

I'LL FIGHT TO THE END

—GEOUGH

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L GEOUGH, 19-

year - old University student, who has been carrying on a one-man war with the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation over Olympic selection, has now given up hope of making Ireland's team for Mexico.

But he has no

intention of giving up his war. He said yesterday: "Even if it means I never fence again I intend to fight the whole matter out to the bitter finish."

Geough, one of Ireland's most promising young fencers, believes he deserved his place in Ireland's four-man fencing team.

But the federation

ruled him out as an Olympic possible.

Geough took his case to the Olympic Council of Ireland and in his letter to the council pointed out that his record was as good as those who had been picked for the Olympic team.

He asked for the chance to fight against four men selected.

The Olympic Council referred the matter back to the Fencing Federa-

tion and the upshot was that young Geough was expelled from the federation.

Since then he has waged a battle through Press and radio. But all to no avail.

Latest chapter was yesterday when his appeal against expulsion by the federation was turned down

Upheld

He was told that the committee set up to examine h's case had upheld the federation's decision. However, he could re-apply for admission in two year's time.

Geough knows now that he will not make the trip to Mexico, but intends to take his case further.

"If necessary I will take my case to the Government," he said. "After all, they are putting a lot of money into the fund to send competitors to Mexico.

"I feel that I have been treated most unfairly and intend to get justice somewhere."