

POINTS ARISING FROM GERMAN VISIT

FUTURE POLICY.

It will be seen from the team lists that it will be possible for IVSP to maintain three teams in the fields with only slightly reduced members, until June at least. There appear to be three factors to be taken into account: -

- a. Any overall policy formulated by COBSRA or CCG.
- b. The need for the teams which will certainly exist until June.
- c. IVSPs own finance.

MARIAN GIRLING'S LETTER.

All teams will consider a voluntary cut in pocket-money, should a financial situation warrant it.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Basil Eastland wishes to leave at the end of March, in order to earn some money prior to his taking a teacher's course. Neither he nor I feel that there is a satisfactory successor to him, serving at present in Germany. We discussed the possibility for the need of a representative after March, but came to the conclusion that the German Branch, who, although they would be taking on more responsibility for the summer camps, would inevitably need an advisor who would help them to get the necessary facilities from the authorities.

SUPPLIES.

All teams agreed that they should not appeal publicity for supplies to be sent to them with BAOR addresses. They did, however, emphasise

the tremendous value which the parcels sent to them by friends, have been in some instances the supplies from parcels have almost equalled the supplies the team have received from HQ 5 and while I had realised importance of supplies to their work, I had not realised quite how much depended on it. We should therefore, I feel strive to send everything we possibly can to Germany, and to pool under two separate headings: -

- a. special items particularly needed by the teams to be sent or taken to them direct, and
- b. the wider range of general articles to be sent to the pool.

FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS IN TEAMS.

We should emphasise the necessity for Foreign Vols knowing either English or German.

RELIEF WORK CAMP SERVICES.

Considerable time had been spent by the Duisburg and Schleswig teams on the preparation of the work camps. They felt that in the light of the results of the camps that this was justified, but wondered if in the future, we could make arrangements for sending a volunteer out earlier in order to relieve the strain thrown upon the relief teams. I think that this is an entirely reasonable request and that we should endeavour to do this in the future.

EQUIPMENT FOR GERMAN BRANCH.

Basil emphasised to me that working clothes and boots for the Germans are essential items for the summer camps. The small supply of overalls and boots which they do possess have to be sent from scheme to scheme at the moment and have been not enough to round. I noticed on the 'stump-grubbing' service volunteers working in what obviously was their best or only suit and shoes.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

All teams agreed with the suggestions made in the draft conditions of service.

FINANCIAL HELP TO THE GERMAN BRANCH.

It appears that they are unable to appeal officially for funds but that the Units are acting as 'bankers' on their behalf.

GERMANS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

Agreed everywhere that this is the next essential step for the German Branch and I would recommend that at least the British Branch should endeavour to get a number of German Youth volunteers on the Youth camps this summer.

PUBLICITY.

All teams feel that more should be done centrally to get over to the Germans the basis of the Relief Societies working in Germany.

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