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Translation of a letter from friend T. of Prague sent from the West to Olga Fierz, on July 27th, 1967

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... You wrote me that Ralph and Ida without your mentioning the case expressed dissatisfaction about "Eugens unfair behaviour" towards a comrade who was abroad. So I feel I must give you some explanation. Eugen has rendered us all so many good services during the last years that it is our duty to stand up for him.

Motycka is a boy of 23 who has worked in several SCI camps outside his country and was chosen to be the future secretary of the SCI group in CSR. He was to be trained in the secretariats of different countries : W.Germany, Holland, Norway, England, France, etc.

It was he who organised the first camp at Marianska. I want to be fair although I have severe objections against him. He is full of enthusiasm for the idea of SCI. In his plans however he does not allow anybody to influence him. He has dictatorial ways and sometimes gives the impression that he is seeking a career in the SCI. During last years' visit of Janet G. it was agreed that he would cooperate with Eugen and with me and that week-end camps would be organised as first steps. The first place for such a camp was to be Marianska after the closing of the summer camp there. When this was to be realised the principle of the institution, after agreement with M., refused our collaboration. She made it clear in several letters addressed to M. that she was not willing that a group of people led by me should have a share in the success of the action which she had set in operation together with M. This was incomprehensible to us and offensive to me, for I had helped in many ways towards the success of the summer camp / technical and scouting experience, good former connections with people in office in that region / .

Janet had asked Motycka to have me check the bookkeeping of the money received for the campers work. True, the campers received pocket-money, but even then we had objections against the management of the rest, for from it beer and alcoholics was bought for different evening entertainments. The camp however was run altogether as a camp organised by the City Committee of the CSM of Prague, and I asserted that I was not entitled to control the books, even though M declared that the whole profit would go to the benefit of the organisation of week-end camps. As I heard now, M. did not submit accounts either to City Committee of the CSM of Prague or to the Central Committee of the CSM. It was about quite a considerable sum of money, for he had received about 15.000 Kcs for the campers work.

M. always acted as officer of the CSM. Under its heading he organised at Christmas time in Prague a meeting with foreign campers who had worked at Marianska with a usual New Years' Eve program. He invited about ten W.Germans, Janet, the Norwegian secretary. But we were not told beforehand, neither was the Central Committee of the CSM which objected against such proceedings. M. had written about all these arrangements as on behalf of the CSM and on its papers. He was reprimanded for this at Christmas time, and from then onwards there were objections against allowing him a time of practice at the secretariat of the SCI. But Janet managed to get the permission for him after all. Before that, in November, M. had attended a conference of SCI secretaries, again as delegate of the CSM. However, another officer of this organisation was also present at this meeting when M. in an unfitting way attacked the CSM. For this too he was given a reproof. At this opportunity M. announced that he would organise an independent branch of the SCI outside the frame of the CSM, thus shutting the doors for himself there. From now onward the Central Committee of the CSM took better heed of what he was doing.

All these conflicts may seem petty to you, but our concern in the idea of the SCI is so deep and sincere that we cannot let this be profaned by the irresponsible behaviour of a young boy, and we had to take distance from him.

As soon as he lost ground in the CSM M. pretended to be the representative of a so called "Club of friends of the SCI", its elected chairman - though there had not been any meeting. We could not help having to correct this assertion of his when making arrangements for the spring week-end camps with the Central Committee of the CSM. We were interrogated about the real status of the SCI in CSSR when we asked this Committee to give us its acknowledgement for our week-end camps at Olesovice. - Let me here stress again that all this activity would not be possible at all without the cover of the Central Committee of the CSM.

While staying in W.Germany M. wrote different letters to the Central Committee of the CSM, and also to us, about organising for "the independent branch of the SCI in CSSR and an international youth camp at Jachymov", and to the direction and to the National Council of that town he announced in writing that I would be camp leader - without having at all spoken about it with me !

This too I was obliged to explain to Ing. Skacel at the Central Committee of the CSM, a friend of Eugen who had already shown him a letter of M. giving us directions what to do or not to do in CSSR as though he really were our superior - whilst he had never before been interested in working together with us. Only when he realised that Eugen had some credit abroad he began to turn round.

M. himself is responsible for the situation into which he has got with his ambiguous behaviour. How he pretends to be a martyr, to have been denounced by Eugen etc. In this tenor he writes letters to the West, and we are surprised that he finds so many credulous people there. He would do better first to conclude his studies at the High School of Economics. He seems to have difficulties there. Just now he is working as waiter.

I hope these explanations will be helpful to you and to Ralph. I would recommend that the SCI be a little more careful in choosing its future co-workers. Among our young people who have worked at SCI camps abroad several more suitable ones could be found, people of character who disagree with M's ways. They have not got their mouths so full of great words, but nevertheless are very much taken in by the ideas of the SCI

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