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9. East-West :

This question was added to the agenda because of its importance in some branches.

Our German friends had decided that for various reasons they could not organise a service in Berlin, as had been suggested to the :

- from the purely practical point of view it is difficult and expensive for volunteers from Western countries to get to Berlin;
- from the point of view of participation of volunteers from the East zone in Germany, our German friends did not feel that they could recruit them through East zone organisations, and while some might be found on an individual basis, there were certain risks involved.

Three lines of action were suggested :

- I. Encourage personal contacts with people of 'Eastern' sympathies;
- II. Encourage branches to invite volunteers through organisations with such sympathies;
- III. Study very carefully the economic aspects of our services.

On point II, the IC was divided, and asks for the comments and opinions of the branches.

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