

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL
European Secretariat

MINUTES of the 33rs European Secretaries Meeting, held at Zurich, Switzerland
February 18th and 19th, 1967

PRESENT : SCI Secretaries :
 Ulrike Freytag (Austria)
 Micheline Six, Annie Brack (Belgium)
 Etienne Reclus (France)
 Alfred Knaus (Germany)
 Jef Smith, Susan Rhodes (Great Britain)
 Sybrand Tjallingii (Holland)
 Sandro Triulzi (Italy)
 Arne Praesthus (Norway)
 Lotti Baumann (Switzerland)
 Janet Goodricke, Franco Perna, Rosemarie Bock (European Secretariat)

ALSO PRESENT : Felix Ziegler, Jean Pierre Molenberg

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5. East-West Exchange

5.1 Eastern European volunteers

The total number of Eastern European volunteers on SCI camps will again increase this year. The ESM discussed the question of pocket money for volunteers from Eastern Europe and it was again stressed that SCI can only pay pocket money to a limited number of volunteers coming from countries where no currency exchange is possible. The British branch asked the ES to prepare a report on the actual situation of currency exchange in Eastern Europe as far as volunteers are concerned.

5.2 Work camps in Eastern Europe

In several countries in Eastern Europe there will be joint SCI / national organisation camps, e. g. in Poland, CSSR, and probably in the DDR (the ES has proposed to organise a second joint camp in the DDR, but there was no definite answer from FDJ). There will be one international camp in Bulgaria where SCI is invited to send volunteers. Although the reports of last years' camp were not positive it was agreed to send a small number of experienced SCI volunteers to this camp. Further information is awaited regarding camps in Hungary, USSR and Yugoslavia.

5.3 Preparatory courses

The British branch in cooperation with other British work camp organisations will hold a preparation course for volunteers going to Eastern Europe. It was also reported that there will be most probably be an evaluation meeting this autumn for all volunteers who have been to Eastern European work camps. The Belgium and Dutch branches are planning to organise a joint preparation meeting in March.

5.4 Procedure of exchange

All volunteers coming from Eastern Europe will be placed by the ES, except from the French branch, which will only receive Czech volunteers from the ES, and deal with the volunteers from other countries direct.

In order to assure quick administration branches were asked to send "blank" invitation letters for Eastern Europeans to the ES immediately after the meeting.

SCI volunteers going to Eastern Europe are placed by the ES. It was again stressed that all passport details must be given on the exchange form.

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