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West Aussie - Here We Come!



THE university students of Australia will hold their annual summer Congress at Araluen, near Perth, from January 13 to 23, next year — only 3½ months from now.

If you want to go to Congress, enquire now at your local SRC, Union or Guild Office and you will be told how to apply. A limited number of advance railway bookings have been already made in each State.

What is Congress? To the likes of you and me, it's the annual get-together of students from all universities. It's an occasion to have a good time, make friends, indulge in discussions, hear talks, air your own views.

And Araluen? Cool, quiet, respectable, about 17 miles from the centre of Perth and in W.A.'s beautiful Darling Ranges.

Araluen was carved from the virgin bush in 1931 as a hills resort for the Young Australia League. It is through the co-operation of the YAL that the buildings and site have been turned over to NUAUS for the Congress.

Being on private property, students will be relieved to know that the quiet serenity of their evenings will not be disturbed by the rowdy carousels of neighbours.

The first resident, and the most famous, was the West's Number One bushranger, the fabulous Moondyne Joe, who had his hide-out there in 1865 and who used to take his cut from the travellers in Cobb's coaches along the Albany Highway.

Valid Assumption

**PEOPLE
YOU'LL
MEET**

ONE person you're bound to meet at Congress is Valid Brushwate. Valid hails from the University of Brismantia.

Up there on top of the page is a picture of Valid as he will look when he arrives at Congress next January 14.

Yes, you see, Valid will arrive a day late. This will be because he is one of those students who never think.

Of course he won't have made up his mind to come until the very last moment, and he will have left his bathers at home, although he'll have brought his dinner suit, which he'll never need.

By the time you see Valid's frail figure standing forlornly on the wharf as the launch leaves for Rottnest, you'll know him well by sight.

He'll be the bloke who borrowed your toothpaste or razor last night and who somehow dived into the deep end of the pool yesterday before he remembered he could not swim.

He'll be the chap who has spent all night walking into Gosnells and back to bring two bottles of warm beer because he didn't know that the person in the next bed had a car.

And as the last bus leaves on January 23, no doubt he'll be the bloke still hunting round for his missing bathers which by now he's forgotten he didn't bring.

Valid will have spent £10 more than he needed coming across because he didn't bother to check details of student travel concessions, and of there's a lift back East offering with someone in a car, he'll be the one to miss out.

Of course, although he's hard-up for cash, he won't have thought of hitch-hiking across the Nullarbor to save his fare. And it won't have occurred to him to send his bank signature to the Perth and Gosnells branch.

Valid is not very bright. He won't have much to contribute to Congress. Make sure YOU are not a Valid Brushwate this Congress.

YOUR HABITS

NUAUS will conduct a survey among university students this term to inquire into their travel habits.

Travel Director Bill Lucas said in Sydney this week that the results of the survey would be used to try and persuade Australian airline companies that it would be worth their while to introduce air travel concessions for students. — AUP.

A State Of High Spirits

RARELY will the traveller find a group of students who place such importance on spiritual matters as those at the University of Western Australia.

The Spiritual Home of this community is, of course, the Captain Stirling Hotel (see map). In this Temple of the University Lodge of Lager Lovers' League (W.A.) can be seen the notable figures of W.A. student life.

Each April this institution is the scene of the Interfaculty Aquatic Carnival. This sporting event, conducted under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance League (who also assist with publicity) has now achieved world fame.

Run on International rules, the Carnival was first held in 1955, and was won by the Dentists, who have managed to hold the "Captain Stirling Shield" ever since.

They have cut their time in the teams event to 12 seconds flat for a four-man team. The individual championship is still held by Pinki Too, who stunned onlookers at the first carnival by sinking 27 oz. of beer (3 schooners) in 8.2 seconds.

Congress visitors may shudder at the early closing (9 p.m.), but this is overcome by the superior quality of the local ales.

Melbourne's Farrago even admitted earlier this year: "For the truly discerning connoisseur there is no ambrosia to match the amber fluid perfected by the Swan Brewery Co. (W.A.) Ltd."

Closely following the local ales as a tourist attraction, is the most congenial spot for its consumption, Rottnest Island (see map again).

ANIMAL LIFE

This rightly-famous spot is the home of the Quokka (Wallaby) and many other forms of animal life. Students interested in natural history frequently visit the island to acquaint themselves more fully with the various animal instincts indigenous to the settlement.

Congress will include a chaperoned trip to Rottnest.

A recommended pastime on the mainland is Sunday driving — to some place outside the 25-mile limit, which will open for two sessions.

Places to note are Sawyer's Valley, Rockingham, Yancheep and Kelmscott (by the way, cut out the map and bring it with you).

The site of the Narrows Bridge has long ceased to amaze locals, but it is bound to astound visiting Victorians (who claim to be paying for it, anyway).



Animal life abounds on Rottnest. The Quokka is unique among marsupials in that the pouches are under its eyes.

Preparations have been under way for some decades, and already an impressive notice has been erected.

The visitor cannot help but be astounded at the sheer beauty of the Swan River, from whose source waters such wonderful beer is made.

The State is justly proud, too, of its Weather Bureau, which has never used a double headed coin in its forecasting yet. Admittedly their job is simplified by the fact that the weather is always fine in the Sunny West.

Finally, intending visitors are reminded that consorting with known criminals is now a criminal offence. But with care this should present no trouble; none of us have been got for it yet.

— Dick Wittenoom

Divided We Stand

OFFICIAL estimates of the interstate attendances at the '58 Araluen Congress were given this week by the Congress Director.

The Director said: "We estimate that about 121 11/16 students will attend."

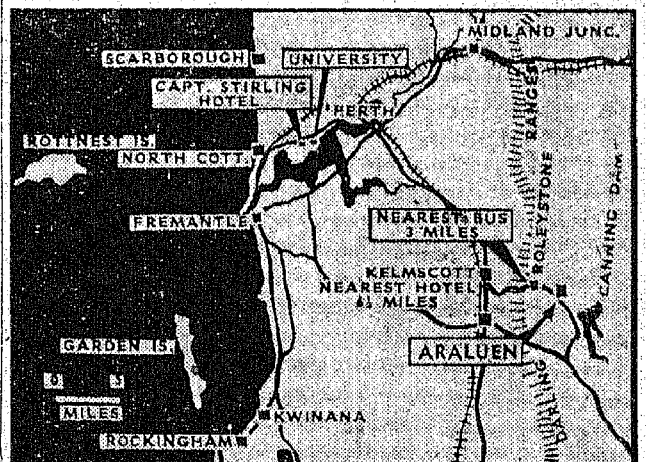
"This figure has been arrived at by a small team of statisticians after considering the attendance at the last Congress held in Perth in 1952, the increase in student numbers at each university, the phase of the moon and the introduction of the jackpot at the local race-course.

"This number will be boosted by about 79 5/18 local students.

"Fortunately the statisticians estimate that 1 19/23 Congress Directors will be in attendance to cope with the increased numbers.

"The students of Australia must learn to unite" she added.

PUT YOURSELF ON THE MAP



Yes, put yourself on this map next January by taking the intelligent student's course in relaxation at Araluen. There you'll have a chance to meet the student leaders from every State. Meet, talk, dance, drink and swim with the people from other parts of Australia. Write to your friends in other States and arrange to see them at Araluen.

STUDENT LIFE:

the trouble with melbourne . . .

*T*HE trouble with universities in Australia today is that they have lost their punch. This is what the writer of this article claims. He writes about Melbourne University but the same appears to be the case in every university in Australia.

THE trouble with Melbourne University today is that it lives under the shadow of former greatness.

The traditional zest still plays an important part in student life, yet everywhere this is being steadily effaced by the encroachment of the new and hideously modern, which is fast giving a sterile outlook.

Every day, on the structural side, new glass and brick structures rise to crowd out vistas long renowned for their hallowed sanctity. Old Wilson Hall has been replaced by a concrete pillbox and even the Union lawns are falling to the claws of concrete Union extensions.

The old army huts may have been dilapidated and unsightly but they held a warmth and feeling that the new cold sterile structures cannot replace.

On the intellectual front, the fog of dullness and inconsequence is fast settling. It is merely the dusk of a past cultural sparkle.

A general explanation for this is that the old gawd-forsaken Shop is very fast becoming stiff-shirted and respectable — an almost abhorrent term when applied to the seat of this generation's new thought and outlook on the world and its problems.

The day of "say-exactly-what-you-think-however-startling" has gone.

A leading debater recently deplored the lack of fanaticism in the University and he is right in so doing. One cannot now be blatant in one's beliefs, nor can one seriously expect any consideration unless one is very careful not to offend certain factions.

For a code has been established which must not be broken. The rags and rorts which remain derive their tameness from the dictates of this unspoken yet deeply entrenched set of moral regulations.

Uninhibited actions have bowed to the curse of respectability, and there is a simple, and more general reason than one might think.

The day of the ex-serviceman has passed into legend. The immediate post-war era was a series of shocks and adjustments. Students were frantically active, alive and

concerned. They were not prone to suffer injustices or inconveniences when a solution was within reach.

The digger had fought for his liberties and his right of speech and independence of thought. Not only did he uphold his own rights, but those of others just as unequivocally.

Any subject was freely and conscientiously discussed. Even as late as 1950, Farrago devoted a great space to discussions on Birth Control (in which Vincent Buckley took a great part) a thing which would today be extremely unlikely.

And every day the fundamentals behind religious beliefs, politics, literature, etc., were questioned and attacked by societies such as the now defunct Freehought Society.

The almost reckless intensity of life at the Shop in the early 50's contrasts sharply with the staid isolationism of today. Culture was an almost universal interest — even the budding scientists knew the currently discussed literary authors and critics.

For instance, during a tram strike in 1950, the SRC defying threats from strikers, instituted a bus service between the city and the University at peak hours.

Leading personalities were known to everyone — the SRC Elections were tough in those days — and the four most important people among the student body were the Presidents of the Liberal, Labour and ALP Clubs and the President of the SRC (the last being the least important).

Those days were helter-skelter. Anything went and little was regarded as untoward. Today, the very opposite is the case, and the joyous exhilarating madness of complete independence, can only be experienced on very rare occasions.

All fall within the code. Disputes are minor and undertaken rather half-heartedly — it is much better to save one's face.

This, unfortunately, is only too obvious in the current Melbourne SRC. The transformation is therefore complete. Resign yourselves fatalistically to the doom of sobriety and respectability.

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highly positive

UNIVERSITY student drama groups proved in Sydney during the second term vacation that with the coming of highly competitive professional groups to most Australian cities, the universities can still contribute an important element to Australian drama.

The Drama Festival, always one of NUAUS's most successful and fully attended activities, proved this by being artistically well up to standard this year.

But the organisation of the show, mainly due to lack of interest and hospitality by the Sydney students, was poor and tended to split the States into isolated groups.

No one was there to meet the interstate arrivals; no one took them to their lodgings; no one arranged accommodation for some; they had to fend and fight for themselves at the theatre, making props and setting the stage.

In an atmosphere such as this, good drama was still produced.

THE PLAYS

The festival was held in the Wallac Theatre over a two-week period. The plays presented were:

- Adelaide:** All My Sons (Arthur Miller).
- Melbourne:** Hay Fever (Noel Coward).
- New England:** A Murder Has Been Arranged (Emlyn Williams).
- Queensland:** I Am A Camera (Van Druten Isherwood).
- Sydney:** Time Remembered (Jean Anouilh).
- Tasmania:** Antigone (Anouilh).
- Western Australia:** School For Wives (Moliere).

One thing the festival did prove was that at present drama flourishes in the Southern universities, while it seems to be in the doldrums (temporarily) at Sydney and New England.

The Sydney Morning Herald drama critic, L.B., considered the results of the festival to be highly positive.

He said it indicated that Australian university players can well be expected, with time and encouragement, to rival the vital contribution to world drama being made by some significant university groups abroad.

This possibility he said, had not even been suspected from the limp, immature and indolent playmaking by most Sydney student groups in recent years.

L.B. placed the performances in the following order of merit: Melbourne, Adelaide, Tasmania (these three he called "fine productions"), Queensland ("of notable merit"), Western Australia ("worth a good pass"), Sydney and New England ("two flops").

Quoting again from L.B.: "Idealism, indeed, seemed to be a basic theme of the whole festival. No less than four of the stage stories were directly motivated by it, in one form or another.

IDEALISTS

The four L.B. named were "All My Sons," "Antigone," "Time Remembered" and "School for Wives." He said that he could see also idealism in technique in "I am a Camera" and "Hay Fever."

"The exciting point," continued L.B., "The exciting point emerging from seven or eight very formidable acting performances was the firm demonstration that despite the widespread view that Australian men automatically abominate 'culture' there are still more than a few young Australian men who are prepared to act in deadly earnest.

"I am not at all sure, indeed, that through this festival the men did not have the better of it.

"True, there was exceptional wit, bravura, and flamboyant burlesque in Helen McFie's (Melb.) portrait of an ever-acting stage star with a taste for 'ham' — carried a little too

far to make the horrors of other characters plausible in the second act.

"There were remarkable sincerity, steadiness and emotional sense in the rather light-voiced Antigone of Anne Wilkinson (Tas.).

"And no one could fail to be impressed by the gay determination of Jan Ritchard (Qld.) to be a glamour 'tart' in the Van Druten comedy (I am a Camera) despite her obvious weakness in moments of sentiment.

"Against all that, though, the men could throw into the balance two remarkably thorough performances in "All My Sons" (Adelaide) — Dean Hudson (sometimes too relaxed and too uncompetitive as the father and Bob Kimber (too off-hand in his early exhibitions of high-mindedness).

"The Creon of Michael Fitzgerald (Tas.) though inclined to be too crustily ill-tempered in a role requiring a tired intellectual dignity, and the Anouilh 'Chorus' of Stephen Fitzgerald (Tas.), smooth and eloquent but inadequately conversational and 'objective' were most impressive.

"And even the booming enthusiasm of Robert Harrison (W.A.) in the Moliere, despite his constant mismanagement of period gestures and his persistent reluctance to attune his performance to the talk and style of his colleagues, was not without encouragement for a critic who sees far too many half-hearted students in the course of his rounds."

L.B.'s comments on the plays as presented by each State were:

Adelaide: Grippingly argued. Gave us the idealism of young people unwilling to endure the murderous money-grubbing of a wartime profiteer.

MELBOURNE BEST

Melbourne: The hit of the season, with all the idealism in the technique and none in the theme. A swift, sure spoofing romp, all of it brilliantly costumed in 'Twenties' style.

New England: Began the festival unpromisingly with a rough atmosphereless attempt.

Queensland: There were elements of idealism, too, in their vivacious, wise and warm-hearted version of Christopher Isherwood's half-glad half-sad adventures.

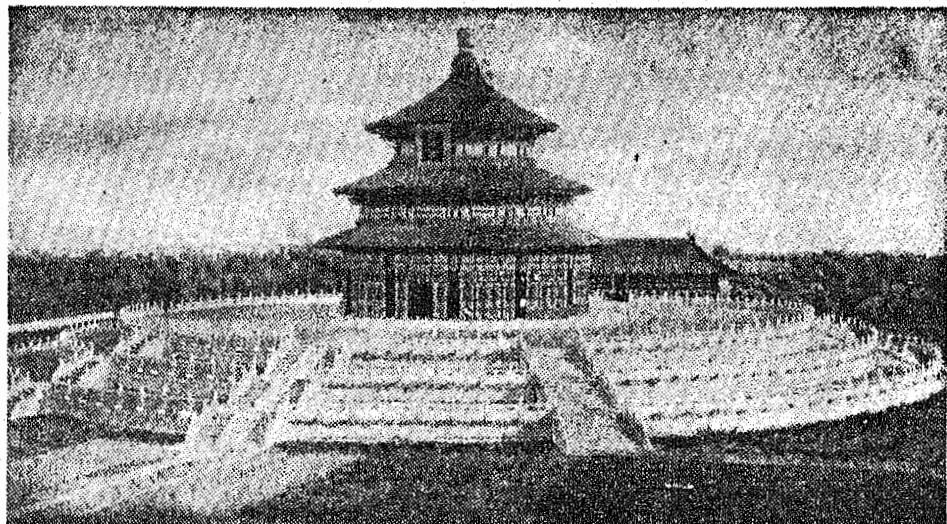
Sydney: A flat and drifting account. Just a shoddy bit of spatchcocking, had much to learn from interstate groups — such things as care for intricate detail, boldness of spirit in drawing characters largely and vividly enough for a stage, even a little old-fashioned idealism about the exacting standards to be set by the individual for himself.

Tasmania: Set forth with high elevation and emotion. Gave us the idealism of a young aristocrat unwilling to accept a life of snug, belittling compromises.

Western Australia: Neat account about a booming bore whose ideal of malleable womanhood is a pretty ignoramus to be instructed by him only in such matters as suit him.

The festival will be held during 1958 at the University of Sydney / Melbourne / Queensland / Tasmania / Adelaide / Western Australia / New England. (Strike out whichever not applicable).

And while we're on the subject of serious drama, did you know that at the January Congress '58 at Araluen, one of the outings you will be given the chance to attend will be one of the plays presented as part of the Festival of Perth, and probably it will be produced in W.A.'s unique sunken garden.



The three Chinese delegates who attended, by invitation, the NUAUS Council meeting in Adelaide, in January, 1956, presented this picture of the Summer Palace, Peking, to the students of Australia. It is a hand-embroidered picture in a blond-wood frame. At present it is in the NUAUS office, Perth. A number of constituent councils also received pictures of the same type.

TRAVEL:

the greatest plum

THE average student has now been given an opportunity to gain for himself the greatest plum student politics has to offer—a free overseas trip.

These trips arise when an Australian student delegation is invited to visit another country. Last year's trip to China stands out as a notorious example.

However, the onus of financing delegations is now to be placed more directly on each individual university and on the students themselves.

These are the results of a decision made by the NUAUS Executive when it met in Sydney last month.

The effects of these decisions will be felt this summer vacation, as a delegation leaves for India immediately after Christmas.

Until now, delegations abroad have been financed by NUAUS, largely by appeals to the public and to businessmen. Individual SRC's selected their candidates and using these selections as a guide, NUAUS chose the team.

This system almost always resulted in the selection of those candidates who had been in student politics for a long time and had become known to the other student politicians who, of course, voted on the selections.

The new scheme, proposed by Sydney's Jim Carlton, now acting President of NUAUS, will change all this.

It is envisaged that a selection committee of three people will be set up to interview all applicants.

These three will probably be a student, a member of the University staff, and a pro-

minent member of the community, perhaps an ex-MP.

The committee will, of course, be completely impartial, so this means that everyone from Freshers to final year students has an equal chance.

Before you start buying saris and brushing up your Hindu, however, the money has to be raised.

NUAUS will organise the tour and decide on the quota of students from each University. Each will then have to raise the funds to send their delegates on the trip.

Expenses inside India will be paid for, largely by the Indian students, but this still leaves a substantial amount to be raised for fares.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient surplus in all States to allow Australia to invite foreign delegations here as well.

Prominent student politicians, despite the fact that they have most to lose by the scheme, unanimously praised its fairness last week.

It should wipe out the suspicion that delegations abroad are "jobs for the boys" and allow the students to be wholeheartedly behind them.

A.U.P.:

pressing on

THE two months which have elapsed since the publication of the last National Supplement have seen further progress for the new Australian Universities' Press organisation.

The responsibility for NUAUS News and Information Service has been transferred to AUP by a decision of the August Executive Meeting of the National Union. News and photo distribution services are now operating and as a result, material from AUP is now appearing regularly in all Australian student newspapers.

The first National Supplement received a reasonable reception and the technical arrangements for publication and distribution have met with widespread approval. Suggestions for improvements in the standard of national material would be welcomed and should be relayed through the editor of your local student newspaper.

Advertising revenue will unquestionably help the production of more and bigger supplements next year.

Advertising also opens up fields such as the publication of the reports of NUAUS international delegations as special supplements, thus giving every Australian student a share in the experiences of their representatives.

At present member papers are levied 4d. per student studying at their home universities. As some members have not yet become financial, the unfair situation arises that the cost of their paper's participation is being borne wholly by financial constituents of AUP, yet all are receiving its benefits.

Prosepoets for this new organisation are bright and it is only a matter of time before all member newspapers recognise its value and give it their full support.

DEBATING:

the seat

SEAT of much controversial debate during the past year or so, the University of Tasmania last vacation played host to debating teams from seven Australian Universities.

Final winners were Sydney, although the University of Cooper Pedy were seeded as top favourites. This was the first time since last year that an unseeded team had taken the title.

The various teams used all the accepted tactics of debating, ranging from long windedness to rank incomprehensibility. Mr. Solomon (Sydney) played skilfully on the emotions of the adjudicators when he claimed that the word "auditorium" was a corruption of the Latin "audio" (to hear) and "taurus" (the bull).

The implied promise in this statement was not broken, as little of either the logical or factual was presented to disturb the listeners.

However, a debater's greatest asset is his voice, so all religiously ensured that their throats were amply lubricated. Nine gallons after nine gallons cascaded from the kegs on every appropriate occasion.

NUAUS intends to hold the next Debating Orgy at the University of New England (Armidale, in N.S.W.).

It is expected that a New Zealand team will participate, and there is also talk of sending a combined Australian team to the U.S. or Burma.

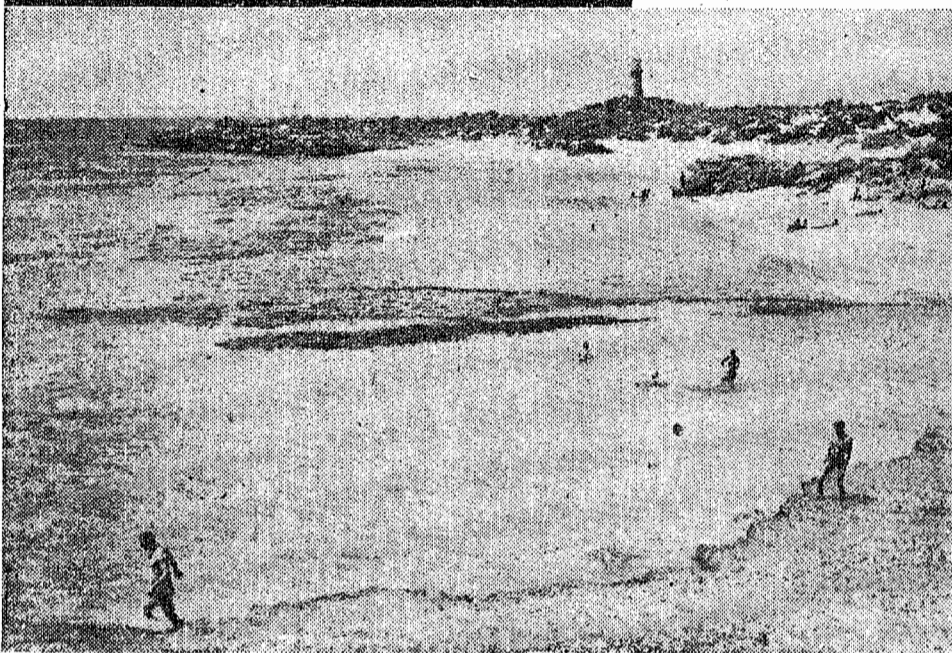
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AUSTRALIA'S BETTER HALF

Had Milton lived, he would have wished to die here. Ah! Rottnest, where the women roll softly on the beach and the waves bask in the warm sunshine. This picture was taken overlooking the Basin, favourite swimming beach. In the foreground, is President James B. Tommyrot, getting rapidly out of his depth, and in the background can be

seen a group of sun-tanned Guild Councillors contentedly framing another NUAUS emergency resolution. James was in Perth making arrangements for the 7th International Student Conference in Nigeria. He'll be in Perth again in January, telling us all about his trip. — Photo, courtesy of the West Australian Government Tourist Bureau.

Kim Paterson Looks At Japan

JAPAN'S women, mostly those in the under-30 age group, fighting for emancipation, are finding that the men are very reluctant to concede them any ground.

This is one of the impressions NUAUS honorary Secretary-treasurer Kim Paterson brought back with him after an 18-day tour of Japan last month.

Kim also attended the last day of the International Student Conference in Japan. He was the first Australian student ever to attend.

WORLD PEACE
The conference had as its theme "The Role of Youth in World Peace." It was run by the International Student Association, which has a membership of about 50,000 students — only five per cent of the total student population.

"The ISA is a highly efficient body, to say the least," Kim said.

"It handled the transport of 25 delegates from nine countries without a hitch and during our stay, took us about 1,400 miles around Japan."

Kim said that three of the most pressing wishes in Japan are for:

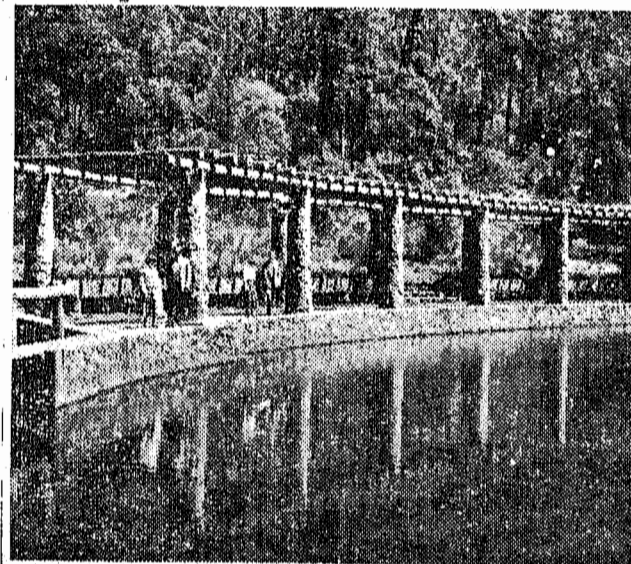
- A national neutrality, similar to that of India (this is desired particularly by students).
 - Trade with Red China (desired particularly by the Government).
 - Abandonment of nuclear tests (desired by all).
- There were two main reasons for their strong feelings on the third point. Firstly their experience in the war, secondly the possible effect on the fishing industry.

On the one hand they have a remarkably efficient rail system and on the other, their roads are shocking," he said — AUP.

"Japan is a land of con-

And on your right . . .

This is the swimming pool at Araluen. It's situated an easy 40 yards from the living quarters and is an ideal depth to drown in. As you can see, the weather was not as good as usual when the picture was taken, but the Congress Director, Miss Priscilla Thompson, assures us that arrangements are already in hand with the Perth Weather Bureau to provide weather at least as good, if not better than this all the time you are in the West. In the background, we are told, is the Nullarbor Plain. — Photo, courtesy of the West Australian Government Tourist Bureau.



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Fifteen Will Go

FIFTEEN Australian students have been invited to attend the annual New Zealand University Students Association congress this summer at Curious Cove.

This event is very popular with N.Z. students and its status is such that it is subsidised by the N.Z. Government.

It is unfortunate that only 15 students can go from Australia, but this is because of the shortage of accommodation. — AUP.

To New Zealand

FIFTY-FIVE Australian students will be able to fly to New Zealand on December 16 this year and fly home again two months later at a total cost of £63.

This is a saving of £15 on the normal tourist class fare, and has been achieved by the NUAUS Travel Department after negotiation with the airline company and the New Zealand student association.

For students travelling to N.Z. by boat, a concession of ten per cent. has been arranged.

Groups arriving in New Zealand will be met by N.Z. students and given assistance in the early part of their stay. It is expected that many will be billeted with N.Z. students.

Information folders ('lucky packets') will help students find employment and accommodation. — AUP.

TO SERVE THE WORLD

WORLD University Service is witness to the belief that you can deal with an immense world problem in other ways than lamenting over it.

The problem in this case is the colossal needs of the world's students. Nowhere to live, nowhere to work, tens of thousands with tuberculosis, not enough food, no medicines, no libraries, no equipment.

The international WUS is sponsoring, suggesting, encouraging and financially assisting a large number of projects, each aimed at the local need which seems most acute. In the field of student health, it is medicine for Rangoon University Hospital; Greece; clinical equipment for Yugoslavia, for Bogor in Indonesia; for Pattia in India; and Rajshali in Pakistan; T.B. Sanatoria and facilities in Japan, Korea, Indonesia, India, and Greece.

Then there are hostels to be set up, libraries to be stocked and scholarships to be provided.

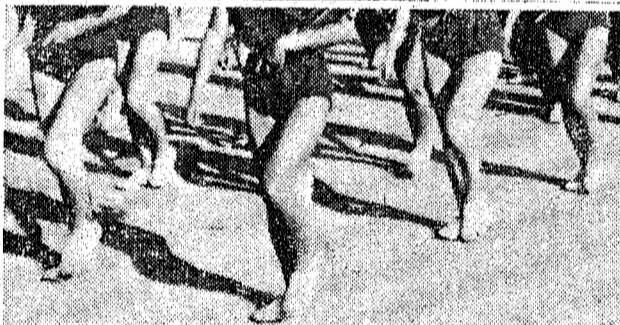
And on top of all this there is the resettlement of refugee students for which WUS has made itself responsible.

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This year, New England University, with a few hundred students, has raised £119, Adelaide so far about £500, Melbourne about £400, Sydney about £50. Elsewhere nothing at all has been done.

In addition, Adelaide students raised about £800 for Hungarian student resettlement in Europe. Sydney and Melbourne students, and a special committee in Melbourne raised about £800 for assistance to Hungarian student migrants in Australia.

With a determined campaign in all Universities, WUS in Australia might well be able to make a contribution of £5,000 or more a year towards the progress of the world community of students. — AUP.



This is a photograph taken at the last Congress in Victoria. It shows a group of students smiling broadly as they alight from their snow-sled. On the left is John Rallison (Qld.), followed by Chris O'Farrell and Jill Carington Smith (Tas.), Michael Finn (W.A.), Howard Nathan (Melb.), and Frances Lokan (Adel.).

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