

THE LISTENING POST

How Can We Lead If We Do Not Know—Or Care—Enough?

A NUMBER OF ASCD members expressed considerable interest in the organizations listed in the questionnaire sent them last spring. Therefore, the Legislative Committee is presenting brief descriptions of some of the larger voluntary and unofficial groups whose main concern is international affairs. All these organizations are strong and vocal supporters of the United Nations, including UNESCO.

FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION: Formed in 1918, its objective "is to carry on research and educational activities to aid in the understanding and constructive development of American foreign policy." Its two goals are "thorough and objective research, and the diffusion of the results of such research to the members of the Association so as to reach a much wider public." Issues a weekly bulletin as well as periodic reports, with special rates to educators. 22 East Thirty-eighth Street, New York 16.

AMERICANS UNITED FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT, INC.: Formed in 1944 as a "consolidation of six leading internationally-minded organizations, for the purpose of promoting public education and political action in favor of world organization to prevent war." Its "major purpose is to work through the United Nations Charter to develop a representative world government capable of controlling atomic energy and other weapons of war. . . . It opposes those elements, alien or domestic, which seek to implant fascist, narrowly nationalistic, or imperialistic doctrine. It proposes militant, non-partisan action respecting candidates for public office in the light of these principles." 1860 Broadway, New York, 23.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM: Founded in 1915 with Jane Addams

as its first president, it is "both an international and an interracial organization. Its aim is to work for the establishment of those political, economic, and psychological conditions, both abroad and at home, which can insure peace and freedom." It has always "stood for a strong international organization, functioning democratically within the framework of law . . . and looks toward the transformation of the present United Nations into a real world government." 1734 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS: Formerly, League of Nations Association, it still faithfully supports those ideals, and believes that those ideals will now find fulfillment through the United Nations. It believes that "the best hope for durable peace lies in the establishment of a universal society of nations which has full United States support. . . ." It is a non-profit organization which is primarily engaged in public educational endeavors and in the sponsorship of studies and reports dealing with all phases of international organization. 45 East Sixty-fifth Street, New York 21.

FEDERAL UNION, INC.: A non-profit membership organization incorporated in 1940, its purpose is "to promote education in the basic principles of federal union as exemplified in the Constitution of the United States, so as to advance peace and personal freedom by uniting the citizens of the democracies in a nuclear international union of, by, and for the people. Pending the spread of federal democracy around the world, the government of this Free Union would cooperate peacefully with other governments as a member of the UN." 700 Ninth Street, Washington 1, D. C.—FLORENCE N. CORNELL, member of the Association Legislative Committee, for the Committee.

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