

# Penn State Welcomes NSA Conference Delegates

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# PRUSNA Maps Future Policy

## Controversy Rages on Question of USNSA Affiliation with IUS

Affiliation of USNSA with the International Union of Students has been one of the most hotly-debated topics in NSA's short history. After many hours of discussion last year, the Constitutional Convention voted to send a four-man negotiating team to the annual IUS International Assembly to discuss affiliation of NSA with IUS.

On March 1, NSA announced that it had accepted the resignations of its interim representatives on the IUS Secretariat at Prague and had withdrawn its negotiating team. This action followed a series of incidents connected with the Czechoslovakian coup.

### Controversial Question

This announcement touched off a storm of controversy. Delegates will be confronted with the question of whether or not NSA is shirking responsibility to the world student community in terminating relations with IUS.

IUS is the only existing organization of its kind. From its headquarters in Prague it conducts annual international assemblies. Despite the fact that the present IUS Secretariat is predominantly communist, NSA decided to negotiate for affiliation in the interest of international cooperation and understanding.

An interim representative to the secretariat, and a proxy, were dispatched to Prague. During the winter, a four-man negotiating team was picked from student applicants throughout the U. S. to go to Prague this summer and negotiate for affiliation on behalf of American students.

The interim representative, William Ellis of Harvard, left for Switzerland because of illness, and James Smith of the University of Texas, his proxy, took over.

### Student Demonstration

A student demonstration marching to see President Benes was dispersed after five student representatives had been permitted to enter the presidential palace during the Communist coup. One hundred eight students were arrested subsequent to the demonstration. Communist

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## NSA Sponsors Student Ships

U. S. Maritime Commission and Coast Guard Waiver Acts, whose authority was to have expired on March 31, have both been extended by Congress for one more year. This extension, for which NSA stage an intensive campaign, will have a far reaching effect on American student travel abroad this summer.

### Provides Student Ships

If the Maritime Commission had been permitted to lapse, the student ships it operated would not have sailed this summer. Under the provisions of the Coast Guard Waiver Act, the stringent standards for the fitting and conditioning of ships of American registry were relaxed to some extent to cover the wartime emergency. If this act had expired, many ships would have had to stay in drydock all summer, reconditioning to meet the old qualifications.

### PRUSNSA Urged Action

In the Pennsylvania Region, NSA urged students and student governments to write to congressmen on the committees considering the extension of the acts. A list of these congressmen was sent to every Pennsylvania college and junior coll...

## Temple Dean Keynotes Convention As 150 Assemble for Plenary Session

### USNSA To Meet At Wisconsin

USNSA's first National Student Congress will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, from August 23 to 28. Approximately 600 delegates will evaluate NSA's progress during the past year and establish the program and policies for the coming year.

Only colleges that have ratified the National Constitution and paid their national dues are eligible to send one to seven delegates, depending on enrollment. Member schools are also eligible to send as many alternates as regular delegates, although alternates will have neither a voice nor a vote except under the proxy rules to be set up by the congress.

The National Executive Committee has arranged four international and six national workshops. Reports and proposals will result from discussion in panels and workshops and will be submitted to plenary sessions for further action. Constitutional amendments will also be considered, as well as the election of national officers for the coming year.

A travel pool has been arranged so that delegates traveling from distant points will receive some travel reimbursement. The pool applies, however, only to delegates, and not to alternates or observers.

Dr. A. Blair Knapp, Dean of Students at Temple University and one of the nation's foremost educators, will be the keynote speaker of the Pennsylvania Region of the National Student Association's second conference in 119 Osmond Laboratory at 6:30 o'clock tonight.

Regional President James T. Harris will deliver salutations to the assembly. Charles S. Wyand, administrative assistant to the President of the College, will extend greetings to more than 150

delegates on behalf of the administration. William Lawless, recently elected All-College President, will welcome the visitors for All-College Cabinet and the student body.

Tomorrow each delegate will attend national affairs workshops in the morning and international affairs workshops in the afternoon, where discussion will be guided by a delegate particularly well informed on each topic to be considered. Each workshop will discuss various aspects of the student problems on its agenda, plan a program of definite action within the region and assign various phases of the programs to PRUSNA colleges having a special interest in the work.

### National Workshops

A student government workshop will analyze the work already done in this field and consider several proposals for the improvement of student governments, their relations with NSA and with each other. Discrimination

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## Students Take Tri-Nation Tour

National Student Association's International Activities Commission is completing arrangements for a tri-nation tour, a travel and study trip through France, Holland and England for 90 American students chosen by the commission from approximately 350 applicants.

### Foreign Students Assist

Arranged by NSA in cooperation with the British, Dutch, and French National Unions of Students, the tour is the first of its kind. The group will visit large cities and well-known areas in the three countries. Prominent local citizens will be on hand to guide the study and sightseeing.

Students selected for the tour will embark from Quebec, Canada, aboard the Kota Inten, a Dutch troop transport, on June 18 and will return either to Quebec or New York on September 15. Cost of the trip, including passage both ways and all accommodations abroad, is \$550.

### More Tours Next Year

NSA plans to arrange more tours of this type next year for American students. It will also continue to work with the World Student Service Fund in organizing and publicizing the many WSSF tours abroad. In this way NSA hopes to accomplish its objectives of promoting opportunities for travel and a greater understanding of world problems.

Students were selected on the basis of a questionnaire and a brief essay stating the reasons for wishing to participate in the tour. Ralph Lee Smith, Pennsylvania Region Publicity Director, was among those chosen to make the tour.

## 194 Colleges Ratify USNSA Constitution

One hundred ninety-four colleges have ratified the USNSA Constitution, 14 more than the quota necessary to place the constitution on a permanent basis the national office has announced.

According to the constitution written by the Madison convention in September, 1947, a majority of the student bodies represented at the conference had to ratify the document within nine months. Otherwise the constitution would be considered provisional.

Ratification was accomplished either by a vote of the student body or by action of student governments on each campus.

## Workshop Plan Replaces Panel

Pennsylvania Region of NSA has discarded the panel method of discussing current student problems in favor of a more informal "workshop" method.

Students who are well informed on the topics for each workshop will act as discussion leaders. Discussion will center around current programs and problems.

Workshops will attempt to bring in new ideas and programs, and will formulate concrete plans of action for regional implementation. Regional committees will be set up on various campuses to carry out the programs.

Interest and participation will be stimulated by discarding the formality of the panel procedure.

Plans and programs originating in each group will be explained at the plenary sessions, where criticisms and suggestions will be made, and final approval voted on.

## History Reveals USNSA Growth From 25 Delegates to Prague

United States National Student Association was conceived by 25 American students who gathered in New York to sail to Europe for the World Student Congress at Prague, Czechoslovakia, in August, 1946.

Ten of the United States delegates had been elected by the student bodies of 10 universities, with the remaining 15 representing national student organizations.

While on their ship these students realized that they could not democratically represent the students of American colleges and universities to the students of the world.

When the delegation returned home it was decided to call a conference of American students to sound out campus opinion on the desirability of forming a national student organization.

### Preliminaries

Over 700 delegates representing 800,000 students of 300 colleges and universities and 20 national student organizations met at the University of Chicago in December 1946 to discuss the proposed national student organization.

A continuations committee was elected to arrange the Constitutional Convention and draft a proposed constitution.

The Constitutional Convention was held at the University of

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### Meals

Delegates to the PRUSNSA convention will eat in the banquet room on the second floor of the State College Hotel at 12:30 and 5:30 o'clock tomorrow, and at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

## News Coverage Best in Nation

Informing every American student of the aims and diversified programs of NSA is one of its most difficult problems. National and regional publicity offices have been established to provide complete coverage of NSA news.

### PRUSNSA Publicity 'Best'

News coverage in the Pennsylvania region has been exceptionally complete, according to the NSA National Executive Committee, which called Pennsylvania publicity "the best in the nation."

Headed by Ralph Lee Smith, of Swarthmore College, the Regional Publicity Office has emphasized campus distribution and coverage. Copies of a bi-weekly News Letter go to the president of each of the 79 colleges and 18 junior colleges in the state, to all student governments, to every campus newspaper, to NSA delegates, alternates and observers on regional campuses and to a list of publicity "specials."

In this way items like NSA's tri-nation tour this summer reached Pennsylvania campuses in time for interested students to participate.

## Who's Who Among NSA Officers

One of the most successful of all the thirty NSA regions during this first year of operation has been the Pennsylvania Region. Particularly responsible for this success are the regional officers, among them two students from Penn State.

PRUSNSA was fortunate in selecting such a capable list for its inaugural year. The choice of successors to these officers will be considered in a plenary session of the convention here on Saturday.

### Ted Harris — Regional president

a June graduate, cum laude, of LaSalle College, Philadelphia; intends to attend law school. Spends most of waking hours on NSA work.

### Bob Troxell — Regional vice-president

active in campus student government and past vice-president of the Penn State All-College Cabinet; graduated this week with a BS in Industrial Engineering.

### Bill Heckler — Regional vice-president in charge of the domestic affairs program

a student at Temple University with interests in many student activities. Alias "Wild Bill."

### Harry Brown — Regional vice-president in charge of international affairs

another Penn State; member of debate team and

past All-College Parliamentarian also chairman of Tribunal, the NSA's judicial body.

### Karen Knapiund — Regional secretary and only coed officer

Student at Bryn Mawr where she is particularly interested in student government and helps out at the NSA - established Student Government Clinic there.

### Harry Reitz — Treasurer

attends Bloomsburg State Teachers' College where he is past president of the Community Government Association, and an assistant dean of men as a student.

### Ralph Smith — Publicity Director

responsible for the meaty news letters distributed in the Pennsylvania Region. He will go abroad this summer on the tri-nation tour sponsored by NSA.