

COMMUNISTIC LITERATURE FLOODS AMERICAN COLLEGE CAMPUSES & YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

A group of students and recent university graduates have announced the establishment in Cambridge, Massachusetts, of the Independent Service for Information on the Vienna Youth Festival. The purpose of the Service is to provide the American student and youth community with comprehensive and objective data regarding the Communist-sponsored VII World Youth Festival.

The Festival, to be held in Vienna next summer, is the latest in a series of mass youth events organized since World War II by two leading Communist international front groups: World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students. Next summer's meeting is the first to be held outside of the Soviet orbit.

Sponsors of the Information Service, most of whom have experience in domestic and international youth and student affairs, believe that many American young people do not fully realize the political and propagandistic nature of such festivals. They point out that this, in large measure, is due to a flood of expensive misleading literature with which the Festival organizers deluge American college campuses and youth organizations.

The Information Service, in consultation with other American youth and student groups, intends to prepare and distribute documented studies on the history and operation of past festivals. Preparations for the Vienna gathering will be continually analyzed and periodically reported. In addition, background data on U.S. and world affairs, indications on what may be expected in Vienna, and practical information as to means of participation in the Festival will be available to those young Americans who decide to attend or who might visit the Festival briefly while traveling in Europe.

The organizers of the Information Service support the position of representative

student and youth groups in the U.S. and Austria, the host country, along with those in numerous other non-Communist countries who have decided to boycott the Festival and deny it any official prestige. At the same time, they do expect that many intelligent and patriotic Americans will wish to attend in an individual and non-representative capacity.

The Information Service believes that such participation can be valuable if the individuals attending are fully informed as to the nature and purpose of such a meeting so as to lessen the exploitation of their presence for propaganda purposes. The Service further thinks that American participants should be equipped to effectively present a democratic viewpoint, dispel particular misconceptions of American society, and thus promote understanding with the young people from many countries who will be present.

Any person having questions concerning the Festival or desiring information about it may communicate with the Service at its office: 324 College House Offices, Harvard Square, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

Sweet, sweet, sweet as a breeze of summer,

The delicate air and soft Spoken words,

How else can I describe such a beauty.

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