

7. OVERSEAS COMMISSIONERS

For many years NFCUS has attempted to perfect a system of student representation abroad which would permit Canadians to participate in many activities which distance now prevents. Canadian students abroad who are sufficiently versed in the affairs of the Federation are accredited with the national union of their country of study. They act as NFCUS representatives in that area.

During the last two years we have had representatives in Australia, Ghana, Germany, France and England. They attended the National Congress of their host country and a number of other events. Unfortunately we lack personnel at the National Secretariat to ensure constant communication with Overseas Commissioners and funds to provide for their representative duties. Thus we have been prevented from making full use of the invaluable opportunities their presence in foreign lands could provide. For instance, Canadian participation in a most important African seminar was impossible last year because we failed to secure sufficient funds for transportation of our delegate.

In spite of these difficulties we hope to extend this system of representation. Also we have invited other national unions to reciprocate by appointing similar representatives to Canada.

8. BILATERAL RELATIONS

Apart from the normal exchange of information, bilateral relations with other national unions generally mean attendance at their national congress and reciprocal visits by delegations.

NFCUS receives throughout the year invitations to attend a number of national congresses but is seldom able to accept. We have had, however, at our own National Congress in 1959 representatives from the United States, England, and the Soviet Union, and again from the United States in 1960.