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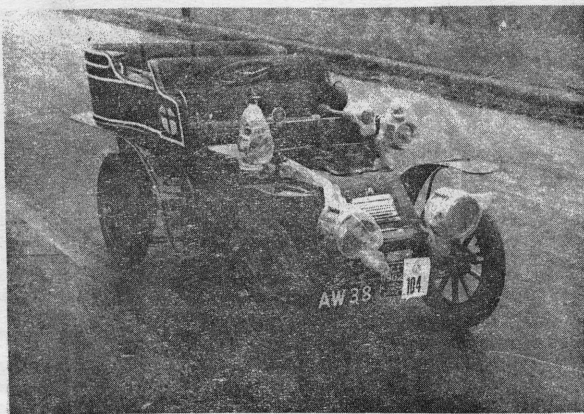
STARVING HORDES RIOT

Chaos reigned at the Opening Ceremony of the first Carnival Lunch held last Monday in the Concert Hall of the Imperial College Union. In the absence of the President of the Union, whom it appears, was being entertained to lunch elsewhere, the festivities of the day were opened by the Union Secretary, Jim Carter. A jibe from the back of the Hall "Are we quorate?" brought a round of mirth.

After a few words of note Jim proceeded to the lucky dip, the prize being a theatre date with the Queen of Jezebel, Miss Judy Lewis. Jim's luck was out, however. After calling six different numbers and gaining no response from the audience he gave up and offered the prize to the first person who could supply a sock. This left the audience dumbfounded. What subtle trick had Jim's quick contorted mind contrived? After an uncomfortable pause a panting individual charged forward and presented... a sock. When asked his name he did not at first seem to be sure P. Something Smith was the reply. He was obviously in an extremely confused state and it was only some delay that it transpired his true name was, in fact, D.S. Strand.

Finlay D. McPherson, who happened to be on his way to a poetry meeting, dropped in to entertain, so he thought. His offerings were met with cries of derision and the passions of the assembled mob were raised so high that a barrage of cardboard plates and plastic beakers rained down on our unwanted literary genius. Owing to the aerodynamic instability of these missiles, however, few of them reached their target.

Carnival Organiser Si Lyle then stepped forward and brought the ceremony to a close with a certain amount of propaganda and a 'joke' of dubious standing.



BOANERGES MAKES THE GRADE

On Thursday, 9th February Bo proceeded to a garage in Putney where under the eyes of three white triangles he underwent a certain test. For this purpose it was necessary that his array of lamps be increased by one. This had to be done by defacing him with the addition of a 'cycle tail lamp'. Thus bedecked and with a crew who were rather worried by the efficiency of his brakes, he was submitted to the mechanic's care. A short time later, after only one query Bo as declared safe in all respects. The query was that it appeared that his king pins were rather worn. This problem was easily solved when it was explained that Bo had no king pins and his frontal support relied on a series of bearings.

Thus Bo has become the first of three I.C. vehicles to pass the 10 year test. It is necessary, however, for the cycle lamp to be replaced and the Vice-Captain of the City and Guilds Motor Club would be much obliged if anyone who knows the whereabouts of an oil tail lamp would contact him.

Jezebel, it has been found, was only registered as a private vehicle five years ago and apparently does not have to take the test.

As for Clementine II, she has been seen about, but little of her present condition is known.

In his summary, Benny Green laboured the point that the "Six-Four Blues" went into 4/4 for the solos, a point which Stan's group had deliberately underlined (musically speaking), and also claimed that the Consortium's "Flamenco Sketches" was too ambitious. Both groups took it as a compliment that Mr. Green found such difficulty in offering them constructive criticism.

The evening was a great success for the I.C. Jazz Club which had two pictures in the Press, a pot, and valuable experience (as well as enjoyment) for its musicians. It has high hopes for the two quartets when they meet the pick of the Universities' bands at Southampton on the 22nd of this month.

band into their session, we were in for one of the high spots of the evening. The rock-steady beat and really musical front-line counterpoint made this group exciting and always interesting. Worthy of special mention was the fine clarinet-playing of Phil Cammerman. Little wonder that they carried off joint first prize at the end of the evening. By comparison, the L.S.E. trad. band which followed, though very good, was a little monotonous, lacking the sense of climax of the I.C. group.

Next Q.M.C. put on a mainstream outfit whose performance was somewhat impaired by the poor intonation of the trumpet and alto, particularly noticeable in unison passages.

Back to I.C. for the Jazz Consortium with Walter Skinner on alto, Richard Rushton on piano, John Farnsworth on bass, and Mike Smith on drums. Mike showed remarkable versatility: earlier he was restraining his drumming for the closely-knit introvert jazz of the Stan Salmon's Quartet; now, backing the effusive Richard Rushton, he was driving the combo along with a relaxed swing. Needless to say, the group had a big reception.

The last line-up was the U.C. modern quintet (tenor, vibes, bass, drums, and piano), and the polished sound of this group, suggesting a great deal of experience behind it, certainly earned them the first prize, which they shared with I.C.'s trad. band.

UNION MEETING INQUORATE

by Finlay McPherson

The Imperial College Union meeting on February 9th was declared inquorate, and was never opened. The quorum is 400 and some 330 people, in fact, appeared. The next meeting will be held in March.

Under no circumstances could the blame be put on publicity; the publicity was more than adequate. Why did only 11 percent of I.C. turn up?

The reason of course seems obvious; students aren't interested in the abolition of the means test; in short, student aren't interested.

To go to a debate; to go to a constituent college meeting; to go to a discussion group and see the total lack of speakers, is most disheartening. People refuse to act. Unsure of what they wish to say; afraid to say it because of the ridicule of friends and fellow-members, they slip back into the haze of anonymity. It is a tragedy to behold the metamorphosis taking place at I.C. The change from the eager student to the dull, book-bound, introverted, specialistic moronic technician is a retrogression in evolution.

Graduates from this college often wonder why promotion is so elusive in industry; why they, with their honours degrees, are passed over in favour of men with little or no education. Is it surprising? After all, the student has no sign of responsibility, no desire for original thought.

It is well nigh time that we became aware of the struggle for existence; realised that if one wants something one has to reach out and get it. It will not be handed to you on a silver salver.

If members of this Union desire the abolition of the means test, they must fight for it. Each person must contribute in the shout for action if the fight is to be won. Each student must ACT if this Union is to thrive.

A Debating Competition has been organised between Mines Guilds and R.C.S. The first round had taken place. Only 80 people turned up only 2 spoke from the floor. Perhaps you will begin to see the seriousness of the situation.

It is not too late; not yet. Some of you are not yet gripped by the cycle of decadence. It is up to you to contribute: to come to Union Meeting; to speak and not care a damn what the other fellow thinks, and by this method, by the integrated activity of Union members perhaps a Union spirit will be invoked and the disgusting spectacle of an inquorate Union meeting will never be seen again.

JAZZ AT U.L.U.

"I have never had to judge a jazz competition of such a high standard." Heckler: "You said that last year."

Thus Benny Green, to the judges, began his summary of the University of London Jazz Festival held at U.L.U. on January 25th, his clichéd comments contrasting nicely with the creative music that had preceded them.

Eight bands took part, and it soon became evident to I.C. participants that their opposition was tremendous.

Goldsmiths opened with a fairly convincing New Orleans group which, however, suffered from lack of rehearsal. The thump of their tuba gave way to the melodic lines of John Farnsworth's bass, as the Stan Salmons Quartet took the stand. The group, which was the first of the I.C. contingent to face the fans, swung quietly and tightly from the start. It shone in Stan's "Six-Four Blues", in which Mike Porter, featured on flute, fairly effervesced swinging phrases, and Stan discovered some cross-rhythms which delighted the audience but were evidently too much for Benny Green.

A piano-less quintet from Chelsea then made some lovely West Coast noises, blowing arrangements written by their baritone player. The voicing was beautiful and had their improvised passages been as great as the written ones, they would probably have won.

When phenomenally competent trumpeter Murray Smith lead the I.C. trad.

INCREASED REFECTORY CHARGES

A meeting of the Refectory Committee, convened on Wednesday 1st February, agreed on the following increased charges to take force as from Wednesday 5th, April 1961.

The necessity arises from higher overheads and increased wage bills.

Sweets by 1d.
Soup, when waitress served, by 1d.
Sandwiches by 1d. or 1½d.
Special teas by 6d.,
Roll and butter by 1½d.

Certain dinners by amounts ranging from 6d. to 1.6d.

DEBATING CHALLENGE CUP

The first round of the competition took in the Concert Hall on February 9th. The motion before the House was "That this House is worried about the preservation of Rural Britain."

The motion was proposed by Mines and opposed by R.C.S. The speeches were interesting and one or two of the speakers, notably P. Buet, E. Foresthall and A. Logan were very amusing.

After deliberation the judges declared Mines the winner by 286 points to 274. The second round will have taken place by the time this reaches you but the third round, the final round, takes place in the Concert Hall on 23rd February. The motion, proposed by Guilds, is "That this House thinks that television is the idiot's lantern." — Mines are opposing.

The round should be exciting and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come along, and speak, and generally give their team maximum possible support.

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THE HALDANE LIBRARY

by Judy Cox

The Union Library began as a general library for all members of the College in 1930. Previous to this, it had been an informal library for hostel residents, started in 1923. At first, it was housed in the Presidents' offices but was later moved to the Union building, and is now in Princes' Gardens.

Initially a small subscription was charged but this was soon abolished and the main source of income was a grant of £50 from the Union, rising to £100 at the end of the war. Now, the income is £550 from the College, a Touchstone grant which is intended mainly for Non-fiction and £350 from the Union. At present there are approximately 7400 books: 2600 fiction, 4700 non-fiction and 100 reference. Many periodicals are also available. In 1958 there were 480 members; in 1959 — 930, in 1960 — 1200 and so far this year there are 1100. The extent of the library is small, only 1500 sq. ft. but it is hoped that when the new College block is complete, the library will be larger and will be able to include a records section.

The library is managed by the Haldane Library Committee which consists of three members of staff, three students (from the students committee), the librarian Mr. Quinsee and the Chairman Professor Skempton. A second committee of thirteen students, including one representative from I.C.U. Council, arranges

lunch-time librarians, and recommends books to be bought from the Union grant.

The Library is now situated on the first floor of Nos. 13 and 14 Princes Gardens. The rooms overlook the Gardens having french windows opening onto the balcony and have plenty of comfortable easy chairs. There are also on occasions interesting examples of modern art.

Any member of the College may join the Library by filling in a blue card. Three volumes may be borrowed for a fortnight but not more than two fiction books at the same time. The Library is open: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 11 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. until 7.00 p.m. during term time. Books may be borrowed for the vacations; but for those members still in College during vacations, the Library is open from 1.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. Books may be reserved by asking the Librarian and there is a suggestions book for new additions.

There is a great diversity of books in the Library: in the fiction selection many classics are available as well as a wide selection of modern novels and short stories. There is also a large humour section, excellent for a lunchtime browse. Altogether the Library is an ideal place to spend an odd half hour, relaxing in comfort. All told it makes a useful contribution to the liberal education of members of I.C.

VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

Do you believe a man, suffering in-describable pain only poorly alleviated by drugs, a burden to his family and friends, and with virtually no hope of recovery, should be forced to continue living merely because the law forbids any form of suicide? If so then your opinion is strongly contested by the Voluntary Euthanasia Society supported by such people as the Dean of St. Pauls (the Very Rev. W.R. Mathews), Lord Woolton, Val Guilgud, Rev. Leslie Weatherhead, Sir Julian Huxley, Harold Nicholson, Etc., Etc., Lord Chorley, one time Professor of Industrial and Commercial Law at L.S.E., is a Vice-President of the Society, and the College is lucky that he is to speak here on this topic on Tuesday week (Feb. 28th), at 5.40 in Chem. Eng. Lecture Theatre, Room No. 102.

I myself can see nothing wrong in the Voluntary Euthanasia Society's proposals for reform in the Law, they conclude, amongst others, the Conditions that:

1. The applicant must be over 21 and of sound mind,

2. There must be a Euthanasia Referee to whom 2 separate certificates must be submitted, one from the applicant's G.P. and the other from a specified qualified medical practitioner.

3. This referee must visit the sufferer and fully satisfy himself that the request is above the board, and justified, and that the applicant is fully aware what he is doing.

4. The administration of Voluntary Euthanasia should be a responsibility of the Minister of Health.

Many Christians oppose this reform on such grounds as:

It is not for mortals to terminate their own lives, but that God in his wisdom will decide when to call them — they quote the Commandment, 'Thou shalt do no murder' — but there are very few of us who do not believe in defending ourselves or others from the would-be fatal attacks of an aggressor, even to the extent, if necessary, of killing him, the Bible does not state that the suicide is a sin. (It is inconsistent to believe that we must not attempt to modify our life span at all, since, this would mean that almost any form of medical treatment is wrong, an idea held by very few people these days).

OR, that the acceptance of Voluntary Euthanasia is merely the thin end of the wedge; but the conditions I've already mentioned surely exclude this, and anyway, the legalising of divorce hasn't led to the complete upheaval of our ideas on marriage.

No doubt some of you have yet further possible objections, so don't forget to voice them at the meeting.

There is also to be a debate on Euthanasia on March 16th during the Lunch-hour.

John D. White

HI from SI

As I sit here in the Felix copy room with a typewriter before me and Rob threatening me with a club I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that it is again time to come forth with some CARNIVAL NEWS.

Last week has been rather successful from the Carnival point of view as we have had a couple of meetings and a session with the local authorities, all of which produced some concrete results.

So do try to come to each event, not only you will have the time of your life, but if we are lucky we might even raise some money for the Oxford Committee

R.C.S. MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY

All members of the College are invited to a lecture:

JOBING MATHEMATICS

To be given by
Mr. J.S. SEAGER
from the Safety in Mines Research
Establishment,
at 5.30 in the Phys. Lec. The.
Tea at 5.00 p.m. in the Lower Refectory.

for Famine Relief. To assist with this latter requirement we are having a raffle, a Carnival Magazine and door-to-door collecting all of which we hope will be supported mainly by the public. It is here where you can help as we require people to participate in these approaches to the public; in that way the CARNIVAL WEEK can be more for you, and less of a money making scheme.

Have you been to a Carnival Lunch? You should try to attend some of them. The first Carnival Lunch was attended by 300 of your fellow students, and I hear that a fair number are planning to make the Carnival Lunch a regular habit every Monday.

Have you a girl for Carnival Queen? It is an excellent method of meeting some charming girls as you can always use this for your opening remarks. You can then tell her that she along with the other nominations will be judged, and the three selections will be the Princesses of the May Carnival Ball at which one of the three will be selected as CARNIVAL QUEEN. You might even remind her that the Queen will receive a gift from the Carnival.

On this note I shall close until next issue. Rob lay down that club I have finished. How about that he clobbered me anyway, not that I blame him after reading this article.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Reading Mr. Carter's letter in the last issue of Felix reminded me of the advertisement of that allegedly religious organisation Moral Re-armament. For, on reading his letter, I was unable to find amongst his tub-thumping and back-slapping any reason for his being attached to his ideas. In spite of being led to believe in the first paragraph that we are to be let into the secret of what makes 'Jim' tick, I can only imagine that after the first paragraph his brain (?) became disengaged as he reached for his pint.

Another similarity between his letter and the previously mentioned advertisement is the use of the brief summaries, better called half truths. He states that the terms of reference of the Imperial College Union are to foster the social and athletic welfare of the students. However, on inspection of the Blue Book, which he commends to us, I find that this is only a third of the objects of the I.C.U.

Section three of the objects states (in full) that the purpose of the I.C.U. is:

"The provision of a corporate body of students of the Imperial College to safeguard and advance the interests of students of the Imperial College."

It is because this is an object of the Union that I, along with many others argue the affiliation of I.C.U. to N.U.S. since that body was formed for the very purpose of safeguarding and advancing the interests of students in general. A purpose, it would seem, that Mr. Carter would rather our Union did not fulfill.

If my memory serves me correctly, this in affairs other than those social or athletic has only arisen since it seemed likely fear of Mr. Carter's of I.C.U. dabbling that he would rise to his present position of eminence. I recall that Mr. Carter, quite correctly, urged the Union to boycott South Africans goods last March, and indeed seconded a motion to this effect. I wonder what his action would have been if at that time the general climate of opinion in the Union had been against this.

Yours faithfully,

R. Ellams

Dear Sir,

I read the divergent set of student's views expressed on page 3 of the last Felix with great interest. Presumably I am free to draw the following conclusions:

a. Anyone who disagrees with Mr. Carter strongly enough to want to say so is a power-seeking demagogue;

b. If everyone at I.C. agreed with Mr. Cox we would all be thinking men;

c. Members of C.N.D. claim they are open-minded, and this would be a valid reason for joining them;

4. R.T.L. Fotheringham is writing under an assumed name and defending a particular set of views because he has been 'commissioned' to do so.

Please if we are going to have serious discussion of student affairs in Felix — I hope we are — could we try and produce a set of writers who are more interested in respecting and answering the cases of their opposition than in trying to overwhelm us with admiration for their clichés? For if this would be too much to ask of your contributors, then there really is something wrong with I.C.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Wallis

Dear Sir,

In my opinion Mr. Brossard, while reviewing 'L'Avventura' in the last but one edition of FELIX, has made a serious error of judgement. The film does not end on a note of fantasy. There is nothing fantastic about Claudia's search of her fears of losing Sandro. They are real as is later proved.

He also expresses dissatisfaction with the ending. I think its ending was the greatest thing in the film. It is true that Claudia forgives Sandro. That is not important. What is important is the way in which this is done. In a moment of complete self knowledge Sandro realises just what he is — a philanderer. Claudia too knows it and yet she accepts him wholly as he is and is content. There is courage here and strength, but without the frills of sentimentality.

There could not have been any other ending capable of doing credit to the film. To end it earlier would left a doubt as to the happy outcome of the affair. Both lovers honestly and sincerely hoped to make it different to make it last. But they forgot their limitations. It is only in the end, so superbly contrived, that we realise that their happiness is the result not so much of ignorance, as of a frank acceptance of the way they both are, an acceptance of their essential humanity.

A.A. Qureshi. P.G. Chem. Eng.

Dear Sir

After perusing Felices for over two years, I think it is my turn to add to the large mass of illogical, inconsistent, infantile and inaccurate writings which I have stupidly wasted my time ploughing through in an attempt to glean interesting, important and 'imperial' information. The only reason I continue my ploughing is that occasionally I do glean something (for example, I much appreciate your reviews of films etc.), and now I would like to make a few comments from which I hope your other readers will glean something:

1. I was overjoyed to read that at last J. Carter was going to put down on paper, in his own succinct way, why he is 'so passionately attached to such ideas as I.C. Union not joining N.U.S., I.C.W.A. not being allowed in the bar etc.' But perhaps the Editor found his letter too long, just as he found John Cox's 'Comment' too long at the beginning of the term, for I could find no explanation in Mr. Carter's letter, merely a few highly controversial statements.

2. Dvxx Wxlbrxhm, under the 'Fotheringham' pseudonym, counter-comments that N.U.S. has been plugged five times in succession — clearly he cannot take a hint, for he has not bothered even once to explain why he is against it, and as impartial members of I.C. will remember, at the Union meeting which rejected N.U.S., not one speaker on Wxlbrxhm's side had any case to make. I myself was dubious of the advantages of joining N.U.S. last May, but after the Union discussion, I saw the 'light'.

3. Other writers have dealt with it, or why, I.C. doesn't give a 'mature' education. As I see it, if the Governors want to increase Union activities, the only way to do this without upsetting the curricula is to build new hostels and this is being done. Our students do not fritter away all their spare time, but at present there is still incentive to spend it here rather than at home or in their lodgings. The so-called 'brown-bagger' is an exaggerated idea, all of us have extra-mural interests, but many of these are more pleasantly catered for outside College. The lack of support for Union meetings is quite understandable — most students do not feel that the activities at these meetings are likely to affect them appreciably, but if for example, all the refectories were closed for a week without explanation or alternative arrangements being made, then a meeting to discuss this would almost certainly be well attended.

4. Most of us accept the idea that one man one vote is a good principle — I wonder how many of us realise that this accepts the intrinsic inequality that one man by his fecundity will have far more influence on the society in and after his old age than more moderate man?

Yours faithfully

John D. White

PERSONALS

AT LIBERTY.

Poet-Artist-Philosopher-Metaphysician seeks job cleaning windows,

Write Box 76.

TWO CONGENIAL Beatnik Psychotics seek third to share padded apartment. Own closet and Bongo-drums. Like we mean you supply 'em yourself.

Box 81.

BIG AL — Like make it back to the pad. All is cool. We still dig you. MOTHER

I am no longer responsible for any loot owed by my chick. She left my pad and like bored. "Hard Luck" Milton Bench 3, Hyde Park.

MOTHER — Like I can't make the scene. I'm hung up in this crazy hotel in Brighton. BIG AL.

ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION as to the whereabouts of Charlie "Hip" Granimis — like keep it down, hear! The fuzz is on his til. A FRIEND.

Editorial comment

Elsewhere on this page is printed a letter setting a number of points against Felix. Although this is the only letter received to date on this subject it is obvious that this writer does not stand alone. He is one of many who would prompt the question "What is Felix for?"

To answer this question we may profitably look back a very, very long way. On Friday, December 9th 1949, appeared Felix No. 1. It consisted of five duplicated sheets secured together with staples. Page two carried the editorial comment which we reproduce here:

"The need has been felt for some time for a frequently published journal to comment on the affairs of the College whilst they are still topical, and to bring to the attention of its members the activities of Clubs and Societies of which people at present know little, and knowing little tend to care even less. This is a function which clearly cannot be performed by the Phoenix, particularly since that estimable bird is now to appear only twice a year, and so Felix has to come to meet the need. We do not intend to encroach upon the literary field covered by the Phoenix; rather do we intend to be complementary to that journal, even if not always complimentary. Neither are we in any way connected with it, nor are we its offspring. No, the Phoenix will remain an essentially literary magazine, where as we shall content ourselves with providing a commentary upon events and personalities."

Thus we have, set out this first paragraph of this first editorial, the basic functions of the newspaper which, everyone must agree, are of fundamental importance. The columns of Felix are wide open to those who, possessing the courage of their convictions, wish to make their point of view widely known among those who are sufficiently interested to take note. Such is Felix at present.

In the second paragraph of this first editorial the writer envisaged the difficulties which the paper was about to face. He is to be congratulated on his foresight. The problems he mentioned are a constant source of trouble.

"The success or failure of this paper depends principally on you, our reader. In the first place we depend upon you to produce many of our articles and reports, since our staff cannot themselves attend and report every College event. Secondly we depend on you to maintain a lively correspondence in our columns. Here is an opportunity for you to air your opinions, ideas, and grievances to the whole College instead of just to those within earshot of the bar, and replies can be published before everyone has forgotten what the original letter was about. Thirdly we depend on you to buy your own copy of Felix, and not just to read somebody else's copy. We do not think that 3d. is beyond the financial scope even of a student trying to live on a F.E.T. grant, and copies for a term cost less than a pint of beer."

To return to the question in hand. Mr. Irvine states, "It might be said that the students are failing in their duty to the magazine in that they will not contribute articles of a sufficiently high standard to be included in it, but I find it difficult to believe that the editors receive no such articles."

Incredulous though Mr. Irvine may be, such is the case. It would be near impossible for Felix to emulate any of the national dailies or even any well known student paper such as 'Sennet', 'Varsity', or 'Kings News'. These are dominated by members of the Arts Faculties. Journalism and science are antipathetic. The talent does not exist at I.C. and never will.

Having thus confirmed the darkest of Mr. Irvine's fears there seems little more to say. The situation is that here at I.C. there is little interest in pure journalism. It seems that this is one direction in which the scientific mind does not readily move. We must accept the fact that Imperial College is a college of science and technology and those of us who feel out of place here must make the most of it.

1000 FELIX REPORTERS read Felix fortnightly. Are you one of them? Have you anything to report? If so then drop into the Press Room (third floor of Union Building, opposite lift) any lunch-time between 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.,

COPY DAY for the next issue (Friday 3rd March) will be Wednesday 22nd February for all letters, feature articles etc., and Sunday 26th February for all sport and other contributions concerning topical matters.

Dear Sir,

We read in today's papers (Wed. 1st Feb.) that the Oxford students magazine has been censored by the Proctor. The important question as to whether or not this was a good thing in the interest of free speech does not at the moment concern me (though it would make a good topic for an article), but the news did make me wonder if such a thing could happen to 'Felix'. I was sorry to come to the conclusion that it could not. Sorry because it seems to be a reflection on the authority of the magazine. In other words, the paper is so unimportant that its criticism (if any) are looked on with little seriousness by those people who could in fact change things. This is a serious paper and statements in it are apparently taken to heart by everyone at the college. The undergraduates at Imperial College, however, look to 'Felix'

as a cartoon magazine, a viewpoint which cannot be blamed entirely on them since it is the editors who will not put the controversial into the paper. It might be said that the students are failing in their duty to the magazine in that they will not contribute articles of a sufficiently high standard to be included in it, but I find it difficult to believe that the editors receive no such articles. In any case is the duty of the editors to find stories of the required standard, and if they were to start this, then I have little doubt that the trend would continue. If this failed, then we could only conclude that the students at Imperial College are as narrow minded as many people outside the College would like to believe. At least we could say we tried.

Yours faithfully,
W.A. Irvine, Chem Eng.

UNION DEMAGOGUACY

COMMENT.

by John Cox

I will open this week with an apology to Mr. Fotheringham for my attack of last week. It would never have occurred if I had known that he didn't necessarily believe in what he wrote. Furthermore, my attack on his alleged censorship was a result of information given to me by Dave Wilbraham and I accept Mr. Fotheringham's statement that the allegation was without foundation. While in this mood I would like to congratulate our President on his decision not to open the inquorate Union meeting. Some people suggested that he should have opened and closed the meeting again immediately thus satisfying the requirements of the Union meeting a term. In the long run this would have been extremely damaging and would not solve the problem at all when we came to the A.G.M. when members of Council are to be elected.

In the event of a quorum not being obtained this term, I would suggest the only legal way out of the impasse to be, a request by Council, to the Governing Body, to revoke their decision to ratify the raising of the quorum from 200 to 400. Humiliating as this course is, it is better than either ignoring the Constitution, or getting without any Union meetings and six members of Council.

COUNTER COMMENT.

by R.T.L. Fotheringham

I thank Mr. Cox for his apology but I am sorry to see that he has not the magnanimity to leave it unqualified. The somewhat sly play on names is rather futile.

As I pointed out last issue my object is to present an opposing case to that in Comment. This week the task is difficult as the main topic is the attendance at the Union meetings, a subject on which most people agree.

Mr. Cox is the Union Publicity Officer and is responsible for advertising Union meetings. The publicity this year has been good, and it is not possible to blame inquorate meetings on lack of knowledge.

The claim that lack of seating reduces attendance does not seem altogether valid as even with 150 people standing at the back, there always seem to be vacant seats in the hall. The conclusion must be that out of 2,800 students there are not 400 interested enough to attend. This conclusion is upheld by the impression that the same people attend every meeting; there must be a large number of students at I.C. who have never attended a Union meeting.

It does seem that a quorum of 300 is

more reasonable, but surely we can gather 400 people to change our own Constitution rather than go cap in hand to the Governors.

Cassell's dictionary gives for demagogue: 'a leader of the people; an agitator who appeals to the passions and prejudices of the people.' The N.U.S. advocates, like any other faction leaders, are admired by their own followers and disliked by their antagonists. I think the cap of demagogue fits Mosley and Foot just about equally. Perhaps a poll would decide the post of the Union demagogue. Applicants should chain themselves to the Colcutt Tower and with luck, will be buried during the demolition. This will solve all our problems as there will then be no need for Union meetings.

In a letter this week Mr. White objects to my not presenting the case against N.U.S. So far Mr. Cox has not presented the case for N.U.S., but has mentioned it in connection with many other topics, hence my remark in the last issue. As this topic was dragged through this paper all last year I do not think that the majority of Union members want to go through it all again.

COUNTER-COUNTER-COMMENT.

by W.C. Urlingham

Re Mr. R.T.L. Fotheringham's sixth paragraph, I would like to propose Mr. Cox and Mr. Fotheringham as joint Union demagogues. This is not because I can convince myself that these two fit Cassell's definition, although they could fit the definition given in the New English Dictionary. For those who specialise in using irrelevant information to strengthen their arguments may I add that this dictionary is published by Odhams Press Ltd.? It is the fate of the Union demagogues which makes me propose these two. For the past two terms I have had to read Cox and Fotheringham roughly three

times per issue: at least twice during the production of this newspaper and once when it's finally printed. I am sure that most of our readers are sick and tired of reading Cox's diatribes and Fotheringham's counter-diatribes (reach for your dictionaries, folks) and would prefer anything instead.

Perhaps Jim Carter would stop writing passionate rubbish and give us a gripping account of the Little Harwood clog-dancing contest, to fill the space.

This is definitely the first, only, and last counter-counter-comment.

WHY SOCIALISM?

by D. Finney.

As there seem to be many in I.C. who forever sing the song 'free for all' and 'private enterprise' and yet seldom find courage to attend Socialist Society meetings where they might hear the other case and propose their own, I intend to bring the case for socialism to their bedsides via 'Felix'. Essentially, socialism stands for the generous impulses in man. A socialist exists for the well being of all its members, not just a few privileged ones. The belief that the generous impulses in men can be made dominant is based on the assumption that if man's environment is changed then he will change with it. That this premise is true is probably the first concrete discovery of modern physiological and sociological research, although it was first argued by Godwin in 1793.

If we are to change society, then our first step is to analyse its characteristics and find out which aspects inhibit our better side. In Britain today, the obvious focal point of society is our material well-being which is a product of our economic system, termed 'capitalist' because it relies for its impetus on the private profit motive. Its justification is that without the private profit motive our economy will run down through lack of incentive. Certainly there must be an incentive behind every human endeavour, but I find no evidence to suggest that capitalism is the only or most efficient source of this vital commodity. Indeed, I hope to show that what incentive capitalism does provide is erratic, cruel and selfish.

The second major discovery of the new sciences is that we are all preoccupied with our individual security. In our present industrial society this is largely synonymous with material security. It is therefore to be expected that the business man always chooses the most profitable course of action, regardless of repercussions in any other branch of the economy. He is not to be blamed for this; he is merely being a 'good' and 'efficient' capitalist. Unfortunately, in a pure free market economy, conspicuous for its complete absence of controls such decisions lead to a state of false priorities. This is largely the face of Britain today; a land of mistaken, un-coordinated choices.

To give only a few examples, we spend £670 millions a year on education; compared with £400 millions on pernicious advertising; exploitation. We beguile £700 million on Health Service when our hospitals so obviously need rebuilding; the present rate of hospital construction is less than its ever been for a hundred years! My wife struggles in an overworked almoners department attempting to obtain places in bulging old peoples' homes and mental hospitals and yet we are told "we've never had it so good." Perhaps this means that £500 M. spent on packaging is a good thing. The 'Times', 12th May 1958, announces a new bank in Piccadilly: "the interior decoration incorporates red marble quarried in Oran, ebony black granite from Sweden, Italian glass mosaic, Delabole grey and Italian slate and..." There will be no black granite for the hospitals. Use it to attract a casual customer to the bank and forget the worried mothers waiting five hours in the out-patient department.

With this environment no wonder we find little time to consider our dormant generous impulses. As runners in a callous rat race if we stop for a moment to consider a crying child then we're trodden on from behind; we've no time to be human. I would submit that a change in emphasis is urgently needed.

Although capitalism may thrive on exploitation, this is not necessarily its worst aspect. What is really frightening is the 'retreat from government'. The primacy of private interests over public never asserted. It simply materialises. No individual actually decides that social needs are to be sacrificed for private brass; it just happens, a consequence of impersonal uncontrollable 'market forces'.

This process will sooner or later have to be revised. I hope in my next article to suggest how, by injecting socialism, this drifting can be replaced by determined progress towards a more wholesome life

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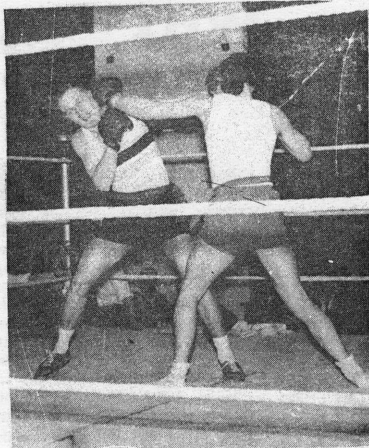
"TO BE OR NOT TO BE?"

a talk by

LORD CHORLEY

arranged by the Huxley Society.

5.40 p.m. Tuesday 28th February
Chem. Eng. Room No. 102.



The Rector's Cup

The annual inter-collegiate boxing competition was held in the Concert Hall on Friday, February 3rd.

Entries were in the usual number, and of higher than usual standard. After eighteen bouts Guilds won through with 60 points, against 28 from Mines and 15 from R.C.S.

There was the usual lack of competition in the lower weights, but no unearned advantage was gained as the fly, bantam and featherweight divisions were won on walkovers by R.C.S., R.S.M., and C.&G., respectively.

The best boxer of the evening was judged to be J. White (C.&G.) who won

the heavyweight division. His bout with J. Fairfield (R.S.M.) was a fine display, for which Fairfield was awarded the best losers cup. This cup was generously presented by C.C. Seaford Esq., President of the Boxing Club.

Another good display was that of G. Mackie (C.&G.) who won through two very hard bouts before announcing a truce with the other high-welter finalist, another Guildsman.

The bout between P. Mousses-Jones (R.S.M.) and the physically formidable A. Butler (C.&G.) was convincingly finished by the polished left hook of the Miner in the first round. Those who saw Butler's punching power demonstrated in his previous bout could hardly have expected this result.

The M.C. for the evening was Mr. Brian Shaw, Captain of the U.L. Boxing Club. He had a hard time making himself heard over the riotous applause and encouragement, but no harder a job than that of the seconds and L.A.B.A. officials. The thanks of the Club are due to these gentlemen, and to all those who helped with the organisation, particularly J. Henry Esq., Vice-President of I.C.Bx.C.



CROSS COUNTRY

First report is the result of the Q.M.C. invitation 7½ mile race. In this the I.C. team was much weakened by injury and two members John Collins and Dave Hammonds were out representing their counties in the Intercounties match at Bingley. However, this weakened side did very well to finish seventh behind teams like Oxford and Cambridge and it was awarded the John Banks Trophy for being the first London team home.

On Wed, 1st Feb, in what should have been a second team match we completely swamped teams from L.S.E. and Charing Cross and Westminster Hospitals having the first four out of our six in the first seven.

Result:
I.C. 16
L.S.E. 43
Charing Cross and Westminster 58

The U.C. invitation race on the following Saturday was the scene of I.C.'s biggest success so far this season. In a field of 20 I.C. was placed second to Cambridge, beating Oxford, Bristol, all the London College teams and many others. Mainly responsible for this fine result were J. Collins (4), J. Cleator (5), T. Wilkins (10), and a fast improving runner J. Greenleaf (22). The second team also ran very well and beat all the other second teams in the field.

On the following Wednesday the first team travelled to Reading for an annual triangular match against the University and the R.A.M. Sandhurst. Over a very un-

usual course which included a wide canal waist deep with muddy water we were closely beaten into third place.

Result:
Reading 52
R.A.M. 59
I.C. 60

On the same day the third team was participating in the last match in their division of the University League. With a very small team, I.C. finished a creditable 5th out of 10 teams and ended 4th in the overall league placings. Final League II placings:

1. Barts. 412
2. Battersea 357
3. Guys 325
4. I.C. III 323
5. N.C.L. 294
6. Goldsmiths 236
7. U.C. II 208
8. L.S.E. II 103
9. Q.M.C. II 93
10. Westminster 44

This Saturday (11th Feb.) over our home course at Petersham, we were hosts to Vale of Aylesbury A.C. and Lloyds Bank A.C. With our three best men running for the University in the National Universities Championships we did well to beat a strong Lloyds Bank team, but we could not match the Vale's team which had first four men home.

Result:
Vale of Aylesbury 32
I.C. 43
Lloyds Bank 52

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TABLE TENNIS

On February 1st the table tennis room was packed full with spectators to witness one of the semifinals of the Caribbean Cup between I.C. I and Woolwich I. Tension in the room was high as the vital match between our number one, C.C. Chow and their number one S. Kalinka, was started. Chow was off to a bad start and was soon several points behind, but by some very strong and consistent attacking he slowly but surely recovered and went on to win this match to put I.C. one up. Inspired, perhaps, by this opening win, our team couldn't go wrong, and the final result was a win for Imperial College by five games to one. The final will be played at U.L.U. against Kings where all supporters will be welcome.

The first team completed their league fixtures with a convincing 8-2 win against R.D.H. I and although they have undoubtedly won promotion back to div-



RUGBY

The Gutteridge Cup Semi-Final between I.C. and Q.M.C. was played on Wednesday, February 8th, and resulted in a narrow (and somewhat lucky) win for I.C. by a try and a penalty goal to a try.

I.C. had (on paper at least) a massive and overwhelming advantage which they did not use to full effect. It seems a pity, for they should be able to paralyse any college pack with such seasoned veterans as Bridges and Bregazzi and an 'embarasse de richesses' in the front row (especially now that Howell has returned after hooking for Bridgend during most of the season).

The forwards follow up well, pack well both in the loose and the tight, and defend well, but when the ball moves across the field, they don't seem to be able to look for it, follow it and heel it.

After all that criticism, let's return to the game. I.C. started off by throwing the ball about, but the Q.M.C. pack were content to be pushed about, broke quickly and I.C. centres often died with the ball. Seed and McCromack were forced to kick and mightily they did. McCromack's hefty punts often gained 60 yards or so of ground, and Seed kicked over his shoulder time and time again to drive Q.M.C. back down to their 25.

After ten minutes there was a loose man! just outside the I.C. 25, and someone picked the ball out of it. A penalty was given and luckily, for it was kickable, the Q.M.C. boot topped it.

In trying to prevent the try, Margretta the I.C. captain was concussed and had to go on the wing. At intervals he staggered off to be sponged down by 'Doc' Sparkes, the Club President.

Just before half time, Bregazzi split a finger, not long after missing a difficult penalty, and played the rest of the game with his hand bandaged.

3-0 down at half time, being beaten at the back of the scrum, and the outlook not good at all. Come on I.C. was the cry as the game restarted.

Cut and thrust up front, with the I.C. pack trying to grind Q.M.C. into the mud, was now the order of the day, and a push-over try was narrowly averted by Q.M.C. collapsing the scrum. An infringement gave I.C. a penalty from which Bregazzi scored to level the scores. Still Q.M.C. did not give up, and another try was narrowly averted by Millard's running half the length of the field to drop on the ball for a twenty-five.

At last I.C. scored, Seed charging around the scrum and going over. And that was it.

I.C. could have been 11 points down at half time if Q.M.C. had had a kicker, and they must improve for the final, which for the umpteenth time is against Kings.

On Saturday I.C. had their best day ever. 8 wins, 1 lost, which was the first team, 8-6 down to O.M.T.'s Ex. 1st. Highlights of the day were the President's try, and the despondency of the Welshmen in the bath at Harlington. The policy of the lower teams keeping together has been more than justified in recent weeks. It all makes for good club spirit.

BADMINTON

by D. Forster

The mixed team laboured to a 5-4 win over Q.M.C. only to lose by the same score to U.C. later. Ample revenge was gained by the first team, however, with a 6-3 victory over a U.C. side, which read like a scratch University team. The team chose the right day to hit form and were helped by a lethargic display from U.C.'s first pair.

It is to be hoped that the team does not suffer a psychological 'reaction' after clearing this hurdle because there are games ahead which will not be easy by any means.

ision I it is not yet certain whether they are top of their league. I.G.C.

THE 13th HYDE PARK ROAD RELAY

This Saturday sees the invasion of the Union by students from all over Great Britain. A record number of 80 teams are expected to compete in the largest road relay race in Europe perhaps the world.

This year the race will run over an entirely new course, owing to the road works at Hyde Park Corner and Marble Arch, and approximately encircles the Serpentine. The start will be at the west end of Rotten Row, in front of the Lido, at 3 o'clock prompt. Martyn Lucking has kindly consented to start the race. Martyn was last year's University Athletics Captain, and represented Great Britain in the Rome Olympics.

The outcome of this year's race is as open as ever. Durham University will have to improve on previous performances this year to retain the SirRoderic Hill Cup. On current performances, Manchester University seem to be the favourites, closely followed by Birmingham University and the Loughborough Colleges. Other teams that need to be watched are Sheffield and Imperial. The Imperial College Union Cup, for the minor colleges, should go to Borough Road Training College, London, or possibly Queen's or Selwyn at Cambridge. Some very fast laps are expected; Steve James, Tim Briault, Mike Tribe of Cambridge Colleges, along with Jack Heywood of Reading, should all break 14.00 minutes.

Best known runner of all, however, will be Herb Elliot, who will appear in the colours of Jesus College, Cambridge.

At time of going to press, The Cross Country Club were very cagey about the home team. It will, I think consist of John Collins, John Cleator, Ted Wilkins, George Wenk, and any two from Jim Bernard, Dave Hammonds, Jeff Greenleaf and Pete Warren. Irrespective of who runs, I know they will compete with the whole of the Union's best wishes behind them.



SOCCER

Last Saturday the first and second XIs were playing in U.L. Cup semi-finals. The first team, playing on the King's College ground, beat Battersea 1st by 4-3. With a high wind and comparatively dry ground, the conditions were against good football, but both teams fought hard for a place on the final. With the wind behind them in the first half, Battersea took a 3-1 interval lead, but a penalty goal early in the second half put I.C. back into the game. Playing more confidently the I.C. team scored two further goals, and thus qualified to play King's I, who beat L.S.E. in the final at Motspur Park.

I.C. 2nd XI's semi-final against Battersea II was also close struggle. This match was played at Harlington, and I.C. won by 4-3. They will play L.S.E. II in the final, who beat King's II in the other semi-final.

In their League matches the 1st XI have been playing consistently well, and 5-1 and 7-1 wins against Battersea and L.S.E. respectively have put them in a strong position at the top of the Premier Division.

The 2nd XI, however, have been soundly beaten twice in League matches just recently, and like the 3rd XI will have to fight hard in order to avoid relegation.

4th XI continue to play well, and have fought their way to the top of their League, which they now seem likely to win.

The 5th XI's form has been inconsistent recently. Following a heavy 6-1 defeat by Q.M.C., the defeated Birkbeck College.

The 6th XI were defeated in their cup by U.C. IV (4-2), while the 7th XI have had a win and a defeat in their last two matches.