

BLANKET CAMPAIGN

There are many people in Grahamstown who, having paid their rent have to live on less than five cents a day.

The local NUSAS Welfare and Benefits Committee is sponsoring a one and half day Rhodes Blanket Campaign starting on Tuesday.

A textile factory has offered 400 60 x 80 blankets to Rhodes at R1 each. Students are asked to donate generously and buy a quarter, half or whole blanket at 25c, 50c or R1.00 respectively.

Rhodes staff have already contributed generously after appeal letters. Collections will be at key points and it is hoped students will follow the example set by the staff.

Roger Wanless, President of SRC said that he believed many students were painfully aware of the poverty of people in Grahamstown's locations. "This campaign offers Rhodes Students and staff the opportunity of making a practical contribution to a most urgent cause and could become a most worthwhile annual event."

GADRA investigates who does live on less than five cents per day. Many of these people are — school children, pregnant or nursing mothers or sick or aged persons, receiving only pensions or disability grants.



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CALL FOR ADVICE BUREAU

RHODES UNIVERSITY needs a student counselling service run by a qualified clinical psychologist. Not only the "experts", but eighty per cent of the Student Body are aware of this need.

Last year, Rhodes excelled itself with what a clinical psychologist has called "anti-social behaviour patterns". These were two student suicides, rumours of abortions and suicide attempts, the usual drinking, an outbreak of vandalism, and one court case for drug peddling.

SYMPTOMS

As a result of these alarming symptoms, certain members of the student body working in conjunction with the SRC, approached Stellenbosch University, UCT and Wits to gain information about student counselling services offered by these universities.

The concerned response from all three campuses was encouraging. There appears to be no doubt that Rhodes, in not providing professional clinical psychological facilities, lags far behind these other South African universities.

The following are extracts from letters received on the subject. From the Clinical Psychologist in charge of the Bureau for Student Counselling, Stellenbosch University:

With our present economic situation university education is at the doorstep of literally every family and it so happens that not every family is prepared for the demands made on social adjustment, cultural development and intellectual growth of freshmen. This inevitably results in endless conflicts with members of the family at home, fellow students, lecturers, etc. It also causes a lot of frustration and tension within the individual which may lead to certain anti-social behaviour patterns.

BEHAVIOUR

Over the last few years we have had a relatively low incidence of anti-social behaviour. This is largely due to the system of counselling employed at this university. The bureau operates as a complete psychological unit and students are using the counselling facilities on a larger scale every year. It serves as an intermediary between the university administration, lecturers and students.

Any modern university should cater for the psychological needs of its students. We must realise that present-day students face a complex world and experience a multitude of problems. All staff members of the bureau are therefore trained psychologists.

Student counselling plays an important part in the handling of students' problems. It may not be neglected. It is indeed an important preventive measure. Almost 3,000 interviews a year are conducted.

The preventive and rehabilitative work done at Stellenbosch includes the following.

Psychometric work — individual and group I.Q. assessments, scholastic tests, personality tests, vocational tests, academic aptitude and clinical tests.

Counselling interviews — academic counselling, vocational counselling, and psychotherapeutic interviews.

Other interviews — with parents or members of the teaching staff when necessary.

Psychophysical examinations — when necessary, with polygraph and E.E.G.

Reporting — to the executive committee of the university in cases of readmission to the university after two unsuccessful attempts in the same course. All applications of this nature are referred to the bureau for an extensive report on the student concerned. To parents or deans of residence when necessary.

ADVISORS

In addition to this professional counselling service there are students advisors for first year students in all residences. A senior student is appointed to a small group of 15-20 freshmen under supervision of the warden. These groups have frequent group discussions. This system extends to students in private residence. From the Wits University Student Counsellor:

It would appear that between 5 and 10 per cent of students are in need of some kind of psychiatric or psychological help. (At Rhodes, from 90 to 180 students.) As student counsellor I know about the difficulties of those students who consult me, but I am aware that there are other students who consult psychiatrists or other psychologists in the city. It is also possible that because of the size of the university population and the comparative anonymity in a big city, there are instances of disturbed behaviour patterns that do not come to our notice.

Our student counselling service sees between 130 and 160 students each year, most of them self-referred. I am a clinical psychologist, and treatment is on a consultative basis or short term psychotherapy in most cases. If psychiatric treatment is necessary, students are referred to the professor of psychiatry.

CONCERNED

I would like to add that the Deans of Residence and I are deeply concerned at the difficulties at Rhodes, and would like to help in any way possible. The suggestion was made that it might be useful to have regular meetings of Wards and Deans of Residence of the various universities. At these meetings common features such as house committees, staff-student and administration-student relations, problems of discipline, rules and regulations and matters of general policy could be discussed.

From Groote Schuur Hospital's psychiatric outpatients' department:

Our students' health service is particularly eager to be helpful. Student health problems are occupying the attention of research workers at many universities, and the need is vital for providing specialist panels, etc.

Davies allowed in at UCT

AFTER a WAIT of nearly 12 weeks, Rob Davies, B.Comm. (Hons) one of several students suspended by the Rhodes Council last year for distributing the magazine, DOODLE, on the campus, has finally been registered at UCT. He completed his registration forms after a meeting with the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Sir Richard Luyt.

In satirical fashion the editors of DOODLE explained to Rhodes students why 13 of their number had been rusticated for 8 academic weeks after a sit-in lasting a few hours. The authorities took exception to this publication, and rusticated 3 students for 5 years.

Mr. Davies applied for admission to UCT at the beginning of term, only to be told his application would have to be reviewed by the Senate and Council before a decision could be made.

In an interview with VARSITY, Mr. Davies made the following statement; "After two meetings with the Principal and Vice-Principal as well as at least 2 meetings of the Senate sub-committee, a full Senate meeting, a full Council meeting, numerous telephone calls and correspondence and months of waiting, at last I'm IN!"

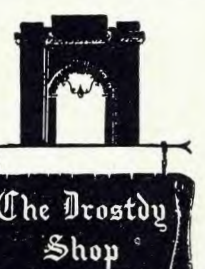
He added the Principal had told him that his registration "did not in any way condone his action at Rhodes, and that he should agree to abide by the rules of the University."

Counselling expert to speak

THE CLINICAL psychologist in charge of the bureau for student counselling at Stellenbosch University, Mr. E. L. Conradie, will visit Rhodes on June 6 at the invitation of the Social Sciences Society.

He will speak on the services provided to students by the bureau. The SRC is paying for his visit.

Mr. Conradie will also meet students and members of staff who are attempting to hasten the introduction of a similar service at Rhodes.



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FORT HARE

ON SATURDAY THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF FORT HARE becomes a fully-fledged "autonomous" University. This step comes by simple parliamentary fiat long before the five non-White colleges have proved themselves by ordinary standards to deserve this promotion. It is a premature action which further relegates non-White education in this country to a state of separate inferiority and causes the entire South African university set-up to appear absurd in the international academic community.

LOW STANDARDS

This promotion is premature because of the appalling development of non-White education on the secondary and high-school level. Until the quality of teaching at this level is improved, and while teachers with low qualifications are employed, classrooms are overcrowded, and books and equipment are in short supply, the quality and quantity of the tribal college intake will continue to fall far short of true university standards.

The result of this, of course, is that one finds vast differences between White and Black students who have graduated in the same field.

Another reason for this low standard is the manner in which lectures are conducted. Almost all the White teaching staff are from the Afrikaans universities. Many of them are either older personnel or young lecturers who attain some status at these colleges and then move on to the equivalent status in the more affluent White universities. Out of this develops a very one-sided interaction, with the lecturer dictating notes in a highly stylised, uninterested way. To add to this, the lecturer makes it clear that he does not want to be asked "stupid questions". Frequently, when students do ask questions, they are told that they are either arrogant or cheeky. This attitude creates among students negativity and an unwillingness to participate.

SEGREGATION

Outside the lecture room, White lecturers very seldom have any contact with their students. After classes students repair to their quarters and the White staff to their geographically separate accommodation. It would appear, certainly at Fort Hare, that any contact between lecturers and students is actively discouraged. Perhaps some historical background is advisable at this point. Soon after the Nationalists gained power in 1948, they began to apply their apartheid policy to university education. This went through two stages: firstly, separating Whites from non-Whites, and secondly, separating the non-Whites into their respective ethnic groups.

Before putting the first stage into practice, the Government appointed the Holloway Commission in 1953 to advise it regarding the provision of separate university facilities for non-Whites.

The Commission recommended that non-Whites should not be prohibited from attending the White universities. There was to be academic freedom enabling non-Whites themselves to choose whether they wanted to be by themselves in non-White institutions or to go to such White universities as would be prepared to take them. The Commission further considered that differentiation on ethnic lines was irrelevant at university level.

REJECTION

The Government totally rejected the report of the Holloway Commission and proceeded with legislation:

- to prohibit non-Whites from registering at White universities and
- to establish new colleges designed to cater for non-Whites according to their ethnic origins.

The Government was definitely not prepared to take the risk of non-White students rejecting ethnic separation. The students had to be compelled to be separate and to like it. The isolation of non-White students in a multi-racial society may well eventually prove to foster African nationalism. It is tragic that in South Africa, prejudice among most White students, as well as Government policy, prevents the contact between students of different racial groups which would promote understanding and tolerance among those who are likely to become leaders in their respective communities.

All the legislative enactments regarding the higher education of non-Whites have been characterised by double talk. First there was the euphemistically entitled **University Extension Act of 1959**. Far from extending the powers and rights of the universities, the act actually curtailed them. The consequence of this was that these universities lost their traditional right to admit who they pleased, and students lost the right to study at the institution of their choice. And then came the legislation to turn the five tribal colleges into "autonomous universities". This, too, has turned out to be a lie since the appointment of the University Council and every member of the academic staff are subject to the control of the Minister — as is the admittance of students.

DECEITFUL

Just how deceitful all the high-sounding talk is about these institutions being the purveyors of the cultural heritage of the non-White becomes evident when one considers that non-White professors and lecturers, who we may presume, have a certain amount of the first-hand knowledge of this heritage, are excluded from having a vote on the academic policy-making bodies of these ethnic universities, simply because they are not White.

With Fort Hare granted university status, the Administration and lecturers are put in a protected position for propagating and promoting a Nationalistic type of thinking, to establish loyalty to the Republican Government. For instance, the administration offices at Fort Hare are decorated with large propagandist portraits of Cabinet ministers. It is crystal clear that the aim of autonomy on the day after tomorrow is to ruin the up and coming African intellectuals; that it attempts to carry out a continual drag to black progress and development. Fort Hare is NOT a university in the accepted sense, and this is evidenced by the Ministers octopus-control over the College's affairs. Fort Hare is only free to oppress young African intellectuals who stand up to criticise the present regime. It is only free to remind the Blacks that they are Black and will remain sub-human.

the dangers of premature status

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OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION

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Cecilia Joan

KEEP ABREAST

YES PEEPS, CECILIA IS BACK and has come out of retirement to regale you once again with many an untold tale. The danger of Rag, Intervarsity and such like threats being over, it is once more safe to roam the campus in silent observation.

First place this week goes to the L.B. Popularity Poll. These wily young lasses have at last devised a scheme to keep the

sation, respect, sense of humour, looks, courtesy, loyalty to L.B. and potential. New ratings are put up on Sundays.

This week Tubs Wilson was at the top with an overall rating of 60% and Johnny Neaves brought up the rear with a mere 19%. It is interesting to note that a certain Mr. Walters also appears on this list.

Don't despair little College



CECILIA'S COLUMN

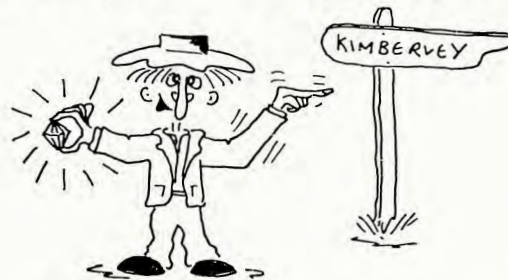
College lads on their toes. It all began with the discovery of the College Black Book which lists the demerits of the girls. In retaliation, the L.B. Popularity Poll with its ten point rating system was drawn up. The points on which the men are judged are dress, manners, integrity, conver-

boys, watch Mr. Daniel closely for dress, invest in a book on Etiquette and re-read your copy of Lady Chatterly's Lover and perhaps next week you will be included in the Top Ten.

Coups and cuddles,

CECILIA.

Cecil John



Nightmares in safety closet

PLEASE EXCUSE ME for not honouring you with my usual weekly offering for the last little while, I was persuaded to go on a short but most enjoyable holiday, all expenses paid. The highlight of my little vac. was seeing certain illustrious betogers from the home-front popping in for an all-too-short visit.

My apologies then, I was detained without trial or access to the latrine because I was caught red-handed, while blowing up a balloon. Anyway, that turbulent period of my turgid pass is over, and you can go back to remembering the 22. (Actually, there's been a book written on the subject, titled — aptly — "Catch 22").

NIGHTMARE

Ah, people, that nightmare is past, and if the reports of progress in Dive Ceegan's personal files are true, the Revolution is at hand, Seconded Durt. Mr. van Come-on-harder pointed out that it was unconstitutional to pass a motion unless the penny had been placed in the slot fully five seconds before entering that hallowed chambers, council, betogers for the use of, SRC 1.

Despite these encouraging developments, however, a number of distressing elements have been noted. Mr. Grit Fore has been digging up bones of contention, and went to Cape Town (or was it Innesdal?) to help inaugurate S.H.M.I.T. — Student Herstiges Met Innerlike Treurighede — or, in case you're Rhodesian or any other type of foreigner, Student Reconstituted With Inner Sadnesses. Rumour has it that Mr. Fore will

be asked to resign from the SRC, in accordance with the policy outlined by Mr. Beaver at the infamous "Dwindling Quorum" SB (Student Body, of course) Meeting, a little while back. Mr. Beaver's commendable idea that things should be done legally seems to have been rejected by a certain viewpoint.

It's all relative, anyway. Then Mr. Huguenot stands up and blatantly asks for money for the Freedom Fighters. You just can't win, can you, Oom Albert?

ANGOLA

As if Mr. Fore's move wasn't enough to daunt my comrades in Angola, let alone Merciless Worthwhile, we then find Jan Cornelius Raath expounding racialism over the coffin of Piet Retief (who's he but another materialistic, capitalistic, bourgeois fascist: of Ceegan's Thesaurus) The pomp and ceremony which accompanied a mere Voortrekkers cremation cannot be reconciled with the earnest struggle for true liberalism on this campus.

Pardon my dwelling on politics like this, but this is Rhodeo, after all.

A prophet can only warn: I can but say to all those innocent lambkins who have not, as yet, been ravaged by the wolf in ram's clothing, that Woolly Maraze is out to regain the much-feared title of Campus Casanova, which Pete "Spaghetti" Morelli won last year. A veritable Battle of the Sexers.

That's politics and sex dealt with: nothing on drink this week — Johnno Spleen is sleeping it off. (Hibernating — you know.)

Piet Retief buried — to a tune of grisly wails

IN CASE you thought you were finally crossing the drawbridge across the moat around Fort England when you heard a bugle sounding before the hour of Dawn Patrol on Friday, becalm yourself, you still have a few more weeks in the outside world.

The sound was that of a bugle and it was heralding not the arrival of "IF" but the rising of the Retief troops. This was Friday 22nd, 1970, the day of Oom Piet Retief's funeral.

Had Oom Piet been alive, he would certainly have looked back on this day with pride. At 10 a.m. the Retief troops, resplendent in their suits, "unusual" headgear and bright orange socks, among other things, marched to the library steps to the booming voice of their sergeant-major (Pat Taylor).

Here they were inspected by the commandant (Eddie O'Brear) much to the amusement of a rather assorted crowd. The "Coffin" was coaxed along on a cart drawn by two bewildered donkeys and the funeral procession, consisting of two cars, the troops and a group of "Mourners" (Retief Cissies) wound its way up the hill in a somewhat precarious death march.

The troops came to a halt on the Retief Square and the coffin was borne to the front by its Black Label cans amidst the loud wailing of the bereaved and the mirth of the spectators.

Mr. Cornelius Johannes du Plooy du Preez (John Everett) enumerated the honourable Oom Piet's merits, which were elaborated on by the guest of honour (Mr. Jan Cornelius Raath) after which the funeral service was read by the priest (Kingsley Dale).

Oom Piet was sent to join his ancestors with a lively petrol blaze and a salute of fire crackers — whereupon the Hobson girls moved away from their windows and completed the task of polishing their nails.

SMALLS

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Protest needs sincerity

LAST WEEK South Africa's English universities rose in protest against the continued detention without trial of twenty-two men and women under Section Six of the Terrorism Act of 1967. In Cape Town 400 students marched through the streets of that city and occupied the corridors of the City Hall for one hour; in Johannesburg 357 Wits students were arrested for staging an illegal demonstration through the centre of town; in Durban 500 students picketed on the City Hall steps and gathered signatures from the citizens of Durban for a petition to the Minister of Justice. But in Grahamstown, dear Grahamstown, the students of Rhodes University went about their business, uncaring, unconcerned, and utterly unmoved by what consciences they may possess.

True, we held a Student Body meeting. Wanless fumbled his way through a rather empty and inadequate motion, high-sounding phrases echoed across the floor of the Great Hall, several individuals warmed their hands — Pontious Pilate style — over a row of pathetically stuttering torches. All the symbolic ceremony was there and the entire evening was slick and organised — rather like a mediaeval mass — requiring only our full-blooded support. For a few hours we gave this support, regretting that the Fatherland wasn't as perfect as it might be, and then wandered off to our warm beds and cosy complacency.

Mind you, it WAS a nice gesture, since it cost us so little of our time and energy and lent us an opportunity to salve our laden White consciences.

This is just not good enough. Unless the students of this University are prepared to wake up to the fact that the reality of protest rests on the reality of genuine commitment, our hollow and somewhat puerile efforts will continue to invite the contempt they so richly deserve. Not until we are totally committed and prepared to make sacrifices commensurate with the enormity of the issues with which this country is faced, will our protests be worth a damn.

Side by side with our protest must stand an inspiration and a deep dedication founded on basic, decent, human values. Without this, our ideals become empty mockeries of themselves, and we become the victims of submission and hypocrisy and fall prey to the Apartheid Society.

As long as we fail to register our opposition to injustice, we fail and desert humanity and justice. Until our protest is combined with the sincerity and devoted commitment it warrants, we may as well cease it, for we are doing more harm than good to the cause we claim to uphold.

But why do we have to stress these things?

Have the pressures on the individual become so great that we have lost our commitment to humanity and all that that implies?

Have we forgotten that we have always had to fight for the principles and the ideals that we hold dear?

Have we lost the courage that walks hand in hand with active and honest tenacity?

The answer is yes — because it is more difficult now than it ever was. But the answer is no — because it is more important now than it ever was.

The South African student who refuses to protest against what he finds immoral and evil, to dissent when his conscience cries out in disgust, and who has never questioned the accepted order, is a pitiful and wretched character.

It is becoming more and more of a duty in South Africa to question the status quo and to speak out against the wrongs we see about us. For here, in a professedly Western country, there is a gathering climate of conformity and orthodoxy. The pressures to conform, to acquiesce, to put expediency before conscience, becomes more clamant and compelling. But they must be resisted, and nowhere more firmly than in those of our universities which can still claim to think for themselves.

Are we going to commit ourselves to doing what is in our power to do in the knowledge that it is right? Or shall Rhodes University continue to accept and conform, caring little and doing less?

Come now, A.S.B.

THE RECENT STATEMENT by the President of the Afrikaanse Studentebond (A.S.B.) that last week's protests were actively or passively supporting the terrorists is as facile as it is misleading. It should be made very clear that the protests support a return to the Rule of Law and justice, and that it is only this that will ensure future peace and safety in the Republic.

No state, claiming adherence to the values of Western Civilization, has ever gone so far in the neglect of its duty to ensure the "just government of men", which, according to those very values, is the only justification of the exercise of collective social power, embodied in the State, in restraint of the unfettered exercise of individual freedom of conduct and action. It is high time the A.S.B. looked to its conscience and ceased its kow-towing to the little Hitlers who control the destinies of this land.



At one time liberal support for the Israeli side in the Middle East conflict was wholehearted. Recently however, some liberals have begun to feel doubtful about their allegiance. This article, taken from REALITY, presents two views.

THE A LIBERAL'S FAITH

THE WRITER of this article is a Christian, not a Jew, and can therefore not be accused of "thinking with the blood". He avows himself to be a partisan. It was difficult not to be a partisan in the years when the State of Israel was in the process of formation, when Hitler's persecution was destroying millions of Jews in Europe and when the little spot of ground in what was then called Palestine seemed to be the only secure refuge for those who could escape. Deep feelings were aroused at that time and they have been and still are difficult to shake off.

The writer, however, is not a blind partisan. There are things in the policy of the State of Israel with which he disagrees, particularly the reluctance to grant full recognition to those Jews by birth who have embraced the Christian faith. He is not at all convinced that every single Israeli action is right, but he feels that he should come out strongly in favour of Israel and against the Arab States, who are trying to destroy it. Some of the considerations which make him feel in this way are detailed below.

STATE

Where in the whole world is a Jewish State to be established if not in the present territory of Israel? Are the Jews the only race in the world who cannot have any sort of State of their own? The whole extent of the State of Israel, even at its widest, is the merest fraction of the vast territories occupied by the Arabs.

In the past the fantastic suggestion was put forward that Uganda should become a Jewish State. Just think what would have happened during the 1960's if this had been done. Moreover the State of Israel was fully recognised and approved by the United Nations. That recognition is one of the few points in the history of the United Nations where the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. agreed. The fact that the Soviet Union has now altered its mind cannot destroy the moral fact of that agreement. The highest inter-

national body in existence approved a Jewish State in Palestine and has never revoked that approval.

DEMOCRATIC

In the second place Israel is a very striking example of a democratic society and therefore should be supported by all liberal thinkers. It is not only that genuine elections on a wide franchise determine who shall govern Israel, but perhaps even more deeply it is the attitude of life to be found on the Kibbutzin. Work on the land in the daytime followed by Bach or Beethoven in the evening, sharing the financial burdens without communism, an equality of status among the inhabitants — these are tremendous affirmations of the liberal ideal. There is nothing like them in the Arab states. What is there under Nasser's regime which can give any liberal any sort of satisfaction or pleasure? With the possible exception of Lebanon, can any Arab State be described as truly democratic?

Thirdly, Israel has given the world a magnificent example of how land, ruined for centuries, can be reclaimed. Under Arab rule it was allowed to go to rack and ruin. The hard-working and scientifically minded Israelis are indeed carrying out the ideal of one of their own prophets. They are making the desert blossom like the rose.

There is a certain type of liberal who feels obliged to oppose the

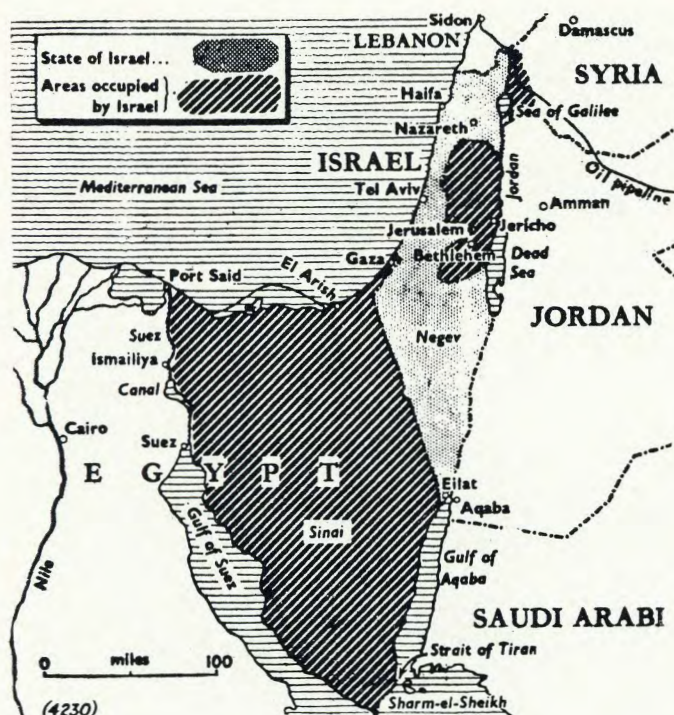
State of Israel because it is alleged to be White colonisation in a "Brown" area. Allowing for the fact that not all Jews are White and that many Egyptians are not very Brown, we must none the less protest against arguments of this kind. To decide the issue between Jews and Arabs on the basis of colour, is not liberalism: it is South Africanism run mad. The pyramid is made to stand on its apex instead of its base, but it is still the pyramid of racial differentiation.

AGGRESSION

It is claimed that Israel is taking up an attitude of aggression towards the Arab States. It should be said that in the main this apparent aggression is really a measure of defence. Who started the aggression? It is claimed by some that Jerusalem should be an international and not a Jewish city. As a Christian, the writer would be pleased if this were possible, for Jerusalem is the capital of three Faiths, not of one. But this should have been suggested earlier. Now that Israel has conquered Jerusalem by its own efforts and without help from the outside world, it is rather late to bring up the question of internationalising it. The situation is exactly like that of Rome after Victor Emmanuel and Garibaldi had captured it.

The first step towards solving all the other difficulties of the Middle East situation, including the boundaries of Israel, is for the Arab States to recognize Israel and be willing to sit down and negotiate with it. So long as they stubbornly refuse to give legal recognition to a State established and guaranteed by the United Nations, so long will any agreement on lesser issues be impossible.

The writer remains a partisan but he thinks that he has shown good reasons for doing so.



MIDDLE EAST

LIBERAL'S DILEMMA

IT IS NOT NECESSARY for one to go as far as Mercutio and say "A plague o' both your houses" in considering Israel and the Arab States. What is difficult to avoid, however, is the situation whereby one is faced with intolerable actions and indefensible attitudes on both sides; and a certain point is taught whereby to maintain one's own standards and values it becomes necessary to question and perhaps abandon the cause one most supports. The issue is most real for the liberal, and particularly so for the South African liberal.

For obvious reasons, the vast majority of South African liberals, whether Jewish or not, have supported the state of Israel, in regard both to its creation and its subsequent struggle to exist peacefully. It is also fair to say that the vast majority of South African liberals supported Israel in the 1967 War. In fact they went further than that. Despite the intense emotionalism with which South African Jewry reacted to the war (even after it was over), most liberals were prepared fully to associate themselves with the Israelis. Admittedly many Africans sided with the Arabs as they said this was a Coloured-White War, but this view must be dismissed as based on ignorance (particularly because of the colour of most Israelis).

However, since the war much has occurred which has caused liberals to question the conduct of Israel, and many liberals have in consequence withdrawn their support from Israel — a situation which confuses and hurts the Israelis and sometimes confuses and hurts the liberals. This article will try to examine some aspects of the conduct of the Israelis which has resulted in this present state.

ABSORBED

Within a matter of weeks after the 1967 War, Jordanian Jerusalem was absorbed into Israel and became "non-negotiable". What had been a war of survival resulted in territorial additions.

Then there was talk of more territories being added, and later of occupied territories being colonised. Slowly but surely the picture resembles the right-wing Zionist notion of Israel "both sides of the Jordan".

The deplorable act of savagry against an El Al plane at Athens was given as the "excuse" for the hooliganism against Beirut Airport — and a flimsier basis for this act could hardly be found. The real active use of the Lebanon by Arab guerillas in the anti-Israel hostilities can be traced back to that event, and the Israelis are directly to blame for the weakening of Government control in the Lebanon. Whatever legitimate basis the Lebanon had for resisting the demands of the Arab Guerillas for bases in the Lebanon now fell away.

OCCUPIERS

Within the occupied territories themselves, the Israelis have assumed the classic attitudes of occupiers, and have adopted some of the methods so familiar to occupied Europe. Community guilt and community punishment have become the norm. Whilst the Israelis have not taken the lives of those suspected of knowing the perpetrators of acts of violence, the demolition of homes differs only in degree and not in principle from the horror of Lidice. The Israeli technique becomes all the crueller when it is realised that the civilian population has to fear not only the

Israelis, but also El Fatah.

In recent weeks the intensity of Israel's attacks on Egypt and Jordan bears a stronger similarity to active belligerency than to defensive actions — a similarity which cannot now be dismissed with the statement that attack is the best form of defence, however true that might have been in the circumstances of mid-1967.

REFUGEES

The Israeli cause is furthermore weakened by its seeming indifference to the cause of the refugees. If the arguments used by South African Jews in regard to these refugees is in any way a reflection of Israeli thinking — official or unofficial — then one must indeed ponder sadly on a people which has so quickly forgotten its own ghastly history, especially in the last forty years. These remarks are typical: "The Arabs are not people". "They ran away and forfeited their right to return". "No one asked them to leave". "The Palestinians were not a nation". "The Arab states could have absorbed them". "Most of the refugees are the children of the original refugees — not the refugees themselves". These "arguments" are so palpably feeble that they do not bear serious analysis. The refugee question is indeed immensely difficult: but it is the apparent contempt for the refugees which is so disturbing.

These views are of the same type as the attempt to justify the annexation of Eastern Jerusalem. "It was never Jordan's under the partition scheme." Was West Jerusalem Israel's? I can hardly imagine even the most anti-Israeli politician (outside the Arab states) advocating a return to the parti-

tion boundaries. Then the South African Zionist says that "Jordan was an artificially created state". Was not Israel? And almost all of Africa? Israel needs to be preserved from its supporters almost as much as from its enemies.

DISILLUSIONMENT

Perhaps one feels so strongly about the Israeli conduct because it represents the great disillusionment. For a country whose creation was a moral and political imperative after the 1939-1945 War, whose right to exist in peace as a viable political and economic unit is, in the view of the writer, absolute, whose moral role is unique, to conduct itself in a classically imperialistic way towards both territory and conquered people is intolerable to liberals.

Israel is the great disillusion. But how is it possible to back the Arab States in their determination, avowed by clear implication and expression, to destroy the Israeli State and slaughter its people? It is not a question of "liberating conquered territory" (i.e. the territory occupied in 1967), as all of Israel is "conquered territory" to the Arabs. It was so in mid-1967 and remains so. The claim for the return of the territory occupied in 1967 is surely valid, as is the claim for a just settlement of the refugees question. But genocide is not, and never can be.

There is no question of peace for the Arab states, even those that were not in the least affected by the creation of the Israeli State, and which are remote from the Israeli boundaries. Prior to 1967, at most the Palestinian refugees had a cause for war; and the pious protestation of "Arab brotherhood" must be dismissed with the scorn

it deserves.

SUCCEED

If the Arab states did succeed in destroying Israel, it would hardly be the Palestinians who would benefit as Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq carved up the territory and in turn warred over the spoils. One wonders at the indifference of countries such as the U.S.S.R. and France at such a prospect. At times it is difficult to avoid a sneaking suspicion of Russian and French regret at the creation of Israel, and a faint idea that these countries would welcome the disappearance of Israel as a separate political entity, leaving the Middle East wide open for direct inter-Arab conflict by which only the big powers could benefit.

Differences have regularly been resolved in other ways than by sitting down at the same table. You don't have to like or talk to the man with whom there is a practical necessity to resolve a dispute; and the Israeli insistence on sitting down to negotiate peace is little more than an intention to humiliate. But it becomes a different matter when one party pretends that the other does not really exist; or makes the essence of its settlement the other's subsequent non-existence.

The Middle East does not permit neutrality. The liberal, however, may soon be hard pressed to find a side to support; and there is already the danger that liberals have switched their sympathies. The moral cause conducted immorally soon becomes as bad as the immoral cause itself.

Turn-out poor at classics evening

LAST Friday, the classics society presented a programme entitled "Readings from the Ancients." This is obviously a topic that does not appeal to the average Rhodes student, as attendance was poor. However, it proved to be a very entertaining and informative evening.

Arthur Ashton acted as compere. To him goes the credit for the success of the meeting — his manner of introducing the authors was admirable, as he gave brief, yet full, accounts of the relevant aspects of each author's life and oeuvre. A wide range of authors and literary forms was covered — from funeral orations through satire to lyrical poetry and drama.

ADMIRABLE

Sheila Meintjies deserves special mention for her admirable and very moving rendering of "Thyrsis' song." Also worthy of mention is Gwen Jones for her portrayal of a scandal-monger in Theocritus' Idyll No. 15. The other readers were Warren Snowball, Chris Weare, John Burch, Pippa Lewis, Shelley van Heerden, John Sibley.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the evening was the fact that many of the themes dealt with are very topical and relevant to our own society. As an attempt to bring these authors to life, the evening was a great success. As for the number of people who attended — is quality not said to be more important than quantity?

Down town shows

HIS MAJESTY'S:

Thurs. 28th — "The Extraordinary Seaman".
Fri. 29th — Sat. 30th — "A Place for Lovers".

THE ODEON:

Thurs. 28th — Sat 30th — "If".



Above: Roland Paver as the dying writer in "A Matter of Laughter", playing the piano in order to avoid the more serious of his problems.

Right: Roland Paver and Paul Wettergreen as the writer and his friend, in a scene from "A Matter of Laughter" to be presented on May 29 and 30 in the Little Theatre.



Dramatic new plays

THE LITTLE THEATRE is an ever-open home for new drama in this country. Last year alone, for example, five new plays by local authors were presented there: "The Diary of Iris Vaughan", "Boesman and Lena", "Putsonderwater", "Winter Vacation", and "Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts".

Tomorrow and Saturday (the 29th and 30th) yet another evening of new drama is to be produced there. This time the plays are by students on the campus, who have handled every facet of the productions themselves. The first item in the evening is Tony Peake's "A Matter of Laughter"; the second is John Badenhorst's "A Blindness"; and the third is Lorraine Bellamy's "Part of the Scenery."

"A Matter of Laughter," played by Roland Paver, Jill Walker, Paul Wettergreen, Dain Rivron, and Robin Benger, concerns the plight of a writer who is losing his grip on life. In parts serious, in parts comic, it is divided into three sections: in the first the writer is interviewed by the journalist, in the second he is visited by his friend, and in the third he comes face to face for the last time with his ex-wife.

LOVE ACT

"A Blindness" danced by Sharyn Kaplan, Miranda Bell, Pam Campbell, Pete Terry, and John Badenhorst, concerns the legend of Hippolytus and Phaedra. This features a highly descriptive evocation of the love act. The music is by Albert Honey.

"Part of the Scenery," played by the author, Glenda Symonds, Stephen Gurney, Andrew Wadman, Barry Brinton, Clive Keegan, and John Mitchell, is the most controversial offering. Its theme is homosexuality, and it makes an interesting departure from the usual dramatic convention.

Life and Death; comedy and tragedy; love and hate — all these subjects are given new relevance by the student authors in their plays. The evening, which will be opened by Don MacLennan, promises to be interesting — and at times disquieting and provocative.

Disaster of a musical

THE Light Opera Society's production of "Me and My Girl" which was presented at the Little Theatre last week requires more comment than space — and politeness — allows.

The choice of the musical was too ambitious for the undertakers and every aspect of the production was, in brief, shoddy.

The only excuse one could possibly make for this most unfortunate attempt is, perhaps, that the Society was restricted by a meagre budget — and an inexperienced producer.

It should be said, however, that the majority of the audience and, apparently, the cast, enjoyed themselves.

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"If," is a disturbing and moving film by Lindsay Anderson, who is fast being recognised as one of the great producers of modern cinema. "If" concerns the pain and trouble of growing up and is related through a series of penetrating and vivid images. "The Extraordinary Seaman" is an amusing, offbeat comedy starring David Niven, Faye Dunaway and Mickey Rooney, the famous star of the 30's.

"A Place for Lovers". Faye Dunaway and Marcello Mastroanni. In this film Faye Dunaway has much the same sort of quality as Candice Bergen but without the latter's essential intelligence.

Daddy's Gone-a-Hunting, starring Carol ("Poor Cow") White and Paul Burke. This film is a tensely disturbing and gripping one — one of the few really tense films to be seen this year.

Baart queries logic: Maud — misread

SIR, — In your editorial of May 15th you write that the survey on residence rules "purports to take just such a rational and objective approach." Does your use of the word "purports" indicate that you have some doubts about the rationality and objectivity? If so, I must agree with you.

The rationality is certainly open to question, and the objectivity too, in my opinion. Consider one example. The survey shows that 87% of women do not give their true destination when going out of bounds; 13% do. From this Mrs. Maud concludes that there

is "only 1 in 6 chance of correctly telling a caller where one is." This conclusion is nonsense (apart from using faulty arithmetic). It assumes that women never sign out except when they are going out of bounds. Some of the other conclusions are equally illogical. I hope that this fallacious reasoning is due only to Mrs. Maud's ignorance of the residential system.

The question of residence rules deserves rational consideration, and the figures given in the survey are very interesting. The cause of reform, will not be assisted by irrational conclusions.

EDWARD BAART

RHODEO approached Monica Maud in connection with Prof. Baart's letter. She replies below:

SIR, — A number of points arise from Professor Baart's letter.

1. He is quite correct to question my conclusion that there is "only a 1 in 6 chance of correctly telling a caller where one is" as this implies that 87% are never in bounds.

I should have said only 1 in 6 of the students is *always* where she says she is.

2. He is incorrect when he claims that I wrote that "13% do" (give their true destination when going out of bounds). What I in fact wrote was, "13% claim they always give their true destination." Consequently I never suggested that a Lady-warden would allow 13% of the students to sign out for places out of bounds. Quite the contrary, if 13% claim that they always gave their true destination then they must have always been in bounds. Professor Baart's statement that I assume, "that women never sign out except when they are going out of bounds" is thus unfounded. This irrational conclusion which Professor Baart attributes to me in fact arises out of his having misread my original statement.

3. Since he has misread my one "illogical conclusion," his

statement that there are "other conclusions *equally* illogical" (my emphasis) must fall away until he gives evidence to the contrary. Until then I stand by my conclusions.

MONICA MAUD

Michael won't be there!

SIR, — The student body of this university has resolved that, subject to the approval of the City Council, to hold a picket protest in High Street on Friday, in order to protest against the continued detention of "the 22."

I too decry their continued detention. Before protesting, however, we must ask ourselves a very important question — What effect, if any, will our protest have on the government's attitude? It will, as has already been shown by similar protest marches at other universities, have absolutely no effect and therefore serves no useful purpose.

There are only two valid forms of protest which may help. One was outlined recently by the Leader of the Opposition, Sir De Villiers Graaff. That is, of course, the ballot box. If you did not make use of it on April 22nd, that is nobody's fault but your own. The other form of protest may be a personal deputation to the Minister of Justice, provided that his deputation does not visit the Minister with pre-determined conclusions and is prepared to at least listen to the Minister's arguments, even if they disagree with them. Only in this way can this sort of protest be fruitful.

Finally it is assured that this protest is supported strongly by each and every single member of the student body at this university. Let me inform you, Ladies and Gentlemen, that I am one who does not. I am also sure that there are many others like me.

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Cross country battle

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"Foxy" de Jager ran an excellent race to take the individual title. He beat his rival from U.P.E., John Leitch, by four seconds, in a fine finish. Keith Gray put in an excellent performance to finish FOURTH. This performance is without a doubt the best he had produced and he seems a certainty for the E.P. side this season. Brian JARDINE showed a welcome return after a long lay-off and he did very well to finish 11th. He is still not fully fit and it is expected that he will be in the running for the E.P. side as well. MAURITZ van der Berg had a very good run and finished a creditable 13th. In a sprint for the finish Neil Logan just beat Pete Gradwell into 15th position. For the first time in many years the club managed to enter AND finish a B team and although they came 6th out six clubs they put up a very good performance.

In the women's event over 2 miles Pat Going finished in second place behind Arlene de Z'argy from Atalanta. Sue Carron, Veir Pienaar and Lynn Hughes finished 3rd, 4th and 9th respectively. It is hoped that both these teams will contrive to improve and that they will do well in the intersarsity events which will be held in Grahams-town during the coming vacation.

E. P. Colours

Nigel Hodder and Warwick Weedon have been awarded their Eastern Province colours, following a recent executive meeting of the Eastern Province Amateur Athletics Union.

Both Weedon and Hodder have represented Eastern Province on several occasions and at the recent South African Championships, Hodder gained a silver medal in 100 metres. Weedon has frequently attained E.P. colours in hammer and shot put.

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Badminton: All the results

THIS year, the Rhodes Badminton Club has entered two teams in the Midlands First League, one team in the second league and one team in the third league.

On Monday May 18th Rhodes first and second teams met Trinity and First City respectively in First Division matches held at Rhodes.

Soccer success

Playing in their first league match of the season last Saturday, the Rhodes 2nd Soccer team beat the Grahamstown side, Saints by 4 goals to 2 in an action packed thriller at Fiddlers Green. Noel Horse scored two while several players had a hand in a 3rd and Sonkee scored the 4th from a corner kick.

Rhodes 2nd playing at home beat a strong Humewood A side 2-1. Trailing 1-0 at the interval Rhodes fought hard and were well rewarded with goals by Kester and Jones.

The 1st's matched two more points easily, as their opponents, Slipping, did not turn up.

Our first team had a convincing 6-1 victory over Trinity. Gordon Els had an easy 15-1, 15-0 win over P. Grons, as did Louisa Jordaan when she beat J. O'Kennedy 11-0, 11-0 in the women's singles. Rhodes also won the ladies doubles and all three mixed doubles, thus only conceding the men's doubles. Cynthia Wong Fatt and Joan Harres won the ladies doubles. The mixed doubles were won by Mike Young and C. Wong Fatt, Gavin Graham and L. Jordaan, G. Els and J. Harres. Young and Graham lost the men's doubles to J. Brandt and C. Waters.

The Rhodes Second Team went down 7-0 to First City. Although outclassed in most respects, this is the first time Rhodes B team has played in the first league, and no doubt the experience gained now will prove invaluable in the future. Our second team was represented by A. Scheepers, A. Fenwick, K. Knox, R. Mason, D. Du Toit, and H. Eeles.

Exciting game to Rhodes team

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON Rhodes 1st XV were at home to Buffaloes of East London, and in winning 17-9, the home side upheld their unbeaten record in the Border League.

It was a good game which at all times provided the spectators with ample entertainment, though the play was somewhat marred by innumerable penalties.

These seemed particularly to have an adverse effect on the Rhodes tight scrum-half, Rouhana, and hooker, Mitchell, who found it impossible to comply with the referee's requirements. Generally, the weight advantage of the Buff's pack took its toll on the Rhodes tight-forwards who perceptibly lacked fire in the tight-loose where Bissell impressed for Buffaloes.

A pleasing feature was the improved line-out work of the Rhodians and both Kenny and Harmuth did well feeding the backline.

SUPERIOR

The Rhodes backline showed itself to be superior to their opponents, running with ball wherever possible. Carlson had a solid game, while Pennefather was devastating both on defence and attack. His try between the poles was a centre's dream. Siopis maintained his good form and besides fine, runs on the wing, did valuable cover-defence work. Benade had a pleasing debut at centre and also played a valuable role as place-kicker. Full-back Kyriacos always looked confident and shaped up well beneath a number of difficult high kicks from Buff's fly-half, van Onselen.

Rhodes were first to score after a brilliant movement which originated when Carlson dummied with Pennefather before executing a scissors with Benade who knifed through the mid-field defence to find loose-forwards Weakley and Kenny in perfect position to draw the defence. The conversion failed 3-0.

Rhodes made it 6-0 when Benade crossed the line after a dribbling rush in which the ball bounced badly for Buff's full-back, Deetlefs, leaving the line open. Buff's opened with a penalty by Kretzman and the half time score was 6-3.

EQUALISED

Following the interval, Buff's equalised with a penalty by Rossouw: 6-6. This injected some life into the Rhodes pack and soon after Benade succeeded with a good kick, 9-6.

Rhodes were now on top, and after a line-out in the Buff's 25, Pennefather dived over with a number of opponents vainly hanging on. This was converted by Benade, 14-6.

Buffaloes came back strongly and were rewarded when Kretzman put over his second penalty, 14-9.

In the closing minutes, Siopis had a superb run of 50 yards, following a break by centre, Benade, and an excellent piece of loose-forward play by Weakley. This made the score 17-9 and put the issue beyond doubt.

In the curtain-raiser, Rhodes 2nd XV lost to Rhodes U20A, 13-14. The 2nd team score consisted of two tries, both by first-ranker Colin Green and converted by Strugnell, who also added a penalty. U20 A replied with three tries, two by B. Clark and two conversions and a penalty by Edkins.

Territorially it was an evenly contested match, but the 2nd XV threw away many opportunities. U 20 A were a more polished side.

Oppies ahead

The following is the present position in the Inter-house Squash League:

	Points	Matches Played
Oppidans	59	3
College	18	5
Smuts	62	4
Graham	39	4
Retief	43	4
Struben	32	4
Pringle	64	4
Cory/Mathews	35	4
Oakdene/Woodbourne	38	5
Adamson	32	3
Botha	60	3
Women	17	4
Pharmacy	8	3

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