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KINDERHILFSMISSION DER RELIGIÖSEN GESELLSCHAFT DER FREUNDE (QUÄKER) VON AMERIKA

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

The following report briefly states the purposes and aims of the German Mission of the AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, and describes its work up to September 1st, 1920.

More detailed information will gladly be furnished by this office. *to those especially concerned.*

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THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN QUAKER CHILD-RELIEF MISSION TO GERMANY

ORIGIN:- The Mission had its origin in the offer made in November 1919 by Mr. Herbert Hoover to the American Friends Service Committee to turn over to it the work of feeding the undernourished children and mothers of Germany in the same way that he was already feeding the children and mothers of other European countries through the European Children's Fund. The work was gladly undertaken by the American Friends Service Committee, upon the understanding, that, in addition to being a mere feeding operation, it might also be the expression of a real message of good will and encouragement from Americans to the German people in their time of sore trial, just as the Quaker Missions in France and other countries have been to the people of those countries in their hour of need.

BASIS OF WORK:- The basis of the work is fundamentally religious. It is an attempt to put into practice the belief of the Society of Friends that lasting good can never be accomplished by war and violence, but only by love and service, and to apply to the present world situation the essential elements of Christianity.

SCOPE: The original Mission - composed of 15 Americans - all volunteers - arrived in Germany in January 1920. The actual feeding commenced on February 26th. During the week ending July 5th, 1920, 632,000 children and mothers were fed in 3392 feeding centers in 88 cities and districts throughout Germany. The growth of the work is shown on the accompanying chart.

FUNDS:- The necessary funds have been furnished by the American Relief Administration, European Children's Fund, Chairman Herbert HOOVER and by contributions from Americans of all circles. Up to July 1st 1920 approximately £ 2,000,000. -- had been contributed by the European Children's Fund and approximately £ 1,000,000. -- by general contributors.

OVER-HEAD EXPENSES:- The over-head expenses of the Mission are all paid from funds of the American Friends Service Committee. All funds from general contributors are used solely for the purchase of food.

PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT OF FOOD: The food is purchased mostly in America, and the costs of transportation and insurance to Hamburg have been paid by the European Children's Fund. Up to June 1st 1920 over 11,000 Tons of food had arrived in Hamburg as follows:-

Lard	479	Tons
Cocoa	308	"
Sugar	310	"
Condensed milk	990	"
Evaporated milk	1295	"
Rice	552	"
Flour	4866	"
Peas	947	"
Beans	881	"
	11028	Tons

DISTRIBUTION IN GERMANY: The food is distributed in Germany under the direction and control of the Mission in the form of one meal a day (Sunday excepted) to undernourished children and expectant and nursing mothers. The children 6 to 14 years of age are fed in the schools, the younger children and mothers in Kindergartens and other similar institutions. The details of the cooking and distribution of the food in each city are carried out by representative, non sectarian, non political local German committees or by the cities' welfare departments. The general method of operation in a large city is shown on the accompanying map of Berlin where the food is cooked in a few large central kitchens and distributed in thermos kettles to the various feeding centers. Two of the kitchens in Berlin cook for 55,000 and 25,000 respectively. The central kitchen in Essen cooks for 20,000.

COST OF DISTRIBUTION: The cost of unloading, storing, insuring and transporting the food from Hamburg to cities where distribution is to be made, is borne by the German Government and by the local ~~committees~~ communities. The cost of storing, cooking and distributing the food in each city is borne by the city or by the local committee. These costs are partially defrayed by a charge of not more than 25 Pfennigs per meal made by the local committees and by the salvage of the food-sacks, cans and containers in which the food has been shipped.

GERMAN PERSONNEL:- In addition to the office assistants employed by the Mission, over 20,000 Germans are engaged in the cooking and distribution of the food and in the inspection of kitchens and feeding centers. Most of these are volunteers who work in close cooperation with our district offices.

SELECTION OF CHILDREN AND MOTHERS: The children and mothers to be fed are selected by physicians solely on the basis of under-nourishment, in accordance with regulations laid down by the leading child specialists of Germany. No distinction is made on

account of politics, religion or social position.

MENUS:- The meals of the school children and mothers consist of one half liter portions of cocoa, rice, pea or bean soup, etc. usually accompanied three times a week by white bread, rolls or Zwieback. They contain on an average 667 calories each. Children under six receive three fifth of the standard portion. The menus are prepared under the direction of expert dietitians.

CONTROL AND DIRECTION:- There are now 26 members of the Mission directing the operations in Germany. Its Head Quarters are at Berlin and its transportation office at Hamburg. The following district offices are also maintained:-

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERRITORY</u>	<u>DISTRICT OFFICE</u>
1.	Ruhr, Westphalia	Hessen
2.	Hamburg, North Prussia, Mecklenburg, etc	Hamburg
3.	Brandenburg, Pomerania, North Saxony	Berlin
4.	(Province)	Leipzig
5.	West Saxony, Thuringia, etc.	Frankfurt a.M.
6.	Hessen, Baden, Württemberg, etc.	Dresden
7.	East Saxony, Silesia	Munich
8.	Bavaria	Munich

There are two more members of the Mission in charge of each office. The districts are indicated on the accompanying map showing the cities, etc. where operations are being conducted.

WEEKLY REPORTS:- All food furnished by the Mission must be accounted for by the proper number of meals actually served. For this purpose, the meal tickets must be properly punched, attendance regularly recorded, and inventories carefully kept. Weekly reports showing the number of meals served and the quantities of food used, are rendered by each city to the Mission.

GERMAN CO-OPERATION:- The Mission works in close co-operation with the Deutscher Zentral-Ausschuss für die Auslandshilfe, a committee headed by Dr. Bose of the German Food Ministry and representing all of the welfare organizations in Germany receiving foreign relief. The food allotments for the various cities and districts are made in consultation with this committee. Independent investigations of the condition of children throughout Germany are also made by the Mission.

The German Government has co-operated in the work of the Mission in the following ways:-

- 1). By furnishing free transportation and express service for all shipments of food-stuffs;
- 2). By furnishing free transportation on German railways to members of the Mission, when on Mission business;
- 3). By giving the Mission preferential phone service;
- 4). By appropriating in June 1920 for the work of the Deutsche Zentralausschuss für die Auslandshilfe the sum of M 13'000'000.--, a large part of which will be used in connection with the work of the Mission;
- 5). By agreeing to furnish free of charge the Flour and sugar necessary for the continuation of the feeding from September 1st 1920 until June 1st 1921.

FUNDS FOR CONTINUATION OF WORK:-

The number of children that can be fed next winter and spring will depend entirely on the amount of the contributions made in America.

It is estimated that the proposed program of feeding an average of 500.000 children and mothers from October 1st 1920 to June 1st 1921 will cost between \$ 6.000.000. to \$ 7.000.000. The Flour and Sugar which the German Government has promised to supply represent at American prices about one-third of this cost, so that every dollar contributed will mean \$ 1.50 worth of food for German children and mothers.

The cost of the meal of 667 calories which is distributed throughout Germany is a little less than 5 cents, and the entire over-head expenses of the Mission in supervising and directing the distribution of the food is approximately 2% of the total cost.

Enclosing this brief statement, mention should be made of the fine co-operation which has been given throughout Germany by the German people, without which it would have been impossible for us to have carried on such an extensive piece of relief work.

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