

# GRAPEVINE...

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## I.S.U. MEETINGS :

The Dublin ISU and the National Co-Ordinating Committee meet at the Arts Society building, College Lane, Westland Row every Sunday afternoon at 3.00.p.m. friends and associates are welcome to attend as observers. Other ISU groups throughout Ireland are arranging for regular, public meetings in their own areas, details will be given in October's Grapevine.

## " STUDENT SAY " :

The ISU's Editorial board has been extremely busy over the past few weeks, articles have been commissioned, written, collected and edited. As Grapevine goes to press SAY is being laid out and it will be printed in the near future. The ISU Publications department - YouthComm - hope to publish SAY on Friday, September 15th. While the majority of the articles in Student SAY will reflect the opinions of the union as a whole, provision has been made for articles that will reflect nothing more than the opinions of individual students. As a publication SAY will be non-profit making, it was decided in the early summer that the union should not 'carry' the paper and neither should the paper 'carry' the union. The purpose of SAY is to promote ISU and its policies as well as providing an interesting and, it is hoped, entertaining publication.

## A SECOND I.S.U. MAGAZINE...

The Editorial board has approved a proposal for a second magazine. This magazine will be smaller than SAY and it will be a strictly internal publication. It will NOT represent the opinions of ISU but will rather provide a platform for individual students to voice their opinions. Its purpose will be to stimulate discussion and create awareness inside the union and among students as a whole. Neither the name nor the printing schedule of the magazine have yet been decided, further details will be given in October's Grapevine.

## I.S.U.'s FIRST NATIONAL DELEGATE MEETING :

ISU will be holding its first national delegate meeting in Belfast on the weekend of September 23rd. - 24th. All ISU branches and groups have been notified and it is hoped that delegates from three of the six and seven of the twenty-six counties will attend. There has been some difficulty in obtaining a venue in Belfast for a weekend meeting but this has now been overcome, accomadation will be provided free to all delegates. For further information contact head office or - Roger Green, Joint Northern Organiser ISU, Flat 8, Motelands, Old Holywood Road, Belfast 4. A report on the meeting will be carried in both Student SAY and Grapevine in October.

## EUROPEAN YOUTH SECURITY CONFERENCE : HELSINKI, FINLAND .

The 1972 European Youth Security Conference was held in Helsinki, Finland from the 27th. - 31st. of August. ISU were invited to send a delegate by our Finnish counterparts - the STL. Because of a lack of finance ISU were unable to send a delegate despite repeated requests from the STL. Instead ISU appointed Mr. M. Collins, one of the four Irish delegates, to act on our behalf. We hope that as well as furthering the hopes of European youth for a lasting peace and re-affirming youth's opposition to facism, injustice and repression, closer ISU/STL and closer Irish/Scandinavian links will result from the conference. ISU are dissapointed at the poor coverage given to this important conference by the Irish media.

## NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FORMED :

At the September 3rd. meeting of the ISU (Dublin) it was decided, after a long discussion, that the ISU constitution should not be ratified until the October 1st

THE I.S.U. EXPANDS -  
BELFAST, FERMANAGH AND ANTRIM :

The fastest growing section of the ISU, outside of Dublin, is the Northern Ireland ISU. ISU branches, organisers, members and contacts are now active throughout the island. It is our intention to organise and recruit when, where and however we can and to hold ISU's first National Conference shortly after Christmas.

CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS WELCOME I.S.U. DELEGATION :

A two member delegation from the ISU met Miss Joan O'Connell, Education Officer, Irish Congress of Trade Unions on Tuesday, August 29th. at Congress House. The discussions were wide-ranging but centered round the ISU's Reform Policy. The meeting broke up on a friendly note with Miss O'Connell wishing the ISU every success.

DUBLIN C.E.O. WELCOMES I.S.U. TO DUBLIN'S TECHS.

On Tuesday, September 5th. Tony Kinsella met Mr. Jeremiah Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer of Dublin's Vocational Education Committee, at the Pembroke Town Hall. Again the talks centered round the ISU's Reform Policy. Mr. Sheehan pointed out that it made the VEC's task easier if they knew what the students wanted and that the easiest way of doing this was if the students spoke with one voice through an organisation, (i.e. ISU).

" EXPLORING DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION " -  
PUBLIC MEETING SEPT. 29th.

The Association for Democracy in Education (ADE) is holding a public meeting on " Exploring Democracy in Education " in the Tailors' Hall, Dublin on Friday September 29th. starting at 8.00.p.m. The speakers will include Tony Kinsella, General Secretary ISU. The General Secretary's office ISU wishes to apologise to the ADE concerning the article on " Class discrimination in central Dublin schools " carried in last month's Grapevine, the report ISU recieved did not come from the ADE as such, but from an individual member of the ADE.

NEWS IN BRIEF :

ISU STRENGTHENS LINKS : During August the ISU has further strengthened its links with the ASTI, the VTA and the Parent School Movement.

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR UNIONS SIR ? - ON THE ROCKS ??? ISU is short of money (as always). We appeal to everybody and anybody for help. Please send all contributions or suggestions for fund-raising to Head Office...

TO ISU ORGANISERS : GET CRACKING!!! You are responsible for ISU's development. Head Office cannot supply literature ad infinitum. Manifestoes cost £1.00 per 500 and Grapevines £1.50 per 500. Take up collections in your own area and cut head office in for a slice. Order exactly how many copies of Student SAY you want.

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