

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR PEACE

WORK PROJECT

- 1) **Organising Branch / Office :**
British - Germany
- 2) **Service at :**
Meschede, Sauerland
- 3) **Nature of Service :**
River Regulation
Adults (18 onward)
- 4) **Duration of Service :**
8 weeks; Aug 5th to Sep 30th 46
- 5) **Volunteers required :**
Men 20 per week, Women 5 per week
- 6) **Leader :**
Charles Balchin from Aug 5th to Sep 1st
Eric Rodham for the rest of the time
- 7) **Finances:**
Local and IVSP British Branch
ie. the work is paid for by the hour by the Stadt Meschede. All wages are handed over immediately to the Stadt Meschede. The Stadt Meschede are paying for food, equipment, rent, repairs to house; and may be prepared to contribute something towards pooled fares.
- 8) **Work to be carried out :**
digging a canal to divert flood waters from flooding town in winter and spring
- 9) **Authorities and other organisations involved, and how :**
Catholic Youth organisation, active in area, providing some volunteers. Wm Baukhage's Youth group in Iserlohn also providing volunteers.
Local Mil Gov (Arnsberg) being kept informed and assisting. CCG Education Branch, Bünde, being kept informed.
Bürgermeister arranging work, which is being carried out by a contractor.
- 10) **Assistance required from other branches :**
None possible
- 11) **Additional Information :**

Here have arisen the inevitable slight, jealous wranglings between the Germans. A higher proportion of other nationalities would help to smooth these out. But these unforeseeable personal clashes so damaging to a young and delicate movement makes a certain amount of assistance and supervision from outside so vital, until more normal conditions prevail in Germany, and individual antagonisms resume their normal proportions again.