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The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

Sam Houston.

Cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy. . . . It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge and the only security that freemen desire.

Mirabeau B. Lamar.

FOREWORD

The Texas Intercollegiate Peace Association is a branch of the National Intercollegiate Peace Association, of which Professor S. F. Weston, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, is Executive Secretary. Our State organization was formed in 1912, with the Professor of Public Speaking at the University of Texas as State Chairman. Two State contests have been held, Southwestern University winning the first place in 1913 and the University of Texas in 1914.

The purpose of the organization is to promote the cause of peace among the nations by means of local, district, state, interstate and national oratorical contests among college students. The aim is, of course, to influence student public opinion, favorably to peace, and through the oratorical contests to influence public opinion generally to the same end. If this purpose be kept in mind it will explain the reason for some of the rules that follow,—such as the requirement of at least three contestants in local contests; that no contestant may use an oration that has been used in another oratorical contest; that a student may not appear in a State contest more than once, etc. These and others of the rules that follow are taken from the national rules and regulations.

For the State contests a first prize of \$100 in cash has been provided from the Carnegie Peace Fund for a period of five years beginning in 1913. If our State contests seem to justify such prize, it will probably be perpetuated by an endowment for that purpose. The National Intercollegiate Peace Association has provided for a second State prize of \$50, and it is expected that the State organization will be able to pay annually a third prize of \$25. Each District Director should, whenever possible, arrange for a prize to be awarded to the speaker winning the district representation. The State Chairman will aid in offering such district prizes so far as the funds received in membership fees, after deducting necessary expenses, will permit. But District Directors should not depend upon such aid. Try to secure a prize of \$25, say, either from a public-spirited citizen in your district, or, it may be, by admission charges to the district contest.

Please bear in mind that an entrance fee of \$5 is charged each institution entering for the district contests, and that a District

Director cannot recognize a college or normal school as a contestant until such fee is paid. This fee should be sent to the State Chairman early in the school year so that the executive officers may get in touch with all the colleges interested. For further information, address Professor E. D. Shurter, University, Austin, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE STATE ORATORICAL CONTESTS CONDUCTED BY THE TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE PEACE ASSOCIATION.

I. *Eligibility.*—The contests shall be open to all students (men and women) in the higher educational institutions of Texas that grant degrees or that are nominally colleges, and including the State normal schools; provided, that a contestant representing any normal school, college or university must be a *bona fide* student, carrying at least twelve hours per week of regular class work.

II. *General Plan of Organization.*—The general management of the contests shall be in the hands of an Executive Committee, consisting of the Faculty Standing Committee on Forensics and Oratory at the University of Texas, with the chairman of such committee as State Chairman. For the preliminary contests, the State shall be divided into six districts. In the final contest, each district shall be entitled to one representative. The district contests shall be held not later than the last Saturday in March. The six winning contestants in the district contests shall meet at the State University for the final contest on the third Monday night in April.

III. *Orations.*—1. Each oration in both district and final contests shall be limited to fifteen minutes (about 1800 words) in length. Each oration shall deal with some one phase of the Peace Problem.

[NOTE.—In preparing an oration please bear in mind that the matter of international or world peace presents a *problem*. The desirability of international peace, almost all sane and thoughtful men admit. An oration, therefore, that simply makes a plea for international peace in general is bound to go wide of the mark. The general subject involves several specific problems, such as, for example, The Relation of the Monroe Doctrine to International Peace, The Limitation of Armaments, Means of Fostering the Peace Sentiment, Patriotism and Peace, The Cost of War, Ethical and Religious Aspects of War, The Military Staff vs. The People, Education for Peace, Workers for Peace (movements or individ-

uals), The Influence of Napoleon (or Bismarck, or Kaiser Wilhelm, etc.), The Causes and Results of the Balkan War, The Responsibilities for the Great European War and Means for Preventing a Recurrence, Should the United States Maintain a Larger Navy and Standing Army in Order to Promote Peace, etc., etc.? These subjects, some of which are stated too broadly, are intended to be suggestive only. But whatever the subject chosen, every oration should deal with a specific problem and the solution of the same. In some cases the statement of the problem would require approximately two-thirds of the time of the oration, in other cases the exposition of the problem is comparatively simple and relatively more time would need be given to the solution. The point is, do not indulge in "glittering generalities"; an oration of this character will not fulfill the requirement of the general rule and the judges will be so instructed. In connection with the preparation of orations, suggestive material may be secured from the World Peace Foundation, 40 Mount Vernon St., Boston, Mass., especially Weston's "Prize Orations of the Intercollegiate Peace Association," 75 cents; also from the Southwest Publishing Co., Austin, Texas,—"*Selected Addresses on Peace*," 50 cents.]

2. Two typewritten or printed copies of all prize orations must be deposited with the State Chairman before the winner will be entitled to any prize money. The National Executive Secretary shall have copyright privileges on all first prize orations.

3. No contestant will be permitted to use an oration that he has used in any other oratorical contest. Revision of an oration will not make it a new oration. Violation of this rule will forfeit any prize money that might be won.

4. In all contests provided for under these rules—local, district, and final—the orations shall be graded both on subject matter and delivery, as provided in Section VI, by a single committee of five judges. The judges shall be chosen by the respective directors, subject to the approval of a majority of the contestants concerned.

IV. *Local Contests*.—All normal schools, colleges, and universities entering an oratorical contest of this Association must choose their representative to the district contest by means of a local contest in which there shall be at least three contestants. No

exception to this rule shall be allowed except by special arrangement with the State Chairman. Such local contest shall be held not later than the first Saturday in March, and the local chairman shall forthwith furnish a report thereof to the State Chairman, on a blank to be provided for that purpose.

V. *Districts*.—For the preliminary contests the State shall be divided into six districts, each in charge of a District Director, as named below, with the towns named as district centers. Each contesting college or normal school shall belong in the district whose central town is nearest; provided, that the Executive Committee, for the purpose of effecting a more even and equitable distribution, may in its discretion assign a contesting college or school to a district otherwise than under the general rule. Subject to additions and transfers, the several colleges and normals shall be grouped by districts, as follows:

1. **AMARILLO**.—*District Director*: Professor H. W. Stillwell, Canyon. *Schools and Colleges in District*: West Texas Normal College, Canyon; Clarendon College, Clarendon; Lockney Christian College, Lockney; Seth Ward College, Plainview; Wayland Baptist College, Plainview.

2. **BROWNWOOD**.—*District Director*: Professor Baxter D. Greer, Daniel Baker College, Brownwood. *Schools and Colleges in District*: Abilene Christian College, Abilene; Daniel Baker College, Brownwood; Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Midland College, Midland; Stamford College, Stamford; John Tarlton College, Stephenville.

3. **GREENVILLE**.—*District Director*: Superintendent L. C. Gee, Greenville. *Schools and Colleges in District*: Carlton College, Bonham; East Texas Normal College, Commerce; Dallas University, Dallas; North Texas Normal College, Denton; Burleson College, Greenville; Wesley College, Greenville; Biblical and Literary College, Gunter; Jacksonville College, Jacksonville; Alexander Collegiate Institute, Jacksonville; Presbyterian College, Leonard; Texas Holiness University, Peniel; Austin College, Sherman; North Texas College, Sherman; Grayson College, Whitewright.

4. **FORT WORTH**.—*District Director*: F. M. Bransford, attorney, Fort Worth. *Schools and Colleges in District*: Central Texas College, Blooming Grove; Clebarro College, Cleburne; Clifton

Lutheran College, Clifton; Dallas University, Dallas; Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Decatur Baptist College, Decatur; Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; Texas Women's College, Fort Worth; Granbury College, Granbury; Meridian College, Meridian; Texas Presbyterian College, Milford; Westminster College, Tehuacana; Christian College, Thorp Springs; Trinity University, Waxahachie; Weatherford College, Weatherford.

5. GEORGETOWN.—*District Director*: Professor W. Dwight Wentz, Georgetown. *Schools and Colleges in District*: Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin; St. Edward's College, Austin; University of Texas, Austin; Southwestern University, Georgetown; Trinity College, Round Rock; Salado College, Salado; Baylor University, Waco; St. Basil's College, Waco.

6. HOUSTON.—*District Director*: Professor Albert Leon Guerard, Rice Institute, Houston. *School and Colleges in District*: Blinn Memorial College, Brenham; St. Joseph's College, Brownsville; Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station; St. Thomas College, Houston; Rice Institute, Houston; Sam Houston Normal, Huntsville; Palacios Baptist College, Palacios; Christian College, Sabinal; St. Louis College, San Antonio; St. Mary's College, San Antonio; Southwest Texas Normal School, San Marcos; Lutheran College, Seguin.

VI. *District Contests*.—The district contests shall be held not later than the last Saturday in March. Unless otherwise arranged, each district contest shall be held at the district center. The order of speaking shall be determined by lot. Time-keepers shall be provided who shall ring a warning bell in case any speaker overruns the fifteen-minute limit, and such speaker shall conclude within one minute thereafter. The judges shall grade each speaker on both subject-matter and delivery, recording their judgment as to the merits of each oration in a single grade, on the basis of 100 per cent. (Blanks for judges will be furnished by the State Chairman.) At the close of the contest the District Director, or his representative, together with a representative of each of the speakers in the contest, shall tabulate the grades. The grades of each judge shall be ranked 1, 2, 3, etc. The speaker ranked first by a majority of the judges shall be awarded first place, or if none be thus ranked first, the speaker the sum of

whose ranks is least shall be awarded first place. In case of a tie in ranking, the speaker receiving the highest average percentage grade shall be awarded first place. The second place shall be awarded in the same manner, the speaker ranked first not being considered. The speakers winning first and second places shall be, respectively, the district representative and the alternate in the final State contest. The District Director shall at once report to the State Chairman the result of the district contest, on a blank to be provided for that purpose.

VII. *Final Contest.*—The final contest shall be held at the University of Texas on the third Monday night of April in each year. Contestants shall appear on the program in the order of the numbers of the districts, beginning with No. 2 (Brownwood) in 1915, and moving up one number each year thereafter. The rules of the final contest shall otherwise be the same as for the district contests except that the first three ranking speakers shall be selected, and to those speakers who win first, second and third places, respectively, shall be awarded cash prizes offered by the Carnegie Peace Foundation, and the National and the State Inter-collegiate Peace Association in the respective sums of \$100, \$50, and \$25.

