

The question of elections is another interesting one. To no one's surprise, Jiri Pelikan was again elected president in a session that was open only to members. There was apparently some slight discontent when nominations were opened for the executive and finance committees: a delegate arose and read a long list of names, one of those named then rose and named the nominator, and that was that. One of the members named, Nepal, was not even at the congress, but this disturbed only one or two delegates. Their objections were quickly silenced.

The same closed meeting heard the financial report, but the question of where the money comes from is still a mystery to at least some of the members. It is certainly still unanswered for the observers who had nothing to go on but the published report of finances. It is all neatly explained, but there are no answers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Despite all that we cannot approve or accept of the IUS, it is an international student organization and an important one. With its growing strength throughout Asia, Africa, and Latin America it no longer feels any need to placate the western unions. To a very large extent it represents international communism, but that is not all it represents. In spite of this and our other objections to it, it is not impossible for us to cooperate to a limited extent with the IUS, and cooperation with some of its members is very easy.

NFCUS has never pretended to ignore the IUS; we have always had, in fact, fairly good relations with it in a very limited way. I believe that these relations should continue in much the same way as they have in the past. We must realize, however, that the IUS is likely to become more difficult in the future, as it feels stronger and stronger. The old idea, once held within the IUS, that it needs to show itself as all innocence has disappeared. It is once again boasting about being partisan and hence might well take a sterner view with those "on the other side." We have little to lose if it does, but it would be unfortunate.

NFCUS must, obviously, reject any form of association with the IUS. We can, however, continue and enlarge our cooperation on practical matters with it and with its member organizations. We should send observers to the next IUS congress if we are invited to do so, if only to keep ourselves informed of new developments. I think that we should, in other words, continue our present relationship.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would like to thank again the IUS for its hospitality and NFCUS for the privilege of representing it. I hope this somewhat lengthy and hastily written report has clearly expressed my views and impressions as well as given the relevant facts, and that it will meet with the approval of the XXII National Congress of the NFCUS.

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