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Sunday, May 1

Clearing off monthly returns and (finally) the team reports.

Monday, May 2

Several factors decided us to send Mary Bright direct to Paris without waiting for her medical. In evening met Ulla Forsblom on her way back from Holm-Seppensen. She will leave for Switzerland in a day or two. Has no time to make it worth while her staying in Nuremberg.

Tuesday, May 3

Mary and Ulla were sent off to Essen to book their trains to Paris and Basel respectively. A telephone call from the Travel Bureau resulted in a long conservation, during which it was discovered that, inspite of previous denials by the Travel Bureau's at Dusseldorf and Freiburg, it seems to be possible to get free duty travel for all CBSRA sponsored volunteers in the US and French Zones. This was surprising news, as I had already accepted what seemed to be documentary proof that it was not possible. So Ulla and Mary will travel free inside Germany.

Wednesday, May 4

Took Mary and Ulla to Duisburg and saw them off on their way to Paris and Basel respectively. Back to Sekretariat to check over the cash box, following the financial transactions involved with these two, and found £ 1 missing. Another blow for the pocket! (Note: A letter from Mary in Algiers explained that she had taken it by mistake - or I had given it her by mistake).

Thursday, May 5

My personally allocated Volkswagen arrived today, having been in workshops since the beginning of April. The driver is one of the RS 150 men. One extra worry - how to keep him employed. The car will be very useful at times, of course, but I hardly feel that my use of it justifies the labour of one man - however, the driver is satisfied to have the job - a married man.

Germans are strictly forbidden in the car, unless they hold a permit. One has been obtained already for Herbert, and I shall try to get special permission to carry anyone I like.

Elsie Gainham rang up from Duisburg today. She is back in Germany and on her way to Oldenburg, where she is taking up the job of Team Leader with an AFSC refugee team. Promised her the car for tomorrow to do local running about.

Friday, May 6 Office work.

Saturday, May 7 Ditto.

Sunday, May 8 Kicking over traces.

Monday, May 9

Spate of letters in - much work.

Tuesday, May 10 Office work.

Wednesday, May 11

Eileen Taylor came here today - picked her up at Essen. She has to go back to England because the sponsorship for her stay at Holm-Seppensen did not materialise, and she is not allowed to consume German food. On the train, however, she met an FSC woman who almost promised her FSC sponsorship, so she may go back later.

I am trying to get Entry Permits issued valid for all three Zones, instead of only for British Zone as formerly. We are having trouble with a French Vol. whose Entry Permit is valid only for British Zone.

May 12 to 14 Office Work

As it is already May 26 when this is written I will leave the general report for next issue, due in 2 days.

Bill B.