

WEEKLY REPORT

No 2

I. V. S. P. SERVICE AT HAMBURG
WEEK FROM 12 Aug 46 to 19 Aug 46

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1) NUMBERS:	British	German	other (state nationality)	Number staying on from last week
Men	1	17	--	Men 6
Women	1	5	--	Women 7

2) AGES: Men -- Highest 54 ... Lowest 17 ... Women -- Highest 49 ... Lowest 20 ...

3) DRAWN FROM:
(list the places from which the volunteers this week have come)

H. G. Handing, Göttingen, Cologne, & c.
Hamburg; Göttingen; Goslar; Düsseldorf; Cologne

4) POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS OPINIONS COVERED:
e.g. Cath, Prot, S.P.U., Quak, C.D.U., Agnostic, ex-Nazi (confessed)
S.D. 2; Other political parties 2;
Protestant 20; Catholics 1; no church 1;
K.P. members former 1; ex-party members 2;

5) WORK DONE: Ground around IVSP kitchen cleared; good progress made with clearing of main boggy area trees lopped

6) QUALITY AND EXTENT OF DISCUSSIONS: (inc. spontaneous discussions during work)
I.C. whether constructive or not; main subjects; extent of interest in such things as IVSP; & c.
I.M.; Esperanto; life in England during war; education; internal camp affairs; keen interest shown in Esperanto and IVS.

7) ANY OUTSTANDING PEOPLE:
(reasons for their prominence)
Rudolf Mayer - good worker - keen internationalist - esperantist.
Hans Gehrken - very sound - good worker.

8) POSSIBLE LEADERS:
(give whether IVSP or Youth leaders or both experience e.g. pre-war Scouts present occupation; and other details)

9) ANY SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES: (difficulties: 1) During the week some criticism was voiced by the volunteers that the food was insufficient for the heavy work to be done. It was explained that the present scale of food consisted of the German heavy workers' ration supplemented by a supply of food given by the Salvation Army. The supply of German bread varies from week to week according to available supplies. It has arranged that a double portion of food should be served over

10) OTHER SPECIAL POINTS: Accident to thumb sustained by on volunteer - Burkhard Oels

11) NAME AND ADDRESS OF THIS WEEK'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:
(elected to attend Winter conference of I.V.S.P.)
1) Hans Gehrken, Hamburg 21, Bassinstraße 12 II
2) Paul Stein, Göttingen, Lotzestraße, 37
Both of these received equal votes
signed (H. Alcock) leader
date 18 Aug 46

Difficulties (con'd)

should/ be drawn from the big kitchen for the midday meal and that a further coupon per person be surrendered to cover this. Also that further attempts should be made to improve the food if possible.

2) I think that 25 volunteers per week is rather too many for this camp, and that 20 is a desirable maximum, perhaps 16 men and 4 women. When people are staying for one week only it is difficult for 25 volunteers to get to know one another sufficiently well in so short a time. Also 4 women would be sufficient; the midday meal being cooked in the big kitchen together with that for the children, and the work in the sand being too heavy for most women. The other work consisting of cooking, cleaning, and some laundry work could be efficiently done by four women.