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NORTHEIM (Federal Republic of Germany)

- Report on European activities in 1974 -

International meetings of young people:

A two-week trip to Dartford, in England from 14-16 July 1974 was organised for 25 young people by the municipality's youth welfare department in collaboration with the area Volkshochschule (adult education college).

The Realschule (intermediate school) likewise visited its opposite number in Dartford, England.

A group of 18 students from the area Volkshochschule went to Poland from 29 September to 9 October 1974. This major study trip aroused great interest both at home and in Poland.

The 12th forum of the Northeim Corvinianum (Gymnasium) made a study trip to Moscow in June 1974.

The programme for all these meetings included musical and sporting events, which are particularly conducive to the deepening of contacts.

Exchanges of young people:

In 1974 Northeim strengthened its ties with its partner town of Tourlaville (France). Between 2 and 15 July a group of young French people came to Northeim, then the Northeim youth group went to Tourlaville between 15 and 30 July 1974.

As well as this exchange of young people which has become a tradition, an exchange of young adults took place for the first time. The youth welfare department organised a trip to Tourlaville for the Northeim Technikerschule (school for technicians) in order to make an on-the-spot study of possible occupations (eg ship-building) as well as to meet people in general. A point was made of intensive preparation and subsequent follow-up not only for this, but for all the visits made (eg crash-course in French).

Visits by adults:

Annual contacts in Tourlaville and Northeim are not confined to exchange visits of delegations of councillors and members of the partnership committee. A town fête, to which 24 people came from Tourlaville was held here in Northeim between 24 and 30 August 1974, to take part in the numerous events.

In October 1974, 28 people went on a Northeim automobile club rally to Tourlaville.

International folklore:

As part of the Northeim youth welfare department's programme of artistic events, international folklore is featured twice a month. At the end of the concerts everyone has the opportunity to talk to the artists about the songs they have interpreted. Special prominence is given to European folklore, although other groups, from Canada and Bolivia for example, are also presented.

School vacation language courses

In 1974, the youth welfare department again arranged a language course for French schoolchildren, of whom 26, aged between 14 and 16, were accommodated for 4 weeks with families in Northeim; in the mornings there were 2 hours of language lessons and in the afternoons recreational activities were organised.

European visitors to Northeim:

14,382 people from European countries stayed at Northeim's hotels, guest houses and camping sites; in addition 1,219 young Europeans sought out the youth hostel.

Conclusions:

In 1975 the municipality of Northeim is again applying for the award of the European flag. Please look favourably upon our application.

signed: Dr. Pilgrim

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DARMSTADT (Federal Republic of Germany)

- a. Letter from the Mayor
- b. Extracts from the report
 on European activities
 in 1974

Letter from the Mayor of Darmstadt to the Council of Europe:

For 16 years now the municipality of Darmstadt has maintained a partnership with 6 European towns. In 1963, in recognition of these activities it was awarded the Europe flag. Since then, our efforts in this field have increased considerably. The municipality has set up an office whose sole task it is to stimulate the town's partnership activities. Every year a considerable sum of money is made available for this. More than 150 groups from all levels of the population take part in the work, which means between 70 and 80 exchange events a year. Thus the endeavours of the municipality's administration are increasingly becoming a natural part of the townsfolk's life.

As we believe that our activities are no mean token of Europeanism, we have already in previous years applied for the Europe Prize, until now, however, without success and we refer, in this connection, to our detailed report for 1968. In the meantime, some documentation produced by the "Europa-Union Kreisverband Darmstadt" and relating to the past 5 years has been sent direct to the Council of Europe's Secretariat.

I would now like to renew our application by enclosing for your kind consideration our report on successes during the year which is now drawing to a close.

signed: H W Sabais

Enclosures

Meetings with partner towns in 1974

Darmstadt's partner towns are:

Alkmaar	The Netherlands
Bursa	Turkey
Chesterfield	England
Graz	Austria
Trondheim	Norway
Troyes	France

Place, date and type of meeting:

18 February - 22 February 1974

7 French schoolchildren from the Ecole St Joseph, Troyes, paid an exchange visit to the Friedrich List School in Darmstadt.

10 March 1974

Darmstadt's hairdressers' guild organised the 11th traditional "Franz Ströher Memorial Hairdressing Competition" in the Böllentor Sports Hall. A team from Graz also took part.

30 March - 18 April 1974

24 girls from the St Helena School, Chesterfield were the guests of the Victoria School, Darmstadt.

12 April - 15 April 1974

25 Darmstadt blood-donors visited their friends in Troyes. During their stay documents about the ceremonial twinning of the two groups of blood-donors were exchanged.

22 April - 30 April 1974

28 pupils from the 9th and 10th forms of the Morneweg School visited the Christelijk Lyceum in Alkmaar.

25 April - 28 April 1974

16 members of our Town Hall football team went to play a friendly match at Alkmaar.

3 May - 26 May 1974

The Darmstadt artist Pierre Kröger held an exhibition of his watercolours, pastels, drawings and woodcuts in the Stedelijk Museum, Alkmaar.

4 May - 11 May 1974

A group of about 40 children from the Erasmus-Kittler School went on a study visit to Troyes, where a full programme of sightseeing and meetings was organised for them.

10 May 1974

Our 6 partner towns took part, at the invitation of the Darmstadt Town Council, in this year's "walking of the boundaries".

10 May - 13 May 1974

35 members of the Lutheran parish of Alkmaar were the guests of the parish of the Darmstadt Central Evangelical Church.

11 May 1974

At the official opening of the exhibition "Künstler der Partnerstädte" (artists of the partner towns), to which delegations came from all the towns concerned, Chesterfield's Town Clerk, Mr Kennedy, received Darmstadt's silver medal of merit for his services over many years to the Darmstadt - Chesterfield partnership.

11 May - 9 June 1974

The municipality of Darmstadt, "Aktion Theaterfoyer", the Darmstadt section of "Europa-Union", and the "Neue Darmstädter Sezession" organised an exhibition of works of artists from the partner towns in which all the 6 towns were represented.

13 May - 18 May 1974

A study group of 31 pupils from form 10 R of the Thomas Mann School visited Alkmaar.

13 May - 18 May 1974

24 children from form 10 R of the Lichtenberg School visited our French partner town.

17 May - 20 May 1974

A delegation of 7 people from the Darmstadt police force represented Darmstadt at an international police meeting in Troyes.

23 May - 25 May 1974

The "European Postal Pairing" organisation, which has its head office in Darmstadt, held a congress at the Postfachhochschule (postal workers college) in Dieburg whose purpose was to develop and strengthen the partnership links.

23 May - 26 May 1974

The Darmstadt singing club "Liederzweig 1855" visited the "Christelijk Mannenkoor" (male voice choir) in Alkmaar, returning their visit to Darmstadt in 1972. The highlight of this visit was a joint concert by the choirs in the Vrijheidskerk.

29 May - 4 June 1974

Darmstadt's "TSG 1846" (an athletics group) took 13 young athletes aged between 9 and 16 on a return visit to Chesterfield.

31 May - 3 June 1974

40 hand-ball players and other sportsmen from Alkmaar stayed for the international meeting in the Albert Schweitzer House at Lindenfels. This visit was also an opportunity for a match in return for the one between the Darmstadt hand-ball players of the Bessungen Club in Alkmaar at Easter 1974.

1 June - 3 June 1974

About 35 members of the judo section of the "1898" sports association accepted an invitation to Tournai, Belgium to a tournament between Alkmaar, Darmstadt, Graz, Tournai and Troyes.

7 June - 9 June 1974

A delegation from Darmstadt was invited to two ceremonies in Troyes: the twinning ceremony of Troyes and Chesterfield and the opening of the 27th "Champagne Fair", at which the municipality of Darmstadt was also represented.

18 June - 8 July 1974

39 children from the Victoria School in Darmstadt paid a visit to England in return for the Easter visit to Darmstadt by girls from the St Helena School, Chesterfield.

25 June - 28 June 1974

Mr Witzler took a group of young people from Darmstadt on a visit to our Turkish partner town, Bursa.

27 June - 14 July 1974

24 parishioners of the Evangelical Church of St Michael's led by Dean Stuhlinger, visited Norway and spent two days at Trondheim, where a programme had been arranged for them.

7 July - 12 July 1974

Two Darmstadt police officers were the official guests of the Director of Police and the municipality of Bursa, on the occasion of the annual international folklore festival and the opening of the trade fair in Bursa.

16 July - 19 July 1974

42 members of a delegation from various youth organisations in Graz were received as guests in Darmstadt. The "Büro für Städteverschwisterung" (pairing office) had prepared a varied programme under the leadership of its head, Mr Pfarrer. A friendly meeting took place with the Social Democrat Party group of the Town Council.

7 August - 11 August 1974

The Kerygma folk-dancing group from Chesterfield visited their old friends of the OWK-Trachtengruppe at Ober-Ramstadt. During this time the Chesterfield dancers gave a performance in the Stadtherrngarten and were invited to a reception by the municipal council.

22 August - 25 August 1974

Darmstadt was the host of young people from 9 countries, among them young people from our partner towns of Chesterfield, Graz, Trondheim and Troyes at the "International School Games".

1 September - 4 September 1974

A study group from the Youth Office of the Darmstadt Evangelical Church included Bursa in their oecumenical visit to Turkey, where they were welcomed with interest and warmth.

6 September - 8 September 1974

23 members of the Darmstadt Junior Chamber of Industry and Commerce visited their opposite numbers in Alkmaar in order to continue the exchange of views which had begun the previous autumn in Darmstadt.

10 September - 17 September 1974

43 people from the "Berufsfachschule" and "Berufsschule" (part-time and full-time vocational) departments of the Friedrich List School visited Troyes.

13 September - 15 September 1974

At the invitation of the Post Office and of the municipality of Graz, a delegation from the Darmstadt executive committee of the "European Postal Pairing" organisation visited Graz to found a similar section there and to initiate a partnership between the postal employees of Graz and Darmstadt.

15 September - 22 September 1974

14 students and lecturers from the Institute for Macro-molecular Chemistry of the Darmstadt Technischehochschule (Technical College) made an excursion to Graz where the municipality received and looked after them.

18 - 22 September 1974

About 40 members of the Alkmaar Womens' Institute were the guests of the Darmstadt Housewives' League on the occasion of the latter's 25th anniversary.

21 September - 28 September 1974

18 girls and boys from the Alkmaar Cristelijk Lyceum, visited the Morneweg School in Darmstadt, thus continuing the 12-year-old exchange tradition.

22 September - 6 October 1974

15 members of a student working party from the Tropical Crops Institute of the Darmstadt Technischehochschule (Technical College) paid their second visit to Bursa this year for a practical follow-up to their infrastructure research programme.

27 September - 29 September 1974

Graz invited its partner towns to a conference of cultural advisers in which the Darmstadt art adviser, Mr Krimmel, took part.

27 September - 30 September 1974

15 members of the Christian Democrat parliamentary group from Alkmaar came to Darmstadt to meet their colleagues of the Christian Democrat Union.

7 October - 11 October 1974

The "HEAG" company received a group of 33 Chesterfield transport employees led by the general manager, Mr J G Watkinson. These annual meetings have now been going on for 10 years.

9 October - 13 October 1974

The Chief Librarian of the municipal library of Troyes, Miss Françoise Bibolet, and the Chairman of the "Friends of the Library", Mr Guillemin, and party were invited by the Darmstadt branch of "Europa-Union" (Mrs Christa von der Marwitz) to pay an initial visit to our library and archives and establish contacts.

10 October - 21 October 1974

The Darmstadt Evangelical Church received a party of 30 ministers and church people from Chesterfield. On 18 October, the Anglican Bishop of Derby joined this group, visiting Darmstadt for the first time.

11 October - 17 October 1974

22 pupils of the Berufsfachschule (full-time vocational department) of the Friedrich List School went on a visit to Troyes.

27 October - 2 November 1974

Prize-winners of the "Kommunalpolitischen Jugendwoche" (local politics youth week), 12 in all, led by the municipal youth welfare officer, Mr Berthold Schmidt, visited Graz, where the Pairing Office had arranged an interesting programme.

1 November - 4 November 1974

Mr H Unger, the choir-master of the Darmstadt Central Evangelical Church and a choir of 45 people renewed their contacts with the Lutherans of Alkmaar and gave a choral and organ concert.

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FREIBURG-IM-BREISGAU (Federal Republic of Germany)

- Chronological list of European activities in 1974

1974 list of events connected with our partnership agreements

1 March - 2 March

Partnership meeting of the Goethe-Gymnasium and the Lycée Pasteur in Besançon.

23 March - 30 March

Holiday camp at Freiburg-Hochdorf with children from Chevilly-Larue

30 March - 13 April

Social work in Innsbruck by children of the Freie Waldorfschule, Freiburg.

7 April - 10 April

Partnership meeting in Innsbruck of the Handelslehranstalt II and the Innsbruck Kaufmännische-Berufsschule (two commercial schools).

10 April - 17 April

10 young people from Freiburg took part in a youth camp in Padua.

1 May

Partnership meeting of the Rotteckgymnasium and pupils from the Lycée Louis-Pergaud, Besançon.

3 May - 5 May

Partnership meeting in Besançon of the European circle of the Freiburg local branch of the "Deutscher Frauenring" and the Union Féminine Civique et Sociale, Besançon.

12 May

Celebration of 10 years of partnership between the Freiburg branch of the Verband der Heimkehrer and the Besançon branch of the Association des anciens combattants et prisonniers de guerre (veterans' and war-prisoners' association).

17 May - 19 May

Friendly match in Innsbruck between the Freiburg fire-brigade and the Innsbruck fire-brigade seniors.

23 May - 26 May

Partnership meeting in Chevilly-Larue between the townsfolk of Hochdorf and Chevilly-Larue.

23 May - 26 May

Goodwill visit of Freiburg nature lovers to their opposite numbers in Innsbruck.

23 May - 26 May

Partnership meeting of the West Freiburg VDK and the Kriegsopferverband of the Tyrol (associations of war victims) in Innsbruck.

23 May - 26 May

Visit to Freiburg by the Innsbruck Volkshochschule (adult education college).

26 May - 31 May

Study visit by the Walter-Eucken- Gymnasium to Innsbruck.

1 June - 3 June

Meeting in Innsbruck of the Freiburger Verkehrs-AG and the Innsbrucker Verkehrsbetriebe-AG (transport companies)

6 June

Partnership meeting of girls from the St Ursula Gymnasium and girls from the Institut de Notre Dame, Besançon.

8 June - 9 June

Partnership meeting of the "Landwasser" and "Clairs-Soleils" clubs in Besançon (neighbourhood associations).

16 June

Performance by the Adrian-Willart-Ensemble in Besançon.

16 June - 17 June

Goodwill visit by the Freiburg Automobilclub to the Automobile-Club Comtois in Besançon.

17 June - 19 June

Partnership meeting of the Freiburg-Herden VDK and the Innsbruck-Wilten Kriegsopfern (war victims' associations) in Innsbruck.

25 June - 9 July

School visit by girls of the Goethe-Gymnasium to the Lycée Pasteur in Besançon.

29 June - 30 June

Friendly competition between the judo clubs of Freiburg University and Innsbruck University, in Innsbruck.

4 August - 10 August

Luginsland youth camp for 10 young people from Freiburg and each of our three partner towns.

11 August - 18 August

10 young people from Freiburg met young people from Innsbruck and Grenoble at a youth camp in Innsbruck.

31 August

3 cyclists from the Freiburg Radsportverein (cycling club) took part in the international "Eickhof-Kriterium" cycle race in Innsbruck.

5 September - 9 September

Partnership meeting of Freiburg's Concordia male voice choir and the choral societies of Mühlau and Innsbruck, in Innsbruck.

11 September - 13 September

Exchange of ideas between the municipal councils of Freiburg and Besançon on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of their partnership.

22 September

Goodwill visit by the Freiburg-BNZ to the Comité permanent des fêtes (Festivities Committee) in Besançon, on the occasion of the Besançon "Cavalcade".

30 September - 13 October

A country holiday at Entre-Les-Fourgs for pupils from the Lessing-Realschule (intermediate school) and from schools in Besançon.

2 October - 6 October

Partnership meeting with exchanges of views between Innsbruck and Freiburg public servants, in Innsbruck.

5 October

Partnership meeting in Freiburg of the "Landwasser" and "Clairs-Soleils" clubs, with the official sealing of the partnership between the two neighbourhoods.

9 October - 13 October

Return visit by Innsbruck public servants to their colleagues in Freiburg.

11 October - 13 October

Partnership meeting in Innsbruck of the Social Democrat Party group of the Freiburg Town Council and the Austrian Socialist Party group of Innsbruck Town Council.

13 October - 26 October

Country holiday at Entre-Les-Fourgs for one class of the Pestalozzi Realschule and Besançon schoolchildren.

19 October - 20 October

Partnership meeting of the Freiburg Alpine club and the Besançon ramblers' club, in Freiburg.

28 October

Partnership meeting and competition in Freiburg for apprentice hairdressers from the Gewerbeschule I (trade school) and from the Centre Technique de la Coiffure, Besançon.

16 November - 17 November

Partnership meeting in Freiburg of the Freiburg section of the Deutscher Alpenverein and the Franche-Comté section of the Club Alpin Français.