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IVSP, HQ 5, British Red Cross,  
(Civilian Relief), B. A. O. R.

NOTES on a meeting held between CRALOG, AFSC, OMGUS and IVSP representatives in Berlin,  
Sat Nov 2nd 46

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CRALOG - Mr. Shotts (Chairman) American Relief Organisation for Germany,  
Miss Lewis Welles (Secretary) operating mainly in the American Zone.

AFSC - Mr. Steve Cary (European Secretary - office in Paris)  
Mr. Irwin Abrams (Overseas Secretary - office in Philadelphia)

OMGUS - Mr. Hayes-Beall (Education Branch American Zone)

IVSP - Mr. B. Eastland (IVSP Senior Representative, Germany)  
Mr. D. Sowerby (Leader IVSP Relief Section, Berlin)

#### Work Camps

##### a) in the British Zone

Mr. Eastland reported on Summer Schemes, and outlined plans for winter camps. AFSC European Sec. promised to communicate with Advisory Officer of IVSP in Germany, recommending that one or two AFSC members at present working in Relief Teams in the British Zone under the FRS should be allowed to work for ten days in the IVSP winter camps in the British Zone.

##### b) in the American Zone

Mr. Hayes-Beall said that the danger of the American Army organising work-camps had fortunately been side-tracked, ostensibly because of their lack of experience. The door had been left ajar for International Work-Schemes to be started when General Mc. Nulti agreed to the principle of Youth Hostel reconstruction being undertaken by international teams.

Mr. Cary said that permission had now been obtained for six voluntary American workers to come and set up "Neighbourhood Centres" in Frankfurt and Darmstadt (20 miles away). Two wooden barracks were being brought from America for this purpose. This scheme would probably start some time in December. He thought that the IVSP group at present working in Frankfurt with Paul Krahe should find an excellent opportunity in this work.

Miss Lewis Welles said that until the Neighbourhood Centres started up CRALOG would be prepared to assist the group with food and working clothes, and suggested that Paul Krahe be asked to submit a report on the work that the group had done to date. AFSC and OMGUS welcomed the suggestion and hoped that they would receive a copy of the report.

Irwin Abrams looked ahead to the proposed World Conference of Christian Youth, which was scheduled to take place in Oslo between 28 Jul and 8 Aug 1947. Many delegates were coming from US and he thought that some might be persuaded to stay on for Summer Work Camps of one sort or another. He had already obtained agreement in principle from the American side.

Finally, discussing the decision taken at the IVSP conference at Hannover to apply for recognition of IVSP services and organisation, there was general agreement that the correct method had been decided on - i.e. to apply to the Allied Control Authority for Recognition in all four Zones at first; and to apply to individual Mil Govs as the second step.

Miss Lewis Welles offered the services of the CRALOG office in Berlin as a clearing-house for matters of common interest of all four organisations represented at the meeting.

B. Eastland