

Minutes of House Meeting held on Saturday, September 21st, 1946

Present : Stan (in the Chair), Barry, Douglas, Edith, Frances, Margaret, Norman, Sonia, Tom and Basil.
Peggy was on home leave. Allan was convalescing in Denmark.

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Future of I.V.S.P. in Germany:

Basil said that it was proposed to send in a report on the summer schemes to the Control Commission, informing the Commission how successful the Schemes had been, and that it was proposed to run an I.V.S.P. Conference at Hannover at the end of October, when it was hoped to elect officers and to get the German Branch of I.V.S.P. started. It was also proposed to get permission for a winter scheme at which German leaders could be trained and to which volunteers from other countries could come, making an equal number of Germans and other nationalities. Willy Begert would be in Germany about that time, but it was felt that he should not attend the Conference officially since his presence might be regarded as a restraining influence on the Germans.

Basil further reported that there was to be a Conference of international Secretaries in Brussels a week before the Conference in Hannover, and a report would have to be made to the Brussels Conference on the work in Germany.

It was felt, Basil said, that by next summer the German Branch should be able to carry on without assistance from England, but supervision of camps this year was needed as many of the volunteers had been attracted to the schemes mainly because the food.

There was a small group in Frankfurt who were trying to salvage desks from a bombed school and there was also the possibility of getting schemes started in the French Zone.

Referring to the possibility of a permanent scheme in Germany, Basil said that the Berlin team have applied to Mil.Gov. for permission to continue their work there and to start a voluntary or semi-voluntary debris clearing scheme in the city under the leadership of trained leaders. The matter was still under consideration because the Salvation Army, Friends Relief Service and I.V.S.P. all wanted to stay in Berlin.