

MĚSTSKÝ VÝBOR ČESKOSLOVENSKÉHO SVAZU MLÁDEŽE • TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CZECHOSLOVAK YOUTH • STADTLEITUNG DES TSCHECHOSLOWAKISCHEN
JUGENDVERBANDES • ГОРКОМ ЧЕХОСЛОВАЦКОГО СОЮЗА МОЛОДЁЖИ

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Dear Alfred Knaus,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10th February, addressed to Mr. Vanek. We were delighted to learn from your letter about your interest to cooperate with the Town Council of the CSM in Prague.

I am very sorry and it is a pity that I could not discuss our mutual cooperation personally with you, during your stay in Prague. I am in charge of the work camps organised by the Town Council of the CSM in Prague but during the time, when the first letter has been sent to you I was ill and did not know anything about it.

I would like to thank you once more for the discussion, which we had with you during your stay in Prague. It was really very good and fruitful and helped us a great deal. In the discussion with you I have mentioned the work camps, organised by our Town Council. I am convinced that these work camps will be the best in Czechoslovakia this summer. At present they are very good prepared. The work on the project will have social character and will be very useful. There will be not more than 15 participants in every camp (5 Czechs and 10 volunteers from abroad). On these projects we would like to realise your wish to make possible for the volunteers from West and East Germany to get together. We can promise you that there will be somebody from West and East Germany together in every of our four work camps. If you could send some of your volunteers to these camps, who could be taking the direct responsibility for the work or for the social or educational side of the work camp, please write me as soon as possible. If indeed you could send some of your leaders I would provide them with detailed information about our summer programme and line them up with a specific project.

The Town Council of the Czechoslovak Union of the Youth in Prague has a very close contact with our Central Office. In Prague there is a great demand for the work camps abroad, and we can satisfy only one fifth of all choosen applicants. That is why, we have an agreement with the Central Office to send some of our volunteers abroad ourselves but it must not be within the quota of the Central Office, which is used for the Czechoslovakia as a whole. Then if you could accept some more volunteers from Czechoslovakia e. g. more than the quote 30 to 35, which you have agreed with the Central Office, please write us and we can assure you that our volunteers will be choosen with the best care as there are the same conditions for all volunteers going abroad. Then we are looking forward to have your list of work camps for 1966 as you have mentioned in your letter.

I am very sorry that I cannot accept your kind invitation to take part in your leader-training course during the Easter. But I will have to make full use of my limited time and participate in some of the courses or work camps in England as I have many things to arrange in there. Today I received a letter from Ian Smith, U.N.A. International Service. He writes me if I could come to England and discuss the possibility to be a leader on some of their projects in the coming summer. Then I have to discuss many things with Janet Goodricke regarding my practice next year.

I suppose that you have already received from our Central Office the name and address of the young man who will take part in your leaders-training course. It is Mr. Miloslav Smrkovsky and I think that he will really make a full use of this training.

I trust that you will come to Czechoslovakia soon again and that your next visit will result in further mutual cooperation. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Josef Motycka,
Director Summer projects