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A REVIEW REVIEWED

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STUDENT CONGRESS DISCUSSIONS IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

The National Student Federation of America held its second annual congress at the University of Michigan on December 2, 3 and 4. The main issues discussed at the meeting and upon which the attention of the Federation will be focused throughout 1927 are:

1. The problem of an American student's interest in his mental development to the end that the desire for intellectual attainment may become the dominant factor in college life.

2. The achievement of more intimate relations and closer cooperation between teachers and undergraduates.

3. The reappraisal of a college's claim to greatness in terms of service in the intellectual, economic and political development of its state and nation.

It is interesting to note the subject (Concluded on page 1, column 3)

STUDENT GIVES OPINION OF MILWAUKEE CONFERENCE

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since as far as one individual reaction may judge, scarcely rewarded for their pains.

I was present for but half of the Conference (as well from necessity as from choice); consequently my opinion may be considered as inaccurate and at any rate pessimistic. It is my conviction, however, that the Conference failed in accomplishing its initial purpose, partly for the over-emphasis of its religious motive. No real impetus into or attempt at any solution of other student problems, no rational, intelligent student thought of evidence. Missionsaries, theological students and Salvation Army devotees, found a key holiday awaiting them in Milwaukee; others, religiously inclined, yet entertaining themselves equally heaven-bound, found deaniportation awaiting them.

Two or three fire-and-brimstone preachers were present to maintain the prevailing high pitch of excitation; added to these, we students alone are to blame for falling to the cross of vital issues. Our response, characterized by numerous citations of individual religious experiences, was more emotional than intellectual. I do not underestimate the supreme value of prayer and religious belief in the life of the individual, but I feel that the emphasis of these phases of life to the exclusion of other problems was unwarranted at such a representative gathering. Individual religious consciousness may be properly expressed in such a group; certainly it is not to be obtained for the asking in large discussion sessions. Such seemed to be the belief of many students present.

Fewer public prayers, less revivalism, less inconsequential "bickering", more sincere effort for thought and analysis of current situations would, in my opinion, have made it far more worth the self-denial of my dearest friend who gave up her hopes of a new winter coat. I hope she disagrees with me.

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PLAY COMMITTEES CHOSEN

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Scenery Committees are Dorothy Redman, Prudence Drake and Eleanor Lowman. Elizabeth McLaughlin and Nancy Grier. The chairman of making up are Marjory Halsted, Betsy Rose, Helen Reynolds and Daisy Booth. Those in charge of selecting the plays are Frances "Fitcher" Tuttle, Betty Owens, Anne Hilsper and Norma Sebrell. The chairman of the committee on making up are Betty Owens, Anne Hilsper and Norma Sebrell. Those in charge of property are Kitty Lemberg, Jeannette Bradley, Helen Smith and Jean Barrowes.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS OPPOSE U. S. POLICY

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mentary principles of law." The General Association of Latin Students of Paris is author of the missive.

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matter of discussion in the various committees. The question of commercialism in sport was brought up in the Finance Committee on Athletics and was presented as the consensus of its opinion. (1) Intercollegiate post-season football games are harmful to college concerned when promoted by commercial enterprise; (2) Each candidate for an athletic team should be required to make a pledge at the beginning of the season that he will not turn professional until his class in college has been graduated.

The Committee on Honor System by a majority of opinion agreed that it was advisable to have an Honor System, because the good features and benefits of such a system overbalance the bad features, such as the omen of reporting fellow-students and the responsibility of upholding their conduct. An honor system cannot be installed or perfected in a single year, rather it must develop perfection through several years of unceasing care.

The extent and nature of student responsibility in student government (1) There are two types of problems that must be intellectual commerce within which the college; first those problems that pertain to the curricula and second, those that pertain to non-curricular student life and activities. (2) The significant influence of the penalty must come through the implication of their personalities as such upon the personalities of the students and not through authoritative control. (3) Effective control of student life can be achieved only from the inner conditions of the students, and since the legitimate sphere of the faculty is the induction of these inner conditions, student government must come from them.

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DR. PARK CONDONE'S HABIT OF SELF DECEPTION
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grows to be a past master in the art. Youth seems to have the art of fooling itself and President Park was more than amenable to the example.

What the speaker most emphasized, however, was the possible remedy for all this self-deceit. He advises us not to try it too seriously, but to take it as a kind of game to try and catch ourselves in the act. He says to get off the stage. "Let your faculty fall away and your real self assert itself." Dr. Park said further, that this same thing can be applied to education; that there is too much swallowing of facts, and too much eagerness to get merely the required points. "We are all after the symbol and not the ideal." There is too much accepting of the opinions of others without challenging their truth and real acceptability. Furthermore in regard to teaching little children the facts about religion, President Park believes not in instructing them in all the dogmatic principles of the Bible, but in letting the children themselves first acquire about things and then in giving them a clear, simple explanation of their terms so that any child could understand.

And so no the time that we catch ourselves "kidding ourselves along, we are to say according to the words of President Park, "My dear first person singular, I've caught myself again trying to fool yourself.

The whole article was alive and it fairly radiated the personality of the speaker. It was an address long to be remembered by the students. It fails when this is not so.

The Congress was well attended and most of the leading colleges of the country were represented. The meeting down and carried are not necessarily put into practice in the college but the influence felt has shown makes holding of the Conference worthwhile.

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