Mrs. FDR Urges Youth Labor Camps at Student Parley, But Delegates Cheer Plea for USSR Amity

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, king the spotlight at the Interna- onal Student Service conference re last night, reiterated her sup- rt for forced labor camps. Speak- g before some 300 student leaders om colleges throughout the coun- y, the President's wife, in reply to question, stated: "I believe that ery boy and girl in this nation ould give a year's service to the tion. I believe it should be com- ilsory."

A few hours before Mrs. Roose- lt made her appearance, Mr. Lin, cretary of the YMCA of China, ged the assembled student leaders work for close collaboration be- een the Soviet Union and the nited States to aid China's defense ainst the Japanese invaders.

"Soviet Russia is the only faith- ul nation aiding China," Mr. Lin id. "We hope in the Far East t the USA will try to cooperate ore with the Soviet Union."

He pointed out that, while the et government continues to aid hina, the Uunited States still sup- ies Japan with 95 per cent of its rap iron and most of her oil.

Quoting the theme of the confer- ence, "How Youth Can Serve De- mocracy," Mr. Lin answered it with a three-point program: "Full aid to China; complete embargo on Japan; and collaboration of the United States with the Soviet Union in the Far East." His remarks received the most enthusiastic applause of the entire conference.

OPPOSE WAR DRIVE

A strong minority, nearly 50 per cent of the delegates, showed by their reaction to a pair of interven- tionists, Quincy Howe and Rein- hold Niebuhr, that they are opposed to the "aid to Britain" war policy.

Joseph Cadden, executive secre- tary of the American Youth Con- gress said that the true alternative lay not between support of British imperialism and German fascism, but between both these and collab- oration of the peoples of the world for a democratic peace.

At other commission discussions, all speakers showed their disillu- sionment with the Roosevelt ad- min'stration by emphasizing the need for defending the people's rights at home. Union-busting by Thurman Arnold, defense contracts to NLRB violators, jim-crowism in the armed forces and defense in- dustries and the inadequacy of the social budget were vigorously con- demned.

Violation of academic freedom and its close connection with the drive towards war was expressed from the floor. Speakers pointed out that one of their greatest weap- ons against curtailment of student rights was cooperation with the la- bor and progressive movement.

FAVOR THIRD PARTY

At the panel on Youth in Politics the possibilities of a third party for the American people took up much of the discussion. A test vote taken revealed two to one support for the formation of a third party.

Saturday's sessions concluded with the appearance of Mrs. Roose- velt as main speaker.

She dismissed the embargo on Japan by saying that "the profit motive still works with many peo- ple and as long as business men can make money we cannot do anything about it." She sidestepped the ques- tion of defense contracts to labor- law violators like Ford by placing responsibility upon the courts. She exonerated Robert Jackson, Attor- ney General, of attempted strik breaking in the Vultee airpla strike by repeating his accusatio against the union leaders.

DODGES POLL TAX

Negroes were told that the would be riots and there might killing if the policy of jim-cr in the armed forces and oth varieties of Negro discriminat were suddenly changed by the Pr ident. Discussing the poll tax Southern states, Mrs. Roose went back to the early 19th c tury to drag out Calhoun's "sta rights" theory. Her answer igno completely the long Administra silence on this key issue.

In answering several inqui about her attitude towards vari youth organizations, she displa antagonism towards the Ameri Student Union, the Ameri Youth Congress and great frie ship for International Student vice. Commenting upon a tenta platform for a new rival stu organization drawn up by spli from the Harvard and Swarthr Student Union chapters, she she could find nothing ar couldn't subscribe to in their to-Britain program.

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