

**CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY WORK CAMPS**

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MINUTES OF SUB COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY WORK CAMPS
at the BITEJ (WFDY) CONFERENCE - WARSAW - 15th August 1962

<u>Present</u> :	1. USA	Mr. William F. Beittel	AFSC - Paris
	2. France	Mr. Roger Briottet	SCI
	3. Sweden	Miss Sigyn Erligh	IAL - Stockholm
	4. Poland	Mr. M. Klos	BITEJ - Budapest
	5. France	Mr. Pascal Lenoble	Jeunesse et Reconstruction - Paris
	6. England	Mr. Glyn Roberts	Coordination Committee
	7. G.D.R.	Mr. Schumann	FDJ - Berlin
	8. USSR	Mr. Evgeny Silin	CYO - Moscow
	9. Poland	Mr. Sobczyk	Rural Youth - Warsaw

1. WORK CAMP PROGRAMME FOR 1963

A. EUROPE

Poland 1 East West work camp to be organised under the responsibility of the Polish Committee for External Relations along with member organisations. Composition of the camp in accordance with the Vienna agreement, i. e.
15 volunteers invited by BITEJ
15 volunteers by SCI
10 from the host country

USSR 1 East West camp to be organised under the responsibility of the CYO. Composition
a) 20 volunteers invited jointly by BITEJ and the CYO
b) 20 - 25 channelled by SCI from its own and other work camp organisations
c) 20 Soviet volunteers invited by the CYO
d) 12 volunteers from organisations maintaining close relationship with the CYO

In view of the large numbers of volunteers anticipated, it was suggested by Glyn Roberts that both the administrative running of the project and the contact between the volunteers could be greatly improved if this project could consist of two associated work camps comprising 40 volunteers each. This suggestion will be considered by the CYO.

Leadership : The leaders of the groups a), b) and c) will share the responsibility of the camp. It was mentioned that the leaders of the groups a) and b) could arrive some days before the beginning of the camp, both to inform themselves about the details of the projects and to assist in the final preparation of the programme. The CYO will also study this suggestion.

Sweden An East West work camp will be organised in 1963 in Sweden, under the responsibility of IAL, and in cooperation with BITEJ. The team will consist of 30 volunteers in a proportion accordingly with the Vienna agreement.

France There are ample possibilities for another East West work camp in France under the responsibility of SCI. However it was felt the in 1963 possibilities of organising a second East West camp in Western Europe should be investigated for Austria, in view of the particular facilities open to volunteers of the GDR in that country.

General Organisational Questions in Europe

1. 10 to 15 Soviet volunteers might be available for regular work camps in Western Europe in 1963 and up to 30 in the following years. The Coordination Committee was asked to keep the CYO informed of regular work camp programmes and to channel invitations to Soviet volunteers.
2. It was agreed that in the future, on East West work camps, working hours should be reduced to 6 hours per day to leave more time for discussions.
3. It was mentioned that maximum contact between work campers and the local population was of extreme value and should not be neglected as seems to have been the case in France last year.
4. It was generally agreed that the description "East West" was no longer suitable for the character of camps foreseen in the Vienna Agreement. The following tentative proposals were made : "Friendship Camp" . . . but they were not accepted and work camp organisations are requested to consider this matter of changing the name of "East West" camps and to submit comments and suggestions to the Coordination Committee.
5. It was suggested that in the future when several East West work camps are going on at the same time, an effect should be made to link up these various ventures by means of letters, telegram's, etc.
6. Information was given on the Tripartite Work and Study Camp organised jointly by the CYO, FSC and AFSC. This camp is held in 1962 in Britain, the second camp will be held in 1963 in the USSR and the third in 1964 in the USA. Participation is limited to 10 nationals from each of these three countries.

B. ASIA

India An East West work camp will be organised in the north of India under the responsibility of the SCI Asia Secretariat. BITEJ will send 8 - 10 participants. After this camp a few volunteers of the BITEJ group, confirming the agreement already made with CYO in Helsinki, will visit one or more regular work camps in India. All responsibility for this service in India lies with the Asian Secretariat of SCI. The European Secretary of SCI should receive copies of letters and the Coordination Committee should be kept informed of major developments.

Japan Individual invitation will be made for a number of BITEJ volunteers to take part in work camps in Japan and possible in other Asian countries.

C. AFRICA

North Africa Two propositions were made concerning the organisation of a work camp in North Africa :

- either : under the responsibility of BITEJ, in Collaboration with AFSC, SCI and CYO
or : a project for the arrangement and responsibility of which BITEJ, SCI, AFSC, and CYO would be jointly and equally responsible.

BITEJ will forward precise and formal propositions to the Co-ordination Committee and the above mentioned organisations; within the next months.

It was pointed out that when preparing a project in Algeria, the advice and collaboration of any Algerian work camp organisation should be sought.

CoCo - Projects in Africa

BITEJ offered its participation to any project organised in Africa by the Co-ordination Committee

2. TRAINING SEMINAR FOR WORK CAMP LEADERS AND ORGANISERS

BITEJ will organise in late November in Budapest. The purpose of this seminar is to inform and to instruct organisers and group leaders of teams which will be active in 1963 in Europe, Asia and Africa. The programme will consist of some practical work and lectures, followed by discussions on organisational and administrative aspects of work camps. The Training seminar will consist of some 15 people including representatives of the CoCo, AFSC and SCI.

The invitations and the Programme will be sent by BITEJ early in October.

3. CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Mention was made of the work now being done by the Preparatory Committee for the Congress. The aims of the Congress are to clarify the confused organisational situation in the field of long term voluntary service.