

DONAUESCHINGEN (BADEN)

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LOCAL AUTHORITY'S PLANS

About 2.000 refugees are coming to Donaueschingen and the surrounding area this year and the Siedlungsgenossenschaft in D. Plans to build 15 new houses (60 dwellings), and 5 – 8 house-blocks in another 4 villages in the neighbourhood.

15 skilled workers are employed and also the refugees have to work on the houses. When the house are completed they pay 40 DM rent per month for about 15 years and then the house (or flat) is theirs.

PLACE FOR VOLUNTARY WORK CAMPS

1. Work

Work could start after Easter with one group of 10 to 20. During the summer it would be possible to have 60 vols. In Donaueschingen, that is three groups, and a 4th group at Gutmadingen, 12 kms away. Possibly in other villages also. The vols. would help with the digging and levelling of earth (in D. there is about 3.500 m³ to be moved), digging trenches and also with the actual building. The work could continue till October. There should not be more than 1/5 to 1/4 girls on the job. Tools are available.

2. Accommodation

Those working on the project in D would be housed in the refugee transit camp, where there is enough room to have three separate groups, the kitchen being shared. The work place is about ten minutes away. The huts can be heated. Beds, blankets etc. are available, as are also kitchen utensils and other camp equipment.

Food. It was suggested that catering arrangements should be in the hands of the local Red Cross, with the women vols. helping with the work in the kitchen.

3. Finance

The Siedlungsgenossenschaft would take of the usual expenses food, insurance, some administrative costs.

Last year - see below - this worked out at about DM 4,50 which was considered definitely too high. (Note: French authorities might give a grant of DM 1 per vol. per day).

4. Other comments

In 1949 the Nothelfergemeinschaft and IZD both had a camp to help build the first nine houses.

On the unemployment question it was said that the vols. would not be doing what could be done by unemployed people, since the Siedlungsgenossenschaft could not afford to pay the necessary wages for the latter.

POINTS TO BE CLEARED

Selection of refugees