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WELFARE

Congress

Demands:

That the present government review its policy in relation to the welfare services available to technological and university students.

That it implement a comprehensive series of policies with regard to increasing the number of students from lower income group.

That grants be made available to all students in degree and non degree courses in higher education.

That the means test be eliminated altogether.

That the VECs introduce a comprehensive policy with regard to students attending their course.

That accommodation be immediately provided for students attending 3rd level education in the R.T.C.s and the VEC colleges.

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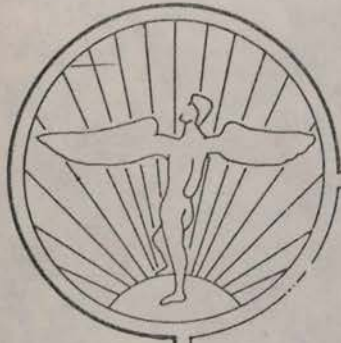
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SERVICES:

1. Congress:

Notes:

With regret the failure of USIT to provide an adequate service for a large proportion of USIs membership in the technological sector.

Believes:

That this failure inhibits the identification with and the development of the Union within the category of apprentices, block release students and part-time students.

Recommends:

That a special USI membership card be reintroduced and that services be negotiated on that basis.

That a detailed brochure be produced giving details as to the exact entitlement of part-time students and apprentices.

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SERVICES:

2. Congress:

Notes:

That the USI member and associate member cards have been withdrawn.

Believes:

That all students for whom affiliation fees have been paid are members of USI and as such are entitled to membership cards.

Mandates:

The Union to reinstate the membership card and further mandates the officers to press for travel concessions for all part time students rather than for those who merely fall within existing youth fares as at present.

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

(1) Congress:

Notes:

Popular demands for peace in Northern Ireland, in all sections of the community.

The Northern Ireland Committees of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) campaign to build a better society in the "Better Life for All Campaign".

USI-IUS Campaign for Peace, Work and Progress in Northern Ireland.

Hopes:

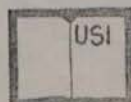
That the Peace Movement will take a positive role leading and directing popular opinion in a positive way, i.e. job creation, housing, community centres and community controlled education.

Urges:

That the Peace Movement, USI and the Trade Union movement unite with other interested organisations under a broad based umbrella on an agreed programme to eliminate the root causes of social injustices and conflict.

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(2) Congress:

Notes with dismay:

(1) That the leadership of USI by not supporting the just struggle of the people of Ireland against British Imperialism has betrayed the working people who look to the student body for support and encouragement.

(2) That instead it is pursuing a policy of compromise and even collaboration with British Imperialism.

(3) That this is borne out specifically in its support for the bogus peace movement.

(4) That instead of demanding that the people of Ireland have effective control of their own country and its resources their policy is one of support for continued British imperialist exploitation. This is evident particularly in its campaign 'Peace, Jobs, Progress'.

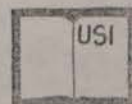
Demands:

That USI leadership cease its policy of collaboration with British Imperialism as expressed particularly in its support for the bogus peace movement and its campaign 'Peace, Jobs, Progress'

Mandates:

The USI leadership to immediately commence a threefold campaign:

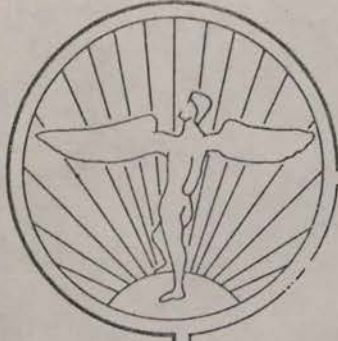
(1) Of information on the true nature of workings of the peace movement.



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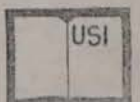
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(2) To inform the people of the North and South how they are being exploited by British imperialism with the help of their own elected representatives who don't have the interests of the people at heart.

(3) That from this campaign the students of Ireland with the working people will be able to determine the correct way in which to pursue its legitimate objectives.

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EDUCATION:

1. Congress

Recognises:

The institutionalisation and entrenchment of sectarian modes in the South of Ireland.

Believes:

These sectarian prejudices to be against the interests of youth and a hinderance in the future social developments of Ireland.

Recommends:

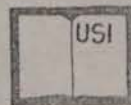
That a committee be formed with a mandate to:

- (1) Investigate allegations and practices which perpetuate sectarianism
- (2) Investigate institutionalised aspects of sectarianism.
- (3) Draw up a report on the findings of the committee.
- (4) Draw up a number of recommendations to be ratified by National Council.

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2. Congress Notes:

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The introduction of the new AnCo apprenticeship scheme on Sept 1st 1976 and the ensuing problems and uncertainties which its partial implementation has caused.

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Realises:

The relatively unorganised state of apprentices within the COs by the Students Unions.

Calls:

- (1) On all COs (where applicable) to change their constitutions to allow apprentices become full members of their Union.
- (2) For the introduction of a part time liaison officer in the executive and that his/her function be to make serious attempts to mobilise apprentices into demanding:
 - (a) Adequate representation at all levels of the AnCo organisation and especially at the curriculum advisory level.
 - (b) An end to the severe and paternalistic attitudes under which they often labour in the colleges.
 - (c) The greater inclusion of these students into general college activities.

We further call:

- (1) On the government, AnCo and the VECs to immediately come to an agreement over the future involvement of AnCo in VEC colleges as it affects space and staff requirements and financing in general.
- (2) On the relevant authorities and any interested authorities including USI to review the present AnCo scheme on a biannual basis, with the aim of making its control more democratic, responsive to economic conditions and with the ultimate aim of introducing a national manpower planning service.