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The Berlin IZD Group
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Dear Friends,

We were very pleased to receive your letter of greetings from the Christmas party on December 28th, and Derek has given it to me to answer - a very pleasant task - and to see the signatures of so many friends makes me feel quite homesick for Berlin, and as if I ought to be back in the office in Kuehler Weg sitting at the typewriter, the only difference in this typewriter is that it has no umlauts (is that spelt right?)

It is grand to be back in the I.V.S.P. office, in the thick of the work-camp movement again, and especially after three months in a factory, where the attitude of the employers was one of getting as much work out of the employees for as little money as possible; and the attitude of the workers was, in most cases, that work was a necessary evil in order to earn enough money to live. You can imagine therefore how happy I am to be back working for something that is really worth working for, But I don't regret this three months experience, it was an excellent opportunity to see another aspect of life here in London, and I should like to say that it was a bad firm, not all firms have such a "slave driving" attitude towards there employees. It would, I think have been bad to have gone on in I.V.S.P. full time, without a break, and this break gave me a chance to renew my conviction that S.C.I. has a great contribution to make in promoting understanding and friendship between the peoples of the world, and therefore to world peace. Our thoughts are therefore especially with you in Berlin who are working for these ideas under such tremendous difficulties. I feel that now that I am at home, and can see everything in clearer perspective, I can appreciate even more the work you are all doing, and I feel very happy that I was able to help in that work.

I should like to go on helping, and Rudi and I have talked it over, and the only way we can think of at the moment, and it is a "drop in the ocean", is to send you some food towards the week-end schemes after the team is no longer there to help in this. We are starting this week to send some parcels to Reg to pass on to you for this purpose, we will send tinned food that will keep.

With very best wishes to you all from us all here in the London office.

Amitiés.

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