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ACTION SHEET
AC/52-R(63)22

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

Meeting held on 27th June, 1963

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I. ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST
"FRONT" ORGANIZATIONS

(a) World Congress of Women, Moscow, June, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Chairman would circulate an informal note suggesting certain aspects of this Congress which might form the subject for a subsequent exchange of views (circulated as MEMO(63)18).

(b) International University Sports Federation (FISU)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had distributed to them an informal note by the United States Delegation about the FISU;
- (2) noted that the United States considered that at a future meeting it would be useful informally to consult on the means of expanding Western influence in this Federation.

(c) Activities of Soviet Friendship Associations

The COMMITTEE:

were informed by the Danish Representative, referring to AC/52-WP(63)16, that his authorities had knowledge of the agreement signed between the Dano-Soviet Friendship Society and the Soviet-Danish Friendship Society, but this

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agreement did not imply any major increase in the activities of the Soviet Friendship association in Denmark.

(d) Future World Youth Festivals

The COMMITTEE:

noted the statement by the Turkish Representative concerning the establishment in Bulgaria of an organization charged with preparatory work for a World Youth Festival in case the Festival should take place in that country.

(e) Soviet Propaganda and President Kennedy's Visit to Berlin

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the statement by Mr. Newton (Political Affairs Division) on the propaganda initiatives taken in East Berlin on the occasion of the United States President's visit to West Berlin and the possible conclusions that might be drawn concerning Western counter-propaganda activities during NATO Ministerial Meetings;
- (2) noted the Chairman's suggestion that the implications of this matter might be discussed at a later date.

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II. PUBLIC POSITIONS OF NATO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING WORLD EVENTS

The COMMITTEE:

had their attention drawn by the United States Representative to the guidance printed in the Daily Radio Bulletin of 21st June, 1963 on the United States/Soviet communications agreement setting up the "hot line"

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III. NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 1964-1965

The COMMITTEE:

subject to confirmation by France, approved the draft report to the Council (MEMO (63)16) recommending the continuation of the NATO Fellowship Programme for the academic year 1964-1965.

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IV. NATO VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAMME 1964-1965

The COMMITTEE:

subject to confirmation by Canada, approved the draft report to the Council (MEMO(63)17) recommending the continuation of the Visiting Professorships' Programme for the academic year 1964-1965.

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V. REORGANIZATION OF THE INFORMATION DIRECTORATE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of the introductory statement by the Director of Information (text subsequently circulated);
- (2) noted the following points made in discussion:
 - the majority of delegations, in the light of the Director's explanations, considered that the preproposed reorganization of the Information Directorate was consistent with agreed information policy and should be implemented forthwith;
 - some delegations, however, expressed doubts on what might appear to be an increase in the direct promotional rôle of the International Staff and stressed that information activities were essentially a national responsibility;
 - other delegations laid emphasis on the value of the work done by regional officers in their countries and their desire that this system should be retained;
- (3) noted that in his summary, the Chairman reaffirmed that the Secretariat absolutely recognised that information activities were a national responsibility, that the Information Service should be organized in a flexible manner tailored to existing national requirements and that the proposed reorganization was in conformity with the already approved principles of the Information Programme;

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- (4) agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting.

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VI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th July, 1963 at 3.30 p.m.

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Paris, XVIe.

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