

UNION TO SUPPORT MARCH ?

As most students will know by now, the Civil Liberties Co-ordinating Committee, under the leadership of Brian Laver, is planning to hold another Civil Liberties March in the City on Thursday 4 July. This march is planned to go down Queen Street during the lunch hour.

Brian has called this march as a result of his being served with a summons for illegally handing out pamphlets outside the G.P.O. during the Postal Workers' Strike earlier this year. He feels, justifiably, that pamphletting is one of the few means open to minority organisations to make their views known to the people. After all, S.D.A. can hardly buy a radio or TV station, and the Courier-Mail is not really available either.

Another point to be borne in mind is that, when the Government made the changes to the Traffic Regulations after the march last year, they changed the Regulations relating to pamphlets as well as those about placards. Previously, everyone had to obtain a permit to distribute pamphlets. After the change, only religious and political groups had to have a permit - business houses did not.

This seems an interesting reflection on the Government's scale of values.

As some students realise, the reason that the Union could not officially support last year's march was that, by the Constitution under which it operates the Union cannot take part in anything which is illegal.

However, Inspector Hughes has issued a permit for the march to take place. This means that the Union will be free to support the March if Council wishes to do so.

At the Council Meeting on Thursday night, a recommendation from a combined meeting of the Union Executive and the Public Rights Committee will be discussed. This recommends that the Union support the March and do everything possible to assist.

This motion will probably be passed.

Semper would urge all students to take part in this legal march, which will be open to everyone. It is hoped that support will be forthcoming from the Trade Union movement.

As a permit has been obtained, there should not be any police trouble, and marchers are in no danger of arrest. It is essential that as many people as possible take part in this march, to give a show of strength.

The Union's submission on change of the Main Roads and Traffic Regulations has been revised and will be resubmitted this week. Conditions seem rather more hopeful for significant change this time.

For further details about the march, we suggest that you go to the Forum any lunch hour from now to July 4.

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PAID PRESIDENCY

At the Council Meeting to be held in the J.D. Story Room at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, the Constitution Changes printed on the other side of this small Semper will be put to the vote for the first time.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held during the lunch hour on Friday, July 5, at which these changes will be put for the second time.

Constitution changes have to be put to Council twice to be effective, and each discussion must be advertised in Semper Floreat. Thus this special edition.

Constitution changes can also be brought into effect by a Referendum, voted upon by all members of the Union, but it was felt by the Executive that this would not be necessary in this case. The Fee Rise changes will be voted on by a Referendum, at the same time as the Annual General Elections.

There are three Constitution changes contained in this proposal. Two are connected only with the question of a paid President, whilst the other has a wider application.

The new section 13(4) lays down that the President may not be a full-time student during his Presidency, nor may he take any other full-time job whilst he is President. This will mean that he will be forced to work full-time for the Union - or not work at all.

The new section 13(5) lays down a method of getting rid of a President, or any other office-bearer, who does not do the work expected of him. It is obviously necessary that the Union should be able to get rid of a paid President who is not doing his job. This section will also make it possible for Council to eject any officer - whether elected by the students or elected by Council - who is not working.

It will not be easy to get rid of an officer under this section, as there will have to be a majority equal to half the number of voting Councillors. Thus, at present, the majority by which such a vote would have to be passed would be 24. Proxies will not be permitted.

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The only part of this section which is slightly worrying is the possibility that it could be used in a power struggle, or as a means of getting rid of someone who, although a keen worker, was being an embarrassment to the Executive or some other powerful group on Council. However, this is unlikely.

The third change, the new section 45.(5) is quite straightforward, and lays down a minimum wage for the President of \$40 per working week.

At the Extraordinary Meeting on July 5, various Regulation Changes will also be discussed, which will deal with the procedures to be followed in the event of sickness or unexplained absence from the Union on the part of the President.

The Vet Science students are holding another GYMKHANA at Brookfield Show grounds on Saturday, 20th July starting at 9.00 am

There will be a giant bar-b-que and dance after the day's programme of buck jumping equestrian events and pony rides. All events open to University students.

The meetings of Council are open to all members of the Union to observe, although only members of Council may speak and move motions. Other persons may be heard, at the discretion of the Council.

If you have any thoughts on the matter of the paid Presidency, please contact your Faculty Representative, or any other member of Council, and tell them about them. And come along to the Meeting to see what happens. Even if you can't speak, you can still dig your Faculty Rep. in the ribs if he says the wrong thing.

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I liked the report that the Hobart was hit by fire "from a friendly aircraft". I'd hate to see what happens if she ever comes across an unfriendly one.

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Have you noticed that all great artists have a gimmick? Dean Martin pretends to be drunk, Nancy Sinatra pretends to sing, and George Wallace pretends to be funny.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

These changes will be considered for the first time at the meeting of Union Council to be held in the J. D. Story Room at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27th, 1968.

It is moved that PART V THE UNION COUNCIL S. 13 be amended by the insertion of a new sub-section 13.(4), a new subsection 13.(5) to read as follows:

13. (4) The President of the Union shall not enrol as a full time student in the next academic year following his election nor shall he commence or continue any full-time employment at any time during the term of his Presidency.

13.(5) A member of Council who in the opinion of the Council has been guilty of a serious breach of the requirements placed upon him by the Constitution or Regulations may be removed from Office by the passing of a motion by a majority of not less than 50% of the voting members of Council, excluding proxies, provided that notice of the moving of such a motion has been forwarded to all members of Council at least 10 days before the meeting at which the motion is put.

(If 13.(5) is rejected then there will have to include a vacating provision for S.13(4)).

It is moved that PART XII FINANCE S. 45 be amended by the insertion of a new subsection 45.(5) to read as follows:

45.(5) The President or Acting President shall receive an allowance as prescribed by the Regulations which shall not be less than forty dollars (\$40) per week. Such allowance shall be paid for the period specified in the Regulations and upon the conditions and in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

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