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Historical Note

Founded in Prague 1946 as a world wide nonpartisan association of National Unions of Students (NUSes); aimed to foster international understanding and lasting peace the IUS supported contemporary efforts to continue the anti-Hitler war coalition in peacetime; with its secretariat in Prague the IUS was strongly influenced by communists in key positions from the beginning; left by most Western member unions after the communist take-over in Czechoslovakia 1948 (see International Student Conference), became a communist controlled front organization; from 1956 noncommunist NUSes from the Third World (Latin America especially) got some influence on IUS policy; in 1968 IUS strongly protested when the host country was invaded by its socialist allies; periodicals: World Student News and News Service.

Content and Structure

Content

Collection of mainly stencilled documents and printed material (partly photocopies). Files on congresses 1946-1967, Council meetings 1947-1955 and Executive Committee meetings 1949-1968, consisting of proceedings, reports, resolutions, circulars, clippings; proceedings of Secretariat meetings 1952; files on relief work 1950-1957, the struggle against colonialism 1951-1970, the action for peace 1951-1970, the Vietnam war 1964-1969, contacts with the International Student Conference (ISC) 1954-1967 etc.; files on student organizations in various countries 1947-1970; documents of the British National Union of Students 1942-1962, including some correspondence with the IUS and documents on the International Student Conference, London 1949; circulars 1946, 1950-1970; leaflets 1952-1968; press clippings 1952-1960.

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Access and Use

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Appendices

INTRODUCTION

In this collection documents from different sources have been brought together. Uncertainty about the origin of many documents - there are numerous photo- and xerox copies among them - concerning the International Union of Students made the reconstruction of the files in their original order an impossibility. The main part of the documents were found in the papers of the International Student Conference (Co-ordinating Secretariat), the western opponent of the IUS, that ceased its work at the end of March 1969 and transferred its archives and library to the International Institute of Social History. Many of these documents were sent to the ISC by affiliated organisations, e.g. the NUS, the NFCUS, the SUS, the g1043 SFS Iain, and the Nederlandse Studentenraad. The file from the NUS is by far the most important one, giving data on the origins and early history of the IUS (to be found in the part with the title '(British) National Union of Students (of England, Wales and Northern Ireland) 1942-1962').

There are, however, also documents from other sources in this collection: documents sent directly by the IUS to the IISH, documents collected by the Arberarrörelsens Arkiv at Stockholm, etc.

Periodicals, printed reports, booklets and pamphlets published by the IUS as well as literature about this Union can be found in the library of the IISH; the audiovisual department of the IISH contains a number of photos and posters.

Amsterdam, January 28, 1970

J.R. van der Leeuw

Corrections

The list of the collection of the International Union of Students was corrected due to later insertions in December 2001. At the same time the set periodicals, inserted in the collection in 1970, was separated and transferred to the library of the IISH.

List of abbreviations

DSF : Danske Studerendes Faellesråd

ISC : International Student Conference

IUS : International Union of Students

NFCUS : National Federation of Canadian University Students

NUS : (British) National Union of Students (of England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

SFS : Sveriges Förenade Studentkårer

SUS : Scottish Union of Students

UNEF : Union Nationale des Étudiants Français

USNSA : United States National Student Association

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