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The Fourth Annual Student Congress . . .

DATES—March 31, April 1 and 2, 1949

PLACE—Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

A short time ago all chapters received an announcement from President E. C. Buehler regarding the Fourth National Student Congress. The Faculty Committee on Arrangements chose as the public problem for consideration; What Federal legislation should be enacted regarding civil rights? This subject was mentioned more times than any other by chapters responding to the preliminary questionnaire, and the Committee feels it is one that should prove both challenging and profitable. Committees will be organized around the four basic rights considered by the President's Committee on Civil Rights in its report, *To Secure These Rights*. These four sub-topics are:

1. The right to safety and security of the person.
2. The right to citizenship and its privileges.
3. The right to freedom of conscience and expression.
4. The right to equality of opportunity.

Copies of the report are available as a government publication, and it has been printed commercially.

A study of the 1947 rules and your suggestions for changes, resulted in what the Committee hopes will be some profitable modifications. Suggestions contained in the reports of the Evaluating Committee and Professor Leroy Laase's Faculty Committee for the last Congress were also incorporated. Attention is called to the following major changes:

- (a) The calendar, which appears elsewhere in this issue of the *Gavel*, was modified slightly.
- (b) Article V dealing with registration and forms of bills provides that Advance Bills be submitted in duplicate by March 10. The purpose of this provision is to make possible the duplication of those bills, and to allow copies to be returned to chapters for examination prior to the convening of the Congress. It is hoped

that this procedure will result in more mature and considered legislation.

- (c) Article VI has been modified to provide for caucusing by members of the Independent party. It also allows nominations to be made from a caucus floor if the number of candidates for any one office is less than four.
- (d) Article VII has been modified to reduce the time allocated to nominating speeches in the Opening Assembly, and an attempt has been made to be more specific regarding the method of voting.
- (e) Article IX has been reworded to allow greater flexibility concerning the number of Joint Conference Committees since a single topic is being considered by this Congress.
- (f) Clarification of the procedure concerning amendment and substitution of Minority Bills (if any) for Majority Bills was the object of the modifications in Article X.
- (g) Article XIII has been restated in an attempt to be more specific regarding voting by roll call and by proxy.
- (h) In Article XV provision has been made for a Steering Committee and a Legislative Committee. The purpose of the latter committee is to study methods by which the functioning of the Congress might be improved.

It is obvious that the Committee is greatly indebted to Professor Milton Dickens of the University of California, who was chairman of the Faculty Committee on Arrangements for the 1939 and 1941 Congresses, and to Professor Leroy Laase of the University of Nebraska, who held a similar position for the 1947 Congress.

The present Committee hopes that the Fourth Congress will be larger and more stimulating than any of its predecessors. Its success will

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CALENDAR

Thursday, March 31

5:00-10:00	Registration Period	8:00-10:00	Preliminary Caucuses
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Friday, April 1

8:30-10:00	Opening Assembly	6:00- 8:00	Official Banquet
10:00-12:00	Main Committee Meetings	8:00-10:00	Joint Conference Committee Meetings
12:00- 1:30	Lunch	8:00-10:00	Delta Sigma Rho Business Meeting
1:30- 5:00	Main Committee Meetings		

Saturday, April 2

8:30- 1:00	General Assembly	2:00-	Evaluations Committee
2:00-	Steering Committee	2:00-	Legislative Committee

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be dependent upon the number of chapters represented, and the preliminary study which delegates give to the question of civil rights. With the rules before us and the over-all plans crys-

talized, we hope that every chapter may be represented at Chicago.

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