SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

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MINUTES of the 34th European Secretaries Meeting, held at Marly-le-Roi November 1st to November 3rd, 1967

PRESENT: <u>SCI secretaries</u>:

Ulrike Freytag (Austria9

Micheline Six, Annie Brackx (Belgium) Etienne Reclus, Henri Andikian (France)

Alfred Knaus (Germany)

Roy Manley, Jef Smith (Great Britain) Sybrand Tjallingii, Eva Kuyt (Holland)

Sandro Triulzi (Italy)

Badi Lenz, Lotti Baumann (Switzerland)

Ralph Hegnauer, Vivien Landcastle (International Secretariat)

Janet Goodricke, Franco Perna, Rosemarie Bock (European Secretariat)

ALSO PRESENT: Dorothy Guiborat

Helmut Bemkopf Hiroke Kebayashi Inga-Carin Landero Stefane Triulzi

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8. East-West Exchange

The number of volunteers exchanged again increased. Joint camps were held in the DDR, CSSR and Poland, and volunteers were sent to other camps in CSSR, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. The rate of the cancellations of SCI volunteers for Eastern European camps is rising. The programme information sent to applicants should explain the East European programme clearly and discourage cancellations

A number of administrative and related problems were discussed, such as cancellations and non-arrivals of Eastern European volunteers for SCI camps, pocket money and hospitality requests. It was reaffirmed that SCI cannot afford to offer pocket-money and does not wish to do so in principle because it prefers uniform conditions of service which correspond to the aims and methods of the International Constitution.

It was agreed that the information pamphlet on SCI should be prepared in one or more Eastern European languages, to be affixed to invitations to Eastern European participants, to ensure their better understanding of our workcamps before they arrive.

The British branch reported on a group-exchange between their London local group and the Prague Town Council of CSM. Two camps were arranged one in London and one in the CSSR, and equal numbers of volunteers exchanged: pocket money was paid on a reciprocal basis, to overcome exchange difficulties. The British branch has used Czechs recommended from previous service in GB to lead British camps this summer. It is hoped that this practice will be extended: CSM approval is required.

Branches considering direct contact with Eastern European organisations were asked to consult the ES on procedure. Apart from agreed exceptions all negotiations are to be done by the ES.

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