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 IN VIEW OF THE WORLD CONGRESS AND FESTIVAL

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the WFDY which took place on the 18th and 19th of May at the Helsinki University allowed the delegates to have a profitable exchange of views and to reach important decisions in view of increasing the preparations in the countries for the 3rd World Congress of Youth and of the 4th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship.

This meeting was attended by the representatives of numerous countries, observers and guests, as well as the representatives of various international organisations. Personalities from France, Italy, Finland, Norway, Western Germany, and other lands also attended.

During the discussions, more than 25 delegates spoke on the two points on the agenda, namely :

- the preparations for the 3rd World Youth Congress
- the progress of the preparations for the 4th. World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship.

The participants unanimously approved the affiliation of various organisations which had applied for it.

At a reception offered by the Minister of National Education, the members of the Executive Committee were able to contact many leaders of the Finnish youth and to invite them to participate in the 3rd Congress and in the World Festival.

The delegates, as well as the personalities who had been invited, addressed a great number of meetings and cultural evenings organized in Helsinki and in the main provincial towns as part of the preparations for the Congress and Festival.

We publish here the two resolutions and the statement adopted at the end of this important meeting of the Executive Committee.

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THE PREPARATIONS FOR
THE IIIrd WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

The Executive Committee of the W.F.D.Y. meeting in Helsinki (Finland) from the 18th to the 19th of May 1953 has discussed the preparations for the IIIrd World Youth Congress which will be opened in Bucharest (Rumania) on the 25th of July, 1953.

The Executive Committee notes with satisfaction that the idea of the convening of the Congress has met with a warm response among all sections of youth, among young men and women of different political and religious opinions, among different political, trade, cultural, sports, religious and other organisations which defend the interests of the young generation.

Coming after the remarkable success of the International Conference in Defence of the Rights of Youth, the IIIrd World Youth Congress will be a great event in the lives of all young people.

In greeting the positive character and the richly varied forms of activity initiated and developed in the countries in the course of the preparations for the IIIrd World Youth Congress, the Executive Committee calls on all organisations and all young people to further strengthen the preparations during the time which remains until the opening of the Congress.

The Executive Committee of the W.F.D.Y. recommends to the youth organisations the more widespread development of the popularisation of the Congress among all young people and to utilise for this purpose all means possible: youth press and the ordinary press, radio, films, inquiries, statements, petitions, press conferences, special bulletins, posters, leaflets, stickers, folders, information meetings, etc...

- to organise still more congresses and conferences, meetings, youth parliaments, assemblies, debates and discussions on the basis of the interests of the young people in each particular situation. It is necessary to recommend the linking of this activity to the report back meetings from the delegates to the International Conference in Defence of the

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Rights of Youth and from the preparatory events held for the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship.

- continuation of the election of the delegates to the World Youth Congress, to assure the clarification by the young people of the recommendations and the establishing of the demands that the delegates will have to present in their reports to the Congress.

- the more active bringing into participation of the different youth organisations which are not members of the W.F.D.Y. (political, religious, cultural, sports and others); and obtaining of the election by these organisations of their delegates and observers to the Congress.

- the more widespread popularisation of the W.F.D.Y. its aims, and work and its practical activity, winning the affiliation to the W.F.D.Y. of young people from the different countries.

The Executive Committee charges the Secretariat of the W.F.D.Y. to give still greater help to the countries in the preparations for the IIIrd World Youth Congress particularly in increasing the exchange of experiences and helping in the exchange of delegations, in improving the popularisation of the Congress, and in sending its representatives to the countries in order to give concrete help to the Congress preparations.

The Executive Committee of the W.F.D.Y. makes a new appeal to all the organisations of young people and to all youth who approve the great objectives of the Congress to join in its preparations and its convening. To strengthen the unity of all sections of youth for unity is the measure of the success of the young generation in the fight for Peace and their rights.

It expresses its conviction that the preparations for and the holding of the W.F.D.Y. IIIrd World Congress will be a considerable contribution in the fight for Peace and a better future which all young people desire.

THE PROGRESS OF PREPARATIONS
FOR THE IVth WORLD FESTIVAL
OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS
FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

After having heard the reports on the progress of the preparations for the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship and the statements of the participants in the session on this point of the agenda, the Executive Committee of the W.F.D.Y. can say that the young people of the whole world have replied with great enthusiasm to the decisions of the W.F.D.Y., Council on the organisation of the Festival.

In the countries wide preparations for the Festival have been utilised, national, regional and local preparatory committees have been formed. Festivals and meetings on a national, regional and local base and cultural and sporting competitions have been organised. Cultural and sporting programmes of a very rich kind and artistic and documentary exhibitions have been prepared. Collections are being organised to assure the sending of delegates to the Festival and for the International Solidarity Fund.

In these many activities young people are taking part from all sections of youth without distinction of political and religious convictions. In the preparatory work for the Festival which is being held under the banner of Peace and of the strengthening of the friendship of World Youth, the unity of the young generation aspiring to a better future is being affirmed.

Recognizing the unlimited possibilities offered by the Festival preparations for the mobilization of young people, the Executive Committee recommends :

- to give still greater popularisation to the Festival, to utilise for this all the means at the disposal of the national and local organisations and committees of youth who are preparing for the Festival : newspapers, magazines, radio, posters, leaflets, pamphlets, films.

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- to constitute national preparatory committees for the Festival where these do not yet exist. Equally to build many new local and regional preparatory committees assuring the participation in these committees of the representatives of wide spread organisations and wellknown people in social, cultural and sporting life.

- to organise festivals, sports meetings, concerts, cultural competitions, amateur evenings, youth gettogethers, exchange of messages and other activities having as their aim the popularisation of the Festival and the mobilizing of the largest number of young people for the Festival preparations.

- to attach great attention to the preparations for participation in the cultural programmes and the international cultural competitions of the Festival. To assure a widespread mobilization of well-known people and specialists in cultural activities for the creation of the national cultural programmes.

- to redouble the efforts for the preparation of the participation of sports groups in the International Friendly Sports Meetings. To assure a big participation in the International Friendly Sports Meetings of different sports organisations and clubs and of outstanding sports teams and sportsmen well-liked by young people.

- to utilise still more broadly the campaign for the collection of money for the sending of delegates to the Festival and for the International Solidarity Fund in order to guarantee help to the delegations of young people from the colonial and dependent countries.

- to assure a great popularity for the International Relay Race organised in honour of the IIIrd World Youth Congress and of the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship and bring together in the work for the Relay thousands of young people.

The Executive Committee charges the Secretariat to strengthen, in agreement with the International Preparatory Committee for the Festival, help to the organisations in the countries for the preparatory work, including development of the exchange of experiences as well as propaganda and to increase the visits and delegations to the countries.

The Executive Committee adresses itself to all the national and international organisations of youth, cultural, sporting and others, in calling on them to participate actively in the preparation and the organisation of the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students, the great meeting of Peace and Friendship of the young generation.

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" SESSION
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE WORLD FEDERATION
OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH "

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Democratic Youth took place in Helsinki between the 18th and the 19th of May.

Reports which were presented, and the ample discussion have shown the great enthusiasm and eagerness which have resulted from the initiatives taken by the World Federation of Democratic Youth for the IIIrd World Youth Congress and the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship, which will take place this summer in Bucharest.

This is so because these events are based on ideas especially dear to every young man and woman - Peace and Friendship. These initiatives have an outstanding importance now when thousands of young men and women, demanding the relaxation of international tension, become conscious of the necessity to make their own contribution.

Considering the present results of preparations, the executive committee notes that the IIIrd World Youth Congress and its preparation constitutes a strong means to strengthen the unity of youth. Young people and organizations striving for the safeguarding of Peace and the rights of the young generation will take part

When convening the Congress, the Council of the World Federation of Democratic Youth stated that it will be open to all youth organizations which are prepared to cooperate. Preparations which unfold in all countries show that the plenary sessions as well as the work in the Congress' Commissions, will deal with all questions important to the young generation.

The Executive Committee has established that in most countries a rich, varied and uniform preparation is unfolding in preparation for the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship. With creative ardour, young people meet everywhere and prepare to bring to Bucharest the

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most precious treasure of their national culture, to show the finest traditions of their people, their will for Peace and International Friendship.

The Executive Committee of the WFDY has welcomed the first successes obtained in preparing these two events, which will express anew the ardent wish for cooperation and friendship of the youth today.

The Executive Committee also called upon all young people, upon the whole young generation to strengthen preparations for the IIIrd World Congress and the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship, during the 2 months left till the opening of these events.

On behalf of the World Federation of Democratic Youth on behalf of 75 millions of young people from 88 countries, the Executive Committee launched once again its sincere appeal to all youth organizations, to all those who are wishing Peace and a happy life for the young generation. "Unity of youth is necessary and possible for this noble cause. The IIIrd World Youth Congress and the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students present in this regard immense possibilities. Let us cooperate for their success".

The Executive Committee called upon all young people, irrespective of their opinions, religious beliefs, groupings, nationality and race: "With increased energy and an always richer activity, prepare the IIIrd World Congress and the IVth World Festival of Youth and Students - these magnificent youth meetings for Peace and Friendship".

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THE WORLD CONGRESS

THE APPEAL ADDRESSED TO ALL THE YOUTH
OF EL ORO
(Ecuador)

The Democratic Youth of El Oro have just held a meeting of their Executive Committee. Their appeal addressed to the youth throughout the country, regardless of their opinions and beliefs states :

"Owing to the World Federation of Democratic Youth, the youth are organising daily and are constantly becoming more aware of their solidarity in the struggle for a better future. There are at present 75 million young people who realize that the WFDY has been, since its constitution in 1945, the guide leading them towards a life of peace and happiness".

The youth of El Oro will be present at the Great World Congress of Youth, actively representing a part of their country".

In conclusion, the appeal calls on the youth to unite in the preparations for the Congress and Festival.

IN SWEDEN, NUMEROUS MEETINGS ACQUAINT THE YOUTH
WITH THE AIMS OF THE CONGRESS

In Sweden, 43 local committees have been set up so far to organize preparations for the IIIrd World Youth Congress and the IVth Festival.

These committees have held 125 meetings throughout the country at which young people were able to discuss the

problems of the Congress and to voice their wishes and claims which they want to be submitted to the Congress by their delegates.

THE FRENCH YOUTH ARE PREPARING FOR THE CONGRESS

In view of the World Youth Congress, the various organisations of the French youth, which are members of the Festival Committee, are carrying out their important plan of work. Its purpose is to see that all the youth of France know about the Congress and have their wishes submitted to it.

The Congress is being widely publicised in the newspapers and at all such events as meetings and cultural evenings, which take place.

A great number of meetings are being organised in city districts and factories. They are open to all young people living or working there. The aims and activities of the WFDY, the significance of the World Congress, the problems to be examined there, are discussed.

As a result of the preparation and holding of its National Congress all the members of the Union of Republican Youth of France realise the significance of the World Congress. This organisation is going to publish a special poster.

The Union of Young Women of France is publishing an illustrated folder on the participation of young women in WFDY activities. As the beginning of June they will launch a campaign for getting new members, under the slogan "Friendship with the Youth throughout the World". They see to it that the activities proposed by the WFDY strengthen their organisation. The list of new members will be presented to the WFDY during the Congress, as a token of appreciation.

Every organisation in its particular sphere is contacting other youth organisations - Young Catholics, Young Socialists, trade unions, sports groups, so that all these organisations will know that they may participate in the World Youth Congress by sending delegates or observers there.

In all districts there will be meetings attended by representatives of organisations affiliated to the WFDY, representatives and guests of other organisations interested in the Congress, and all the young people who have been elected to participate in the World Festival. These meetings will elect delegates to the World Youth Congress.

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THE CONGRESS IS BEING WIDELY POPULARISED
IN POLAND

The Polish youth are preparing for the Congress and popularising it widely. This publicity embraces all fields: newspapers, broadcasting, posters and mostly speeches.

In towns and villages, in schools and plants, many speeches have been given on the following subjects: "The WFDY in the Struggle for Peace and Friendship", "The Life and Struggle of the Colonial Youth", "The IVth World Festival of Youth". Not only do these lectures make the Polish youth know the WFDY better, but they help to strengthen the friendship with the youth in other countries.

There were 1500 lectures of this kind in the Stalino-grad district alone.

The Polish youth will send to the World Congress the best young people from plants, villages and schools. These delegates will represent various professions, different sections of youth and youth organisations.

CAMEROON WILL BE REPRESENTED
AT THE CONGRESS

We received a letter from our friends in Cameroon who are also preparing to send a delegation to the IIIrd World Youth Congress in Bucharest. It says:

"The power of colonialism is very strong, but it does not take away our unflinching wish and unflinching determination to win our national independence. This determination is strengthened through the knowledge, that you, all our brothers throughout the world, are with us".

WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES FROM TRINIDAD

For the very first time, the youth of the small Trinidad island (Antiles) will participate in an international meeting and they are happy to inform us that they will send their delegates to the World Congress.

THE YOUTH OF ALL COUNTRIES GREATLY APPRECIATE
"WORLD YOUTH" - THE MAGAZINE
OF THE WFDY

The youth of Great Britain, as well as the Indian youth organisations, strive to achieve a wider distribution of "World Youth". We are receiving many letters from young people who tell us what they think of the magazine and how much they enjoy reading it.

Below is part of a letter from Newaka Osuagwa, of Nigeria.

"I do not hesitate to tell you how very happy I was to read "World Youth". First of all it is simply wonderful to learn that the youth from different parts of the world, belonging to different cultures and religions, have been able to break the formerly unbreakable barrier to friendship and mutual understanding, in order to fulfil their dream of a better future, of peace and friendship among all nations...

... We are tired of reading the stupid and false propaganda about the life of our dear friends abroad".

While developing your preparations for the World Youth Congress, let your magazine be known to all young people around you. In this way they will learn the truth about our World Federation of Democratic Youth and they will become interested in its work and in the struggle of the youth of all countries for peace and a better future.

In this way we shall draw new forces into the struggle for peace and a happy life.

AFTER THE "MEETING OF THE BRUSSELS YOUTH
FOR THE DEFENCE OF THEIR RIGHTS"

An appeal was addressed to all young people of Brussels at the conclusion of the Rally of the Youth Brussels which took place on May the 17th.

Young workers, employees, students, sportsmen, youth of all trends and opinions took part in the debates.

After describing the difficulties encountered by the youth and indicating that it is possible to win a better life, the appeal says :

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"We welcomed the International Conference in Defence of the Rights of Youth, held on March 22nd in Vienna. It enabled young people from all countries to exchange their experiences in the struggle for their rights and raised this problem to an international scale.

"It is in the same spirit that we greet the IIIrd World Congress of Youth to be held in July in Bucharest and, on the national scale, the "Crossroads of the Younger Generation Struggling for Their Happiness" to be held at Alost the 25th of May.

SOME PUBLICATIONS PLACED AT YOUR DISPOSAL BY THE
W.F.D.Y. FOR THE CONGRESS PREPARATIONS

- The WFDY magazine "World Youth" presents in its June issue :
- reports on the life and struggle of the Italian youth; the saltpetre miners of Chile and Scottish youth...
 - an article about the Moissejev dance ensemble
 - poems received for the Festival cultural competition, etc.

"The WFDY constitution"
a 12 page booklet

The folder "What is WFDY"
a 20 page coloured folder containing many photos and drawings, excerpts from the constitution, an account of the activities of the WFDY in 1952, the song of world youth, etc...

THE JAPANESE YOUTH RALLY IN THE
 DEFENCE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND
 NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

The Japanese Youth fight side by side with the youth of the World for Peace and a better life.

The young people of Japan are strengthening the unity of their ranks, determined to defend their rights, as well as the national independence of their country and peace.

The National Congress in Defence of the Rights of the Japanese Youth took place between the 7th and 9th of March. The Congress was attended by 600 delegates of various youth organisations, representing more than 200.000 young men and women.

At the end of this magnificent Congress all participants agreed that : "only peace and national independence can safeguard the liberties of youth". In their final resolution they called for an immediate end to the Korean war and to the remilitarization of Japan.

Throughout the whole country the young people of Japan chose their delegates to represent them at the Vienna International Conference and to put forward their desires and the expression of their will.

But when the delegates applied to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the visa to Vienna, they met with refusal and were attacked and molested by policemen.

Faced with this refusal which meant a direct violation of their rights, the young people of Japan launched an important protest campaign. Thus, the elected delegates to the International Conference, being preventing from going there, visited factories, schools and villages in various regions of the country in order to let the young workers know of the government's decision and call on them to strengthen their action in defence of their rights.

Meetings were organized in all towns as well as in Tokio and were attended by numerous organisations which until

then, had never participated in the movement for the defence of rights, and who endorsed the actions taken.

Following the work of the National Congress in Defence of Youth Rights, a Conference of working men and women took place in Tokio during April. The 500 participants adopted a resolution including the following items :

- The struggle for National Independence and Peace.
- The creation of a trade union youth section.
- The defence of freedom of education, opinion and speech.
- The abolishment of age and sex discrimination.

We want to stress the important fact that a great number of young participants were delegates of organisations non-affiliated to the WFDY, which proves the ever increasing unity of Youth for the defence of their rights as well as the ever growing desire of the Japanese Youth for freedom, national independence and peace.

After the second world war, the Japanese people were given a new Constitution, to replace the old one of fascist type. This constitution provides that the Japanese State will never maintain armed forces. However, this constitution has been violated in order to build a Japanese army for aggression.

Thus, a wide student mass movement arose : "the movement in defence of the peaceful constitution". Following the initiative of the Tokio University students a "Conference for the defence of the peaceful Constitution" was convened during the month of April, having as its theme : "Oppose the transformation of the peaceful constitution, which would lend us to the battle field". Following this conference numerous conferences took place and appeals to the people were launched.

At great number of University teachers as well as members of U.N.E.S.C.O. took part in this movement.

To popularise the National Congress in Defence of the Rights of Youth meetings were held in Kiouchiou, Hokkaido, resolutions were passed calling for a fight against the creation of military bases in the country and against remilitarization.

Strikes were likewise organised with the aim of achieving a better life, national independence and peace.

Thus, during the strike at the end of March the young miners showed their determination. The young steel workers carried through a long strike, placing themselves in the first

ranks of the 120,000 steel workers. Strikes of the workers in chemical industry and of the dockers are now in full swing.

The first of May was a testimony to the strength and resolution of the young in defence of their unity, national independence and peace. During the demonstrations, 5 million workers, students, workers of all categories expressed their will for a better life.

Through meetings, discussions and numerous actions, the young Japanese people prepare for the World Youth Congress and the IVth Youth Festival, and they hope, that in spite of all the difficulties, many of them will be able to come.

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SEVERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE W.F.D.Y. SINCE THE IIIrd WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

- IVth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship, Bucharest, August 1953 - 30,000 youth from 111 countries; 500 cultural programmes with 3,711 participants from 32 countries; 1,357 works entered in the cultural competitions sponsored by "World Youth" magazine; numerous meetings between delegations for the exchange of experiences and opinions.
- 1st International Friendly Sports Meets, Bucharest, August 1953, on the initiative of the Rumanian Sports Association; 4,366 participants from 53 countries; 5 world records and more than 90 national records broken.

In January 1954, our Executive Committee launched a campaign, "Friendship through Knowledge and Understanding". Within the framework of this campaign, the following activities were organised:

- Singing Competition, Prague, May 1954; 40 participants from 9 European countries.
- International Youth Camp, Bulgaria, August - September, 1954; 60 participants from 11 countries.
- Austrian Youth Camp, Keutschach, July - August, 1954; 600 participants.
- International Youth Camp, Lake Balaton, Hungary, August 1954.

We have supported and sponsored the following international sports events:

- Cycling Race "Grand Prix d'Angleterre", September 1954; 34 participants.
- Peace Cycling Race: Prague - Berlin - Warsaw, May 1954; 112 participants.

During the summer of 1954, our member organisations organised camps and festivals, among others in Belgium, France, Germany, Canada, Australia, Japan, Italy, South Africa, Norway (Festival-Camp of the Youth of the Northern Countries).

We have also given our support to the Nansen Camp in Norway,

Hundreds of exchanges of delegations, often on a reciprocal basis, have been organised. In May 1954, we participated at the European Youth Conference against the Bonn and Paris Agreements, for Peace and Friendship among the Youth of Europe, which took place in Berlin, organised on the initiative of the French and German youth (various political, religious youth organisations among others); 147 delegates, observers and guests from 27 countries.

In December 1954 we participated at the International Gathering of Rural Youth in Vienna; 356 delegates from 69 countries.

Each year, in co-operation with our member organisations, we have promoted campaigns and activities at already established dates:

- February 21st, International Day of Struggle against Colonialism and of Solidarity with the Youth of Colonial and Under-developed countries.

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- March 21 - 28, World Youth Week
- April 14, Day of Solidarity with the Anti-fascist Spanish Youth
- November 10, World Youth Day (Anniversary of the foundation of the W.F.D.Y.)

In response to an appeal, launched by the British youth in May 1954, addressed to all youth organisations, our Federation decided at its Peking Council Meeting, to establish an International Solidarity Fund for the youth of colonial and under-developed countries. This Fund has begun to function.

From July 31st to August 14th, the World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship will take place in Warsaw.

At the same time, on the initiative of the Polish Sports Federations, the 2nd International Friendly Sports Meets will be held.

Camps, festivals, relays, frontier meetings and gatherings are being organised in the various countries.

During this year, numerous international delegations will be sent to all parts of the world. At present, a delegation is visiting Japan on the initiative of the different youth organisations of this country.

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RESOLUTIONS

of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the

WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH

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~~The Executive Committee of the WFDY met from the 25th to the 28th of January, 1954, in Stockholm, Sweden.~~

The IIIrd World Youth Congress which met in July 1953 in Bucharest, elected the delegates from 93 countries elected unanimously the Executive Committee, which met for the first time in the capital of Sweden, to discuss the important tasks entrusted to them by the youth of the whole world in the struggle for peace, for friendship among the peoples, for mutual understanding and international co-operation and for a better future for the young generation.

Two important questions made up the agenda of the Executive Committee meetings:

- 1) - The defence of the rights of rural youth and the participation of the WFDY in the preparations for the International Gathering of Rural Youth.
- 2) - The activities of the WFDY for the development of sports and cultural exchanges among the youth of different countries.

More than 60 members, guests and observers from the following countries attended: Italy, Great Britain, France, Germany, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, Hungary, Iran, Poland, USSR, USA, Holland, Indonesia, Lebanon, Norway, Chile, Korea, Czechoslovakia, Viet-Nam, Cuba, Spain, Finland, Austria, Canada, Rumania, South Africa, India, Sweden.

Observers attended from the Women's International Democratic Federation, the International Union of Students, from the Young Women's Christian Association, from the International Civil Service, from the Norwegian UNO Youth, from the Norwegian Youth League of the Good Templars.

Messages and written contributions were sent to the Executive Committee by youth groups and organisations interested in the agenda, especially from Japan, Guatemala and Mexico.

More than 30 guests and observers discussed with lively interest the first point of the agenda, where all the serious conditions of youth of the countryside of many countries were stressed. The discussion proved that the initiative of the youth from Ravenna, Italy, had found a favourable echo among the youth of the countryside. Various proposals show that the idea of such gathering has spread rapidly and has been received in all countries with enthusiasm. That is why, already a great number of the most different youth organisations are discussing the formation of local or national committees, which would work from the very beginning on the basis of the Ravenna Appeal.

Concerning the second point of the agenda, the representatives of the countries present accepted the measures proposed by the Secretariat of the WFDY to develop cultural and sports exchanges among the youth of all countries, the organisation of friendly cultural and sports meetings, parties, assemblies, regional, national and local festivals. They stressed that the efforts made until now by the WFDY to achieve the co-operation of the most different organisations in order to develop cultural and sports activities, have brought happy results and prove the necessity of multiplying these efforts.

After fruitful conversations, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the resolutions which we publish here.

NEW AFFILIATIONS

The Secretariat of the WFDY submitted for approval to the Executive Committee the following affiliation demands (which will be - according to the Constitution - definitely effective after ratification by the Council and the next Congress).

- 1 - Union of Moroccan Students in France
(founded in France in 1950)
- 2 - Pioneers of Norway, (Norway), organisation of children from Norway under the direction of the Norwegian branch of the WFDY, (founded in 1950)
- 3 - Alliance of the Democratic Youth of Honduras (Honduras)
Organisation of union with special influence among students.
Union of the Youth of Guadeloupe
Founded in 1947, for the defence of the rights of the youth of this island and for peace.
- 5 - Democratic Youth League of Karachi (Pakistan)
Founded in May 1953.
- 6 - Glasgow University Socialist Club (Great Britain)
- 7 - Trinidad and Tobago Youth Council (Trinidad, West Indies)
Organisation of the youth from this island who recently held their Congress.
- 8 - World Youth Friendship League (Canada)
In activity over a number of years, on the basis of the WFDY programme.
- 9 - South Africa Indian Youth Congress.

We observe that the demands for affiliation presented by Trinidad, Honduras and Guadeloupe, countries in which the WFDY had not had any affiliated bodies, increased the number of affiliated countries of the WFDY to 93.

(These proposals were unanimously accepted by the Executive Committee).

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