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Dear Alfred,

CSSR and DDR

DDR Report on the camp from the leader is very good. Gisela Schuch was particularly impressive. Reinhold was liked and helped to bring out differences of opinion but in an acceptable way. More information will follow (reports). A proposal made by the SCI leader during an informal visit to FDJ headquarters in Berlin after the camp was that there should be two camps next year, one at Tuchheim and one at Oschersleben (as you probably know, the Oschersleben project was flooded and the group worked at Tuchheim instead). One of next year's camps would be a work and study camp.

CSSR I have just been in Prague. The camp at Marianska (second period) was good. One of our vols., Winfried, who lives near Stuttgart, was particularly good. The Director of the home was full of praise for Siegmund Gieseke - everyone hopes he will go back next year to lead a co-sponsored SCI / CSM camp at Marianska. You will already have seen Siegmund's report, which was much appreciated by Motycka.

Jo Motycka wants to work with SCI next year. We thought it might be good if he could work with the Austrian or German branch for two or three months ( January - March ) and then the Clearing House and then workcamps. Could you use him for the period Jan - March ? If so, on what financial conditions ? His German is not very good, but he will be learning during the winter. In every other way he is extremely capable.

The attitude of our Czech friends towards SCI activities in CSSR is extremely encouraging. There really seems to be a possibility to slowly build a group. Eugene Schart was enthusiastic about his talks with Inge Schneider, and will send articles to the boutique in Switz. for money for Algeria, etc. The only difficult point I noted in Prague was the mutual dislike of Eugen and Motycka, but they both know they must work together. There is another very good person, Zdenek Teichman, whom you may know. He understands Motycka better, and will be most useful, especially regarding week-end workcamps at Prague this winter which should help to consolidate the group.

QUESTION How about your trip to Eastern Europe ? Please keep me informed.

All the best,

Janet Goodricke