

Their universal application remains a dim possibility, yet it is the only path to unity.

In reply to the call for unity, the Eighth ISC decided to organize a Round Table Conference on World Student Unity. However, since the terms of reference of this Round Table were not acceptable to the IUS, it refused to attend. A new attempt was made by the Ninth ISC, this time leaving the door open to all initiatives that would lead to a neutral and independent Round Table. The fate of this proposal is still a matter of speculation since the IUS has not yet declared its views.

There is no doubt that IUS will be ready for unity when it can be achieved on its own terms. The same should hold true for us, but it is much more difficult to agree on such a stand in an open Conference, where all views are aired, than in the closed membership of a Union.

This desire for unity is with us for a long time and will substantially affect international student cooperation in the years to come. It is a factor to be reckoned with.

##### 5. NFCUS COOPERATION IN THE ISC

Since the inception of the ISC in 1950, NFCUS has always made cooperation within the Conference framework the mainstay of its international programme. This, plus the very high respect in which Canada is held abroad - a respect much greater than its contribution has ever warranted - has promoted NFCUS to one of the leading roles in the ISC and resulted in our election for two consecutive terms to the Supervision Committee.

Our work in the international student community can best be described under these headings: solidarity, practical cooperation, and material assistance.