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3. EAST-WEST PROGRAMME

31 Short-term summer programme :

A report on the situation as it stood at the beginning of March is contained in the minutes of the 27th ESM (item IV). The Committee of Youth Organisations of the USSR has informed SCI that it will not be holding an international workcamp this summer.

32 Administrative procedure :

The increasing number of volunteers coming from Eastern Europe to SCI workcamps in Western Europe made it necessary to clarity the procedure for dealing with applications. At the 27. ESM the following extract of the Draft Secretaries Handbook was adopted, and will be applied in the case of volunteers requesting places on workcamps in Western Europe if they apply direct :

"... it must be understood that if a volunteer obtains a visa through a special recommendation from SCI, he must leave the country concerned immediately after terminating his service with SCI, unless otherwise agreed before the volunteer leaves his country. In no circumstances should he or she try to find paid work in that country without having the full permission of the respective SCI committee or secretariat. This must be made clear when letters of recommendation are furnished to volunteers, and written understanding must be obtained from each of them that they accept this condition, and stating their plans from the time of the end of their service with SCI until they return to their own countries."

33 Long-term service :

The Russians and the East Germans have now shown a very definite interest in sending skilled LTVs to SCI projects.

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