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社論 聲援四·十示威被控青年

本月十日，剛在美國發表了一份表示準備把釣魚台列島移交日本的聲明之第二天，本港有為數約三十餘的青年，就為釣魚台問題示威，接著與警方起了衝突，引至二十一人被拘捕。

有關當日示威事件的經過情形，各派系報章有著不同立場的報導。但根據新聞圖片，及翌日由幾份大專學生報刊（包括港大的學苑、學風及號刊在內）所聯合出版的號外所載圖片，大家可以看到一個無可否認的事實：就是警察曾經以如臨大敵的準備，及近乎暴力的手段，去對付幾十個手無寸鐵，只拿著標語，喊著口號的青年。

我們以為在民主社會裏，人民都應享有和平集會的權利，得以去表達他們意見。況且是次所涉及的釣魚台列島主權問題，毫無疑問地是錯在日本政府。這數十位青年，只不過為抗議一項國際陰謀，為伸張正義，而舉行示威。這一項行動，實合理之極。但警方實無理於拒絕批准示威於前，而又以高壓手段彈壓於後。這種行為，實在令人失望，更使人感到香港這個「民主櫥窗」實空有其名！

在是次示威之前，本港各大專學生組織對「釣魚台問題」，多抱有觀望的態度。但在四·十事件之後，香港專上學生聯會終於站了出來，全力支持保衛釣魚台的行動。

我們希望學聯負責人能多所努力，協助因示威被控青年，更為保衛釣魚台有所行動，讓世人也知道，在這一小的殖民地上，也有著一羣熱愛祖國的中國青年！



DELAY OF 1ST M.B. RESULT

Due to technical matters, the result of 1st M.B. examination has been unduly late. During the term holidays, some 2nd year students were too eager to know the result or perhaps some latest news. They were seen wandering around the various Departments.

Be calm! Luck is with you all! Congratulation!

LESSON STRIKE AFFECTED MEDIC CENTRE

The lesson strike of the Teachers Training Colleges several weeks ago affected Medic centre as well. Large groups of students from NCE marched up to the Medic Canteen so that the medical students had to pay respect to the 'not-too' frequenters by dining after their departure.

F.R.S.E. for DEAN

The University of Hong Kong is pleased to announce that Professor A.J.S. McFadzean, Professor of Medicine and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

The Royal Society of Edinburgh was incorporated by royal charter in 1783, for the encouragement of philosophical inquiry and scientific research. Its extreme library and other collections are accommodated in the apartment occupied by it in the Royal Institution Building; and its proceedings and transaction are voluminous and embody many important scientific papers.

ANOTHER BATCH OF CLINICAL STUDENTS

After much delay (and understandably anxiety), the result of the 1st M.B. examination finally come out on 7th April. Here is an analysis of the result:

	ANATOMY	PHYSIOLOGY	BIOCHEMISTRY
No. of distinctions.....	0	0	3
No. of passes.....	114	109	123
No. of failures.....	11	16	2
Total.....	125	125	125
% passes.....	91.2	87.2	96

No. of students failing in 3 subjects.....2

No. of students failing in 2 subjects.....2

No. of students failing in 1 subject.....18

Distinctions in biochemistry.....Harpaul Kaur; Yan Tung Wing; Chin Kin Fai.

BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO ARMSA

The following is just a brief introduction to the Asian Regional Medical Student Association (ARMSA) hoping to give some knowledge of the structure and function of Association to the junior medical students and to those who are not very familiar with it.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

ARMSA was derived from the International Federation of Medical Student Association (IFMSA), the membership of which was originated mainly from the medical associations within Europe, thus with Europe as the centre of activities. This caused great geographical barrier and difficulty for the Asian and Australian medical associations to participate in its functions. As a result, a regional sub-group branched from IFMSA. After much organization, ARMSA came into being in March 1966, with its inaugural conference in Singapore, the founder countries being Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, and Australia.

AIMS

The aims of ARMSA are to study and promote the interest of medical student cooperation and to promote activities in student health and to encourage medical students to help whenever they can be of assistance. It is non-political and will not interfere with the internal policy of the member medical associations. Contact is to be maintained by correspondence and exchange of thoughts through publication exchange, professional exchange, Academic Conferences, Academic Vocational Medical Courses, and the annual general Assembly. Liaison with the other medical Associations throughout the world is also maintained.

STRUCTURE

1. The General Assembly is the highest and governing body of ARMSA which is going to hold annually. It reviews the work of the past session, decides the working theme and programmes for the next session and finally elects an executive board.

2. The Executive Board consists of the president, vice-president, general secretary-treasurer, immediate past president, and the directors of the four standing committees, which are responsible for the four main fields of activities of ARMSA.

3. The four standing committees are:
(a) Standing Committee on Professional Exchange (SCOPE), the SCOPE Officer in Hong Kong being the External Affairs Secretary of the Medical Society.

(b) Standing Committee on Medical Education (SCOME), the SCOME Officer in Hong Kong, who is also the director, is Mr. Laurence Chan.

(c) Standing Committee on Health (SCOH), is represented by the Health Officer of our Society.

(d) Standing Committee on Publication (SCOP), the Officer in the Colony is the Editor in Chief of Elixir.

MEMBERSHIP

There are three categories of membership:

1. Full membership, on country basis, i.e., if two or more full member associations from the same country are represented at the General Assembly, they shall be considered as one delegate with one vote. HONG KONG, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, AND INDONESIA are full members.

2. Associate membership: Israel is holding the associate membership.

3. Honorary Life Counsellors are granted to persons who have greatly contributed to ARMSA.

It is agreed that the profession of Medicine is international with no barrier of races, religion and politics. ARMSA is an organization through which international contact, exchange of thoughts and co-operation can be achieved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Complaints again

Dear Sir,

It is perhaps most delightful to see that previous conditions were improved or were being reshaped, after the new office-bearers had picked up their duties. Indeed they have fulfilled most of their promises made before the election. I write not to criticize any one of them, but I just can't tolerate.

The Medic Canteen is always under criticism and the cases I quote here are not special ones.

The price per dish has increased, but the quality of the food has still not yet improved. I won't say this as cheating the customers but I think it is rather mean.

What concerns me most is that service is too slow in case of coping with a crowded con-

dition. I myself have experienced several such circumstances. On these occasions, I could not get a spoon of rice to my stomach because the crowd had created a mix up in the order. Some calls were even not put down in the order book and naturally the dish won't turn up. In some cases, fresh rice had to be cooked simply because there wasn't enough. I had no alternatives but to starve myself to attend the afternoon lectures. Still worse was that the waiters didn't inform the customers of their unavailable orders until that customer called for a second time.

These conditions simply cannot happen in the Medic Canteen.

Yours truly,
A.N.S.

The starved growls

Dear Sir,

First year students often have shortage with their lunch hours during the days they have laboratory periods. The trouble is that several time-consuming experiments are to be done in one practical period.

I hope that the Departments concerned will look into this matter.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
BENEVOLENCE

The Editorial Board wishes to thank the special support of the Glaxo Lab. Ltd.

Tongilianus SAYS.....

Tongilianus habet nasum, scio, non nego. Sed iam

Nil praeter nasum Tongilianus habet.

— Martial.

Behold! What act of benevolence cometh from a chivalrous knight !

2000 gallons of water free of charge! Take it and receive it with humility and be thankful!

What a parting gesture from Sir John Cowperthwaite! First, it was a rise of water charges by 50% from two dollars per unit to three dollars. Then, it was a gift of 2000 gallons (1 unit) for every household every season. The Hong Kong government would look the most benevolent government in the world by this criterion. I took the trouble to dig out our old water bills from the bottom of the drawer. They showed that we have been using on an average some over twenty units per quarter-year, which means that we had to pay some forty dollars per season in the past. At the new rates that water is to be charged we will have to pay fifty-seven dollars per quarter-year — even accepting the three dollars' gift from our philanthropic government. It surely doesn't need a Financial Secretary to see the difference between the two figures! And yet Sir John insisted that we wouldn't be paying very much more. The example he quoted to support his claim was quite convincing though. But I doubt how many of his typical households exist in Hong Kong. I'm not that against a rise of water charges personally, but that a top government official should resort to such contrivance in order to convince the people that a rise of water charges is not a rise at all really shakes my faith in the government to the very core. And the rise of water charges is totally unjustified, considering the annual surplus. . . and the reserve in the Bank of England.

If I were Edward Heath I would make Sir John Keeper of the Privy Purse — just to make sure that the hard earned pound will not be inordinately spent and that some blueblood will complain of not having enough to spend or go begging abroad again.

"Brighter Grammar" for the Union Sec!

I broke my nail the other day in a too enthusiastic attempt — that's a lesson against enthusiasm — to remove the staple from the bunch of papers from the Students' Union. It didn't matter, however. But, I was a little disturbed after reading the first paragraph. The second sentence reads: 'Without your participation, the Union would only struggled and toiled in vain.' No printing mistakes of ours, my readers, but model modern English from the Union Secretary. The next sentence goes: 'I hope and I presume you will not find boring to read the following, which to my belief, is of your concern.' I didn't find it boring, of course. I found it rather amusing that a Union Secretary was capable of writing such clumsy, ungrammatical English. But, I didn't read any further all the same. And the papers landed where I thought they properly belonged — the waste-paper basket.

It isn't going to matter much if I write something like that. But, it's an altogether different thing when a Union executive writes in such an ungrammatical way. If our Union Secretary continues to write in the manner he is writing now, soon the Union Council will be appointing a Commission — for that is the fashion these days — to evaluate the damage done to the Union image and the University reputation. To save the Union Council this trouble, the Union Sec may more profitably occupy his free hours by studying 'Brighter Grammar' — starting with Book 1, of course — than going out with girls, perhaps. And, have my word: if I ever wrote anything with such obvious grammatical mistakes as are found in our Union Secretary's letter I would throw away my pen and find myself a more profitable pastime than writing in this column.

DIALOGUE

Wife: 'I'm ready now, I thought you were dressed and waiting?' Husband: 'So I was, but you'll have to wait while I shave again.'

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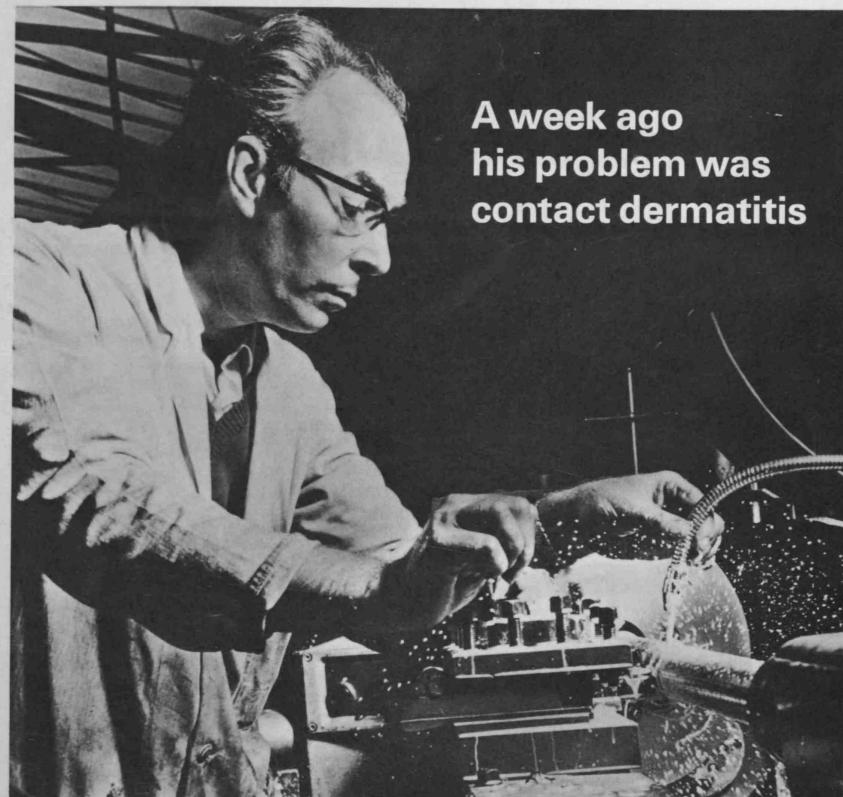
Employer: 'I want an alert lad; are you quick to take notice?' Applicant: 'Yes, sir, I've had it twice in a fortnight.'

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Motorist: I have killed your cat, but I have come to replace it. Lady: Very well, but do you think you can catch mice?

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Young man to recruiting board: 'But you can't turn me down—I've proposed to three girls, told my boss what I thought of him, and sold my car!'



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