

INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN.

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FROM: The International Secretariat:
TO: National Sections and Principal Groups:

1. INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY:

1. The 1964 Assembly is to be held at CANTERBURY, Kent, (60 miles south-east of London and 15 miles from Dover). Following the decision of the International Executive, the original plan to hold the Assembly at Allington Castle has been changed to provide more spacious accommodation. THE COUNTY HOTEL has been reserved for this purpose. It is centrally placed in the city, only two minutes walk from the famous Cathedral. The working sessions of the Conference will be held in the hotel's public rooms from 3 p.m. on Saturday 26th September, to 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 27th September.

2. As on previous occasions the Movement will provide free accommodation for two representatives from each country. This offer extends to one night either side of the Conference, if desired (i.e. Friday night or Sunday night). It is earnestly hoped that each section and group will give immediate attention to arranging for its representation. If there is no member available to travel to Canterbury, a fellow-countryman living or travelling in Britain may be asked to act as an "observer".

3. The International Executive is anxious for as many members of the movement as possible to come to Canterbury. One reason for choosing the location of the Conference in this historic city is to provide an added attraction for those who would not otherwise come to Britain. The municipality will provide sight-seeing facilities. Canterbury situated in beautiful countryside, known as the "garden of England", makes a convenient base for excursions to London. Special "en pension" terms of 35/- per day have been obtained for those who wish to spend longer at the COUNTY HOTEL.

4. Enclosed are a number of application forms for the International Assembly. Please persuade as many members as you can to fill in the forms and return them to the International Secretariat by 15th July. Where more than two people are coming from one country, the Secretariat will write later to ask which of the visitors should be considered as the official national representatives.

2. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WEEK:

The response to the original notices about AGAPE has been disappointing and it was decided at the International Meeting at Antwerp in April, that unless there is a good response before May 31st, it will be necessary to cancel the International Youth Week.

3. GREETINGS CARD FOR PRISONERS:

The enclosed card was designed by the English cartoonist, Haro Hobson for AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL and it was approved at the International Meeting at Antwerp. It is intended that this card should be used to send greetings to prisoners at any time of the year, as opposed to only at Christmas. It can also be used as an ordinary post-card, not in connection with prisoners. Orders should be sent to the London office; and the cost is 5/- per dozen. Samples of the 1964 Christmas card will be sent with the next Bulletin, published in August.

4. THE CIVIL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN:

The Antwerp meeting of the International Executive discussed the developing Civil Rights Campaign in the Southern States of America. The Secretary referred to reports of the miscarriage of Justice, and to the problem of bringing effective assistance to the many members of the Civil Rights Movement now in jail. It was decided to send a delegate to the U.S.A. to observe a forthcoming Civil Rights trial in the Southern States. He is Anthony Lester, a British Barrister, who studied at the Harvard Law School for two years and was closely connected with the Civil Rights struggle. He will be in the United States for approximately two months, and while there will make contact with the many organisations involved in the campaign. Mr. Lester will then address the International Assembly on the latest developments and his full written report will be published in mid-November.

5. PRISONER OF THE YEAR:

The International Executive Committee decided to make the choice of the "Prisoner of the Year" at its next meeting. This year the choice falls to be made among prisoners in the West. The Library will be preparing a list of suitable candidates but any National Section or group is welcome to put forward the name of a prisoner; groups may wish, in particular, to nominate one of their own adopted prisoners. Any nomination must reach the International Secretariat by Monday, 29th June.

6. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

The International Executive will hold its next meeting in Hamburg on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July. It is hoped to use this occasion to meet representatives from the various groups in Germany and also to welcome visitors from Scandinavia who may be able to reach Hamburg more conveniently than the other cities where the International Executive has met in the past. Resolutions or matters to be discussed at the next meeting of the International Executive should reach the Secretariat by Monday, 29th June.

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