

156. It has been suggested that inquiries by foreign students about possibilities for work are normally rejected out of hand. The Committee urges that Canada Manpower Centres be directed to extend their services more positively and sympathetically to foreign students seeking work during their recesses.
157. A foreign student appearing before the Committee argued that spouses of students should be admissible to Canada and allowed to work. The Committee appreciates the hardship of enforced separation in the case of married students, and accordingly recommends that spouses of persons on student visas be admissible and be permitted to work while those persons are studying in Canada.
158. Several submissions proposed that foreign students should be able to apply for landed immigrant status while in Canada. The Committee has taken the general position that aliens should not be able to change their status while in the country, and is particularly strong in its views in this instance. It favours a generous approach to foreign study in state-supported institutions as a form of international assistance; this would be undermined if foreign students were not encouraged to return to their homelands. Study in Canada should be for its own sake, and not be a way of immigrating to Canada.
159. A special problem was brought to the Committee's attention by the National Union of Students and a South African student. If foreign students cannot seek landed immigrant status while in Canada, must they go back to their homeland if there has been a change of government and they are in danger of imprisonment or other punishment on their return? The Committee believes existing arrangements or proposals discussed in this Report in the section on refugees are adequate to deal with this problem. It calls attention to the fact that Section 15 of the Immigration Appeal Board Act enables holders of a student visa to appeal any deportation order on just such grounds.