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Lutz Caspers raised several points concerning the <u>East German project</u>, emphasising that no publicity should be given to West German volunteers on the camp this year except in the complete context of the work camp as a whole, and that the possibility of cooperation with other East German organisations besides the Freie Deutsche Jugend should be carefully explored for 1965. For next year, more consultation between the West German branch and the ES is highly desirable before further agreement is reached concerning joint workcamps in the DDR, and it was agreed that it would be useful if informal contact between the West German branch and East German organisations concerned could be arranged.

The IC expressed satisfaction at the willingness of the German branch to cooperate in the organisation of East-West camps in the DDR, and expressed its enthusiasm over the craving willingness of organisations in Socialist countries to encourage volunteers to join SCI workcamps in Western Europe.

It was agreed that the Seminars for volunteers might be held nearer Germany than at present (Paris), and that volunteers should be prepared for the East Germans' great interest in discussing political questions. More publicity was needed to make sure that a sufficiently large number of experienced volunteers apply for East-West workcamps.

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<u>Bureau International pour le Tourisme et les Echange des Jeunesse</u> (BITEJ) : It was reported, that the Director of BITEJ, Mieczislaw Klos, had taken an active part in the preparations for the Coordination Committee Conference and had been elected a Vice-President of CoCo. Arrangements for East-West workcamps were reasonable satisfactory. There seemed to be a tendency to regard international teams as being of less political value than national teams sent to developing countries, and more explanation and discussion with the member organisations of BITEJ would be useful on this point.

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