

1. Regulation on the Provision of Scholarships to Students at Universities and Institutes of Higher Education, February 3rd, 1955:

"Students may be granted scholarships provided they support the Workers' and Peasants' rights in the German Democratic Republic.

2. Every student who enters university signs a declaration that he will take upon himself the task to "support actively at all times the policy of the Government of the German Democratic Republic."
3. Decree on the Socialist Reconstruction of higher education in the German Democratic Republic, February 13th, 1958.

"The State Secretariat for higher education has the following tasks:

- (b) To develop policies in the field of universities and other institutes of higher education which serve the construction of socialism in the German Democratic Republic.
- (m) To secure that in the case of all appointments and transfer (of professors) the interest of the Workers' and Peasants' right is decisive influence....."

These East German documents express a policy of the East German government and its Ministry of Education which is inconsistent with our own beliefs in the freedom of thought, with our own belief that the University community must be autonomous. It is our firm belief that the search for knowledge must serve truth and not a government or a political party. The Constitution of the IUS conforms to our belief that there must be free access to education. Why doesn't the E.C. Report say anything about lack of it in East Germany?

Now, let me turn to world student unity, or to say it more specifically a forum to which the representatives of the students of the world, regardless of the ideology or political complexion of their governments, would come to exchange ideas and to plan and work for a better world. We believe that this is possible, and as a part of our belief, we have come as Observers, to every IUS Congress since our National Union started to participate in international student events. We have done this and will continue to do so even though our Union or our representatives personally or their opinions have been criticized or verbally attacked at these Congresses. We shall continue to come even if my opinions are criticized here.

However, we believe that world student unity cannot be based on hate or on one-sided criticism, even though there is much evil in this world to hate. We cannot agree with the implication in the Report of the E.C. that world student unity can be achieved upon a basis of a hate campaign against the United States. Even though we agree that in the Cuban situation, in the Puerto Rican situation, and in other parts of the world there are many citizens in the U.S. who must be criticized and whose policies must be condemned, we cannot agree that the U.S. has a monopoly of evil - there are others on both sides of the "cold war" alignment as well. The Report of the E.C. shows that there can be as much distortion in what is not said as in what is said.