letters

To the Editor of The Tech:

In reference to the editorial of September 28th, we quite agree that the opinion of the American student on student problems in foreign countries is almost nonexistent. However, the implication that only four days of discussion led to the formulation of policy on international student affairs is highly erroneous.

The National Student Association sponsored 15 regional international relations seminars last year throughout the United States and each summer thirty scholarships are awarded to qualified American students to attend the six week intensive International Relations Seminar held at Harvard prior to the National Student Congress. Also, several student organizations exist to encourage student participation in problems that affect students throughout the world.

We were disappointed that the only attitude expressed by the Editor was a negative one which stated the non-existence of student opinion on the international level. At the National Student Congress the numerous, foreign students representing their National Union of Students reportedly asserted that students in their countries were looking to the American student for, at least, moral support. The American student has a responsibility to take an active interest in the affairs and problems of his international counterparts for the common bond of studenthood is a most important factor in promoting international understanding.

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John Holmfeld '57

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, Mr. Chertok and Mr. Holmfeld seem to have read the editorial rather cursorily. The point is, since no group, well prepared as it may be, can present an American opinion which does not exist.

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