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Dear Dora and Willy,

I feel it as a great lack too, we can't have more personal contacts. Specially as things for me turned out as they did, I wished I could have talked with you.

It's a shame we (from Pierrefitte) let you so terribly in the Lurch by not sending the report. We came so far with it that we wrote down our personal ideas and tried to compose some resume. That was all. The situation here was so that it really took up all our time and couldn't keep our attention to the matter Pierrefitte. And there we received the newsletter in which we read your conclusions which were almost similar to ours. I felt it was a silent, however tarting fatherly reply upon our attitude. Please permit me to place a fullstop behind it.

You must have been quite astonished as you heard the campers here putted their faith upon me as Bill Sayre's successor, instead of Piet. I should have liked to write to you about it before, but I had to clear up the complete darkness at soon it was for me in the beginning, first; and after it I found myself mixed up with so many new matters that this prevented me from sitting down and write. I tried to get a clear picture of the grounds people used to ask me being campleader. This was what I learned of it. We are not able to form a full objective picture of ourselves. So, to a certain extent, we must accept what other people say about us, and try to find connecting links with it inside ourselves. I promised myself to try to find this point and as the only way, I think, is practice. I said I would take the job. Still I feel it's an experiment and I am wondering really what's coming out of it. Anyhow, don't bother with the help of our wonderful headsister Nelly and all the others. I'll manage.

Over to the point Pocket money: Meta Walter agreed so far to give us (Nelly, Piet and me) pocketed money from our arrival on. Noger de Neuville made arrangements with his branch and will receive an amount of money to be able to pay all the I.V.S. Persons who are here longer than a month. All longtermers stay here after Easter. Wishes of longtermers you'll find on the supplement.

I got only two applies for UNESCO Easter camp. Svend Hansen and Gerda Jensen (both Danish longtermers) want to go there, and ask if they can get their fair paid. Single trip Donaueschingen - Oberhausen costs 39,20 DM. Gerda Jensen is also anxious to know whether she can go to Algeria or not.

Outside project: This idea is dropped. Robert Lienhart didn't agree. He said there is plenty work on Baustelle if organisation doesn't fail. Things went better by decrease of volunteers, not because of organisation. Difficulties again cause 17 really in to much for this time of the year. There'll be work on this project up till end of June. Whether Neue Heimat can start new project or not depends on quite a lot. But Robert, I'm sure, will write you about it.

Fine to hear work in Pierrefitte is going on well. Got a letter from the group in Assam.

Amitiés

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