

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

The Sixth International Delegates' Meeting at the Jugendherberge R O T B E R G
October 24, 25 and 26, 1952

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- Present : H el ene Monastier - International President
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| <u>Switzerland</u> : | Fridolin Tr ub
Martin Menzies
Marcus Jucker | <u>Belgium</u> : | No el Platteuw |
| <u>Gt.Britain</u> : | Luise Colden
Joyce Heslop
Landon Temple | <u>Germany</u> : | Eugen Heinz
Hans-Joachim Mollenhauer
Meta Walter |
| <u>France</u> : | Pierre Lorson (part-time)
Claudine Sellier
Etienne Reclus | <u>Austria</u> : | Hansl Antoni
Felix Bertram |
| <u>Holland</u> : | Marius Boelsma
Jo Koster | <u>Italy</u> : | Guliano Zuntini
Pierluigi Vagliani |
| <u>Norway</u> : | Agnes Berentzen
Randi Kittelsen | <u>Algeria</u> : | Paul Lafon
Mohamed Sannoun |
| <u>Int.Cttee</u> : | Heinrich Carstens, John Harvey, Philippe Vernier (part-time) | | |
| <u>Guests</u> : | AFSC : Milly Mahoney
AIWCP : Arvid Frogner
ILCOP : Ren e Bovard | <u>Saar</u> : | Elisabeth Duc ene
Vera Wiesner (part-time) |
| <u>Int.Sec.</u> : | Ethelwyn Best, Ralph Hegnauer | | |
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REVIEW of WORK and PRESENT SITUATION in the MOVEMENT

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Germany. The most urgent work is still to build homes for refugees and returned prisoners of war. Three services for refugees have been organised - very successfully from many points of view but suffering seriously from the lack of discipline among volunteers, both as regards their periods of service, sates of arrival and departure and their attitude to the work and group life in general. It seems that many have not understood the spirit and purpose of SCI. At times, the services suffered from too much individual contact with the population.

It is hoped that, in view of the urgent need a more extensive programme can be carried through next year.

Saar. The year had bee none of restricted activity, without full-time secretary. Recruitment and money raising were difficult but some volunteers had been sent to other countries and the Government had given a grant towards travel costs.

The Committee felt that it would be essential to organise a home service next year. The anomalous situation of the Saar, between France and Germany and the consequent need for the movement to support and encourage this group was especially noted.

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DEVELOPMENT and EXPANSION

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'East-West' Service. In the long discussion it became clear that while all were concerned about the present 'east-west' tension, it was not agreed that friendly contact through an SCI service in a communist country would be helpful; some thought that an attempt to organise such a service would not only be ineffective but dangerous for the movement, especially in certain countries, and possibly for volunteers taking part, and that SCI could work for peace in other more effective ways.

A majority were in favour of making the attempt, but it was agreed not to override the opinions of those who were opposed and the question was referred to the Int. Cttee. for study when a concrete project was available. It was felt that everyone should re-examine his own standpoint, in this important matter, taking account of the opinions of those who help the opposite views.

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Yugoslavia. IAL had already been working with the Yugoslav authorities and some SCI volunteers had take part in the service in Spicuniak. In spite of difficulties IAL felt that co-operation was valuable, and having gained the confidence of the authorities, they were seeking permission to organise an independent service next year.

Two proposals were before the meeting - that Yugoslav volunteers should be invited to SCI services in other countries, and that SCI, in contact with IAL, might try to organise a service in Yugoslavia. In the discussion it was noted that we should only work in Yugoslavia if we could also work in another communist country, and it was suggested that for the time being we limit ourselves to bringing Yugoslav volunteers to our other services.

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SUBJECTS referred to the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE for STUDY and NECESSARY ACTION

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2. The 'East-West' Service

The Delegates' Meeting has decided that the French and the British branches should be charged jointly with the study of projects for East-West Camps.

Henri Rose was asked personally to undertake without delay the steps necessary to put a concrete Proposition before the International Committee. The latter to refer this to the branches and make the final decision.

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