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les Kégler Centre des Champs-Gaubert Evreux

les Béguié - home de semi-liberté de Versailles

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This young fellow is 24 years old.

He began in 1945 in Place Pigalle, fighting among racketeers and prostitutes, GI's and kids.

In 1947 he was given an old house in one of the most slum districts of Paris: Montreuil. He gave the street-kids food and bed.

In 1948 a generous lady gave him (I ought say: gave his kids) in a Southern abandoned village some walls almost entirely broken down and some square feet of sunny-cracked land.

With the aid of Canadian private people,
of International Volunteer Service for Peace
of Garry Davis
and of the kids,

he rebuilt a part of the village, found a new spring, and allowed forty children (8 to 13) to have again a home and a hope.

The purpose of these photographs is to show some institutions, homes, villages, where our unajusted boys live.

Their purpose is also to show that France is not only place Pigalle, or Folies-Bergère, or Champagne; but is also a land of a working people, of a people stubborn enough to build and build again in spite of its external appearance of being carefree...

It is a land where thousands of parents, craftsmen, judges, architects, teachers, (éducateurs), artists, are seeking the new expressions of old educative conceptions, the best adjustment between new-look and tradition, between suffering and joy of living.

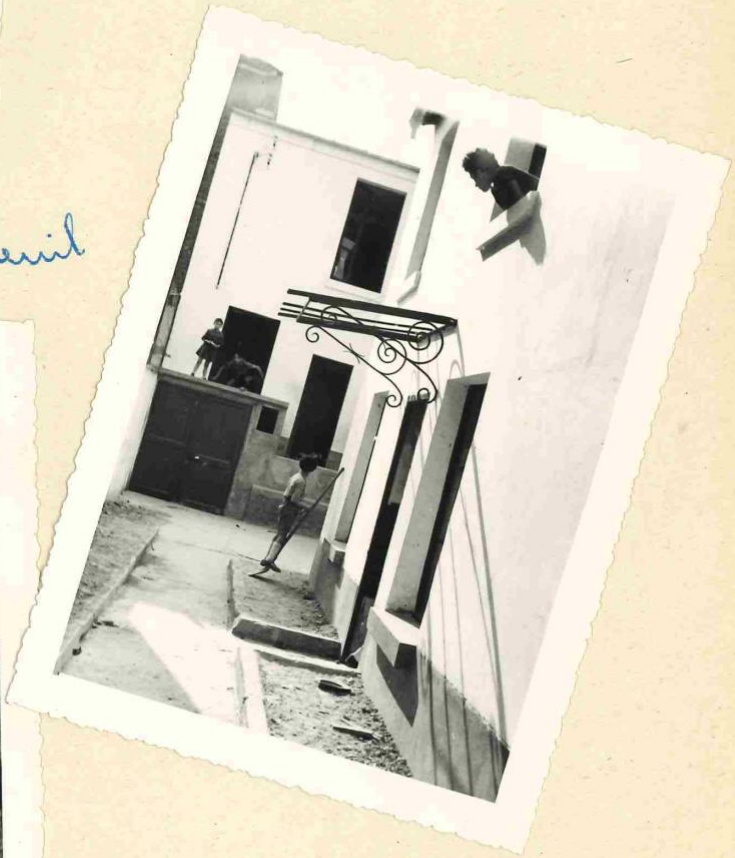
« Un pays à l'échelle humaine » (Léon Blum)

a land at human scale,

Children's Village

July 1950

R. Ardouin
animateur des
Amis des Enfants de Paris



Montreuil

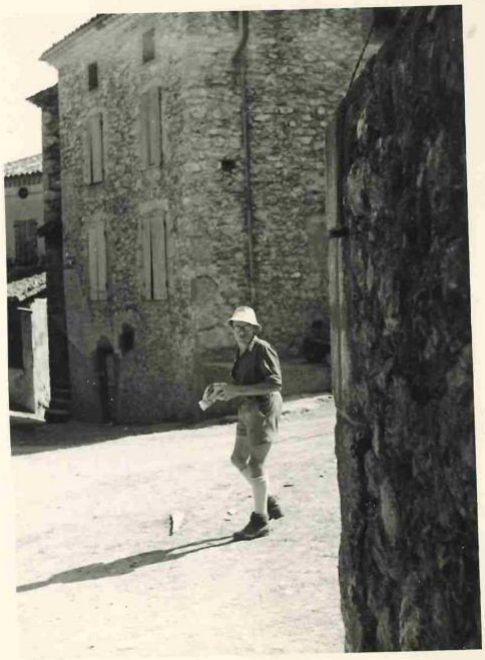
Vercheny :

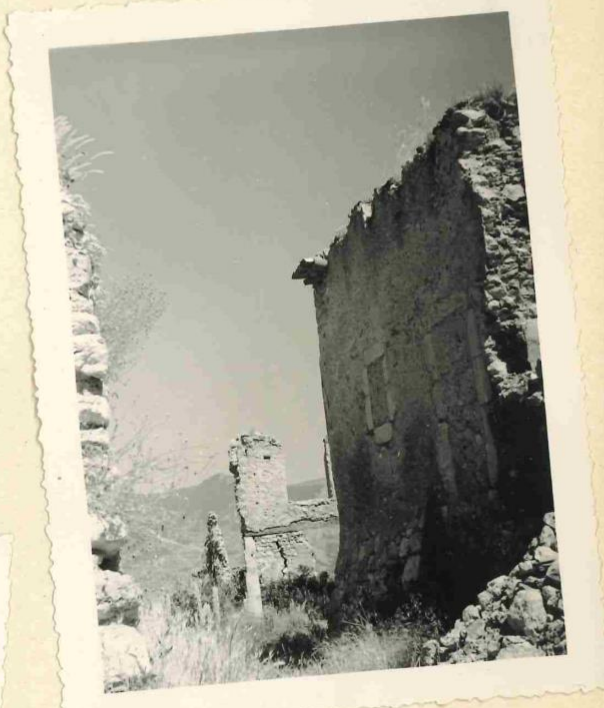
1° sécheresse

dryness of the earth

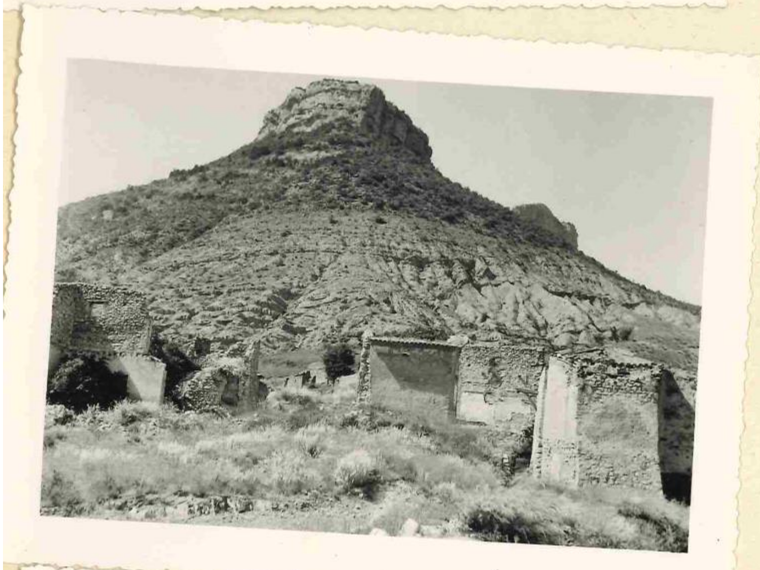
2° bonnes volontés

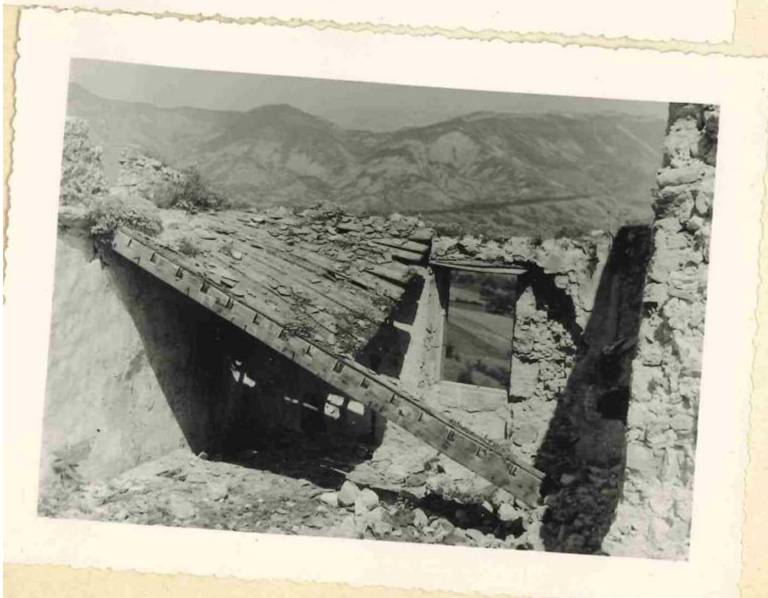
one (from Norway?
or England?
or where?)
among many other
"good will people"





Vercheny
– Drôme –





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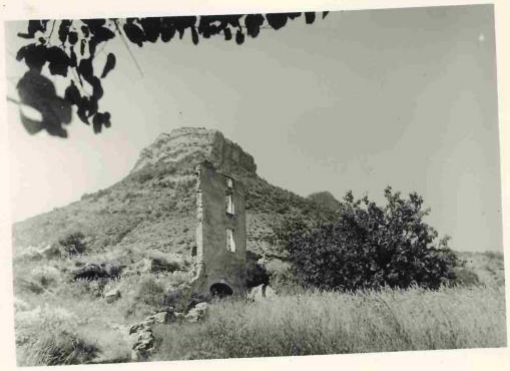

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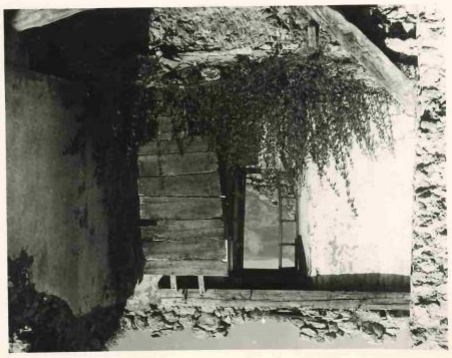


Prado d'Oullins.

The same thing that the foyer de Versailles.
In Lyon and for 40 boys.
Catholic director; no religious obligations.
Closed in 1949. Repaired and re-opened but for girls.
These girls, for most of them, were prostitutes. They learn a trade, housekeeping, etc... under the supervision of catholic sisters (with their diploma of éducateurs), without any religious obligations.
The boys are now in a new house, along the Saône river

le Prado d'Ouillins

– Rhône –

[2] Centre de Saint-Germain-Laxis. 60 boys. Apprentices inside the institution.
When their (directeur + éducateur) think the boy is ready for a more normal life, he is sent to [3]

10 miles

City of 180.000 habitants with cinemas, etc...
40 minutes by train from Paris.

Melun

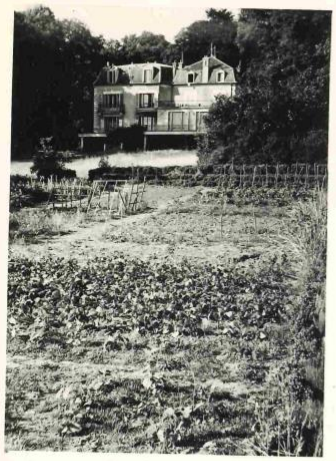
3 miles

[3] Home de semi-liberté de Dammemarie.
25 boys, 15-19 year old.
They work outside, in Melun. They pay room and board, and manage their own leisure time, under the supervision of their éducateur (married, 2 children).

[1] Bois-le-Roi. 40 boys. 10-14 year old.
They go to school outside, with the other boys of the town.

The three houses are under the same direction and educative organization.
Sponsored by the Association régionale of Seine et Marne, and the Scoutisme français.

Bois-le-Roi



foyer de la Source.
Dir. M. Meyer
40 garçons.

à l'école du village

Après leur scolarité passent
à St Germain-Lascis (60 gars)
internat spécialisé
et de là à Dammarie (Melun) (20 gars)
Home de semi-liberté.

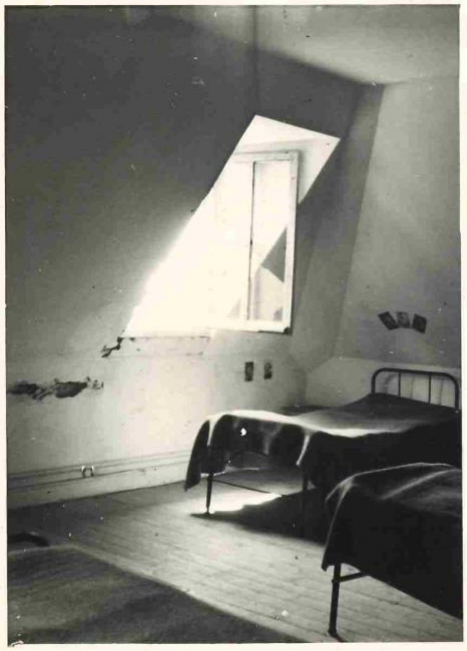
Bois-le-Roi

St Germain-en-Laye

- Foyer de Versailles -

Once built to be a Russian students home, in 191?, it is now a home where 30 boys live. 16 to 19 year old they work outside, and get their home life when they come back, under the supervision of their éducateur.

Foyer de Versailles



When he came to Europe, Mr Finnerty did not see this Children Republic in the French Alps.

Perhaps because it is very difficult to reach it, in the mountains of Belledonne, surrounded by ice-fields.

Also because "they" say it is a communist one, may be?

Whether or not, 40 boys and girls, 11 to 20 years old, under the only supervision of 3 adults (teachers), build their home, their own character, and their surrounding community (of peasants from centuries ago).

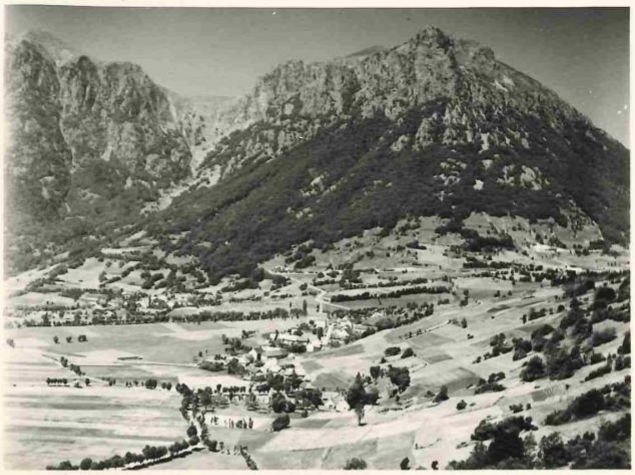
These youngsters are Jewish whose parents were killed by Gestapo
Spanish whose parents were killed in 1937
French whose parents were in the underground

A special stress is put on the international brotherhood: they write to friends in USA and in USSR.

In summer 1948, 80 European youngsters were invited in Moulin-Vieux, to an international and democratic camp, under the responsibility of the kids themselves, and the official aid of UNESCO.

Very few people know them.

But they know many things, through their own experience or their own investigation.



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Nous travaillons
pour vivre debout »
« L'amour de candidat
travaille »

ce qui est
construit

ce qui se construit

l'école
(don de la Suède)

le lavoir
où l'on chante

Camp international
(construit par le S.C.I)
pour les vacances
en communauté
de
80 jeunes européens

Champ-Gaubert
ÉVRÉCY

Fin de l’album