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Dear Derek,

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Scheme expenses :

News may have filtered through to you by now (John has written to Donald on the subject) of the serious blow which has fallen on us. I have made a point of not mentioning snags on the principle that they'll probably be got over, but this is a somewhat super-snap, viz travelling expenses. I was misled either innocently by Alan Andrews or stupidly by myself into thinking that the travel concession allowing volunteers to travel on military trains meant free travel, which was what I asked for. It doesn't. And while I think we're getting over the reluctance of RTOs to allow civilians on the train at all (which was a subsidiary spot of bother) I learned last night from Dr. Michaltscheff (who came from Hamburg on a military train) that in fact the fare is dearer, because there's only 2nd Class.

I am going tomorrow or Friday to try to prise a concession out of the Reichsbahn. I asked for this first of all through the Education Branch, who said it was no go, and everyday says it will be difficult because they're hard up, except John who thinks they ought to make a concession. So do I; and we'll see. Apart from that we have only over here the hope of a small sum coming in from donations - what sort of amount we could expect I haven't the foggiest. John is writing to the Rowntree Trust, and IVSP, and suggested that the ISS might see its way to stumping up some pounds towards it.

The sum involved will be considerable. Some 60 to 80 people are involved, travelling fair distances; almost none of them have any cash more than will keep them over the winter at University or what not. Each individual fare (3rd Class) will be about £ 2 / - / - return. The volunteers have agreed to pay about one third on a pooling system. We have taken on the responsibility of repaying the remainder - which may amount to as much as £ 100. Obviously it will have to be a once-for-all occasion, and volunteers will have to make their own arrangements in future. I'll let you know what luck I have with the concession and what donations come in, if any.

Yours,

David