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it will consider recognising the winning team as the world chess champion
of Studenfs Teams. The letter also recommends that member federations
participate in the tournament and suggesls that either Olof Barda or Storm
(3/ Ilerseth, Norwegian chess masters, be nominated Main Arbiter. (IUS mailbagt
/ Lundy Runs 3rd Fastest Mile
K9 John Landy, Melbourne University agricultural science student, ran the
r. third fastest mile ever recorded, four minutes two seconds, but said he had
A driven himself to the limit of his speed.
(7' Running against three rivals in Melbourne, Australia, aided by perfect
//weuthel', Lundy missed by six-teuths of a second the world mark set by
O Gunder Ihlegg of Sweden in 1945. (National press)
0 A Modern Fable
6/ The big day has finally come at the Stadium in the zoo. All the animals
are lined up watching the race between the camel and the snail. Of course,
everyone knows beforehand who is going to win and no one can quite under-
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stand how the snail dared to take on the camel.
Crack! goes the gun, and they're ut'fl The spectators cheer and shout. The
snail gains on the camel, overtakes him and comes home first. The spectators
are astonished, how could it, have happened? TsAlf), says the monkey, "very
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PRESS COMMUNIQUE H

The IUS Executive Committee Approves the IUS Programme for 1954

41 participants from 24 countries attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the International Union of Students from 19-21st January in the Mushtverein, in Vienna. Among the participants were Executive Committee members, observers and visitors from Austria, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Ecuador, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Morocco, Norway, Poland; Reunion, Rumania, Republican Spain, Syria; the Soviet Union and the USA. . . .

The IUS President, Giovanni Berlinguer, was unable to participate in the meeting because the Italian authorities had confiscated his passport. The Executive Committee participants, in the name of their students, expressed their indignation at this action and demanded the return of Mr. Berlinguer's passport. . . .

The Executive Committee discussed the programme of IUS activities for 1954 and the XIIth World University Summer Games.

The report on the first point of the agenda, presented by the IUS General Secretary, J. Pelikan, dealt with the development of the international student movement since the IIIrd World Student Congress, held in Warsaw in the summer of 1953. The report noted that this period had been characterised by increased activity in the student movement in many lands. In France, students have organised demonstrations and other actions, including strikes, to demand adequate educational expenditure. The National Union of Students was created in Pakistan with the support of the leading local student groups. In the country. In the USA more and more students, realising that McCarthyism is detrimental to culture and education, are speaking out in defence of academic freedom. Thousands of students in Iran, India, North and South Africa, Burma, Syria, Brazil and elsewhere have organised activities in defence of their rights and in support of national culture and independence.

The results of the IIIrd World Student Congress were widely discussed and approved by a large number of students throughout the world. The report on the programme and decisions of the Congress was influential in that Norwegian students from Oslo and Bergen agree to practical cooperation with the IUS. The amendment to the IUS Constitution at Congress permitted the National Union of Students of England, Wales and Northern Ireland to negotiate for an associate membership agreement. . . .

International Student Day and Week was observed in many countries in November of last year. In Pavia, Italy, for first time all the student organisations at the University sponsored the celebration and in Prague 20,000 students honoured the memory of their fallen colleagues. During this period, too, the IUS strengthened contact with many national and international student organisations, members and non-members of the IUS. x 1 IUS

Having discussed the report, the Executive Committee approved the

outlooks and helps them to solve their basic needs. Among the many items of the programme there are the faculty conference of architectural students in Italy, the conference of agricultural students in Bulgaria, the international medical seminar in Norway and a seminar on ways and means of lessening international tension, which is expected to take place in Austria. During the summer vacations, international student camps in Rumania and Germany and other countries and exchanges of students will be organised. For the celebration this year of the anniversaries of great figures in the world of science and culture, such as Aristophanes, Dvorak, Chekhov and Fielding, the IUS will offer its full support and encouragement. In its programme for the year the Executive Committee stressed the importance of academic and material needs and rights of students everywhere. It called attention particularly to the struggle for improved living conditions and academic rights for colonial students and urged large-scale celebrations of February 21st, Day of Solidarity with students of colonial and dependent countries.

The report on the second point of the agenda, devoted to the XIIth World University Summer Games, reflected considerable interest among student sportsmen in the organisation of these traditional Games by the IUS on an Olympic basis. The report enumerated the efforts made by the IUS to lay such a basis while regretting that the Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire wished to impose conditions that would exclude many countries from participation. The IUS, however, will continue its efforts towards the united organisation of the Games together with FISU and other interested organisations. Regarding the date and location of the XIIth World University Summer Games, the proposal of the Hungarian student and sport organisations

to hold them in Budapest in the second half of July was accepted with thanks. The programme of the Games will include most of those branches of sport featured in world Olympics. The suggestion to call a meeting in February of the International Organising Committee of the representatives of IUS and FISU member organisations, and of organisations which are not members either of IUS or FISU, was supported.

The Executive Committee decided to convene the annual meeting of the IUS Council in August, 1954. It accepted with pleasure the invitation of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Youth to hold the Council in Moscow. Invitations will be sent out to member and non-member organisations of the IUS and the Executive Committee called upon student organisations all over the world to prepare for this Council, which will be an occasion for student representatives to discuss problems of 'common interest.

This meeting of the Executive Committee once again demonstrated that the work of the IUS reflects the needs and aspirations of students everywhere

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and that it will continue its efforts, in 1954, to bring students together, to foster friendship and good will and thereby contribute to the safeguarding of a world at peace.

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ALBANIA

Higher Educational Institutes Today

Before 1945, Albania did not have a single higher educational school in the country. At the most 35 to 40 persons a year went abroad to study. A number of higher schools have since been established including pedagogical, polytechnical, medical and agricultural institutes. In addition, thousands of young Albanians are attending courses in the Soviet Union or in the Peoples Democracies. (National press)

AUSTRALIA

Holiday Camp for Music Makers

Approximately 150 young students were expected to attend the Music Camp in Corio, Victoria, during January. From a tentative and experimental beginning in the summer of 1947, Music Camp has become an annual event of great importance to music in Australia. Leading teachers and players from symphony orchestras, concert halls and the Universities also attend the Camp. They live as a community, sharing not only a common interest in music but sport, recreation and friendship. (National press)

A BRAZIL.

National Union of Students Against Disloyalty Law

111 a manifesto addressed to the public and sent to the National Congress, the National Union of Students (UNEB) condemned the so-called Law of Disloyalty to the country which it considers contrary to the interests of the people and against the principles of democracy. The law, under discussion in congress at the moment, on the pretext of an anti-communist drive, constitutes a real threat to the democratic way of life and the democratic organisations of Brazil, says the manifesto, signed by Joan Albuquerque de Pessoa, UNEB President. (National press)

Vice-President UNEB Stricken by Heart Attack

Mr. Helio Ramos, well-known student leader and first vice-president of the NUS of Brazil (UNEB) died in Italy. It was to have attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the IUS. The E. C. Meeting observed a minute of silence in tribute to his memory and sent messages of condolences to UNEB, several State unions and to the family of the deceased. (Special report)

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BULGARIA

Agricultural Academy Welcomes Plan for Faculty Conference

A meeting of students of the G. Dimitrov Agricultural Academy of Sofia warmly approved the suggestion that the agricultural faculty conference be held in Bulgaria this summer and notified the IUS that it would welcome all participants. The meeting was addressed by the Rector of the Academy and discussion dealt with preparations to ensure a successful conference. (National press)

CANADA

Fare Reductions Sought by Saskatchewan Students

Students of the University of Saskatchewan obtained reduced travel fares for the Christmas holidays from three railway companies on presentation of vacation certificates. The Student Representative Council of the University is now trying to obtain lower transit fares, in general, for its members. No definite plans have been made but the SRC appointed three of its members to consider the matter. The subject was brought up by the Saskatoon Teacher's College (Saskatchewan province) which is also working for reduced rates for student teachers. (Student press, "The Sheaf")

Technicolour Educational Documentary on University Life; and History

A documentary, coloured film on McGill University was released in January for public showing. The producer and script writer, himself a McGill graduate, worked a year and a half on the production. Whereas previous films about universities have been made with an eye to publicity purposes, this one emphasises the academic aspect of college life, its functions, the university's history and relationship to the community. (Student press, "McGill Daily")

CHINA

Higher Technical Training Institutes in Wuhan

Engineering colleges have grown in size and number in Wuhan, the triple city of Central-South China. Expansion has been rapid since the overall school re-organisation carried out last year. The Central-South Engineering College was set up by combining the departments of mechanical and electrical

engineering, formerly under Wuhan, Hunan, Nanchang and Kwangsi Universities. This engineering college will be further enlarged in the summer and will then be able to accommodate nearly 3,000 students. Another important technical institute is the Central-South Water Conservancy College set up in 1952. When a college of dynamics is finished within the next few years, together with the engineering college, the three will tackle the development of hydroelectric power along the Yangtze River. Wuhan will be further developed as one of the country's leading centres of technical education when the hydroelectric, navigation and automobile schools are moved there this year. (National press)

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The Xthi National Congress of the University Students, Federation of Ecuador (FEUE) agreed to sponsor the organisation of a National Fiesta "Peace and Happiness", in May, in preparation for; the Spring Gathering of South American students and youth which will be held in October in Santiago de Chile. The National Fiesta Will include sport competitions, cultural performances, competitions, assemblies, etc. (Special report)

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' FRANCE ' ' '

100 University professors signed an appeal addressed to _the nation condemning the Bonn-Paris accord. The concluding section of the statement declares that the way to a peaceful Europe, to which all Frenchmen aspire, does not lead through the rearmament of Germany. . . The rejection of the European Defense Community.... is a necessary condition for a complete peaceful solution . . . a solution through negotiations on the German problem together with simultaneous, progressive reduction and control of armaments in other countries. .

We ask the people of France to protest to their representatives and to remind them that without their consent they cannot dispose of the national independence of the country and that the people intend to be the masters of their own fate. .

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Statement by French delegates to Istanbul Conference

Messrs. Guilloux, vice-president of the National Union of Students of France (UNEF) and Aldebert, general secretary, delegates to the Istanbul conference of COSEC made a statement in which they took issue with :1 number of remarks at the Conference and declared iithat COSEC is today an institution whose practical achievements bear absolutely no relation to the ' aspirations of its creators" and that the delegation "makes every reservation on the participation of UNEF in COSEC until the deliberative bodies of the Union have been informed of these facts"; At its Council meeting, a few days ago, UNEF decided "to suspend relations with the International Secretariat of Students of Leiden, Hollandii. (Special report and national press)

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

. Three New Higher Schools in Leipzig and Warnemiinde

The higher school of construction engineering recently opened in. Leipzig with faculties of industrial, steel and concrete construction. The course of study will be five years. In the same city the higher school of Drama will shortly be opened. Its, programme will be based on the principles of- the

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Stanislavski method. In VVarhemiindE' a college of marine engineering will begin functioning this term. (Student press, i'Forum")

Halle University Interested in Agricultural Conference

Students of the Agricultural Faculty of the Martin Luther University in Halle, on learning of the proposed meeting' of agricultural students this 7 summer, in Sofia, immediately began to make preparations. They have already written for information on (agricultural conditions in different countries to study up on the problem and to publicise the meeting. Members of this faculty intend to raise a fund to help their colleagues from colonial and dependent countries attend and take part in the meeting. They also hope to establish contact with agricultural students in West Germany to encourage their participation. (IUS mailbag).

ITALY

Protest Strike of University Students

Rome University students have been angered by serious restrictions imposed on the February examination period. Since the war a third examination period (February) was introduced, in addition to the September and July terms, to give students a chance to catch up on their studies. Now the Ministry of Education is attempting to restrict the February session and students were notified of the changes only 20 days before the normal dateline.

A delegation wishing to protest was unable to see the Minister of Education.

A 24-hour protest strike on January 14th was 'called by Interfacolta, which is leading the action. (National press) .

RUMANIA

Invitations for Rumanian Summer Camp .

Students from a wide range of countries have been invited by the Rumanian students, organisation to spend a summer holiday in the Carpathian Mountains, in an international student summer camp from July 15th to August 15th. y

The invitation to students cover, in addition to those already made at the IILrd World Student Congress Which included France, Italy, England, Finland. Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Scotland, students from Germany, the . Soviet Union, China, Korea, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Albania and Czechoslovakia so that probably over 150 students from a score of countries will meet. l ' , K

To ensure the widest participation in the camp, the IUS is following up the invitations with the various national unions which have now received written confirmation of the invitation extended at Congress. (IUS mailbag)

SCOTLAND y , ' , _

IUS- to Attend SUS Council in Aberdeen '

The IUS has accepted an invitation to send observers to the National

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Council of the Scottish Union of Students. The Louncil meeting is being'held- in Robert Gordon's Technical College, Aberdeen, on 19-21th February.

IUS has also accepted the suggestion of the NUS of 'England, Wales and Northern Ireland for the second half' of February as a suitable time for sending a delegation to London to discuss with representatives of this union. (IUS mailbag) x

. SOUTH AFRICA

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Oppose Malan Plan on Academic Segregation

Prime Minister Malan's plan to speedily implement apartheid (segregation) at the two largest universities in the country has evoked strong protests from students. A statement issued jointly by the Witwatersrand Students' Representative Council and the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) says: i .

uWe wish to rouse public feeling against and obtain overwhelming opposition to any measures which may be made to end academic non-segregation in the universities. . .

"We want every member of the public to resist inroads into the freedom . of the universities."

A statement by, NUSAS says that there is no foundation for the contention that academic non-segregation is contrary to long-established South African traditions. If it were so it could not have survived for 30 years at Witwatersrand University and longer at Cape Town University without anyone saying a word against it until the Nationalists came to power.

Expressing its opposition to apartheid, the Witwatersrand Student Liberal Association says: uI'n attacking the system of non-segregation, the Government is attacking the idea that all men are equal and that education should be

available to all with the requisite intelligence. By attempting to make higher education the privilege of a white skin the Government is upholding the principle which daily blackens the name of South Africa in the eyes of the world? (National press)

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SOVIET UNION

Kiev to Get New University Building _

On the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the re-alliance of the Ukraine and Russia, the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian SSR decided to begin construction in 1954 on a new building for the Taras Shevchenko University in Kiev (see News Service, -No. 2; 1954), new 'student hostels and living quarters for staff members: The proposed structure will be similar in scope - to the Lomonosov University in Moscow, completed last year. (National press)

Unique Literary Institute Celebrates 20th Anniversary

A unique higher school, the only one of its kind anywhere is the Gorky Literary Institute. in Moscow which celebrated its 20th anniversary at the

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end of last year. The school is open to secondary school graduates with - literary talent and offers a regular course of study and training for future novelists, poets, journalists, literary critics and translators. Among the distinguished alumni of the Institute are K. Simonov, E. Dolmatovsky, M. Aliger, V. Azhaev, S. Babayevsky and S. Mikhalkov, all of whom have achieved considerable success in various literary fields. (National press)

SPAIN

Anti-Fascist Student Strikes in Madrid and Barcelona

According to radio reports, when the demonstration for Spanish control of Gibraltar, organised by SEU (fascist student organisation) on 25th January, on the instigation of government authorities, took on an anti-Franco character, police intervened killing one student, wounding 24 and imprisoning a number of others.

The following day Madrid students called a three-day strike. Thousands joined in the march from the University to the Puerta del Sol shouting, "Down with the criminal Minister Blas Perez", "Down with the chief of police, General Hierro", "Down with Fernandez Cuesta and Jordana Fuentes!" (Cuesta is the head of the Falange Party and Fuentes, the leader of the fascist student organisation, SEU). The demonstrators stood in front of the Police Headquarters in Madrid, shouting "Murderers!". Despite a police attack students continued their march to the Ministry of Interior, calling for the dismissal of the Minister. Later they entered the radio broadcasting building and interrupted service for 30 minutes. At several news kiosks, all copies of "El Arriba" the official Franco organ, were seized and burned. On the 27th, in spite of orders by the Madrid University Rector to return to classes, demonstrations continued. More clashes took place between police and students in the Ciudad Universitaria (student hostels). On the same day in Barcelona, students went out on strike in support of their colleagues in Madrid. (Special report)

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National Students' Day Observed. on January 9th

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Vietnamese students observed National Students' Day on 9th January by pledging to oppose forcible conscription and obscurantist culture in the French occupied areas.

National Students' Day dates from 9th January 1950 when the French fired on a mass student demonstration in the streets of Saigon-Cholon. More than a thousand students were parading to demand the release of Viet Nam students illegally arrested a few days earlier. The French killed 30 students and wounded a hundred others but the demonstration continued and the French had to make concessions: (National press)

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UNITED STATES .

College Editors Deny Stories of Soviet Trip

Seven U. S. college editors heading home after three weeks in the Soviet Union criticised their treatment by American newspaper reporters since their return to Western Europe. They said they were tired of being interviewed and angrily denied making several statements which had appeared in a news service despatch. One of the editors, Mr. Lovitt, categorically denied taking "a solo journey" with one of the guides, "a pretty Soviet tennis star", to Baku, stating that he had never been to Baku and that his guide was a middle-aged mother.

After visiting Moscow the editors divided into two groups, one going to Leningrad, Minsk, Kiev, Kharkov and Tbilisi while the other traveled first to Baku and then to Tbilisi, Kharkov, Odessa and Kiev.

During the trip they visited national monuments, colleges; farms and factories. They also attended the University of Moscow's New Year's Eve celebration and a costume party in the Kremlin. (National press)

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES 1954

ORGANISED, SUPPORTED OR SPONSORED BY THE IUS

FEBRUARY 15-16th, Session of INTERNATIONAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE XIIth WORLD UNIVERSITY SUMMER GAMES - Budapest, - Hungary. .

FEBRUARY 21st, Celebration of INTERNATIONAL DAY OF STUDENTS AGAINST COLONIALISM.

APRIL 11--19th, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHESS TOURNAMENT to be organised in conjunction with the National Chess Federation of Norway -- Oslo, Norway.

APRIL 14th, Celebration of INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH

ANTI-FASCIST YOUTH AND STUDENTS OF SPAIN.

APRIL 15-21st, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STUDENTS OF
ARCHITECTURE combined with a tour of Florence, Rome, Bologna anal
Venice - Rome, Italy.

JULY, XIIth WORLD UNIVERSITY SUMMER GAMES. The programme will
include light athletic events for men and women, gymnastic events, cycling,
fencing, wrestling, .boxing, rowing, water-polo, weightlifting, association
football, basketball, volleyball, swimming and tennis -- Budapest, Hungary.

JULY :10-e20th, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCEr OF AGRICULTURAL
STUDENTS, combined with visits to farms and institutes -_ Sofia, Bulgaria.

JULY 15theAugust 15th, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT. CAMP in the Car-
pathian Mountains _ Rumania.

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JULY, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SEMINAR ON WAYS AND MEANS
OF EASING WORLD TENSION - Austria.

AUGUST 1st - 11th, INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF MEDICAL STUDENTS
to be organised by the Preparatory Committee, established by the Medical
Students' Council of Oslo and the IUS Secretariat - Oslo, Norway.

AUGUST, IUS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING -- Moscow, USSR.

SUMMER (no final date established)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAMP in Jutland and ARCHEOLOGICAL e
WORK CAMP - Copenhagen, Denmark.

NANSEN CAMP - Norway.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAMP in the Thuringian Mountains.--
German Democratic Republic.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY and INTERNATIONAL FARM
CAMPS organised by the National Union of Students of England, Wales
and Northern Ireland - England.

SECOND GERMAN RALLY OF YOUTH FOR UNITY, PEACE AND
FREEDOM, with cultural and sport programme - German Democratic
Republic.

OCTOBER, SPRING GATHERING OF SOUTH AMERICAN YOUTH AND
STUDENTS - Santiago de Chile.

OCTOBER, FIESTA OF STUDENTS AND YOUTH OF CENTRAL AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN - Guatemala. .

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FEBRUARY 21st - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF STUDENTS
AGAINST COLONIALISM

Preparations for Celebrations in Pakistan and India

Preparations for the celebration of 21st February were begun at the All-
Pakistan Student Convention in Karachi on 25th December. A committee to
organise the different activities was formed and it is expected that a whole
week will be devoted to the campaign.

In India, on the decision of the Council of the All India Students Federation
(AISF), this year's observance of 21st February will be linked to two
main campaigns - that of the Asian Students Conference and support and
solidarity with the students and people of British Guiana. Publicity material
is being prepared and in each large student community there will be a rally.
A report on the AISF Council, which met in December, notes that approxi-
mately 600 representatives were present. The greatest number, 285, came from
Uttar Pradesh which, in recent months, has been the scene of great student
unrest and struggles in such cities as Lucknow and Allahabad. (IUS mailbag)

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Call to Asian Students Conference Gains Wide Response

The statement calling for an Asian Students' Conference, issued in Prague
by the representatives of PPMI (National Union of Students of Indonesia),
AISF, the All-Burma Federation of Students Unions, the Teheran University
Union and the Union Generale des Etudiants du Liban, has been well
received in a number of countries. The purpose of such a conference would
be to discuss similar problems facing Asian students and to strengthen ties
of friendship among them.

The call to the conference was approved at the last AISF Council, which
made it one of its main tasks. In a letter of support, the AISF announces that
it has appointed representatives to work on the Preparatory Committee for
the Conference. At the convention which set up the All-Pakistan student
organisation the statement was welcomed and favourable action on it assured.
The National Union of Students of Indonesia. PPMI, which meets in
February, will discuss the whole question of the conference, tentatively
scheduled for Indonesia, and the formation of a Reception Committee for
this event. (IUS mailbag)

Keep Out of Military Pact - Syrian Students

Syrian students inaugurated their campaign for resolving conflicts through
negotiations by collecting signatures in the University of Syria to an Appeal
which declares that:

. . The Syrian people . . . realise that it is the duty of Syria's representative
at UNO and at international congresses to make an effective contribution to
the conclusion and application of the Korean Peace Treaty and ensure the
peaceful solution of any international issue threatening world peace. We
realise that in these conditions of a diminution of international tension it is
in the interests of our people, the nation and humanity not to take part in
any military pact or plan. . . 31 (National press)

Support for IUS Anti-Colonial Policy

The IVth Congress of the Federation des Etudiants d'Afrique Noire en

France in Toulouse, from 27-28th December, sent the following letter to the IUS.

iiOur observer delegate to the IIIrd World Student Congress has given us an enthusiastic report back on its work, of the lessons which can be drawn for our Federation from the experiences of organisations that have problems similar to our own and which they have already resolved.

"We wish to thank you sincerely for your support, which indicates the firm anti-colonialist position of the IUS..e. We affirm our sympathy and support for your struggle .for the improvement of living conditions of students and for the national independence of the colonial and dependent peoples."

_ (IUS mailbag)

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"Protest Day" Against Proposed MS-Pakistan Military Alliance 7

January 22nd was observed as a Protest Day" against the proposed U. S. - Pakistan military by the All- India Students Federation. This decision was announced by the Federation in a statement which said that the proposed agreement has created a serious danger to peace and freedom in Asia and a threat to the sovereignty, not only of Pakistan, but also of India. (National press)

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THE IUS AT WORK ,

The International Union of Students was represented at the Executive Committee meeting of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, in Stockholm, Sweden from 25th-28th January, by its Secretary, Lionel Soto of Cuba.- SNVVD

The Student Needs and Welfare Department organised a meeting of student health experts and students in Prague, in January. Doctors from France, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Rumania, Hungary and Germany and students from India, Italy Norway (in a personal capacity), Burma and Iran attended.

The discussion revealed considerable differences between the health conditions of students in different countries of the world. One fundamental fact emerged, however, that from the long term point of view, the health of students depends primarily upon their living conditions. Inadequate nutrition and housing; unfavourable circumstance for study and recreation; financial assistance which cannot meet the students needs; uncertainty as to the future, the meeting agreed, are all important factors producing physical and mental ill health among students.

From the meeting came a number of suggestions for the improvement of living and studying conditions for students, a health service programme and proposals for self-help activities. Participants at the meeting also emphasised the need for further information on student conditions and asked that student organisations conduct surveys on housing conditions, canteen and recreational facilities, available medical examinations and treatment. These surveys should be made with the assistance of a questionnaire provided by national or international student organisations. In this work it should be possible to obtain the support and assistance of various medical associations, university teachers and individual doctors. In particular, medical students can play an important part in this regard.

From such information, the meeting suggested, national student bodies will be able to estimate their own requirements, and to make their own proposals. as to which are the most urgent and necessary tasks.

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Within the past month, the Press and Information Department has issued a poster on the 11th International Student Chess Tournament in English, French and Norwegian and a wall newspaper for February let in English, French, Spanish and Indonesian.

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STUDENT SPORTS

New IUS Proposals for 11th WUSG Rules x

On examining the proposal of the Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU) that the right to participate in the 11th World University Summer Games be given only to the national student sport organisations which are recognised by the National Olympic Committee of the country concerned, which decision would exclude from participation many countries where these committees do not exist or where the national student sport organisations are not yet established; the Executive Committee of the IUS, in the interest of furthering discussions with FISU, adopted the following formulation:

article 3: The Games are to be organised on an Olympic basis, this means, that the World University Games are open to all countries without exception. They are exclusively reserved to national university teams set up by a body recognised by IUS and FISU considering the differences of organisation of students sports in different countries. 1

article 8: Invitations are addressed to all organisations agreed by the IUS and FISU. In the list of the organisations to be invited should be included members of IUS, FISU, Scandinavian countries, sport organisations and non-members of these federations, according to article three.

Reasons Offered for Student Non-Participation in Sports in Belgium

On the question of obligatory students sports in higher schools, a most controversial subject in a number of countries; the report by H. Storme of the University of Ghent, Belgium, at the 11th International Sport Conference

in Dortmund last summer suggested four reasons why 90% of Ghent University students are non-participants in sports. The lack of time, especially for students who have to work outside school or those who take part in social and cultural activities is the first reason offered. Others include lack of money, physical disability and simply a lack of interest. (Student press, Berner Student)

New Incentive for 11th International Student Chess Tournament

A new incentive for the 11th International Student Chess Tournament to be held 11-19th April in Oslo, Norway, is the news contained in a letter sent to all members of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE), signed by the President, Folke Rogard. The letter states that if all the member federations of FIDE are invited to the tournament, (which they have been),

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