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**Circular letter Nr. 13 to the members of the SCI International Committee.**

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Dear friends,

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LARGER SERVICE IN GERMANY

Both Heinrich Carstens and Herbert Böttger have been very glad to hear of our concern for work for refugees in Germany. But both have great hesitations to follow the recommendation of the I.C. and approach the authorities in Bonn with a letter from the I.C. Heinrich points out that such work as we envisage is being handled in Germany by the 'Länder' authorities. On the other hand Heinrich has at once written to some people who could help in this matter. I suggest that we accept the advice of our German friends and do not proceed in the way the I.C. has recommended unless they can fully agree to it. Heinrich has already sent me a good deal of documentation for a possible project in EVESSEN (Kreis Wolfenbüttel) near Braunschweig. The Staatliche Braunschweigische Siedlungsgesellschaft is planning a 'Gartensiedlung' in Evessen for some 45 families. The organisation involved would pay the usual expenses (food, lodging, insurance) and would provide all camp material and tools. A service could start at Easter - perhaps with some 12 - 20 volunteers - and be carried through over summer (when in all some three services of 20 volunteers each could be organised) and go on over next winter. It might be possible that there could be two SCI services and one AFSC service. There are still many questions to be answered in connection with this project and, of course, our German friends also look round for other possibilities. Herbert, for example, mentions a possible project in MÜLHEIM itself, where new houses for refugees are to be built. As you know, the various work camp organisations working in Germany, meet in Kassel on February 25/26 to discuss possible co-operation in the work in Germany and by that time we shall no doubt have more details about the two projects mentioned and possibly also news of other projects. Other places where we can help refugees or homeless youth - probably in smaller services - are : Berlin, Breisach, Eschweiler.

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Willy will attend the conference in Kassel on February 25/26 and use this opportunity to see whatever work projects are being investigated and also to visit local German groups, including Freiburg. In this case it would be preferable if Dora could be present at the Annual General Meeting in Algeria. Gudrun will take part in the service in Northern Italy in March/April if she can be replaced here in the office. We have also written to some members of the I.C. and others about the question of finding a suitable person to help with office work in Germany.

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Yours sincerely,

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