RESIDENT SCHOOLS OPERATED BY SINGLE UNIONS

Railroad Workers' School (Schule des Eisenbahner-Verbandes) at Hammersbach-Garmisch

Among the several schools where resident courses are conducted by specific unions for their members, the one which was visited and will serve in this report as an example of the type was the school conducted by the Railroad Workers Union at Hammersbach-Garmisch. Railroad workers came from the three zones - at the time of my visit, from the French. Among the topics covered were the following: History of the labor movement, social problems and social security, labor law, current problems - such as wages and works council problems, political economy and management, and the law as it relates to shop stewards.

Visiting representatives of the union are responsible for the different institutes or special sessions, with matters other than curriculum in the hands of the resident administrator. The faculty, who come from various types of experience and fields of interest, teach on a part-time basis, although certain of the faculty serve on a permanent panel and teach in most of the institutes which are conducted.

The students who were in attendance at the Institute which I visited were keenly interested in current everyday problems and expressed special interest in the progress of youth work in the unions. They were also interested in American life, and were particularly anxious to help develop an exchange of workers between schools in Germany and the United States, and, looking toward this end, urged the establishment of every possible contact with the railroad workers union in the United States.

Among special schools organized by single trade unions are two in the British Zone: Schule Rummenohl for metal workers and Michael Rott Schule run by the public service union. A recent prospectus for the latter outlines courses for functionaries, for civil servants, for women functionaries, for educational officers and press secretaries, for social insurance employees, and courses for those interested in labor law. Particular subjects under consideration include the history of the trade union movement, the theory of plant management, social insurance, economic theory, labor law (also the works council law, the civil service law and the law affecting white collar workers), social psychology and current trade union problems.