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Faith Needed . . .

The series of articles currently featured in the Daily Nebraskan on the Chicago Student Conference is the result of the feeling of some students of this and 296 other colleges that a national organization of students will help relations between colleges and nations.

When plans have been completed, the National Student Organization, will be an American branch of the International Union of Students and will foster exchange of students. Aside from this aim of the NSO, the broad purpose of the group in the United States is to promote student friendship and cultural activities. There are also in the prospective aims and activities of the NSO, some specific proposals which may give the students of Nebraska something to work on.

One of these is to assure that all activity funds are controlled by the students themselves. Taken literally, this means that all organizations will collect and disburse their own funds with no control exercised by the administration. At Nebraska, all organizations designated by the Chancellor, Dean of Student Affairs or Board of Regents, turn their money in to the Student Activities Office and can withdraw it only upon presentation of authorized vouchers. Whether or not this aim of the NSO could ever be realized on this campus may depend on how much faith the administration has in the honesty of the students. The lack of faith indicated by the present system has unfortunately been justified in the past.

Another controversial aim of the NSO is its desire to establish measures to eliminate commercialization of intercollegiate sports, and to sponsor interracial and interfaith sports on a strictly amateur basis. Under the present system of subsidization and segregation existing in many of the schools of America, students will have to reverse their trends if this aim is adopted. As emphasized by Chancellor Gustavson in his convocation speech, they will have to decide whether it is more important to win or to participate in sports for the fun of it. Again great faith in the inherent fairness and goodness of human nature is necessary to make this aim the reality it should be.

The NSO has a good cause, just as the UNO has a good cause, and both, if they can ever be worked out cooperatively, will serve to promote international understanding. Eventually perhaps, the leaders of the student organization may become the leaders of the United Nations.

Representatives Plan Special European Youth Hostel Trips

Special European Youth Hostel trips have been planned only after careful study and discussion by American Youth Hostel representatives with the hostel associations of the countries to be visited and their State Department representatives. It was generally agreed that the summer of 1947 would not be too soon to resume regular hosteling trips.

Special arrangements are being made to provide inexpensive transportation for those who take the trips to Europe, for it is the dream of the AYH to have a floating Youth Hostel which will carry thousands of hostellers from this continent to Europe, returning to these shores with an equal number of Europeans eager for the wonders of the "New World."

This travel should reduce the round trip ocean fare to about \$100. Sailings will be scheduled around the end of June and will return about the first of September.

Central Europe.

Hostellers, docking at Le Havre, will go to Paris and from there continue southward to the Riviera. After tanning in the warming Mediterranean sunshine, they will bike northward to Switzerland and climb with rugged Swiss mountaineers in the land of the Matterhorn. Romantic Luxembourg is the next stepping stone northward to Brussels, Belgium,

ending their summer of cycling with a trip through the Dutch Lowlands to Amsterdam.

On this trip, hostellers will find opportunities to speak French, German, Italian, Flemish, Dutch, and even the native tongue of little Luxembourg. There are so many historical and cultural points of interest in Central Europe with such divergent itineraries that general route schedules are planned only after studying the particular interests of the group. The cost is \$200 plus transportation from New York.

Scandinavia.

In the Scandinavian countries there are a friendly people anxious to reopen their trails to American hostellers. After cycling through Denmark the group will leave from Copenhagen on a boat which will take them through the fjords of Norway penetrating the silence of the Arctic Circle. Sweden and perhaps Finland will follow on the itinerary.

The group will travel for 400 miles along the great Arctic highway, the only motor road in the world that runs to the Arctic Ocean, bike across great tundra wastes, and climb on one of Europe's largest glaciers. The cost is \$200 plus transportation from New York.

British Isles.

Over 10,000 Youth Hostel guest

Grad, Faculty Fellowships Announced Miller, Johnson Awards Received

Announcement of the Franklin E. and Orinda M. Johnson faculty and graduate fellowships, and the Donald Walters Miller graduate fellowships, and undergraduate scholarships has been made. The rules of eligibility, duration and amount, and procedure for application have been received from the graduate office.

Frank E. and Orinda M. Johnson Graduate Fellowships

This fellowship has been provided for by a 350,000 dollar estate left to the University of Nebraska. Graduates of the University of Nebraska or other universities and colleges of recognized standing are eligible. An applicant need not be in residence. Scholarship, character, aims, future promise based on demonstrated ability, and financial need will be considered by the university research council in determining awards.

Frank E. and Orinda M. Johnson Faculty Scholarships

The purpose of these fellowships is to provide faculty members with an opportunity for full-time scholarly and research pursuits. Any member of the faculty who holds the rank of instructor or above is eligible, however, this scholarship is not granted for the purpose of pursuing work for advanced degrees.

Appointments will be made for one or two semesters with re-appointments not to be made earlier than one year after termination of the previous award. Stipends will not exceed 1,500 dollars per semester, and the fellow will be relieved of all teaching and other residence obligations during the period covered by the grant.

Application forms may be obtained from the University Research Council, Room 102, Social Sciences building, and the fellowship will be awarded on a recommendation of the University Re-

search council. Closing date for applications is March 1. Donald Walters Miller Undergraduate Scholarships and Graduate Fellowships

Eligibility extends to all students above the freshman year in any of the schools or colleges of the university, including both undergraduates and graduates. Recipients of the scholarships shall be selected upon basis of scholastic ability, aims, character, temperament, and financial need. Candidates must have been registered in the university during the present semester.

Three or more fellowships and scholarships of 750 dollars each are available for the next academic year. These scholarships do not carry remission of tuition.

Students should fill out application forms available at their dean's office and should file them with the dean of the college in which the student is registered. Applications for graduate students should be filed in the graduate office. Applications should be accompanied by a letter from the student which should include a detailed statement concerning educational and professional objections. The committee requests letters from one or two staff members in support of the application. Closing date for applications is March 1.

Explain Details of NSO Committee Organization

The following is a report of Panel II, which was concerned with the organization of the prospective National Student's Organization, at the Chicago Student Conference.

This report is being made under the sponsorship of the Student Council for the purpose of acquainting all students with the National Student Organization now in the process of formation.

It was resolved that a national student organization be formed and shall include representatives of each college and university student body in the United States, and representation of national student organizations on the following basis: That 10 percent of the executive committee of the NSO shall be composed of voting representatives of the national student organizations, elected by these organizations; that no representatives of organizations be seated on any other level of the NSO than the Executive Committee and the General Assembly; that the

participating national organizations form a Council, which will be responsible for the selection of the organizational representatives to the executive committee, and shall report to the General Assembly of the NSO shall have representation based on approximately the same apportionment between college student bodies and existing national student organizations as exists at the Chicago Student Conference; and that the Credentials Committee of the NCC shall re-evaluate the existing apportionment so as to insure democratic representation.

Organization Structure

In discussing the structure of the proposed organization, the panel decided that included in the structural make-up there should be: Regional Committees, elected representatives from the schools in the region; a National Assembly, composed of representatives from colleges and national student organizations and an Executive Committee, made up of four executive officers and any other representatives that the NCC wishes to propose in the constitution.

A split came at Chicago over plans for a Judicial Council or Advisory Council. Those who favored the former proposed a group composed of an equal number of students and educators, with a student chairman, voting in case of a tie, that would have the power to review any legislation of the General Assembly on the basis that it does not conform with its constitution. Such a review, if passed unfavorably, would require a 2/3 majority of the assembly to overrule it.

Council Suggestions

The proponents of an Advisory Council suggested that a group of 21 prominent American educators be set up in the capacity of an advisory group that could do no more than make recommendations to the Assembly. This alternative was finally substituted for the first motion, but by the majority of only three votes, which means that this will be a controversial issue at the Constitution Convention.

Membership requirements for the NSO were established along democratic lines, with no individual being denied membership for reasons of race, color, or sex. All delegates to any NSO meetings must be democratically elected by the student bodies of the colleges.

No constituent member (college student body or national student organization) will be obligated to follow the policies of the NSO, but that any constituent body following policies directly opposed to the NSO would be subject to expulsion upon a vote of 2/3 of the General Assembly. Any of the constituent groups will be free to disaffiliate with the organization if they feel that such action is warranted.

Presby Students To Elect Officers

Election of officers for the coming year will be held at the Presbyterian student house meeting next Sunday. Bill Miller will speak on "My Responsibility as a Christian in World Affairs."

All donations for the box to be sent overseas should be contributed this Sunday.

T. H. I. F. will hold open house Friday night, featuring games and refreshments.

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