New Youth Organization Would Oppose Any Domination by Reds

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 28—Some of the student leaders, conferring at New Jersey State College for Women here, are trying to create a new American youth organization free from left-wing domination.

The vanguard of this movement, sponsored by the International Student Service, is drawn from Harvard, Radcliffe and Swarthmore. Peter Kuh (Swarthmore '31) and Ed Ames (head of Harvard Student Union) outlined its program for me as follows:

¶ Union of American youth behind a continuation of New Deal policies. Under no circumstances would "any group alone bear the brunt of the defense program."

¶ No entry into war at this time, but aid to England and China short of war.

¶ A complete embargo on exports to Japan and a boycott of Japanese imports.

¶ On selective service: "That's the law and they're not going to repeal it . . . There's no point discussing it . . . But we expect fair administration of the act."

The young people who swarm the rain-drenched campus above the Raritan are drawn from 25 American colleges and universities. They are met at the call of the International Student Service, in joint session with the National Student Federation of America. Last night they were visited by Mrs. Roosevelt, an ISS sponsor, who answered questions in an open forum. (Last February Mrs. Roosevelt scolded the American Youth Congress and the American Student Union for opposing the national defense program).

What form a new organization might take remains nebulous, but it is possible that the federation will relinquish most of its present functions to the student government department of the International Student Service with the ISS assuming most of the financial responsibility. This would scarcely come without a fight.

Although the conference refused to honor 60 out of 110 applications by would-be delegates from the metropolitan area, the left, or radical viewpoint seemed well represented. Some 15 or 20 delegates are members of the American Student Union and perhaps another 20 follow the Communist Party line to a greater or less extent.

The ISS has no political platform of its own, has taken no stand on such issues as that of war or peace. According to its leaders, it is merely attempting to provide a channel for student organizations, which have become dissatisfied with the radical groups and hopes frankly that a new group will develop as a result of this conference, a group which favors adequate defense. It is not rigidly isolationist and is definitely pro-administration.

There doesn't seem to be the slightest ground for the charges made by left wingers, including Bruce Minton in the current issue of the *New Masses*, that this conference is being regimented or the radical point of view suppressed.

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