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Committee on Student Section

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Dear Committee Member:

Replies to our letters and questionnaires are coming in daily. Although these come slowly, it is too early to judge the amount of response to this correspondence, as it would be Utopia to expect people to meet a deadline, a fact that I am sure you have all had occasion to verify! I do feel, however, that even without a response, the letters and questionnaires may start some thinking along these lines and arouse some interest.

To date, most of the replies are favorable for the formation of a National Student Section, increased student membership and attendance at conventions, etc. But a few have answered in the negative and the objections most frequently made are:

- (1) The ideas and plans we have set forth should not be undertaken in the present emergency.
- (2) National membership for a student is not desirable or necessary---- that should come after they are out in the field--state membership is sufficient now.
- (3) Attendance at national conventions is not desirable because.
 - (a) The expense and distances are too great
 - (b) Students miss too many classes while away
 - (c) They do not get enough out of the meetings

I am wondering, if as a committee, we might set forth a statement of our reasons for each of the items that we are advocating, and send this out with the summaries which will be compiled from the answers to the various questionnaires. I would like to suggest that if you approve of this, you send me your reasons for belief in the following needs.

- (1) Students to become members of the National Association
- (2) Students to attend National Conventions whenever possible
- (3) Students to have a national, as well as, state and district section
- (4) The increased need for all this in the present state of war

Since you all agreed, with minor reservations, to the functions of the Committee, I know that you do approve of the above points. I will put your answers in the form of a statement from the Committee and will send it back to you for your final approval before asking you to send it to the various people whom we are contacting through the questionnaires.

Publicity for these student problems will be most helpful. May I suggest that you use your state and district news letters for articles on these topics and talks to professional (major) clubs and local, state, and district conventions.

I have not been able to find the time to answer each of your letters individually--perhaps I can do so, in person, at the convention. I am really looking forward to meeting many of you there. Until then, please know that your help is very appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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