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Dear Friends,

The meeting of the IFDF here at Hannover over the last week end decided that the suggestion of Anton Fendrich to organise a camp in Freiburg this summer should be accepted. The IFDF will now get in touch with Anton to get further details; it is understood that the IFDF will be responsible for the organisation of the camp.

As far as we know, the details are as follows:

Place of work: Kinderkrankenhaus, Freiburg im Breisgau, Mathildenstraße, French Zone.

Nature of camp: Adult, Constructional work.

Dates appr.: 29 June to 27 September.

Vols.: 12 men, 8 women

Leader: Will be appointed by IFDF

Accommodation and food: will be supplied by the town authorities of Freiburg, but supplementary food will have to be brought from abroad.

Work: Reconstruction of a one-story building after some demolition and clearing work. Work done would enable hospital to take in 100 more children. Architect and artisans of the town will help with constructional work; a new building method will be used which will enable unskilled labour to take a large part in the work. Women will certainly be employed in out-door work.

Conditions: As usual. Vols should bring some food, blankets and sleeping bag. Whenever possible they should speak German.

It will be important to get the cooperation of the Swiss and French Secretariats especially. The former will be asked to supply some of the food, the latter especially to help with the liaison work with the French Occupation authorities. No doubt Anton Fendrich will write to Paris and ask for definite steps to be taken with the French authorities. It will of course also be important to get French and Swiss vols.

The IFDF meeting also discussed the project in the Saar. It is understood that they will in no way be in a position to assist in the organisation of such a service, nor will they be in a position to send German vols from other zones due to the existing restrictions. If a service in the Saar would be organised it would be in addition to the five services authorised at Paris and either the Swiss or the French secretariats, or both together, would have to bear full responsibility without in any way diminishing their promised efforts for the other camps in Germany. It was felt generally at the IFDF meeting that if the camp in the Saar will be organised anyhow by another group, that we should be content with sending one or two good vols to such a camp, hoping that they could help in the creation of an international constructive spirit. I hope very much that both the Swiss and French Sec. will comment on this as soon as possible and also send their comments to the SCI team in Saarbrücken.

With very best wishes,

Willy Begert