

I'LL FIGHT TO THE END

—GEOUGH

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L A U R E N C E
G E O U G H, 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 deserves 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."