

what category he belonged to. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, despite this clear statement by Mexico, stated that it was not at all clear who was the National Union, and that the IUS had at previous Congresses accepted the Mexican group that was present. At this juncture the Bulgarian Delegate pointed out that the IUS Constitution made no provision for denying Delegate status to any group which was a member of the IUS at the previous Congress. As long as a group had membership, in the IUS once, even if its membership had gone down to one member, as long as it had not disaffiliated it could be a Delegate and the Credentials Committee could not go into their status.

In reference to the Indian Delegation, the Congress was informed that since there was no recognized N.U.S., that the All India Student Federation was being seated. Later the representatives of the A.I.S.F., came up to tell me that they had not recognized the new National Council of University Students of India, but that they had stated that they had expressed support for its aim to unite all Indian students.

Finally, it should be stated that the IUS still in listing the Congress participants, lists everyone together, Full Members, Associate Members, Observers, Visitors, etc. It must, of course, be stated that it indicates the capacity of each person, but it has known for a long time that its method of listing participants is misleading. Furthermore, several resolutions refer to the beliefs or feelings of "Participants at the Vth I.U.S. Congress" rather than just to the Delegates. On numerous occasions it has referred to resolutions passed at an IUS Congress "in which some sixty-five national union unions participated", clearly indicating that everyone present, including Observers and Visitors, concurred. This is obviously intended to mislead. We have told the IUS that though we are interested in their activities we are in no way associated with their resolutions, but this does not prevent the misrepresentation of support which the IUS constantly permits itself.

In line with the previous paragraph one last item should be added regarding seating arrangements. After years of criticism by NFCUS and other non-members of IUS, the IUS finally, at the Prague Congress, seated Observers and Visitors separately from Delegates. In Peking, however, everyone was again seated together without distinction. Unfortunately this was also done in Baghdad. A large number of Observers, however, myself included, moved from their allotted place to the back of the hall.

COMMISSIONS

On the evening of the sixth day of the Congress, on Thursday the 13th of October the congress commenced its work in Commissions. There were five of them.

- A On International Student Co-operation and Unity.
- B On Student Activities for Peace
- C On Activities of Student Organizations Against Imperialism, Against Colonialism and its Legacies.
- D On Student Activities in the Field of Democratization and Reform of Education, Culture, Relief, Travel, Sport and Press.
- E On Amendments to the I.U.S. Constitution.