

INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 1964:

1) INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: RESOLUTIONS:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in February. Any Group Secretaries wishing to put resolutions before the Committee are asked to send them to the London Office in good time, so that they may be included in the Agenda.

2) CANTERBURY RESOLUTION ON PRISON CONDITIONS:

"The sub-committee recommends the following resolution based upon the draft resolutions from the sections in New South Wales and Victoria.

In reference to the provisions in the Code of Conduct, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL should endeavour to arrange for the admission of independent visitors to all places of detention, particularly remand prisons and closed institutions for interrogations, re-education and training, and to this end should maintain regular contact with Red Cross, U.N. Seaman's Chaplains and any other organisation qualified to report impartially upon prison conditions; and should invite national sections to prepare a report upon prison conditions in their own country which can be published simultaneously with reports prepared by the International Secretariat based on all available information about prison conditions in Portugal, Roumania, and South Africa.

Furthermore, it is recommended that national sections should emphasise the work of finding asylum for released prisoners of conscience in countries where they might easily find employment."

Groups which have at sometime received information on prison conditions in Portugal, Roumania or South Africa are asked to send a copy of this information to the London Office for use in the reports that are being prepared on these three countries.

3. CONSULTATIVE STATUS: COUNCIL OF EUROPE:

Since the publication of Eustomy, we have received official notification that AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL has been recommended for Consultative Status 1 with the Council of Europe.

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4) NATIONAL SECTION SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Over the past year a large part of the International Secretariat's expenditure has been shouldered by the British Section. It will still be necessary during the coming year, for the British Section to give financial help to the International Secretariat but it is hoped that with the help of the National Sections, the amount involved can be reduced. It was agreed at the last Executive Meeting that the annual subscription of National Sections should remain at £25, but all Sections are encouraged to give more if they can manage it. Where there are no National Sections, groups are asked to give at least £5 per year towards the running costs of the London Office, and in some cases it should be possible to send £10 per year.

5) EVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CEREMONY:

The British Broadcasting Corporation will be recording the Ceremony in St. Paul's Cathedral on December 9th and an edited version will be broadcast on Human Rights Day, December 10th. It will also be put out over the Overseas Service and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to hear it.