CHAPTER III.
THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS DELEGATION

The International Press Delegation (IPD) is a unique simulation, offered at very few Model UN programs.

In fact, the IPD is not really a "simulation" at all: an "International Press Delegation" does not exist at the United Nations. However, hundreds of reporters from news agencies around the world cover the work of the UN, making information on UN events available to people living in every nation on earth. By doing so, the members of the "international press corps" assist the UN in fulfilling one of its fundamental objectives, the dissemination of information about UN and world events to all people.

Because the role of the press is critical to the success of the UN, AMUN has created the IPD, a simulation designed to recognize this important function. Specifically, the IPD has two major purposes:

1. To provide an opportunity for students with an interest in journalism, specifically international journalism, to work as reporters in covering newsworthy events at the AMUN Conference; and

2. To provide all AMUN Representatives with a high quality newspaper each day of the Conference, both to keep Representatives informed about the news from each individual simulation, and to add to Representatives' understanding of how the United Nations functions as a whole organization.

Members of the AMUN Secretariat will serve as the Director, Editor and Publisher of the IPD. The Editor of the paper will supervise the activities of all reporters and publish the paper. IPD staff meetings, production and printing of the paper will occur in the IPD office. IPD Reporters will have computers and printing facilities at their disposal.

DUTIES OF IPD REPORTERS

Each IPD Reporter, will be assigned to at least one "beat." These could include each simulation (e.g., Security Council, ICJ, Third Committee, etc.), and/or each bloc (e.g. Latin American Bloc). Additionally, Reporters will be assigned to cover news conferences and other Conference events, such as interviews with guest speakers and Editorial Board meetings. All IPD Representatives will be responsible for the submission of articles covering their assigned stories for each issue of the *AMUN Daily Chronicle*, published five times during the Conference. Representatives should be prepared to type their own articles (computer training will be provided, if needed), and to assist with the production and dissemination of the paper.

The IPD Procedures and Style Manual will be provided to all registered IPD Reporters prior to the conference to further assist in their preparations.

IPD MEMBERSHIP

IPD Reporter positions are open to any interested student. However, it is important to note that *IPD Reporters cannot also be members of their school's delegation(s).* In other words, participation on the IPD is an exclusive, duration-of-the-conference position. One or more students from any school may become IPD Reporters. Also, students from schools which are not sending a delegation to AMUN are welcome to participate as individuals on the IPD.

IPD applications are available from the AMUN Secretariat. There is a $42.00 fee for participation on the IPD. Representatives who are *not* with a registered delegation may participate on the IPD for this fee. Due to the resource-intensive and specialized nature of this simulation, **AMUN will accept up to 12 IPD Reporters; positions will go to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis**. Please contact the AMUN Executive Office (mail@amun.org) for more information.

UTILIZATION OF THE IPD

All AMUN Representatives and delegations are encouraged to take advantage of the news coverage possibilities offered by the IPD. In particular, Representatives should get to know the Reporter(s) covering their simulations, and make themselves available for interviews and background information when such is requested, or when it is in their country's interest to seek press coverage. **Also, Representatives and delegations are strongly encouraged to call press conferences and to submit editorials and press releases to the IPD.**