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Study session held in co-operation with the
INTERNATIONAL YOUNG NATURE FRIENDS
(IYNF)

Strasbourg, 27 September - 2 October 1976

Theme:

Political and cultural aspects
of leisure-time education

SYNOPSIS



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AIMS

The International Young Nature Friends is an organisation for educational tourism and leisure-time activities of the young workers' movement. The movement tries to provide opportunities for spending holidays and leisure time in a way which represents an alternative to the commercial offers in this field. The movement looks at its work as a practical contribution to better international understanding and as a contribution to peace.

During recent events in the organisation, it had been stated that, to improve the international camp and seminar work of the IYNF, these activities should be more closely linked to the findings of peace and conflict research. Consequently the study session aimed at :

1. Defining the role of the IYNF in the process of achieving peace in Europe
2. Implementing findings of peace and conflict research in the educational work of the movement
3. Developing practical proposals for the work of the IYNF, e.g. camp and seminar work

PROGRAMMEMonday 27 September

Arrival of participants

Tuesday 28 September

- 9.30 Opening of the study session
 Introduction of participants
 Presentation and discussion of the programme of the
 study session
- 14.30 Lecture : "The role of the International Young
 Nature Friends in achieving a peace system in
 Europe"
 Walter E. GSCHIEDER, Vienna
- 16.30 Work groups:
 1. Development of East-West relations
 2. IYNF action for international understanding
 3. Regional activities of IYNF

Wednesday 29 September

- 9.30 Reports of work groups in plenary
 Discussion of reports
- 14.30 Lecture : "Research fields of peace and conflict"
 Prof. Hans NICKLAS, Frankfurt, Foundation for
 Peace and Conflict Research of Hessen (Hessische
 Stiftung für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung)
 Discussion in plenary

Thursday 30 September

- 9.30 Lecture : "How to use the findings of peace and
 conflict research in education - notions on :
 aggression, prejudice, solidarity"
 Prof. Hans NICKLAS
 Discussion in plenary
- 14.30 Work groups
 1. Solidarity
 2. Development of role playing to be used in
 education for peace
 3. Use of findings of peace and conflict research
 within the IYNF

Friday 1 October

- 9.30 Continuation of work groups
- 14.30 Reports of work groups and discussion in plenary
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Saturday 2 October

9.00	Excursion
14.30	Evaluation of the study session in work groups
16.30	Evaluation of the study session in plenary
	Departure of participants

PARTICIPANTS

38 persons participated, coming from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom.

EVALUATION

The seminar was successful with regard to the second aim - implementing findings of peace and conflict research in the educational work of the movement. This was to a great extent due to the contribution of the expert, Prof. NICKLAS, who stayed with the participants during the whole of the session. His lectures and group work contributions were well documented and presented in such a way that they were easily understood. The participants realised that **when** trying to define the role of their organisation in achieving peace in Europe they did not get much further than to agree on rather general statements. They expressed hope that some of their ideas would be realised in the framework of Basket III of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

While participants were satisfied with the theoretical part of the session, they felt they had achieved only a little progress in developing practical proposals for their camp and seminar work. It was agreed that this was partly due to the limited duration of the session.

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