

NATIONAL UNION OF AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

21st November, 1956.

109 Oriel Rd.,
Clayfield,
Brisbane.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the National Union of Australian University Students, I wish to convey to you the following message from the students of Australia.

" We express our sympathy and support for the youth of Hungary who are now fighting among other things, for freedom of the press, for Universities unfettered by political control, for academic freedom and for the removal of foreign control of the University curriculum. Particularly are we perturbed to see that not only are you faced with the task of securing these demands from your own government, but are opposed in these aims by the armed force of a foreign power.

We note that you appeal for help in your struggle. We observe with pleasure the spontaneous gesture of European students who are offering physical assistance. May this help enable you to uphold your belief in the rightful demands made by the students of Hungary on October 21st. We in Australia being too far away to provide such physical assistance, can do no more than pledge our complete moral support to you and to the principles for which many have died and you are still fighting to uphold. We admire your courage, and pray that in the out come your just claims will triumph.

We have observed the reprisals that are now taking place, and express our hope that nothing will ever be able to subdue the noble aspirations that have recently been so unmistakably expressed by the students of Hungary, and that student organisation in your country will be able to exist in a free state.

With the full admiration and support of the students of Australia."

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

James Thomas

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