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Steps towards an "East-West" service

During 1953, the French branch, on behalf of the international movement, established further contacts with organisations based on a communist philosophy. We send an observer, on invitation, to the meetings of the World Federation of Democratic Youth at Helsinki in May. We read there a paper on SCI and our hopes for a "East-West" service, and had informal discussions with various delegates on the subject.

It cannot be said that these steps produced more than friendly relationship with certain delegates and a recognition both by individuals and "communists" youth organisations, of the sincerity of SCI's work for peace regardless of barriers of whatever kind created by governments to divide people for political or economical reasons.

The French committee made tentative plans for two work camp services, one in an Eastern People's Democracy, the other in France, with about 60 volunteers in each, and an exchange of 30 from either side. It is understandable that the numbers seem ridiculously small to those accustomed to think of work camps in terms of tens of thousand's, but we have persistently tried to emphasize the symbolic nature of such services. They would indeed be a very real expression of the strong concern in the French branch, with the backing of the whole movement, to make a tangible contribution to international understanding.

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