

Contacts are maintained on a regular basis with the United States National Student Association (USNSA). Last year the President of NFCUS and the Vice-President for International Affairs visited the offices of the Association and received in turn a visit from its officers. A regular exchange of information and attendance at national congresses is maintained between the two organizations.

As was mentioned earlier, our National Congress in 1959 resolved to negotiate an exchange of visits with the Student Council of the USSR. After much deliberation a reciprocal programme was agreed upon, and four Soviet students arrived in Montreal October 30th, 1960. They visited 18 cities as guests of the local students' councils and university administrations; there they were shown various academic institutions, local and student governments in session, industrial, business, and research centres, museums, art galleries and tourist attractions. They attended plays, movies and sports events, and appeared on national television.

In order to save expenses and to provide a realistic impression of Canadian life, the four students were housed in university residences or were guests at private homes. Mass meetings were held at each campus and the visitors were called upon to explain the Soviet educational system. Discussion periods followed in which the audiences asked questions on topics of a wide range of interest.

The Soviet delegates returned to the USSR on November 30th, well pleased with their cordial reception and the arrangements that had been made for them across Canada.

Plans have now been agreed upon for the reciprocal visit by NFCUS. Our delegation includes five men and one woman from five faculties and six universities. The president of NFCUS will act as leader; a Canadian student presently enrolled in the Russian Institute at Columbia University will be the interpreter and Sovietologist.