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The fact that the 12th Conference of Organisers of International Voluntary Work Camps was held at Niš / Yugoslavia, gave us an extremely good opportunity to negotiate again with the People's Youth of Yugoslavia regarding the exchange of volunteers and the possibility of joint SCI / PYY work camps in Yugoslavia.

We negotiated with Bora Micovic, staff member of the Central Committee of the PYY who was representing his organisation at the 12th Conference. The PYY would be glad to consider a small work camp (half Yugoslavs and half SCI international participation) next year. This camp would be jointly sponsored and organised by PYY and SCI and would be held in a rural area of the country (not in connection with the Highway Youth Work Dives). We were asked to start negotiations again after the work camp season 1960.

We feel that now SCI should also take a step towards creating mutual understanding between us and the PYY. We would therefore recommend to send a small group of SCI work campers to work on the Highway Project this year.

Regarding official contacts, we feel that they should not be neglected anymore. We therefore recommend the following procedure :

Henri Anjensky, being now responsible for contacts with Socialist countries, should also take over the responsibility for contacts with the PYY and share this task with Boža Smagur of Ljubljana (recommended by the Norwegian branch for taking over some responsibilities in Yugoslavia). Boža is eager to work for SCI, and since she is extremely well off with government officials, she would be of great value for strengthening contacts between SCI and PYY. Walter Schenkel would be willing to contact Boža since he knows her and since he is sometimes travelling through Yugoslavia.

We do also feel that now the International Committee should reconsider the matter of finding a branch or group able to become responsible for our work in Yugoslavia.

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