

We feel that the six delegates are a truly representative group. They have been carefully screened: first by a local selection board of students and senior faculty members, and secondly by the national selection board taken from student, faculty and government bodies. Over one hundred and fifty applications were examined.

To ensure adequate preparation four days will be allowed for an intensive study period prior to departure. Experts in education, foreign affairs, Slavic studies and the Soviet complex have agreed to donate their time and experience to this seminar.

The delegation will arrive in the USSR May 21st, 1961 and will remain there for one month. Areas to be visited are Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Tashkent, Kazan and one of the Baltic Republics.

Generally the programme will parallel that extended to the Soviet students here. Emphasis will be placed on the description of Canada and its role in today's world. Each member will be required to submit reports and articles and to speak on the Soviet system upon his return to this country.

This exchange is not only a symbolic demonstration of good will by both parties. Although a visit of one month is indeed very brief, it will be a period of intensive study which could possibly prepare the ground for academic exchanges of one year's duration. Such exchanges are also foreseen with students of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Terms for all exchanges will be settled as much in advance as possible to assure complete reciprocity.

## 9. LATIN AMERICA

Canada has always been considered among the world "blocs" as a European country and indeed our roots are in Europe, our affinities are much closer to Europe than to the rest of America, with the exception of the United States.