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A STATEMENT ON THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S DAY

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Five years ago, on November 17, 1939, occurred the horrible massacre of Czechoslovakian students and professors by the Nazis - a despicable mass murder that subsequent events have proved was but a part of the Nazi design to quiet forever the voices of men who considered death preferable to destruction of their freedom of belief and their right to teach that belief.

Since that day, valiant youths from all the United Nations - especially the youth of those countries which have been occupied by the enemy: China, Ethiopia, Poland, Norway, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Greece, Yugoslavia, Russia and the Philippine Islands - have fought and bled and died to preserve with this freedom the right to build together a future world where free men may be peacefully secure from aggression and force. They are still fighting today, victoriously, and discovering under fire their great common unity of purpose.

In the world of tomorrow, these youths will be builders of the future of nations. Through courageous and vigorous effort, by friendship and common striving, theirs will be the task of replenishing the intellectual vigor of their war-disrupted countries.

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In observing November 17 again this year as International Student's Day, American youth joins with the youth of all freedom-loving nations in pledging itself anew to those tasks and to that faith in the world of tomorrow toward which we now advance.

*Franklin Roosevelt*