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Watch Out! It's Big T!

AT THE recent NUS Annual Conference at Llandudno, Trevor Phillips, the current ICU President, was elected as one of the four vice-presidents of NUS.

Trevor, who beat off his nearest rival for the post by a substantial majority, will take up the job on August 1st; it will thus run concurrently with his ULU Presidency.

NO LICENCE FOR IC RADIO

IT WAS revealed last Tuesday that the Home Office will not be granting IC Radio a licence. Although this is a temporary setback, it is nevertheless a big disappointment to the IC Radio team who have been awaiting the Home Office's reply to their request for a licence for several months.

The refusal, which surprised many, was the result of a thorough investigation of the system IC Radio proposed to use. Their findings suggested that the system of several separate transmitters, (initially one each on Weeks, Beit and Southside), each of which would feed a number of small induction loop aerials would cause too much radio interference on local residents' sets. The signal from this source would be proportional to the seventh power of the distance away from the source.

A recommendation to IC Radio to use a system employing a "leaky, co-axial cable" as a suitable alternative has been made by the Home Office. This system would give rise to a cylindrical signal.

Using a "co-axial, leaky cable" had been discussed by

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More Trouble at Lancaster — Five Students Expelled

FIVE STUDENTS, including the Union President, Dick Soper, have been expelled from Lancaster University for their part in the 11-day occupation of the campus administrative block last month.

Of the thirty-three students originally charged, only three were cleared by the disciplinary tribunal set up to adjudicate their cases. Five others were suspended for a year, another fifteen students were fined between £15 and £30, two were reprimanded, and a further three students given one year

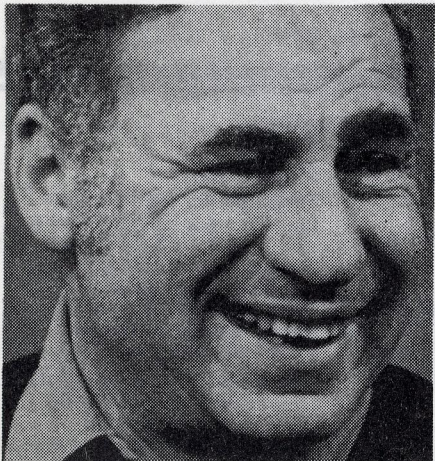
suspended sentences.

The students involved are seeking legal advice and will be appealing to the three-man appeals and equity committee. Those failing in their appeal have the right of a second hearing by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Austin Woolrych.

Lancaster students are angry at the severity of the tribunal's verdict and at a meeting held on Wednesday night decided to stage an academic strike to culminate with the NUS-sponsored National Demonstration in Lancaster on Wednesday 30th April, 1975.

ICU Council have passed a resolution supporting the Lancaster students and will be asked at the next Council meeting to make available resources to send students from IC to the National demonstration in Lancaster. Anyone who will be able to attend should contact the President in the Union Office.

MEL (Blazing Saddles) BROOKS AT IC



STOIC, the IC Student Television Service, managed to scoop the BBC and other media with their interview of Mel Brooks, the American film director, during the Easter vacation.

Well-known as the director of the immensely successful satirical western "Blazing Saddles". Mr Brooks is in this country to promote his latest film "Young Frankenstein". He had the STOIC Studio in fits of laughter with his gags and antics. When asked why Young Frankenstein was filmed in black and white, he replied "Somebody stole our crayons."

Present in the studio when the interview was being recorded were reporters from the Kensington Post and LBC Radio. They were continually asking how STOIC had managed to arrange it all and scoop the BBC who interviewed Mel Brooks the following day, STOIC just smiled benignly.

The programme can be seen on STOIC next Thursday at 1pm in the Union, JCR and Southside. It will also be showing on ILEA Channel 7 at 3.15pm the same day.

(Photo by Neville Miles).

Watch Out! It's Big P!

AT THE recent NUS Student Journalist Conference at Sheffield, Paul Ekpenyong, next year's Editor of FELIX, was elected to the National Student Journalist Committee.

The main function of the committee is to organise the next Student Journalist Conference (which will be a three-day event next year). Members of the committee are also expected to chair some of the conference debates.



EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

Press Distortion during the NUS Annual Conference.

THROUGHOUT the five-day conference, reports appeared every morning in most of the national newspapers. Personally speaking I found it most disturbing to find that many of the reports (and in particular those appearing in the Telegraph, the Mirror, the Express and the Mail) lacked any kind of real perspective concerning the fundamental issues being debated and the wide ranging spectrum of student opinion which was being presented. The distorted scenarios being churned out by the Press (with the exception of the Morning Star and to some extent the Guardian) were disappointing to say the least.

The most vulgar example occurred when Charles Clarke, the National Treasurer, was elected to the NUS Presidency. At the Press conference which immediately followed, one of the first things which the national Press asked was "Are you a Communist?" "No, I am a member of the Labour Party" came the reply.

"But are you a marxist?"

"Yes" said Charles quite simply.

Later on the new President estimated that he was, politically speaking, to the left of Government minister Tony Benn, and that if there were further cuts in Government spending on education, then student militancy on the campus might well increase. It would appear that that was all the Press wanted to hear for the following morning, most of the nationals talked sensationally about the NUS being in the hands of a left-wing extremist who promised a stepping-up of student militancy. There was practically zero reporting on the policies and issues which had been aired at the Press conference.

This kind of distortion was exactly that which had been predicted by Mr Francis Beckett, the NUS Press Officer, at the Student Journalist Conference held at Sheffield Polytechnic on April 2nd/3rd:

"Newspapers do not openly tell us what to think about issues. They do something much more questionable: they select what they think the issues are. Newspapers have the terrible power of

being able to define the parameters of respectable debate. The omission of just one issue from a discussion can often mean that the debate's conclusion will be predictable."

After seeing the distorted press coverage given to this conference, I am inclined to agree.

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As you will see, this issue contains an inserted advertisement from Endsleigh Insurance. It is advisable to read it before deciding to throw it away for although you may already have some kind of insurance, Endsleigh are quickly becoming extremely competitive in the student market. *There are statistics to prove it!*

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The winner of last week's £3 Prize Vacation Crossword, is B.M.A. Rozali, a Mechanical Engineering postgraduate. Finishing the crossword must have been quite an achievement since two clues had accidentally been missed out.

LETTERS

Horrible Hippies

7 Saunders Road,
Sheffield, S2 5EQ.
23rd March, 1975.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the item headed 'Horrible Hippies' on p.7 of FELIX No. 383 dated March 13th, I have the postcard before me as I write and I can assure you it gives every appearance of being a genuine communication. The fact that the writer gave neither her full name or address says all that needs to be said about her. Also, she cannot even get our names right. The card is addressed to "The Misses' Harrison and Ward", although the other long-haired member of our team is called Higgins and we have no-one called Harrison.

The ironic thing is that apart from two of us having long hair we were one of the straightest-looking teams to appear for a long time! Three of us were fully equipped with suits, collars and ties, and the fourth (the one who "doesn't even possess a shirt") was wearing a perfectly decent sweater.

As to how the text of this communication came to be known to FELIX, I think the fact that a very good friend of mine attends I.C. and that I wrote to her recently quoting the contents of the postcard may have something to do with it.

EEC

Dept. of Physics
20th April 1975

Dear Sir,

It is good to see "FELIX" taking an active interest in the EEC Referendum (*Editorial, April 18*), and no doubt there will be much controversy on the subject in college over the next few weeks. In particular there will be poster campaigns, which brings me to the point of this letter. Posters at IC don't stay up very long anyway, but it was noticeable that pro-EEC posters put up last term disappeared, or were defaced, very quickly indeed. Perhaps at this early point in the campaign the President could make a statement about the "ground rules" concerning political posters, and confirm whether removal of rival posters is or is not a disciplinary offence.

Yours faithfully
Tony Jones,
Physics 2.

Your team gave us a very exciting game and ran us very close, with the result in doubt right up to the end. However, when all is said and done, one inescapable fact remains.

WE WON!!

Yours faithfully,

Ray Ward
(Member of Hull University Challenge team.)

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HALL DINNERS

Hall Dinners will all be held in College Block this term.
29th April
13th May - Wine Hall Dinner
27th May -
3rd June
10th June - Wine Hall Dinner (Dinner Jackets)
Price: Hall Dinner - 95p.
(Sherry - 5p, paid for at dinner)
Wine Hall Dinner - £1.45p (wine included)

Please Note
Bookings for Hall Dinners may be made on Thursdays and up until 12 NOON on Friday for the following Tuesday. Any booking which has not been paid for by that time will be considered as cancelled.
Bookings for the Wine Hall Dinner on 10th June will not be accepted until Monday, 12th May.

Please note new closing time.

IF Only..

Margaret Slimming

DO YOU know that I have used two bottles of ink, several pads of paper and much brainpower (not to mention practically the entire week-end) attempting to write my first (and last?) article for that infamous college newspaper, "FELIX"?

The end of last term saw a new Union Exec installed at 14, Cromwell Place (which, in case any of you hadn't realised is the "hang-out" of 200 "young ladies"). In all, there are ten Exec. members — all of whom play an important part in the running of the Institute including being a vital link between I.C. and the rest of the College. As you will no doubt have realized by now, I have been elected to the post of President, with my supporters as follows — (let's face it, when this article has been published, I'll need more than supporters!):-

Vice-President: Carole Burt
Secretary: Janina Chichlowska
Social Secretary: Sarah Jones
Treasurer: Lindsay Salt
Rag Rep: Lorna Thomas
USK Rep: Jill McNaughton
Travel Rep: Fiona Monaghan
Boardsheet Ed.: Catherine Gill

So now there is no excuse whatsoever for any members of IC to say that they don't know the "Who's Who" of IF Union!

This year, in fact, one of my objects is to further our relations with IC. Let's be honest — how many of you know more than five girls from IF? Those that do are, I am sure, few and far between, or, at least, are keeping the fact

strictly to themselves — and who can blame them?! How many of you, for instance, would recognize me?

I realize that I am being very presumptuous in supposing that of you *want* to get to know us anyway! After all, one tends to forget that there is a small female colony residing in the male stronghold of IC, and although 200 girls won't make a vast difference to the situation, it's better that nothing, isn't it? What do you expect anyway — miracles? O.K. then, miracles you will get!

Article seen in the local newspaper reads as follows:

In the wilds of South Kensington there have been reports of strange things going on. A new discovery has been made in the celibate atmosphere of the world-famous "Imperial College of Science and Technology", after endless research and much heated argument. It has been decided to call the new discovery "the IF girl!"

Is it another revolution — or is it just another story of "boy meets girl"? Don't Miss next week's thrilling instalment!

DEFINING PG ROLES

ALL POST-GRADUATES are in an ambiguous position but some more so than others. This was the kind of conclusion to emerge from one of several workshop sessions at a recent NUS sponsored conference on post-graduate education held in Southampton. Delegates attempted to classify that diverse collection of people holding one degree and working for another in polytechnics, universities or independent research institutions.

Richard Upton

The first step was to identify two end points of a continuum characterising post-graduate activity. At one pole lie the taught courses which represent an extension of undergraduate activity often, though not inevitably, being focused on vocational training rather than advanced education. At the other extreme are the activities of those registered for higher degrees and engaged entirely on research on a particular problem. Some within this latter group may have a large element of discretion in the choice and execution of the work they do. Others have little or no say in the selection of research problems or the direction of the work they undertake. Many (but not all) research assistants share this second position with a proportion of those on post-graduate studentships, particularly those operating in scientific and technological areas. Reports

from conference delegates, hammered home the point that there is no necessary connection between research assistant

type funding and lack of control on the one hand or research studentship type funding and high autonomy on the other.

There was clearly some ambiguity in the minds of many delegates on the advantages and problems that might accrue if a higher proportion of research post graduates were to be funded on an employed basis. While some were keen to remove the charitable connotations of the grant system, others felt that employment would tend to reduce the research workers' control over the project in hand. This issue (among others) could usefully be debated among IC Postgraduates at a forthcoming meeting of ICPGG (look out for details). Clearly the issues involved are not straightforward since most post-graduates, especially those who bear that label for more than one year, are engaged in a complex amalgam of research contribution, technique acquisition and broad education.

Let thoughtful discussion begin

20th Student Drama Festival

Steve Grove

(Collegiate Theatre, Royal Court and Young Vic, April 6th-12th.)

CONTRARY TO expectations, the *Sunday Times National Student Drama Festival* is alive and well, and may be living in Edinburgh next year. While most people were under the impression that the 20th festival was to be the last, Harold Evans, the *Sunday Times* Editor, has said that he will do all he can to ensure that

the newspaper's sponsorship continues. A second sponsor is said to be "waiting in the wings", and will certainly be necessary next year, when a similar festival will probably cost its backers £20,000.

For many people, particularly those who attended last year's festival at Cardiff, the events of April 6th to 12th were rather disappointing. Although the general standard of selected productions was suitably impressive, there was little to captivate or enthral the audiences. Since selection for the festival is based simply upon "dramatic effectiveness", there can be no guarantee of a balanced programme; this year saw a preponderance of white faces and bare stages. What little

naturalism there was varied tremendously in quality; at one end of the spectrum lay a tired and shallow production of *"The Lion in Winter"*, which only reached respectability through the capable performance of Nevin Harris as Henry II, while at the other end was, for me, one of the week's highlights, namely a faultless presentation of Athol Fugard's *"People are Living There"* by Bristol University Drama Dept.

Theatre of the absurd was well represented by Keele's polished performance of *"Le Pige de Meduse"* by Erik Satie, and *"The Chairs"* produced by Aberystwyth, who transformed Ionesco tottering ancients into agile, whirling dancers.

The Festival got off to a

slow start (in an unheated Collegiate Theatre) with an adequate but uninspiring performance from Bangor of Beckett's *"Waiting For Godot"*. It was not until the Wednesday that cheers were heard in the theatre for the Drama Studio's brilliant mime-fantasy *"Prufrock"*, based (very loosely) on T.S. Eliot's poem. This was an inspired collage of scenes: Prufrock at home, at the cinema, in a restaurant etc, each one delicately yet precisely executed by a very professional company (incidentally featuring Vanessa, daughter of our very own Prof. Ford!)

The elusive (and virtually indefinable) *"Festival atmosphere"* never really established itself until the end of the week, when the final performance of Wall Hall's *"Oh! Mr Asquith"* (a play about Suffragettes in a Music Hall setting) was assisted by a vocal audience who continued with the show long after the

actors had removed their make-up. This was followed by the *Bristol Revivals*, which contained more original ideas in 50 minutes than in a decade of Smoking Concerts.

Student writing was thin on the ground this year, much of the new work being adaptations. Most noteworthy were two plays by Joe Richards (admittedly a more mature student) and *"God, Herbert, Donne and*

The Devil" by 19-year-old Michael Boyd, who described his work as a nasty blasphemous, glib little comedy. Actually it was a rather pleasant and very enjoyable sketch about what might happen if the Devil went on strike.

As a whole the Festival suffered from its tenuous nature; with nine plays at the Royal Court and Young Vic there was little sense of a Festival Centre. There were also too many productions...37 plays in 6 days puts a strain on even the most fanatical of theatre-goers.

NUS ANNUAL

THE NUS Annual Conference took place against a background of rising anxiety from the left-wing over the emergence of the right-wing personified by the presence of the Radical Action Group, the Liberals and the bogey-men of the Federation of Conservative Students. But in the end many of the election pundits were proved right with the Broad Left sweeping into power claiming eleven of the fifteen Executive positions being contested.

The conference itself was, at times, a pain in the rear to listen to. The highlight of the proceedings was undoubtedly the elections where candidates slanged each other incessantly and raced to see who is the most verbose political hack alive. The Broad Left speeches were undoubtedly the most theatrical; the WRP speeches were the most entertaining with every other word "struggle" or "slump"; but the accolade for the best speech of the conference must go to Liberal Richard Allanach who had the conference in hysterics with his dead pan delivery and tongue in cheek remarks. "The Broad Left" he said "are a bunch of hot-house plants. We Liberals can survive in harsher climates;" He got a standing ovation.

John Randall's opening speech outlined the four main issue which were to be discussed viz., housing, grants, education and the EEC. Due to the limitations of space, it is just those four motions plus the emergency motions which were not guillotined into obscurity which are covered in this report.

In his very last speech as the President of NUS, Randall paid tribute to the NUS staff and made a few semi-prophetic remarks about the future. He warned the left-wing about the emergence of the right-wing. He praised Hugh Lanning (now National Treasurer - elect) for breaking away from sectarian politics and going independent as he himself had done two years ago. His parting shot was aimed at the Broad Left. "They may think of themselves as God's gift to the Union, but heaven help us if they ever consider that the Union is God's gift to them!" Clearly the epitaph to end all epitaphs.

Debate on Housing

Wednesday, 10.30a.m. (lasted about 70 minutes).

THE PURPOSE of the substantive motion in this debate was clearly to put the problem of student accommodation very much in a community perspective. In the words of John Randall: "When we speak of the needs of students in private accommodation we have a responsibility to speak too for all those who find their homes in that sector."

The motion itself spoke of the chronic shortage of housing for all sections of the population; the fact that there were too many properties, both private and council owned, standing empty; the discrimination exercised by landlords against minority groups such as gays, blacks etc. The law is being strongly tightened up to combat squatting, occupations and picketing. People in Northern Ireland get a much rougher deal than those living in Britain.

Did you know that in Glasgow separated (or divorced) women are held responsible for housing debts incurred by their (ex-) husbands?

On the halls of residence front, some Universities are now budgeting for a loss in residence accounts. The UGC are infact showing signs of paying for some of these deficits.

Some students around the country have not been idle in highlighting the housing problem: students at Bristol managed to achieve a moratorium on all new office development planning permissions; students at Portsmouth succeeded in publicising the irony of office blocks standing empty whilst the community

was desperate for housing.

Again and again the point was stated that the responsibility for housing lies squarely on the shoulders of both local and national government. Members of a community have the basic right to a place to live and students are as much a part of that community as anyone else.

The motion called for a massive public building programme; the municipalisation in the long term of all privately owned rented housing; the compulsory purchasing (at cost price) of empty houses by local authorities. Student unions are to be discouraged from buying property since it is not their responsibility financially or otherwise.

Shock of all shocks, the main tactic which the motion called for was YET ANOTHER campaign ("broadly based," of course and "involving the student membership"). Additional tactics include militancy e.g. occupations and rent strikes. Links are to be sought with Trade Unions to get their support. Needless to say, this motion trotted out of the Broad Left kennel.

The first amendment was put up by the IMG with support from the IS. It predictably called for militant action in a more direct way and was defeated. The next amendment came from the NOLS. Some how they managed to work in the line "we must nationalise all finance companies and the 200 top companies." This amendment was thrown out.

The substantive motion was passed overwhelmingly.

All but one of the IC Union Delegation voted for the Housing motion; Bill Gerrard voted against the motion.

The Rhetorical Void

Throughout the conference there was certain jargon which cropped up time and again. Here is a short list of the more recurrent words:

Careerist: Someone determined to get elected to the NUS Executive in order to further his own political career.

Caucus: Group of electioneers of one particular political hue. Sometimes just a clutch of people making a nuisance of themselves.

Crisis: The present economic one which has been caused by the capitalists.

Composite: To collate all the motions on a specific topic submitted by the various constituent organisations and then come up with one huge motion containing all the points made in the original motions.

Hack: An incessant sloganiser (q.v.);

Someone who is incapable of arguing a point properly and who constantly resorts to an emotive, sometimes theatrical delivery of a speech in order to win support.

Posturing: Striking an idealistic attitude which one in reality is not committed to supporting.

Prioritise: To place on a higher priority.

Sloganise: To memorise all the emotive slogans flying around at the time and then sprinkle practically every one of them into every speech.

Slump: This year's new "in" word. First manifested in WRP speeches. Refers to the current economic crisis (q.v.).

Struggle: The hack's (q.v.) best friend. This word was so over-used that it became meaningless and subsequently provoked much jeering at its mention.

Debate on Education

Wednesday 5.13p m. (lasted about 90mins)

THE SUBSTANTIVE motion was eighteen pages long and was consequently impossible to digest in the time available before the debate began. The points it raised were extremely wide-ranging — so much so that it lacked any cohesion whatsoever. For every sane point that the motion raised, there were twenty others which fell into one or more of the following headings: idealistic claptrap; dramatic over-statements; cross generalisations. It was clear that very little back-up research had been done in order to add weight to some of the claims under the "conference notes" heading. The "Conference instructs" section was a wondrous bubble of demanding, condemning, organising, mobilising etc etc so typical of the Trotskyist motions. It was naturally torn to shreds in favour of the "delete all and insert" amendment one (co-proposed by ICU) which bore the distinguishing trade mark of the Broad Left: sickness. By simply avoiding extremist jargon, the movers of this amendment gained a clear advantage and in addition, the clear, cohesive way in which the document was presented must have made this motion a winner all the way.

The amendment (later to become the substantive) said that the expansion of education since the mid-sixties has been mainly in the area of technological and job-orientated courses and that this expansion has been designed to produce even more graduates tailor-made to become part of the big-business machinery and thus contribute to capitalism. The system is a very strong one due to the infiltration of "business interest" into the area of education through financing research and representation on college governing bodies. This is not in the interests of students, and moves have been made to try and combat the system. It goes on to criticise competitiveness in education (i.e. exams etc) stating it restricts educational opportunities and reinforces the divisions within our class society. The "democratic" angle was worked into the motion by its suggestion that all representatives on college governing bodies should be elected by those whom they represent rather than arbitrarily appointed on the basis of supposed interest or expertise. Fine sentiments indeed. It also appears that students who have been prepared to stand up and criticise their course curricula have played an important role in developing the curricula. A very serious point raised was that in certain cases, research has shown that externally imposed examiners tend to allocate exam grades in unchanging proportions — a questionably remarkable consistency each year. This followed on from general remarks which criticise the inconsistency of various forms of assessment which can be detrimental to a student's academic perspective. Schools too come under fire as being in general more interested in achieving a high university entrance rate than in helping their school leavers with careers advice etc.

The attitude expressed in the motion was "that the merging of educational resources with added financial resources could lay the foundation for a flexible and expanding system of post-school education which could include: opportunities for day release and part-time education, a great expansion in adult education, the introduction of re-training and bridging courses, as well as expansion within full-time courses." i.e. Let's have greater flexibility and accessibility. (One failing of the motion is, however, that it omits to say where the "added financial resources" might come from). A GREAT DEAL OF OPINION WAS EXPRESSED TO SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT THE CONTENT OF MANY COURSES ARE BASED ON AND AIMED AT THE INTERESTS OF CAPITALISM. So in order to combat this, a call was made to fight for the democratisation of governing bodies, to challenge the most restrictive aspects of assessment; and to step-up the production of rational criticisms of courses. On a structural level, a call was made to sever all links between educational institutions and big business. The motion strongly advocated constituent organisations publishing their won prospectuses which would highlight academic courses, welfare provisions, teaching methods, assessment, social life and the role of student unions (including NUS). Such prospectuses would form "an alternative" to those given out by college authorities.

In succinct summary, the motion lists the four fundamental issues affecting post-school today (and proposes that the NUS should focus its attention on them);

1. the poor level of finance for education.
2. democracy in education
3. the content of education

The Delegation from IC Union:

Trevor Phillips, Nick Payne, Bill Gerrard, Paul Watkins, Chris Kourouniotis.
Observers: Sunhil Mohindra, Jacqui Gerrard, Bob Bain.

THIS YEAR'S NUS Easter conference was held for the first time at Llandudno (in preference to Margate) during the period April 7th - 11th. Here we present the highlights of this gruelling five-day spectacle designed to mirror student opinion nationally. MIKE WILLIAMS reports.

The new Exec

The new National Executive of NUS (with the exception of the Welsh and Scottish area chairmen, who are elected elsewhere) is as follows:-

President: Charles Clarke (Cambridge U., Broad Left).
 Dep. Pres.: Alastair Stewart (Bristol U., Broad Left).
 Treasurer: Hugh Lanning (Birmingham Poly, Independent).
 Secretary: Sue Slipman (Inst. of Education, Broad Left).
 V Pres (Areas): John Webster (Architectural Assoc., Broad Left).
 V.Pres (Services): Pete Ashby (Warwick U., Broad Left).
 V.Pres (Education): Trev Phillips (Imperial College, Broad Left).
 V.Pres (Welfare): Jez Lloyd (Liverpool U., Broad Left).
 Exec. Officers: Pete Gillard (Leeds U., Int. Socialists).
 Rex Osborn (Inst. of Education, Broad Left).
 Jacqui Webber (Jordonhill College, Broad Left).
 Exec. Comm. Members: Perry Cooper (South Bank Poly, Broad Left).
 Val Coultas (Oxford Poly, (Int. Marxist Group)).
 Francis Hayden (Bristol U., Liberal).
 Chris Morgan (St. Andrew's U., Broad Left).

4. the structure of the education system.

The mandates listed at the end of the motion are more organisational in their application than militant. It shows the typical Broad Left strategy of approaching problems little by little, building up a strong base of support enhanced by good inter-constituent organisational communication rather than running headlong into stubborn confrontation which would make things worse rather than better. It is this which is the essential root of the Trotskyist jibe of "wishwashiness" so often directed at the Broad Left. My own personal comment would be that if all the mandates listed are fulfilled, and all the C.O.'s cooperate then fine. But I fear that the mandates themselves are extremely vulnerable to Executive complacency (this is really why Al Stewart was censured over Surrey's rent strike) and constituent organisation apathy (and we all know what that means). But with a large majority of Broad Left amongst its members, I'm sure the NUS Executive can prove my cynicism wrong.

The IC Union Delegation all voted FOR the Education motion.

Debate on the EEC

Thursday 11.40a.m. (lasted in total about 2 hours 15 mins).

THE WHOLE question of the Common Market struck me as approximately peculiar. There was never any suggestion that the conference should debate whether Britain should stay in or remain outside the EEC; the arguments centred on just how the NUS could best campaign to get Britain out! Indeed, John Randall's opening speech seemed to pre-empt the very idea of an in/out debate: "But my question tonight is not concerned with the choice between staying in and coming out of the Market. My question is how do we campaign and how do we express best our opposition to the Common Market."

The substantive motion (one of the shortest, only two-and-a-third pages long)

(Continued on page 10.)

THE ELECTION SLATES

APART FROM a few odd exceptions, the NUS elections were strictly sectarian with nearly sixty candidates standing for the fifteen Executive posts on a specific platform aligned with a particular political group. Whilst this tended to help the delegates' analysis of the candidates, sectarian wrangling, bitching and blatant slanging often disrupted the proceedings. As far as I could make out, the left wing groups differed from one another marginally in their respective analyses of issues and principally in the respective tactics they wished to adopt in dealing with the issues, some being more extreme than others.

Starting at the extreme left of the political spectrum we have the **Worker's Revolutionary Party (WRP)**. A biased critique of the election slates offered by the Broad Left sums it up succinctly: "No NUS election would be the same without the WRP Cassandras yelling about the imminent end of everything. It is comforting to know that despite our warts, the WRP will 'unconditionally defend us all from the attacks of the capitalist state'. We can walk the streets of Llandudno in peace: we have nothing to fear."

In the elections for the top four posts, the average number of votes cast for the WRP candidates was around seven out of a total of about 700.

Next in succession is the **International Marxist Group (IMG)**. Before the elections, the IMG attempted to form an alliance with other ultra-left groups but they clearly failed. Categorized by many (along with WRP, NOLS and IS) under the "struggle, struggle - crisis, crisis" heading, members of the IMG described themselves as revolutionaries. They generally commanded less than fifty votes in each election, but did succeed in raising enough support to get Val Coultas elected as an Executive Committee Member.

On to the **National Organisation of Labour Students (NOLS)**. This appears to be a relatively new group on the NUS scene. The Labour Party Executive did not, in fact, endorse this slate due to the apparently undemocratic way in which their candidates' nominations were contrived. They placed great emphasis on militancy but little else. Each NOLS candidate advertised their slate at the hustings inevitably inviting contemptuous jeers. In the election of the top four posts, the highest number of votes recorded for a NOLS candidate was thirty-one.

Next we come to the **International Socialists (IS)**.

The IS were predictably the strongest challengers to the Broad left's supremacy in the elections and so understandably the IS/BL friction was often manifested. The section on the IS in the Broad Left's widely-circulated critique of the election slates shows just how seriously the BL

took the IS challenge for power especially the bid for the presidency by Terry Povey, a member of this year's NUS Executive. In the elections for the four top posts and the four vice-presidencies, IS came second in all but one of these.

Moving on further we come to by far the strongest group in the NUS today, the **Broad Left (BL)**. Often smeared by other factions of the Left, members of this alliance of Communists, Left Labour and non-aligned Socialists were duly elected to eleven posts on the national executive.

The BL is generally considered to be the moderate alternative to the other Trotskyist groups. But whilst being the object of contempt (envy?) for all the other political groups, no-one could fail to be impressed by the amount of preparation which the BL put into its candidates' election campaigns. The personalised "vote!" stickers were novel and on the whole, the BL candidates (including Trevor Phillips) proved themselves to be shrewd election strategists.

Further to the right are the **Liberals**. Their joint manifesto "The Piccadilly Line" was at first scoffed at as unimportant. It was the BL who betrayed their concern about them when they devoted nearly three pages of their election slates critique to criticising the Libs (by far the longest criticism of all). The flattery thereby accorded to the Liberals was not entirely without foundation because in the vast majority of the elections, their candidates tended to come fairly consistently third. Their presidential candidate, Francis Hayden, managed to get elected as an Executive Committee Member.

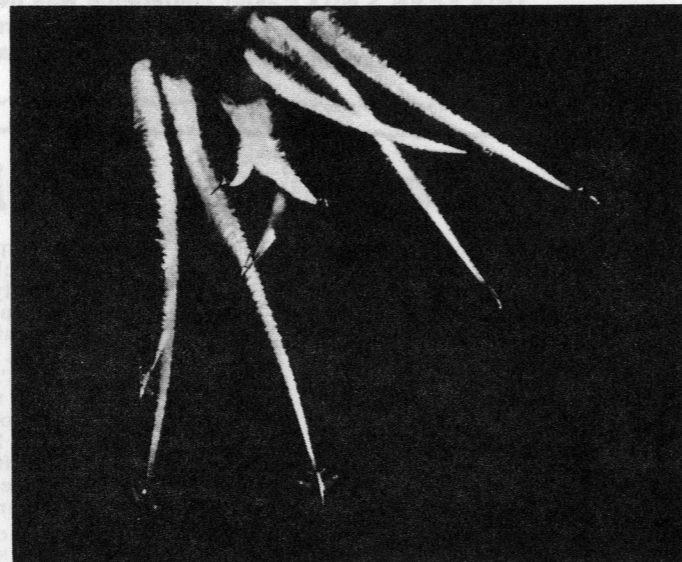
Still further to the right is the **Radical Action Group (RAG)**. The slightest mention of RAG at the conference produced a tirade of jeers, so one can imagine the fate which befell their sole candidate for President, Andy Vallence-Owen. Together with emergence of the liberals and the presence of the Federation of Conservative of Students (FCS, who did not put up any official candidates themselves), RAG constituted the core of what the left-wing groups called "the right-wing backlash". Vallence-Owen polled a mere seventy-three votes in the presidential election, but narrowly missed getting elected as an Executive Officer.

Of the remaining unaligned candidates, only one requires mention: Hugh Lanning, who stood as an Independent Socialist after having a bust-up with the IS. It appears that IS wanted Lanning, already a member of the Executive, to stand for a post other than Treasurer. He refused and was thus branded a careerist by IS. Supported by John Randall (who, when elected, stood as an Independent Socialist), Lanning pushed ahead and eventually succeeded in beating favourite John Carr (Broad Left) who is ULU President this year.

CONFERENCE



D. ALANACH: 1st Landscape slide.

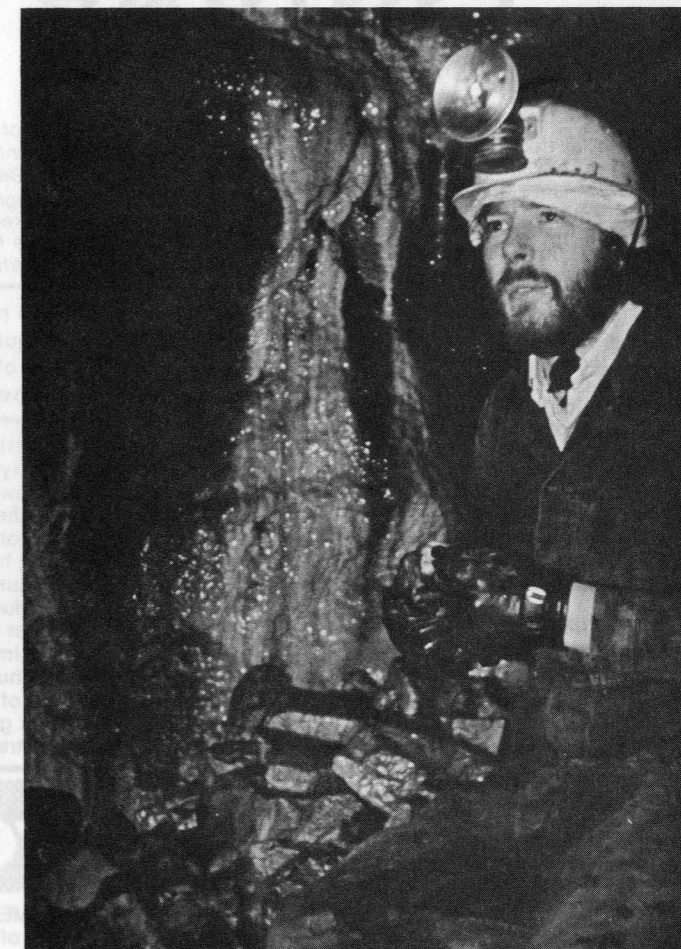


'Bomb Burst' by V. PHILLIPS highly commended open slide



'Down the Tunnel'

by W.A.C. JEDRZEJOWICZ 1st local B&W



F. COOKE 3rd open slide

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY COMPETITION

HERE ARE some of the winning photographs from the annual photographic society competition which was run at the end of last term. This competition attracted over 230 entries in 7 categories - over double last year's entry. The winners shared £35 in prizes presented at the Society's Wine and Cheese party.

Black and white print and colour print entries will be on show on level 1 College block

from 28th April for one week.

The full results are:-

Colour Prints: Open
Equal 1st
V. Erkmen
W.A.C. Mier-Jedrzejowicz

Black And White Prints: Open
1st B. Walker
2nd B. Walker
3rd W.A.C. Mier-Jedrzejowicz

Portrait
1st W.A.C. Mier-Jedrzejowicz
2nd B. Walker

Local
1st W.A.C. Mier-Jedrzejowicz
2nd W.A.C. Mier-Jedrzejowicz

Colour Transparencies: Open
1st D. Alanach
2nd W.A.C. Mier-Jedrzejowicz
3rd F. Cooke
Highly Commended
V. Phillips

Natural History
1st B. Walker
2nd M.P. Isles
3rd B. Walker

Landscape
1st D. Alanach
2nd R. Forster
3rd R.S. Newmann
Highly Commended
R.S. Newmann



'Worried' by W.A.C. MIER-JEDRZEJOWICZ 1st Portrait B&W

FELIX Photographic Competition

First Prize: £5

(Entry fees will be added to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.)

Rules:

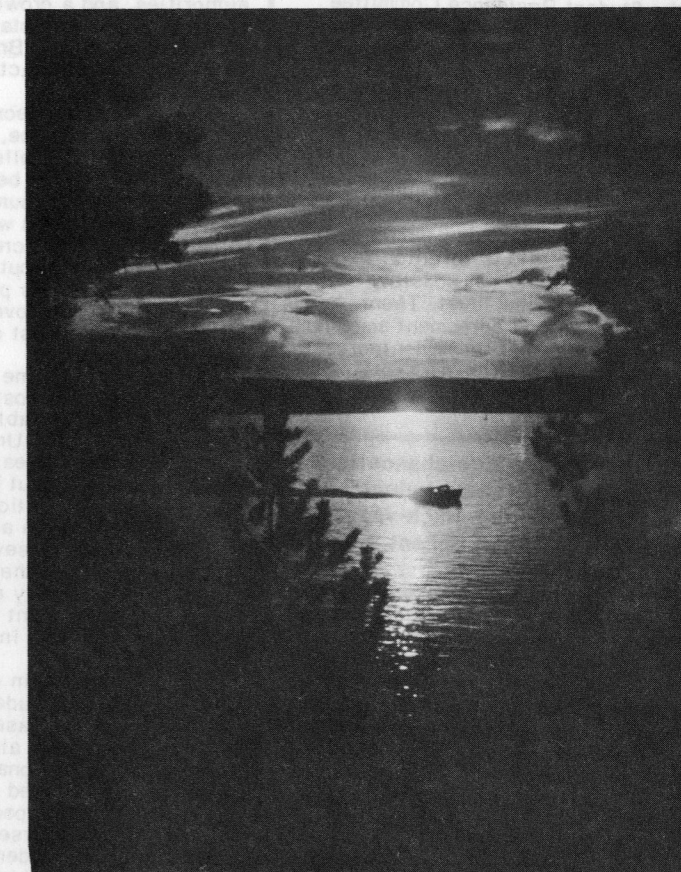
1. The competition is open to all student and staff members of Imperial College.
2. The category is "Open Transparencies" (35mm or 2 1/4 sq.)
3. The entry fee (Per 5 transparencies entered) will be 25p (20p for Photsoc members).
4. All entries must have: bottom left corner of the viewing side marked; and the entrant's name and college address on each transparency.
5. FELIX reserves the right to publish any of the entries.
6. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, MAY 2nd, 1975.

Entries and enquiries to FELIX office or R.S. Newmann, Mech. Eng. 3.

The competition will be adjudicated by a Central Agency judge.



'Pacific Highway Turramurra' by B. WALKER 1st Natural History slide



R.S. NEWMANN Highly commended landscape slide

PRECJ PJCE

THE SUMMER TERM is, as always, the term of reflection, boozing, serious study, boozing, examinations, boozing, young love, yet more boozy and frantic last-minute revision. An unearthly hush descends upon the College, and worried undergraduates, laden with books and papers scuffle around muttering "Must do some work now."

For the Union, it is a time of consolidation and preparation; there are loose ends to be cleared up, projects to be completed, discussions to be concluded. Briefings must be prepared for our successors; hopefully, so that they are in a better position at the start of their terms that we were, and don't have to spend half the year on bureaucracy; putting things in order; finding out how things work; (then having to change them, anyway).

"(the Governing Body's decisions on allocation of finance)...are guaranteed to wring anguished howls of distress from students and staff alike..."

Everyone anxiously awaits the results of the Governing Body's decisions on allocation of finance. These are guaranteed to wring anguished howls of distress from students and staff alike; despite the £465m. UGC grant to universities for 1975-6, the Government has again decided to chop the education budget by £76m this time. Yet more evidence of disastrous Government policy on public expenditure.

There is good news and bad news on Hall and House rents. The good news is that the Student Residence Committee approved the negotiated deal of a 75p rise in Halls, with no change in House rents. In the present circumstances, I regard this as favourable, compared to the position when we started talks. At that time we were being asked to accept rises of £2.00 for both Halls and Houses!

The bad news is that the agreement stands only for the Autumn term, on the understanding that a review would take place only if the rate of inflation was such that rents could not possibly be maintained at the new level. There appears to be a tacit agreement amongst Vice-Chancellors that they will increase rents in accordance with UGC self-balancing rules, rather than in keeping with student grants.

"...perhaps the vice-chancellors should stop victimising students... and begin to use their much-vaunted strength...in getting a decent grant for their students."

It seems to me that this is a trend guaranteed to produce frequent (and steep) rent rises, and with it, the "spectre" of yet more rent strikes; perhaps the vice-chancellors should stop victimising students, as at Lancaster, and begin to use their much-vaunted strength by getting the UGC to repeal the unworkable self-balancing rules, or in getting a decent grant for their students.

I will be writing about the actual campaigns brought forward from Llandudno next week. The report of the ICU delegation will be presented at the next UGM, on Thursday May 1st (MAYDAY!), with recommendations on it, for that UGM to adopt. Watch for Exec News.

The recent silence of the national Press as regards student affairs has been quite deafening. Before the conference the Daily Telegraph & Daily Express were falling over themselves to attack the NUS and to hail the heroes of the "right-wing revival". Where are they now?

"This makes the position of the media on students quite clear: attack them when you can - otherwise never say a good word about them."

Perhaps there is little for the "Express" and "Smellygraph" to attack. Charles Clarke, the new President, was, to the surprise of all the pundits, only 29 votes out of 700 short of a first-round victory, demonstrating his wide support. The major issues discussed were Grants and Cuts, Housing, Education and the EEC and the Lancaster dispute, all of demonstrably critical importance and concern to students; thus the conference could not be accused of irrelevance. The policy passed was, in general, good, and the position of the Ultra-Left and Right

Trevor Phillips

were overwhelmingly rejected, particularly on the Education motion.

Perhaps what hurt the Press most was that the heroes that they had built out of RAG coordinator, Andy Vallance-Owen, and the Liberal, Francis Hayden, proved to be equally shallow, incompetent, and inadequate. Hayden crept on to the Executive through the combined votes of the Federation of Conservative Students, Liberals, RAG and some of the Ultra-left—hardly a distinguished array of supporters. *Neither of these two worthies took any part in the policy debates on the bread-and-butter issues; they only took part in elections. It seems that if they want the support and respect of students they must deliver coherent alternative policies on housing, etc., rather than simply carving out careers for themselves.*

This makes the position of the media on students quite clear: attack them when you can - otherwise never say a good word about them.

Overseas Fees

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of yet another rise in the tuition fees of overseas students in universities and further education in colleges comes as no surprise to most people. Events of recent months, particularly fee rises imposed by local education authorities, and a growing controversy over the number and status of the 80,000 overseas students in Britain made it almost inevitable that such action would be taken quite soon.

Mr Prentice, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, announcing the increases for F.E. Colleges on March 18th, said fees for courses below degree level would increase by around £50 and that fees for other courses would go up by some 20 per cent. These increases apply for all students, of course, but since students on grants have their fees paid by their LEA, it is particularly the overseas student who will be hit, since most overseas students pay their own fees.

The rise is only one of several in different sectors of post-school education; perhaps the most notable of the others is the increase in Open University tuition fees. All the fee increases are part of the continuing trend to cut back on government expenditure on education. The results of this policy have been alarming, and include the closure of several colleges, forced mergers, and the dropping of courses throughout the country as well as an overall lowering of student target numbers, and a drastic contraction in the supply of teachers.

These cuts have in general fallen on those sectors and students least able to afford it, as in the case of overseas students. They have also meant a severe reduction in educational opportunity for already disadvantaged sections of the community, working people, women, immigrants, and overseas students. It is, of course, no coincidence, that these are the sections least able to resist such an attack effectively.

The increase to overseas students represents a sizable sum. All but a few thousand overseas students in receipt of overseas

Development Ministry bursaries will be forced to pay it. Mr Prentice admitted that it would mean hardship for some students, but said that universities and LEA's should exercise discretion in these cases. The Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals promptly pointed out, however, that was hardly reasonable, as no extra funds were being provided for this purpose. This could result in a situation where many overseas students are forced to drop out of their courses for lack of funds - thus incurring an appalling waste of the student's time, talent and resources.

This is the latest development in a recent series of moves which will question the right of overseas students to study in Britain, under the same conditions as 'home students'. These events include press articles, the setting up of a joint CVCP/UGC working party, speeches, and evidence to parliamentary committees calling for a reduction in the number of overseas students (particularly postgraduates) in Britain. Possibly the most significant event is the likely capitulation of Bradford University Senate, (which has held out against differential and discriminatory fees for overseas students for eight years), to "economic pressures".

The NUS strongly opposes the differential fees, and is preparing to step up its campaign to repeal them, in conjunction with the Co-ordinating Committee of Overseas Students Organisation, particularly during the summer term and at the start of the Autumn.

It is ironic, however, that the fees increase may succeed in achieving the opposite of its aims. The financial saving is unlikely to be great, as the increase may cause students to drop out, and is clearly a disincentive to recruitment. Furthermore, the aid to development represented by trained and qualified personnel may be nullified by restricting entry to those overseas students able to pay - the wealthy and government-sponsored. Thus prohibitive fees may actually negate one of the major benefits of having overseas students in Britain.

PRIZE CROSSWORD

No.15

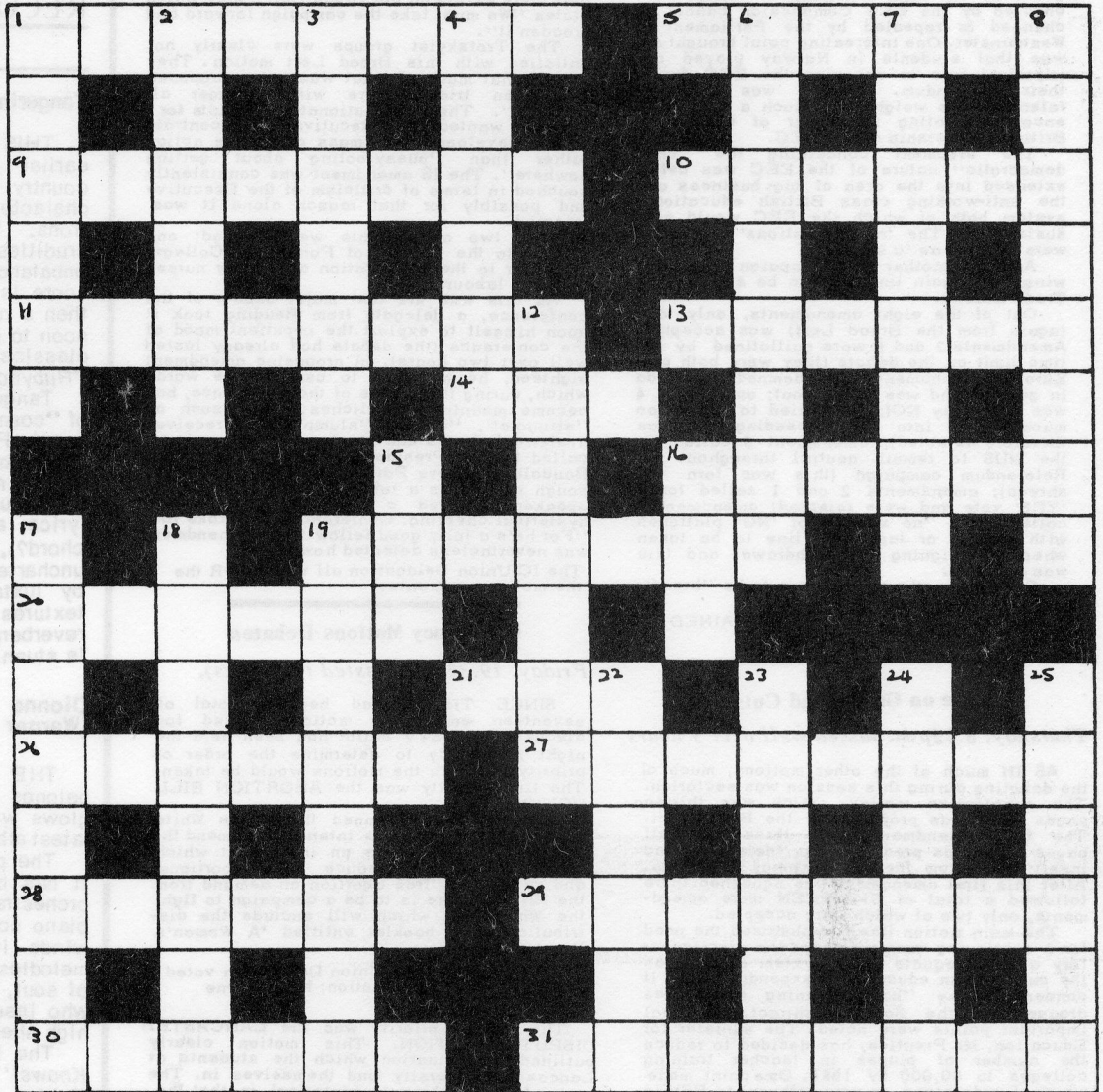
Xam

Across:

1. He likes bargains, and where he gets them (4,4).
5. Covers with a cloth American curtains (6).
9. Right Roman to be round quietly on answer (8).
10. Decays back to the queen, who keeps things (6).
11. Paper on the dunce's head (8).
13. Hung-up saint rarely sounded bells (6).
14. Trap a number in reverse (3).
16. Like a rose, extra large in actual surroundings (6).
19. I'm a fool, having circular teeth with a drink (7).
20. Those batting own Scots mad (6).
21. mine, of 501 grams (3).
26. Nudges the Spanish weapons (6).
27. Poisonous chemical composed of nickel, cobalt, titanium and neon (8).
28. Tailless crow, not quite tall provides lichen (6).
29. Self-centred, oddly one goes 'twitch' (8).
30. I'm the fool Dot let out (6).
31. Unable to hear in the extreme, it's said, but put up a fight (8).

Down:

1. Unkempt, to wit, a bird (6).
2. You'd be cooler like this in the classroom (6).
3. Getting up, Esau works without a wife (6).
4. An Italian is able, after a short tussle (6).
6. to put up a share, round going round (8).
7. Small stomach right in deep, brought up and interchanged (8).
8. Wander from one's course in street Elgar put up around his centre (8).
12. Write with violin in bird (7).
15. Untouched after service, successful flyer (3).
16. has to take one gram in gear (3).
17. Fifty- one detected (heard) and permitted (8).
18. Rob is not to change the line of the storm (8).
19. Fifty lob swan - could be a good missile in winter! (8).
23. Tonight, it's heard, there's explosives (6).
24. coloured can, Eddy (6).
25. Marsh land, initially corporation effluent dump, encircled with wire (6).



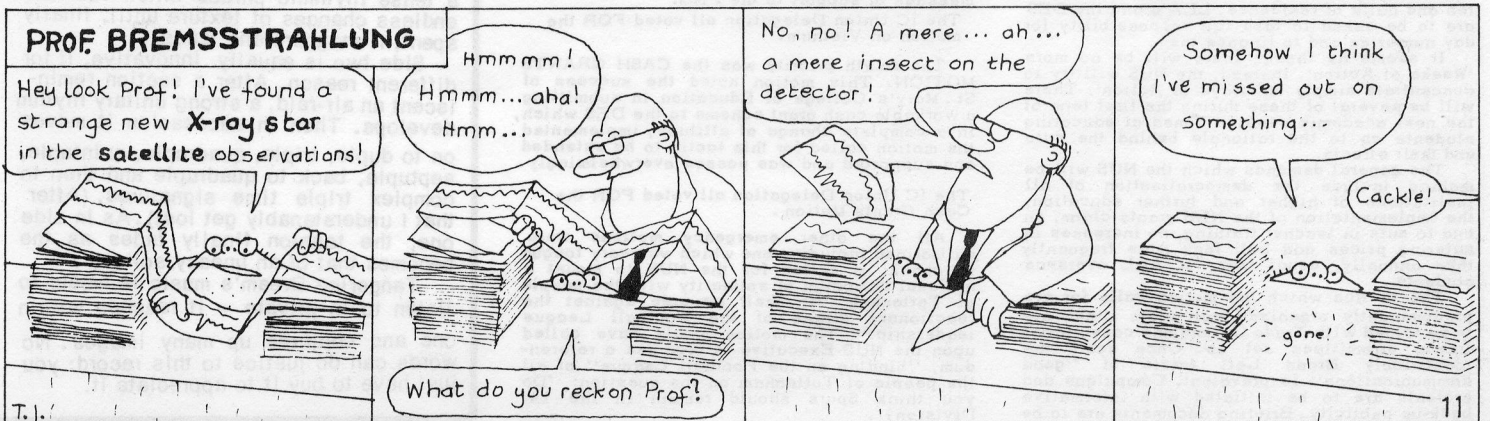
Answers to PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 14

ACROSS: 1. Ubiquitous. 5. IC. 8. Endow. 10. Calling. 11. Pragmatic. 12. Korea. 13. Ordinary. 15. Rabbi. 16. Malice. 18. Home. 19. Nod. 20. Rhetoric. 23. Supersonic.

DOWN: 1. Unemployment. 2. India. 3. Taciturn. 4. Unlock. 6. Cogitation. 7. Diatribe. 9. Woman. 14. Delude. 15. Robots. 17. Corfu. 21. Eve. 22. Inn.

Entries must reach the FELIX office by noon next Wednesday. The winning solution will be drawn out of the Editors Hat. The Editor's decision will be final.

Despite the fact that two clues were accidentally omitted from last week's vacation crossword, several students still managed to cope with this unfortunate disadvantage. Since this particular sheet of FELIX is being printed on Wednesday morning, the winner of the £3 prize which was offered last week will be named in this week's Editorial.



NUS Annual Conference

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highlighted the loss of national sovereignty and the serious restriction of economic freedom which would ensue. Laws and taxes acted by the EEC Commission cannot be enacted by the EEC Commission cannot be changed or repealed by the Parliament at Westminster. One interesting point brought out was that students in Norway played an important role in opposing the EEC during their referendum. Another was that the referendum is weighted in such a way as to encourage voting in favour of continuous British membership of the EEC.

The argument concerning the "anti-democratic" nature of the EEC was deftly extended into the area of big-business and the anti-working class British educational system both of which the EEC would give sustenance. The 're-negotiations' of Wilson were branded as 'a sham'.

And yet another NUS campaign is to take wing. Yet again links are to be sought with Trade Unions.

Out of the eight amendments, only one (again from the Broad Left) was accepted. Amendments 7 and 8 were guillotined by the time limit on the debate (they were both pro-Europe); amendment 6 condemned referenda in general and was thrown out; amendment 4 was tabled by NOLS and tried to inject too much dogma into the proceedings (it was therefore rejected); amendment 3 called for the NUS to remain neutral throughout the Referendum campaign (this was torn to shreds); amendments 2 and 1 called for a 'YES' vote and were rejected; amendment 5 called for a "no sharing of 'NO' platforms with racists or fascists" line to be taken when campaigning for withdrawal and this was accepted.

Once again, the campaign is to be "broadly based."

The IC Union Delegation all ABSTAINED from voting on the EEC motion.

Debate on Grants and Cuts.

Thursday, 8.22p.m. lasted well over 3 hours

AS IN much of the other motions, much of the debating during this session was sectarian. The substantive motion, which was thirteen pages long, was proposed by the Broad Left. The first amendment (only three-and-a-half pages long) was predictably a "delete all and insert" one from the International Socialists. After this first amendment was squashed there followed a total of EIGHTEEN more amendments, only two of which were accepted.

The main motion itself emphasised the need for a continuing campaign over the discriminatory and inadequate grant system as well as the cutbacks in educational expenditure and it condemned the "belt-tightening sympathies aroused by the Social Contract." Several important points were noted. The Minister for Education, Mr Prentice, has decided to reduce the number of places in teacher training colleges to 60,000 by 1981. One point made which, I understand, is very relevant to RSM is that a student grant is paid for 32 weeks yet many students are expected to study during the holidays. Therefore many students are "full-time students on a part-time grants". Whilst vacation study grants exist, they are discretionary awards and can be very difficult to obtain. A call was later made for grants to be extended to cover the two short vacations. The governmental annual grant review was criticised since it considered only the level of grants and not the basic structure of the grants system. Apparently some students unions have achieved some measure of success in the fight against the erosion of their grants by reformatory and hall fee increases through the use of tactics such as reformatory boycotts, rent strikes etc.

Once again the blame for the education cuts is put on the shoulders of the right-wing dominated Labour Cabinet which, it would appear, by economising on the education sector is attempting to help out big business. Means testing received its perfunctory hammering. A call was made for colleges to incur a deficit rather than pass on price increases in reformatory and halls of residence. LEA's and the DES are to be asked to take full responsibility for day nurseries and to finance them.

It seems as though there will be no more 'Weeks of Action'. Instead, the NUS will try to concentrate simply on 'Days of Action'. There will be several of these during the first term of the next academic session aimed at educating students as to the rationale behind the cuts and their effects.

The general demands which the NUS will be making include the democratisation of all institutions of higher and further education, the implementation of the NUS grants claim, an end to cuts in teacher training, no increases in catering prices and hall fees more frequently than annually, equal fees for ALL overseas students.

The tactics which the motion calls for are predominantly organisational ones. Links are to be forged with Trade Unions and consultative liaison committees set up. Once again the identifiably Broad Left tactic of "good communications" is prevalent. Campaigns and protests are to be initiated with informative back-up publicity. Briefing documents are to be

prepared and circulated to Trade Unions and constituent organisations. All this goes to support the view of one of my Press colleagues that there exists an old Broad Left adage which states "We must take the campaign forward and broaden it".

The Trotskyist groups were clearly not satisfied with this Broad Left motion. They argued that much of what was being proposed had been tried before with "bugger all success". The International Socialists for example wanted the Executive to concentrate on the development of mass disruptive action rather than "pussyfooting about getting nowhere". The IS amendment was consistently couched in terms of criticism of the Executive and possibly for that reason alone it was rejected.

Only two amendments were carried: one related to the closure of Furzedown College, the other to the exploitation of nursery nurses as cheap labour.

As this was the last major debate of the conference, a delegate from Reading took it upon himself to exploit the impatient mood of the conference (the debate had already lasted well over two hours). In proposing amendment eighteen, he managed to use all the words which, during the course of the conference, had become meaningless clichés. Words such as "struggle", "crisis", "slump" all received hysterical cheers and laughter. The amendment called for the President-elect to present John Randall and Steve Parry with a box of 'Hacks' cough sweets as a token of appreciation. The speaker received a standing ovation with hysterical cheering. Conference then broke into "For he's a jolly good fellow". The amendment was nevertheless defeated however.

The IC Union Delegation all voted FOR the motion on Grants.

Emergency Motions Debates

Friday, 19.32a.m. (lasted two hours).

SINCE THERE had been a total of seventeen emergency motions tabled for discussion an STV ballot had been held the night previously to determine the order of priority in which the motions would be taken. The first priority was the ABORTION BILL MOTION.

The motion condemned the James White Abortion Bill (which is intended to amend the 1967 Abortion Act) as an instrument which would undoubtedly reduce legal abortions and called for "free abortion on demand from the NHS." There is to be a campaign to fight the White Bill which will include the distribution of a booklet entitled 'A Woman's Right to Choose.'

All but one of the IC Union Delegation voted for the Abortion Bill motion; Nick Payne abstained.

The second priority was the LANCASTER DISPUTE MOTION. This motion clearly outlined the situation which the students at Lancaster University find themselves in. The root of the problem is historical in that the University authorities have refused to recognise the students union as a body with the right to negotiate on behalf of its members. The authorities appear to be taking a tough line in the hopes that if they win then a precedent for other colleges and universities to take a similar line will be set. The motion called for lots of support, campaigning etc.

The IC Union Delegation all voted FOR the Lancaster Dispute motion.

The third priority was the VIETNAM MOTION. This motion condemned the Daily Mail and American sponsored airlifts of Vietnamese orphans and the stand adopted by the media concerning the situation in Indo-China. The motion pointed out that the International Red Cross support this view. The motion called for an end to all US military and political involvement in Vietnam, the recognition of the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Resolutions are to be sent to Mr Wilson and the US Embassy, as well as a message of support to the PRG.

The IC Union Delegation all voted FOR the motion on Vietnam.

The fourth priority was the CASH GRANTS MOTION. This motion noted the success of St. Mary's College of Education in submitting a workable cash grant scheme to the DES which, in a complete change of attitude, implemented the motion called for this tactic to be extended and supported and was passed overwhelmingly.

The IC Union Delegation all voted FOR the Cash Grants Motion.

All the other emergency motions were guillotined including one which was very tongue in cheek: it called for the NUS to mount a national campaign of solidarity with the people of Tottenham "in their struggle against the reactionary clique of the Football League leadership." The motion would have called upon the NUS Executive to organise a referendum, "binding on the Football League" of all the people of Tottenham on the question: 'Do you think Spurs should remain in the 1st Division?'

REVIEWS

RECORDS

Jack Llewellyn

Tangerine Dream: Alpha Centauri (Super)

THIS IS one of Tangerine Dream's earlier conceptions (released in this country for the first time by Polydor), characterised by the absence of mellotrons. Whilst there are perceptible crudities in the production (such as imbalance of the various parts), the score is unmistakably T.D., who were then a raw fusion of musical initiatives soon to mature and produce such enique classics as "Phaedra" and most recently "Rubycon".

Tangerine Dream create a unique kind of "cosmic atmosphere" with their music — only Pink Floyd at their most imaginative come anywhere near this particular area of musical sound. Whereas so many other musicians will search for gimmicky lyrics, a commercial tune (— the lost chord?), Tangerine Dream explore the uncharted regions of musical surrealism by juxtaposing differently synthesised textures which are decorated with reverberating tonal clusters. The effect is stunning.

Dionne Warwick: Then Came You (Warner Bros.)

THE MAGICAL velvet lustre which belongs to the voice of Dionne Warwick glows with a mature warmth in this, her latest album.

The presentation is much the same as it has been in the past: a backdrop of orchestral depth characterised by a strong piano score against which the vocal line winds its vibrant way. Nearly all the melodies have been penned by the old man of soul, arranger/composer Jerry Ragovoy who insures that his final product has a high sheen to it.

The best cuts to my taste are "Who Knows" and "We'll Burn Our Bridges Behind Us"; the former because of the fundamental strength in the simple triple time signature and the latter because of its excellent lyrics.

An obvious must for DW fans and a damn fine soul album into the bargain.

Tangerine Dream: Rubycon (Virgin)

Wispy textures of white noise merge with a synthesised background harmonic cluster supported by a mellotron textural base and the latest Tangerine Dream album pulsates into life.

Side one is a gem: after blindly groping into a cloudy dreamland with softly floating concords echoing in phase, the music transcends the mood to become a tense rhythmic phrase which survives endless changes of texture until, finally spent, it staggers and fades.

Side two is equally innovative, if for different reason. After a section reminiscent an air-raid, a strong unitary rhythm develops. Then in succession it moves on to duple, triple, quadruple, quintuple, septuple, back to quadruple and then to complex triple time signatures. (After that I understandably get lost). As in side one, the tension finally fades as the becomes that of an uneasy soliquy.

Tangerine Dream's music is music to listen to in private — it reaches within one and conjures up many images. No words can do justice to this record: you just have to buy it to appreciate it.

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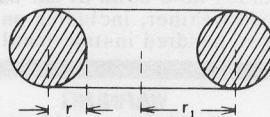
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A few singles in the woodwork this week .. **Percy Sledge: Ill Be Your Everything (Capricorn)**

In the mould of "When a man Loves a Woman" sung with more style and ability than the vast glut of singles spewed into the top 30 these days - quality doesn't seem to count in the 45's market. This is soft soul at it's best. It's a good thing that not all the real artists have packed their bags.

Lyn Paul: Love (Polydor)

The Seekers, the New Seekers, Lyn Paul - it's all the same unimaginative schmaltz. A million songsmiths wielding but one tune, and all doomed to oblivion. It's as originally written as it is titled, presumably for that 'lucrative' under 5's - over 50's band of the record-buying public (someone must buy it). The B-side's titled "I Could Get Arrested". 10-4 officer! Unpalatable dress.

Mike McGear: Seas Breezes (Warner Brothers)

From the "McGear" album, this is an appalling deformation of the Bryan Ferry composition. If he'd wanted Reggae he would have written it. Although that's rather a tasteless effort the other A-side "Givin' grease a ride" has a rockin' neanderthalic beat penned by brother Paul McCartney and with the right exposure could initiate a few ripples on the rather mediocre singles horizon.

Ian Morse

Maggie Bell: Suicide Sal (Polydor)

LISTENING TO this record I cannot help feeling whether Maggie Bell is really clear what she wants to do with

her career. This, her second Solo album since the demise of Stone the Crows, is a step back- albeit perhaps a more comfortable one- to her rock orionated past., as opposed to her previous effort and its attempts to make her into some sort of Soul Queen. What is clear however, is that she must get people around her capable of choosing material that is suitable for her undoubted talent.

The majority of songs included here are just average, exceptions being Free's "Wishing Well", "Coming on Strong", written by Zoot Money and former Crows drummer Colin Allan, and the Sutherland's 'I was in chains'. 'I saw him standing there' is definitely given a flat outing, whilst Les Sayer's 'In my Life' is a non-starter. The other material is barely average.

The lady sings as superbly as ever and the musicians involved play well enough, although Brian Breezes' guitar lacks its usual cut and thrust of his Ilve work.

Ralph McTell: El Progreso b/w Grande Affair (Warner Bros.)

Gone it seems are the days when the harmless McTell was happy enough singing his simple songs to simple people.

Not content with the 'Sunday colour supplement' zhmuck of 'Streets', with his latest offering, the man lays it on the line where he intends his next mortgage repayments to come from - namely the ever gullible general public. To say this single is an abortion would be an understatement. El Ralpho tells us in his best broken-English about his dark-eyed signorita (with a rose between her teeth), complete with the inevitable fanfare of trumpets, castanets and just about everything else that would make an ideal fortnight in Benidorm for Mr & Mrs Joe Public. Could be this summer's 'Viva Espana'

The B side is'nt.

BOOKS

James Wilkinson

Joan Hemingway and Paul Bomecarrere: Rosebud (Penguin)

This powerful thriller has been translated from the french by Joan Hemingway. Laurent Martin a high ranking french intelligence officer has to deal with the blackmail of the western governments by Palestinian terrorists who have kidnapped five girls, daughters of rich and powerful men. In the words of the cover "Sehrantz, the anarchist, wanted destruction; Hacam, the Palestinian, wanted freedom for his people; and five millionaires wanted their daughters back. Laurent, secret agent deals with them all; even the girls." I didn't put it down until I had finished (4am).

Paul Ekpenyong

Alistair Maclean - The Way To Dusty Death

ALISTAIR MACLEAN has chosen the Grand Prix racing circuits of Europe as the setting for his latest book, 'The Way To Dusty Death'. It flares into action with the central character involved in a crash that causes the death of one of his colleagues. Johnny Harlow (the hero) is first accused of murder and then of having lost his nerve as failure follows him in successive races.

The pace of the book is fast, the suspense gripping and the plot superb. I hope the film moguls do make a film of this one - its bound to be as big a hit as the book is. It went straight to number one position in The Sunday Times paper-backs Best-Sellers league.

FELIX SPORT

GLIDING CLUB FIVE NEW SOLO PILOTS DURING THE VACATION.

That makes a total of nine students trained to solo standard so far this year.

This Easter saw two five-day courses held down at our base airfield at Lasham. There, despite bad weather, including on one occasion four inches of snow, over two hundred instructional

flights were achieved resulting in five students being allowed to go solo. Thanks must be given to the instructors, Paul Minton (Civ Eng Lecturer), Doug Walker (Ex-IC Physics) and John Young who willingly gave us their spare time and effort.

Our more advanced members have not been idle either with two second-year members qualifying to fly our high-

performance *Dart 174*. Also several duration flights were made qualifying their pilots for Bronze 'C' badges and, also, at long last, our Captain has been cleared for cross-country flying and aerobatics

This year probably represents one of the most successful in our 45-year history and it is hoped that it will continue with many hours of soaring during the summer and hundreds of miles of cross country flying done.

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NO LICENCE FOR IC RADIO

(Continued from front page)

IC Radio prior to this, but they had opted for the second system because they were of the opinion that it would not give so much radio interference. However, it would appear that IC Radio intend to comply with the suggestion put to them. It is understood that the "leaky, co-axial cable" system might prove to be the cheaper of the two.

A spokesman for IC Radio commented: "We are extremely disappointed that the Home Office did not inform us sooner. Nevertheless, we shall be looking into the matter".

Further details regarding this new development will be available at the campus Radio AGM on Monday, 28th April, 1975. The meeting is being held in the IC Radio room in Southside and begins at 6.15pm.

WARNING

Would those residents in Southside who throw paper aeroplanes into Prince's Gate Mews take note of the fact that residents in the Mews have given a strict undertaking that they will take legal action should this occur in future. The Mews residents will attempt to involve the Litter Act for which the penalty is a maximum of £100. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

IC GOLF CLUB WINS LONDON CHAMPIONSHIP

IC POWERED to an easy victory in the London Championships at Walton Heath last Easter holidays. It was the first time that IC has taken the trophy since 1933 and yet the team played as though the trophy was as much a part of the College furniture as the Queen's Tower. The first team of Bill Calderwood, John Mendonca, and Ed Clutton played with breath-

taking style. Despite the heavens remaining open all day they took the trophy with record scores and for good measure by a record margin of 27 shots. Of particular note was Ed Clutton who also took a gross score prize. His play left many observers awestruck and few would believe that such mature power play could come from a Maths fresher. The Daily Telegraph correspondent aptly described him as 'a long-hitting golf machine'. The roles played by Bill Calderwood and John Mendonca were hardly supporting and their scores left them close to winning individual prizes.

The only side capable of keeping the winning margin from being much wider than 27 shots was none other than our second team of Bob Allan, Rich Brown, and Nigel Foster.

No other side was in sight. Naturally we were all

delighted with this result, particularly since most of us had left our home comforts in order to venture down to sodden Walton Heath. All the opposing teams had entered teams of four of which one would not count in both morning and afternoon (this allows for someone in the side having an off-day). With typical boldness the IC committee only placed three in each team in the certain knowledge that none of our boys would let us down. None did.

Thus we have achieved the first leg of the unprecedented treble we so earnestly seek. I shall report further as news comes in our standing in both the South and Eastern league as well as our defence of the University Championships which we won last year for the first time.

Nigel Foster.

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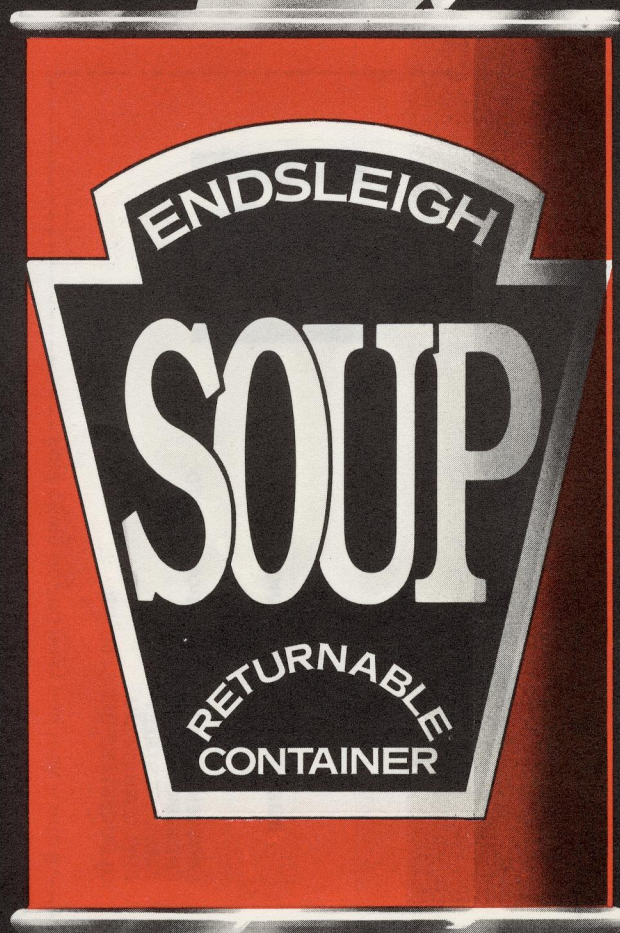
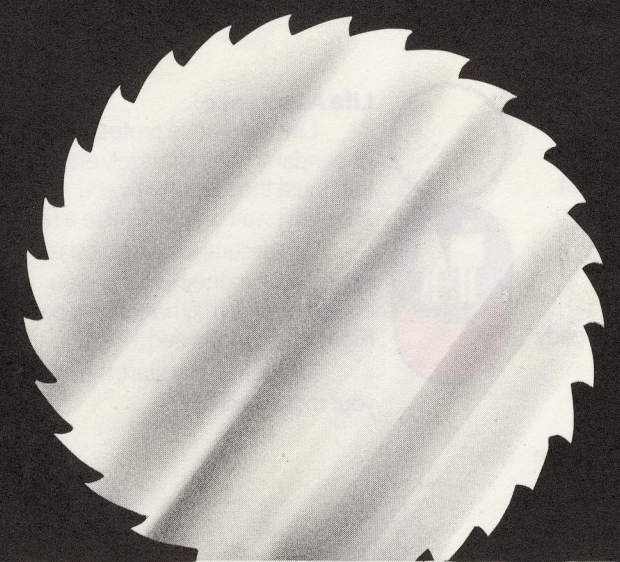
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This is a full-time job.

ANYONE

who is willing to represent the Union in attending the Civic Service of the City of Westminster in Westminster Abbey on Sunday, June 15th at 11am should give their name to Jen, the Union Clerk by May 16th. The Service itself will be a Special Service (not Statutory Matins) and will be attended by The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of Westminster in Civic State. There is no limit to the numbers attending.

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