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# POWER POLICY REBOUNDS

In a major test of strength by opposing factions on the S.R.C., the engineers failed to get all of a grant requested for a symposium to be held in the May vacation.

It was quite obvious throughout that the voting would be in blocks, rather than a result of consideration of the issues involved. Mr. Slee in seconding the motion spoke of the "new policy of power" and acknowledged that he was just "speaking for the record".

The success of the motion marked an end to even the rather dubious hopes

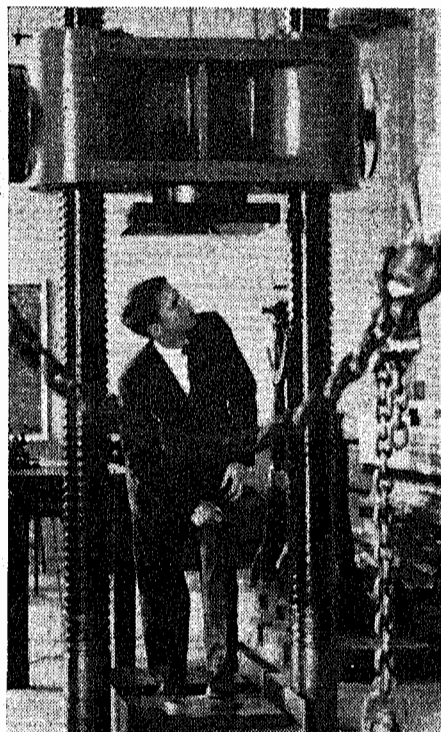
representatives, of which Engineering has two anyway. Mens' General representation has been cut to four.

This split continues in the Executive, where the Vice-President and Treasurer (Engineers) are ranged, in cases concerning engineers, against the other three executive members.

In cases like this neither the S.R.C., the student body, or the engineers get a fair go.

Some will argue that the destruction of the S.R.C. is a laudable aim in itself—but the engineers, in practice, through "power politics", block voting on the S.R.C., or "ticket anti-the rest" voting at elections have made themselves unpopular and the S.R.C. as a whole unreasonable.

The resentment stirred against them within the S.R.C. and perhaps outside it has been bad for themselves and the University. And in the end they have failed to achieve even the limited aim of getting maximum S.R.C. support for their faculty association.



Haslam . . . not crushed.

and demands which the engineers were after in stacking the Mens' General Elections and attempting to take over the S.R.C. last year.

In fact this policy rebounded sharply against them, as their case would have probably had a greater chance of success if the power struggle had not occurred. The opposition to the engineers' request hardened as a result.

The argument centred on the one side with Messrs. Slee, Birchall and Freney's appeal to "precedent", as against Mr. Hutchinson and his cohorts' appeal that the "one policy of the S.R.C. is to give assistance to clubs and societies where eligible". The S.R.C. "penalised" where they did not help as much as possible.

But the separate arguments were not as significant or disturbing as the "power politics" involved. The Mens' General Representatives who belong to the Engineering Faculty, ostensibly elected to look after the interests of the whole student body, were acting as a mass with no consideration as faculty



## A.L.P. FINISHED: WASHED OUT

by Gavin Fielding

Following its overwhelming rejection at the federal elections last year, the statement that the Australian Labor Party is "a Party which is vocal about the past, incoherent about the present and completely mystified about the future" seems more apt than ever before.

Rather than get down to constructive planning for the next federal election, the A.L.P. leaders have decided to cry over spilt milk—and keep crying.

Report after report is still coming in on why "we failed in N.S.W." They don't seem to be satisfied with one of their leader's answer—they are going to try them all. One wonders whether or not they will still be looking for reports in 1966 when the next federal election is due.

Until the A.L.P. formulates a policy to go to the electorate with, they will undoubtedly remain Her Majesty's Opposition. We still hear cries of what Ben Chifley did and what the Curtin Government introduced. If someone would explain to the A.L.P. that the electors don't want to be given a history lecture—they want to know what the future holds—then perhaps the A.L.P. could begin to think about unifying its mem-

bers in the hope that it might be asked to govern Australia.

No one is going to be interested in what happened in the depression or what conditions "workers" had to put up with under the Bruce-Page Government, when they can get a TV set, car, house and other accessories with their pay-packet. The Basic Wage is no longer £4 a week, and Social Service benefits are no longer non-existent, or almost so as we are led to believe by the A.L.P.

People are not going to take notice of claims that they are living like hermits—when known to themselves they are far better off than ever before. Re-living the past only helps to show how much better off they are today.

Mr. Whitlam's recent report to the N.S.W. Executive of the A.L.P. serves to show how incoherent they are at present. Mr. Chamberlain is reputed not to be worried about an action brought against him by a fellow A.L.P. member for a breach of Party rules. Who is going to support a party whose Deputy Leader all but tells the Leader to get out, or a member of its Federal Executive faces an action for breach of party rules?

### Rejected

Add to this the perennial "battles" between the "moderates" and the extreme "socialists", the attempted censure of another part of the A.L.P.—the N.S.W. Government; and the party arguments amongst themselves over Unity Tickets, is it any wonder that they have been rejected on seven successive occasions since 1946—the date the most recent Labor Government began.

As to the future, the A.L.P. have little or nothing to offer. Perhaps they could be excused for this since they are at present fully occupied in drawing up a history of the 1963 Federal Elections. Mr. Calwell found it so hard to say what Labor's plans for the future would be following their last defeat, that he had to make imputations about the political bias of private schools.

### Mystified

Further, it is mystified as to what to do about Australia's participation in S.E.A.T.O., as what to do about our armed services in Malaya, as to whether we should have the U.S. base in Western Australia or not, as to whether State Aid should be given to private schools (despite this political bias!), and as to whether one should buy English or American aircraft for the R.A.A.F. and Qantas.

What plans the A.L.P. has been able to make for the future unfortunately for it, also lead to its downfall. For instance it has long been a plan of the A.L.P. to have an Australian Shipping Line.

Let us consider just one illustration of what happens when goods are carried by Australian owned ships. The freight on soda ash in bags from Adelaide to Brisbane, when carried by coastal shipping operating under Australian conditions dictated by the Communist-controlled Seamen's Union of Australia, would be more than the freight from Liverpool to Brisbane in a British-owned vessel. So the cure proposed by the A.L.P., if it were adopted, would merely make the disease far worse than it really is now.

No one needs to be told of their "Nuclear Free Zone" in the Southern Hemisphere—which allows Indonesia to have nuclear weapons but not us!

### Peasants

Instead of reiterating the political history of the country the A.L.P. would do better to look into plans such as those just mentioned and spend the extra time trying to plan something more sane. The A.L.P. seems to adopt the attitude that by trying to govern its members and rules it will show to Australians it is capable of governing Australia.

The A.L.P., to succeed, must forget about its achievements back in the 1940's, few as there were, show that it is at least capable of being united over some views, and above all begin to plan sensibly for the future. No longer can it regard the average Australian as being a poor uneducated peasant.

## Health Danger Hushed Up

by Hugh Rowell

Sometime since the middle of last year one lecturer and four students have unfortunately contracted the grave disease, Tuberculosis. One of the cases was only discovered within the last months.

All had attended history classes, although their contacts are spread over a wide area. T.B., while not as contagious as most diseases can still be passed on by contact with a carrier. In the crowded conditions of the University the danger is increased.

What is most disturbing about this, is that the University authorities have kept the outbreak hushed up. All that has been done is to advise some students who have been in the same classes as those who have contracted the disease, to have an X-ray or Mantoux Test.

Meanwhile, many others who may have also had close contact with these carriers, and may themselves be carriers, in the Library, refectories, Union Meetings and clubs and societies, go unwarned.

Surely it is for the University to warn about the danger and organise a full-scale check-up covering the whole University. A compulsory check-up on the line of the survey conducted by the Government should be got under way.

If the Health Service cannot handle this, then facilities must be found elsewhere immediately.

### 'BEAT UP'



The Lord Mayor's gonna greet 'em, mate.

the Burnside Ratepayers' Association.

Espion has remarked before on Dr. Henderson's aural sensitivity especially concerning the Burnside Marching Girls' and their use of the Glenunga Oval—in fact Dr. Henderson has such acute hearing that he can hear their whistles blowing "a mile from their point of origin".

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## TRUTH v. ESPION

Espion, for personal reasons, does not read that pillar of the Adelaide Press—*Truth*—however, it came to his notice that this fine literary journal in its latest attempt has quoted, at length, and scathingly, certain portions of an article he wrote in last week's "On Dit". He says this, not in a boasting spirit but merely as an indication of how hard up they must be for "news".

Espion objects most strongly to certain portions of *Truth's* article. Take one example, *Truth* quoted Espion as saying that Dr. Henderson was an M.P.—this is quite true—*Truth* however says that Espion was wrong in saying so.

This may be so but Espion assumed Dr. Henderson was an M.P. by his statement that "Up till the outbreak of the last world war I was actively associated with the Conservative Party in England, both in the general political field as well as in the London County Council field. JUST BEFORE the war I was offered a reasonably safe Conservative seat in the House of Commons".

If one cannot draw the inference that Dr. Henderson was an M.P. then the only other inferences capable of being drawn are (a) that Dr. Henderson declined the offer, (b) that Dr. Hender-

son lost a presumably safe seat in the House of Commons.

*Truth* also states that Espion said that Dr. Henderson was director of the Department of External Affairs (which he did) and goes on to say: "The good Doctor was not the director of the department—the post was not in existence then". But Dr. Henderson himself stated in an open letter to the *Burnside News Review* "... I was appointed Director of the Department of External Affairs, of which I laid the foundations".

Espion suspects that someone is telling fibs, or if not—Dr. Henderson was appointed director of a non-existent post—which may seem at variance with the good Doctor's qualifications.

Dr. Henderson also won the French Legion of Honour for scholastic distinction and is President of the Noise Abatement Society—a subsidiary of



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Contributions should be left in the box provided in the S.R.C. Office, or given directly to the Editors.

Contributions and letters are accepted on any subject and in any form which does not unreasonably outrage the laws of libel, blasphemy, obscenity or sedition.

The writer's name should accompany all material submitted, not necessarily for publication, although the policy is that all articles which are not editorial material should be signed, unless there is a good reason to the contrary.

Sporting material and queries should be addressed to the sports editor, Carl Meyer. The photographic editor is Tony Brady.

It is hoped that the staff of "On Dit" will include every member of the Student Union.

**Australian Overseas Student Travel Scheme**  
**INDIA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES**

A.O.S.T. offers a unique and rewarding way for students to visit and understand Asia at a personal level.

A.O.S.T. is again sending a delegation of Australian University students to India, Japan and the Philippines for the long vacation, leaving in December, 1964, returning in March, 1965.

A.O.S.T. obtains concession fares and arranges the minimal necessary organisation within the visited country.

A.O.S.T. want YOU if you're interested. . . . Application forms are available in the S.R.C. Office. Applications close in the first week of Second Term.

**JAPANESE BILLET?**

During July, 10 Japanese students (boys and girls) will be spending time in South Australia as part of a Student Exchange Scheme organised through A.O.S.T.

Their itinerary includes time spent living with an Adelaide family, and subsequently with a family in a country area.

These students are our guests. Anyone interested in helping, either by billeting a student or by suggesting likely contacts, please inform:

JOHN WATERS (6 9387) or TONY McMICHAEL (3 6194)

**AQUINAS MISSION**

**"ARE CATHOLICS SLAVES?"**

Speaker: J. FAHEY, S.J. (Editor of Social Survey) Last week of term at 1.10 p.m. on Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. in LADY SYMON HALL

**S.R.C. BYELECTION**  
for  
**REP. FOR FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY**

Due to the resignation of Mr. B. Sheehan as Senior Faculty Representative for the Faculty of Technology, nominations are called for this vacant position.

**Nominations Close**  
**FRIDAY 24th APRIL**

Nomination Forms are available at S.R.C. Office.

**Polling Days**  
**Wednesday 29th**  
**Thursday 30th June**  
**Friday 1st May**

VOTING WILL BE PREFERENTIAL

**Watch out for THE INTERVARSITY YACHTING this May**

**ARTIFICIAL GOODWILL?**

Few people would deny that a definite cleavage exists between the Australian and Asian student populations—a glance around the refectory at lunchtime provides ample testimony of this. Individual friendships are undoubtedly formed between Asians and Australians, but, on the whole, the two groups do not mix and show little or no tendency to remedy this unfortunate situation.

That this segregation of races is intentional would be hotly denied by the majority of students. They all agree that contact between people of different nationalities is most desirable—but when it comes to the point, few can be bothered making the extra effort required to make this contact. "Asians are so hard to get to know", the Australians complain. "When they stick together in such tight little groups, how can an Australian be expected to break in?" This criticism is of course, valid in many ways. Asians do tend to cling together and to form friendships only within their own national groups. But surely this is only to be expected? Asians are strangers in a strange land: they are not familiar with our customs, our ideas, our sense of humour. It is very much easier for them to make friends with people from the same cultural background. We cannot criticise them for this very natural tendency (on which is also to be observed in Australians overseas).

Many Asian students would be interested to

meet more Australians, but find it hard to make the initial contact. They often feel that Australians are unfriendly and lack a sincere interest in Asians and the Asian cultural backgrounds. On both sides there is a certain awkwardness, an uncertainty about how the other fellow will react to any overtures of friendship. Many students are discouraged to find they have little in common with the few Asians they have met. They do not realise that there is no reason at all why Australians should be expected to get on well with every Asian student. Without mutual interest, NO friendship can flourish.

More harm than good is achieved by people who try to meet Asians because they feel they SHOULD, rather than because they genuinely WANT to. Groups such as the Australian-Asian Association epitomise this line of thought, this phrenetic desire to prove oneself without racial prejudice. The intentions of this association are wholly admirable, but its middle-aged members can have little in common with students, Asian or otherwise. Young Asians cannot help but wonder if they are invited to Australian Asian Association parties for their own sakes or in order to raise their hosts' self-esteem.

Goodwill between Asians and Australians cannot be produced artificially. It is only through a genuine interest in Asians AS PEOPLE, that we can ever hope to meet them on any but the most superficial level.

**S.R.C. Constitution**

**On the Rubbish Heap**

by V. C. Sobolewski

The aims, objectives and topics of the Engineering Faculties Bureau Symposium to be held in the second week of the May vacation are dealt with in another issue.

These few words are merely a re-examination of the arguments put forward by the members of the SRC who opposed the granting of £133 (they finally agreed on £98) towards meeting the travel expenses of the various distinguished speakers of the Symposium.

Just what were the arguments against the larger grant. It was stated that it was "silly" to assume that the topic "The Development of Northern Australia", would interest many students outside the Engineering Faculty—the topic although "commendable" was "restricted" in interest.

A territory or country is developed not merely by machines or even by men who design or control these machines, but by men and women who show an interest in this development, who are willing to put some effort and energy towards this aim, and even endure hardship and privation.

It would be flattering to think that only engineers fit these qualifications. Sure, surveyors, tele-communication engineers, civil engineers, mining engineers, transport engineers play a major role in the initial phase.

But then so do geologists and hydrologists, to locate ore deposits, determine nature of terrain and its suitability for building, damming and the like, to determine the location of water deposits, and the suitability of terrain for water conservation. Land-erosion experts and agricultural scientists to take care of cultivation and suitability of primary produce. Meteorologists. And what about economists to study, calculate, predict, plan development and production in the Territory? And what about the bulk of people, I mean the settlers, the farmers, the workers and even the bureaucrats? And the experts interested in studies of population movements, its social effects and outcome, the social scientists, the statisticians? The teachers and the doctors? The list is endless.

**Uninterested?**

And yet some people on the SRC have the gall to say that it is "silly" to think that students other than Engineers will take much interest in the discussion of these topics.

Hardly a day passes but that we hear this speaker or that article referring to the Development of Northern Australia. And these elected representatives of the students insult the majority of University students by judging them to be so uninterested as not to bother to attend these Symposium talks.

It was stated that due to the fact that the Symposium would be held during the middle week of the May vacation, not many, if any, students other than engineers, would attend. How silly can you get!

Various remarks were passed by our Lawyer friends on the SRC about the "arbitrariness" of the Engineers' demands to the SRC for a grant equivalent to 50 per cent. of the travelling

expenses of the interstate speakers. (Usually the SRC pays for all or nearly all of visiting speaker's costs).

**Rubbish**

By some feat of logic, as yet unexplained, their proposal (ultimately carried by the meeting) of granting £68 to cover the travelling cost of the most expensive speaker, was claimed to be less "arbitrary" than the sensible proposal of the Engineers.

Further, assorted rubbish was banded about, concerning "precedents" and other fancy legal side-questions of the affair.

The constitution of the SRC, for what's it worth, states (para 2, Function and Objects) "The function of the SRC shall be to represent the student members of the Adelaide University Union, generally to promote the welfare and further the interests of students, and in particular:

(b) to represent the students in matters affecting their interest and to promote student participation in the consideration of such matters,

(f) to promote . . . intellectual culture of students."

It would be well if instead of inventing improbable legal problems and questions pertaining to SRC business, these people would—just for a change—follow the basic aims of the Constitution of the Body of which they are members and on whose behalf they claim to speak.

**Tripe**

Refusing to participate to a reasonable degree and claiming that students are just not interested in a problem which is certainly of great topical interest and which is undeniably "cultural", is blatantly tossing certain sections of the Constitution on the rubbish heap. But then such actions have lately become standard practice in some circles of the SRC, so one is not surprised.

Dark hints implying that other bodies "more democratically instituted" should review the case were voiced along with other equally stupid insinuations. However, the fact that tripe is often spoken at SRC meetings is nothing new.

To the reader, I leave the conclusions to be made concerning the motives of these promoters of culture and welfare at the University, who refused the full granting of £133 towards the holding of "The development of Northern Australia" Symposium.

**Government Bans NUSAS**

The Nationalist Government has banned the National Union of South African Students from government directed training colleges in South Africa. This is the first explicit attack on the body as a whole.

The N.U.S.A.S. is well-known for its multi-racial character and its continuing opposition to apartheid. Although individual members have been persecuted and even imprisoned in the past, the Government has not previously forbidden students to belong to it or participate in its activities.

The inappropriately named Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, has been outspoken in his attacks on the student union in the past. He has called it "a cancer in the life of South Africa which must be cut out". He has said that it is "unpatriotic, decidedly Left, and tainted with Communism". It should be noted that N.U.S.A.S. disaffiliated from the Communist - dominated International Union of Students in 1955, and aligned

with the "western" student unions.

Meetings have been broken up, and the offices of the N.U.S.A.S. raided. Despite this active discouragement the Union is still a strong force in South Africa with a membership of some 18,000.

In the December edition of "The Student", the official publication of the International Student Conference with which the Australian National Union is affiliated) the South African students made a plea for support. They claim to be fighting not "against South Africa", but "against apartheid and for South Africa".

International sympathy and assistance seems to even more urgently needed now.

**S.C.M. MAY CONFERENCE**

**BLACKSWAYE CHALET, MT. BARKER**

**MAY 15 - 17, 1964**

**"WORSHIP IN A SECULAR AGE"**

**SPEAKERS: Rev. Peter Musgrove, Rev. Keith Edwards, Rev. Arthur Jackson.**

This conference forms the University Branches contribution to the A.S.C.M. National Study Project ("The Implications of a Secular Age"). All welcome.

Cost £3. Application forms in S.C.M. Room. Applications close May 5th.

# Letters to the editor

Letters will not be published unless accompanied by the writer's name, not necessarily for publication.

Dear Sir,  
It has been rewarding to watch in recent "On Dits" the efforts of Messrs. McNicol and Wearing to apply their years of training in psychology to the solution of the problems of university life. If on the whole the research has proved disappointingly unproductive of really constructive results, the fault seems to lie less with Messrs. McNicol and Wearing than with their chosen method. They are trapped by limitations inherent in the quasi-scientific approach favoured by psychologists, limitations which rob them of the truly deep insights that broader and more humanist disciplines can offer.

The conclusions drawn in Mr. Wearing's "Who Has The Goods?" illustrate the case in point. Very creditably, Mr. Wearing wishes to clear the confusion of conflicting sects within the University by a voluntary union based on mutual recognition of identical aims and beliefs. It must be obvious that this can never succeed, for it demands of the Christians that they be rational creatures, a thing impossible by definition.

Mr. Wearing has erred in seeking too great a simplification, a mistake common to minds attempting to be scientific; what is required is rather a recognition and acceptance of complexity. His basic error is to assume the necessity for One True God, when it is obvious from his own article that there exist within the university at least four gods, each with his own characteristics and his own band of worshippers. To clear the confusion it is only necessary for the Christians to recognise this fact, to love one another and to tolerate one another's gods.

Those who hanker after rationality despite their belief can easily justify this toleration on the existential lines—God is what I feel him to be—already suggested by the S.C.M., but basically all that is required for the adjustment is a little elasticity in an existing act of faith.

It is interesting to note that in India, where the principle of toleration has been carried to its logical extreme, the population is catered for by more than 550 million gods, that is about 1.3 per head. This seems to me to contain the solution to the whole problem of religious belief.

I am, etc.,  
MARIAN QUARTLY.

## Philippines

by John Waters

The Philippines is the one country in Asia (Japan excepted) that has had a Democratic change of Government since the war.

It is the one country in Asia which has defeated an armed communist uprising without massive foreign intervention. It has incredible wealth and abject poverty. It has extreme sophistication and a feudalistic system. It is an overwhelmingly Catholic country which vigorously adheres to freedom of speech and religion. It is closer to Darwin than Sydney is, and it is also a country we know very little about.

A.O.S.T. hopes to send a group of Australian students to the Philippines this Christmas vacation. This would essentially be a pilot group; many of their activities would be—as in India and Japan—up to the students' own initiative.

Few countries could provide such an opportunity for free movement. Public transport, that is, crowded buses, and even the airlines are surprisingly cheap. English is more readily known than any other language (all schools using it as the medium for instruction), and from the experience of the Peace Corps this country would seem to be one of the few countries of Asia which is genuinely fond of foreigners. Accommodation, both because of the generosity of the people, and the ideal climate at that time of the year, would cause no problem. The cost of living, outside Manila at least, is extremely low.

### Pioneers

In the view of some of the A.O.S.T. Delegation to Japan, who stopped off in the Philippines for a week on the way home, this country could potentially be one of the most rewarding to visit. There are prospects that we may be able to link up with the Peace Corps in some of their projects and members of the group may be able to accompany them on trips into remote areas. Some Government Departments may be able to assist in arranging, as they did for us, visits to Community Development Projects. It is also projected that a home stay in Manila at least will be arranged.

Despite this possible assistance, the basic job of pioneering A.O.S.T. in the Philippines will be the responsibility of those who are selected. The prospect is exciting.

Application forms for the Philippines are now available at the S.R.C. office.

## Wax Indecency

Dear Sir,  
I would like to express my concern at the distressing state of the wax models in Rundle Street shop windows. I realise that the main purpose of these gesticulating figures is to exhibit the departmental merchants' mercery, but surely some resemblance to the original design of womankind should be retained.

We pavement patrons used to be treated to a panorama of sophisticated sirens, provocatively gesturing, as if to say, "Come and feel my clothes." These seductive pseudo-saleswomen were, to say the least, extremely potent advertising media. (Occasionally we could even perceive a voluptuous nude posing discreetly in the background, awaiting her habiliments.)

But if you stroll along the Rundle Street commercial concrete today, you are confronted with a prolix array of haggard faces gazing blankly at the footpath. The thin, anaemic figures droop precariously from obtrusive metal bases, and it is impossible to imagine these clay cadavers capable of any form of fervent speech.

What kind of embodiment of womanly virtues is this to set before today's adolescents? Must we confront Adelaide youth with these emaciated models and say, "This is Woman. Admire her. Buy her!"

Undoubtedly, Sir, these effigies are losing their erotic charm. I suggest the inauguration of a Society for the Embodiment of the X-stacy of Maidenliness in Adelaide Dummies (S.E.X.M.A.D.). Such a club would, I am sure, receive the eager support of many tired Adelaide businessmen as well as a great number of prurient Uni. students. In the meantime,

I am, etc.,  
JOHN D. HEALEY.

## Kick 'em Out

Dear Sir,  
To Mr. Grieve's almost, but not quite comprehensive list of remedies to relieve overcrowding in the Barr Smith Library, I would like to add another far more effective solution: that the library tables be cleared of books when no-one is actually working at that place.

Undoubtedly, everyone has undergone the frustration of trying to find a seat in the library, and being unable to do so, not because it is full, but because all available table space is scattered with the books of absent students. Naturally you give them the benefit of the doubt, and assume that they are somewhere in the library—indeed, their books are always convincingly untidy, just to give you the impression that they have just

## Mechanistic Christianity

Prof. F. H. J. Rhodes, Professor of Geology in the University College, Swansea, will lecture on "Christianity in a Mechanistic Universe" in the Bonython Hall on Monday May 4th at 8 p.m. This will be the Annual Lecture for 1964 of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Unions (S.A.).

Dr. Rhodes is in Australia as Commonwealth University Interchange Scheme Visiting Professor for 1964. He is one of the more distinguished of the younger British palaeontologists and author of "The Evolution of Life" (Pelican). In 1961 he was Director of the First International Field Institute Excursion.

While in Adelaide he will also lecture before the Geological Society of Australia (S.A. Division) (Friday 1st May), will deliver a Public Lecture, "The Evolution of Life", in the Bonython Hall (Tuesday 5th), and on the "Process of Evolution" in the Mawson Theatre (Wednesday 6th).

Dr. Rhodes has already received much praise in Australia for his fluent exposition of recent Evolutionist thought, as much as for his more provocative views on the pertinence of a Christian outlook in an age of Science.

## Engineers' Symposium

by Geoff Marlowe

Despite the S.R.C.'s refusal to give the Adelaide University Engineering Society the £200 extraordinary grant it had requested, the Annual Engineering Symposium will still take place in the second week of the May vacation.

The symposium, to be held under the auspices of the Engineering Faculty Bureau, will discuss "The Development of Northern Australia". Speakers from all over Australia will give papers on topics such as "The Developing North—the Commonwealth's Increasing Role", "Development in the Kimberleys", and "The Story of Australian New Guinea".

broken off in the middle of their work to look up an important reference.

But more often than not, your unworthy colleagues are probably in the refectory, or attending two or three lectures, safely assured of a seat when they return—I know, because I do it myself!

Even more annoying are those who arrive at 9 a.m., select a seat, only to find that their spark of studious enthusiasm has evaporated. Frequently such people do not return until after lunch.

So I offer the library staff the drastic, but simple remedy of merely removing the offending books, say hourly, and placing them on the floor, under the table. Should this pass unheeded, then my suggestion is that if you can't find a free space, then simply take one. This one never fails; you always find a seat, and the original occupant is too embarrassed to demand it back!

I am, etc.,  
JANE COOPER.

## Lively Adelaide

Dear Sir,  
As it was early in the term, despairing for anything to do on the Easter break, we decided to attend a dance or some other form of Sunday night entertainment.

We came a veritable cropper when we realised there is none. There are no picture theatres, no bowling alleys, no squash courts, there are no debates arranged, no art galleries open, no open air concerts on the Torrens, no form of entertainment at all except the coffee lounges.

The three of us, stunned by our discovery, took the liberty of asking some coffee lounge proprietors and their customers for their views. All the proprietors we interviewed were from the continent and were in favour of picture theatres being open on Sunday. They said that people were inclined to be better behaved and less bored if they came into a coffee place after an evening's entertainment.

We also went into a dance hall run by a church group. The attendance was good, said the popular band leader, but there should be a dance of this sort every Sunday night and not only fortnightly as responses to these dances were good and rapidly increasing.

We also took the liberty of asking some parish rectors of various denominations for their views on entertainment—all were in favour of church get-togethers on a Sunday night, i.e., a debate on topics, religious and otherwise, followed by an informal dance. No late hours, no excess fuss, just a familiar party.

In closing, Sir, I hope that this letter will bring some response from the student body, critical or otherwise.

We are, etc.  
S. SERGI.  
K. McCREANOR.  
G. COUGHLIN.

## BEETLES

Dear Sir,  
Much to my horror, the current Beatlemania has given rise to some confusion about the word "Beetle", and a grave etymological error has been perpetrated. The sole connection and resemblance between the words "Beetle" and "beetle" is not etymological or entomological, but purely phonetic.

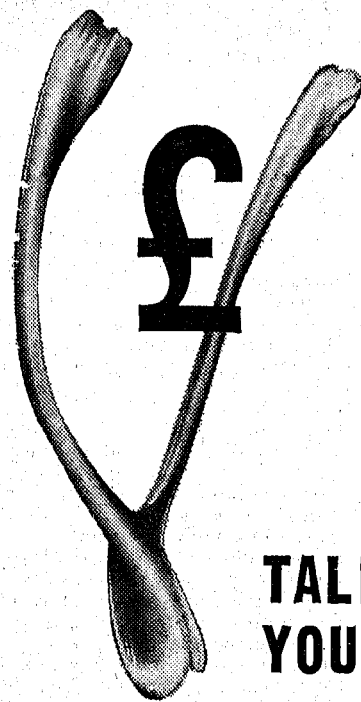
There may be some etymological connection, pointing to our present word "beetle" (the insect) as being derived from the Old English "bitela" from "bitan", meaning "to bite". Yet the only evidence in support of this tentative linking of "Beetle" with "beetle", is to suggest that "it may be possible" that "I want to hold your hand" means not "I want to hold your hand in my hand", as it is generally accepted, but "I want to hold your hand in my teeth". I would maintain that this connection with "bitan" is purely arbitrary. But I am sure these suspicions are unfounded and that anyone who has seen them on TV. will testify that no four young men could be freer from the trait of viciousness.

I am now in a position to put forward an alternative theory, which should leave no doubt as to the correct derivation of the word "Beetle". I have traced it back to the Old English "betel" (from the verb "beatan") which is a noun connected with our present day "beat", in the sense of "to move or strike rhythmically"; though some may prefer to construe it to mean "thrash". Subsequent to Old English times, "betel" and "beatan" developed secondary meanings and gave rise to certain other words, many of which are now obsolete. A notable instance is to be found in "Hamlet" (I.4.71)

"... the cliff That beetles o'er his base into the sea". "Beetle", used here to mean "hangover", indubitably has its root in "betel". It is only a short step to "beetle-browed", and from here only a little imagination is needed to connect this word with the state of the Beatles' brows, i.e., overhanging, shaggy.

Another development from "betel" is the now obsolete word "beetle-head", meaning "a wooden-headed fellow", (now replaced by "beatnik".) I need hardly pursue this observation further.

I am, etc.,  
PROFESSOR J. FFUW.



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# FLUORIDE, DOCTOR: IT WAS KILLEN

One thing I have always admired about Sir Robert Menzies is his rhetorical ability. For those of us who will always be incompetent public speakers, there is something rather akin to magic in the fact that nonsense may be made to sound so plausible when it is delivered in the marshalled phrases and languid intonations of the ex-silk from Kooyong.

I have always regretted that I have not been able to be present when Sir Robert has put his talent to its greatest tests, that is, when his speech has contained an absolute minimum of sense and has had to rely almost solely on his persuasive technique: I am quite sure, for example, that those people who laughed when they read Sir Robert's address to the United Nations General Assembly a couple of years ago would at least (had they been present) have hidden their smiles behind their hands. But Sir Robert, let us hasten to say, does not always talk nonsense: and when he does, his rhetorical talent makes what he has to say no less than devastating to those who put the opposite case.

I was reminded of all these things when I listened last Thursday to a debate in Federal Parliament, concerning the fluoridation of Canberra's water supply. In addition to all its other duties, the Federal Parliament is in the rather quaint position of being in effect the Town Council of Canberra, the Minister for the Interior being *de facto* the Mayor.

There is, in addition, an elected Advisory Council of citizens of Canberra, but this body has no power to make decisions and may only recommend to the Government what should be done. A further quaint touch is added by the fact that the member for the Australian Capital Territory is not a member of either of the governing parties, and may vote only on questions affecting the A.C.T.

## Not Idle

The debate in question was on the motion of the Member for Moreton (Mr. Killen) to set up a Select Committee of members of Parliament to enquire into the virtues or otherwise of fluoridating Canberra's water supply. The A.C.T. Advisory Council had already recommended in favour of the measure, and the Minister and the Government had agreed to legislate to this effect.

Mr. Killen had spoken earlier (last year) against it, but found himself then in a very lonely position in the House. Since then, however, things have happened, and Mr. Killen himself has not been idle.

One thing that has happened is that Mr. Killen has gained a couple of allies. One of them is the Member for Capricornia, whom I find of no especial interest. But the brave soldier who stands at Mr. Killen's right hand to defend the bridge with him is the new Member for Bowman, Dr. Gibbs—not one of your pretentious Ph.D.-type doctors, either, but a REAL doctor, an M.B., B.S. Dr. Gibbs seconded Mr. Killen's motion, and the Government, after an earlier refusal, allowed it to be debated.

## Philosopher?

Here, then, was the very stuff of drama. Mr. Killen began by saying that he was opposed to fluoridation on "philosophic grounds", though what he meant by that was to remain hidden from his listeners and I suspect remains hidden from him.

Three times he said he would "attack, attack and attack again" on the issue, if fluoridation were ever to take place; no doubt Mr. Killen aspires to be thought of as the Gaius of the Australian Tory Movement, but one could not help imagining him attacking the pipes and fluoride measuring devices, already purchased by the Department of Works, with a somehow-more-appropriate spanner or axe. Like a modern day Mill, he emotionally affirmed his opposition to "State paternalism"; but by contrast to Mill he seemed not to know what the words which he was using signified.

And finally he produced his philosophical trump card, using the man-of-straw technique in which his Prime Minister excels. So the Governments of all the modern, scientific countries in the world were in favour of fluoridation, were they? He, Mr. Killen, would show they were not. He had written to them all and he quoted three replies, presumably representative.

First, France: no one could say they weren't scientific, and they were waiting and seeing. Second, Russia: they might not agree with anything else they did, said Mr. Killen, but apparently we are to agree with them if they don't fluoridate. Thirdly, America: and at this point I pricked up my ears, since I know that the Federal Department of Public Health, the American Medical Association, and the American Dental Association are solidly in favour of fluoridation.

But Mr. Killen could go one better. He had a letter, he said, which anyone could read if they liked, from the Texas Medical Association, which said that

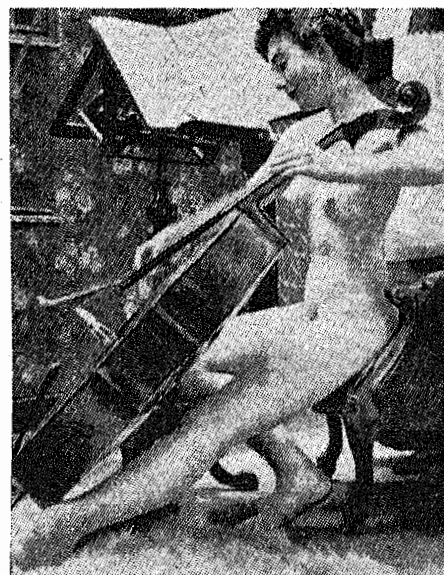
that body did not favour fluoridation. I wonder if it is based in Dallas.

The emotional Mr. Killen sat down amidst a deafening silence, and Dr. Gibbs began to speak. Here was a horse of a different colour, I thought: calm, objective, presumably well-informed, and with the stated object of looking dispassionately at the scientific evidence for and against, and assessing it—impartially, mind you—for the benefit of the House.

I have myself a passing acquaintance with the scientific literature on fluoridation, and I looked forward with interest to hearing a man of some qualification interpret it for the lay members of the Parliament, particularly if he should conclude that fluoridation might be in some way harmful.

There was, said Dr. Gibbs, a brand

## abreast of the times



of mice which in the ordinary way developed breast cancer and is used to study it. These mice had been shown by an investigator to develop breast cancer significantly earlier when fed fluoride at a concentration only two or three times that recommended for humans. There was, said Dr. Gibbs, a kind of rat which passed blood in its urine when its food contained a certain concentration of fluoride.

There was a lady in America, said Dr. Gibbs, who suffered headaches, loss of memory and weakness in the hands (she could not, said Dr. Gibbs, peel the potatoes) when she was exposed to certain concentrations of fluoride. He had first come across sodium fluoride, said Dr. Gibbs, as a poison for cockroaches.

Dr. Gibbs said a great deal more, though I noticed in his catalogue of quotations very few that were acknowledged, and no references at all to those journals which accept articles only if they reach a certain standard of scientific enquiry. All in all it was an amazing performance to one who knew the literature: a later speaker in the debate remarked that he felt Dr. Gibbs had abused his position, as a medical man presumably conversant with the facts, by constructing such a fantasy as he did. I found myself agreeing.

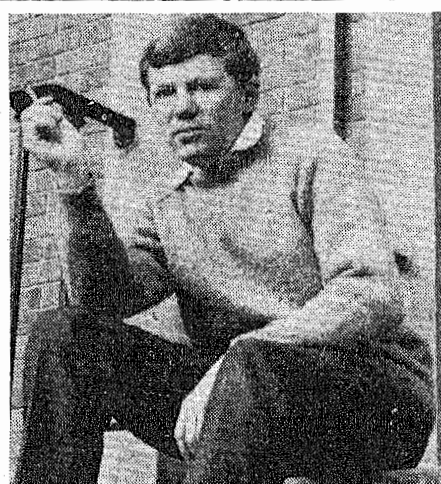
## Redundant

Sir Robert Menzies closed the debate for the Government. It was a speech for the connoisseur, and one hopes that Sir Robert, when he publishes the next in his series of collected speeches, will include it: even I, who spend a great deal of my time wondering whether Sir Robert is a knave or a fool, admired.

He began by saying that if the case against fluoridation was as the mover and seconder of the motion for the Select Committee had put it, then clearly a Select Committee was redundant: it could not but return a unanimous "no".

He was remarkably well prepared: Mr. Killen had cited the winner of the 1958 Nobel Prize for Medicine as being opposed to fluoridation and as having said so in his 1958 acceptance speech. Sir Robert—ever so gently—pointed out that the gentleman in question had changed his mind as a result of subsequent work in the field, and had become by 1962 a strong supporter of fluoridation.

Sir Robert wondered if Dr. Gibbs was not perhaps a little biased: after all, said Sir Robert, some very respected, expert, and responsible bodies endorsed fluoridation, such as The World Health



Organisation, the American, British, Medical Associations and Dental Associations and the Public Health Departments of all these countries, and the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council, and so on.

There was much more, all gentle, but devastating; and the upshot was that the debate was adjourned, and the request for a Select Committee refused.

## Piquant

All things considered, it was a debate of the greatest piquancy. For example, we heard Mr. Killen quoting with approval actions of the Soviet Union, and

Canadian, Australian and New Zealand at the same time suggesting that the Minister for the Interior was engaged in some kind of Statist plot against individualism: which is even more piquant when one remembers that Mr. Killen is not only a member of the Government coalition but also of Australia's second most promising neo-fascist organisation, the Australian League of Rights.

And Dr. Gibbs. I have never subscribed to the argument that all medical men are too stupid to go into politics, since I cannot then explain the political acumen of the late Sir Earle Page: but those who do maintain so have a persuasive instance in the current parliament. And to hear Sir Robert dealing with a public (if insignificant) revolt in his own party was indeed instructive; less gently paternalistic towards Mr. Killen than last year, when Mr. Killen (God save us) represented Sir Robert's majority.

But mostly, I felt it was a piquant two hours; and I am resolved to listen more often in the future. When you consider that the pictures cost at least 5/-, Mr. Killen, Dr. Gibbs and Sir Robert are remarkable value for nothing.

—Gordon Bilney.

## Local Stimulus Brings Interstate Experts

by Lance Schultz

The History and Politics Club has already recommended itself to many students this year. If the numbers attending its functions can be used as a criterion of success, then the fact that Professor Rude packed the Portus Room and Professor Duncan (not to be daunted by his rival from the History Department) filled the George Murray Common Room, is an indication that this club "has the goods" as far as Political interest in the University is concerned.

This month the History and Politics Club begins a new venture. It will be running a series of lectures entitled "An Introduction to Australian Politics". These lectures are planned mainly for students who have studied neither history nor politics subjects and who would welcome a series of lectures that would acquaint them with the issues of Australian politics today.

The club has spared no effort to get the best possible speakers—even to the extent of "importing" the last two speakers of the series from interstate.

Dr. Tregenza from the History Department will introduce the series of lectures on April 21st with an "Historical Background". He will be followed a week later by Mr. Hetherington from the Politics Department (he wrote a book didn't he? Something about S.A. elections wasn't it?) who will examine the "Australian Political Parties".

## Persecution

Mr. H. D. Black, Senior Lecturer in Economics in Sydney University and a well known A.B.C. News Commentator, has been "imported" to speak on "Australian Pressure Groups." The lec-

# ASIAN - AUSTRALIAN APPRAISAL

What do Australians and Asians think of each other? Why don't Australians and Asians mix? These are the questions we attempted to answer by collecting opinions from many sectors of the University — opinions which were sometimes constructive, often controversial, and almost invariably frank.

## No Barrier

MR. BORLAND:

The increase in the number of Asian clubs and societies has naturally led to an increase in the grouping together of members of the same national association. In the early days, Asian students deliberately refrained from forming national associations and expressed themselves through existing clubs and societies. The first new departure was the formation of the International Club followed by the Colombo Plan Students' Association.

I feel that there is no barrier between Australian students and their Asian contemporaries, but, just as members of religious and political clubs tend to congregate together, so do Asian groups.

I wish this were not so, but it is a sign of the times and does not reflect any lack of friendliness or of mutual sympathy. Free mixing in sporting clubs is the best evidence of this.

## When in Rome

DAVID GOH:

Australians—like Asians—are not hard to know provided that you make the effort to get to know one another. The amount of mixing really depends greatly on whether one has the urge to do so.

I do not blame the Asians for clinging together because they possess the same sort of interests, ideas and beliefs which they do not find with the Australians. I do agree with people saying that when you are in Rome you might do what the Romans do, but to some extent this is not possible. We are not here only for a matter of a few weeks, but for at least 3-4 years. Being away from home for that length of time takes quite a considerable portion of our lives. Most of us come over here between the ages of 18-25 years. This is a time when ideas start to be formulated. Now if we do not keep to our ideas, what would happen when we get home? Say if we were to bring back to our homes the Western or the Australian way of life. Would that work? Certainly not. This is because our culture and the way our Society is built is totally different.

Mind you, by all that I do not mean that we should not mix with the Australians. But how is such mixing possible when the host rarely shows enough initiative to mix with the foreigners? I have often heard Australians saying

that they want to know Asians but they do not know how. Well, such things are very simple. You just need to stop one of them in the streets and have a few words with them. I am quite sure they will be willing to tell you things which you would like to know and at the same time be a friend of yours. But do we see such things going around? No, it is usually just talk but no action being done.

This is so even in lectures and so on. When both the different groups are together, well, if any interest exists this is a good way to start the ball rolling. But do we see that? No not very often. Now who is to be blamed for this? Well no one knows. It is up to someone to make the start.

## Tolerance

"WUFF":

Asians generally seem to stick to their own mob, although there is a bit of mixing between the sexes. They have the feeling of being different. It is easier for them to get on with their own people—any nationality is inclined to feel this way in a strange country. Many Asians would like to meet more Australians, but they do not want to forsake their own people.

Some Asian students are very friendly and extrovert; they are willing to make that little extra move which is necessary for them to be accepted by Australians. If Australians could mix more with Asians, they might learn to be a lot more tolerant of other people than they are.

## Common Ground

KHO:

When Asian students first arrive in Australia, they find it very hard to adjust to a new society. There are language difficulties because the slang and colloquialisms of a spoken language make it seem quite different from the written language they have learnt. Your sense of humour and manners are also different from ours. Because of this, Asian students new to Australia find it hard to mix with Australians. They are met by fellow Asian students on arrival here and consequently tend to make friendships with them.

Australians should make more effort to meet Asians. It is not fair to criticise Asians for not joining clubs. There is not enough to interest Asians in most clubs. If the Debating Club, for example, would discuss issues of interest to both Asian and Australian students then more Asians would come along.

Many Asians would like to meet more Australians. When you are living in a strange country, friends can make a long way towards happiness. If we can make Australian friends, it makes us feel we have a place in the community.

## Polite Smile

"YO-YO":

Although I don't know any Asian students very well, I have always found them fairly easy to get on with; they are always extremely polite, perhaps too much so—it is a bit hard to penetrate the polite smile.

There is a distinct division between Asian and Australian students, as you can see just by looking at the refectory at lunch-time. The Asians seem quite satisfied with their own group, and, as an Australian, I don't think I would be prepared to break into it. They don't expect Australians to join them. If they DO want the company of Australian students, they should bring an Australian friend along and introduce him to the gang.

There must be a mutual effort for Asians and Australians to get to know each other. Asians should be prepared to make themselves feel at home and to respond to Australians, but the major effort should be on the part of the Australians. Asians are bound to feel strange here and Australians should be more friendly and less official to them. With all strangers—not only Asians but New Australians also—Australians let you know they are not hostile to you but that is about as far as it goes. There is always a split between Old and New Australians and Asians have the added disadvantage of looking very different.

Australians should realise that the future is not going to be a white man's future—it will be in the hands of European educated Asians.

## Cliques

IAN LEITCH:

Asians seem a bit cliquey to me. It's hard to mix with them, probably because their culture is so different from ours. Most Asians just come over here for 4-6 years, work the whole time, and don't seem to have many outside interests. You would think that one of the reasons they come over here would be to benefit from the contact with other peoples, but they don't seem to feel this way.

Our attitude probably doesn't help much. No-one really goes out of his way to help Asians. We have the opportunity here to get to know Asians and to find out about the way they live IF we make the effort. Most people can't be bothered—I know I can't. I'm probably a little prejudiced; I try not to be, but there it is. Asians are definitely different from Australians. If we knew WHY we might feel more at ease, but no-one likes making the first effort.

## One Sided?

YEO:

Australian-Asian relations must work both ways, instead of being entirely one-sided. Some Asian students are reserved and make friends only among their own language group. Similarly, some Australian boys mix only with other Australians. This is their own fault.

It is hard for Australians to appreciate what overseas students experience. Most Australians have never been overseas and so don't realise the problem; they are on their own territory, whereas the Asian students are a small group from a very different cultural background.



Segregation?

## Inhibitions

JANE COOPER:

The main reason Asian students don't mix is the language barrier. Some Asians have told me that they find it hard to form close friendships with Australian students because, although it is easy to talk about superficial things, it is very difficult for them to express themselves on deeper and more basic issues. Also, they are fairly shy about showing their feelings. Australians should make more effort to break down their reservations against Asians. The fear of anything against Asians because it makes them feel good to be very un-antiracist. In fact many of them have prejudices to which they will not admit.

Australian students should definitely make more effort to get to know Asians, but how are they to do so if the Asian students keep to their own national groups? It is hard for both sides to make initial contacts. Asians ARE different from Australians; they are often shy and inhibited and many Australian students feel that it is simply not worth the effort trying to get to know them.

## Forced

JOHN SLEE:

Asians are strange people in a strange country and so you can't make the complaint that they are hard to get to know. You must recognise that you have to make a special effort. Asians and Australians mix little because it requires more effort than most people are prepared to give.

Racial groups naturally stick together. We should think about mixing with Asians but should not campaign for it. It is wrong to try to nurture artificial friendships—more harm than good is likely to be achieved by forced attempts at friendship. Promoting intercourse with Asians for idealistic reasons is dangerous. We should want to mix with Asians simply because we realise

that something is to be gained from meeting other people and trying to gain an understanding of them. Asian-Australian relations find their best expression when people are genuinely interested in each others' ideas and different backgrounds.

## Limitations

TOM GALL:

If Asian students stick together it is a matter of choice. They can mix with Australians quite easily if they make an effort to do so. There are the usual limitations of character you get with Australians. (Some find it easier to make Australian friends than others.)

Asians are definitely shyer than Australians, but they should nevertheless be the ones to make an effort to meet Australians rather than the other way round. Any minority group within a larger group must make an effort to merge. The majority group is not going to go out of its way—even if it SHOULD.

A lot of Asians simply do not want to mix with Australians. We don't speak their language and many Asians don't like Australians anyway.

## Complex

LEE KUAN MANG:

It is a deplorable state of affairs that Asians and Australians do not mix—even more deplorable if they should mix with superficial intentions without being genuine.

Asian culture and civilisation dates back some 3,000 years. Their deep understanding of life and the purpose of it is therefore incompatible with that of the Australians who regard life without understanding. The superiority com-



'Convivial'

ing on both sides. Asians have deceived most of us by giving us the impression that they like us. They are extremely polite and don't say what they think. We have got to learn to understand Asians but we aren't. They have deceived us by their superficial layer of good manners. We must get to know them by arguing more intensively with them at the risk of hurting their feelings.

Asians are too willing to look for motives which don't exist; they have all been brain-washed at home. They show a general distrust of Europeans and judge us by the worst type of British imperialists. Their basic attitude is that we are under an obligation to help them—we have to make up for the people who have pillaged them for the last 100 years.

The cause of world wars in the past has been lack of understanding between races. We must get to know Asians better. It is an unpleasant job but it has got to be done. We must realise that we are opposed on different issues and learn to accept this.

It is not valid to criticise Asians for sticking together. Wouldn't we do the same? These students cannot afford to completely lose touch with their own people as they have to go back to their home land.

Asians coming here to study gives many Australians the impression that Asians are inferior. This is something between Asians and Australians which is avoided. How many of us have that little feeling in the back of our minds that we are superior?

## Blinkers

AN AQUINAS STUDENT:

Asian students have atrocious manners. Many of them have been three to four years out here and they still don't attempt to conform to our living habits. They talk together in their own language all the time, completely ignoring any Australian students who may be present.

Australian kids are brought up with blinkers on. They have got to learn to face the facts; we have got to learn to live with Asians, but actually living with them doesn't seem to help.

## Policy

RICHARD IVEY:

Due to vast cultural differences between peoples of the East and Westernised colonies, successful Australian-Asian relationships are all but impossible.

ANDREW HODGE:

The basic motive for getting to know Asians is that Australia's future lies in S.E. Asia and we have to know what they think. I like to get to know Asians for their own sake, but can still see it as a matter of policy. As soon as the White Australia Policy is changed, we are going to have Asians here in floods and, whether we like it or not, we have got to learn to live with them.

## CORRECTION

A.O.S.T. asked for \$650. They wanted \$350 as a grant from the S.R.C. and suggested that last year's procedure of transferring \$150 from each two other accounts could make up the rest.

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# UNI. CULTURE DEFUNCT

There was an audience of about 28 at the opening night of the University Masquer's programme of Pinter plays. It is a desolating experience sitting in a nearly empty theatre, an experience that gives rise to anger, outrage, or simple reflection, depending on the quality of the theatrical production and how one feels about the role of theatre in the perspectives of cultural life.

In this case Michael Rodger's production was worthily imbued with a proper understanding of Pinter's serio-comic intentions. Pinter's work itself is not in question as one of the most refreshing and inventive phenomena in the theatre of the Absurd.

How should one react, then, to the fact that this stimulating theatrical occasion should attract about 5 members of the University to a University play? Anger? Outrage? Perhaps reflection.

As a professional and mercilessly peripatetic theatre critic one has sat in a desolate waste of seats in many theatres and on many recent occasions. As amateur production standards improve all over Australia, at the same time audiences, the hard core of the theatregoers, are withering away. The cultural coterie which once existed to support theatre enterprise of both the conventional and experimental kind have faded away in the community as in the Universities.

There has, in fact, been a massive and invisible shift in the areas of cultural response.

This "cultural shift" will one day be acknowledged as the most significant influence television has exercised upon the human situation. In recent months

half a million Australians have viewed Simpson's way-out play "A Resounding Tinkle", have shuddered at the surrealist modernism of Strindberg's "Ghost Sonata", and so on.

This vast and dispersed audience is thoroughly familiarised with the theatre of the Absurd, just as it knows all about Nolan, Boyd, and Australian abstract expressionism in endless detail. Rural mums with latent aesthetic sensibility, the "Nation"-reading car salesman, the self-improving shop steward, these are the sounding board for the newer idioms in art and theatre. These are the people who buy the books, study the paintings, puzzle it all out.

This shift to larger, non-corporate audiences has been at the expense of the old-time coterie groups who rallied round the Pioneer Players, the Therry Society, the AUTG, the AUSS, or the Masquers. The culture-vulture groups have ceased, in effect, to have any real function, either as judges of creative effort or as a cultural elite in themselves.

The shift to invisible audiences hits the Universities in one of their traditional roles. For at least a decade one hasn't looked to largish University groups with cultural interests and com-



Max Harris

mitments for devastating criticism of "Anstralian Letters", "Meanjin", the Stuyvesant collection, Hal Porter's "Watcher", or the plays of Genet... as one did in the Angry Penguins era. A University is these days a place of cultural isolates. No one is to blame; it is a socio-historical situation: the old SRC cat-call of 'Student apathy' is inapplicable.

And the time will come when such atavisms as AUSS and the Masquers will disappear.

## Poising

In the meantime the pity is that such lonely groups as the Masquers are doing such good work. In the Pinter programme Lawrie Freeman's sets were as good as any professional production would call for, and the Union's rotating stage was used effectively and efficiently. The production attempted in all technical ways to establish Pinter's characteristic poising between the ordinary and the extraordinary. With a few more performances, and a little ruthless disciplining of the players, top class theatre could have resulted.

Certainly Albert Havard in "The Dumb Waiter" established the right mood by maintaining a complete unquestioning presence in the irrational sequence of events. His was the acting performance of the night. John Adams, aware of Pinter's attraction to vaudeville's techniques of character and projection, over-projected to an alarming degree, and failed to suggest the latently sinister presence of "things" in the Robbe-Grillet sense.

"A Slight Ache" is a delightful and cunningly-wrought piece of theatre. It was way beyond John Tucker's acting scope, and faintly scarred by Janice Crosby's vocal monotones, but it still held the audience. Largely, I imagine, because Michael Rodger's production sustained the constant tempo of development and the characterisations were at least, *ab initio*, correctly conceived in terms of pommy sub-intellectual stereotypes.

## Effective

As a matter of comparative interest, how much more effectively Pinter achieves the idea of intellectual sterility and its destructiveness through the machinery of absurdity than Patrick White did through symbolic melodrama in "Bald Mountain". One realises more and more that the Absurd in its theatrical forms, is a device for psychological economy more than a view of life.

The University Masquers are to be congratulated on a performance that would not be disgraced anywhere in this country. They only lack one essential: an audience.

—MAX HARRIS.

## review

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## Youth Concert

The second concert in the 1964 Youth Orchestral Season provided a varied and interesting programme which reached its climax in Berl Senofsky's performance of Tchaikovsky's violin concerto.

The orchestra opened with Purcell's "Comus" suite, orchestrated by Constance Lambert. This suite comprises nine short pieces of contrasting moods—some grand and others more lyrical—characterised by rich harmonic texture and a mood of light revelry. The performance was pleasant, although lacking in dynamic variation.

The attractive sixth symphony of Schubert followed. In this delightful work, with its sparkling melodies, the orchestra seemed more at home. The main theme of the first movement is announced almost immediately after the Adagio introduction and sets the mood of the whole work. Later a phrase of this theme forms the subject of some whimsical dialogue between woodwinds and strings. The second movement is serene and poetic, almost wistful; it is followed by the effervescent, rhythmic Scherzo, and the symphony moves happily to its end in the gay fourth movement.

## Effortless

After interval, Berl Senofsky, the renowned American violinist, joined the orchestra. Throughout his performance of Tchaikovsky's violin concerto the audience was hushed, and applause broke out spontaneously at the conclusion of the first movement. Mr. Senofsky sur-



Mr. Krips—From the Vienna Woods

mounted the immense difficulties of the concerto with effortless ease, revealing himself as a sensitive and technically brilliant musician.

His performance of the work was dramatic yet lyrical, and the orchestral support was excellent. It seems hard now to realise that this concerto met with disapproval when it first appeared (1879), but we must remember that at the time Tchaikovsky was just another teacher at the Moscow Conservatory, and also that the concerto flirted dangerously with an idiom which was frowned upon in the great musical world, both in Russia and in Western Europe—the idiom of Slavonic folk music.

The concert ended with three dances from "The Three-Cornered Hat" by Manuel de Falla. These spirited dances combine fiery, stimulating rhythms with exciting orchestral writing, and gave the orchestra an opportunity to show its versatility.

The orchestra was well controlled, reaching a higher standard than it has displayed for some time. Mr. Krips conducted with sensitivity and confidence, but distracted with his antics.

—ORPHEUS.

# Blood and Guts Opera Parodied

The success of the Gilbert and Sullivan combination has withstood the test of time. The reasons for the success of an association always tenuous because of temperamental differences are not easy to discover.

Separately Sullivan and Gilbert are nonentities; as G. & S. they live to be presented in The Union Hall this week (RUDDIGORE, from Wednesday to Saturday). Perhaps Gilbert's almost nihilistic cynicism needed the humanising influence of Sullivan's melody, and Sullivan's saccharine Victorian harmonies need the tartness of Gilbert's wit to make it palatable.

Whatever the reason, the fact remains that Gilbert is not remembered for "The Bab Ballads", nor Sullivan for "Ivanhoe" or "The Golden Legend", but they live on in The Savoy Operas.

Gilbert fully realised the effectiveness of an exotic setting in light opera, and accordingly he exploited the colour of pirates, Venice, The Navy, and Japan in the earlier products of the partnership. After "The Mikado", Gilbert looked increasingly to the supernatural and the macabre to provide colour, culminating in the sick tragic comedy of the crying clown in "The Yeomen". "Ruddigore" or "The Witch's Curse", belongs to this later period.

jokes need modernising, or that Sullivan's music needs a good beat behind it, but that tastes in production and presentation have changed enormously in the last seventy years, while the tradition of G. & S. production has remained static. To make matters worse, each singer, over the years, has added a little extra business, another dramatic pause in the music, to make the part truly his own, and the accumulated debris has sapped much of the vitality of both action and music.

With a chorus of young singers drawn from the University Choir (it will be a change to hear fresh voices in G. & S.) and a group of first-class principals, again with the accent on youth, Wayne Anthony (production) and Julian Mincham (music) have a wonderful opportunity to show us just how much better the G. & S. team is than Rodgers and Hammerstein or Lerner and Loewe.

—MICK BEST.



Its humour is largely derived from the parody of Victorian melodrama and Italian blood-and-guts opera, with the assistance of a sadistic chorus of ghosts, and a marvellous parody of the inevitable mad-scenes. By a piece of Gilbertian sleight-of-mind, the opera comes abruptly to a happy ending.

Now that copyright has expired on both words and music, and the night's of performance of D'Oyly Carte, it should be possible to revalue the operas, and perhaps to renew their appeal. It is not so much that Gilbert's

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# Weights' Standards High

by Powerhouse Pete

During the Weightlifting Club's Freshers' Welcome, before a packed hall of eager men and (two) women the President, Andrew (Jerry) Jerschina, presented a life membership medal to Dr. Stan Hopcroft, a foundation member.

Dr. Hopcroft mentioned that over the past years he had been amazed at the general weakness of the average University student. As he said, physical fitness plays an important role as regards ability to study and pass examinations. Most would agree that Dr. Hopcroft's own academic success witnesses the truth of this belief.

In 1957 Dr. Hopcroft set about building the University Weightlifting Club with a handful of students and a single set of weights, which he himself donated to the club. Since then the A.U.W.L.C. has grown to be a very large and most efficient club with one of the best equipped gyms in Australia.

Not only the quality of the gym, but also the physical specimens it produces are among the best in Australia. For example, Steve West was judged to be Mr. Junior Australia two years ago; last year John Sincock was ranked fourth in the Light-Heavyweight division for Australia and Peter Courtney was last



year's Inter-Varsity Bantamweight Champion.

Can you compete with men like these? If your answer is "no", then do something about it—join the A.U.W.L.C. For their part they need your patronage, since their aim this year is "BEAT MELBOURNE", the only University undefeated in Inter-Varsity competitions.

These competitions are held in August—so those of you interested in competing had better hurry up and start training now.

# RUGBY IS BIG

by Bob Redden

GO, GO, GO; another break through for a well manoeuvred try. University rugby is BIG this year, and it's still growing.

The call to arms was in progress before Orientation Week, with new coach Maurie Bell demanding more and better at each trial match. The talent and enthusiasm of old and many new players had each individual on his mettle from the start as regards form and fitness.

From the A team to the Cs the flag is riding high; by the end of the season, perhaps even mid year, it may be restored to the summit. In the first series for the season, the As crashed through for a mighty win over North Adelaide. Coach Maurie Bell insists that fitness is basic to good play and for top gear to the end of the match. The new season's combination of fit players is a real gem; besides this there is a vast pool of superb talent in the other teams.

## Overloaded

Uni. Bs and Cs have been showing great promise and logging up victories by virtue of sensible team work and ability. The University college teams should prove a further great bolster to the rugby club this year; while doing well their potential will increase as new players become familiar with rugby skill.

In the season's second series of matches Uni. As had a very respectable win, and the Bs even more so. In fact the Bs are just overloaded with reserve talent, especially back men like D. Rosister and G. Dick. But what is it, this rumbling upsurge; the As have long-experienced varsity players, Andy Black, Col. Freeman, P. Allen and J. Staska to mention a few.

T. C. Lu, M. Hohnen and T. Shanahan are in a back line that really capitalises on forward efforts. There is still more; new recruits M. Tant and D. Thompson, both well-moulded Duntroun products, have added to Maurie's big list.

Why the pressure? Is it just the premiership? And which Premiership? Well: not only will the As justify their inclusion in Adelaide division I grade by the mid-year minor premiership, but hope and look like they can go right

on to be division I Premiers. Idle boasting! Not a bit; the team at present can do nothing but improve, especially as efficient play increases while the team settles down. Moreover, the difference in talent from the lower teams, especially the Bs, is not great, so any injury can be supported by a strong reserve.

## Missiles

By May 2nd the As will have played every team in the competition. This includes Southern Suburbs who only just made the top over the As last year, and also the strong army contingent from 4 RAR Woodside. By Trial match comparisons and present performance, these hurdles will be a test of just how good University really is. Maurie Bell sees no reason why a victory strategy is unjustified; he has ammunition, is making missiles even faster and has a stock pile as well.

The 4 RAR Woodside team, reputed to be the strongest opposition in Division II, will give the big match needed on May 2nd. Plans and arrangements for a big Social and Bar-B-Q to follow the match have been laid. This should be a real victory celebration, as a prelude to the finish of Stage I.

The intervarsity is in Melbourne this year; and again greater things are expected against the N.S.W. giants. Besides being a feast of Rugby this carnival is a mighty rugby social too; one is really at home with the best.

Local social events of University rugby include Pie Nites. A regular "Pie-Up" is a great team booster and plays a good part in dependable comradeship, as well as providing an airing of opinion with coach and others such as the President, Mr. Allen.

There is a goodly number of supporters old and new to cheer and urge. The president, committee men and former players add much to team spirit, and have given helpful advice on occasions. A comment from an esteemed spectator on the A's first rout could be well remembered:—

"Players should polish up fundamentals."



# Hockey: Danger And Excitement

by Rowena Daw

The excitement and danger of hockey have again enticed many healthy young women with athletic aspiration to cast books aside, don garbs of striking black and make for the fields.

With our 100 members we are ensured of 8 teams, leaving some extras under the rather ambiguous heading "Beginners". The stigma attached to this title need not cause those concerned to despair as injury and other unclassified feminine complaints among regular team members should give them opportunities for higher things.

If the standard of play at trials is a reliable indication, selectors plus supporters, well wishers, women's hockey fans, etc., have every reason to yell for joy. There is tons of talent among freshers many of whom come from glory on the school hockey field. Prominent among them are Sue Chapman and Claire Grose on the forward line while Carol Angas and Jane Pickhaver will help fill the many gaps in defence.

## Vigor

On the other side are "departed friends—so sorely missed" in particular Phyll Clarkson, who as A Captain combined the roles of player and coach, instilling discipline with vigor and pleasantness while excelling on the field, and Lenore Francis, who regularly dominated from centre-half.

Still the A's have a well-seasoned side of hardened veterans with their strength lying in their speedy attack, their two half-blues Jo Clarkson and Liz Askwith and their goalie Di Harvey who is never beaten or discouraged and occasionally looks ferocious. Most A reserve players have returned and can be assured of a good season if they manage to keep a more permanent team than last year.

## Defenceless

At the moment selectors are faced with the bewildering situation of hordes of competent forwards and almost no defence. Unfortunately statistics can seldom be cheated and the only solution is to improvise with forwards to fill the ranks behind. Many veterans of the I've-been-playing-forward-all-my-life outlook who don't espouse the theory that a good player can dominate from any position are trying to adapt themselves to present needs as a preferable course to the remorse of demotion.

Once again "Fitness" is our byword, an inspiring motto and not the least bit obscure. Interested observers will note that it has been taken quite literally by some.

While the more conservative are content with a quiet jog, a long puff, then a burst of action again more enterprising players can be seen at various stages of the iniquitous circuit as revised by our new honorary coach (who hides under the name of Mrs. Jones, but who is really Sally Harrington, State half-back, underneath). Her dynamic approach as a player is well known and her dynamic approach as a coach has not been slow in making itself felt. She is a great asset and we are very grateful for her services.

## Challenge

The executive headed by President, Ginny Nicholls, Secretary Joe Clarkson, and Treasurer Marg Burton, have a challenging year before them. Inter-varsity '64 is in August, in Adelaide.

A bureaucratic administration complete with suitable co-ordinating councils, sub-committees, and sub sub-committees has been ingeniously contrived while "division of labour" principles are being strictly observed in the delegation of various aspects of the programme to these committees.

## Stick Work

To appease the ugliest problem of all, plans for raising funds by foul means or fair are already crystallising. In the immediate future is a giant Jumble Sale on the last day of term. Apart from being very lucrative, this should give the Social Studies students unrivalled opportunities to theorise on human idiosyncrasies as manifested by buxom matrons and volatile Italian women, and thus will be popular with all. Apart from this, raffles are always a subtle weapon.

With first matches less than 3 weeks away there is still much to be achieved. Not until teams are finally arranged can tactics be discussed. Meanwhile our stick work, suffering from 6 months of neglect, is generally lamentable, while hitting needs greater length and goal shooting, piles more direction before an adequate match standard is reached.

These present preoccupations, together with those that are to follow in connection with Intervarsity will ensure that Women's Hockey have an eventful and busy season.



# 'BEAUTY BLACKS'

by Dropkick-and-Punt

Amateur Football League has resumed in full swing but to many a miserable one despite the fact that four out of five teams won convincingly. Varsity A's succumbed to the powerful Teachers' College line up for the second successive time at Teachers' College Oval; the other time being in the Grand Final last year.

Lack of fitness seems to tell the tale. It was painfully obvious in this encounter with Teachers' College. In the run to the ball the Blacks were three or four yards behind their opponent each time. Several known Varsity speedsters were crawling at a snail's pace. At one stage of the game four of our players were sprawled over the ground with cramp.

"Jack" Sangster made a welcome return to our ranks after a year's absence. His strong marking and long kicking at full back put him high among our best. Big Bill Chapman fulfilled our predictions but unfortunately the rovers were not able to capitalise on his dominance. Vice-captain Prior had a ton of kicks in the last half but perhaps would be better off at centre-wing. Ross Haslam

deserves a mention for a promising debut.

Seconds players who must put pressure on the selectors in future games include last year's regular, Malcolm Jones, who played a wonderful game against Scotch, centre left-back, Dick Yast (outplayed State Amateur Squad player Fuller in the same match) and nippy rovers, Fullarton and Edgely. Nancarrow is another to impress.

Only good can come from an early defeat if the lesson is learnt by selectors and players alike.

To stir University footballing hearts to unity, the Blacks will hold a cabaret on Saturday night, April 25th, at Goodwood Park Hotel. Those who need to get fitter can do so to the tune of the Dephi's "training" fee—5/-.



# ESPION DUPED: THE OTHER TRUTH

by Hugh Saddler



In the first issue of "On Dit" this year, the editors announced the appointment of a "special investigator," Espion—"the watchdog of Adelaide's life." His first article, on coffee, was both entertaining and useful; his second, on tow-truck services, was pointless but innocuous; his third, on the Burnside Pool, was cheap sensation-seeking journalism at its worst.

This type of writing combining a minimum of factual material with a maximum of innuendo and distortion, short of downright lies, is the sort of things to be expected in "Truth," but hardly in "On Dit."

(This has been proved strikingly accurate. On page 4 of "Truth" of April 18th was a long attack on Dr. Henderson of a type familiar to "Truth" readers, taken almost entirely from Espion's article; the "Truth" reporter freely acknowledges this debt to Espion. Evidently he recognised in Espion a talent for vicious journalism greater than his own. The final accolade came in a reference, near the end of the article, to "racy Espion". Will Espion's next article be a revelation of foul doings at the Gawler races, or a sordid teenage dope ring at the Port?)

However, my opinion of Espion underwent some revision when I visited Mr. Bolton myself. Most of what I objected to in his article was not original; it was taken down verbatim from what Mr. Bolton had told him.

Whether or not this absolves Espion of some blame I would not like to say. In fact, the line of talk (1½ hours of it), that Mr. Bolton subjected me to, closely resembled Espion's whole article, both in general attitude and also in much of the detail, down to actual phrasing. The most charitable explanation for Espion's article would be that he was duped by a clever talker—not a very good effort from a "watchdog."

## Lunatic?

With one exception, I do not intend to reply to Espion point by point; my criticisms of his article are implicit in the rest of what I say. The exception is the quotation from Dr. Henderson with which he concludes his article, and which successfully achieves its intention of implying that Dr. Henderson, as well as being eccentric (which he is), is also a lunatic right-wing Commo baiter.

This quotation was torn out of context in a quite unpardonable way. It originally appeared in the Burnside "News-Review" of 12/2/64 and was part of a larger autobiographical statement made at the request of the editor as a reply to criticism, some of which accused his Association of "using the tactics that keep Communists in power."

Having talked at length with both Mr. Bolton, and representatives of the panel of architects and the Hazelwood Park Residents' Committee, as well as a number of other ratepayers, and having done a considerable amount of reading of relevant material, without the Mayor's guidance, I feel that I am in a better position than Espion to present the facts without bias.

## Impertinence

The panel of architects, which includes four architects who are principals of their firms and Adelaide's only full-time landscape architect, were appointed much as Espion said; subsequent events were quite different from those described by him.

In their first letter to the Council they

offered to prepare a short list of suitable architects, suggesting an approach involving a controlling architect, a landscape architect, and an engineer, and offered to give advice on planning, site, and adjunct facilities. The Council replied with very detailed instructions about the type of pool and facilities wanted, and about the cost of the project. This was the big scheme of paddling pool, learners' pool, Olympic pool, diving pool, kiosk, and dressing rooms that Mr. Bolton still favours.

The panel replied on 23rd September that they thought this scheme too big, and suggested building two or three smaller pools round the district. This infuriated Mr. Bolton; "Nobody asked for their opinion" he told me, and added that he considered their suggestion grossly "presumptuous"; he also called it "infernally impertinence" (Burnside "News-Review", 19/2/64). Mr. Bolton's idea of an adviser seems to be a person prepared to agree with him on every issue.

## A Stick

The panel also sent a sketch showing how Mr. Bolton's scheme would fit into Hazelwood Park. Probably because they disagreed with the scheme anyway, they did not put very much work into this sketch, thus giving Mr. Bolton a stick to beat them with. For the exact way he goes about it, consult Espion; this portion of his article was taken entire from Mr. Bolton's lips.

The Mayor ignored the submissions of the panel on this matter and took his proposals to a Sydney firm of structural engineers, who prepared a plan for him, together with estimates of the cost. The panel was given a copy of this plan in December, and in January submitted verbal criticisms of it to the Council. I have studied the plan and their criticisms of it and consider them to be largely justified. I will not list them here because they are meaningless without the plan itself.

Soon after this the panel sent a final letter to the Council in which they asked it to abandon the existing plan or terminate their services; the latter course was taken.

It is important to realise that, despite what Espion says, the panel were opposed to Mr. Bolton's proposals from the very beginning.

## Provocative

On March 18th the panel paid for an advertisement in the Burnside "News-Review", which gave an account of these facts and stated that they had disbanded and would not enter into any further discussion on the pool. Mr. Bolton told me he considered this "provocative".

In an attempt to show how and why the pool controversy has become so confused, I shall briefly evaluate the criticisms of the pool proposals put forward by the two organisations opposing them: the Burnside Ratepayers' Association and the Hazelwood Park Residents' Committee.

"It is too big for Hazelwood Park."

Although the enclosed area in the plan is 3.4 acres, it will alienate at least 10 of

the 31 acres of the Park, which was bought by the Government in 1914 to preserve in perpetuity an area of the red-gum parkland with which the Adelaide Plains were once covered. Mr. Bolton admits this indirectly when he claims, as he did to me, that a minimum of 10 acres would be needed to build a similar centre anywhere else; but it does not at all perturb him.

He tried to justify the use of Hazelwood Park to me, by describing in considerable detail how 15 acres ("a good part") of historic King's Park in Paramatta had been taken over for building a swimming centre. This is obviously a most pernicious argument; the fact that one council destroyed a large area of a very old park does not give another council an excuse for destroying a smaller area of a less historic park.

## Too Big

"It is too big for Burnside."

While the centre is the only one of its kind in Adelaide, it is certain to be used by many non-residents of Burnside; the criticism could be justified on these grounds.

## Unsuitable

"It is unsuitable for a residential area."

Mr. Bolton replied that the proximity of swimming pools has raised land values in Sydney. This is hardly the point, since most of the residents do not want to sell; they want to continue living in the kind of environment that originally brought them to live in Hazelwood Park.

He also says that "the loudest noise will be the laughter and cheers of happy children and young people". However, the main discomfort arising from the pool as it is now planned will be from car parking; the cars will be hidden behind a hedge in a parking area appropriated from the Park (another 1½ acres), but noise and dust are sure to be a problem.

The critics claim, in addition, that the centre will be used for competitive swimming, although the present plan does not include facilities for this. I am not sure if this assumption is justified; if it is the pool will obviously be a major discomfort to residents, with lights, loudspeakers, etc.

"It will cost too much."

On this question, more than any other, the two factions are arguing at cross-purposes. Mr. Bolton insists that the only matter in question is the £70,000 loan and says that the municipality can easily pay this back out of rate revenue at its present level. This is undoubtedly true, and opponents of the scheme admit this when they advocate building two or three smaller pools for the same £70,000. However, this first stage includes only temporary changing rooms, and no learners' pool.

Further expenditure would thus be needed to make the centre anything more than an ordinary swimming pool as advocated by the opposition, and it would be needed soon.

The Mayor's attitude to this is ambi-

valent; on the one hand he tries to impress people with the attractions of the completed scheme, while on the other he insists that only £70,000 is at issue and further expenditure is not his concern but that of future councils. The opposition keeps its attention fixed steadily on the £177,000 for the whole project, and maintains that the municipality cannot afford it; they have a strong case here and no-one has tried to refute it.

Thus, when the opposition say the rates will go up they are thinking of repayment of £177,000 plus interest; when Mr. Bolton says they will not he is thinking of £70,000 plus interest.

My attitude to the controversy should be clear from these comments. I would suggest that any reasonably perceptive unbiased observer would have come to the same conclusions. Even Espion might have done so, if he had listened attentively to everything Mr. Bolton said to him, and shown some ability to think deeply and critically, as befits a "special investigator".

## TRUTH V. ESPION

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Finally, let us hear Dr. Henderson's views on Espion's article in the last issue of "On Dit"—Dr. Henderson thought it was "Scurrilous, yes, scurrilous".

Truth concludes their article on Dr. Henderson with the following passage: "The good Doctor will stand for Burnside Council at their next elections—if the public demands that he does". At present it seems unlikely that he will be called upon by the public to stand.

## BIG RISE IN SALES

On Dit is now more widely read than ever before. Editions this year are larger than ever before, but the last edition sold out almost completely within a week of publication.

Recently the S.R.C. approved an increase in the On Dit budget for 1964. Printing costs were the chief reason for the increase, but an important factor was the sharp rise in sales this year.

The editions have been enlarged by 500 to 3,000—and to date this has proved only just sufficient. Even the On Dit which came out just before the Easter break sold to within 100 copies.

In fact this represents an additional circulation of over 1,000 per edition—as each edition has nearly sold out. Previously there have been anything from 500-1,000 copies over.

A further increase of 500 copies has been made for this edition.

Increased circulation means increased costs—as On Dit is fairly heavily subsidised.

But the larger the circulation and the greater the interest shown in On Dit, the more justifiable this subsidising becomes.



"This ought to satisfy bloody Whitlam"