

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL
European Secretariat

MINUTES of the 25th European Secretaries Meeting held at Marly-le-Roi, November 4th, 1963

PRESENT : SCI Secretaries :

Frank Judd, Harry Zion (Great Britain);
Alfred Knaus (Germany);
Bas Moreel (Netherlands);
Etienne Reclus, Marguerite Gieure (France);
Verena Ritter (Switzerland);
Elda Sarraz (Italy);
Hermann Spirik (Austria);
Sidsel Woxen (Norway);
Ralph Hegnauer (International Secretary);
Devinder Das Chopra (Asian Secretary);
Roger Briottet, Janet Goodricke (European Secretariat).

ALSO PRESENT : SCI :

Fr. Pierre Ceyrac (India);
Marc Garcet (Belgium);
Guido Graziani (Italy);
Ivar Høivik (Norway);
Pierre Rasquier (France),
Gerda Zajic (Austria).

Representatives of kindred organisations :

Donald Dunkley (FWCC);
Nina Bergström (IAL);
Mieczyslaw Klos (BITEJ);
Martin Dyas, David Gillet, Glyn Roberts (CoCo);
Toril Kristiansen, Edward Wright (AFSC).

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ITEM 2 — EAST-WEST PROGRAMME

Following the decision of the IC, the secretaries agreed to the following programme for 1964 :

Poland : 1 camp, from July 20th for about 3 weeks, which is intended to be a training in workcamp methods for the Polish volunteers. 10 experienced SCI volunteers are requested. There will be 15 Polish volunteers and 10 volunteers from other Eastern and Western organisations.

Czechoslovakia : 1 camp throughout July and August, with 40 volunteers working at any one time. SCI is requested to send 5 or 6 volunteers for each month. Many organisations will be asked to take part. M. Klos said that after this year BITEJ will no longer be responsible for the acceptance of volunteers for camps in Czechoslovakia, and arrangements will be direct between the Czechs and Western organisation.

Hungary : The first international camp in Hungary will be held in 1964. 4 or 5 SCI volunteers are requested.

U.S.S.R. : No information has been received yet. It was agreed that the Russians should be asked to make a decision about a workcamp in 1964 before the end of the year. The French branch indicated that it was prepared to make every effort to continue the exchange of volunteers, despite the unsatisfactory lack of information from the Russians about plans for 1964.

D.D.R. : 1 camp to be held in August as in 1963.

Yugoslavia : 1 SCI - YYA camp to be held and Walter Schenkel to be asked to help with the preparation of the camp and to lead it. AFSC intends to ask YYA to collaborate in the organisation of another camp.

Branch of SCI responsible for administration of above camps :

Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, U.S.S.R.	= French branch
D.D.R.	= British branch
Yugoslavia	= Norwegian or Italian branch

It was agreed that the French branch should organise seminars for the Western participants in East-West camps, as in 1963.

It was agreed, that volunteers from Socialist countries should be invited to take part in SCI camps in July and August. M. Klos undertook to send information out from BITEJ about the camps. It was agreed that when volunteers from Socialist countries are accepted directly by any branch, that branch should at once inform the branch responsible for administration of East-West camps in the Socialist country concerned : M. Klos requested that BITEJ be informed also. As part of a special programme for volunteers from Socialist countries, M. Klos asked that SCI branches should invite three Eastern volunteers, separately, to take part in camps between July 12th and 25th, and to pay their return fares to the camps from the Socialist countries' frontier. 1 SCI volunteer is invited to take part in the Seminar in the DDR from 27th to 31st July, with all costs provided.

The Austrian group requested information about the organisation of East-West camps from other branches of SCI and from BITEJ, and said that it would welcome two Eastern volunteers in 1964, preparatory to organising an East-West workcamp later.

Regarding LTVs, the following points were noted :

FDJ and CYO are prepared to send 2 or 3 LTVs each to Algeria.

The Indian branch, besides organising another short term East-West camp next year, would welcome 2 or 3 Eastern volunteers for periods of 4 months each, and pay their expenses from the port or airport where they arrive in India.

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Janet Goodricke