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THE NEED

The I.S.S. announced at the recent national conference held at McMaster University that the scholarship scheme whereby European displaced students studied at Canadian universities would come to an end next year. The change was made necessary, they said, by the closing down of the operations of the International Relief Organization which provided for the transportation of the students to this country.

That such a valuable plan should be forced to discontinue at a time when clearer understanding between Europe and America on every level was never more needed is a tragedy. Misapprehension and ignorance have always been bars to co-operation and now, the one method most successful in clearing away these obstacles, namely personal contact, is to be halted for a reason the most easily overcome—money.

We realize fully the expense involved and that the various projects undertaken by I.S.S. already strain its capacity but surely if no other organization can be found to accept the financial responsibility for the transportation of the students some means could be found within I.S.S. itself to provide for it. It would be a shame to allow such a scheme to lapse for want of \$50,000.

The students exchanged under the plan have all undergone the most rigid tests for desirability and fitness as well as for intelligence qualifications and more than providing a link with Europe more valuable than a number of pamphlets on the subject, they are people that Canada has need of in her ever expanding horizons.

This year over fifteen students came to Canada and will finish their studies here under the plan. Medicine, law, engineering, science and the arts were all represented in these students scattered from easternmost Dalhousie to the University of British Columbia. Most of them will take out citizenship papers and settle here on completing their work. These are people we need. Can we afford to turn them away?

ISS Sets Seminar For Asia or Europe

The reports and problems discussed during the recent ISS conference at McMaster University can be grouped under two general headings — those pertaining to local committees and ISS structure and administration in Canada, and those of an international nature. The former reports are of interest to the campus committees, and the effect on local activities of the policies adopted will be evident. Aspects of our international program we discussed with great enthusiasm and Dalhousie, whose two delegates found themselves representing the Maritime universities and expected to turn up in a regional capacity on all five Commissions, managed to have one member present at this very important Commission, on International Education whose report will be the most interesting to the students who support ISS activities and sometimes wonder what it is all for.

Barbara Davison and Guy MacLean were Dalhousie's scholarship winners to the International Summer Seminar held this year at College St. Alexandre, Limbour, Quebec. From a Canadian point of view, the one in which we at this meeting were naturally most interested, the Canadian seminar, although a definite success, lacked in considerable measure the international flavour of the previous seminars in Europe when students from Canada and the U.S. were a proportionately smaller group and more Asiian and European students were able to attend. With this in mind, after a discussion of possible sites for next year we chose Ceylon as the most desirable, although the estimated cost to Canadian ISS is about \$50,000. Failing this, Israel, Jugoslavia and Italy were next chosen in that order. In spite of the financial problems we thought it best to plan a seminar every year with more effort being made to secure Government aid in all countries. The Canadian provincial governments proved to be less interested in a Canadian seminar than in one in Europe. The Maritime governments have been very helpful but other provinces, with more universities and delegates, have found it difficult to get government support. We are hoping eventually, of course, that the Seminar Report, when it has been recognized as a truly educational undertaking. In connection with the Seminar programs, some delegates (Dalhousie's excepted) felt that "too great an emphasis had been placed in previous years on catering to Arts, (Humanities and Social Sciences) students. An effort, it was agreed, should be made to broaden the base of Seminar selection to include scientific and technical students . . ." Finally, details of the competition and application for the next Seminar will be announced on a National scale in late January, 1952. Three other topics discussed,—The International Research Fund, Scholarships (non D.P.) and Overseas Exchange, and a Cultural Mission from Southeast Asia will be developed in a later Gazette.

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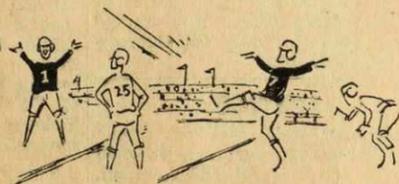
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