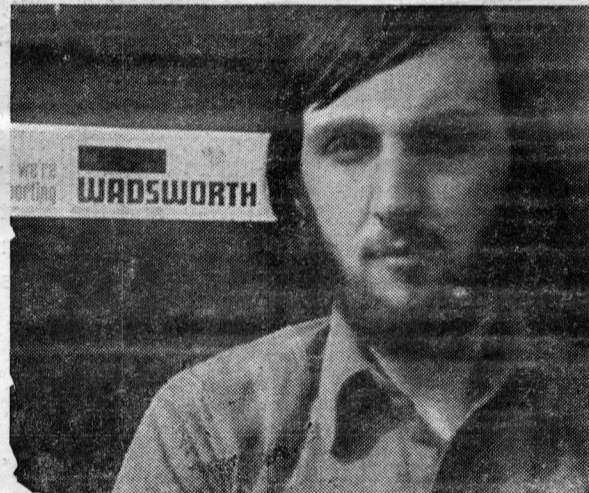
NORMAN SAYLES you are unlikely to have heard of before, unless you are in the Union hierarchy, in Botany or Zoology, or lived in Holbein House in 1970/72. At pre-



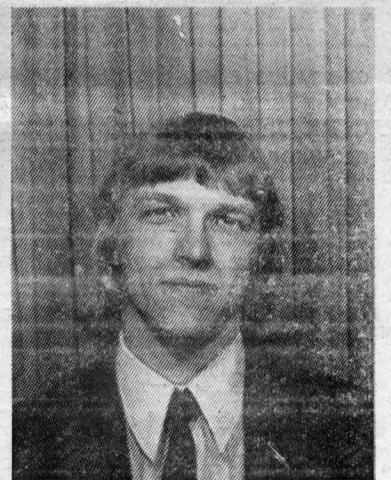
Gordon Jackson



Jock Veall



Paul Wadsworth



Norman Sayles

sent Bot/Zoo rep, he is possibly the most interesting candidate for President, since unlike the other and previous candidates he has no political connections with the Union nor any affiliation to any party, other than those which occur at frequent intervals in the Union Bar. His organisational qualifications come from being a leading member of the Holbein House Committee, and two years as Bot/Zoo rep—he was almost uncontested for the current year.

SECRETARY

Three candidates again for this post.

PETER GILLETT stood unsuccessfully for Secretary of the NUS at the National Conference in

Exeter this Easter, on the Young Socialist Students platform. His outbursts in Union Meetings are famous, and have become progressively more so of late as they have become increasingly coherent, articulate, to the point, and sufferable. If you agree that we should force the Tories to resign and return a Labour government committed to Socialist policies, this is the man for you.

GORDON JACKSON has rocketed (almost literally) to fame over the last year or so through his handling of the Social Clubs Committee. He became Secretary almost at once upon joining, and the Chairmanship followed a mere blink of time later.

He has attained a reputation for stealthy efficiency, and is a popular figure in the Union.

PAUL WADSWORTH is this year's Ents Chairman. Under his guidance, Ents profits this year have reached all-time heights, exceeding £1500, and the line-up of groups presented each week has without doubt been the best of any college in London and one of the best in Britain. He has a brash commercial attitude, and it would be interesting to see what he would bring to the post of Secretary . . . maybe convert the whole of the Union building to a permanent Ents office?? (the election of the abstentions) and Secretary in the last election—where he

He can claim considerable experience from his Easter vac job as a dust-

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Next Monday and Tuesday polling takes place for President and Honorary Secretary of IC Union and there are a number of compelling reasons why you should sacrifice five minutes of your valuable time to mark a ballot paper.

There is a wide spectrum of opinion among the candidates and moreover anyone who was thinking of standing has had two months to make up his or her own mind. A President elected now will have a real chance to get the Union into shape to get his policies carried out.

He needs to get ALL his departmental representatives working—both bringing up issues from his department for the Union to take up (as was the case with the improvements in field course financing) and involving his students in implementing Union policies (as a FEW did this year with the grants campaign). He needs to be quite ruthless in getting rid of dep reps who go to sleep and do nothing as several did this year. This would be one essential way of strengthening the union by stronger links with the ordinary members.

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The second thing he must do is get his executive working as a TEAM. As individuals the present executive have made some useful contributions to IC Union and the Constituent College Unions but we have hardly worked as a team. The purpose of an executive is to implement policy as decided by general meetings. On this basis the whole of the executive should have responsibilities to IC Union unhindered by constraints from, say, a particular CCU. This term the height of absurdity was reached when Rosemary Parker, President of RCS Union, was constrained by her own executive from speaking, voting or acting as she wished over the grants campaign on a number of occasions, I say absurdity because the actual members of RCSU were at least as much involved as any other CCU (if not more so). But all it needs is a few demagogic, tiny-minded reactionary s***-stirrers on a CCU executive and IC Union Executive's effectiveness is greatly diminished. To achieve any advances for IC Students we need a strong IC Union next year, not a federation of petty warring factions. Hopefully next year's President will see his task as strengthening his Executive and resisting federalist tendencies.

All the indications are that the next Refectory Committee meeting will be faced with proposals for price rises. Probably "popular" meals will go up less than others so that pie and beans will be the order of the day for most of us next year. It is the function of neither the Refectory Committee nor the Governing Body to do a cover-up job for the Government. Far less is it the function of the Union. The blame for low grants and increased prices must be laid on the Government otherwise we can hardly expect either grant increases or subsidies. If in spite of our opposition increases are imposed then it will be the task of next year's president to lead the fight to get them withdrawn.

Early next session the new President will be involved in negotiations over the level of hall rents for the following year. The government will then also be taking a decision on grants (the triennial review plan), so he will have to renew the campaign and particularly involve freshers and inform them of the issues at stake.

The danger is that if not enough people vote next Monday and Tuesday, next year's President and Hon. Sec. will probably not be elected until the middle of the first term next year. They will be faced with immense problems—half the dept. reps will have disappeared, the Executive will be doing their own things, Council will be ticking over in very low gear and the College will have already taken the major decisions which affect us all.

Surely, we all have the duty to give our sabbatical officers a fighting chance to make this a strong effective union! Elect them now—come to the hustings meeting, listen, question, read the bumph sheets... but, above all, VOTE ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY!!

John Lane

MARTIN'S BIT

Welcome back to I.C.

I hope that you had an enjoyable vacation, didn't eat an excess of Easter Eggs, and are refreshed ready for another term.

Remember, exams started on Monday.

Social Colours

Nominations for social colours (other than for clubs which should be sent to the appropriate Clubs Committee) should be sent, in confidence, to me as soon as possible but **NOT LATER THAN 31st MAY**.

Elections

There will be four ballot boxes in College and a further one at Silwood. The Union will pay £1 a session (10 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. till 5 p.m.) to people who man the ballot boxes for me. Please see me as soon as possible and beat the rush if you want to help.

Please note: this will probably not be subject to income tax.

Floor Reps and People like that

I posted nomination papers this morning for six Floor Reps, one ULU Rep, two members of the Accommodation Committee and three members of the Welfare Committee, not to mention the Delegation for the next NUS Conference.

These will be taken down at 5 p.m. on Monday, 14th May, and the election will be held at the first Union Meeting this term on Thursday, 17th May (NB: The Hustings Meeting today is not a UGM).

Croquet

The Court by Queen's Tower is now fit for use and can be booked with the messengers—College Block.

For further details contact the Captain, Dave Rossell, who is Sub-Warden of Linstead Hall (int 3360).

Dates

If any man amongst you can show good reason why the events this term should not happen on the dates given in the Calendar on Page Five let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

The Union Executive

I think the Executive works quite competently with its present constitution.

It hardly ever meets anyway.

Exams

As one of the few people in College who are not lumbered with Exams this term (I failed all my written papers last year) I shall be thinking of those who are sitting in their garrets trying to understand something like thermodynamics by the light of a candle.

Good luck to everybody with Exams.

LETTER

Sir,

I wish to make it clear that the motion proposing rent strike in the last Felix, should not have appeared under my name. That my name did appear seems to have been owing to a misunderstanding between the real authors and you. I realise that there can be no blame attached to either party, but this incident has caused me severe embarrassment.

I would also point out that I would never propose such a move without first gauging the feeling in the halls; nor would I call inordinate EGMs. Any action that we take at this point in the Grants Campaign must be successful and decisive. Any attempt at rent strike for summer, would be tactically disastrous for ICU. We should continue offering "support" to the other colleges on rent strike, and prepare for one in autumn, if the DES still refuses to consider the claim.

For the summer term we should turn our attention to other tactics. "Work - ins", "Crawl - ins", "Phone - ins", postgraduate demonstrating stoppages, are all useful and generally acceptable tactics. Exams are looming close, but there still exist possible courses of action. We must use every tactic available and keep the Grants Campaign going.

Yours sincerely

TREVOR PHILLIPS.

Another

letter on

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man with his local corporation.

VOTING

Voting takes place on Monday and Tuesday next, 7th and 8th May. Ballot boxes will be placed, as usual, in Southside entrance hall, The JCR College Block, Union Building entrance, and, if you feel like making a trip to Ascot to vote, at the College field station at Silwood Park. Subject to sufficient manpower being available, there will also be a NEW PERIPATETIC BALLOT BOX—and if you neither have a Thesaurus, or dictionary and don't listen to Noel Edmunds, we'll explain what that means. Peripatetic means transient which means itinerant, which means it moves from place to place. In this case, it will open at ten o'clock in the open air on the college walkway by Mech Eng, move at noon to the Ante-Room, College Block Refectory, and close at about 2. The other ballot boxes are open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Desperate for staff to man these ballot boxes—previously co-opted from whichever mugs happened to be in the Union Office at the time (generally nobody—there have been so many elections this year we've all got wise to the game!), Martin (c) Black has deserted the principles of his faith and is offering MONEY to those willing to sit on ballot boxes, or rather beside them. Pay is £1 per session, a session lasting from 10 to 1.30 or from 1.30 to 5.00. As a special offer, MCB 'll pay £2 for a day and £4 for both days. If you're interested, please go and see him in the Union Office.

The results—if any—will be announced at the Union General Meeting on Thursday, 17th May. The Deputy President and Editor of "FELIX", who are elected in the same ballot as the President and Secretary, were returned unopposed earlier this year. They are David Sinclair and Alasdair Campbell respectively.

WANTED

DEAD OR ALIVE
CONVOCATION
HOOD
by
May 9th

Apply
Martin C. Black,
Union Office.

MANIFESTOS

President

NORMAN SAYLES

IT DOES MATTER

Hi, my name is Norm, I am standing for President of IC Union for the coming year. I feel I must begin by apologising for not seeming to be a very active candidate for these elections, but as I have my Finals during the first two weeks of term, these being rather important (I cannot be President unless I pass!) I am having to spend most of my time on revision.

The reason I am standing is clear to those who know me, and I hope will become very clear to the majority of students in IC. I am an average student and thus feel that I would be a good person to represent the college in the capacity of President.

I have now been at college for three years, during which I have served on Council as Dept. rep. from Botany/Zoology for the past two. I was in Student House for my first two years in college, and was on the house committee for the final year. I have been in digs and bed-sit this year. Therefore, I have a good idea of how the college admin works, and also have a very good understanding of how the normal student at IC has to spend His or Her time here.

During the past three years, I have become tired of seeing presidents who have been very little more than an extension of small but powerful political

groups within the college and the channel through which they have worked. I have become bored with Union meetings almost every week, and completely fed up of seeing the policy of IC being that of the Minority, and NOT of the Majority.

I believe the reason why most people in college are disinterested in the activities of the Union is because of the fact that although they disagree with certain things which the Union is doing, they feel that they have not the power to make their feelings known.

A way of overcoming this particular problem is to have a President, and Hon. Sec. who are prepared to listen to your ideas rather than merely saying that your ideas should be put forward at a Union meeting. In my opinion that answer is not good enough. You are now thinking "great, if Sayles is so bitter on the mechanics of the Union, what does he intend to do about it?" I will tell you quite simply — in spite of being told that this will never work—I will always endeavour to be far more approachable than others I have known in places of authority.

Naturally I have ideas for the future of the Union, the main ones being:—

- 1 I think that we should attempt to become more of an autono-

mous body by completely taking over and organising the Union building ourselves. This means that we would be entirely responsible for the Lower refectory, including the Union bar. There will be opposition of course, but I personally know of several members of the college administration who I am sure would support our takeover.

- 2 I believe that Imperial should become more active within NUS, I do not mean that we should follow en masse all the proposals of NUS, thereby complying with their every wish. In fact I mean the exact OPPOSITE. Although I feel that NUS is a useful body of students, I feel that at the moment, students throughout the country are being told what to do by the NUS, but surely the situation should be the other way around, it should be the students telling the NUS what we want it to do !!!

Owing to lack of space, I summarise by saying if anyone wants to ask me any questions about the role of President I know very little about it at the moment, but believe that the learning of the job will begin once YOU have voted for me.

Help ME to help YOU,

Sincerely,
NORM SAYLES

JOCK VEALL

The prime task for a President is to democratically organise students over specific issues which they face and not to irresponsibly turn away from them hoping they might disappear.

Two of the more important problems which confront us are accommodation and cuts within higher education (i.e. grants).

ACCOMMODATION

Northside has not been built and unless we begin to do something about it, it never will be. (We will keep paying the 35p voluntary levy into a fund for a non-existent hall). Another 1,200 students are expected in the South Kensington area by 1976 so the situation will not get better but considerably worse. It is not through paying voluntary levies that we solve our accommodation problems. Any loan financing scheme at best means money from our pockets into the

hands of big property speculators (are we after a higher grant to pay bigger voluntary levies to subsidise the rich?). Meanwhile for the majority of us who are paying £5, £6, or £7 a week for a place we feel the pinch.

Thanks largely to the property boom there are more millionaires than ever before in Britain today. Even in the South Kensington area the property developers are getting 2½ million pounds of rate and tax payers money as bonus for completion, by the end of 1973, of the luxury hotels that only the rich can afford to stay in.

How at I.C. can we face up to these problems? We can begin by working with many thousands of other angry tenants within local tenants' associations. At the same time ICU must help meet the immediate needs of students, we must start up organised squatting and

work with various squatting organisations.

THE CUTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

can already be seen at Imperial College with the non-existence of any future halls and the introduction of self-financing in the refectories with the resulting increase in prices and cuts in portions. In 1969-70 the College authorities were allowed to write off a loss of £30,000 on the catering side. It is also noticeable in some of the ridiculous prices Mooney charges in the IC shops. These cuts in education also affect the catering and technical staff, the messengers, cleaners, etc. whose wages are kept down; they are also subjected to productivity deals, short time work and redundancies to cut costs. What can ICU do about it? We must organise to fight against these cuts. The more students involved,

Secretary

GORDON JACKSON

As secretary of ICU there can be no better choice than Gordon Jackson. That's my firm belief; that's why I am proposing him.

Since meeting him on Hall Committee I have been impressed with Gordon's quiet efficiency.

Having gained social colours for revolutionising SEASoc and initiating Cultural Evenings, Gordon started this year with the strong will (necessary) to chair SCC. As in SEASoc he also doubled as an efficient Secretary. SCC affairs have appeared in Felix too.

Politically central, Gordon is not without opinion. Reserved in nature you will not be electing a bureaucrat—NEVERTHELESS HE WILL GET THINGS DONE, quickly and quietly.

JOHN STARES,
Mathematics III

The post of Secretary of ICU, for me follows some years of organisation of big and small events. With my contacts and a knowledge of how to get jobs done, acquired while Chairman and Secretary of SCC (in 1 year!), I am confident that I can be effective.

My main role should be speeding up the implementation of Union Policies and keeping members well informed.

Some of the important areas in which I feel that I can help are:—

- **Most Union Members have TOTALLY INADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE of the intricacies of the UNION or COLLEGE WORKINGS. Hence they often do not become involved.

Evidence: The number of people who complain about the Refectories, but do not try and change them, since they do not know how they are run.

- **INSUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION FOR POSTGRADUATES, WHO COMPRISE ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF IC STUDENTS.

- **GRANTS, where only determined support will achieve the increases we all desire.

- **EXCESSIVE BUMP and notices AROUND COLLEGE, many of which are not read.

I propose the following ACTION.

- * Give 'open publicity' to Union workings.

To start the desirable flow of information to every Union member, I intend to:

- Produce a series of articles explaining clearly how various facets of the Union work.
- Improve the Blue Book Format.
- Compile directories of useful information on such items as booking rooms, obtaining printing in IC, and lists of committee members.
- Endeavour to obtain a guide to the Refectories.
- * Provide more worthwhile Agenda and better publicity to attract more people to Union Meetings.
- * Give any additional help required by the newly created (but long overdue) Post-graduate Affairs Officer.
- * Encourage a rationalisation of Society bump and Notices.

I have itemised some problems and some proposed actions would consider that I had failed in my job if I did not do much more.

GORDON JACKSON...
Chemical Engineering
PG

PAUL WADSWORTH

The Hon. Sec. is elected by the members of Imperial College Union to represent their views to numerous bodies and committees both within and outside the Union and the College. I do not, therefore intend to state a series of promises. Instead, I want to express my personal view as to what direction the thoughts of the Union should direct itself next year.

PARTICIPATION

More encouragement should be given to the Union's members to take an active part in the affairs of the Union. For most of the year the Union's General Meetings (at which, according to the Union Blue Book, "the policy of the Union on important issues is resolved") have been either barely quorate or, even worse, inquorate. For the Union to be really effective more of its members need to take part in this, the most important of its activities. This is a Democratic Union. Let us direct its efforts to-

wards being more representative of its members.

COMMUNICATION

Last year's major campaign slogan was "communication". More could still be done to improve the interchange of ideas between the Union's members and its Executive. Felix could present more material about Union activities. How many of you know what decisions have been taken at Council this year or even at UGM's for that matter? I understand that STOIC will get new quarters in the Maths building at present under construction. Surely this would be a good opportunity to widen its services.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is still a major headache. Even now Northside is in danger of not being built. This hall is vital to the needs of we students and we must continue to ensure that it is built even if it may be

smaller than originally planned.

FEE

The Union fee is £8.50 per student. This should be raised, not only to cover the cost of inflation but also to enable the Union to expand both existing and new activities.

This year sees the appointment of the long awaited Academic Director. The Union must start to work with him towards more flexible courses with the aim of increasing both the chances and the scope of jobs available to IC graduates.

Please read the bump that I shall put out. In it I'll explain these and other points more fully. I'm available in the RATT most dinner times if you wish to discuss anything. If you vote for me. Even if you don't agree, still vote. Agree with me please. This Union cannot afford to have another invalid election.

Thank you.

PAUL WADSWORTH

the closer our ties with working people within college and their Unions, NUPE and ASTMS,

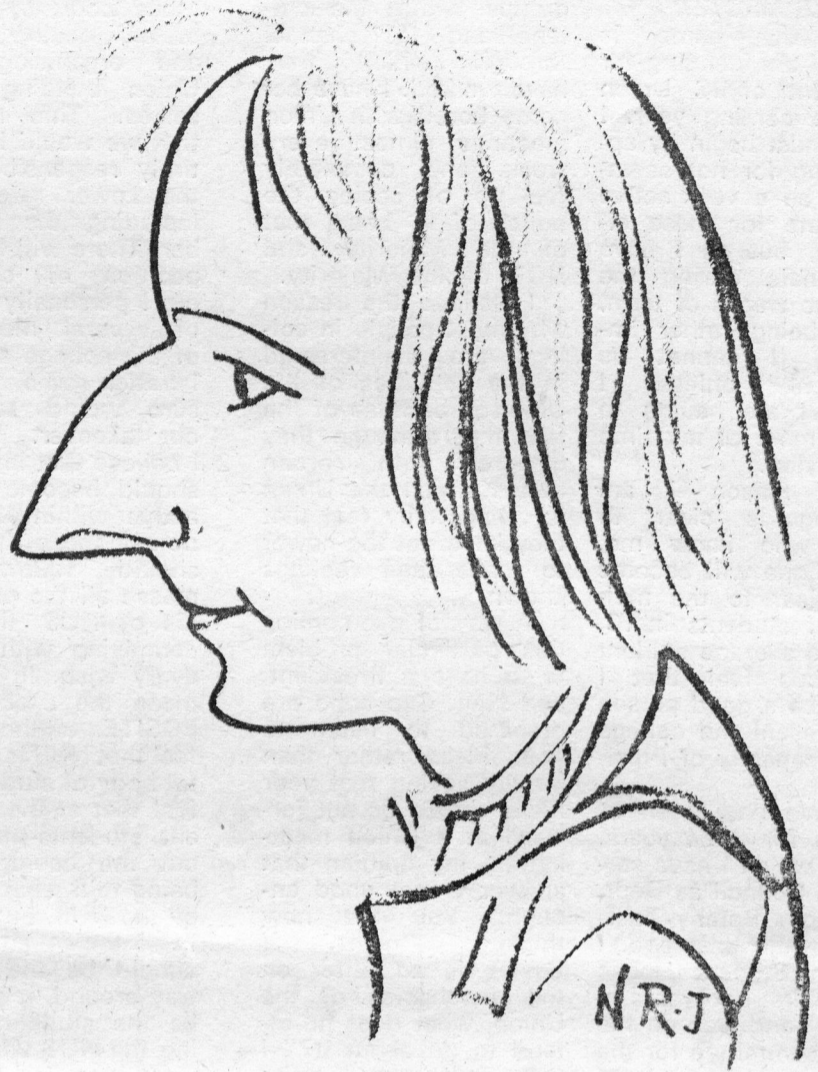
then the stronger will be our position to fight back against these cuts, by taking democratic

action of one form or another to ensure our demands don't go unheeded.

ROGUE'S GALLERY



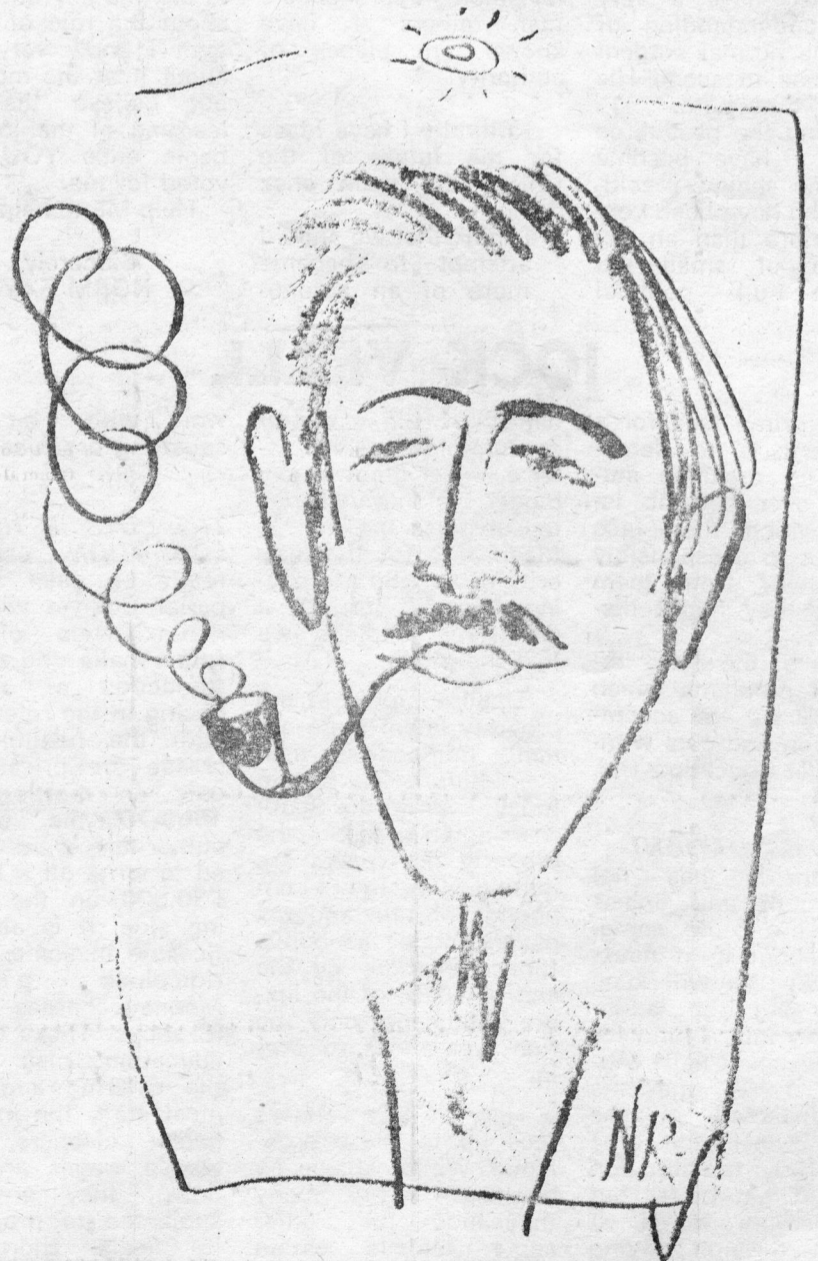
Paul Jowitt



John Lane



Piers Corbyn



Martin C. Black

FELIX

wishes everyone in I.C. a

STUPENDOUS SUMMER TERM

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

30 APRIL	1 MAY	2	3 FELIX 1300 Hustings Great Hall	4 RCS Annual Dinner People's Disco	5 2000 Roy Buchanan Concert, Gt. Hall	6 Historic Commercial Vehicle Run to Brighton
7 MAY 1000 - 1700 Ballot for President & Hon Sec. of IC Union	8 1000 - 1700 Ballot	9 London University Presentation Day (Albert Hall)	10 1300 RCS AGM Physico Th. 1. 2000 Family Concert Great Hall	11 RCS Silwood Ball People's Disco	12 1200 Nat. MM Rock/ Folk Contest. Semi-final. 25p.	13 RCS Soccer Sixes
14 MAY 1700 Nomination papers down Floor Reps, ULU Rep. NUS Delegation	15 FELIX	16	17 1300 IC UGM Great Hall	18 1300 Union Finance Committee Union Exec. Office People's Disco	19 2000 Groundhogs Concert Great Hall	20
21 MAY 1800 Council Union Evening Room	22 FELIX	23	24 RSM Union Meeting	25 People's Disco LINKS CLUB DINNER	26 2000 Fanny Concert Great Hall	27
28 MAY	29 FELIX	30	31 LAST DAY FOR SPECIAL COLOURS NOMINATIONS	1 JUNE People's Disco	2	3
4 JUNE 1300 Colours Committee Union Exec. Office	5	6 DERBY DAY Chaps Club Dinner	7 1300 IC Union Annual General Meeting	8	9	10
11 JUNE 1300 Publications Board Union Exec. Office	12 FELIX 1300 Joint Union Finance Committee Union Dining Room	13	14	15 '22 CLUB DINNER	16	17
18 JUNE 1800 JOINT COUNCIL Union Dining Room	19	20	21	22 COUNCIL D & D (prov.)	23	24
25 JUNE	26	27	28	29	30	1 JULY

... and the best of luck with your egzams !!

UNION MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION HELD IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE ON TUESDAY, 20th MARCH, 1973

1. The President, Mr. Lane, took the Chair and opened the meeting at 1.14 p.m.

2. Mr. Black presented the Returning Officer's Report for the Election of Officers of the Union for the Session 1973/74.

Nomination papers were posted on 1st March and taken down at 5.00 p.m. on 12th March, 1973.

In the event of no nominations being received the papers were left posted until a valid nomination had been made.

The following candidates have been proposed and fully seconded and are unopposed.

Academic Affairs Officer: J. P. Smith. Proposer: D. Finn.

Student Residence Officer: K. Arundale. Proposer: P. Hosking.

Community Action Gp Chairman: G. Roberts. Proposer: Miss A. Dewing.

P.G. Affairs: I. Porter. Proposer: R. B. Dawson.

Overseas Students Cttee Ch.: A. Munday. Proposer: T. Phillips.

N.U.S. Secretary: S. Hochfelder. Proposer: T. Phillips.

The following posts were contested: External Affairs Officer: T. Phillips.

Proposer: R. L. Lolley. M. Silverleaf. Proposer: S. Castledine.

Welfare Officer: D. Ashby. Proposer: J. Rogers. S. Gardner. Proposer: R. A. Armitage.

Social Secretary: J. Mitchell. Proposer: P. A. Wadsworth. M. Simmonds. Proposer: P. W. Jowitt.

An election was held on Thursday, 15th March at the General Meeting of

Imperial College Union.

External Affairs:
T. Phillips 186—elected
M. Silverleaf 51
Spoilt Papers 19

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Social Secretary:
J. Mitchell 80
M. Simmonds 158—elected
Spoilt Papers 18

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Welfare Officer:
P. Ashby 145—elected
S. Gardner 73
Abstentions 38

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The Report was accepted.

Mr. Lolley challenged the quorum. Only 148 members were present. The

Chairman closed the meeting due to inquoracy at 1.22 p.m.

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION HELD ON THURSDAY, 15th MARCH, 1973 in the GREAT HALL of IMPERIAL COLLEGE.

1. The President, Mr. Lane, was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 1.14 p.m.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March, 1973 were taken as read. Mr. Corbyn rose to propose a correction and sat down again.

After brief discussion, on voting the meeting accepted Mr. Corbyn's correction. Mr. Black started to sulk.

3. Mr. Black presented his report as Returning Officer for the Election of the Editor of Felix for the Session 1973/74.

"Nomination papers were posted on 12th February and taken down on 23rd February, 1973. Mr. A. Campbell was the only valid nomination. I declare Mr.

Campbell elected".

The Report was accepted.

4. Mr. Black presented his report as Returning Officer for the election of Departmental Representatives for the session 1973/74.

"Nomination papers were posted on 16th February and taken down on 27th February. In the event of there being no nominations the papers were left posted until three days after the first nomination.

A ballot was held in those departments where the post was contested from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, 9th March.

In the departments of Botany and Zoology a second ballot was held on Tuesday, 13th March since the first resulted in a tie.

The results of the Election are as follows:

Aeronautics:
G. R. Want Unopposed

Botany/Zoology:
Miss P. Moulton 48—elected

J. Shutt 37

Abstentions 3

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Chemical Engineering:
S. Castledine Unopposed

Chemistry & Biochemistry:
K. Nixon 10

N. O'Connor 18

M. Woodcock 83—elected

Abstentions 8

Civil Engineering:
A. H. Perry Unopposed

Electrical Engineering and Computing Control:
O. Szpyro Unopposed

Geology:
No result yet.

Mathematics & Meteorology:
D. Channing 37

J. East 45—elected

Abstentions 6

Mechanical Engineering:
R. L. Lolley Unopposed

Metallurgy & Materials Sci.:
G. Becker 35—elected

T. Childs 15

Abstentions 5

Spoilt Papers 7

Mining & Min. Technology:
P. W. Gorman Unopposed

Physics & History of Science & Technology:
Miss G. S. Bowden 64—elected

J. Shemilt 35

Abstentions 36

Spoilt Papers 12

The Report was accepted.

5. Election of Officers of the Union for the Session 1973/74.

External Affairs Officer:
Mr. Lolley proposed Mr. T. Phillips, who then spoke.

Mr. Castledine proposed Mr. M. Silverleaf, who then spoke.

Both candidates answered questions.

Social Secretary:
Mr. Jowitt proposed Mr. M. J. Simmonds.

Mr. Wadsworth proposed Mr. J. Mitchell.

Both candidates answered questions.

Welfare Officer:
Mr. Armitage proposed Mr. S. Gardner.

Miss Rogers proposed Mr. D. Ashby.

Both candidates answered questions.

6. Ballot papers were distributed to Electors and then collected.

7. Mr. Black explained that no nominations had yet been made for Rag Chairman or ordinary members of the overseas students committee.

8. A member challenged the quorum.

The President closed the meeting due to inquoracy at approximately 2.30 p.m.

**COMING
SOON!**

Felix is Changing

(but only the cat and masthead!)

HUSTINGS TODAY

1300 hrs

Beit Quadrangle if fine, Great Hall if pouring

A Fishy Tale

Sir, of all the topics now occupying the attentions of the media, the Icelandic fishing dispute is very much of a second string to issues like Northern Ireland and the Common Market.

Second string, that is, in Britain.

In Iceland the 50 mile limit is regarded as vital to the survival of a country that depends completely on the fish industry, having no other natural resources or raw materials, thus no industry it can diversify into. With such serious implications the British arguments against the limit must be convincing; but are they?

Britain's opposition to the limit is fourfold.

Firstly, Britain does not recognise that there is a conservation argument. Secondly, while Britain appreciates that Iceland is economically dependent on fish, the 50 mile limit will have serious implications on the British fish industry. Thirdly, Britain contends that Iceland is in defiance of International Law. Finally the 50 mile limit does not recognize the traditional rights of British fishermen to fish Icelandic waters.

Iceland states that there is a conservation argument. In 1971 the death rate of cod in Icelandic waters amounted to 70% of all mature cod and 50% of immature cod, of which 80% was due to the fishing effort. Also cod older than 10 years in the catch are rare, whereas 15-20 years ago 15 year old fish were abundant. This means that fishing is based on younger and younger fish, so the spawning potential of the fish stocks is seriously threatened. Twenty years ago, cod spawned, on average, twice a year at least. Now, on average, it is only once. The implications are obvious.

Economically, Britain's dependence on fish amounts to approximately 0.2% of total, employing approximately 0.5% of the population.

The figures for Iceland are 81% and 20% respectively. The catch from Icelandic waters, in 1971, amounted to less than 12% of the total catch.

A 50% reduction of fishing effort would mean only a 6% drop in catch, assuming the fishing boats not used in Icelandic waters were not used elsewhere. To imply, also, that the British fishing industry cannot make up the deficit on the seventeen or so other fishing grounds used, casts aspersions on the skills of British fishermen.

Iceland is not breaking any existing international law by imposing the 50 mile limit. The U.N. General Assembly, in 1972, passed a resolution recognising the rights of states to permanent sovereignty over superjacent waters. Two Judges involved in The Interim Order, Padilla Nervo and Mr. G. G. Fitzmaurice, both state that the 50 mile limit is not contrary to International Law. It is not a question of Iceland breaking the law, more a question of Britain misinterpreting the law. Alternatively, as Iceland is breaking no law, Britain, by ignoring the laws of an independent sovereign state, is the only law breaker.

'Traditional rights' is the last argument Britain puts forward. We have fished Icelandic waters for 300 years. Three hundred years ago the fishing limit around Iceland was 32 miles. Recognition of the 'traditional rights' argument is recognition of an extensive fishing limit. Also when do 'traditional rights' come before the survival of a nation?

This then, is a summary of the British and Icelandic case. We welcome the views of the Student body and would like to hear from anyone who accepts the Icelandic case. Further information can be supplied to interested parties. We would urge all those who agree with us to write to their M.P.'s, the national press, anyone who could help in getting this issue into the public eye.

Only by open public discussion will the British argument be revealed for what it is; self-centred, shallow and indefensible.

Yours faithfully,

FRIENDS OF ICELAND
Derek Smith and
David Jarvis

POETRY CORNER

SOUTHERN FINNISH SUMMER NIGHTS

Lightless ray
In darkness bright.
Nightless day
In dayless night.

Nights' no name
For summer light.
Daydreams tame
The lying night.

Sun below
And gulls in flight;
Skyline glow
Of lifeless light.

Landbound sun
And daybound night;
Midnight's none
And black is white.

Right is wrong
And wrong is right;
Day is song
And music night.

Night is none
When dusk is dawn,
Summer's fun
When sleep's a yawn.

Mystic mist
On liquid lake,
You have kissed,
So day may wake.

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GOOD-BYE SUBWAY 4

And "Farewell Leicester Square!"
"Goodbye Piccadilly!"
—With "pushers" who are plying
Like foxes round a lair,
And addicts now relying
On "dope" and "fixes" there.

"Good-bye Piccadilly!"
And "Farewell Leicester Square!"
—Humanity is crying
For sanity and care,
And injured youths are lying
In pain and deep despair.

"Good-bye Piccadilly!"
And "Farewell Leicester Square!"
—They thought that they were flying
But death was in the air.
Did no one see them dying
Nor stop to say a prayer?

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(Written with the subway 4 exit of London's Piccadilly Circus underground station in mind—subway 4 is the Haymarket and Jermyn Street exit, and leads to the footpath in Piccadilly Circus outside the Cockney Pride Tavern).

PRaise THE LORD AND PASS THE PROFITS

(see page 8)

TABLE 1: CHURCH INVESTMENTS IN B-L

B-L—British Leyland	South Africa	
	No. of shares	Market value (£)
Church Commissioners for England	4,458,000	1,426,560
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England	250,000	80,000
Church of England Pensions Board	5,000	1,600
Church of England Children's Soc.	60,444	19,342
Church Missionary Trust Assoc.	18,750	6,000
Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance	4,809	1,539
Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance	785	251
Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church	10,000	3,200
Church of Scotland Trust	75,925	24,296
Birmingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees	750	240
British Council of Churches	2,000	640
British and Foreign Bible Society	400	128
Church Adoption Society	2,800	896
Church Army	803	257
Africa Evangelical Fellowship	1,250	400

TABLE 2: CHURCH INVESTMENTS IN GEC

	South Africa	
	No. of shares	Market value (£)
Church Commissioners for England	2,930,933	4,103,306
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England	150,000	210,000
Church of England Pensions Board	6,500	9,100
Church of England Children's Soc.	50,420	70,588
Church Missionary Trust Assoc.	42,400	59,360
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church	20,000	28,000
Church of Scotland Trust	75,000	105,000
Church Army	11,503	16,104
British Council of Churches Trust Ltd.	4,200	5,880

TABLE 3: CHURCH INVESTMENTS IN METAL BOX

	South Africa	
	No. of shares	Market value (£)
Church Commissioners for England	380,000	1,007,000
Church of England Pensions Board	2,121	5,621
Church Missionary Trust Assoc.	1,620	4,293
Church Finance Board of the Methodist Church	1,681	4,455
British Council of Churches	11,700	31,005
British and Foreign Bible Society	1,000	2,650
Church Army	375	994

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Saturday, May 19th

GROUNDHOGS

Saturday, May 26th

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I.C. team wins Tartan Race

A team consisting of two members each from City and Guilds' Union and Royal School of Mines Union were outright winners in their class in the Great Tartan Race, run annually by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries and promoted in a December issue of FELIX. The race involves transporting an (empty) keg of Tartan beer from Edinburgh to London, and the various classes of entry are for the most novel way of doing this, the team collecting most money for their nominated charity and for the team completing the distance in the shortest time.

Both C & GU and RCSU entered for the "collecting the most for charity" section and the IC team achieved a total of about £1,150. RCSU came fourth with £401.33.

The IC team made the trip in a tartan-liveried

Morris Minor, accompanied by tartan-clad dolly birds, and collected for Action for the Crippled Child. RCSU, collection for Imperial Cancer Research Fund, were considerably less resourceful, utilising solely a rented minibus driven in a manner which surprised even himself (sounds better than "without due care and attention", which is the truth) by a certain Martin C. Black.

The Tartan Race was entered by teams from universities and colleges throughout Britain.

John Randall elected by conference as NUS President

The Easter National Conference of the National Union of Students took place at Exeter University on April 2nd - 6th. Imperial College Union was represented by five delegates and three observers, viz: Rob Armitage, John Lane, Trevor Phillips, Piers Corbyn, Sonia Hochfelder, Michael Silverleaf, Peter Gillett and Peter Lambert.

The Conference elected John Randall as new president of the NUS, to succeed Digby Jacks in August. John is at present the Deputy President, and his election came as something of a surprise, since most people expected Mike Terry, NUS Secretary and star of the occasional IC Union Meeting, to win. Competition came from, amongst others, Piers Corbyn, who stood on an IMG-type platform. He came second in the poll — from bottom.

Peter Gillett, another IC

delegate, stood on the Young Socialists ticket for National Secretary. A less-contested battle, he nevertheless lost — but fared better than any other YSS candidate in any other election.

Major topics discussed at the Conference were Grants, the White Paper on Education and Gay Rights. FELIX reporter ALASDHAIR CAMPBELL, who attended the conference, will be writing in depth on it in the next issue, out on Tuesday, 15th May.

New Hall unlikely to be built

It now seems increasingly unlikely that there will be a new hall built for Imperial College students in the foreseeable future. The cost of the planned ten-storey Northside Hall has now risen to a sum of the order of £1½ millions, as against the original estimate of £500,000.

The College is faced with the dilemma of only being able to raise the original sum — and even then they would have to raise all hall rents to £5 per week in order to pay the interest charges due to the bank on the money they would have to borrow.

There are several alternative plans. The most feasible is probably to still build at Northside (on top of the swimming pool) but to go for seven instead of ten storeys. The other main option being considered by the Student Residence Committee is to build at Harlington, on the College sports ground — this would probably be low-rise accommodation similar to that at Silwood. The main problem here is the one that would be faced by its residents — that is, getting in to South Kensington. Harlington is reasonably near to the new Hatton Cross underground station on the Piccadilly line that will open next year, but it's still quite a journey.

Other alternatives that were discussed at the last Union Executive meeting of last term were "bridg-

ing the gap" between Physics and Aeronautics with a new hall — considered generally to be rather impractical — and conversion of 52/53 Prince's Gate and the remainder of Prince's Gardens into a hall when Mathematics, Industrial Sociology and others move out in 1975. It was agreed that the latter conversion scheme should be carried out in any case, subject to the College agreeing to finance the operation.

Unfortunately it is very difficult to give a true picture of the situation. At present all discussion is taking place within a special sub-committee of the Student Residence Committee, and the Union's representatives on this, Brian Childs (Student Residence Officer) and Ian McKenzie are keeping quiet about what is happening — even to the extent of not letting the president of the Union know what is happening.

The only certainty is that, if a new hall is built, it will be necessary to raise the rents of all hall rooms in order to pay the interests on the loan.

"Praise the Lord and pass the profits"

The British Churches, as most people know, are run on very big business lines. They certainly make money in South Africa, that most Christian of countries. The Prime Minister Belthazar Vorster and his brother Dr. D. J. Vorster, a prominent official in the Dutch reformed church are both devout followers of Hitler and stout Christians.

It would clearly be a deplorable thing, however, and against Christian unity, if the South African churches were the only ones to make a profit out of the African

and Indian population. (The World Council of Churches even donate a few pence conscience money every year to support African guerrillas from their fat takings from their investments in South Africa).

The Church Commission for England have commissioned about 7 million shares in four companies in South Africa. These are: British Leyland Motor Corporation, G.E.C., Metal Box and Associated British Foods. The market value of these shares totals £6.5 million. The total current value of shares

Postgrads furious over demonstrating rates

Imperial College postgraduate students, disgusted with the "rotten deal" that they are getting from the college over demonstrating fees, are planning a strong campaign to get a standard £2 an hour rate.

At present rates vary wildly from department to department, and average at about £1 per hour. Best off are those in Physics, who are paid £1.40 an hour — including preparation time.

PG's are especially angry since the Government declared in 1969 that the average income of a post graduate student from demonstrating fees was £160. They are asking the college for a minimum of £150 of work for any post-graduate who wishes to do demonstrating. At present only 44% of IC PG's do any demonstrating.

Other universities pay much more than IC — for example, Oxford and Cambridge pay as much as £3 an hour, and North London Polytechnic pay £2.35.

The protest is being led by Post-Graduate Affairs Officer Richard Mounce, who is making representations to the Rector. The only reason that strike action is not being contemplated is the lack of undergraduates to demonstrate to in the Summer Term — and a protest of this nature would have to come in the Autumn term.

he claims were unconstitutional and iniquitous, is now trying to invalidate these elections on the same grounds. He has so far sent solicitors' letters to the incumbent hierarchy. Further developments are awaited.

owned by British Church organisations in South Africa's big Corporations is £7.5 million. The big attraction to investment in South Africa is the cheap labour so encouraging fat profits.

The average black workman today in South Africa is worse off in real terms than in 1911, ie, Leyland South Africa, 11th biggest South Africa company, paid last year on average to its unskilled and semi-skilled coloured and African labour £7 for a 44 hour week. G.E.C., the biggest electrical engi-

Jock McEwan new ULU pres.

The Assembly of Councils of the University of London Union met on March 19th, and elected Jock McEwan by a landslide vote as next year's President. He succeeds Joy Clancy. Opponents were Tom Halloren, from the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, and Dermont O'Donnell, a fiery character famed in ULU, who comes from Birkbeck College.

Jock McEwan is a 3rd-year Medical student from the Middlesex Hospital, and is the first medic to hold the post. During the past year he has been Secretary of the ULU Student Representative Council.

Cathy Mortimer, Chairman of ULU Societies' Council, was elected as Deputy President. Her only opponent was once again the redoubtable Mr. O'Donnell.

Mr. O'Donnell, who has previously attempted to make much political capital out of the previous set of elections, where he was defeated by Joy Clancy and Mike Rosier, which

earing group in the country pays Africans at the generous rate of 10.7p per hour or £4.81 for a 45 hour week.

Fifteen British church organisations have got their finger in the pie. The Anglican, the Catholic, the Methodist, the Evangelist and the Church of Scotland amongst them. So rest easy, we can pray to our WHITE God (Jesus was white, wasn't he?) while the profits roll in from the black man's sweat.

JOCK VEALL

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