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The whole of the period was spent at Mulheim.

During the first day or two the foreign volunteers were divided between the camps. The proportion of volunteers offered to IZD was a good deal greater than that offered to AFSC. We wished, therefore, to offer some of our volunteers to Earl Fowler. This was not practicable at once, for the following reasons :

1. Earl had circularised add secretariats about the same time as I did, asking for volunteers. It was to be presumed, therefore, that those volunteers offered to us were actually intended for IZD camps.
2. Getting permission to offer some of our people to Earl would involve an exchange of letters with some secretariats (who might have to exchange letters with their own volunteers). This would hold up the allocation of the volunteers, and some Branches were already pressing for allocation.

We decided, therefore, to wait a little, and to consider possible readjustment later. Meanwhile, I asked that future offers of service should state whether the volunteer was willing to serve with AFSC if necessary. We found later that, in the case of France at least, this had been taken for granted. The situation resolved itself, and we were able to do a certain amount of mutual planning. IZD camps all were filled and AFSC camps reasonably well-filled with foreign vols., but in both cases the proportion of women / men is high.

More careful advance co-operation should be aimed at next year. Since, however, I shall not be here next summer, IZD will probably be unable to take on more than the very minimum of office work, and there will undoubtedly be a tendency to rely on Earl for help. My original orders from England had been to try to hand over my job to IZD by October, and on this account I had asked Earl to do his own inviting of volunteers. This was further advisable since Earl has the help of Anneliese Ehrhardt, who formerly worked with me and knows the ropes. All this, as mentioned before, is subject for discussion in autumn.

A new helper has come for an indefinite period to the secretariat - Christel Kruger. She is to take over my work while I am on leave during August, and is working continually with me during July.

Shortly before the end of the period, it was announced from Vlotho that the visits of IVSP volunteers as CBSRA members would be severely curtailed. Since this was cleared up during the early part of the next period, it will be reported in the next report.

Due to (mainly) shortage of German volunteers, the IZD camps are finally reduced to four - Berlin, Donaueschingen, Göttingen and München.

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