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## COMMITTEE FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL EDUCATION

### European Work Camps for Young People

STUDY GROUP  
(Strasbourg, 20th November 1962)



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The meeting opened at 10 a.m. on 20th November. A list of the participants is to be found in Appendix I.

#### AGENDA

The Agenda (Doc. CCC/EES/Inf (62) 42) was approved.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Representative of the Secretariat recalled the importance which the Council of Europe attached to any activities likely to encourage young people in the countries of the Council for Cultural Co-operation to consider themselves as Europeans. Admittedly voluntary youth camps were essentially international, their scope usually extending beyond continental boundaries to encompass the world as a whole. European work camps, however, satisfied needs which differed in general from those met by work camps elsewhere. By helping to spread information about them, the Council of Europe would enable young people to get to know European countries, peoples and languages, which was one of the primary objectives of its

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youth work. Its action might also prompt other countries in which work camps were few but where needs nevertheless existed, to encourage the initiation or extension of such activities.

It was with this end in view that the Committee for Out-of-School Education had authorised the Secretariat to convene a small group of experts on voluntary work camps. The main questions they had to consider were:

- (1) how to compile an annual list of voluntary work camps in the member States of the Council for Cultural Co-operation (i.e. the sixteen member States, plus Spain and Switzerland);
- (2) the publication of a booklet on voluntary work camps in these States.

In the course of the discussions, which led to the conclusions set out below, participants expressed the view that these projects should be carried out in close liaison with the Co-ordination Committee for International Voluntary Work Camps (1), an institution which was doing outstanding work in this field under the auspices of UNESCO.

## II. ANNUAL CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY WORK CAMPS IN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL CONVENTION

1. The calendar, the drafting of which has been entrusted to the Representative of "Cotravaux" (France), will contain an introductory note defining its object. Attention will be drawn, in particular, to:

- (a) the international character of the work camps;
- (b) the fact that applications from young people wishing to take part in the work camps listed in the calendar must be submitted through the appropriate national associations. While certain associations deplore the habitual absence of young nationals from certain foreign countries, others seek, on the other hand, to stem the flow of such candidates.

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- (1) The Secretariat had intended, in order to benefit from the experience of this Committee that it should be represented at the meeting, but administrative difficulties prevented its being contacted in time.

2. The 1963 calendar will contain the general programme of the associations organising work camps, but will not necessarily supply names and dates. Briefly, it will give:

- type and number of camps;
- addresses of the associations;
- conditions for participation (age, number of hours of work, enrolment and insurance fees etc.).

3. The organisations represented at the meeting undertook to send the information asked for to the Secretariat by 20th February. The provisional list of the organisations which will be asked to communicate the required information will be found in Appendix B. The final list will comprise:

- (a) national associations organising camps regularly;
- (b) international associations with branches in the countries concerned;
- (c) international associations which organise work camps in these countries from time to time (these will be notified to the Secretariat through the organisations mentioned under (a)).

4. The Secretariat was asked to publish the calendar if possible between 15th March and 1st April.

5. It was proposed that the calendar be distributed as far as possible by:

- (a) the organisations concerned;
- (b) the Co-ordination Committee for Voluntary Work Camps;
- (c) international European federations of youth hostels and youth clubs or, failing them, national organisations in this sector;
- (d) youth movements;
- (e) European sections of the international trade union confederations (1);

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- (1) In response to an inquiry by the Secretariat, the confederations said that in their view applications from young workers must not be expected unless and until longer holidays with pay were granted.

- (f) European Conference of Local Authorities;
- (g) the Committee for Out-of-School Education through the national co-ordinating bodies for youth activities;
- (h) the Committee for Higher Education and Research.

6. The calendar will contain a detachable questionnaire, to be returned to the organisations concerned by candidates for places in work camps.

### III. BOOKLET ON VOLUNTARY WORK CAMPS IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL CO-OPERATION

#### 1. Characteristics

Although, by force of circumstances, the majority of work camp participants are recruited in Europe, the camps are nevertheless becoming increasingly inter-continental. They are deeply interested in Afro-European solidarity and it is their aim to aid developing countries. Among their common features are their disinterestedness and spirit of service. The booklet will try to bring out these fundamental aspects. It will also describe the other common aims of the associations which organise work camps, the general objectives of their leaders and the characteristics of the camps, which are essentially international, benevolent, voluntary and mixed. The second part of the booklet will contain the list, given in the calendar, of the institutions which organise work camps.

#### 2. Production

One expert should be given the task of drafting the text which would subsequently be submitted to the other members of the group for an opinion. The lay-out of the text would be entrusted to a publishing expert.

The booklet should be illustrated. Editions in languages other than French and English should be envisaged later. It is desirable that the Council of Europe should collaborate by awarding grants to any private organisations willing to undertake their publication.

3. Distribution

The aid of the bodies entrusted with the distribution of the calendar, and particularly the European Conference of Local Authorities, should be elicited in order to ensure the widest possible circulation of the booklet.

It is desirable that the first edition should appear in the Autumn of 1963. Revised editions should be published regularly.

4. Title

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY WORK CAMPS  
in the

States of the Council for Cultural Co-operation

IV. SUGGESTED MEANS OF GIVING SOME WORK CAMPS A EUROPEAN CHARACTER

- (a) Lecturers might be sent to work camps, on request, by the Council of Europe or by other European institutions;
- (b) Series of photographic slides on European themes (1) or other educational material could be made available to organisers of work camps;
- (c) Travelling scholarships for young people from distant European countries might be granted to organisations which applied for them;
- (d) Orientation of leisure in a work camp towards a specific theme of European interest: problems concerning the city, town planning, regional development, exchanges etc.....

V. ORGANISATION OF A TRAVELLING COURSE "INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTARY WORK CAMPS IN THREE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES"

The Secretariat Representative gave an account of the origin of this project which it is planned to carry out in 1963. The object of the course will be to give information

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- (1) The Representative of the Secretariat announced the forthcoming publication of an experimental series of transparencies on the theme of European unity.

about general work camp techniques and demonstrate how certain typical camps function. It is designed primarily for representatives of member States in which work camps are few or non-existent.

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