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PRESIDENT OF GUILDS WALKS OUT ON RCS

AFTER BEING DRENCHED WITH BEER AT FRIDAY'S R.C.S. FRESHER'S DINNER GUILDS PRESIDENT JOLYON NOVE LEFT THE PROCEEDINGS IN DISGUST.

"I was furious" he said later "not because I was wet although that helped, but because Freshers were seeing, at a formal dinner, behaviour that should be reserved for the bar where I enjoy it as much as anyone!"

Previous R.C.S. dinners had presaged no such happenings, and at the beginning this one had been pleasantly peaceful. President John Forster handled interruptions to his excellent opening speech with ease. Professor Blackett, speaking next as a special guest of the R.C.S. Union, received the attention that a man as great as he deserves.

Introducing the next guest Forster said "I am almost frightened to hand you over to the next speaker - gentlemen Mr. Dennis Leston.....now anything can happen".

It nearly did! Leston at ease in a smoke laden concert hall was now completely out of his depth and deserved, and was perhaps playing for the barracking he got. He ended a disappointing speech with an allusion to his numerous immersions on previous Morphy Days, illustrating the point by drenching the occupants of a nearby table with beer, aimed so well it might have been rehearsed.

Perhaps rising to Leston's tacit "this is too dull" theme but perhaps not pleased at having beer soaked suits, neighbouring R.C.S. men retaliated, and in the ensuing melee Jolyon Nove was caught by a spray of beer, he left disgusted.

Leston continued as before, but was cut short by the R.C.S. President whose own feelings on the incident are best indicated by his later apology to Jolyon Nove.

He wrote: "I apologise on behalf of the R.C.S. Union for the regrettable incident which lead to your leaving our Freshers Dinner. I admired your action and endorse your feelings on the subject of Freshers Dinners.

Your expert handling of Guilds' Dinners this year has made them some of the best in recent years.

I would like to add that, had you been able to stay, I'm sure that your impression would have been different. I would like it to be known that Professor Blackett greatly enjoyed his evening with the students.

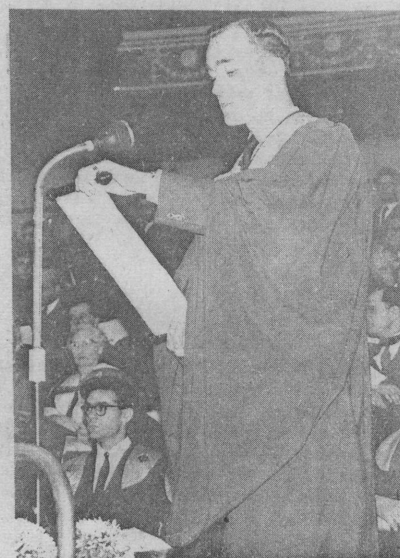
COMMEMORATION DAY

The Commemoration Day ceremony held in the Albert Hall was little different from its predecessors. The event would be far more popular if some way of speeding up the presentation of the Associateship was evolved. As it was, by the time the Rector rose to make his speech many of the audience including your correspondent were already nodding sleepily in their seats.

The main theme of the Rector's Report was that "The College is in a state of rude and vigorous health". The truth of this is manifest around us. Sir Patrick went on outlining the many events of the past year, all leading to one conclusion - expansion, and left his audience with the impression that they were to be the founder members of something very big.

The special visitor this year was Lord Weeks. Speaking at I.C. for the second time in a fortnight, this gentleman of many distinctions delivered a speech which contained a number of extremely cogent ideas.

Unfortunately the delivery was poor, no doubt contributed to by the appalling acoustics in the Albert Hall, and did little to arouse his audience from a somewhat somnolent state. Indeed earlier on a mention of Bo had brought forth only a merest pattering from the assembled Guildsmen.



Lord Weeks spoke at some length about "leadership" pointing out that the scientist of to-day will most probably be the leader of to-morrow, provided that he obtains the breadth of interest and understanding that is so necessary. "On these aspects of a man hangs his ability to secure the allegiance and trust of his fellow men and women, for the prime test of leadership,..... is in dealings with people."

At this point it should be noticed that among the many eminent men receiving honorary fellowships was Sir Lewis Casson, many years ago an engineering student at this College - a man who has truly reached the breadth of interest and understanding mentioned, in a multitude of fields.

Lord Weeks finished with a quotation from "A great headmaster some fifty years ago" - one which we would do well to remember - .

"All I desire would be this; that there should continually go forth from this College a steady stream of young men and women, desiring in perfect simplicity and self-renunciation to do their work for God and Queen and neighbour".

Ian D. Hill.

PROFILE



JOLYON NOVE

Perhaps you will have seen Jolyon Nove - this year's President of Guilds - making his rapid progress about College on a ramshackle old scooter. This machine would I am sure, be able to describe its owner in a far more colourful manner than I can; for it bears several testimonials to his past career, one of them being a brass plate inscribed with the name 'Mohammed Hassan' - an Arab he ran down in Tripoli docks.

Jolyon arrived at I.C. two years ago, having come via Oundle and the Army, and his interests were immediately aroused by the Engineering Society. Beginning as a year rep. he then became the Visit's Sec. He organised an excellent year of visits; culminating in the Easter Trip to Paris where 36 students were able to see something of the French industries etc..... for an astoundingly low cost. He plays Hockey for Guildford, and sometimes village cricket, also took part in organising the Cabaret in last year's Guild's Carnival.

His activities in certain other fields must, perforce, be left unsaid. However his appreciation for the good things in life and his attachment for the charms of the district led to his being forced to occupy three different flats in Unslow Gardens in one year.

His year ended in a three month trip to Canada to gain experience in his chosen Profession of Civil Engineering. This proved a huge success; enabling him, among other things, to spend £150 in one short weekend. He is quite adamant about returning there as soon as possible.

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him the best of luck in the strenuous and, we hope, memorable year ahead of him.

COMMEMORATION BALL

Some 486 paying and a few non-paying guests, danced to the Music of the Savoy Blue Room Orchestra, ~~feted~~ themselves on smoked salmon and fruit salad, and drank the products of the most 'U' Distilleries at Claridges on Thursday last.

The Ball was held in what Claridges designate as the painted room, although for many a beady I.C. eye it could be more aptly named.

There were a noticeable number of newly self elected governors who breaking all the corkage ~~waiter~~ of the house caused a worried ~~water~~ to remark "I don't know where it comes from".

The dancing although starting slowly became spirited when the guests had reached that delicate dynamic equilibrium between sobriety and ~~paralysis~~. Most ~~thought~~ that the Orchestra was good although it was criticised for playing too many slow placid quicksteps. However, these suited everybody's dance style especially when lethargy set in about 1.30 a.m.

The dance finished at 2.30 a.m. with a rousing Auld Lang Syne, when people went their various ways to the Hostel for coffee, Covent Garden for breakfast and some merely to sleep.

The evening was a distinguished success and served as a fitting ending to Commemoration Day.

All thanks are due to the Banqueting Staff of Claridges for a most excellent evening.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Yet another success has come the way of the photographic society this year. It has just been announced that Tony Aycoott has been awarded the first prize in the FIRST INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SALON of Photography in Hong Kong, with his print "Joan". He is to be presented with a cup, and the choice of a Japanese camera or an electronic flash unit and lightmeter.

This print was placed first in the Society's own exhibition last year, and was one of the panel of six prints which won the European Universities title for our society. In the latter exhibition it was one of the five highly commended individual prints.

Tony, who recently left the College, has been one of the most active members of the society for several years, being the main stay of the portrait group. Besides his portrait work he has done most of the stage photography for the I.C.D.S. and L.U.D.S. over the past few years, and has done quite a lot of model and commercial photography.

SKI CLUB

Full details of the Club's Tour of Switzerland this winter have now been prepared. They can be obtained from the Ski Secretary through the Union Rack.

The main party will be flying from Gatwick, on Tuesday morning 29th December, to Geneva. Then on to Saas Fee by rail. They return the same way on Saturday 10th January.

Cost of travel Gatwick to Gatwick and full board and lodging for 12 nights will be £29 to £32 depending at which Hotel you stay. The village is at 6,000 ft. with lifts reaching up to 9,000 ft. Freshers are not able to take their cars as there are no streets in Saas Fee.

I would like to point out that the Club can only take 50, but to date we have had over 90 enquiries. Don't leave booking until December. You will be unlucky.

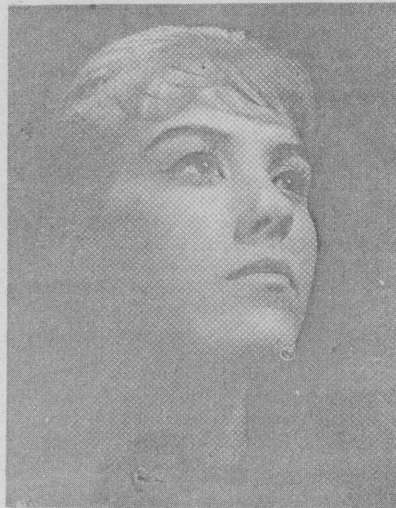
Peter Odell.
Old Hostel, Room 49.

OBITUARY

SIR HENRY TIZZARD

Sir Henry Tizard spent thirteen years between the wars and well into the second World War as Rector of Imperial College. He was far thinking in matters of education and as early as 1935 developed a scheme for the expansion of the College. The British Government was not so science conscious in those days, however, and it was 20 years later that the present expansion was adopted. The present status of the College owes much to the forethought of Sir Henry, he was the first Rector to have 'Big Ideas' for the College, in those years when money for academic expansion was extremely scarce.

Although a prominent man, Sir Henry Tizard would talk to and listen to people of all sorts, sympathising with their views and using his wit, for which he was well known, only to humour and not to harm. There was one exception, however, when referring to the attitude of the government towards science he was quite devastating, and no doubt his criticism has done much to make the government more aware of the vital importance of science in the world to-day.





JAZZ CLUB

The cry "Are you blowing Jazzwise?" is once again echoing round these hallowed walls, and introduces another Jazz year to the Imperial College.

Last year, (under the jurisdiction of first Dennis Leston, and then Gordon Pritchard) was one of the most successful the Jazz club has known, all its various functions being well attended. Jazz appreciation in the College has correspondingly increased. After excellent talks, concerts, and informal sessions throughout the year, the highspot was reached with the Jazz Hop, which featured the music of Al Fairweather-Sandy Brown All-Stars. They swung throughout, to the delight of hundreds of dancers. However, some naive idiot has since complained that they never played a waltz.

Weekly record recitals will be held again this year, featuring well known jazz artists, critics, intellectuals and illiterates. The club is also having Thursday evening sessions, starting soon this term, to provide live music for listening and dancing (admission will be entirely FREE). At these, the tired science student will be able to proceed jazz wise until he reaches absolute exhaustion.

MOTORING

The main activity of the Guilds motor club is at present concentrated on preparing their 1902 James and Browne car Boanerges for the Annual Veteran car club Brighton run on November 1st.

The engine has been re-sleeved and is not yet reinstalled in the chassis and some routine maintenance has also to be done before the run. As usual Bo will be accompanied to Brighton by a crowd of Guildsmen who will assemble at Clerges Hotel for their annual Brighton run dinner together with the crew of Jezebel from R.C.S.

The run starts around 7.30 a.m. on the Sunday and competitors expect to reach Brighton around mid-day. If you can summon up the energy to see the cars off in the morning you will be treated to a memorable sight.

Rene Guerster, Guilds Rally Secretary will compete this week-end (October 24th-25th) in the inter-arsity rally. Clerk of the course for this is Guilds motor club captain John Puttick aided by several other Guildsmen as marshals. This rally is a tough 300 mile closed event over some rough country in Wales. For those who want an easy introduction to rallying, Guilds will hold a treasure hunt at the end of November; all members of I.C. are welcome--no competition licence is required.

The Freshers have provided several talented musicians, including an excellent and much needed undergraduate trumpet player. It is hoped that the club will be able to maintain one traditional and one main stream outfit, besides two existing small modern groups, and the newly formed Folk Song group (the word "skiffle" went out of fashion long ago).

This year the club intends to win all sections of the W.U.S. jazz band competition, (last year the traditional band came second, on normal form it would have undoubtedly won) and also to enter the inter University competition, if financially possible.

Several lunch time jazz concerts will be held this year - in the past, these have been the only entertainment to pack the concert, since Gypsy Rose Lee did a complete strip there in 1940. Dennis Leston, visitor to I.C. and ex-Jazz Club president, has promised his personal appearance at these concerts and at other jazz club sessions, and meetings. Nothing more need be said about this.

It seems likely that college jazz groups will once again be in great demand to play at hops, carnivals, formal balls, and so on. This will give playing members a chance to beat the carnival record established by an eminent ex-president who played swinging piano for 10 hours before eventually collapsing.

A strangely moving sight, seen several weeks ago, was John Farnsworth entering College with an ancient trombone. This completes the formative stage of an experimental group, consisting of bamboo flute, bongos, trombone and man-hole cover. Anyone for tennis?

NELSON'S COLUMN

It would appear that the hostel furniture designers have met their match at last; the occupant of room No. has had his bed replaced after only one week in residence. We think that we have a future Mr. I.C.W.A. here.

The fact that the present Mr. I.C.W.A. has returned his "constant companion" to the custody of their President has shattered all feminine hopes that he is standing for re-election. It is rumoured that this may have some connection with the fact that a notice has appeared on his door stating that "Ewart has lost all interest in sex".

Congratulations to Claire Brookes and Tony Oliver, who, this summer, proved that anything is possible under water and are now engaged as a result.

What a bunch of "old lags" walked up for their D.I.C.'s on Commem. Day in the Albert Hall; one ex-president of U.L.W. and two ex-presidents of I.C. Union and two ex-presidents R.C.S. Union. I suppose they have to give these D.I.C.'s to someone.

Residents returning to the hostel in the early hours of the morning are warned to be on their guard against a feminine ghost that now walks between the second and the third floors of the new hostel. Knocking only once before entering the rooms, this early morning spectre is reported to carry a large cup of tea in the right hand.

What has happened this term to the old club house, rest home for so many has-beens, the Union office? Our special reporter states that Mrs. Robb "has never had it so good".

Proof has been obtained at last that Chad. is pursuing an academic life among other things. A letter has been received from Moscow University where Chad. is finding life a little different to I.C. - the trouble is that they have a nasty habit of shooting ex-presidents.

AROUND THE TOWN

Now showing at the Plaza is the life story of Red Nicholls starring Danny Kaye and Louis Armstrong, a real must for all jazz fan, whilst for those with more mundane tastes there is a film star starring Julie London called Wonderful Country. We hear Robert Mitchum also appears. There will shortly be three Ingmar Bergman films in central London; The Face (Academy), Summer Interlude (Paris Pullman) and Waiting Women (Cameo Roly), all well worth seeing. In the world of the theatre there is opening at the Adelphi Le Frere Jacques, France's answer to the Crazy Gang; whilst from America we have the new comedy The Marriage Go Round at the Piccadilly theatre. For the musically minded there are concerts at the Festival Hall every night.



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JUDY WRIGHT

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Editorial comment

The various Constituent College Fresher's Dinners, always help to enliven the beginning weeks of the new session; the "old lags" take the unsuspecting Freshers to their first I.C. social occasion, and bar sales reach an unprecedented level. Following the dinner and a after the inevitable speeches, the main bulk of the undergraduates retire to the bar, to quench their thirst and prepare for the singing ahead. There is always someone in the three colleges whose repertoire of "chamber" music is both long and varied, and with a body of exuberant Freshers behind them the bar walls soon begin to vibrate; the effects of alcohol are well known, and this week has shown that many of the men of I.C. are not quite the men they thought they were.

OBITUARY ?

It is with a heavy heart, wet eyes, and a shaking pen that we bring to your knowledge the sad and tragic 'death' of one of the College beloved servants — Dr. Weale. Whether or not his academic work, his Union book-keeping, or his physical exertions on the cricket field, rugby field, and squash court, brought him to an untimely end, we shall never know. We offer our commiserations to all his friends both within the bar and without, it is a sad day for I.C. but we must all go oneday. F.S. Please look after him Carol.

ODD ODE

It happened one day in the Arctic
An explorer was chased by a bear
And having not a single bullet,
He wept in his despair.

The tears streamed faster and faster
Then froze into ice one by one
The explorer picked up one frozen tear
And crammed it into his gun.

Then aiming it at his attacker
With his fingers all shaking in dread
He fired and the ice bullet flew
Straight into that polar bear's head.

The ice bullet very soon melted
and the bear roared a cry of pain
He shivered and sighed and then he died
Of H₂O on the brain!

N.E. Loch
F.G.Mech.Eng.

R.C.S. CARNIVAL

Some of the shady characters are listed below. All are from Damon Runyon short stories and are to be found in the pages of the two omnibus volumes "Runyon on Broadway" and "Runyon from First to Last" (stories A La Carte section)

All you have to do is to write down the occupation of each character. The first all correct list handed in to the Union Cloak Room attendant between 11.30a.m. and 11 p.m. any day including Saturday and Sunday will win a Double Ticket to the Carnival. The two reference volumes are to be found on the shelves on any respectable public library

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I think it is time that notice is brought to the members of Imperial College Union that in the past few months many items of equipment belonging to clubs and societies have disappeared without trace — many from lockers, store-rooms and cupboards.

Whether this is a result of plain stealing or as a result of selfish and absent-minded "borrowing" and failure to return, the effect is the same. I know of several societies who are finding it extremely difficult to carry out their meetings and programmes due to losses in equipment.

It is difficult to do anything about the stealing while the "borrowing" without permission continues. Let us all face up to our responsibilities as members of our Union. Let us all search our consciences and ask ourselves whether or not we have borrowed something in the past few months and failed to return it. Many clubs are only too willing to lend out equipment for events connected with the Union and the College if proper permission is asked for and a definite pledge for a time and place of return is given.

Only when this selfish "borrowing" has stopped can the Union as a whole set about the more serious business of "catching the thief", if in fact he exists.

Yours faithfully,

I.A. Taylor

The Editor,

I would like to amend a false impression given in my profile last issue. I shall not be in fact organising the next European Universities Photographic Exhibition. — I only wish I had the time to. This task is in the capable hands of the present Committee of the Photographic Society.

Yours etc.
I.M. Plummer.

As soon as the first all correct list is received the result will be published on the Union Internal Notice Board, which is on the left of the Union Entrance as you go in. The decision of the R.C.S. Entertainments Committee is final.

The following may not enter:—
Any member of R.C.S. Ents. Comm.
Any Official of R.C.S. Gen. Comm.
Any member of the Felix Staff

Good Time Charlie Bernstein
Sam the Gonoph
Benny the Blond Jew
Drums Capello
Nathan Detroit
Ambrose Hammer
Ignaz the Wolf
The Lace Work Kid
Blondy Swanson
The Lemon Drop Kid
Sky Masterson
Ropes McGonigle
Regret
The Seldom Seen Kid.

Dear Sir,

I should like to crave the indulgence of you columns to clarify the arrangements prepared for the "Bonfire Bounce" next Thursday at Harlington. 350 tickets will be sold, divided up as follows:—
approx. 75 ladies.
75 men.
100 double.

Ladies tickets will be on sale at the hop on Saturday evening 31st October. The remaining tickets will be sold on Tuesday lunch time at 1.0 p.m. in the Union office.

On the evening, buses (free) will leave the Union for Harlington from 6.30. p.m. onwards and will start returning about 10.30 p.m.

At Harlington there will be a hop, with Derek Pyke's band, a buffet and bar. The bonfire will be lit, provided that it has not been stolen, at about 8.0 p.m. and fireworks let loose at 8.30. p.m.

Yours faithfully,
Ian D. Hill.

(Chairman I.C. Entertainments).

Dear Sir,

Even the I.C.W.A. lounge is not exempt from the action of irresponsible students.

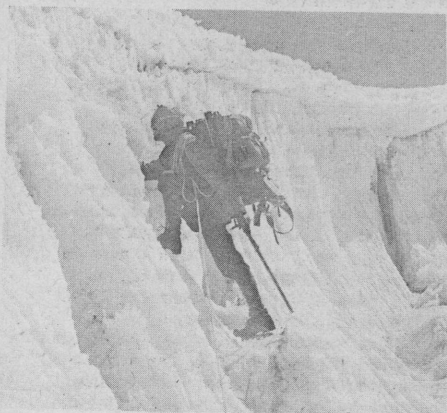
A sherry party was held there by the Zoology department on Monday 19th October. Afterwards, the aquarium was found to be in an appalling condition — containing a beer bottle and a sherry bottle (and smelling of beer) and the surface covered with fish food — the fish did not live long.

This entails a thorough cleaning out and restocking with plants and fish, probably costing about £10. My indignation need hardly be expressed.

Perhaps the people concerned would be good enough to help remedy the results of their foolishness, the burden of which should not fall entirely on I.C.W.A.

Yours sincerely
Hilary Tompsett.

(President I.C.W.A.)



Our expedition in the Bolivian Andes really got under way on the day that the mules arrived from the little Indian village of Pelechuco to carry our food and equipment into the mountain area.

Our expedition's aims, successfully carried out in six weeks at sub-zero temperatures, were to map and climb some of the almost unknown 18,000 and 19,000 ft. peaks in this sparsely populated border area between Peru and Bolivia.

The three geologists in the party completed a geological survey of some 500 square miles of the rugged country stretching right down to the steaming jungles of the Amazon basin, while the others worked together to produce the first-ever map of 170 square miles of the main mountain mass. Copies of this map are now available in London for the Imperial College Exploration Board and the Mount Everest Foundation - which jointly financed the project - and for the Bolivian Government and the Royal Geographical Society.

Apart from the mapping, the expedition conquered 14 hitherto unclimbed peaks, each of them over 18,500 ft.

We had arrived at the Apolobamba by way of La Paz, the Bolivian capital, which nestles in a huge hollow in the Bolivian altiplano (plain) 13,000 ft. above sea level. Dominating the bustling, modern city - where the brightly dressed Indian women all wear gay coloured bowler hats - are the looming shadows of the ice peaks of Illimani, a giant 21,000 ft. mountain that looks almost close enough to touch but is actually 25 miles distant.

There were, incidentally, nostalgic memories in La Paz and many of the smaller towns for our leader Dr. Geoffrey Bratt, of Hobart, and myself. The clear, high altitude air carried a strong smell of eucalyptus from the thousands of gum trees imported from Australia.

Travelling out of La Paz by truck, we were soon bouncing across the desolate, treeless wastes of the highlands leading into the Apolobamba. Occasionally we would pass an Indian's loaded antique lorry heading back for the city, one in particular had, a load of ice aboard hacked from a glacier on a nearby mountain. The ice, found a ready sale in the open-air markets of La Paz.

APOLABAMBA

This was the land of the llama and the alpaca, sturdy sheep-like animals which roam in nimble-footed flocks over the mountains, partly domesticated by semi-nomadic Indian for wool and meat.

One of the toughest climbs we tackled was the 18,000 ft. east Soral Peak. A long approach to it from our main food dump entailed crossing the big Azucarni glacier, criss-crossed with dangerous crevasses.

Over the glacier, the four of us, Geoff Bratt, John Jenkinson, Arthur Smith and myself, set up our two tents on a narrow ledge of rock high above the valley. Opposite towered the south face of the east Soral Peak, with ice falls dropping nearly vertically from the cone-shaped summit to the glacier below.

It was a far more forbidding prospect than we had imagined, so the following morning a reconnoitring party went out to find another approach. They were back 36 hours later, after weathering out a driving snow storm through the night, with the news that the north-east side looked a more likely prospect.

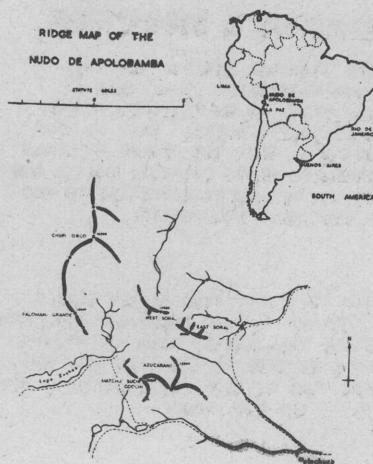
It was a strenuous march, with eight days' food and fuel for the stoves on our backs. Climbing with 60 lb. loads in the thin air at 17,000 ft. is incredibly hard work and any slight over-exertion leaves one gasping for oxygen.

We camped under the east ridge that night. Far away to the north, beyond a cluster of blue lakes sparkling like jewels on a necklace, was the dark green of the Amazon jungle.

Two reconnaissances decided us at first on an approach from the east ridge, but this was forestalled in the last 1,000 ft. of the ridge by huge cracks in the ice and formidable overhanging cornices.

Next morning we tried the more direct route on the northern face which had originally been rejected because we distrusted the rotten, or loose, rock which would have to be crossed. We started out in the biting cold air just after sun-up, aiming to climb a steep ice gully leading to a narrow ridge about 1,000 yards short of the summit. Roped together for safety we pushed slowly on, until it became clear that this way, too, was going to be a little difficult.

The only remaining alternative was to climb the great 300 ft. rock face itself. After two hours of sometimes



delicate work leading out up to 80 ft. at a time on the strong nylon ropes, we had reached the top of the face under a projecting shelf of rock. Moving carefully from there on alternate ice and rock, we reached the base of the 300 ft. conical summit.

We stopped to put on crampons - on sharp metal spikes strapped to the rubber sole of each boot - and, cutting occasional steps with the ice axes, moved up the last few feet to the summit. Around us was a gigantic three-dimensional map of mountains, glaciers and, far away to the north-east, the jungle dabbled with afternoon cloud.

It was the moment that makes all the hard work seem worthwhile, in an incomparable setting and from a vantage point nobody had ever attained before.

In these altitudes large quantities of paraffin were needed for cooking. Ice has to be melted to water, and as boiling point is only between 80 and 90 degrees Centigrade nothing gets cooked very well, particularly the dehydrated foods on which we were mainly living.

The party rose early next morning to be on the glacier before the sun had started to soften the top crust and after several hours' climbing we made the ridge at the head of the glacier.

From there crampons had to be used on the hard ridge ice all the way to the summit. The last 200 feet was stiff going on steep ice dropping almost straight down 3,000 ft. to the glacier below, but we made the top by midday.

The return down the glacier proved very tiring as by now the top crust of frozen snow had melted and every few steps we would break through and sink down almost to our waists. So we floundered rather than walked back to the tents where a 'billy' was soon on for welcome drinks all round. Only inside, away from the dazzling rays of the sun, could one discard the dark goggles, without which, in these conditions, one would be quickly snow-blinded.

Six weeks after leaving La Paz we returned, bearded and incredibly filthy, to be given a wonderful reception by the local Club Andino Boliviano and the British Embassy, both of which had given the expedition a great deal of voluntary help right from the planning stage before we left England. As conspicuous as a bunch of tramps at a deb ball, were made guests of honour at an embassy garden party attended by several of the diplomats in the capital and their wives. It was a fitting way to end it all.

BILL MELBOURNE

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

The Club has started the 1959-1960 session with no fewer than 60 members, which is an increase of 50% over last year's total. What is most surprising is that two thirds of these are freshers, whose relative merits the Club is attempting to establish by running a freshers' tournament.

For the first time in the Club's short history, a Club Night has been started rather tentatively with the object of giving tuition to the beginners in the game, the tuition being given by the members of the two teams.

The session's matches have got off to a good start, as both teams have won their first matches. The A team which comprised

1. D.H. Miller. 2. A.J. Caves
3. P. Alison. 4. K.M. Raja

won its match 3-1 against Regent Street Polytechnic A team. The B team comprising

1. R. Wills. 2. A. Whitelock.
3. M. Jane. 4. D. Pimington.

won its match 3-1 against the same club's B team.

The Club is looking forward to a session of increased activity but still has difficulty in finding teams against which to play.

Can anyone help? If so, please contact the Secretary through the Union rack.

FENCING

The fencing club has increased its membership this year and we are more confident in being able to carry out a rather ambitious fixture programme. The club caters for fencers of all standards and is running a large beginners class this year. Anyone interested in learning would be very welcome and is advised to join now, since catching up on beginners exercises is a very stiffening process. Professional instruction is given at the meetings held in the gymnasium, on Monday evenings at 5.00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1.15 p.m.

ICWSC

Squash

Under the able leadership of Sheenagh Wallace the I.C.W.S.C. registered its first victory with a fine 3-1 win over U.C. last Wednesday.

Hockey

Despite the fact that the first match against King's ended in a 4-2 defeat for I.C. we are pleased to announce that Hilary Tempsett has regained her place in the University 1st team, and that 1st year botanist Christine Bragiel has been selected to represent the 2nd team.

Netball

Although we have been lucky enough to play several matches in the Chelsea Poly gym and despite the fact that we have a promising team it is not encouraging to play in a gym packed with opposition supporters. So why not give some verbal assistance at our next match (Nov. 23rd).

SPORTS SUMMARY

RUGBY

The Rugby club is finally sorting players out to play the right standard of rugby and a nucleus of players have already developed in many of the teams. This is a slow and laborious job, however, for the officials and it has been hampered a great deal this season by the apparent increase in the number of people who cross off the team list late. The teams are posted up early in the week, and there is no reason why anyone should leave it to after Thursday to cross off the list.

Tuesdays and Thursdays training session in the Park have not yet been well attended. We must have people out to train as one must be basically fit to play the game well and enjoy it. (Training before the game, beer after it). It is imperative therefore with the U.L.U. cup matches commencing less than a fortnight hence, that players must spend some time together in the park keeping fit and getting to know each others play.

The A fifteen have made what must definitely be described as a promising start to the season. Having now played 3 games it had its first defeat last Saturday at the hands of a fairly strong Chelsea Poly 1st XV. On losing its stand off half five minutes after the resumption for the second half the remaining fourteen men (only three of which belonged to the original team chosen) could not hold on to the five nil lead it had built up in the first half and was finally beaten by a goal and a penalty goal to a goal (8 points to 5). The previous week the team drew 16 points all with Wasps "A" at home and beat the N.P.L. "A" team on their ground in the first fall of rain for many weeks. When the team thus picked actually play together then the "A" XV will be as good a side as a club could wish for.

One last request before closing this report must be made to those who still have I.C. jerseys and who are not playing rugby for I.C. this season. Will all such people hand in their jerseys to any official of the Club, as we are still very short of jerseys.

ATHLETICS

On Wed. No 4th a trial will be held in the following events 100, 220, 440, 880 and 1 mile in order to pick a team to represent the College in the University Winter Relays Competition. Also incorporated in this meeting will be the Field Event competition for which the team has been posted on the Athletic Club notice board (see Cross Country Club Board). If anyone not chosen for the Field Events Competition would like a trial would he please inform me, K.W. Ludlam, via the Union Rack before Nov 3rd.

The time and venue of the trial will be posted on the Board as soon as I can make the requisite arrangements.

The Winter Relay and Field Events Competition will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Wed. Nov. 11th at Motspur Park. In the past I.C. have not been able to produce their strongest team, with a result that no success has been achieved. Can we, this year, produce this success?

SWIMMING

Despite the acquisition of two U.K. players, and last year's Loughborough College captain, I.C. performed disappointingly in our first match of the season, and were defeated by 5-4. Mr. William MacMillan from Wogga, Wogga, had obviously not recovered from his attack of bush fever, Basham and Corrigan were decidedly unfit, while the rest of the team although trying hard, just could not click. Goals for I.C. were scored by Paris (2), Rushton, and Wilson.

The second team, although they defeated Chelsea by 4-2, were also disappointing. The most attractive feature being the promising debut of Conon, who in addition to scoring 2 good goals, excelled in the midfield play.

JUDO

On Wednesday 14th October the Judo Club had its first match of the season at Sandhurst. We lost the match 5-1 with one draw. This is not a very encouraging start to the season, one main trouble was, as usual after the summer vacation, unfitness. This will perhaps spur the team to get into form for the next match.

Three I.C. men have secured places in the U.L. team and also in the South-Eastern region. Fortunately none of the matches will coincide with I.C. fixtures so we should be able to field our full team for all matches.

SAILING

During the summer vacation three of the College Fireflies were taken away to various open meetings. At the National Firefly Championships, held this year at Plymouth, G.C. Taylor showed up well sailing F.2168 Fiasco. He came 11th in overall placing in the Sir Richard Fairey points Trophy. Placed second in the points Trophy and 11th in the Sir Ralph Gore cup race was J.M. Conway-Jones an ex-commander of the Imperial College Club. I.C. has yet again retained its good name in this field of sport.

Our arrival back to college was not, however, very heartening as we found that someone had pulled the plug out of the Welsh Harp reservoir.

British Waterways had in fact been running water into the Grand Union Canal all summer and we were left with a lot of mud and very little water.

Sailing is possible on a limited scale and several of our more stalwart members, together with many keen Freshers, have managed to launch boats on most Wednesdays and week ends. An instruction course is being run and team trials were held last Sunday, as a result of which teams are now being selected for our first match on the 7th and 8th of November.

We would ask all interested persons, be they Freshers or old lags, to bear with us during this difficult time and assure you that with the return of the water we will provide sailing and racing for all who are keen. Meanwhile maintenance work is being carried out on the boats and help would be appreciated.

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700,000,000 gallons of water required. Any suggestion.

Commodore Sailing Club.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 14th several members of the club took part in a trial for the University College Relay at Parliament Hill Fields. This was combined with a match against Borough Road Training College which we lost owing to the over confidence of the captain who nominated the last ten I.C. runners to score against the first ten of Borough Road.

The U.C. Relay proper took place on the following Saturday the course being 6 x 1½ miles approx. The first team came second to Birmingham University with Southampton University a close third. The second team did well to finish ninth and the third team plodded along to take up 18th place.

Two separate fixtures were held on Wednesday the 21st. The second team went down to our home course at Petersham to act as hosts to a team from Shoreditch Training College. The going was hard and the times were fast, several members recording personal best performances for the course. I.C. won with a score of 34 to Shoreditch's 46. Well up in the final positions were E. Bennett (2), C. Huntley (4), A. Bigg (5), C. James (6), P. Auton (7).

The remainder of the Club travelled to Mitcham for a mob match with Kings College and L.S.E. This was also won, the scores being 35, 45 and 141 respectively. Notable performances were those of J. Collins (1), M. Barber (2), D. Hammonds (4), A. Brown (5).

On Saturday 24th several members took part in the annual mob match—University of London vs. Polytechnic Harriers over 5½ miles at Parliament Hill Fields. This was combined with the first of a number of forthcoming league matches arranged among the London Colleges. Full results for this match are not available at the time of going to press. As before, the going was fast and good times were recorded.

LAWN TENNIS

The I.C. Tennis Club finished last term having had its most successful season in recent years. It now remains dormant until the summer, except for the usual series of coaching lessons given by Captain Rodgers at his courts at Sydenham. Preparations are being made however for a proposed tour to take place next summer, if the Union's finances permit.

In contrast, the Constituent College Clubs are buzzing with activity, under their respective captains, I. C. Cameron, (R.C.S.), A. Nethercott, (C. & G.), and D. Zimmermann (R.S.M.). Each has an impressive list of fixtures against other London colleges.

The inter-college trophy, the Brown Cup, is this year being played for under a new league system, in which each college plays each of the others twice. Both R.C.S. and Mines have strong hopes of breaking the monopoly which Guilds have had over this event during the past dozen years.

TABLE TENNIS

Last season the table tennis club was moderately successful, under the captaincy of "Chick" Evans, a brilliant all round sportsman. There are at present no officials of the club John Ponsford and I are acting in a 'caretaker' capacity and we shall hold elections very soon.

Practically all the first and second team members left us, but we think that among the Freshers we have seen some promising players.

So far we have 50 members and have entered 6 teams in the U.L.T.T. league. We hope to have a ladder, and a knock out competition to encourage members to get together.

From the enthusiasm shown by our members, we look forward to a very successful season.

SQUASH

The club was away to an early start, and 15 ladder men have already played in representative matches. The 1st V started badly when they went to Leicester University. Hans Espig and Gef Bullock gave us a good start, both quickly adapting their game to the fast court. Fresher Des Webb had the best game of the afternoon, all his games going to 10. He was unlucky not to have the decision reversed. Secretary Peter Odell ran a long way but not nearly far enough. Skipper Brian Haywood forgot how to serve, and came in for some rough punishment because of it. Leicester have a new Union building which is extremely spacious having squash courts on the ground floor. Their numbers are just over a thousand, but this building would put ours in the shade. The court's speed was the same as any internal court.....fast.

The 1st V has also won matches against Kings, London (3-2) and Keeble Oxford (5-0). The latter was notable for the return of Brian Avient at number one, and the convincing win of Brian Jarman, ex-Cambridge man.

The 2nd V have a lot of matches, there will be a report of them next time.

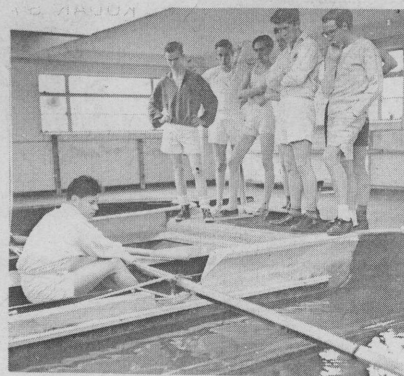
Many members are still not fit enough (the skipper has been seen circuit training).

Squash Club Evening.

Monday evening has been set aside for the club evening. No courts are bookable in advance. Everyone is welcome. The following are the objects of this evening:-

- (1) For beginners to meet beginners.
- (2) For beginners to learn the rudiments of the game from 1st V. players.
- (3) For everyone to have a chance to play someone better than himself.
- (4) For new members, in order that they have an evening on which they know they will be able to meet club officials and players.

Finally, I would like to say that the squash courts are definitely not coming down this year or in the near future.



Members of the Boat Club in Training

BOAT CLUB

This year the Boat Club welcomes over 40 freshers who are already learning their rowing from the beginning under the tuitions of more experienced students (!) Enthusiasm is very high at present, although punctuality could be improved, and is always important. Novice oarsmen should remember that it takes time to do anything that is worthwhile, and to make a good oarsman takes a lot of patience as well.

All three colleges have Morphy and Lowry crews training at 7.45 a.m. three days per week, and the standard again appears to be high. Great pains are necessary to ensure that rival crews do not get too close together on the river and Mines are sending out running spies to report progress on the other two boats. A slight majority of opinion favours R.C.S. for the Morphy, but possibly Guilds being the holders, will have the edge on the day.

After Morphy day, I.C. training will be uninterrupted, and there are good prospects of five crews rowing in the summer term. Good news for freshers: in the words of Captain Jerry Caddy "No seat in the first three boats is safe."

BADMINTON

The club at the moment is suffering greatly from lack of playing space. However attempts are being made to secure the Concert Hall for club play and if these are successful the present overcrowding of the gym can be avoided.

To date three matches have been played. The first team were unfortunately not to win against U.C. on the 14th Oct. the result being U.C. 5 and I.C. 4. Last Saturday both 1st and 2nd teams had matches and unfortunately they coincided with the Wimbledon Tournament in which several of our better players were taking part. However despite this drawback the 1st Team succeeded in beating Q.M.C. away by 6-3 while the depleted second team just failed to secure victory against Goldsmiths by losing 5-4.

On paper therefore the results so far do not look very encouraging.

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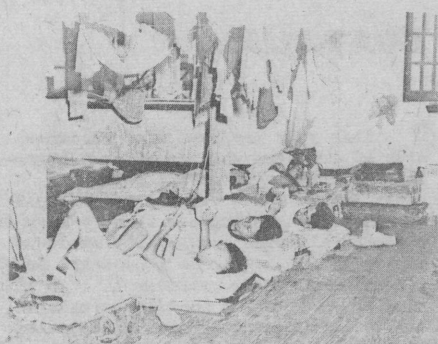
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF W.U.S.

World University Service first began its work in 1920, when in the midst of the rubble and ruin of Europe, European Student Relief (E.S.R.) was founded to meet the critical material needs of University students after the First World War. This type of work expanded with the help and under the guidance of the two emerging bodies, the International Student Service and World Student Relief, until 1950 the I.S.S. and W.S.R. merged into the integrated programme of World University Service.

Since 1950, this programme has continued to provide the means through which University men and women have been able to combine their efforts to help where needs are greatest. While the main emphasis has been turned towards long-term undertakings to solve basic problems in South-East Asia, the Far East, and Middle-East, other projects have been carried out to help tackle immediate situations of need in these regions as well as in Africa and Europe. Participation of University Communities of seven major areas of the World in joint activities to provide material assistance has inevitably and increasingly led to important new contributions towards the process of education for international understanding and collaboration.

The cardinal feature of all the work carried on by W.U.S. since 1920 has been the principle that international aid to students and universities in need is neither careless charity nor prejudiced politics. Ability and proven need alone are the criteria, and aid is provided without discrimination on grounds of race, creed, nationality, sex or social conditions. Programmes are administered on sound economic grounds and in developing self-help projects, university students and staff who might never have met come together in effective co-operation.

UNION MEETING

At the last Union meeting a motion was placed before the house asking members of the Union to reject last year's Council decision regarding the distribution of proceeds from any charity carnival run by I.C. The Council's decision was that instead of supporting W.U.S., I.C. students would establish a hospital bed in St. George's Hospital, since it was the general opinion of the 20-odd members of Council that W.U.S. was too nebulous in form, and insufficient information about its activities was relayed back to the College in return for the efforts made on its behalf.

The proposer, Syd Lenssen, and his supporters argued mainly along the lines that the proposed 'support of the bed' although pleasing and desirable was short-sighted in view of the other worth while, more relevant and needy charities which exist. The motion was passed by an enormous majority, leaving until the next Union meeting the decision as to where the money should go. Obviously from the support received and also because of prior connections, W.U.S. will be a strong claimant for the proceeds. Felix has therefore decided to give W.U.S. an opportunity to clarify its position and publicise its activities.

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IN NEED OF YOUR HELP?

For those interested it is hoped to arrange a visit by Dr. Malcolm Mitchell on Thursday 12th Nov. when he will give an address on the Work and Aims of World University Service. Ample opportunity will be allowed for questions. It is also hoped that a film on the work of World University Service produced by the American Co-operating Committee will be shown.

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It is obvious how useful a contribution of approximately \$500 is to any charity. In the case of World University Service this money would be used in a wide programme both at home and abroad. Among its activities in this country W.U.S. is an active and founding member of the British Student T.B. Fund, it runs vocational exchange course for about 300 students annually, and has a revolving loan fund. Abroad, problems on student health, lodgings, education facilities, and emergency aid are tackled with vigour and enthusiasm.

A decision to reject W.U.S. in favour of some other body will unfortunately be taken at home and abroad as a vote of no confidence in our only international university organisation. How will a student who has been treated or depends for his continued good health on a W.U.S. Hospital, (not just a hospital bed) react on learning that Imperial College has rejected its responsibility. Such a decision could be reached by Union Meeting swayed by the eloquence of a good speaker, indeed it was reached by Union Council. This decision should be made by you alone and not be the result of petty wrangles. Balance the issue in your mind, and let Imperial College students help other students to help themselves.

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