

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR PEACE

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Dear Derek,

Report for week ending March 11th 1946

Our second week's service at Friedland has been very interesting and there are several encouraging developments. I am enclosing a list of volunteers for this and next week along with names and addresses of people Correspondents for Göttingen University and district. There is a further list of those outside the service who have shown interest and a wish to serve on any summer scheme we may be able to organise but it is uncompleted and will be forwarded later.

GRUB :

Prima !

WORK :

Has continued with the barrack building and today has seen the completion of the eight barracks for the isolation centre. There is further work on these such as the laying of floorboards and the repair of windows, etc., but we are at present held up by materials. Horst, Gerhard of last week have been a very useful nucleus for introducing the new volunteers to both the work and the running of the scheme. Which brings me to the volunteers.

PERSONNEL :

Six students from the Theological Faculty are with us this week and their spare-time activities have included the holding of services for the refugees and sections of the camp staff, in addition of morning and evening prayers for any volunteers who wished to take part. They have been strengthened in their activities by the playing of three large brass instruments and we are awakened by the rich and fruity tones in hymnal strains - I had to restrain one of them from announcing breaks at work by bucolic blasts. Our discussions have naturally tended towards the Christian significance of IVSP and we have had a useful evening on the contribution of organised religion to the solution of present day social problems. Tonight, one of the students had read a contribution intended for the Students' Journal in which he advocates the formulation of a students' association to further similar work schemes in holiday periods. I mentioned similar organisations in England and suggested that, while meeting the immediate needs of the district and the students, they should keep their minds open to cooperation with other universities and nations when this way possible.

In this connection I should be pleased if you would consult the I. S. S. about the possibilities of immediate contact and the formation of groups in German Universities. The students are keen to become once again connected with such movements and would be pleased for any information you may be able to get from Henderson.

Joachim Frege, president of the students' union has spent a week here and would like to help with further services in summer. He has written a paragraph about the work for the Students' Journal and would like to act as the University's representative while studying there.

FUTURE WORK :

The students are very keen to do similar work in the Summer and I hope that this will be regarded as a priority job by the F.S.C. and David, for apart from benefits of development from an IVSP point of view the amount of real relief work accomplished could be appreciable.

The Military officers of the camp appear very satisfied with the amount of work, but Fred and I would like to see a little less speed and a bit more finish - it is difficult to make a polished job with old materials.

Yesterday two officers from the Control Commission responsible for Göttingen University visited the scheme but I was unfortunately away at Göttingen attending to the volunteers for next week. They intimated that they would come again later in the week.

SOCIAL EVENTS :

Friedland is looking up a little - or so we hope. After the success of our dance last week with the Red Cross Sisters we had a joint social on Saturday evening filled with games, singing, a sketch and a little eating. Despite to the size and darkness of the room - it is used as a camp cinema - everyone had a good time.

We are becoming more ambitious this week and hoping to invite the whole of the camp staff - they number about 300 to a full size concert. There will be guest artists from Göttingen and the camp, one or two sketches from the volunteers and a little community singing. This is contingent on many things at present ! Last week the majority of the lights fused - two - and we have great difficulty in getting bulbs.

David is getting copies of this report and will doubtless be taking suitable actions and reporting to you

Best wishes

Ramsay Bramham

List of students (Reports and application forms to be fwd)

Duncker, Adolf	Ehrhardt, Anneliese (Correspondent)
Frege, Joachim (Correspondent)	Hennig, Henning
Holtermann, Dietrich	Holtermann, Horst
Kayser, Günter	Kulenkampff, Rolf
Kulenkampff, Engelbert	Marburg, Ernst-August
von Majewski, Harald	Meineke, Ernst-August
Meyer, Adolf	Meyer, Gerhard
Michelmann, Günter	Münstermann, Wolf
Niemann, Arnold	Oelmann, Heinz-Gerhard
Pahlow, Hellmut (Correspondent)	Papenfuss, Heinz
Schlemm, Horst-Dieter	Sondermann, Gerhard
Stein, Paul-Adolf	Steffler, Reinhard
Storch, Martin	Strich, Hermann
Temme, Hans-Hermann (Correspondent)	Ziethe, Paul