SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL International Secretariat

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5.14 East-West:

Financial problems were given special consideration. Concerning East-West exchange, transfers from West to East do not raise any problems, however, transfers from East to West raise big administrative difficulties. The French branch is willing to continue the organisation of the exchange East-West, but should have one person specially concerned with this work. In such circumstances the SFrs 1.500 could be paid to the French branch, although it is difficult to provide for this in the budget.

It was decided to continue as in the past and not to provide a new item in the budget for 1965.

THIRD AND FORTH SESSION

(IC members together with national secretaries and representatives pf other organisations).

6.35 Freie Deutsche Jugend :

The problem whether we want to continue to co-operate with this organisation in organising SCI workcamps in the DDR was considered. There is also a possibility of co-operating with "Aktion Sühnezeichen" which would make contacts easier for SCI members from West Germany, especially if it is done in co-operation with the Quakers. Finally it was decided to encourage the ES to contact FDJ and make arrangements which would allow us to accept DDR volunteers who are not members of FDJ. The German branch would like to be represented when arrangements between the ES and FDJ are being made concerning the exchange of volunteers. Concerning pocket money granted to the volunteers coming from Eastern Europe, we must stick to the present arrangements : the pocket money our volunteers receive in Eastern Europe allows volunteers from those countries to cover their travel expenses to Western Europe. The most difficult problem remains the visa problem and the IC might take official steps with the government concerned, in order to facilitate the participation of young East German volunteers in camps in France or England etc.

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6.36 Yugoslavia :

It has been noted that the Union of Yugoslav Youth is not very much in favour of small camps. It is therefore preferable to maintain only general contact with the YYA. On the other hand, efforts must be made to deepen relations with the Esperantist groups with a view to organising camps in co-operation with them. Only experienced volunteers should be sent to Yugoslavia.

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