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# HITHER

South Australia invites every University student in Australia and New Zealand to attend the 1956 N.U.A.U.S. Congress to be held at Victor Harbour from January 10 to 20.

All light waves of the spectrum come to Victor Harbour!

Here the translucent green waters lave the white-gold sands besprent with the reddening bodies of Adelaide's social elite. On a nearby hillside lies the Toc H Camp, scene of this year's Congress.

The said camp is large and well appointed. At present there is sleeping accommodation for 80 in the two huts, and another will probably be built before January. If not, we can procure tents.

The recreation hall seats 150 for meals. It has a good floor for dancing, and can double as a badminton court during the day if meals are not in progress at the same time.

### Come Closer

There is a great enticement to Congress in the extreme comfort of the camp and its ideal position, having the advantages of both bush and sea.

The surrounding countryside offers ample opportunity for bush walking, and you will have to indulge in some hiking anyway to reach the beach, which is three-quarters of a mile away.

We have left every afternoon free except that of the trip to Rapid Bay, so that you can spend all the afternoon on the beach if you want to.

Now some gen. on Victor itself. It lies 50 miles south of Adelaide, on the coast of St. Vincent's Gulf.

It possesses many natural and commercial advantages. Victor boasts of a telephone

link-up with the outer world, of a multitude of chemists' shops to repair Congress havoc, electric light, and the recent abolition of its horse trams (it was in all the papers). Another pleasant feature is the plenitude of pubs and shops of every ilk.

Now to the natural advantages.

The swimming at Victor itself is calm. But at Chiton Rocks (six miles away) you will rejoice in surf to rival Sydney's, much sand . . . all this without the manifold disadvantages of Bondi. Other nearby swimming beaches are Encounter Bay, Port Elliot, and Goolwa Beach.

At the Goolwa Barrage (which spans the mouth of the Murray) there is a bird sanctuary sheltering many varieties of rare aves and exotic aquatic birds.

A causeway runs from Victor to Granite Island, whose features are mountainous spray, rock pools, and more birds. These three facts were amply demonstrated to

an exploratory party from Adelaide's Congress Committee.

Another interesting geological excrecence is the Bluff (see view of Victor), which shelters Victor, and is wind-swept.

On the understanding that you use this edition as a vade mecum, we now tender you some advice on what to do when you come to Adelaide.

### Come Up And See Us

If you want to get in touch with the Congress Committee, find North Terrace (unmistakable, because it is fringed by trees and centred with tram tracks, and thoroughly respectable). Enter the first gate on from the pseudo-Roman-pillared Art Gallery, go straight down the drive until you reach a flight of red brick (!) steps.

Go down them.

The first building on your left is the Union building. The first door on your left leads to the S.R.C. office. There you will be sure to

find a profusion of committee members.

To while away the hours in Adelaide you may:

(a) Eat (preferably in Hindley Street. See Big Brother.)

(b) Feed the swans beside the Torrens.

(c) Sleep (same place.)

If you are motoring to Victor we advise you to consult the R.A.A. (if you have no South Coast map), and to take the road through Yanakalilla, because the scenery is magnificent, and more particularly because the Mount Pleasant road belies its name. It is a horror stretch, as the same unfortunate committee members testify. Someone in Victor is sure to be able to tell you the location of the camp.

Being retiring people, we hate to boast of Adelaide's celebrated hospitality. But we do promise you from this Congress much talk, much companionship, much disparting, and untold diversions.



CERTAIN THAT YOU will have formed all sorts of misconceptions about Adelaide, from hearsay and from the tourist brochures, Big Brother offers you this little Baedeker to the fair city.

Adelaide has a University, which is distinguished by the presence of the Bonython Hall, the plans for the Union Hall, and the recent induction of Richard Bentley as the Yeoman Bedell.

Adelaide is known as the QUEEN CITY OF THE SOUTH. You may remember that no one may enter the fastnesses of its principal hotel, the South Australian, unless complete with tie.

It is also the CITY OF SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING. By the decree of our indulgent Premier, diners may now drink until 9 p.m.

People have been heard to call Adelaide, among other misnomers, the CITY OF CHURCHES (two cathedrals, and altogether filled with the Glory of the Lord); also the CITY OF CULTURE. So much so that eminent students of French I produce in dictation, for "Ces gens n'ont pas le sens commun," "Ces gens n'ont parlent cinq command."

And Adelaide joys in the bitter rivalry of an internece war. For she is the CITY OF THE TWO SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS. They are notorious for making "scoops" of the same thing. Davey Crockett whoops across the pages of both papers. Both offer hefty prizes for word competitions. Periodically they exchange staff . . . particularly funny men.

And, my children, she is unashamedly the CITY OF THE UPPER 400. You will encounter many of this breed basking on the sand at Chiton. January is the open season. At this time they are the main subsistence of the above-mentioned Sunday newspapers.

And what does Big Brother think of his natal city? He concludes with much pride that it is the CITY OF EARNEST ENDEAVOR.

—Big Brother

## VICTOR . . . THE BLUFF AND THE SEA



(Photo: Roy McDonald)

## BILLETS

We hope to be able to find accommodation for people arriving in Adelaide two or three (!) days before Congress.

We can give no guarantee, however, and would much appreciate your notifying us as soon as possible after sending in your application form if you will want accommodation.

The person to get in touch with is R. J. Coulthard, Congress Accommodation Officer, c/o S.R.C. Office, Union Buildings, Adelaide University.



# Come On 'A My House . . .

Our tame poet, Caliban, fired with enthusiasm at the prospect of Congress, has honored the occasion with a hymn of welcome. This was composed during a profound contemplation of the unmistakably void interior of a whisky glass . . .

Here begins the poem of anticipation, directed at all prospective female visitors to Congress.

## TRANSPORT

In past years many students have successfully and happily hitch-hiked to Congress interstate.

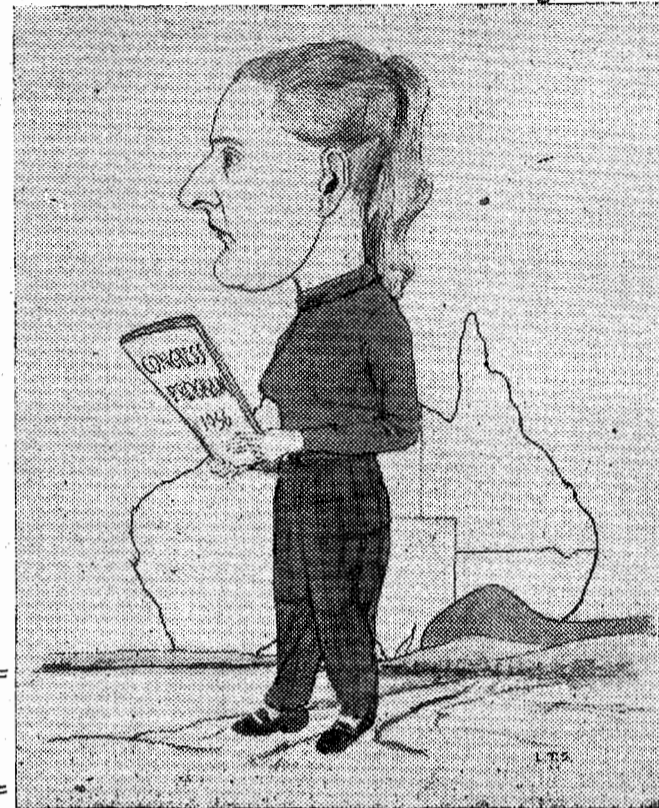
You will be interested to learn this in view of the fact that there are, lamentably, no travel concessions available for Congress.

## WALK . . .



Come hither  
From thither  
And wither  
With blither.  
And whether  
Together  
Or if ever  
We sever,  
How clever  
You ever  
May be:  
You may whicker  
And snicker  
Or shicker  
With liquor,  
Your liver  
May quiver,  
Your eyelid may flicker,  
But you'll never be  
Slicker  
Than basking at Vickor  
With me.

Director of Congress, Lola Barritt, as seen by our "On Dit" cartoonist, Laurence Schneider.



You will have seen by now that we are offering you a multitude of pleasures—swimming, the surf kind or the peaceful for the lazy or timid, tennis and golf in Victor Harbour itself, and the simple pleasure of just absorbing sun on the beach.

But in case you become bored with this plethora of luxurious living, and find it impossible to fill in your spare time, our Activities Officer has arranged a delectable group of other activities.

On the second night of Congress there will be a welcome dance in the recreation hut, to be graced by the presence of the University Jazz Club, which enjoys a reputation in Adelaide, and which will be having its last wild fling before National Service swallows them up.

We plan to have films on one other night of Congress, and have at last secured a projector, and are negotiating with film libraries for classic films. ("The Blue Angel" is on our list.)

Sunday night will see a play reading by the Adelaide University Dramatic Society. As yet we do not know what the play will be, but can safely say it will not be the too often seen "Rosmersholm" or "Murder in the Cathedral."

And then we move outdoors on Monday for an all-

day trip to Rapid Bay, a settlement some miles north of Victor. On the way you will pass through some of South Australia's best scenery, and at Rapid Bay itself you will be able to fish, if you are so inclined—salmon and trevalli frequent the jetty in hordes. There is also a lime kiln there which may be of interest to the more homicidal among you.

We are also planning a barbecue for one night of Congress, to be held on the beach.

And finally, the revue . . .

## AUX ARMES

A Revue has traditionally been held on the last night of Congress, and we want this year's to be even more successful than previous ones.

So we beseech you now to begin plotting for it: using items from your own Revues, and grooming local talent for Congress histrionics.

There will be a meeting on the subject of the Revue as early as possible at Congress to co-ordinate the various enthusiasts, and to arrange rehearsals.

If you come to Congress you will be able to write poetry like this, too!

I, too, have entered the night  
In search of the moon's desire;  
I, too, cling to strange stars  
Blinded by her cold fire.

I swam once, crystal-washed,  
Fathoms of maidless streams,  
Tripped over clammy starfish,  
Drowned deep in mermaid dreams.

Now I, too, wake through the night,  
And paddle my toes through the water,  
Dreaming of last night's desire—  
But in bed with the dustman's daughter.

CALIBAN.

Two years before Waterloo, twenty pages of the Carmina Burana, a collection of Medieval effusions, were lost in the binding.

Had these not been recovered, you would not have had the ineffable pleasure of singing this saga of drink.

Various toppers in the Congress Committee will have the tune under their respective belts by the time we reach Congress.

## PURPLE-STAINED MOUTH

In taberna quando sumus,  
non curamus quid sit humus,  
sed ad ludum properamus,  
cui semper insudamus.  
Quid agatur in taberna,  
ubi nummus est pincerna,  
hoc est opus ut quaeratur,  
si quid loquar, audiatur.

Quidam ludunt, quidam bibunt,  
quidam indiscrete vivunt.  
Sed in ludo qui morantur,  
ex his quidam denudantur;  
quidam ibi vestiuntur,  
quidam saccis induuntur.  
Ibi nullus timet mortem,  
sed pro Bacho mittunt sortem.

Primo pro nummata vini.  
Ex hac bibunt libertini;  
semel bibunt pro captivis,  
post haec bibunt ter pro vivis,  
quata pro christianis cunctis,  
quinque pro fidelibus defunctis,  
sexies pro sororibus vanis,  
septies pro militibus silvanis,

Octies pro fratribus perversis,  
novies pro monachis dispersis,  
decies pro navigantibus,  
undecies pro discordantibus,  
duodecies pro paenitentibus,  
predecies pro iter agentibus.  
Tam pro papa quam pro rege  
bibunt omnes sine lege.

Bibit hera, bibit herus,  
bibit miles, bibit clerus,  
bibit ille, bibit illa,  
bibit servus cum ancilla,  
bibit velox, bibit piger,  
bibit albus, bibit niger,  
bibit constans, bibit vagus,  
bibit rudis, bibit magus,

Bibit pauper et aegrotus,  
bibit exul et ignotus,  
bibit puer, bibit canus,  
bibit praesul et decanus,  
bibit soror, bibit frater,  
bibit anus, bibit mater,  
bibit ista, bibit ille,  
bibunt centum, bibunt mille.

Parum centum sex nummatae,  
durant, ubi immoderate  
bibunt omnes sine meta,  
quamvis bibant mente laeta.  
Sic nos rodunt omnes gentes,  
et sic erimus egentes.  
Qui nos rodunt confundantur,  
et cum iustis non scribantur.



Jeff Scott, a firebrand orator and member of the Congress Committee.

# . . . I'm Gonna Give You . . .

"Congress shall be a meeting-place where students from all Australian States and overseas countries may exchange ideas. It shall provide a forum for student discussion and a platform for visiting speakers. At the same time, it shall be recognised that the social and sporting activities of Congress are important aspects.

"Notwithstanding the above, the Congress shall not be considered a policy forming body of N.U.A.U.S."—N.U.A.U.S. Constitution.

Since 1947 the National Union of Australian University Students has held an Annual Congress to which all students of Australian Universities and representatives from other tertiary educational institutions are invited

Congresses have proved to be outstanding events in the lives of students, and will play an increasingly important role in student affairs.

For there is a great deal more to Congress than the badly needed holiday which it most efficiently supplies; more even than an opportunity to fraternise with old and new friends from Australasia.

In addition to these manifold benefits, it brings a variety of leading student and graduate thought to bear on those problems which have been filling student newspapers all the year.

In fact, the success of Congress depends upon your participation and contributions to all its activities.

We have decided this year not to follow the usual practice of having a theme for Congress.

Instead, we plan to have speakers who are specialists in their fields to present a

wide variety of subjects and viewpoints, which will be followed by open forum discussions after each address.

The eminent Jeff Scott, who is the bane of religious proselytisers and the scourge of Christendom, will be in action.

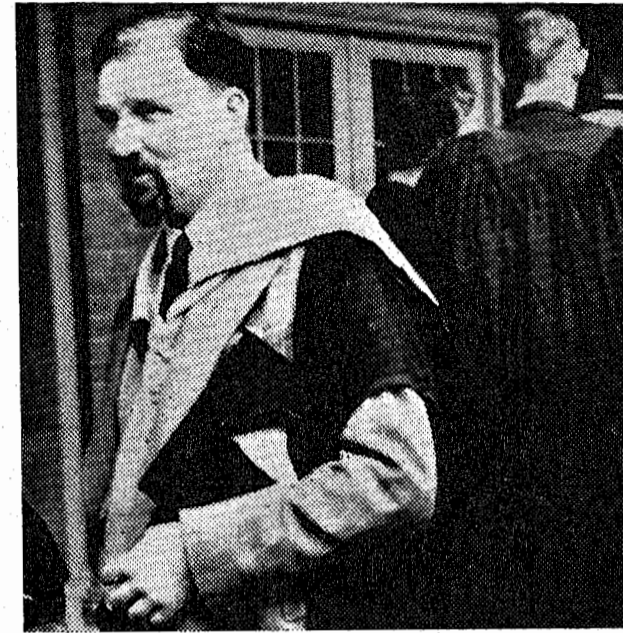
He will have as allies Adelaide's formidable army of hobby-horse riders.

Various symposia on topics of immediate interest will be arranged during the Congress, and will probably take place on mornings set aside in the provisional programme for business.

This latter will then be relegated to the afternoons, leaving you free to recover energy for the night's speakers.

These discussions and symposia are by no means merely a necessary evil of Congress, but form a vital and entertaining part of it.

Come along with your views on N.U.A.U.S. policy, and anything else which interests you, and be prepared for the holiday of your life.



Dr. M. Van Abbe looks lost at a University garden party held earlier this year.

## HORS D'OEUVRES

As you have observed from this edition, Congress offers you ample opportunities to open your mouths wide and frequently.

We fall over metaphors to assure you that the Congress Committee has arranged judicious promptings to discussion by assembling a galaxy of the cymbals of South Australian community life.

These will include:

Dr. D. M. Van Abbe, Reader in German at Adelaide University, will give the opening address at Congress on the function of a University.

An entertaining and authoritative speaker, and opener of many art exhibitions, he returned recently from study-leave in Germany.

He enjoys hornets' nests.

Father Michael Scott, Rector of Aquinas (the University Catholic College), and a member of the University Council. He is an eminent authority on modern art, and a Blake Prize judge.

A hard-hitting speaker, with a dry sense of humor, he will take part in a symposium on science and religion with . . .

Professor A. A. Abbie, Professor of Anatomy, who has delivered pawky admonitions on the folly of cigarette smoking and the wearing of high-heeled shoes to the Science Association.

Professor Abbie's wife, Dr. Ruth Heighway, a leading Adelaide obstetrician, who nevertheless disapproves of women entering professions, will dissect this bete noire at Congress.

The deplorable situation of natives in South Africa is a sore point with Mr. K. G. W. Cross, who recently came from Rhodes University, South Africa, to join the English department as Lecturer.

Congress will gain from his first-hand knowledge of South Africa.

Mr. Harold Zelling is an eminent Adelaide lawyer, and a graduate and lecturer of this University.

He has a practical interest in politics, and his topic for Congress will be "Freedom and the Law."

Max Harris, an Honours English graduate of Adelaide University, who rules and damns much of Adelaide's cultural life from his Rundle Street bookshop, is another speaker at Congress.



Max Harris proselytises with much vigor on Adelaide culture.

He has a relish for controversy, and will doubtless pronounce with authority on art and literature.

David Penny, S.R.C. President, 1953-54, Master of Economics, and present employee of the State Agricultural Department, has recently returned from a sojourn at Stanford University, Southern California.

He will talk on American student affairs.

Two other possible speakers are: Professor W. P. Rogers, engaging and mustachioed

Professor of Zoology, sage on wines, and Dean of the Faculty of Science, will talk at Congress, perhaps on his beloved mechanical turtles, if he can escape from the octopine coils of C.S.I.R.O.

Professor H. Stretton, recently appointed Professor of History, and former Victorian Rhodes Scholar, shares with Dr. Van Abbe the distinction of opening many local art exhibitions.

If available, he will probably talk on political trends of this century.

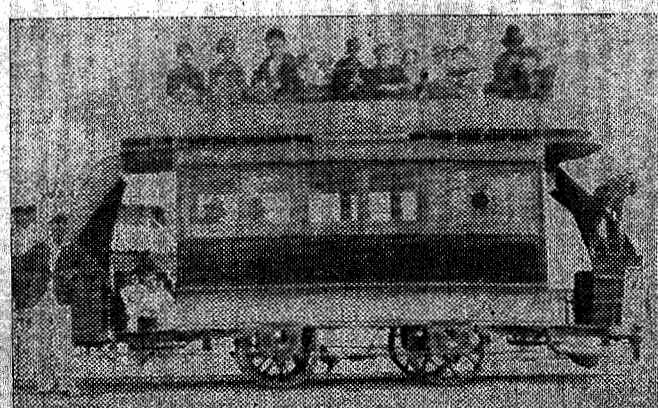


Father Michael Scott, who will address Congress.

## PROVISIONAL CONGRESS PROGRAMME

<b>TUESDAY, JAN. 10 . . .</b>	<b>MONDAY, JAN. 16</b>
ARRIVE	All-day trip to Rapid Bay.
<b>WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11</b>	Evening: Speaker.
Morning: Dr. Derek Van Abbe will give the opening address.	<b>TUESDAY, JAN. 17</b>
Afternoon: Free.	Morning: Symposium, "Science and Religion."
Evening: Speaker.	Afternoon: Free.
<b>THURSDAY, JAN. 12</b>	Evening: Speaker, Dr. Heighway.
Morning: Business.	<b>WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18</b>
Afternoon: Free.	Morning: Business.
Evening: Dance.	Afternoon: Free.
<b>FRIDAY, JAN. 13</b>	Evening: Barbecue.
Morning: Speaker.	<b>THURSDAY, JAN. 19</b>
Afternoon: Free.	Morning: Speaker, Mr. H. Zelling, "Freedom and the Law."
Evening: Speaker.	Afternoon: Free.
<b>SATURDAY, JAN. 14</b>	Evening: Revue.
Morning: Speaker.	<b>FRIDAY, JAN. 20 . . .</b>
Afternoon: Free.	LEAVE
Evening: Films.	
<b>SUNDAY, JAN. 15</b>	
Morning: Business.	
Afternoon: Free.	
Evening: Play-reading.	

## OR RIDE . . .



(Photo: Courtesy S.A. Govt. Tourist Bureau)



# EVERYTHING

## DRY OR WET?

Unless we have time to hold a local option poll between now and January there will be no liquor for sale at the Camp itself, and the Director has decided that no liquor should be brought on to the camp site.

We'd hardly call South Australia a paradise for alcoholics, but it does turn on some pleasant light beer, estimable clarets, and smooth brandy.

Victor is well supplied with hotels.



## WHAT TO BRING

### BRING THESE THINGS TO VICTOR HARBOUR

- Yourself.
- Your friends.
- Your relations.
- Holiday clothing
- Cutlery, clearly marked.
- Bed linen.
- An extra blanket.
- Swimming gear.
- Tennis racquets.
- Golf clubs, fishing gear.
- Any musical instrument you can PLAY.
- Song Books.
- Ideas for discussion.
- Pocket money. (See Page 1)

### WE PROVIDE THESE

- Beds.
- Blankets
- Hot water.
- Surf and sand.
- Bush walks.
- Good meals.
- Conferences, discussions, symposia, and debates.
- Fraternisation and social advancement (see page 1).
- Our own canteen with soft drinks, good Australian cigarettes, confectionery, etc.
- Outstanding speakers.

## PRICE-LIST

What Congress will cost you from:

ADELAIDE	£7 10 0
MELBOURNE	£7 5 0
SYDNEY	£7 0 0
TASMANIA	£7 0 0
NEW ENGLAND	£7 0 0
BRISBANE	£6 10 0
PERTH	£6 10 0
NEW ZEALAND	£6 10 0

We advise you to have your money ready when you get to Congress as your paying is a condition of entrance.

There will be a deposit of 5/- to pay on each blanket. Meal tickets will be issued.

We will welcome casual droppers-in for meals (4/- per meal), and if there is space available Adelaide people can stay for one night (17/-), or from Saturday to Sunday night (30/-).



Professor Stretton and Mrs. Stretton at the same garden party as Dr. Van Abbe.

Professor Stretton will talk on what is wrong with Australian Universities at Congress.

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## N.U.A.U.S. CONGRESS, 1956

Victor Harbour, January 10-20

### APPLICATION FORM.

I wish to attend Congress from...../1/56 to.... 10th

I wish to attend Congress from...../1/56 to...../1/56.

I shall be travelling to Victor by train/bus/private transport.

NAME..... SEX.....

HOME ADDRESS.....

PHONE No.....

STATE.....

UNIVERSITY.....

COURSE.....

I hereby enclose my deposit of £2, of which 30/- will be refunded to me if I withdraw my application on or before December 20, 1955.

Closing date for application is **October 31, 1955.**

Date deposit paid.....

Signature of officer who received the deposit.....

Applicants are warned that as the Congress site will accommodate only 120, numbers will have to be limited, and those applicants who pay their deposits first will be given first priority. It is thus essential that **you get your deposit in early.**

Signature of the applicant.....

**SIG FIT,  
EXIT...**