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### EUROPEAN GIRLS MEETING

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### ITALY

The girls of this country are a hive of activity at the moment. After many events in the different provinces, such as Girls Weeks, the circulation of a referendum in preparation for the Women's Congress, many activities in cinema halls, and local Spring Gatherings, there has just taken place "The Gathering of the Straits" organised by the girls of Messina and Reggio Calabria, during which there was a rich programme of recreational activities. In the Southern regions, two important celebrations are being prepared: the Meeting of Girls from the South which will be held in the town of Salerno with a grand Girls Sports Parade; and the Regional Meeting of Girls from Pulles in the town of Taranto. These two events will take place during the first week of September.

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An important event has just taken place in Milan. Girl pupils at dressmaking courses run by the local co-operatives organised a provincial fête. During the fête there was a fashion parade, an exhibition of the girls' work and an artistic programme. There was wine in honour of the fête and prizes were given to girls who had distinguished themselves at their work. More than 400 girls were present as well as personalities from the fields of culture, cinema and the Radio and television.

Further events which deserve mention are the local meetings in the provinces of Sienna, Modena, Reggio-Emilia, Bologna, Florence, Libourne, Pisa, Naples, Trieste, Ravenna, etc. A Tuscany-Emilia inter-regional meeting will take place at Lake Cerreto. Provincial meetings are being organised in several towns with a view to the National Meeting in September.

During all these activities messages have been sent to girls of other countries, and presents, typical of the different provinces, have been on show for the Paris Meeting.

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FRANCE

In the province of Bouches du Rhône, there was a meeting of Girl Farmworkers, with many girls taking part. They discussed their working conditions, their hopes and their rate of work. But the discussion showed most of all the disastrous effects of the war in Algeria, which takes lads away from the villages creating difficulties in agricultural work, and threatening the future. A book of the demands of girl farm workers has been drawn up and will be taken to the Paris Meeting. During this meeting two girls were elected to represent their friends at Paris in October.

The General Confederation of Labour (C.G.T.) is giving its support to preparations for the Meeting. At Grenoble, the Catering Trade Union has elected a 19 year old girl to represent them. In the province of Rhona, the trade union of the biscuit factory at Ampuis, where 120 girls out of the 150 who work there belong to the union, have elected a 17 year old worker to represent them.

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PANAMA

In the town of Davis, the first assembly of Panama Youth was celebrated at the end of April. This Assembly met under the slogan - "For Democratic Unity of Young People". 125 delegates participated and a number of fraternal delegates and observers. The delegates discussed

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problems which concern the youth of Panama today, such as: culture and education, social, economic and political question, and questions of international affairs. It was decided to celebrate the 2nd Youth Assembly next summer with a youth carnival.

#### GREAT BRITAIN

The third of the conferences of the King George Jubilee Trust report "Citizens of Tomorrow" took place at the Seymour Hall, London, on the 23rd June.

Representatives of 41 London organisations heard a stimulating opening address by Mr. T.G. Jeffreys Jones (Lecturer in Education, Swansea University).

The interesting discussion that followed concentrated very much on the question of day release, county colleges, evening classes and conscription.

Of course, there was disagreement on some questions. But the statement was adopted without opposition. The statement welcomed the report and called for the implementation of the 1944 Education Act particularly regarding county colleges. It supported the idea of a National Youth Advisory Council with TUC participation and called for the necessary finance and leadership to improve the youth service. Finally it urged the abolition of conscription.

Amongst the organisations at the Conference were the East Ham Youth Committee, the British Federation of Young Co-operators, Woodcraft Folk, St. Paul's Youth Fellowship, Oxford and St. George's Club, Fellowship of Reconciliation, North London Young Christian Workers, Chelsea and Fulham Young Liberals, N. St. Pancras Labour Party, Young Communist League, Amalgamated Union of Bakery Workers, the London areas of the Foundry Workers, ASSET, Clerical Workers Union, Women Teachers, National Society of Painters, trades councils and branches of other unions and co-operatives guilds.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Horace Richardson (Secretary, London Area, Clerical and Administrative Workers Union) and messages to it came from Mr. F.A. Pargiter M.P., Sir Fred Messer M.P., Wilfred Pickles, S.W. London Boys' Brigade and others.

#### SENEGAL

During June, the meeting of the Leading Committee of the Assembly of African Democratic Youth took place at Thies.

The discussion showed the importance of activities supporting contact between different organisations and sections of young people.

such as the Festival organised at Dakar on May 19th, 20th and 21st, where young people from all over Senegal met and took part in different cultural, artistic and sports activities lasting for three days.

Preparations for the Vth Festival were also gone into thoroughly in order to ensure the broadest possible participation from organisations and personalities.

There was also discussion calling on the strengthening of activities for girls, and a meeting of girls from the Assembly of African Democratic Youth was called for November 11th 1956 at Saint Louis.

Special attention was paid to the question of Algeria where, the Senegalese said infantry was sent to take part in colonial repression and to wage a fratricidal war against their Algerian brothers. The AADY expressing the unanimous feelings of the African youth and people is protesting strongly against the sending of African soldiers to Algeria and demands the immediate satisfaction of the legitimate demands of the Algerian people that is for the proclamation of Algeria as a free, independent and fully sovereign state.

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#### INDIA

A Pan-Indian meeting of the Congress of Working Youth was held at Hyderabad from June 9th to 11th, convened by the Indian Congress Party.

300 delegates from different parts of the country took part.

The aim of this meeting was to promote an exchange of experiences of past years and to study the present and future problems of confronting the Indian youth.

There was discussion on discipline among young people and students, the national strengthening of unity, the five year plan, and the development of young people's knowledge of world affairs. The President of the Indian National Congress, Mr. U.N. Dhebar, addressed the young people as well as several Indian government leaders.

During this meeting several recommendations were made notably concerning the organisation of youth camps and co-operatives, and the participation of young people in the development of local and rural work. On the question of nuclear weapons the meeting considered that at this time when humanity lived in a decisive age, the Indian youth must accomplish their mission for the appreciation and achievement of the 5 principles of peaceful co-existence, and that a first step towards this aim is the convening of a conference by the Congress Youth of young people from countries who have accepted the 5 principles. The meeting also recommended that August 9th be celebrated each year as Congress Youth Day.

#### CANADA

The Co-operative Youth Movement - the official organisation of young Socialists in Canada - recently called a meeting of more than .../...

30 youth organisations. During the discussion, decisions were taken in support of the right to vote at 18.

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NORWAY

In Oslo, the capital of Norway, a youth commission has been set up within the Municipal Council. The commission's first demand is for higher and better meeting places for young people's activity.

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GOLD COAST

The Manya-Krobo Youth Movement and the Anlo Youth Organisation have formed the Federation of Gold Coast Youth Organisations. During the recent elections which were held in that country, the young people gave considerable support to the youth candidates, and more than 10,000 votes went to the Federation of Youth Organisations.

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RUMANIA

The IIInd National Congress of the Union of Working Youth of the People's Democracy of Rumania was held at Bucharest from June 27th to 30th. After hearing the report of the past year's activity the Congress decided on the new tasks confronting all Rumanian youth for continued improvement in their living conditions and the cultural, social and economical life of their country. The President of the WFDY, Bruno Bernini attended the Congress, as well as 22 foreign delegations, from Norway, Finland, the Federal German Republic, France, Italy, Brazil, Indonesia, China, the USSR... A delegation from the People's Youth of Yugoslavia, in greeting the Congress, expressed the feeling of friendship which the Yugoslavian youth have towards young people in all countries of the world.

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YOUTH AND SPORT  
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IIIrd International Friendly Youth Sports Games

The Olympic Committee of the Soviet Union has informed the International Sports Federations of Rowing, Canoeing, Light Athletics, Swimming, Gymnastics, Boxing, Wrestling, Cycling, Modern Pentathlon, Football, Volley-Ball, Table Tennis, Fencing, Weight-lifting, Tennis, Grass Hockey, and Basket-Ball, about the IIIrd International Friendly Youth Sports Games in Moscow in 1957.

The USSR Olympic Committee has sent invitations to 86 countries to take part in the IIIrd Sports Games at Moscow.

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The international Volley-Ball Federation has announced that they have already included the competitions for the IIIrd Sports Games in their official 1957 diary, and that they have appointed their President, Mr. Libaud to the board of the Appeal Jury.

#### ITALY

Many interesting events are being undertaken by different organisations in the framework of preparations for sports activities with a view to the Vith Festival.

At the request of a number of sports clubs, the Italian Union of People's Sports is proposing that a Rome-Moscow motorcyclist rally be organised during preparations for the Festival, with the participation of a number of the best motorcyclists. This event would have at the same time a tourist and sports attraction and is capable of interesting the broadest sections of motorcyclists as well as the Italian youth.

#### INDIA

Different sports teams will be passing through Calcutta on the way to India, and in their honour the Kalikata Youth Sangha youth organisation; forecasts for November-December 1956 the organisation of athletic competitions, as well as different exhibitions of games, meetings and receptions.

#### The Formation of the Committee of Youth Organisations of the U.S.S.R.

On the initiative of the Soviet Anti-Fascist Youth Committee representatives from different youth organisations of the Soviet Union met in Moscow on July 5th.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Leninist Young Communist League of the USSR, the V.I. Lenin Pioneer Organisations, Sports Societies, Youth Committees from Unions of Soviet authors, painters, composers, architects, etc., as well as youth representatives from the Federal Republics and numerous towns and regions of the country.

The following problems were examined: the further participation of Soviet Youth and its organisations in the World Youth Movement, the consolidation and strengthening of bonds of friendship between the Soviet lads and girls and the rising generation of other countries.

At the end of the discussion, it was unanimously decided that the Soviet Anti-Fascist Youth Committee which was set up during the years of the last war, had completed its work. That is why the meeting decided that its further existence was not useful and formed the Committee of Youth Organisations of the Soviet Union, at the same time adopting its constitution.

Conforming with this constitution, the Committee of Soviet Youth Organisations has the following aim: to -co-ordinate the activity of organisations belonging to the committee on questions of common interest, to contribute by all means to the strengthening of friendship and co-operation between the Soviet youth and the youth of other countries, to increase contacts between national and international youth and students organisations, youth movements and groups, to contribute towards educating Soviet youth in the spirit of internationalism, and to mobilise them to the fight for peace and friendship among peoples. The Committee also aims at assuring young people's participations in different events of an international character abroad, and to prepare and organise in the USSR international youth and students celebrations.

A Committee of 80 members, a Presidium and an Audit Committee were elected to carry out the practical work.

AUSTRIA

On July 22nd there was held in Vienna a conference of representatives from the Free Austrian Youth and the Socialist Working Youth, where it was decided to amalgamate the two organisations into one single body under the name of the Free Austrian Youth.

A T T E N T I O N

THE 1957 YOUTH DIARY, PUBLISHED BY THE WFDY,  
WILL BE READY IN THE SECOND FORTNIGHT OF  
OCTOBER.

The cost of one diary is 3 international  
postal coupons. Youth organisations who wish to  
receive it, should send in their orders.

For all information, write to the WORLD  
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STATEMENT BY THE WFDY SECRETARIAT

The decision of the Egyptian Government to nationalise the Suez Canal has had world-wide repercussions.

Egyptian youth received this event with enthusiasm, seeing in it an assertion of the sovereignty of their country and new possibilities for intensifying their constructive work and obtaining the means necessary for developing their country and for ensuring a better life for its people.

Young people from the most different countries and of the most diverse opinions understand and approve of what they regard to be an expression of the powerful movement marking our generation: towards political and economical independence, for the ending of colonialism, for a future of prosperity and peace.

This new phase of an irresistible development has given rise to alarming declarations. Young people have been mobilised, arms are got ready. Military intervention has been evoked as a possibility against the right of the Egyptian people, recognised by highly competent quarters, and when Egypt has given explicit guarantees for free passage on the Canal.

The Secretariat of the WFDY expresses its concern over the threat to peace such attitudes entail. In so doing it knows that it is voicing the feelings of the immens masses of youth who will not permit recourse to arms in order to impose an impossible return to the past and who hope that a peaceful solution will be found in negotiations and in the respect of the principles of the United Nations' Charter, which guarantees to each people its right to self-determination and to non-interference by foreign parties.

The Secretariat of the WFDY assures Egyptian youth of its full sympathy. It welcomes the attitude of solidarity of the young people of many countries who support the right to freedom and progress. It calls on its member organisations and on other youth organisations convinced that together they will work to avert every threat of armed conflict and that the cause of sovereignty, peace and friendship between the peoples will triumph.

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MESSAGE FROM THE WFDY TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE  
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH' CAMP

at

TAMPERE

The World Federation of Democratic Youth sends its warm greetings to all young Socialists taking part in the IUSY camp at Tampere. There are many problems confronting the IUSY, the WFDY and their member organisations. We believe that exchanges of viewpoints and experiences would be to mutual advantage. The slogan for the Xth anniversary of the IUSY "Let's build a new world" is a worthy one. We believe that the solution to the different problems facing the youth of today lies in co-operation with different youth organisations based on mutual respect and confidence. Strength and experience combined with different youth organisations would be able to accomplish many things. In fact, a new world could be built.

We appreciate the fact that in the young socialists' programme there can be found activities which lead our members towards peace and against colonialism, support for the youth of under-developed countries and in defence of young workers' rights. We believe that co-operation in these fields would be of immense benefit to the youth of the world.

It is in this spirit that we propose that international youth organisations jointly conduct their efforts towards the United Nations and its specialised agencies on questions affecting young people. It is in this spirit that we invite all youth organisations to organise together the World Youth Festival in Moscow during the summer of 1957.

We hope that your camp will contribute towards strengthening friendship between the youth of different countries.

With our best wishes,

For the Secretariat

Jacques DENIS,  
General Secretary

Bruno BERNINI,  
President

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WFDY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

IN AUGUST

AT SOFIA

The Council which will meet from August 20th to 23rd at Sofia will be discussing particularly preparations for the Congress and for the Vith World Festival of Youth and Students.

There will be many member organisations present at this meeting, and also many guests and observers, notably representatives from the following organisations: Denmark Organisation of Danish Youth, Y.M.C.A. France Ligue de l'Enseignement, Fédération Française des Maisons de Jeunes, German Federal Republic Deutsche Jugendgemeinschaft, and the President of the Organisation of Opponents of Military Service; Great Britain the Rev. Marcus James, member of Christian Action; Honduras Federation of University Students; Indonesia Democrat Pemuda. The Youth Section of the Indian Congress Party will be attending as an observer.

The Executive Committee, which is called for August 18th, will study the principal documents to be presented at the Council Meeting, the plan of work, as well as a report on the meeting between the WAY and the WFDY, and events for 1957.

The Council debates which look like being effective will be followed with much attention by the most different youth organisations.

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BUDAPEST

After the floods which recently devastated Iran, the WFDY Secretariat sent the following message to the Prime Minister of Iran:

"We express our sympathies with the flood victims and ask you to accept these 200 dollars as a modest contribution towards their help."

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THE FESTIVAL

Constitutive Meeting of the International Preparatory  
Committee for the VIth Festival, August 14th, 15th, 16th,  
at Moscow

Support is reaching us for the meeting which will be held in Moscow during the first fortnight of August, from the most varied youth organisations and personalities in different parts of the world representing the various fields of culture, sport, and science.

More than 60 countries will be represented at Moscow by the most important youth organisations, amongst them: The South African Committee of Action, Peoples' Youth of Belgium as well as the President and Secretary General of the Young Socialist Guard of Belgium (as observers), the Confederation of Young Mexicans, the Young Communists of Mexico, the Council of Pupils from the Teachers' Training Schools in Denmark, Centre d'Entraînement et d'Education des Méthodes Actives, Fédération Française des Maisons de Jeunes, Tourisme et Travail, F.S.G.T., Union of French Republican Youth, Union of French Girls, Mr. Brilakis, delegate from the E.D.A. Mr. Marinakis, member of the Board of the Greek Athletic Federation; from Ceylon, Mr. S.D. Banderanaiké General Secretary of the Shrilanka Youth League, member of Parliament; from Malaya, Mr. S.K. Sundaram, from the United Nations Association, Honorary General Secretary; from Ecuador, Mr. Trajano Vargas, President of the Liberal Youth, Mr. Jorge Rivedeneyra, Vice President of the National Federation of University Students; India, the Youth Section of the Indian Congress Party will be represented in the capacity of observers at the Moscow Meeting by Mr. K. Venkatram Reddy; Sweden, the National Central Committee of the Local Swedish Youth Councils will also be present at the Constitutive Meeting of the IPC at Moscow as well as a number of other organisations, whom space does not permit us to mention.

Meeting of Experts for the Festival's Cultural Programme

From August 12th to 14th in Moscow there will be a meeting of experts to study the Festival's cultural programme and the rules for the competitions. Experts from the following countries will be taking part: Great Britain, France, Poland, China, Italy, USSR, as well as representatives from the International Union of Students, the World Peace Council and the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

The cultural programme and the rules for the competitions drawn up by the working commission of experts will be presented to the plenary session of the IPC constitutive meeting.

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Soviet personalities who are giving their support to the International Preparatory Committee are:

- Mrs. Galina OULANOVA, ballerina and people's artist of the Soviet Union
- Mr. David OISTRAK, musician and people's artist of the Soviet Union
- Mrs. ZIBINE, World champion Olympic recordholder
- Mr. PETROVSKI, academician, Rector of the Moscow University
- Mr. KABALEVSKI, composer and people's artist of the Socialist Republic of Russia
- Mr. ROMANOVSKI, President of the Committee of Soviet Youth Organisations
- Mr. CHELIEPINE, Secretary of the Komsomol (Leninist Young Communist League of the Soviet Union)

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SWITZERLAND

In Bienne, the Bienne Association for international youth exchanges is now preparing for the Moscow Festival. A group of young photographers is preparing an exhibition on the life of the young people of Bienne in the fields of sport, education and work.

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POLAND

On the occasion of the 1st anniversary of the Vth Festival, the Polish youth newspaper devoted 4 pages to the results of this event, and is giving much space to different preparations for the VIth Festival.

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YOUTH AND DISARMAMENT

This step taken by the WFDY on the question of disarmament and the position of young people on this problem is arousing lively interest among young people and their organisations.

Opinions are reaching us from young people in Poland, the Indies, Madagascar, Japan and Germany.

The Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Democratic Youth League of Japan, states in their reply to our inquiry:

"We believe that if an international agreement on disarmament was signed, if the arms race was ended and international tension became

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more relaxed, this would have immense bearing on the life and future of young people. We know that all young people's hopes and dreams can only be realised in a world of peace. The Japanese people can never forget the experience of living three times through the launching of atomic and hydrogen bombs. The Japanese people also can never forget the history of Japanese militarism, and its continual arms drive, which together with that of fascist Germany started off the 2nd World War and threw the peoples of Asia and our country into indescribable horror.

If there was general disarmament, including a ban on the manufacture, testing and use of the A and H bombs, this would mean the lessening of international tension, the perspective of peace, which is the dearest hope of Japanese youth for the assurance of their happiness, would be still more strengthened. Disarmament would make it possible to reduce the burden of military expense on the nation's economy. In Japan if the reconstruction of one submarine was ceased this would allow 15,228 young men and women to get married and have homes.

We believe that the actions of the Japanese youth can be further developed and that together with all Japanese people the movement for banning the A and H bombs, against the extension of atomic and hydrogen bases and against the importing of atomic arms of Japanese soil and in the Okinawa Isles, can contribute to strengthening world opinion on the question of disarmament.

At the moment we want to develop our activity in order to ensure the success of the 2nd World Conference for the banning of the A and H bombs (August 6th at Tokyo, August 9th, 10th, 11th, at Nagasaki) and by this to strengthen the links between the desire of the Japanese people for the banning of the A and H bombs and world opinion on disarmament.

Nearly all representative youth and students' organisations in Japan are members of the Preparatory Committee for this conference and together with trade unions, intellectuals and well known people representing different sections, they are developing the preparations. Thus the Japanese youth organisations can contribute to the achievement of an agreement on disarmament."

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#### GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC

In Federal Germany there is a huge protest movement growing among young people after the adoption of the compulsory military service law by the Bonn parliament.

In Bavaria there has just been set up on new bases a section of young people opposed to compulsory military service, a member of the International Resistance. In a letter to the WFDY, the President, Dr. Walter Lidl proposes that a contacts and links should be established between West German organisations and organisations in other countries who have an active as well as a juridical experience against conscription. Amongst other things, he says, it would be good to get to know the points of view and ideas of the youth of other countries.

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FRIENDSHIP SUMMER CAMPAIGN  
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During this campaign many seminars have been organised by the WFDY in co-operation with member organisations in the countries where they were held. These initiatives have aroused unmistakable interest among young people, especially the seminars for Young Workers, Rural Youth, Young Sportsmen, and the cultural seminar, about which we give you some information.

RUMANIA

The International Seminar for Young Workers, organised within the framework of the 1956 Summer Friendship, by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the Union of Working Youth of the People's Democracy of Rumania, met with much success.

Young workers, apprentices and leaders of youth, trade union, economic and social organisations from France, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Bulgaria, Italy, German Federal Republic, German Democratic Republic, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Belgium, Switzerland and Rumania took part in the seminar.

The seminar emphasised the problems which confront the working youth today in the modern factory and particularly the influence on young workers of the mechanisation and automation of the means of production, instruction in their trade, wages, hygiene and protection at work, medical assistance, holidays, unemployment among young people, problems of disarmament and working youth, friendly relations and exchanges between young workers of different countries.

The seminar participants recognised the fact that meetings and exchanges of social, technical and professional experiences between youth organisations, trade unions and young workers of different countries can only serve to be useful for the mutual knowledge of problems facing young people today, all over the world, for the strengthening of friendly relations between the youth of the world in the fight for peace and friendship.

The seminar participants also expressed a lively interest in preparation for and participation at the international trade meetings during the World Festival of Youth and Students in Moscow.

It was proposed that there should be further events in the future such as the international seminar for young workers.

ITALY

On the invitation of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, a cultural seminar was held in Rome from July 3rd to 11th, at which young intellectuals, artists and militants took part from the youth movements of Italy, Brazil, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Greece, Poland, the German Federal Republic and the German Democratic Republic, Rumania, Sudan and Czechoslovakia.

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ITALY

The girls of this country are a hive of activity at the moment. After many events in the different provinces, such as Girls Weeks, the circulation of a referendum in preparation for the Women's Congress, many activities in cinema halls, and local Spring Gatherings, there has just taken place "The Gathering of the Straits" organised by the girls of Messina and Reggio Calabria, during which there was a rich programme of recreational activities. In the Southern regions, two important celebrations are being prepared: the Meeting of Girls from the South which will be held in the town of Salerno with a grand Girls Sports Parade; and the Regional Meeting of Girls from Puelles in the town of Tarente. These two events will take place during the first week of September.

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An important event has just taken place in Milan. Girl pupils at dressmaking courses run by the local co-operatives organised a provincial fête. During the fête there was a fashion parade, an exhibition of the girls' work and an artistic programme. There was wine in honour of the fête and prizes were given to girls who had distinguished themselves at their work. More than 400 girls were present as well as personalities from the fields of culture, cinema and the Radio and television.

Further events which deserve mention are the local meetings in the provinces of Sienna, Modena, Reggio-Emilia, Bologna, Florence, Libourne, Pisa, Naples, Trieste, Ravenna, etc. A Tuscany-Emilia inter-regional meeting will take place at Lake Cerreto. Provincial meetings are being organised in several towns with a view to the National Meeting in September.

During all these activities, messages have been sent to girls of other countries, and presents, typical of the different provinces, have been on show for the Paris Meeting.

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FRANCE

In the province of Bouches du Rhône, there was a meeting of Girl Farmworkers, with many girls taking part. They discussed their working conditions, their hopes and their rate of work. But the discussion showed most of all the disastrous effects of the war in Algeria, which takes lads away from the villages creating difficulties in agricultural work, and threatening the future. A book of the demands of girl farm workers has been drawn up and will be taken to the Paris Meeting. During this meeting two girls were elected to represent their friends at Paris in October.

The General Confederation of Labour (C.G.T.) is giving its support to preparations for the Meeting. At Grenoble, the Catering Trade Union has elected a 19 year old girl to represent them. In the province of Rhona, the trade union of the biscuit factory at Ampuis, where 120 girls out of the 150 who work there belong to the union, have elected a 17 year old worker to represent them.

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PANAMA

In the town of Davis, the first assembly of Panama Youth was celebrated at the end of April. This Assembly met under the slogan - "For Democratic Unity of Young People". 125 delegates participated and a number of fraternal delegates and observers. The delegates discussed

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problems which concern the youth of Panama today, such as: culture and education, social, economic and political question, and questions of international affairs. It was decided to celebrate the 2nd Youth Assembly next summer with a youth carnival.

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GREAT BRITAIN

The third of the conferences of the King George Jubilee Trust report "Citizens of Tomorrow" took place at the Seymour Hall, London, on the 23rd June.

Representatives of 41 London organisations heard a stimulating opening address by Mr. T.G. Jeffreys Jones (Lecturer in Education, Swansea University).

The interesting discussion that followed concentrated very much on the question of day release, county colleges, evening classes and conscription.

Of course, there was disagreement on some questions. But the statement was adopted without opposition. The statement welcomed the report and called for the implementation of the 1944 Education Act particularly regarding county colleges. It supported the idea of a National Youth Advisory Council with TUC participation and called for the necessary finance and leadership to improve the youth service. Finally it urged the abolition of conscription.

Amongst the organisations at the Conference were the East Ham Youth Committee, the British Federation of Young Co-operators, Woodcraft Folk, St. Paul's Youth Fellowship, Oxford and St. George's Club, Fellowship of Reconciliation, North London Young Christian Workers, Chelsea and Fulham Young Liberals, N. St. Pancras Labour Party, Young Communist League, Amalgamated Union of Bakery Workers, the London areas of the Foundry Workers, ASSET, Clerical Workers Union, Women Teachers, National Society of Painters, trades councils and branches of other unions and co-operatives guilds.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Horace Richardson (Secretary, London Area, Clerical and Administrative Workers Union) and messages to it came from Mr. F.A. Pargiter M.P., Sir Fred Messer M.P., Wilfred Pickles, S.W. London Boys' Brigade and others.

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SENEGAL

During June, the meeting of the Leading Committee of the Assembly of African Democratic Youth took place at Thies.

The discussion showed the importance of activities supporting contact between different organisations and sections of young people,

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such as the Festival organised at Dakar on May 19th, 20th and 21st, where young people from all over Senegal met and took part in different cultural, artistic and sports activities lasting for three days.

Preparations for the Vith Festival were also gone into thoroughly in order to ensure the broadest possible participation from organisations and personalities.

There was also discussion calling on the strengthening of activities for girls, and a meeting of girls from the Assembly of African Democratic Youth was called for November 11th 1956 at Saint Louis.

Special attention was paid to the question of Algeria where, the Senegalese said infantry was sent to take part in colonial repression and to wage a fratricidal war against their Algerian brothers. The AADY expressing the unanimous feelings of the African youth and people is protesting strongly against the sending of African soldiers to Algeria and demands the immediate satisfaction of the legitimate demands of the Algerian people that is for the proclamation of Algeria as a free, independent and fully sovereign state.

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#### INDIA

A Pan-Indian meeting of the Congress of Working Youth was held at Hyderabad from June 9th to 11th, convened by the Indian Congress Party.

300 delegates from different parts of the country took part.

The aim of this meeting was to promote an exchange of experiences of past years and to study the present and future problems of confronting the Indian youth.

There was discussion on discipline among young people and students, the national strengthening of unity, the five year plan, and the development of young people's knowledge of world affairs. The President of the Indian National Congress, Mr. U.N. Dhebar, addressed the young people as well as several Indian government leaders.

During this meeting several recommendations were made notably concerning the organisation of youth camps and co-operatives, and the participation of young people in the development of local and rural work. On the question of nuclear weapons the meeting considered that at this time when humanity lived in a decisive age, the Indian youth must accomplish their mission for the appreciation and achievement of the 5 principles of peaceful co-existence, and that a first step towards this aim is the convening of a conference by the Congress Youth of young people from countries who have accepted the 5 principles. The meeting also recommended that August 9th be celebrated each year as Congress Youth Day.

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#### CANADA

The Co-operative Youth Movement - the official organisation of young Socialists in Canada - recently called a meeting of more than .....

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30 youth organisations. During the discussion, decisions were taken in support of the right to vote at 18.

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NORWAY

In Oslo, the capital of Norway, a youth commission has been set up within the Municipal Council. The commission's first demand is for higher and better meeting places for young people's activity.

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GOLD COAST

The Manya-Krobo Youth Movement and the Anlo Youth Organisation have formed the Federation of Gold Coast Youth Organisations. During the recent elections which were held in that country, the young people gave considerable support to the youth candidates, and more than 10,000 votes went to the Federation of Youth Organisations.

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RUMANIA

The IIInd National Congress of the Union of Working Youth of the People's Democracy of Rumania was held at Bucharest from June 27th to 30th. After hearing the report of the past year's activity the Congress decided on the new tasks confronting all Rumanian youth for continued improvement in their living conditions and the cultural, social and economical life of their country. The President of the WFDY, Bruno Bernini attended the Congress, as well as 22 foreign delegations, from Norway, Finland, the Federal German Republic, France, Italy, Brazil, Indonesia, China, the USSR... A delegation from the People's Youth of Yugoslavia, in greeting the Congress, expressed the feeling of friendship which the Yugoslavian youth have towards young people in all countries of the world.

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YOUTH AND SPORT

IIIrd International Friendly Youth Sports Games

The Olympic Committee of the Soviet Union has informed the International Sports Federations of Rowing, Canoeing, Light Athletics, Swimming, Gymnastics, Boxing, Wrestling, Cycling, Modern Pentathlon, Football, Voley-Ball, Table Tennis, Fencing, Weight-lifting, Tennis, Grass Hockey, and Basket-Ball, about the IIIrd International Friendly Youth Sports Games in Moscow in 1957.

The USSR Olympic Committee has sent invitations to 86 countries to take part in the IIIrd Sports Games at Moscow.

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