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The whole of the period was spent at Mulheim.

Changes are taking and have taken place in the regulations regarding the incoming and outgoing volunteers. It is likely that these regulations will not be in full swing immediately and that conditions will be in effect very much the same as before, as far as they affect the volunteers to the summer camps. It is possible, however, that the situation regarding incoming volunteers will become easier, and I hope to have the whole matter made clear before the summer camps. The changes are

Volunteers from Germany to other Lands

The granting of the Exit Permit is now done entirely by the German staff of the Entry and Exit Offices. There is still an Englishman in each office, but he does not, apparently, normally concern himself with these outgoing permits. This means that Education Branch sponsorship is no longer necessary and I do not need to send out my lists of volunteers to Education Branch. This is an advantage : the disadvantage is that IZD volunteers, no longer having special sponsorship, must stand in line with all other Germans wishing to go abroad. Their Exit Permits will, therefore, nearly always, if not always, take longer to obtain than before. The exception are volunteers who go to England, Austria and Trieste : for these Education Branch sponsorship is still needed.

I still send lists of names to the Consuls in Germany of the various countries, and introductory letters to the volunteers.

Volunteers coming to Germany

Tourists are now allowed in Germany up to a period of 60 days. I have been told, however, that in many cases only a fortnight's stay will be authorised in order to cut down the number of people in Germany at once. All will receive Ration cards and a currency control card on which any currency transactions will be recorded.

The possible result is that Education Branch sponsorship will be no longer needed for our volunteers and that the granting of Entry Permits will be easier and quicker. At present, however, no statement had been issued either by the Education Branch or the Entries and Exits Branch, and the old process of getting the permits is in force. I will try to get a clear statement before the start of the camps.

The chief immediate advantage is that all volunteers draw German rations. Curiously enough, the English, who come as CBSRA members with special facilities, will be the only people who perhaps do not draw rations, as it is somewhat difficult to arrange for them to be drawn. It may turn out, however, that these too will be able to draw German rations in the normal way.

Towards the end of the period the number of foreign volunteers offered became sufficient to allow for the planning of the camps for the whole period. This will be started in a day or two. Several secretariats have been asking repeatedly for information. It is clear that, to some extent, those secretariats who send information early must wait until information comes from the later ones. I have in mind the possibility of organising the summer exchange of volunteers entirely from Paris : each secretariat would send to Paris a list of its needs and the volunteers it could send, and all would be sorted out there. Something to think about during the long autumn months ?

To be in the present : position a month before the beginning of the camps is, I think, quite good. Later and last minute offers can be expected, but if the bulk are offered early, these exceptions can be dealt with without rush.

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