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1955 has been characterized in so far as SCI is concerned, by a greater number of services, but a smaller number of volunteer-periods in comparison to the previous year. On the other hand an increased activity other than the organizing of camps has to be noted.

Services in Europe

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The 6th International Delegate's meeting held in 1952 encouraged the French branch to prepare an **East-West** camp. Three years of negotiating with various authorities and bodies of East European countries led, in 1955, to the first experiment of this type of camp. A small service was carried out in cooperation with the World Federation of Democratic Youth in a suburb of Warsaw in Poland, at the same time as the Youth Festival. There have been some shortcomings. Although there was no connection with the Festival, the fact that time and place coincided with it was felt to be disadvantageous for such camps. But the WFDY as well as SCI felt it a worthwhile experience.

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Finances

Most branches have been able to balance income and expenditure, although the income from membership dropped in some countries. The French, Belgian, German, Austrian and Italian branches have again benefited from Government grants, and the British branch from various Welfare Trusts. The Austrian and Algerian branches have received some limited help from other branches of SCI.

In so far as the accounts of the International Secretariat are concerned, they have been balanced thanks to increased contributions from some branches and also by some economies on expenses compared with the budget. A gift from an American member of \$ 1.000 has enabled the International Committee to contribute towards the financing of the work in the Lebanon and in Algeria, as well as to help to maintain two Asiatic and one African volunteer during their service in Europe. The remaining SFr. 10.703 from the Ford Foundation grant (1952) was spent on work in Italy (4.575), Greece (900), East-West service (2.132), international conferences (471), publications (1.425) and on travel costs, maintenance and insurance for an Indian in Europe and on the preparation of a Pakistani volunteer (1.200).

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