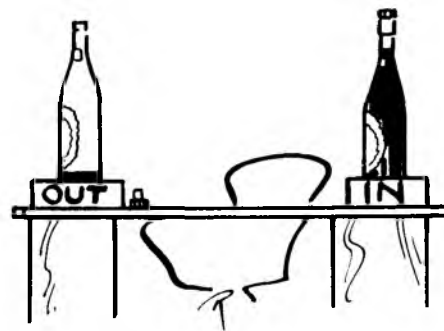


From the Editor's Chair



Not yet!

We notice that the National Conference Committee is billing this year's get-together at Southampton University as it's "25th Anniversary Conference" but in the interests of historical accuracy we may perhaps be allowed to point out that it is neither "the 25th" nor the "25th anniversary." Both of these will fall in 1984. The first national "Congress" was held on Whit Monday, 1959, so its first anniversary was in 1960, and its 25th in 1984. Neither is it the 25th Conference, since one was not held in 1975: it's the 24th! But we don't suppose anyone will be unduly worried, or that the celebrations will be in any way muted!

A.V.I.P.s death

"His many friends at National, Regional and Club levels will be saddened to learn of the death of a most valuable member, Someone Else. His passing creates a vacancy that will be hard to fill. Someone Else had served the movement for many years, and did far more than a normal person's share of work.

"Whenever there was a job to do, a helping hand needed, or just a car required, one name was on everybody's lips, let Someone Else do it.

"Whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone assumed that Someone Else would step forward.

"Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman. But anyone can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else, and this undoubtedly contributed to his demise."

— *The Rose Bulletin*

Thought for today

*There's plenty of hair on a camel
There's plenty of hair on a grape
It's only the hairs on a gooseberry
That prevent it from being a grape.*

— **The Editor.**