

Conference Splits Over Reds

Congress Nearly All Business

Numerous Assemblies, Committee Sessions Fill PNCC Schedule

An almost negligible social program, but numerous general assemblies and committee sessions provided a packed schedule for the four-day session of the Pacific Northwest College congress, which was held at Whitman college, March 3 to 6.

The session, which was the third annual PNCC meeting, was attended by representatives from 36 Northwest colleges and universities, who studied, discussed and passed resolutions concerning the United Nations and international relations.

Paus-Grunt Speaks

Opening day of the congress got underway with registration of the delegates and ended with a public meeting at a Walla Walla theater where Professor Olav Paus-Grunt addressed the delegates on "The United Nations and the Youth of the World." Paus-Grunt is chief of the educational liaison, Department of Public Information, United Nations.

The sessions opened and closed each day with the general assembly and included section meetings to work out resolutions which were presented to the general assembly for approval on the final day. Sections met both morning and afternoon, with each section assigned to discussion specific issues and formulate resolutions to improve or alter existing international conditions.

Marshall Plan Viewed

Second general assembly speaker at the evening sessions was Charles L. Wheeler, a member of the National Association of Manufacturers. Wheeler's topic was "A Business Man Views the Marshall Plan."

Final general assembly speaker was Donovan M. Richardson, chief editorial writer on the Christian Science Monitor, who spoke on "The Responsibility of the Press in World Affairs."

Saturday, the last day of the congress, resolutions were brought out of committees, discussed, amended, or accepted at the general assemblies, which were held morning, afternoon and night.

In addition to the general assemblies and section meetings, faculty round tables were held each afternoon of the congress with members of the faculty from visiting colleges participating.

Editor's note: The stories on this page concerning the Pacific Northwest College congress were written by Vinita Howard and Barbara Heywood. They were written in an attempt to inform the students and elicit intelligent and interested votes from the student body when the polling takes place in the middle of April.

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First PNCC Met Three Years Ago at Portland's Reed College

Three years ago, when Pacific Northwest College congress met for the first time on the Reed college campus it was acclaimed as the first college congress to meet and formulate resolutions for presentation to the United Nations.

Today, its success is shown by the fact that when the Congress began sessions in Walla Walla, Washington on March 3, 36 colleges and approximately 70,000 students were represented.

Portland Origin

The idea for PNCC originated with Mrs. William A. Haseltine, a member of the Portland League of Women Voters. At the first session on the Reed college campus the league and the college jointly sponsored the organization.

When the first meeting closed, it was decided to select two students who were outstanding in participation at the congress and who had gained the largest number of student voters on the PNCC resolutions on their respective campuses, to present the resolutions to the United Nations. Thus the PNCC was the first college organization to gain audience with the UN.

One of the delegates who presented the resolutions to the UN was a University of Oregon student, Mrs. Lois McConkey Putnam.

At that time only 31 colleges from the Northwest were represented at the Congress.

With the initial success of the PNCC more colleges began to take an interest in the idea and when the group met in 1947 more delegates and more enthusiasm were expressed by supporters. The second congress again met on the Reed college campus and the Northwest Institute of International Relations joined the two original sponsors in underwriting the costs.

Two delegates from the second conference were again chosen to take the resolutions to the UN. The PNCC received more encouragement when the foreign relations committees of the senate and house of representatives asked for copies of the resolutions in the future.

This year the PNCC left the Reed campus for the first time since its inception. When sessions opened at Whitman college March 3, the 36 Northwest colleges were represented. Another innovation this year was the inclusion of a faculty member from each participating college to act as moderator in committee sessions. It was stressed, however, that faculty members were not to participate in actual student sessions and debates.

This year the Walla Walla, Wash., Rotary club was co-sponsor of the conference with Whitman.

PNCC Resolutions

Be it resolved:

1. That this Third Pacific Northwest College Congress is opposed to the tendency of the Interim Committee to apply the pressure of its opinions toward restriction or abolition of the veto power and the unanimity rule in the United Nations, and toward weakening the authority of the Security Council, and
That this Congress supports the continuation of the Interim Committee only if it is actually constituted as a subsidiary body performing a constructive function, as provided in the Charter of the United Nations, and only if it enjoys the voluntary acceptance and participation of all the great powers.
2. That the General Assembly be given the power to require a decision by the Security Council on important issues within a specified time, and be given the authority to review a decision to take no action by the Security Council; this to be done by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly including four of the Big Five.
3. That an adequate permanent international military force be provided to enforce the decisions of the Security Council.
4. That in order to enable successful operation of the Marshall Plan, the United States take the initiative in encouraging reciprocal trade by negotiating the reduction of tariff barriers.
6. That the participating nations under the Marshall Plan have an active voice in its administration.
7. That no government shall be excluded from Marshall Plan aid for political reasons.
8. That purchase of armaments with funds appropriated under the Marshall Plan shall be prohibited.
9. That there be an equalization of the scholastic requirements of the educational systems of the world to facilitate a free transfer of students on the international level.
10. That UNESCO provide a more active program of publicity directed at the individual through the mediums of motion pictures, radio and press to stimulate interest in UNESCO philosophy, function and structure.
11. That the United Nations, through an appropriate specialized agency, facilitate the free flow of accurate information among nations and prevent the formation of international news cartels which tend to restrain it.
12. That the United Nations, through an appropriate specialized agency, inaugurate a program intended to teach news analysis and evaluation; and to promote interest in world affairs through universal education.

No Date Set Yet For UO Voting

Oregon students will vote on the resolutions passed by the Pacific Northwest College congress some time in the middle of April. The date has not yet been set. The resolutions, when passed by all the colleges and universities participating in the PNCC, will be submitted to the United Nations, a congressional committee, and certain other agencies, to help them in deciding world policies.

United Nations To Get Copy Of Resolutions

Two delegates chosen from the 72 young men and women who participated in the Pacific Northwest College congress will carry the passed resolutions to the American and Canadian delegations to United Nations.

Lois McConkey Putnam, University of Oregon's delegate to the congress two years ago took the trip to Lake Success in 1946.

Selected on a point system by the executive council of the PNCC, the delegate is given an equal number of points for his contribution to the work of the general assembly ability exhibited in the particular section to which the delegate is assigned, the nature of the campaign for the votes which the delegate conducts on his own campus, and for the number of votes obtained at the delegate's school. The size of the school is considered when deciding upon the last point.

Lesser emphasis is placed on the delegate's personality, and upon the merits of an essay submitted by him.

The two successful delegates will go to Lake Success late this summer.

Other Colleges Plan Meetings

Though the location for next year's PNCC meeting has not been chosen as yet, one thing appears definite . . . because of the success PNCC has met, other colleges over the country are planning to adopt the idea for student participation in formulating resolutions dealing with the international relations.

At the recent congress in Walla Walla, delegates from the University of Denver and California were present to observe the workings of the group and report back to their campus.

Plans are already underway to start a similar congress in the Midwest and within a short time PNCC delegates expect to see similar organizations in the southwest, east and Rocky Mountain states. Supporters of PNCC say that added congresses copied after the original congress will exert considerable force in the United States congress and the UN, since they will represent the ideas of thousands of college students in the United States.

Publicity Group to Meet

Publicity committee for the Frosh Glee will hold a meeting at the Emerald "Shack" at 12:30 p.m. today, announced Co-chairmen Jo Rawlins and Connie Jackson. All members are requested to be present.

Delegates Tell of Rift At PNCC

Whitman Congress Gives Approval To Marshall Plan

A marked split over policies affecting the western powers relations with the Soviet Union developed at the Pacific Northwest College congress, meeting at Whitman college March 3 to 6, according to reports from Oregon delegates.

The University's delegates were Warren Miller, senior in political science, and Robert M. Allen, junior in political science. Dr. Paul S. Dull, assistant professor of political science and history, acted as faculty moderator for one of the five sections at the general assembly.

UN or No UN?

This rift concerning the Soviet occurred in the discussions on whether the United States should try to maintain peace with the Soviet within the UN or to take unilateral measures outside the UN. Delegates decided that action should be limited to the UN, but Dr. Dull and Allen were of the opinion that had the conference been held after the Czechoslovakian incident the congress might have recommended more stringent measures in dealing with Russia.

The Marshall Plan itself was approved by the congress, Allen said, but the methods for carrying it out were debated. The congress recommended in its resolutions that the United States encourage reciprocal trade and give the nations under the Marshall plan an active voice in its administration. Other stipulations were that no nation be excluded from the Marshall plan for political reasons and that purchase of armaments with funds appropriated under the Marshall plan be prohibited.

Serious Meeting

Dr. Dull said that he had never seen a more serious meeting and that most students seemed well-informed on international conditions. A majority of the delegates are members of the campus International Relations clubs, he said.

Resolutions put forth from the five sections received varied reception on the floor of the general assembly, according to Allen. Each section discussed and formulated resolutions on one of the following topics: the UN Little Assembly, enforcement of the United Nations decisions, the Marshall Plan, UNESCO and responsibility in public information.

The general assembly did not accept all of the resolutions as set up by the committees, but amended and sometimes completely altered them, Allen reported. The resolution dealing with the Little Assembly, as it was set up by the majority group in the section, was not accepted by the general assembly; the minority report, which was led by Oregon's delegatee, Warren Miller, was passed.

Oregon's other delegate, Allen, was a member of the section discussing the responsibility in public information. Allen reported that the consensus of this group, as set forth in the PNCC resolutions, was that news stories are too slanted and that some system of disseminating the news through an international news source should be developed.