Tunney Youths Leave Gift At White House

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A basket of fruit for President Roosevelt was delivered to the White House yesterday by members of the National Foundation for American Youth, to demonstrate, they said, that they do not share the "gimme" attitude of the American Youth Congress.

With their gift to the President, they presented a "loyalty" statement to Maj. Gen. Edwin Watson, the President's secretary, pledging support for the President and Congress. They also left at the White House a copy of a booklet, "How to Stop the Junior Fifth Column," with a foreword by Gene Tunney, former boxer and a sponsor of the foundation.

In the delegation were Stephen McArthur, jr., Eastern director for the Youth Foundation; Douglass Hill, of Brooklyn College; Anita Anton, of New York University, and Miriam Levine, of Hunter College.

Later these members, with Murray Plavner, foundation director, and a dozen other students met in their Willard Hotel headquarters with officials of national and local veteran organizations and patriotic groups.

Victor E. Devereaux, national chairman of the American committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented the group an American flag, and declared his organization would support the Youth Foundation, "and will not at any time countenance the things the American Youth Congress stands for."

Thomas R. Callahan, chairman of the District American Legion's Americanism Committee, said the local legion had decided that the American Youth Congress meeting might proceed without interruption, but that later, after the AYC had spoken, the legion and other veterans' groups would ask a representative of the Foundation to go on the radio and "give the answer of American youth to the American Youth Congress."

Other speakers included Dr. R. J. C. Dorsey, law professor at Washington College and vice president of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies; Walter S. Steele, editor of the Coalition's publication, the National Republic; George E. Sullivan, attorney; Carl Gardner, national commander of the Regular Veterans Association, and Walter P. Boehm, District commander of the Regular Veterans.