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d) Poland and East Europe

Henri Majewski said that the camp in Poland had been worth while, and that also, both before and after the camp, he had been able to contact Polish youth leaders and clear up small misunderstandings that hampered relations with SCI. He stressed the importance of working within the structure of the country. He felt the Poles had more confidence in SCI than before, and said that they had proposed up to five camps for next year. They found the work camps a useful activity, and work for peace. An informal SCI group might perhaps be started in Poland.

Regarding East European plans generally, for 1960, Henri said the French branch acting on behalf of the IC was envisaging sending a team to the USSR, and agreed that the volunteers should have good preparation in learning more about the country they were going to. Joke felt we must limit our activity to the number of good volunteers available, while Dorothy, supported by Heinrich and others, said the problem is not in finding enough good volunteers, but in selecting and preparing them for their task. If the camps are challenging enough, we shall get plenty of good volunteers, both from SCI members and sympathisers from outside.

Bärbel expressed hopes for a camp in East Germany next year.

Walter Schenkel said that some SCI members might join the camp young British Friends hope to have in Bulgaria next summer.

John Harvey took this opportunity of mentioning the need for Greeks to be brought into the work in Greece. Walter said that this would be his main concern in carrying out his new appointment in Greece

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