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UNA FORGES NEW LINKS BETWEEN NATIONS

In those far-off days before 1939 that we can now only dimly remember, it was at this time of the year that our thoughts turned to holidays and to travel. And, for many of us, "travel" meant going abroad if possible, meeting strange peoples, and learning our way around this world of ours.

Foreign travel isn't the simple thing it was then. There are all kinds of obstacles to be overcome — visas, currency rules, permits of all kinds to be obtained — and the cost of even a brief visit to the Continent is beyond the means of most of us.

But there are some bodies which are trying to help the ordinary man and woman to get abroad and renew the contacts with other peoples on which friendship between nations depends. The United Nations Association and its allied organisations are launching a summer programme of international gatherings on an almost "peace-time" scale, and at the lowest possible cost.

At Geneva, from August 3 to 12, a large British party will join with parties from twenty other countries in a summer school held by the World Federation of United Nations Associations. Dr. Julian Huxley, Secretary-General of UNESCO, Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, and many other distinguished internationalists will be the "stars" at this school. The students, who will include experienced professional people as well as university students and other young people, will have a chance to see the workings of the United Nations and ILO offices in Geneva, as well as getting a holiday in a very beautiful city.

Another summer school in Switzerland will be held from August 18 to 31 for members of the UNA and the Council for Education in World Citizenship (CEWC). After a week at the charming mountain resort of Les-Plans-sur-Bex, this party will move to Geneva for a visit of a few days.

The world-famous spa at Mariánské Lázně (formerly known as Marienbad) will be the scene of an international summer school held by the Czechoslovak UNA from August 24 to September 7. A strong contingent from Britain will be among the parties from many different countries at this "school".

For students from universities and training col-

leges, the United Nations Student Association is holding its first international summer school at Auchendennan, on the shores of Loch Lomond, from July 25 to 30. While most of the visitors will come from British universities and colleges, the party will also include African, American, Austrian, Canadian, Dutch, Iraqi and Swiss students.

For boys and girls who will shortly be leaving school, the CEWC is holding a holiday conference at Chorley, in Lancashire, from August 7 to 14. Brigadier MacLean, M.P., who headed the military mission to the Yugoslav Partisans, and Commander Edgar Young, R.N., will be among the experts who will talk to this conference, which aims to give young people some understanding of the problems of our modern world.

For young teachers and other educationists interested in international affairs, the CEWC is holding a summer conference at Cirencester from August 11 to 19. A number of teachers from other countries will attend this conference, which will be addressed by Dr. Gilbert Murray, Mr. Le Gros Clark, Dr. Carleton Washburne, who was director of Education in Italy during the occupation, Dr. Elizabeth Rotten from the International Children's Village in Switzerland, Mr. W. E. Ward of the Colonial Office, and other distinguished educationists.

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