

MEETINGS

Reflecting the purpose and structure of trade union youth groups, three kinds of meetings are held:

- (1) Youth factory assemblies (Jugendbetriebsversammlungen) meet in the factories on company time under agreements with the employers that such meetings will serve generally educational purposes. Apprentices and other young workers in the railroad shops are called together weekly for two-hours sessions. At the other extreme, some employers hold to the letter of the Works Councils Law (Law No. 22) which requires them to permit a quarterly plant meeting for purposes of hearing a works councillors report. If a youth meeting is to be held these employers insist that it be substituted for a works council plant meeting and thus make youth assembly meetings almost impossible. The usual thing is that youth assemblies are held once a month.
- (2) Club evenings (Heimabende) held by the industrial union youth groups usually meet at the union hall or at a youth center at regular intervals. In Munich some groups are organized on a neighborhood rather than on industrial union basis, apparently because in a large city travel to union headquarters is not feasible for all young people.
- (3) A third type of meeting is the educational classes. Vocational courses are sponsored by individual unions, but classes of more general nature including the correspondence course study circles are usually organized by the secretariat.

All these group members are brought together in city-wide programs for youth group members which are held every week in Augsburg, three times a month in Nuremberg, and four times a year in Munich.