

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

Minutes of the 13th. International Secretaries' Meeting at Middlekerke, near Ostende, Belgium on November 5th, 6th, 1956

PRESENT : André Lemaire (Belgium - for joint session), Etienne Reclus (France), Gerhard Krückeberg and Pegeen Morris (Germany), Michael Sorensen and Esma Burrough (Great Britain), Piet van der Have (Holland), Randi Kittelsen (Norway), Idy Hegnauer (Switzerland). Ex officio : Dorothy Abbott, Ralph Hegnauer, Phyllis Clift.

GUESTS : Heinrich Carstens and Noël Platteuw (International Committee), Grenelle Hunter (AFSC), Paul Boyer (Co-ord.Cttee), Elisabeth Werle (IAL), Rose Kwei (Gold Coast), Gopal Sarma (India), Nobuyasu Yamada (Japan).

APOLOGIES : Nilaus Petersen (Denmark), Austria, Italy.

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6. Reports from other organisations

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In the absence of a representative from WFDY, Etienne Reclus reported on the East-West services of this year. SCI had decided not to send volunteers to Leipzig, and WFDY went ahead alone with the camp there. Bonnat, the camp in the West, was a limited success because of a lack of Eastern volunteers. The reason may be attributed to WFDY's difficulties in enlisting enough volunteers for its own camp; the fact that work camping is a secondary activity of WFDY; and that they must depend on their affiliated organisations for volunteers; and the difficulties of obtaining visas. It was emphasised, however, that the volunteers from the WFDY who had come to Bonnat or to Ablon had made a good contribution to the camps and established sincere personal relations.

André Lemaire had represented SCI at the WFDY meeting in Sofia and had established excellent contacts with the group and with individuals there. Principles of co-operation with WFDY have been agreed upon, however SCI hopes in the future to work there directly with the national organisation of the country it is planning work with.

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