

Prague Conference Has Communist Tinge

(Editors Note: Last summer a three-man observer team from the United States National Students Association traveled behind the Iron Curtain to attend the Communist-dominated World Students Congress in Prague.

While Oregon students are not members of the NSA, the following report we feel should be of interest to them anyway. It was written by a member of the observer team and is the first in a series.

By Bill Holbrook

In December of 1949 the National Executive Committee of the National Students Association decided to send an observer delegation to the International Union of Students sponsored convention in Prague.

For two years NSA had been rejecting IUS affiliation because of that group's close adherence to the Communist Party line.

However, as 1950 approached, NSA chief's decided they should send some people behind the Iron Curtain to act as spokesmen for the United States "to present an accurate picture of the American educational system and to refute the distorted allegations concerning American education and student life."

Childers Heads Group

Picked to head the delegation was Erskine Childers, international vice-president of NSA. Other members were Eugene Schwartz, former NSA vice-president for educational problems; Robert West, former NSA vice-president for international affairs; and myself, a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota law school.

Schwartz took over as head of the delegation when Childers could not attend the Prague congress because, as international vice-president, he had other duties to fulfill.

In order to keep from going into the congress cold, we met in New York and again in Paris to discuss our presentations. While in Paris visa trouble split up the delegation.

Due to difficulties with IUS and the Czech government, Schwartz and I didn't get our visa until the first day of the congress. West's travel papers came through a few days earlier, so he left for Prague before we did.

Barely Made Prague

Schwartz and I got our visas from the Czech embassy on the morning of August 14. By rushing we just managed to catch the morning flight from Paris to Prague by way of Zurich, Switzerland.

The flight was filled with excitement and anticipation. It was like an excursion into recent history as the plane flew over Southern Germany, where we could see the pock marks left by the bombs of the Second World War. And as the plane flew over Czechoslovakia, signs of harvest time were apparent.

When we landed in Prague we were met by an extremely congenial and very friendly young Czech. It wasn't until later that we learned that he had mistaken us for members of an organization called the Defenders of Peace. The Defenders, who issued the Stockholm Appeal, were meeting in Prague during the Second World Student Congress.

After our luggage had cleared customs, our student driver drove us into Prague where we registered and were assigned quarters in the Kolegi Masaryk, a student dormitory.

Stalin's Picture Displayed

In Prague the symbolism displayed in flags and tremendous

pictures of Stalin and Gotvold was impressive if not terrifying.

The Soviet flag as well as Stalin's picture were being displayed prominently. Also very much in evidence was the picture of a peace dove, symbolizing the significance of the Stockholm Appeal.

Pictures of the lesser known Communist leaders of the various people's republics of Eastern Europe and New China were also displayed.

The dormitory in which we stayed was completely filled with colorful posters and slogans in many languages describing the theme of the congress as well as lauding the peace appeal.

The uniform symbols of the Communist state provided the setting for the Second World Student Congress.

There are more than 900 keys to rooms, lockers, cabinets, desk drawers, etc. in the Student Union.

The Emerald sports editor has 10,000 people under him—when he is covering Oregon home games from the Hayward Field press box.

Button Sellers Choose Slogan

Buttons will continue to be sold in the Co-op and Student Union today. "Beat 'em with Buttons" is the slogan of this year's button sales.

So far button sales have been highly successful and with three days remaining until Homecoming students are urged to buy buttons so the Homecoming quota will be reached, Chairman Virginia Kellogg stated.

No definite sales figure is available at this time, but it is known that over fifty per cent of the goal has been reached.

Council to Entertain WSC Officers

The ASUO Executive Council will welcome student body officers from Washington State College at a noon luncheon Friday in the Student Union.

ASUO President Barry Mountain suggested this function at the last Executive Council meeting. The council approved the idea and authorized the use of ASUO funds to cover the cost.

Antijunti to Play Lead in Drama

An abstract radio drama, "Beyond Recall" by LaVerne Reynolds, will be broadcast at 4:30 p.m. today over KOAC by the radio workshop.

The tense, confused character of Andy will be portrayed by Loris Antijunti. "This is Antijunti's first lead role of the year, although he has played in each play so far," commented R. L. Montgomery, director.

Supporting players include Ed Ragozino, Doris Philbrick, Vern Stolen, Vern Adkison, George DeBell, and Bill DeLand.

Attorney to Address Oregon Law School

John MacGregor, prominent New York attorney and ASUO president in 1923, will address the Law School student body at 10 a.m. Friday in 307 Fenton.

Topic of his talk will be "The Problems Confronting an Attorney Starting Practice in a Large City." MacGregor will be the first speaker this fall in a lecture series sponsored by Phi Delta Phi, international legal fraternity.

JIFC Chooses Officers; Bills Elected President

DeWayne Bills, Beta Theta Pi, was elected president of the Junior Inter-Fraternity Council yesterday at a special election meeting.

Other officers elected were Bob Jones, Kappa Sigma, vice-president; and Gene Lehman, Sigma Phi Epsilon, secretary-treasurer.

Candidates for the office of president were Keith Farnam, Ron Anderson, Jack Adair, Bob Jones, Gene Lehman, Milt Hagen, Don Zavin, and Bills.

Informed of his election, Bills expressed high hopes for the success of the council. "I think that the group has a lot of potentialities for all the pledge classes participating and also for the campus as a whole," he stated.

"The Junior IFC can take part in many beneficial projects during the rest of the year and it can promote a healthier program for incoming freshmen next year."

The group voted to hold its meetings at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Be Happy- Go Lucky!

In learning words and what they mean
Semantics is the key.
How sad that ancient Greeks knew aught
Of L.S./M.F.T.

By Jo Levy
Northwestern University

Enjoy your cigarette! Enjoy truly fine tobacco that combines both perfect mildness and rich taste in one great cigarette - Lucky Strike!

Perfect mildness? You bet. Scientific tests, confirmed by three independent consulting laboratories, prove that Lucky Strike is milder than any other principal brand. Rich taste? Yes, the full, rich taste of truly fine tobacco.

Only fine tobacco gives you both real mildness and rich taste. And Lucky Strike means fine tobacco. So enjoy the happy blending that combines perfect mildness with a rich, true tobacco taste. Be Happy—Go Lucky!

L.S./M.F.T.-Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco



A hopeless frosh they call me
But this title I dislike.
For who can call me stupid
When I'm hep to Lucky Strike?

By Gay Swankin
Boston University

The "Rah Rah Boys" and "Studios Joes"
Possess a common knowledge—
For smoking popularity
It's Lucky Strike at college!

By Malcolm McNair
Syracuse University

