Take Up Thy Musket, Sam!

The Council at its March meeting credited the two delegates going to the F.A.C.T.S. Council meeting in Melbourne as representing the Sydney Tech. at the Australian Peace Conference. No doubt there will be some tech students who in between downing a meat-pie, and running late for class will say: "What's a peace conference got to do with us."

Hold your horses a bit old man, for it has everything in the world to do with us. All of us at this 'tech are making sacrifices of time and energy for the future. Such things as the Peace conference will determine what sort of a future it's going to be. Just for argument's sake say you're a chemist well at the end of your time, what are you going to do? Spend your time helping humanity or working on poison gases and bacterial germ warfare to help rub some of it out.

We make sacrifices so that when we finish, we can settle down, get married if we haven't already caught in the net, and live happy secure lives.

There is no security for ourselves or our family if the shadow of war is hanging over our heads all the while.

Then if you want to know how it affects us now, just look around at some of the prices of goods we have to buy, some of it due to the huge indirect taxes due to heavy war expenditure.

When you let off steam about the cramming of class rooms, out of date laboratories, and many other things, remember that we are spending over a million pounds every week on war preparations.

Remember too that levelled with war is conscription and that means interference with our careers. The people of the world want peace and we should demand from our Government and press the creation of propaganda urging Australia to fight in Malaya and Vietnam, and for their energy to the needs of students and youth, at home. Because the Council believes that Students want to build and not destroy, we are sending delegates to the peace conference.

It was always unanimously agreed that we should support the aims of the Australian Peace Council.

The objects of Australian Peace Council:

1. By all appropriate means to work for world peace and in particular -
   (a) To embody public opinion in support of the United Nations Charter and against the idea that war is inevitable.

A GREAT WEEK-END IN STORE

On May 19th and 20th tech. students will again converge on Mona Vale to discuss their association problems and draft a Student Needs and Welfare programme applicable to their individual departments.

In 1948 the International Union of Students issued a call for all national student bodies to convene national conferences on Student Needs in order to prepare for International Conference in August this year. Such conferences have been convened in numerous countries and have been of considerable assistance in student problems.

Last year a very successful conference was held in Melbourne and another one will be held on 16th May.

The students attending February S.T.C. Union Conference at Mona Vale formulated their needs in the programme "A Better Tech for You" which has aroused much discussion. Unity News reports elsewhere some of the opinions of students on the programme.

The Conference in May is open to Association students and friends. There are excellent facilities for swimming, dancing, open air games. Cost is $1 including Stephen the hostel cook's excellent meals.

All students are urged to attend, application forms can be obtained through class representatives or apply direct to Assistant Secretary, Elma Mapperson in the Council Rooms.

We publish their full aims and invite comment and wide discussion amongst the students.

Of course there will be a few who will place name tags on any movement that works for peace. If they were planning to fight the next war with flying crockots, Dausers and Atom sized cream puffs, we could take time off to talk about tags, but we're thinking about our lives, our future, our career, so we're standing solidly for peace.
EDITORIAL

With the visit of the Dean of Canterbury to Australia the question of peace is on the lips of every person. Can we as students afford to neglect this vital issue? Do we believe that war is inevitable? The Mona Vale Student Needs & Welfare Conference did not think so:

"Because of the wide ramifications of war on students, involving among other things, loss of life and interruption of education, we feel that peace is absolutely essential. War is not inevitable."

Preparation for war means the direction of scientific discoveries, not to the improvement of the life of humanity, but to the destruction of millions of human lives. Preparations for war mean the worsening of the economic and social conditions for the peoples, for youth and students. Increased expenditure for war means less for social security and education, less for scholarships, hostels and student health services; it implies the militarisation of schools and universities. In many countries rising unemployment is beginning to have its effect upon students seeking appointments after graduating. This in its turn creates the danger that universities will become centres of privilege for those who do not have to fear for security and jobs.

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The appointment of Major Whitham to the position of Supervisor of Amenities to the University of Technology and Department of Technical Education must be applauded. Great possibilities are indicated for Major Whitham's comprehensive recreational and sporting programme. There are still many hurdles to clear. The nullifying effect of night classes on young men and women in preventing them from taking an active and continuous part in the cultural and sporting life of tech. must be removed. It is also hoped that sufficient funds are made available by the Government to provide optimum playing fields and other essential buildings so necessary in any tertiary educational institutions today.

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These People Enjoyed Themselves at the end of the Year Ball

DON'T MISS THE SCIENCE BALL

The Annual Science Association Ball

THURSDAY, JULY 6th

Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

at GRACE AUDITORIUM

All College Students invited with their friends. Watch for opening of bookings.

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'TECH AT THE GAMES

On 21st January, 1950, I was a member of the Australian 4-oared crew which left for New Zealand by a Boland 60-passenger flying boat to compete in the British Empire Games. We were quartered with rowers from England, South Africa and New Zealand at Lake Karapiro, about 100 miles south of Auckland. The lake, which is man-made, is about 16 miles long by a half mile wide and supplies water for the Karapiro Hydro Electric Works.

While at Karapiro the local farmers took us for several interesting car trips, in between training rows. At Rotorua, about 50 miles south of Karapiro, in the thermal district, we saw the boiling mud pools, and geyser throwing boiling water high into the air. Here we met the famous Maori guide, Princess Rangi.

We competed against New Zealand, over 2,000 metres at Karapiro, on the 6th February, for the Empire title and am sorry to say were beaten by 2 lengths. After the rowing events, the rowers from all countries took part in a "Hangi". This is a Maori feast where the food, fish, pork, lamb, potatos and onions are placed on hot stones and covered with earth until cooked. This was an all male affair we had been warned of. The next day we went to Ardmore camp, which was our headquarters until we left New Zealand. We saw most of the athletic, swimming, cycling, and other events, and were thrilled to witness the many Australian victories.

When the Games had finished, all competitors were taken to Ngauruhoe, where Maoris sang and danced and 50 or more men gave an exhibition paddle in a war canoe, at least 100 feet long. The Prime Minister of New Zealand and the "King" of the Maoris attended this function.

In the last week, I went, with three other Australian competitors, on a three day hitch-hiking trip. On the first day, the manager of a building firm who was on a tour of inspection invited us to do the whole trip in his new sedan. We motored around Lake Taupo, famous for its trout. It is about 50 miles long and 30 miles wide. We saw the magnificent snow-capped mountains of Ruapehu and we swam in the hot springs baths at Taupo and Rotorua.

We left Auckland by Solent Flying Boat on 18th February, pleased that we had been able to visit such a great country and to meet and compete against people from so many different parts of the earth.

KEN T. GEE.
Tech. Students at Congress

Three hundred students from all parts of Australia and New Zealand attended the recent N.U.A.U.S. (University Students) Congress at Gun Gari. Although the number of Tech. people was smaller, results for F.A.T.C.S. (Fed. Aust. Tech. College Students) were very valuable, particularly as this was our first contact with Hobart tech.

Several meetings of these tech. students were held to discuss F.A.T.C.S. policy and the Art Exhibition. The student representatives of the seven schools who attended Congress received first attention. It was decided to make the exhibition, in fact, a combination of trained and hobby work, provided the Art Students agree. The 2nd (1939) Art Exhibition is to be an all F.A.T.C.S. Show, so get cracking talent!

On the question of Student Health, it was noted with satisfaction that Melbourne Colleges were receiving free annual checks, and had the support of their Health Department for anti-T.B. skin tests. Of interest were two F.A.T.C.S. sessions which were held in several countries—of mass vaccination with B.G.L. vaccine. First aid facilities in colleges represented were unfortunately, as bad as Sydney's.

Address by Professor Brown

A highlight of Congress was the address given by our Tech. Uni. Professor Brown on Education and Culture—with many shafts fired at the cultural level of the "normal" University course and environment.

Of even greater interest, however, was a small F.A.T.C.S. session with the Professor later that evening. In a half which housed the Art Exhibition and useful refreshments (the local brand of "scam" was quite good) we discussed our own Tech. Uni. and the proposed Victorian one until well after midnight. The last night Diplomats showed the students an exciting exhibition, which was quite good.

This could be you! Come along!

Address for 150 only. So Book Early.

Don't waste time!

Apply now for the next camp, held May 19 & 20.

A little work and plenty of play.

If you miss this you will be sorry.

Dancing, Volley Ball, Sing-Songs, Barbecue.

Any other games or fun you suggest we can organise.

Read the reports on the last Union Student Needs Conference and Recreation Camp...

This may interest you

A new organisation is being launched this year for the young people of New South Wales. This will be a junior branch of the Junior Red Cross movement and it will take the form of a network of Red Cross Youth Clubs open to young persons of 14-21 years.

But before this scheme can be put into action, leaders must first be found and trained, and Red Cross is calling for volunteers from men and women who are interested in working with young people. Red Cross Youth Clubs will be democratic and self-governing, deciding for themselves the programme which they wish to adopt. The scope of their activities will be almost unlimited, offering new and varied interests to leaders and teen-age members alike.

A special Leaders' Club is now being formed which offers a short training course combined with an enjoyable social programme. Here members will receive instruction in such subjects as public speaking and debating, dramatics, handicrafts, nature lore and music appreciation; they will learn something of the work of Red Cross and make tours of inspection of Red Cross Homes and Hospitals; while outdoor and social activities will include hikes, sailing, weekend camps and hostel parties.

Inquiries from men and women, who are interested in volunteering as leaders of Red Cross Youth Clubs, will be welcomed at Junior Red Cross Headquarters (Mr. L. Johnson). The address is Red Cross House, 27 Jameson Street, and the telephone number, 20542, ext. 74.

Are you?

I wish I were a moron... I wish I were a moron... My God, perhaps I am!

I wish I were a little egg.

Away up on a tree.

A stilt in my little nest.

As rotten as could be.

And then some day you'd come along.

And stand beneath that tree.

And I would up and drop myself.

And another stilt with me.

Technical education out

Madanlal Ansari, India's Education Minister had recently announced that expenditure on education will be only 2% per cent. of the Budget. Expenditure on Technical Education has been cut 30 per cent, from Rs. 179 lakhs originally earmarked to Rs. 133 lakhs.

From Student, A.I.S.F., Jan '50.
DARWIN JOURNEY
by Clare and Harold Spies

Our first impression of Darwin was a jeep parked by the side of the road with a Territorian asleep in the front seat, legs dangling over the side. Unconventional, but typical!

Darwin is mainly a town of Government servants.

There are no large industries but a sizeable floating population exists.

The effect of the bombings during the war are still evident; bare walls and bombed buildings still stand and wrecks of immovable ships are scattered throughout the harbour. We were informed by several eye-witnesses present during the raids that the casualty rate was many times higher than reported.

Most of the buildings are of galvanised iron with steel framework because of the highly destructive action of the white ants. The conventional dress is shorts, shirts and sandals so the cost of clothing is very small. As all supplies come by boat there are sporadic shortages.

During our stay the rainy season was just commencing, bringing humid weather in which the moulds thrive, growing on clothes, leather and food supplies. The remedy is air-tight containers for food and clothes must be kept as dry as possible.

10/- per week

The population of about 7000 is a mixture of Australian native, Chinese, white and half-caste. The aborigines, having no equality rights, are the worst treated. They are administered by the Department of Native Affairs which controls their wages, place of living, etc. Around Darwin they are segregated into compounds and conditions in these places can be illustrated by the shocking fact that in 28 week 28 native children died of measles in one compound during our stay. During the day natives are allowed to be hires as labourers, maid's, etc., for not more than 10/- per week. Natives on the wireless stations throughout the Territory who are doing the same work as whites are not allowed to receive the same award rates.

Treatment of Lepers

Probably the inhuman treatment of people that we saw was that of lepers. These unfortunate, consisting of natives, half-caste and a few whites are secluded on an island about 3 miles from Darwin. The leperarium is run by missionaries and is visited by a doctor once a week. The living quarters are shacks, no hospital exist on the island.

The North Australian Workers Union has a large leper relief fund from which clothing, sweets, tobacco, fruit, etc., are taken regularly to the island. We had the privilege of going with the regular concert party to distribute the relief and give an impromptu concert. We were welcomed with cries of joy and laughter. The small hall was packed with the most appreciative audience we have ever seen.

On the island we saw lepers; children from two years of age to old people, with extremities missing and all stages of modular and nervous. The shocking clinical conditions made us realise more deeply the social significance of medicine. The care of these people should be undertaken in a modern, infectious disease hospital on the mainland with the introduction of educational and rehabilitation facilities. The prevention is a bigger problem and appears to lie with the social conditions of the native population. As we have taken their country from them the very least we must do is to provide them with equal opportunity to use its development and benefit from its wealth.

Journey Back

After spending ten days in Darwin we left by coach for Alice Springs along an asphalt road reconditioned by the army during the war. The surrounding country was flat but beautifully green due to recent rains. The vegetation appeared similar to that on the N.S.W. Coast. Gradually the eucalyptus faded out and was replaced by scattered, dusty and rocky trees. Particularly after leaving Elliott the vegetation becomes sparse, and the typical reddish brown soil appeared with giant termite nests covering the landscape.

Right through the trip down to Port Augusta we were struck by the abundance of rock from "Gibber" plans to large granite "Devils Marbles." We had little time to note the type of rock but it appeared to be mainly quartz and in Alice Springs and Darwin we saw a large amount of mica bearing quartz.

Look of Water

The main drawback in the Territory appears to be the lack of water. Given water the country has tremendous possibilities. This was borne out in Alice Springs. A beautiful little town with trees everywhere and where we saw accentable grapes, figs, oranges and other fruit growing. Probably the most beautiful part of the scenery was between Port Augusta and Port Pirie. The long undulating wheat country with fresh green fields and miles of wheat piled high outside the stations was a striking picture.

The rest of our journey through to Adelaide, Melbourne and on to Sydney was terrible—2nd class carriages, soot and dirt—so we were thankful to get back to Tech.

PRESENTATION TO MR. TUCKER

Mr. Tucker, well known to all Chem. students, retired last year after many years as Chief Lab. Assistant in the Chem. Department. He will be remembered as a friend to all present and past students, ever ready to assist students with their problems. The Science Association is organising a presentation and are circulating donation lists. Students and graduates can give donations to class reps. or to Mr. Rawson.

DOUBTMENTARY FILMS

The Union has registered with the Documentary Film Council as a borrower. Tech College Associations may borrow films through the Union Council. For further details contact Eume Mapperson in the Council Room.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

One of the demns of wrecks scattered over Darwin Harbour.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

The A.G. Meeting held in the Union Rooms on 28th March was attended by 55 appreciative members. Three films were shown, Charlie Chaplin arousing great enthusiasm.

The temporary secretary, Mr. G. Rhoades, outlined the past year's activity, pointing out the lack of leadership resulting in absence of minutes of committee meeting but recent Student Needs Conference will facilitate greater attention to providing members with necessary amenities.

Officers for 1950 elected were: Pres., J. Gannon; Vice-Pres., W. Thomas; Secr., J. Anderson; Treasurer, E. C. Martin; Steward, N. Woods; Student Councillors, G. Tanig; J. Donellan; A. McDonald; E. Daly; D. Cantrill.


A vote of thanks to Mr. V. Rawson for his valuable assistance over the past year was carried by acclamation. Coffee was served.

The meeting closed with keen discussion among the new committee continuing until 11 pm.

N.S.W. ADVISORY TECH.

EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL

The above body was reconstituted by the Tech. Education Bill last year. Engineering Graduates are represented by Mr. Stone. The Union Council will keep in close contact with the Advisory Council with regard to problems of TECH. Education affecting students and graduates.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING COUNCIL

Class representatives have been elected from the majority of classes in Science and Engineering, Norm Woods, Stage Convenor of Science, is well on the way in organisation of stage committees.

Join the Union

- FOR A BETTER TECH.
- DAYLIGHT PAYING
- CONCESSION FARES
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- CURRICULUM REFORM
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UNITY NEWS
May, 1950
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, Unity News, dear Sir,

I feel I must congratulate those people who were responsible for the organisation of Student Needs and Welfare Conference as was held at Monte Vale.

The need for a student's "Bill of Rights" has been long overdue, particularly at S.C.T. I am pleased to see that another conference is being arranged for 20th May. The above suggest that the Union realises that "Students Needs and Welfare" is a progressive idea and, by continuous discussion, students' new ideas will come forth and those proposals, all ready made will not be allowed to stagnate and lose their meaning.

Before the next conference let us see that the points of the charter are well on the way to being realised.

The cafeteria is absolutely inadequate for the needs of the students. Last night I joined the queue at 5 p.m. and by the time I had finished I had to hurry to a 6 o'clock lecture. Admittedly this is not the usual length of time it takes to have a meal (sometimes it's only 15 minutes) nevertheless it is not possible. I have spoken to a number of people and they all agree that it's time the cafeteria was enlarged. Some students say they have "given the cafeteria the slip" and are eating elsewhere, surely this could be avoided. Night classes are a great physical strain with shortage of sleep, etc., without the extra burden of malnutrition caused by meals of pies and peanuts.

What is this about military training? Does the Government of this country want to make tech a still harder hurdle than it already is? Apart from the fact that 3 months military training would put a student a whole year behind in his studies and maybe lose him his job—yes, I know there are plenty of jobs advertised but could they be as called "good jobs"—I think of the precedent this military training establishes. It recognises war as an expectation of the near future. It was the same when we were promised the "fruits of the last war," "At ye're—so shall ye reap" were the seeds of war. I congratulate the students who unanimously agreed that military training was impossible if we are to have better Student Needs and Welfare.

R. ARMSTRONG.
Chemistry.

The Editor, Unity News, dear Sir,

I wish to comment on the fact that, as yet, no coffee has been supplied to Union members this year. Last year we did not receive this service, which was promised, this year apparently due to lack of initiative on the part of the Union Council in enacting some paid help to make and distribute the beverage, or if this was impractical, in arranging for voluntary labour to do so.

I would also add that this year free coffee was used as a drawcard to persuade students to join the Union (a notice being exhibited at the entrance booth). Furthermore, in the last edition of Unity News the findings of the Students Needs and Welfare Conference stated that coffee was to be distributed by the billiard room attendant.

However, I admit coffee cannot be satisifed by a hypothetical person, is why not arrange for voluntary labour to perform this service and even make a small charge? Of course, the Union complains of the lack of interest in the body which has as its aim "A Better Tech. for Students." But this surprising when it is only does not supply its advertised amenities, but does not apologise for not supplying the coffee.

Yours expectantly,

H. THORBURN,
Chem. Eng., Stage III.

(Ed. Note.—Every effort is being made to have coffee served by voluntary labour. George Tangie and Norm Woods have been doing a grand job but need assistance.)

FOR A BETTER TECH
Student Opinions on Programme

As I was not present I was interested to see the health and recreation schemes which I consider are very necessary in building a better climate for the community. Daylight saving, more sporting activities (what about some swimming, athletic, football, etc., carnivals during the year?), cheaper meals at the cafeteria, a routine physical check-up, are all conducive to better study and mental health.

To my mind the report has covered the needs of the students very fully, and, with complete co-operation from the members themselves should bring good results.

DOROTHY STUART.

This programme could not be better, each of the sections listed being of great importance to tech. students. I am looking forward to a year of great activity by Union members, which will help us to attain our goal, and improve the lot of all students.

BARRY WILLIAMS.
Elect. Eng.

The Editor, Unity News, dear Sir,

Two of the most important subjects discussed at the February Conference were the N.S.W. University of Technol­ogy and Peace. Of these two probably the latter is of greater importance since our very lives depend on it.

Students should direct their thoughts and efforts, in the direction of peace. It is quite safe to assume that no one wants war so don’t let us even think of it, most nations in the world have not even recovered from the last one and yet one hears and reads talk of the possibility of another war.

With reference to the University of Technology it is quite obvious that unless the Government makes some allowance for students at the Tech. to obtain a degree in their respective branch of Eng., etc., without endangering their position of employment then all the effort that has been put into creating the Uni will go for nothing because instead of thousands of students attending it will be reduced to a few hundred Government and employer sponsored students, the latter being very rare.

The only solution seems to be either of those suggested at the Conference, two or three afternoon per week or a full year with Government assistance and protection.

—H.D., Eng.

CAN YOU ANSWER A QUESTION?

The basis upon which the sup­porters of the Peace Movement erect to constitute their arguments is, the sincerity of the U.S.S.R., in their attitude towards the question of Peace and their readiness to co-operation to see that world Peace exists not merely in name but as a reality, the remainder of the major nations of the world are only too ready to answer the question. Do you earnestly and sincerely want Peace with a most emphatic Yes but, up to the present have done very little towards making it a reality. Taking most facts into consideration it appears to an unbiased observer that they are placing obstacles in the way of securing Peace rather than trying to eliminate them, for instance the U.S.S.R. persists in the "Cold War" not as a means of preventing the U.S.S.R. advocating a policy of communism and internationalism, to whatever their economic stability and to prevent widespread unemployment in industries which produce war materials.

The burning question is the Soviet system, which has so far been answered by a great many people who unfortunately are not in the position to answer and are only too ready to condemn any new Social Order. However, those who have seen it in operation, in the majority, say that it is working splendidly, which is the only really satisfactory way to prove this is to see for yourself. In finishing I would like to say this. Too many people have been too quick to accept one side of the question without considering any of the facts put forward by the other side. You should consider both sides of the question, analyse them and draw your own conclusions, ignoring any type of bias from other people.

This way, and this way only, can you adopt a clear view of the facts and now how would you answer the question, DO YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL Sincerely and Earnestly WANT PEACE? If you do then why not DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

—N.E. WOODS.

STUDENTS IN ITALY

ITALY. CUDO, I.U.S. member organisation in Italy, has increased its activity for student demands. In Rome, the students established a programme for the building of new laboratories, opening of a student canteen, granting of 2000 scholarships for needy students, 90 percent reduction on trains and railways, creation of printing co-operatives (for text and non-text books), creation of a student health centre for all students in Rome, transformation of army barracks to student hostels. The appeal of the students of Rome points out that all this can be achieved only by increasing the budget for education which was cut because of the rising military expenditure. (From the paper "Universita, Nuova").

N.S.W. NATIONAL OPERA

Late in 1949 the N.S.W. National Opera (Inc.) was formed with Mr. L. Langholz, P.R.A.S. a President and with the object of producing an annual season of opera in N.S.W.

The President has invited, through the Union Council, students to become associate members, which entitles them to membership of the National Opera Club.

Further details may be obtained through the Union Council or by applying directly to the N.S.W. National Opera, 243 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

MORE TECH STUDENTS IN BRITAIN

There are more than twice as many technical college students in Britain as there were before the war.

"Student Forum".

3,460,000 MEMBERS
IN 60 COUNTRIES

The International Union of Students stands today as the sole representative international organisation of the democratic students, having 3,460,000 members in 60 countries. The I.U.S. fought for the principal interests of the students and expressed their common will to defend the peace. Its unity is based upon the active participation of the membership in determining its needs and elaborating a policy to satisfy them. The I.U.S. guarantees the right of every democratic student to participate in this activity.

I.U.S. membership badges are available at Union Rooms, price 6d. Current pamphlets and documents FROM I.U.S. and W.F.D.Y. are also available for perusal.

MUSICIANS WANTED

Do you play a musical instrument? An orchestra, band or combination is needed for the 1939-40 REVUE. Any instrument will be accepted but it’s brasswind, woodwind, percussion, string, or whether you play jazz, swing, dice, classical—in fact anything at all.

We already have several instrument­alists lined up so come along to the Union rooms and let us know!!

THIS MEANS FUN!!

"SHOESPINE"

A very successful theatrical party was held at the Savoy on 12th April, to see "Shoespine." Nearly fifty students and friends attended, and the Union know if you have a favourite show you think would be popular for a theatre party and we will organise it.
STUDENTS’ WORK GOES OVERSEAS

2nd World Student Congress to be held in Prague in August, 1960.

LONDON . . . The Executive Committee of the I.U.S. commanded its meeting on February 2 at the headquarters of the National Union of Students of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Following the report on preparations for the Second World Student Congress, delivered by the President of I.U.S., Mr. Josef Grohman, it was decided that the Congress would be held in Prague, in August, 1960.

Other items on the agenda included the work of the I.U.S. and the national student organisations. The adjusted family income limit in the fight for a democratic education, and the work of the I.U.S. magazine “Student News”. TEC. STUDENT OVERSEAS

Many students will be interested to know that Betty Bridge will be leaving here shortly to continue her studies in Europe. Before starting serious work she will be travelling round from place to place for two or three months, and hopes to be in Prague at the time when the 2nd World Congress of Students takes place (next August).

Students at the Conservatorium, Music and dance section, and some net design students suggested that Betty take some of their work with her so that it could be included in the Art section of the International exhibition of students’ work which will form a major feature of the Congress.

Tech. College students who show a keen interest in the I.U.S. Congress desire to add their work to that which Betty is taking with her. She will have an excellent opportunity to discuss and exchange the ideas and interests and technical developments being carried out by students here and in many other countries as wide apart as Argentina, Norway, Canada, England, America, France, and so on.

S.T.C. ON THE MAP

All students should be particularly interested to know that here is their opportunity to have their work represented at this congress and to have their pet ideas and favourite topics compared and exchanged with those of other students engaged in similar activities.

You are invited to include your ideas and pet tangible work (in the form of say, architectural designs, engineering and science topics, etc.) Better can be巡察ed at any time at the Union rooms and will be pleased to receive any further topics to be conveyed to the congress.

In order to make contact with friends or acquaintances in England or Europe, or anyone desiring to correspond with students in any country in the world (through what country’s delegate at the Congress) should make arrangements through Betty, who will be able to do this for them.

While in other countries Betty will write for further details of Unky News, so that we may be well informed regarding activities of students overseas.

British Students Reaffirm Affiliation to I.U.S.

The Council of the N.U.S. of England, Wales and Northern Ireland met in London, November 20th. An I.U.S. delegation consisting of President, Josef Grohman, Vice-President, Hal Fridman, A.I.M.S., U.S.A., Ken Tolls, Noel Ebiha and Lance Samson, attended the meeting. Mr. Bereau, Rumania, was unfortunately unable to attend as a member of the delegation as his visa did not arrive in time. Fraseral delegates were also present from Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Yugoslavia, Australia, and some other countries.

The meeting decided by a large majority that the N.U.S. of the I.U.S. should continue in accordance with the recently adopted N.U.S. “Statement of Policy Concerning International Student Relations.”

CANADIAN STUDENTS VOTE TO JOIN I.U.S.

MONTREAL.—An informal regional conference organised by the National Federation of Canadian University students voted in favour of affiliation with I.U.S. The conference was held at McGill University on January 21.

It included delegates from the University of Montreal, Laval Un., and the University of Bishop’s College.

Though the decisions taken are not binding on N.F.C.U.S., as a whole, they serve as guiding policy for the local N.F.C.U.S. Committees at McGill.

It is reported that many speakers emphasised that support for the I.U.S. would mean the cause of students everywhere. The conference also gave unanimous support to the N.F.C.U.S. campaign for increased government aid to education. The campaign seeks 10,000 annual scholarships of $300 dollars.

ANTI T.B. CAMPAIGN

The 1950 Anti T.B. drive was officially opened by Lt. General Northcote at the Wentworth Hotel on Tuesday, 17th April.

In conjunction with the Anti T.B. Association the University and Society students will conduct a mass cheer walk among tech. students early in second term. Watch notice boards for details.

ISN’T IT THE TRUTH?

When a Plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.

When a Lawyer makes a mistake, he at least charges first to try the case again.

When a Doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a Judge makes a mistake, he becomes law of the land.

When a Preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

But when a Printer makes an error . . . Good Night!...

“Graphic Arts Monthly.”

DESCENT OF MAN

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree. Discussing things like you and me, Said one to the others, Now listen you two, I hear a rumour that can’t be true, That man descended from our noble race, The very idea is a disgrace. Why, no monkey ever deserted his wife, Scarred the children and ruined her life. And who ever heard of a mother monk Leaving her children with others to tank? Rushing them off from one to another, Till they scarcely know who is their mother? Another thing you will never see Is a monkey-built chimney round a stove. Letting all the coconuts go to waste, Forbidding other monkeys to have a taste, Why, if I built a fence round a coconut tree, Starvation would force you to steal from me, And another thing a monkey won’t do— Go out at night and get in a stew, Making fool of himself, stir up afraid, Or with gun or club take another monk’s life. Of course man descended, the onery but, Brother, he didn’t descend from us!

SPORT AT TECH.

Adapted recreation has always been a problem for tech. college students. The Health survey carried out by Union Council in 1947 emphasised the lack of organised sport amongst tech. students. This is still true today and while being mainly due to lack of time is also caused by lack of recreational facilities playing fields, etc., also the high living standards induced by years of inactivity play a part.

Student organisation has been alive to the problem for many years and sporting activity constitutes an important part of the life of University students. While the International Union of Students had organised International summer and winter games.

The tech. colleges have been sadly neglected but with the establishment of the N.S.W. University of Technology Major Willbew has appointed Sports Director to the Dept. of Tech. Education and he has organised a Sports and Recreation

COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Students doing full time Diploma Courses and Degree Courses at the University of Technology of N.S.W. are entitled to benefits under the O.F.A.S.

Providing they fulfill the eligibility conditions, applicants are considered in the light of a Merit and Means Test.

The Means Test and Assistance given.

The Means Test is based on the adjusted family income for the preceding financial year.

The family income is the total of the taxable incomes of the applicant and his father and his mother. Common Income is the family income less $50 for each dependent child under sixteen at the close of the financial year preceding the date of application.

An applicant whose adjusted family income is $250 or less may be granted the maximum amount of assistance. If the adjusted family income exceeds $250, the amount of assistance is decreased by $1 for every $10 by which the adjusted family income exceeds $250.

The maximum amount of assistance is $40 per year (of $10 per year in the case of a student living with his parents while attending the University, or a living allowance of $5 per year in the case of a student not living with his parents while attending the University, together with (a) payment of compulsory fees, and (b) payment of an instrument allowance of $10 in all in the case of students in technical faculties such as medicine and science.

INDIA STEPS UP DEFENCE SPENDING

New Delhi, Wednesday. Indian Finance Minister, Mr. Mathai, told Parliament yesterday that defense would take about half the Government’s expenditure in 1950-51.

...From Sun, March 1st, 1950.

Co-Operation in Milk Distribution

6,000 dairy farmers own and control Sydney’s largest milk distributing organisation.

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Distributes annually nearly forty million gallons of milk. Particularly attractive to the tourist because of its wide range of equipment, carts and horses associated with its treatment and distribution.
Experiences of an Apprentice at the British Empire Games

In September, 1949, after a series of tests, I had the pleasure of hearing my name announced as a member of the Australian Team to participate in the British Empire Games to be held in Auckland, New Zealand.

As the team would not be leaving for four months I had ample time to go over the initial excitement and settle down to some hard training, also to gather the special gear required for such an important event. It might interest those who do not follow bicycle racing to know that the training schedule for three months entailed riding more than 5,000 miles to prepare for the one race of 100 kph. or approx. 621 miles.

When the time for departure approached the fact that I was to embark on a thrilling adventure began to show its effect. At last we were loaded into a Skyzmount to hop over 1300 miles of water. Here was our first sight of the ocean's vastness. My afternoons were spent reading the order and thinking of the sense of complete security permitted me to relax into a much needed sleep. In less than six hours we were over Auckland, and had not adequately described the magnitude of the view from above as we came in to land in the early morning.

Fortunately for me the road race was held on the second day of the Games and I was thus able to relax from further training and thoroughly enjoyage of the magnificent New Zealand scenery, which had the misfortune to puncture shortly after completing half the journey in the race. I therefore completed only almost four minutes for repairs but after riding 27 miles alone caught the field less than half a mile from home and had the satisfaction of finishing fourth.

All teams were quartered at the Ardmore Teachers' Training College, 23 miles from Auckland. In my opinion it was the best available accommodation. The misfortune was that we had the misfortune to select the one which was cut short by gas lines being laid on the day before our arrival. In fact this was the only minor misfortune the team suffered as the cordial hospitality extended by the staff made us feel as if we were at home.

The team was divided into the usual two sections: the first and second. There were 20 in each section, and the team was divided into the following categories: Adelaide, Hobart, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Auckland.

The Events:
1. The Senior Men's Road Race
2. The Junior Men's Road Race
3. The Senior Women's Road Race
4. The Junior Women's Road Race
5. The Senior Men's Individual Time Trial
6. The Junior Men's Individual Time Trial
7. The Senior Women's Individual Time Trial
8. The Junior Women's Individual Time Trial
9. The Senior Men's Team Pursuit
10. The Junior Men's Team Pursuit
11. The Senior Women's Team Pursuit
12. The Junior Women's Team Pursuit
13. The Senior Men's Team Sprint
14. The Junior Men's Team Sprint
15. The Senior Women's Team Sprint
16. The Junior Women's Team Sprint
17. The Senior Men's 500m Time Trial
18. The Junior Men's 500m Time Trial
19. The Senior Women's 500m Time Trial
20. The Junior Women's 500m Time Trial

The Results:
1. The Senior Men's Road Race was won by Peter Pryor, Melbourne, Australia
2. The Junior Men's Road Race was won by John Smith, Sydney, Australia
3. The Senior Women's Road Race was won by Sarah Brown, Melbourne, Australia
4. The Junior Women's Road Race was won by Emily Johnson, Sydney, Australia
5. The Senior Men's Individual Time Trial was won by Peter Pryor, Melbourne, Australia
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The Major Takes Over
In this short time at the College the newly appointed Amenities Officer, Major Withrow, has done a magnificent job.

Not only has he thoroughly organised sporting activities for the University of Technology students but he has found time to be of invaluable assistance to the Union in formulating plans for night classes.

The combined weekend camp at Broken Bay was just a start to a brighter future for tech students sporting and cultural lives.

For Men Only
One day a small rabbit playing on the railway track had its tail cut off by a train. On going home to his mother he said, "I've lost my tail!"

Mother rabbit replied "Go back and find it and I'll sew it on."

Going back bunny this time lost his head.

What is the Moral?
Never lose your head over a small piece of fluff.

Youth Sings
The songs as sung by young people of many lands have been included in a new song book "Youth Sings" published by the International Union of Students and based on the recent World Festival of Youth and Students.

The words and music are given and songs of all nations from the Irish "Kevin Barry," China's "Chen Lao" and Australia's "Waiting Matilda" are included.

The supply is limited and the demand great. Competitive buyers should leave their name with the Assistant Secretary in the Union Rooms.
STAGE COMMITTEES--HOW & WHY

There is one thing very much lacking in the Students' Organisation at the College, that is a closer link between the ordinary student member and the Executive Committees of the Association and the Union.

Very often we hear students complain, something along these lines--"Yes, we join the Union and pay our 10 bob, but after that we never hear from them again. Admittedly we get much cheaper notes in the Union Store and have the use of the Union Rooms, but apart from that the Union and Association does not do very much for us." On the other hand you can hear members of the committee saying--"What's the good of organizing anything for the students, they never turn up to anything. We don't really know what they want us to do." And as sometimes they are forced to guess what the students need, naturally they occasionally guess wrong and put a lot of work into something that's not really needed and therefore never appreciated.

How then can we overcome this state of the Union?--that's right--"Stage Committees." (How did you guess?) Yes, these Stage Committees are the answer to any student's prayer.

To prove the point let us first explain how Stage Committees should and actually do come into being.

One way of obtaining Stage Committees would be to call a General Meeting of each stage and elect the committee there, but this method is not very satisfactory because of the likelihood of getting too many representatives from one class and none from another.

A better way is for one or more enthusiastic members of the Association in a class to note that no Stage Committee has so far been formed in this particular stage and realise the disadvantage to themselves and the Stage; that is to inform the Association Secretary of their intention to form a Committee in this Stage. Finding no opposition from him they then proceed in their class, about 5 minutes before lecture starts or at a break between lectures, to elect some class representatives onto the Committee. Later, explain the class in "few words, what they are about to do, they ask for nominations for the committee members, after receiving at least 10 nominees, twelve or three representatives by show of hands, being careful to give everybody in the class 3 votes.

After these elections have been carried out in every class (say for example 4 classes) then we have 12 members on the Stage Committee. This Committee then must meet at least once or twice a month. In the first meeting at least a chairman and secretary must be elected. Then the Committee should settle down to find out the immediate needs of the students in that stage--and there there are plenty!

Items like lecture notes, Inspection tours, Past Exam Papers, Union Bulletin Distribution, should always be on the agenda. Each member should have a particular section to look after--e.g., one should look after Inspection tours, another to collect past exam papers, another to inquire at the Union Rooms whether any Bullets or Unity News awaits distribution. Make use of the organisation in the store, which is solely run by the students for the students. They will fold letters for you, print Exam papers, look after your finance and assist you as much as possible.

If these jobs are shared by too many, and done like that, they become quite easy and can be carried out even by the over burdened Tech. Students. Only when the whole lot has left it a few becomes impossible to carry out all the work.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED--Reasonable copy of YORKSTON & BROWN'S "Company Secretary's Guide". Apply Assist. Secretary, Union Rooms.

FOR SALE

All British Gent's wristlet watch (New, s.a.s. strong construction) 15/- £5. Apply Norm Piper, Stage IV, Chemistry Department.

FREE SPEECH

Students at Polytechnic, London are discussing whether the Students Council should be connected to a students union. The present S.R.C. has no control over finance or power to act in many matters affecting student welfare and status. "Student Forum" the organ of the S.R.C. states: "A Union should have the right to call a meeting of students at any time it pleases, and to speak about any subject it chooses. That is we for bidding this right in the Poly, the first and largest of all Polytechnics, is causing great concern.

POLICE CHECK ON STUDENT CONFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA

A police check was carried out in Adelaide (Australia), where the University's Social Club and Student Christian Movement jointly organised a weekend conference on "Christianity and Marxism". The police made many inquiries and took a copy of the list of people attending. The Adelaide University S.R.C. has protested against this police probe.

("On Dit", Adelaide Uni. paper)

EDITOR'S NOTE

I must apologise for the somewhat late publication of this issue of "Unity News".

Most of my time last month was taken up with pleasantries to the Assistant Editor to marry me.

Having finally extracted that beautiful little word I trust that I shall now be able to relax in my arm chair with my pipe and slippers and order the spouse to do all editing.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Council endorsed the Executive recommendation that the Annual General meeting of the Union be held on June 7th at 8 p.m. Report on Student Needs, Conversion Courses, International Union of Students will be discussed. Graduates will later be told that students are urged to be present and express their views on Union policy.

NOTICE

Changes to Constitution

All changes to Constitution to be presented to Annual General Meeting on June 7th must be in Union Secretary's hands at least 14 days before the meeting.

H. C. SPIES
Hon. Secretary.

EXAM PAPERS ENGINEERS

The Engineering Association has many 1947 Final Exam Papers which must be distributed among students. There is no doubt that everybody will want a copy so get your class try to call into the Union Rooms any time and pack up a bundle. There are papers from Stage I upward and including Engineering, Civil, Naval Architecture, Aeronautical.

THE STORY OF A LITTLE BULL

Once upon a time a little Bull on a very hot day tried to find some shade and he by chance came under the shade of a tree. He had been lying there for a long time when a large bull came and pushed him out. Now the little Bull walked for miles and miles till he came under the shade of a hedge. Here he lay till he was forced to move on by the ants which dwelt there abouts. Again the little Bull walked for miles and miles and miles until he came to the shade of a shed where he lay till he was forced to move on by a savage dog.

So our little Bull walked for miles and miles and miles and miles until he found rest in an old barn. This, my friends, is to show you that a little Bull goes a long way.

N. WOODS. (Chrm.)