

# Nebraska's ISS Delegate in Prague Advises Council on Action for '48

(Note: This is the first in a series of articles by Marcella Slajchert, U. of N. '47, who was elected by the Student Council last May to represent Nebraska at the ISS—International Student Service—conference at Aarhus, Denmark, and then participate in a two-month study tour of Czechoslovakia, Holland and Italy. Miss Slajchert sailed out of New York on the State Department ship, S. S. Marine Tiger, on June 24, and after a week in Paris, joined the delegation of ten American students touring Italy. For seven weeks, the delegation traveled over Italy, stopping at Rome, Naples, the Isle of Capri, Amalfi, Perugia, Assisi, Pisa, Leghorn, Padua, Verona, Florence, Venice, Milan and Turin, talking with Italian students and professors, and studying the needs of Italian universities. A report was compiled and presented at the ISS post-conference session held at the Chalet de Etudiants in the French Alps in August. Now studying on an exchange student fellowship at Charles university in Prague, Czechoslovakia, "Marce" sends the following reports of what took place in Europe this summer, how the University of Nebraska is involved, and how relations might be improved.)

The University of Nebraska now is fortunate enough to have—and I sincerely hope to hold—a seat in ISS, the International Student Service organization. There were many dubious moments on the campus last year about Nebraska and ISS. Columnists on The Daily Nebraskan raised their editorial eyebrows over the propaganda letters sent out of ISS headquarters which invited Nebraska to toss her hat into the ISS ring. What the devil is this ISS business anyway? everyone asked. What's it for? Who belongs to it? Why should we join? Will it hurt? Will it cure Aunt Jamina's nagging backache (or will it give us one?).

Plowing through the piles of ISS info, it came to light that the primary step was to send a delegate to the ISS conference in Denmark, after which said delegate would embark on a study tour of Holland, Italy, Czechoslovakia or Poland. The Poland tour fell through for reasons "undisclosed" by the state department. That was last spring. Weeks zipped merrily by while the Student Council pondered. Should we, should we not send a delegate. Should we, should we not. Eventually, a committee whipped into action. And finally,

on May 15—just five weeks before the ship was due to sail—the decision came. We should! Now, for the sake of the sanity of next year's delegate, a few suggestions, all under the heading: **ELECT YOUR DELEGATE EARLY.** Kindly warn him (or her) not later than New Year's day of his coming summer adventure. Reasons are at least three:

Reason No. 1—Anyone who has dipped his fingers into state or organizational work knows how much book work and letter writing is involved in getting together a state convention, let alone a national blowout. And an international meeting is just that much harder. Home offices are in far off Geneva, Switzerland, and that means IT TAKES TIME to whip things into shape.

Furthermore, as interest in international student exchange programs, and more and more universities become interested, places will be harder and harder to obtain. In other words, despite the glad-handing, summer study tours, such as those sponsored by the ISS participation may be held down to but a few universities. The student delegation touring Italy this summer was limited to ten, and still there were complaints that ten is too unwieldy a group for traveling. Ideal traveling groups are small, so if you want Nebraska to be assured of a seat in the ISS tours, **ELECT YOUR DELEGATE EARLY.**

Reason No. 2—Your delegate will be entering foreign country. Give him a month or three to bone up on foreign languages, and said delegate will love you for life. I would have given my right arm for Prof. Alexis the day I started to look up a friend in Paris.

Ach himmel, and I spent my two foreign language years at Nebraska on Spanish! Well, two hours and sixteen Metro miles later I spotted an Englishman and finally found my party. But I swear, I'll never be the same. Or

the time a reception was held for us in Naples. Where should my place be but at the right side of Giuseppe Buonocore, mayor of the City of Naples, who spoke not a word of English.

I gulped, shook hands with the mayor, mustered every bit of Spanish I could muster, and proceeded to answer all of His Honor's million-and-one questions about America. After the first three hours it wasn't bad at all, but I reckon I sweated off three pounds that night. (On second thought, three pounds off the spaghetti diet we were getting probably did me more good than harm!)

Reason No. 3—**ELECT YOUR DELEGATE EARLY** and try to pay at least half of his expenses. Granted, that's a pretty stiff undertaking for a state university, but waiting until the last minute as we did at Nebraska last year meant that the Student Council had less than \$50 in its pockets to contribute to a project costing \$500. Treasury funds are always depleted toward the end of the school year. Make your decision one way or the other early and set the money aside if it's at all possible. It goes without saying that a financially backed delegate sent by the university will be received as a truly stable representative, and not as one who "paid his way" into the group with papa's cash.

Right here and now might be a good place to break the news I managed to worm out of the powers-that-be at ISS headquarters in Geneva just before our Alps conference packed up for home in August. And that is: the University of Nebraska definitely WILL be invited to send a delegate abroad again next year. As Nebraska's delegate of '47, I can't yell it loud enough that it's really a worthwhile undertaking for the university. Not only does it help spread the fame of Nebraska's fair name, but it also gives us representation in an International Student organization, the advantage of which I will

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**GOOD JUDGES** of meat on the hoof are Ned Raun and Richard Wahlstrom. They place one-two in individual competition at the American Royal Livestock show held in Kansas City last week end.

## UN Ag Team First to Win Both Top Places at American Royal

Ned Raun and Richard Wahlstrom, Ag college seniors, won national recognition for themselves last weekend when they placed first and second respectively in all classes of competition in the judging contest at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City.

This is the first time in the history of the show that any team ever won both top places. The competition included 17 teams of 5 men each, representing most of the prominent agricultural colleges in the nation.

Raun won with a total of 921 points out of a perfect 1,000 and Wahlstrom earned 910. Last spring in the Block and Bridle judging contest held on Ag campus, tables were turned and Wahlstrom was high man followed by Raun.

A total of 12 classes of livestock were judged during the competition and oral reasons were given on eight classes. Placing of each class counts a possible 50 points and each set of reasons counts 50 point.

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