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THE MEETING OF THE WORLD PEACE
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In Stockholm, where the famous Appeal aroused so much consciousness and has become one of the most historic places of mankind, the session of the World Peace Council took place from November 18th to 23rd.

It was for the first time that the World Peace Council met together, without shells and bombs bursting in any part of the world. However, this World Council meeting was also held in a period when "in a world where the chances of peace are great, but few perils appear which could ruin them all together."

The men, women, and the young people who were there, whether the young Catholic worker from West Germany, the vice-president of the Parliament of Chile, the Swedish Minister of the Church, or the Japanese professor, all of them had in their hearts the same desire, the same determination, that peace will triumph over war, friendship over hate, confidence over fear.

The problem within the scope of the work of the Council was the terrible danger of German rearmament, and the question of disarmament. As it is proclaimed in the Message to the Peoples: "The ratification of the London and Paris agreements by the Parliaments, far from leaving intact the possibilities of negotiation would create a situation charged with new perils for Peace in Europe and in the whole world."

Youth are particularly interested in this question, for it is their life which is in danger. That is why the W.F.D.Y. was represented there. On its behalf, Malcolm NIXON said:

"We sincerely wish to stress the great importance that this meeting, its resolutions and its results will have for all youth, for by its immense efforts and its work in the past, the World Peace Council has well deserved our generation, a generation which ardently aspires a life in peace.

The different points on the agenda were followed by us with the greatest interest, for they reflect our daily work on a world scale and we will serve in its strengthening and guide ourselves in our future efforts.

During this year, the Federation never halted in working arm in arm with the Peace Movements; on the questions of Germany, Asia, Latin America, for the banning of weapons of mass destruction, and won the broadest support amongst every section of young people.

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Thus the Appeal for a World Assembly in 1955, naturally comes within the framework of our work even more so because 1955 will be the year of the Vth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship next August, in Warsaw.

You can count on the greatest support from young people, on the greatest stimulus and enthusiasm for the work which will be done in 1955 by our united efforts, a year of great successes in favour of world peace, which, we are sure, we shall win together."

In conclusion of its work, the World Peace Council has launched, among others, an extremely important Appeal to the Peoples, for Peace and Collective Security in Europe and in the world, an Appeal which will be heard by the youth of all countries, who desire to strengthen their unity and their fight for happiness. Thus on the earth a joyful dawn will fade out the clouds of hatred and war!

THE LIFE OF THE W.F.D.Y.

A DECLARATION OF THE W.F.D.Y. SECRETARIAT AGAINST THE REARMAMENT
OF GERMANY ON THE OCCASION OF NOVEMBER 10

The Secretariat of the W.F.D.Y., on the occasion of November 10, has made the following declaration:

"Scarcely nine years have passed since the end of the anti-fascist war, and once again German militarism returns to threaten peace in Europe and in the whole world.

On this day when the 9th Anniversary of our World Federation of Democratic Youth is celebrated the world over, we declare: that the London and Paris treaties which decided the rearmament of Germany means, as did the EDC, the division of Germany and the rebirth of German militarism, age-old enemy of the European peoples, by creating a new war danger and a threat to world peace.

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Youth cannot passively accept such a danger. Youth want to live in peace, because it is only in peace that they can look confidently towards their future.

Joining our voices in the solemn warning which the great scientist JOLLIOT-CURIE has just addressed to the peoples of the world, we declare that other possibilities and other ways exist to guarantee the future of the peoples, to improve international relations in a lasting way; the conclusion of a treaty of collective security between all the European countries, the banning of weapons of mass destruction and disarmament.

The future of the youth, their possibility to go towards an ever better life, depends on the decisions which will be taken during the coming weeks by the parliaments of the signatory countries for the London and Paris treaties.

The action of the peoples against the agreements for the European army, was victorious. Now we must, together with all peoples, prevent the ratification of the London and Paris war treaties.

Let us unite all our forces, whatever our particular opinions may be, to stop this menace!

We must not allow the rebirth of aggressive German militarism, which has already inflicted so much sorrow and caused so many ruins!

We must not allow the permanent menace of rearmament and weapons of mass destruction to weigh over our young lives.

Without waiting, at the side of the peoples, let us stand up resolutely in order to check these new attempts of the war-mongers, so that Peace and the spirit of understanding which animates the people, may triumph once again!"

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THE 5TH FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JULY 31st TO
AUGUST 14TH 1955 IN WARSAW

A meeting of the delegations of the secretariats of the W.F.D.Y., the I.U.S. and the Union of Polish Youth was held in Warsaw during the last half of October.

The delegations made the following press communiqué:

"The delegates of the secretariats of the W.F.D.Y., the I.U.S. and the Union of Polish Youth have held recently a common meeting in Warsaw, in order to examine the different aspects of the preparations for the 5th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship, which will take place in this city from July 31st to August 14th, 1955.

They visited the constructions on which the Polish youth work with enthusiasm with a view to welcoming their guests from all countries in a worthy manner.

They have noted with satisfaction the warm echo expressed by the youth of the world for this great news, an echo which can be measured by the numerous messages of support from the most different youth and students organisations, outstanding figures of culture, art, and sports, already received for the constitutive session of the International Preparatory Committee convened in Vienna on December 17, 1954.

Scores of initiatives are already known in the countries of the whole world, preparing for the great Gathering in Warsaw."

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THE W.F.D.Y. DELEGATION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Recently, a W.F.D.Y. delegation visited several countries in South-East Asia. The aim of the delegation was to discuss with youth organisations and all those interested in youth, the resolutions taken by the W.F.D.Y. at its Peking Council Meeting, which was held last August from the 9th to the 15th.

The delegation, composed of Mr. Demosthenes LOBO, Brazilian representative, Mr. Charles COUTTS, representative of Great Britain, Mr. A. CORONA, Socialist M.P. from Italy, Mr. William DEVINE, Canadian representative, visited Indonesia, India, Ceylon and Pakistan, and everywhere they received a warm and friendly welcome by the whole population.

In Indonesia, the delegation contacted youth organisations of all tendencies in order to establish a basis for a larger co-operation between the W.F.D.Y. and the Indonesian youth. It was with particular interest that the Indonesian youth organisations studied the conditions of their participation in the Warsaw Festival. The delegation also attended the constitutive meeting of the National Committee for the International Gathering of Rural Youth; they also visited the cities of Bandung and Bogor. Afterwards they had the honour to be received by the Members of Parliament and by the Minister of Agriculture who expressed his interest in the

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International Gathering of Rural Youth.

In India, where the delegation stayed a long while, they met with 33 youth and students organisations, 21 trade unions and mass organisations, 10 sports and 9 cultural organisations, and they discussed with the leaders of five important political parties. They also had 10 press conferences and at public meetings spoke before 22,000 youth altogether.

In Pakistan, the delegates had the possibility to personally observe the repressive actions committed against the progressive and democratic organisations.

The youth of every country they visited, expressed a great interest in the International Gathering of Rural Youth, as well as a great desire to participate in the 5th World Youth Festival in Warsaw in July-August 1955.

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THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD GREET THE W.F.D.Y. ON THE OCCASION OF NOVEMBER 10

The young people of different countries celebrated the 9th anniversary of the foundation of the W.F.D.Y. in meetings, assemblies, etc. And on this day, the youth of the world have once again found the opportunity to address their greetings to the W.F.D.Y.

The Free German Youth point out in their message: "The German youth celebrate World Youth Day in the spirit of the strengthened struggle for the peaceful re-unification of our homeland, against West German militarism."

The President of the National Assembly of the Rural Youth from British Guiana wrote in his message: "Today we look upon the World Federation of Democratic Youth as a clear flame in our struggle, and we pledge to bring our greatest support to this great fighting organisation."

The thousands of participants in the Assembly which was held in Bucharest, also addressed a message of greetings to the W.F.D.Y., in which they said: "We hope that the W.F.D.Y. will obtain new successes in the struggle for the unity of the youth of the world, for a better life and for peace."

The Finnish Democratic Youth Federation and the Democratic Pioneers Federation wrote: "We send our hearty greetings to the World Federation of Democratic Youth with constant success in its struggle for a lasting peace and for fraternity between the youth

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all over the world."

The peace-loving youth of Iceland, the youth of the great China, those of Bulgaria, the democratic youth of the Italian Emilia region, of Norway, of the D.D.R. /German Democratic Republic/, of Brazil and other countries have sent their best wishes to the W.F.D.Y. for the success in the struggle for the rights of the youth, peace and friendship between the youth and the peoples of the world.

THE W.F.D.Y. SECRETARIAT PROTESTS AGAINST THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ACTIONS IN AFRICA

The Rally of African Democratic Youth /R.J.D.A./ has informed the W.F.D.Y. Secretariat of the difficulties created by the authorities of French West Africa concerning the issuing of passports to the members of the R.J.D.A. and to the youth in general.

The R.J.D.A. also wrote that because of these difficulties, the youth, JO CHEIKH BARA, who should represent the peasant youth of Senegal at the International Gathering of Rural Youth, in December in Vienna, has not yet obtained his passport, although he placed his demand last July.

In this situation, the youth of the R.J.D.A. met together in a general assembly on November 12, in Dakar, and passed a motion protesting forcefully against these discriminatory measures tending to restrain the civil rights and democratic liberties accorded to every citizen of the French Republic and Union, according to the regulations of the Constitution of 1946."

The W.F.D.Y. Secretariat energetically protests against these harmful measures against the strengthening of friendship and co-operation between the youth of French West Africa and the youth from other countries. The W.F.D.Y. Secretariat calls upon its member organisations to protest against these arbitrary and anti-democratic actions.

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THE LIFE OF THE YOUTH
OF THE WORLD

BROAD DELEGATIONS OF RURAL YOUTH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE
VIENNA GATHERING

The rural youth have elected their delegates in all corners of the world, for the International Gathering of Rural Youth which will open on December 9, in Vienna.

Broad and representative delegations, composed of all sections of rural youth, from all regions of the country, including leaders of trade unions and youth organisations of different political opinions and religious beliefs, will participate in the Rural Gathering.

Already, from the immense Brazil, nine delegates representing all sections of rural youth and the different regions of the country, have left for Vienna.

In Japan, during a regional gathering held in the different areas in Japan, the youth who should go to Vienna have been elected, among them: HIMERO WATAHASI, from the Trade Union of Railway workers, YAMADA, the Secretary of the Committee in Defence of the Rights of Youth, TSUKAMOTO, from the Youth Section of the Peasant Union of Nagano, UEDA, the leader of the Youth of Tsuna, Hyogo, HORITATSU, young girl of Hyoshi village, TSULLI, from the Trade Union of Teachers of Yamagata, IKANA, from the Youth League of Kashima Ibaragi, NOGI, journalist from Tokyo, as well as other representatives of cultural and youth organisations.

From France, by some thirty delegates, all the provinces of France will be represented.

From India, some twenty youth will represent the millions of rural youth of their country.

From the German Federal Republic, the young people wrote to the International Preparatory Committee: "Because of the width of the preparations carried through, we wish to send at least 40 delegates".

Belgium will be represented by a delegation of 4 or 5 members.

Czechoslovakia, will be represented by 8 delegates, leaders

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of the youth, agricultural students, heads of agricultural co-operatives, etc.

From Finland, the delegation will be composed of some 15 members, among whom are several young girls.

In Nepal, in this small Oriental country, the rural youth elected three delegates during a Festival.

From Iceland two young peasants and a forest worker will participate in the Gathering.

PERSONALITIES ALSO WILL BE AT THE GATHERING

From India, the following participation in the Gathering was announced: M. LAL BHADUR SINGH and SHAWAN SAHAIR, both members of the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh and members of the Congress Party; BOHADUR SINGH, M.P. and leader of the All India Scheduled Cast Federation; ESWAVA REDDI, Indian M.P. and leader of the peasants of Andhra.

From France, Mr. DEBAR, Joint General Secretary of the National Council of Young Agricultural Workers, will attend the Gathering as an observer.

From Latin America, at the end of November, Mr. LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, President of the Latin American Workers Confederation, made a declaration on the Rural Gathering in which he said: "In the name of six million labourers, peasants, civic employees and workers, intellectuals of Latin America, represented by the Latin American Workers Confederation, I warmly greet the International Gathering of Rural Youth.

....We are impatiently waiting the results of the gathering, for it is sure that they will strengthen the demands of young agricultural workers, peasants and the whole rural population, who anxiously look today towards their gloomy future, without any perspective of work, culture and liberty.

....The Gathering will forge the unbreakable alliance between the workers and the peasants, between the city and the countryside, particularly in such countries as ours, where industrial upsurge has scarcely begun, therefore they can find a precious help in agriculture and in all the activities linked with it...."

The National Conference of Rural Youth of Italy

After the appeal launched by the youth of Sant' Alberto di Ravenna, thousands of discussions were opened on the farms, municipal assemblies were held to define the demands of rural youth.

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The youth elected during these different activities, met in provincial, regional conferences which resulted in the National Conference of young peasants held on November 19, 20, 21 in Ferrara with the participation of more than 400 delegates, young men and women coming from all corners of Italy, speaking of their difficult living and working conditions.

The conference decided to organise a National Conference of Small Peasants in the summer of 1955, also local festivals in the villages, with days devoted to young women, during which messages will be sent to the young girls of the world.

THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE 5TH FESTIVAL HAVE BEGUN

A broad Constitutive Session of the International Preparatory Committee will take place on December 17th in Vienna.

A number of youth organisations, outstanding personalities have given their support to the International Preparatory Committee, the first meeting of which will take place on December 17 in Vienna.

Among them, we can quote: From Great Britain, Mr. William Rains, delegate of the British League of Racing Cyclists, Mr. Richard Smiles, Public Relations Officer of the British Swimming Teachers Association; From Denmark, Lise Ringheim, actress at the Royal Theatre, Dan Sterup Hansen, painter, Erik Jacobsen, president of the Young Workers Trade Union in Alborg, Henrik Sechenskjel, musician of the Royal orchestra and others; From Japan, the composer Yasugi Akutagawa; From Spain, the hero of the Spanish people and youth Lopez Raimundo; From Cuba, Nicolas Guillen, the poet; From Norway, Kare Bredesen, Secretary of the Norwegian Boxing Federation; From Finland, Elso Sylvestersen, ballerina, Tarmo Mary, actor, Felix Krohn, director of the Conservatory; From Luxemburg, René Michel Schroeder, member of the Federal Council of Gymnastics. All these organisations and personalities have sent their messages of support.

Also Lebanon announces that six personalities, among them the Olympic champions Hussein Sejan and Nassif Matkudani and the writer Abdallah Alyli, support the preparations for the Festival. From Algeria, five members are proposed for the International Preparatory Committee, among them Mustapha Kateb, artist of the Opera of Algiers, Mustapha Soudoun, Secretary of the Algerian Democratic Youth Union.

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At the meeting of the International Preparatory Committee there will be seven delegates from Sweden, three from Mongolia, several from France, Italy, Brazil, etc.

International organisations also nominated their representatives to the International Preparatory Committee, thus the International Organisation of Lawyers will send their delegate to the meeting. The general secretary of the International Trade Union of Chemical and Similar Industrial Workers, Ferenc Bozsoki, will represent the Trade Union at the Festival Preparatory Committee.

Eminent Personalities for the 5th Festival

The great German writer Thomas Mann, addressed a letter to the Conference of the West German Festival Committee in Heidelberg. The letter reads: "I wish a great success to your meeting which precedes the World Festival for Peace and Friendship in Warsaw. This wish is not expressed to speak according to the taste of one party or another, for peace is not the affair of any one party, it is the affair of the whole of mankind"

The famous American scientist, W. E. B. DuBois, Doctor of Philosophy, member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, wrote: "I should like to extend to your committee and particularly to the participants in the 5th World Festival, my assurance of sympathy and co-operation in every way with the work which they are carrying on. There is one hope in this distraught world, and that is the determination on the part of youth to fight against war and for international friendship and to be willing to make any sacrifice for this great end."

Very Broad Preparatory Committees are Being Formed for the 5th Festival

The convening of the 5th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship which will be held in Warsaw from July 31 to August 14, found a living echo amongst the youth of different countries. The news arriving from everywhere show that the preparations have been undertaken throughout the world.

A number of National and Local committees have already been set up with various organisations, and prominent people in the realm of labour, science, culture and sports.

In West Germany, the National Preparatory Committee which recently met, had the participation of the representatives of socialists, Evangelists, sports leaders, trade unionist youth, "Nature Friends", artists, etc.

In Canada, the Committee formed during a representative

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National Conference, includes 14 members, Christians, Socialists, workers, students, etc.

In Switzerland, a number of local committees have been set up which are aiding the formation of the National Preparatory Committee.

The Pan-American Gymnastics Confederation is preparing the 11th Pan-American Sports Meets which will take place in March 1955 and give further stimulus to the Festival preparations.

YOUTH WANT PEACE

MINERS OF BRITAIN AGAINST THE REARMAMENT OF WESTERN GERMANY

On November 16th the Annual Conference of the Young Miners of South Wales took place during which the question of West German rearmament received great attention. All the interventions condemned the London and Paris agreements, and the Conference unanimously adopted a resolution against West German rearmament and against the decisions approved by the nine Western countries concerning this question.

Afterwards a demonstration organised under the slogan "FIGHT AGAINST WEST GERMAN REARMAMENT!", took place in which the participants of the Conference and the members of the Executive Committee of the Young Miners Federation took part.

GERMAN, POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAN YOUTH RALLY

On November 25th, a great rally between the youth of Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia was held in the Polish city, Jelenia Gora. In fact, in the theatre hall of this city, more than 400 young men and women from these three countries gathered together and protested against the London and Paris agreements.

GERMAN YOUTH WANT UNITY, NOT REARMAMENT

The Central Council of the Free German Youth addressed to the young men and women of the country the following Appeal: "Fight against the London and Paris agreements and for the unification of Germany!" The Free German Youth Organisation in Berlin communicated that the youth of Germany will fight with all their strength together with the European youth against the ratification of the London and Paris agreements.

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BELGIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

On November 6th and 7th, the Belgian Youth Conference was held attended by more than one hundred youth from every region of the country, delegated by different organizations.

The delegates of the National Federation of Socialist Students, the Peoples Youth of Belgium, the Belgian Section of the International of War Resistance, the Protestant Youth Group, the International Movement for Reconciliation, the Catholic Action for Peace Movement, and others have participated in the Conference.

During the first day of the conference, a unanimous thought was emphasized in all the speeches, the profound desire for peace which animates all young people whatever their political and ideological opinions.

The next day, the discussion was carried on in four different commissions, each of which worked on a precise subject:

- On an appeal to the European youth for a conference in Lieges in July 1955
- On a resolution on the German question
- On exchanges between East and West
- and on the help to colonial peoples.

After a thorough discussion in the commissions, the resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Conference:

For the peaceful co-existence of the peoples, against recourse to force to settle international disputes, for the peaceful unification of Germany, rather than its rearmament, for the development of cultural exchanges between East and West, for help to the colonial peoples fighting for their rights, and for the convening in Lieges, of an International Conference of European youth in July 1955, with the aim of determining the road to follow to construct a united peaceful Europe.

By participating in it, the World Federation of Democratic Youth has once again expressed its profound desire through a delegation to support and to help the development of all activities with a peaceful aim and helping to realize unity and friendship between all young people.

FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF YOUTH

THE SOCIALIST YOUTH OF ITALY EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE GUATEMALAN YOUTH

The Socialist Youth of Italy have addressed the following protest to the government of Guatemala and to the ambassador of

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the Guatemalan government in Rome:

"The Italian Socialist Youth, learned that now many patriots of Guatemala have been killed after a summary and illegal trial contrary to the laws.

Among these patriots there were many really democratic youth, accused only of the wish of a free and independent homeland, led by a people's, legal and representative government.

The protest we raise is the most living and uncompromising, it expresses all our contempt for his person and the puppet government he constituted at the point of the USA bayonets, to throw into slavery the generous working people of Guatemala.

A government like his which fears the youth and which is against them, cannot find but the unanimous and deep contempt of the democratic people and the youth of the whole world.

The innocent blood they made flow will fertilize the spirits of new fighters in Guatemala and beyond this, in order that the violences, the vexations and slavery be banned forever on the earth.

We greet these young and unknown heroes as the most dearest persons and we pledge to intensify the struggles in order that their government, like the others founded on weapons, dictatorship and discrimination, may disappear reversed by the indignation of the peoples."

YOUTH FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES PROTEST AGAINST THE TERROR IN IRAN

In their protest, the youth of Szombathely /Hungary/ say:

"We, the young members of the Working Youth Organisation of Szombathely, have learned with indignation of the events which are taking place at the moment in Iran. The Iranian people are submitted to terrible sufferings. Not a day passes without the blood of the Iranian patriots making the soil red ...

... Let us raise our voice against the arbitrary actions of capitalism. Let us protest, youth of Szombathely, in order that the voice of international solidarity be stronger than the fascist actions of terror."

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In France, 78 pupils of the Normal School and 56 students of the University Postcure have addressed to the Iranian ambassador in Paris letters of protest against the executions taking place in Teheran.

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The factory organisation of the German Unified Socialist Party declare in their protest addressed to the Premier of Iran:

"... On the occasion of the new and cruel action of terror by the Zehedi government, the unjust arrest and the cruel tortures of 600 patriots, we energetically protest against the regime of fascist terror in Iran. We express our solidarity with all the Iranian imprisoned patriots and demand their immediate release ..."

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FOR THE SAFETY AND THE RELEASE OF GREEK PATRIOTS

The recent mass arrests carried out in Greece provoked numerous protests in different countries.

Thus the hero of the Spanish people and youth, Lopez Raimunde, made the following appeal:

"Young friends in all countries,

In the land of Hellenism, in the heroic Greece, the Papagos government has engaged a new wave of terror against the Greek patriots. Tens of imprisoned democrats, among them Joti Harilaos, Dalas Dimitris, as well as the young fighters Coras Stavros, Tzepronis Leonidas, Calaidzi Haralambos and others were savagely tortured a few weeks ago and are threatened by an imminent death.

Vigorous protests are raised against this crime the world over, from all honest and noble men; the action of whom can and must stop the homicide arms of the hangman of Greece.

I am sure that the young men and women of all countries, who made so much effort to save my life and that of my companions, will use all their youthful ardour in the service of the noble cause to save all the imprisoned Greek democrats.

Long live International solidarity in the struggle against fascist terror!"

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The Algerian Democratic Youth Union wrote in their message:

"The young Algerians, met on the occasion of the Assembly of the circles of the Algerian Democratic Youth Union of the region of Algiers, raise with indignation against the odious terror which reigns in Greece. They call upon all Algerian youth irrespective of beliefs or political opinions, to express in the most different forms their solidarity with the heroic youth of Greece, and to demand an end to the executions and tortures similar to those in the Middle Ages, the release of the imprisoned, general amnesty and the re-establishment of democratic liberties."

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YOUTH, CULTURE, AND SPORTS

YOUTH OF BRITAIN AND NORWAY VISIT THE SOVIET UNION

On November 14, a youth delegation from Britain went to the Soviet Union for a three weeks visit. The 30 members of this

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delegation represent 13 national organisations. Among them the delegates of the Labour League of Youth as well as those of the National Students Association of the Labour Party, of the Socialist Church, the young Communist League, Trade Unions and many others.

On the invitation of the Anti-fascist Committee of Soviet Youth, a Norwegian delegation was also in the Soviet Union. This delegation composed of 17 members belonging to many different political organisations and opinions, made a three week trip in the country.

AN AUSTRIAN DELEGATION IN THE D.D.R.

An Austrian youth delegation, composed of four girls and 5 young men from all parts of the country went to the German Democratic Republic within the framework of the preparations for the Rural Gathering which will take place from December 9 to 15 in Vienna. The members of the delegation will visit the country to get personally convinced of the living conditions of the peasant youth in East Germany.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC SPORTS FESTIVAL IN CHILE

A sports meet between the "Estrella" club of Rincónada and the "Deportivo Suplementarios" of Santiago took place with the greatest enthusiasm at the beginning of November.

During the whole match there was great enthusiasm and much humour, which contributed to the deepening of the bonds of friendship between the city and the countryside youth, in their desire to unite in the common struggle for the solution of their problems.

At the end of the Football match, a rich artistic programme was performed, with the participation of amateur groups which contributed in raising the vividness of this gathering.

The young guests from the city distributed gifts to the young peasants, such as books offered by the Youth Council of Peace Fighters.

In addition, during the programme, there was included a special intervention by a youth leader of the Agricultural Workers Federation, Mr. Hugo Huerta in which he pointed out the great importance of the International Gathering of Rural Youth, will have, in the success of the demands of young agricultural workers.

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FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 5th WORLD FESTIVAL.

EXTRACTS OF THE REPORT BY BRUNO BERNINI, PRESIDENT OF THE I.P.D. AT THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE FESTIVAL.

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FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR
THE 5th WORLD FESTIVAL

On December 17th and 18th, 1954, the first meeting of the International Preparatory Committee of the 5th Festival took place in Vienna.

After the opening speech by Jiri Palikan, general secretary of the International Union of Students, Bruno Bernini, president of the World Federation of Democratic Youth spoke on the preparations for the 5th Festival.

Delegates from 32 countries contributed to the discussion. Then in special meetings, three commissions discussed the details of the preparations for the 5th Festival.

The Commissions on Organisation, Mobilisation and Propaganda on the Programme on Sports presented numerous proposals to make the Festival the best event possible.

EXTRACTS OF THE REPORT BY BRUNO BERNINI, PRESIDENT OF THE
WFDY AT THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE FESTIVAL

In his report Bruno Bernini, President of the WFDY said, in part:

"... Festivals are now traditional events, well known by young people. Thousands and thousands of young people have taken part in them; millions have played their active part in the preparations for Festivals in all countries.

Festivals and their objectives have now become an integral part of the activity and the life of young people and their organisations: an unforgettable and joyful event, a great display of the talents and capacities of young people, showing how much young people are attracted to all that is beautiful, to noble sentiments of friendship, understanding and world harmony.

By their many aspects, the festivals are the meeting place of the national cultures of different peoples, enriching the cultural treasury of all humanity; they are the meeting place of talent and triumphs in work, studies, technology, science and sports which the youth have been able to acquire in different countries. They represent a great school for young people as well as for all those interested in culture, art and all other things which are bound up with the life and aspirations of young people."

Then Bruno Bernini recalled the previous festivals and pointed out the importance of the fact that the 5th Festival will be held in Warsaw, the symbol of the destruction of the war, but at the same time the symbol of peaceful reconstruction.

After this, Bruno Bernini indicated the plans of the

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International Preparatory Committee for the 5th Festival. The organisation of greater numbers of events is planned, such as popular parties, carnivals, cultural celebrations, artistic and sports contests on a high level, great mass attractions, meetings and debates on different aspects of the life of young people, on science, technology, art, culture and others.

On the preparations in the countries, the report said:

" We propose that each country should examine the possibility of organising artistic competitions and demonstrations, involving in these all cultural organisations, all official institutions and all those who are concerned with the development of national culture, asking them to give their aid and to send the best participants from these artistic competitions and demonstrations to Warsaw. Further, in the framework of the cultural contests organised by "World Youth" and "World Student News", we propose that national competitions should be organised also involving the greatest possible number of personalities and cultural institutions in the country, newspapers and magazines, and to organise exhibitions and national selection boards, from which the best works can be sent to the international jury of the competition.

In the same way, we think that cultural evenings and concerts could be organised during the preparations for the Festival with the participation of delegations being sent to the Festival.

We are planning rich sports activities at the Festival, with the Second International Friendly Sports Meets of the Youth, which will take place in Warsaw at the same time as the Festival, and with different mass sports events."

"... We would like to propose that wherever it is possible, competitions should be organised on a local and national scale, and that the young people and teams to participate in the various sports competitions and demonstrations of the Festival should be chosen from the winners in these competitions."

Then, Bruno Bernini pointed out how important the preparations in the countries for the meetings of young people during the Festival, for the popular celebrations of the youth, the popularisation of the Festival, the Solidarity fund, the constitution of preparatory committees, etc. are. He stressed the fact that the Festival preparations should be carried out in close unity with the struggle against the danger of a new war, against the ratification of the London and Paris treaties, for they threaten the rights and interests of the youth, and said the following:

" We would like to emphasize once more, that the Festival programme will be rich and will closely reflect the many interests and hopes of young people, if it will be the result of a great work in the countries.

For this reason we believe that the work in the countries is the most important aspect of all the preparations for the programme of our Festival. In each country youth are uniting, struggling and developing their activities to achieve a better life, freedom, national independence, friendship and

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