



“SUMMER SAGA”

REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Staff Association is not simply idling the summer away!

We have arranged to meet all the members of the Review Committee and those working closely with them before the Committee's next meeting which will be held on 4 September.

The aim of these get togethers is to assess the various points of view within the Committee and to make known our comments or objections concerning the proposals set out in the Committee's preliminary report.

We are studying the legal aspects of reductions in staff numbers, suppression of posts, expiry of contracts etc. To help us do so, we have got in touch with the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation which is competent to hear petitions from CERN staff, and we have also sought information on the appeal procedures and case law of the Tribunal on these questions. We are also taking legal advice.

We had a meeting with the Director-General (who is unfortunately away from 22 July to 27 August) to discuss the points raised in the report and, first and foremost, 'early departures'. We will be referring back to this question in the near future.

We have already had and are continuing to have frequent discussions with the Directors, especially the Director of Human Resources, to hear their points of view and to let them hear ours.

Finally, we have plans to meet the Member States' Delegations to the CERN Council during the autumn with a view to putting forward our arguments in defence of the staff's interests.

All these activities are co-ordinated within the Staff Association by a Working Group, which meets at least once a week. The Group includes members of the Executive Committee and specialists on the topics to be discussed with the Administration and the members of the Review Committee. In addition, a large part of every Monday's Executive Committee meeting is given over to these subjects and to analysing comments received from members of the staff. We would like to thank all those people and we hope that we will continue to receive comments and suggestions on the preliminary report.