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EUROPE PRIZE

Application by KIRCHHEIM UNTER TECK
Baden-Württemberg.
Federal Republic of Germany

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Letter from the Mayor, dated 27 October 1977

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the documents which you made available to us and which explain the procedure for the award of the Flag of Honour.

I am returning the questionnaire which has been completed.

Even though our activities in this sphere have not been on a grand scale I think, nevertheless, that they are worthy of the Flag of Honour.

As you can see from the enclosed newspaper cuttings, we have a town-pairing agreement with Rambouillet and friendly relations with Great Yarmouth, which do not just exist on paper and do not merely give rise to an official visit from time to time, but rather it is a lively partnership which has contributed a great deal to understanding among nations. I consider that this is more valuable than mere membership of a European or international organisation, although I do not, of course, in any way disparage them. If, so far, we cannot list such membership, it is only because we have devoted our modest finances to direct contact among the citizens of various nations.

I would ask you to look favourably at our application. I and all the citizens of Kirchheim would be glad if the ceremony which is to be held on 5 May 1978, Europe Day, and which marks the 10th anniversary of the town-pairing agreement between Rambouillet and Kirchheim unter Teck were to culminate in the award of the Flag of Honour.

I would like to thank you for the trouble you have taken over us

Signed: _____

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Enclosures:

1 questionnaire

75 press reports

12 brochures

Replies to the questionnaire

Question 1: Membership in organisations of local authorities

Reply

No.

Question 2: Contribution to their activities

Reply

Yes, 1954, function of the International Union of Mayors, with representatives of the Council of Europe.

Question 3: Twinning activities

Reply

Yes, with Rambouillet, France, since 1967

3.1 Exchange between pupils of the Ludwig-Uhland-Gymnasium and the Scholssgymnasium and pupils of the Lycée in Rambouillet.

(Attendance of classes and holiday courses).

3.2 School sporting fixtures in Kirchheim u.T and Rambouillet.

3.3 Sports clubs: frequent matches by the tennis, table-tennis, judo, wrestling, basketball, handball and football sections.

3.4 Music:

Artists from the twin towns and their surrounding areas exhibit their work in the respective partner town.

Musical groups, (choir, orchestra and drama group) from the Ludwig-Uhland-Gymnasium and the Lycée.

The Evangelical and Catholic Church Choir, the Church Choir of St Lubin (Rambouillet) and the Church Choir from Yarmouth (3-way relations). Concerts given by the Swäbisches Kammerorchester from Kirchheim u.T, in Rambouillet and Great Yarmouth.

3.5 Meetings between people from both towns who do not belong to any club or association.

3.6 The Kirchheim u.T and Rambouillet war veterans' associations (VdH and ACPG respectively) have formed a partnership under the aegis of the town-pairing agreement.

Question 4: Other relations with municipalities abroad

Reply

Yes, exchanges of schoolchildren and young people with Great Yarmouth.

Question 5: Exchange of persons

Reply

Yes, holiday exchanges of schoolchildren to learn or improve a foreign language.

Young people from Rambouillet taken on by Kirchheim industry for holiday work.

Question 6: Organisation of European events

Reply

Yes, 1954, IUM function with representatives of the Council of Europe.

International folklore festivals 1972 and 1977

International music festivals.

Question 7: Europe Day (5 May)

Reply

Yes, flags hoisted on public buildings.

Announcement to inhabitants via the press.

Posters on official buildings.

Question 8: Support to European movements

Reply

8.1 Yes, moral, material and personal support of the Twinning Committee.

8.2 Yes, youth hostel. Support as under 8.1. Furthermore, the youth hostel is housed free of charge, in a municipal building and uses the latter solely for its own purposes.

Question 9: Propagation of the European idea

Reply

No municipal adult education institutes.

But material support of the people's university and the music college, where courses to promote the European idea are held.

Question 10: Actions of European solidarity

Reply

No

Question 11: Presentation

Reply

Yes, during festivities to mark the 10th anniversary of the town-pairing agreement with Rambouillet, 4-7 May 1978, in Kirchheim unter Teck.

Question 12: Other initiatives

Reply

Twinning arrangement with Bulkes, Pannonia Freiwaldau-Gräfenberg, East Sudeten.

Club rooms for both nationalities in Kirchheim unter Teck. Regular meetings of compatriots from Pannonia and Sudeten are supported morally, materially and personally. A town-pairing agreement with Great Yarmouth, England is being aimed at, in order to set up a 3-way European relationship.