

Oct 18th '68

S.R.C. - Press Release

At a meeting of the Students Representative Council of U.C.D. held on Friday night last, the main topic on the agenda concerned the dispute between Irish International Fencer~~s~~, student Larry Gough and the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation.

An unbiased and impartial analysis of the dispute was presented to the S.R.C. by Mr. Chris Coughlan. Council then gave speaking rights to Neill Clarke, a member of the Council of the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation. Larry Gough then replied and refuted the allegations of the I.A.F.F. Having heard both sides of the dispute, Council by an overwhelming majority adopted the following motions which were proposed by ~~EMH~~ Mr. Coughlan and seconded by S.R.C. Vice-President, Bernie O'Callaghan:

1A - That a letter be sent to the I.A.F.F. demanding the immediate reinstatement of Larry Gough as a full and honourable member of the I.A.F.F.;

1B - That a public enquiry be initiated to investigate the "modus operandi" of the I.A.F.F. and the circumstances surrounding Larry Gough's expulsion from the I.A.F.F.

2A - That Council deplores the action of the U.C.D. Fencing Club in its attempted exclusion of Larry Gough from fencing in the College Club and calls upon the officers of the College to set up a Committee to investigate this obvious violation of College Rules.

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2B - That Council calls upon the Athletic Union Council of U.C.D. to suspend the U.C.D. Fencing Club until such time as democratic principles shall prevail.

Signed:

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