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International Secretariat

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6. Contacts with Yugoslavia

It was reported that, from correspondence, it appeared that some financial help would be necessary to get Yugoslav volunteers to services in other countries, since they could not bring money with them. After discussion it was agreed : That the Swiss branch be asked to take over responsibility for the necessary arrangements and a grant from International Funds up to 500 SFrs. was made for expenses of Yugoslav volunteers.

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9. East-West Services

Henri Roser reported that he had not been able to see Yves Farge again about a service under the auspices of "Combatants de la Paix". In the meantime

Etienne Reclus had made contact with the group l'Amitié France-Polonaise, of which Joloit-Curie is also President.

It was thought that, if the double service become possible, the respective leaders would probably come from their own 'side', but that a co-leader from the other 'side' might be appointed. Suitable volunteers must be sought for - it would not be sufficient to wait for offers to come in. Henri was asked to list some books which might usefully be read in preparation for the service.

Ralph, Willy and Philippe were mentioned as possible leaders or co-leaders from SCI.

A 'Castor' service at Quimper which, with the agreement of the 'Castors' could be the complementary service in the 'West', was included in the French programme.

It was agreed that, even if visas etc. could not be obtained for volunteers to such a service, a service in the 'East' should be accepted if offered and suitable.

In general, the memorandum attached to the IDM report was approved.

In view of the great amount of detailed work which would be necessary for successful preparation and organisation, if this service materializes, it was suggested that the British branch be asked to consider the possibility of freeing Landon Temple, if he were willing, for one or two months after Easter, to work with Etienne Reclus, who would welcome such assistance.

In any case, close contact would be maintained between the French and British branches.

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