

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR PEACE

WORK PROJECT

- 1) **Organising Branch / Office :** British - Germany
- 2) **Service at :** Hamburg
- 3) **Nature of Service :** Shifting sand.
For adults (18 upwards))
- 4) **Duration of Service :** 6 - 8 weeks; Start 5/8/46, Finish 30/9/46
- 5) **Volunteers required :** Men 20 per week, Women 5 per week
- 6) **Leader :** Harry Alcock RS/143/Berlin
- 7) **Finances:** Local & IVSP British Branch
A small group of sympathisers have raised a considerable sum of money locally with which it is hoped to defray pooled fare liabilities. Hamburg Jugendamt are paying for equipment, and food.
- 8) **Work to be carried out :** Clearing and levelling sandy beach by removing sand from buildings in Children's day recreation camp.
- 9) **Authorities and other organisations involved, and how :** Local Mil Gov (Mr.Hownell; Lt.Goodland) CCG, Education Branch, Bünde, being kept informed.
Children are being brought out daily by Arbeiterwohlfahrt.
- 10) **Assistance required from other branches :** None possible
- 11) **Additional Information :**

Local organisation : Herr Walter Thielemann, Jungfrauental 24, Hamburg

Reports state that Walter has proved disappointing as his organising has been insufficient as to details. At this scheme the great problem of women's services has come to the fore. Women at this service have very little to do as the midday meal is provided by the large staff feeding the 500 children. There is very little cleaning to do; as living accommodation is very rough. The work on the sand is too heavy. The possibility of specifically women's services is something that the German situation demands very strongly in view of the shortage of men and manpower. This shortage makes it doubly difficult for male volunteers to devote any large proportion of their vacation to IVSP services and makes it virtually impossible for those of the working-class to avail themselves of the opportunities of IVSP

25 on a scheme is too many, unless vols can stay at least 14 days.