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Internationaler Zivildienst,
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DONAUESCHINGEN

cc: Meta Walter, Braunschweig.

Dear friends,

We are very grateful for all the news which we have received from you yesterday. We are too much pressed for time to reply in detail the the very good letter from Ernst and the memorandum for the IDM from the group (which we read with very great interest). I shall therefore only comment in the first line on the movements of the various friends.

Roger de Neuville.

I have been informed by Unesco that Roger has accepted participation at the Unesco Training Course in Oberhausen. He will receive his ticket or necessary money either from Unesco Paris or from Anneliese Erhardt, Schloß Kranichstein bei Darmstadt. I shall myself go for the last four days to Oberhausen and can then discuss with Roger his future work.

James Michie

Accepted for IDM (I hope that he gets his visa in time). Will he return to Donaueschingen afterwards or what are his future plans? We shall pay for his expenses (maintenance and one-way travel) in Ludweiler.

Ernst Hulst

Accepted for Le Chambon. We shall pay for his expenses (maintenance and one-way travel Donaueschingen - Chambon) at Le Chambon. I take it that he will afterwards go to Ratzeburg?

Nelly Forget

According to you will go to Ratzeburg?

Piet Kruithof

Will take part at the MS meeting in Hamburg. I have said all I can say about his working afterwards with MS and the final decision is now up to him. I repeat that I think that he could do a very good job with MS, but that SCI needs him very badly.

It was not our suggestion that you should stay in Donaueschingen too long, but we hoped that at Ludweiler we could discuss the future movements of all our long term volunteers and see where they could serve our movement best. We would therefore be glad if James Michie (or, should he not be able to come) or a letter from you will give us your suggestions to where you think that you should like to help. Areas where we would be very happy to have long term volunteers this summer are

Austria : Services after avalanche catastrophes;

Germany

Italy : Signa and Abruzzi;

Algeria

It is probably in these countries that SCI will have to make the biggest effort this summer to strengthen the branches and ensure that the services in these countries really have a sound nucleus of volunteers. Please discuss this and let us have your opinion. Don't forget always to keep Meta informed of your plans too; since the German branch will be the first affected by your movements.

The document for the IDM we shall very carefully consider and include your opinions in the opening remarks given for each item. Thank you very much for your effort.

New volunteers for Donaueschingen

I hope that there is the closest liaison between you and Meta so that Meta is always accurately informed of the volunteer position and can act according to your recommendations. Nelly will know from her work here that it is sometimes very difficult for a secretariat which is far away from a service to know exactly what is needed and be able to control the applications for volunteers so that you have exactly the number needed. I hope that the better weather will also help to increase possibilities of employment. It should certainly be avoided that there are too many new volunteers at one time; but you are now a good number of experienced SCI volunteers and ought to be able to absorb a good number of new ones.

We hope, that Said Kessal has now arrived in Donaueschingen.

We shall see what we can send you in books: We are asking the Swiss to send you 'Vivre sa vérité' and the British to send you their 'History of IVSP'. Take good care, please, that these books are available to the camp during the whole summer. We are also sending you some French folders.

All our best greetings and wishes,

Amitiés

Willy Begert