

## 6. CONTACTS WITH IUS AND IUS MEMBERS

It was said previously that while NFCUS has rejected membership in the IUS it has maintained some relations with this organization. The reports of the NFCUS observers at the Fifth and Sixth IUS Congress in Peking and Baghdad (see appendices 2 and 3) provide clear insight into the mechanism of the IUS and our own policy.

NFCUS receives all IUS publications and has recently been invited to write an article for the magazine, "World Student News."

Relations are also maintained with some Eastern European national unions. For the past three years we have sponsored student tours in Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. They have sometimes been difficult to arrange but have provided an insight into those countries. We have been fortunate to have an experienced leader to guide the tours on every occasion.

At our National Congress in 1959 we received as an observer the vice-president of the Student Council of the USSR. His visit led to a decision to negotiate a reciprocal exchange of student delegations between the Soviet Union and Canada.

Although NFCUS is highly critical of many positions taken by the IUS and its members, we have not rejected invitations to cooperate. We have had competent representatives in our dealings with these groups; this has ensured that our position at all times would be clearly stated. It has also meant for us first-hand knowledge of IUS activities and subsequent ability to form a considered judgment.

Cooperation with these organizations does not imply a lack of commitment to our ideals but rather a commitment firm enough for us to stand before one and all and maintain our beliefs.