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THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN 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 Friend 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 have gone to France and other 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 be accomplished not by war and violence but only by love and service, and to apply to the present world situation the essential principles 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, and has since continued uninterruptedly at the varying levels shown by the accompanying blue print. The drop in numbers during the summer months was due to school vacations and to easier food conditions during that period. During the week of January 10th - 16th 528 899 children and mothers were fed in 5076 feeding places in 669 cities, towns and suburbs, which on account of the German plan of separate municipal organizations for the suburbs of large cities, means about 300 different communities, throughout Germany. The cooking for this operation is being done in 1468 kitchens.

Funds: The necessary funds, except as noted below, 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 December 1st 1920 approximately \$. 4. 250 000.- had been contributed by the European Children's Fund, and approximately \$. 900 000 - by general contributors and in addition \$. 144 000.- profits from the sale of Food Drafts in Germany was contributed by the American Relief Administration.

(It is impossible to give figures for January 1st. as a wide campaign for funds is being carried on in co-operation with other American relief agencies, from December 19 to January 19 for which returns are not yet available.)

Funds for operation in the British Occupied Territory, known as Cologne District, No. 2, which began to feed December 1st 1920,

and where we hope to feed 20.000 mothers and children, come from British sources and are collected by the FRIENDS EMERGENCY & WAR VICTIMS RELIEF COMMITTEE. The foreign personnel working there are British and are supplied by the same Committee.

OVERHEAD EXPENSES: The overhead expenses of the Mission are all paid from funds of the American Friends Service Committee. Funds from general contributors are used solely for the purchase of food.

PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT OF FOOD: The food is, for the most part, purchased in America and the costs of transportation and insurance to Hamburg have been paid by the EUROPEAN CHILDREN'S FUND. Our prospective program of 700.000 children requires 126 tons of food-stuffs daily. Up to January 1st, 1921, about 173 60 tons of food stuffs have arrived in Hamburg as follows:

Lard	1360	Tons
Cocoa	552	"
Sugar	909	"
Condensed Milk	3321	"
Evaporated Milk	1488	"
Rice	1962	"
Flour	4867	"
Peas	1128	"
Beans	1873	"
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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. Our operations have recently been extended to include boys and girls between the 15th and 18th birthdays who are for the most part employed in some form of industry. The details of the cooking and distribution of the food in each city are carried out by representatives, 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 29,000 and 53,000 respectively. In Essen the central kitchen cooks for 20.000.

COST OF DISTRIBUTION: The cost of unloading, storing, insuring and transporting the food from Hamburg to cities where distribution is made, is borne by the German Government and by the local committees. 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 40 Pfennige per meal made by the local committees, and by the salvage of the sacks, cans and containers in which the food has been shipped.

GERMAN PERSONNEL: In addition to the office assistants employed by the Mission between 20 to 25,000 Germans are engaged in the cooking and distribution of the food and in the inspections of kitchens and feeding centers. Many of these are volunteers who work in close co-operation 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 undernourishment 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. In this matter efforts are constantly being directed toward making a more uniform standard of selection for the many physicians involved,

MENUS: The meals of the school children consist of one half liter portions of cocoa, rice, pea or bean soup, milk rice, etc. usually accompanied four times a week by white bread, rolls or Zwieback. These meals contain on an average 667 calories each though mothers receive a somewhat larger portion of about 800 calories. Children under six receive three fifths of the standard portion. The menus are prepared under the direction of expert dietitians.

CONTROL AND DIRECTION: There are now about 36 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, Westfalia, Belgian occ. territory	Essen
2.	English occupied territory	Cöln
3.	Hamburg, North Prussia, Mecklenburg etc.	Hamburg
4.	Brandenburg, Pommerania, North Saxony (Prov.) East Prussia, Danzig	Berlin
5.	West Saxony, Thuringia, etc.	Leipzig
6.	Hessen, Baden, Württemberg, French and American occupied territory	Frankfurt/M.
7.	East Saxony, Silesia	Dresden
10.	Bavaria	Munich

There are two or more Members of the Mission in charge of each office. The districts are indicated on the accompanying map showing the cities and towns where operations are being conducted. Of course, with rapid expansion, such a map comes to be out of date quickly. This one is approximately correct to January 1st. 1921

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 quantity of food used, are rendered by each city to the Mission.

GERMAN CO-OPERATION: The Mission works in close co-operation with the Deutscher Zentrallausschuss für die Auslandshilfe, an organization headed by Dr. Bose of the German Food Ministry, established for the purpose of representing all Welfare Organizations in Germany

receiving foreign relief. The food allotments for the various cities and districts are made in consultation with this organization. Independent investigations of the conditions of children throughout Germany are also made by the Mission.

The German Government has cooperated 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 Deutscher Zentrallausschuss für die Auslandshilfe the sum of Mk. 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 of 500 000 children from October 1st 1920 until June 1st 1921.

FUNDS FOR CONTINUATION OF WORK:

The number of children that can be fed this winter and spring will depend entirely on the amount of contributions made in America. Roughly estimated, the need is for 1.000 000 meals for 1.000 000 children a day. The funds now in sight are about \$500 000 short of assuring an operation of 700 000 children until June 1st 1921. We hope however, to feed 700 000. We shall increase this number as funds permit.

The cost of the meal of 667 calories which is distributed throughout Germany is a little less than 5 cents. The entire over-head expenses of the Mission in supervising and directing the distribution of the food less than 2% of the total cost, as before stated, comes not from the contributions for food, but from the general funds of the AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE.

In closing this brief statement we desire to call attention to the enthusiastic and able co-operation which has been given throughout Germany by the German people. Without this hearty co-operation it would have been impossible for such an extensive piece of relief work to have been carried on.

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

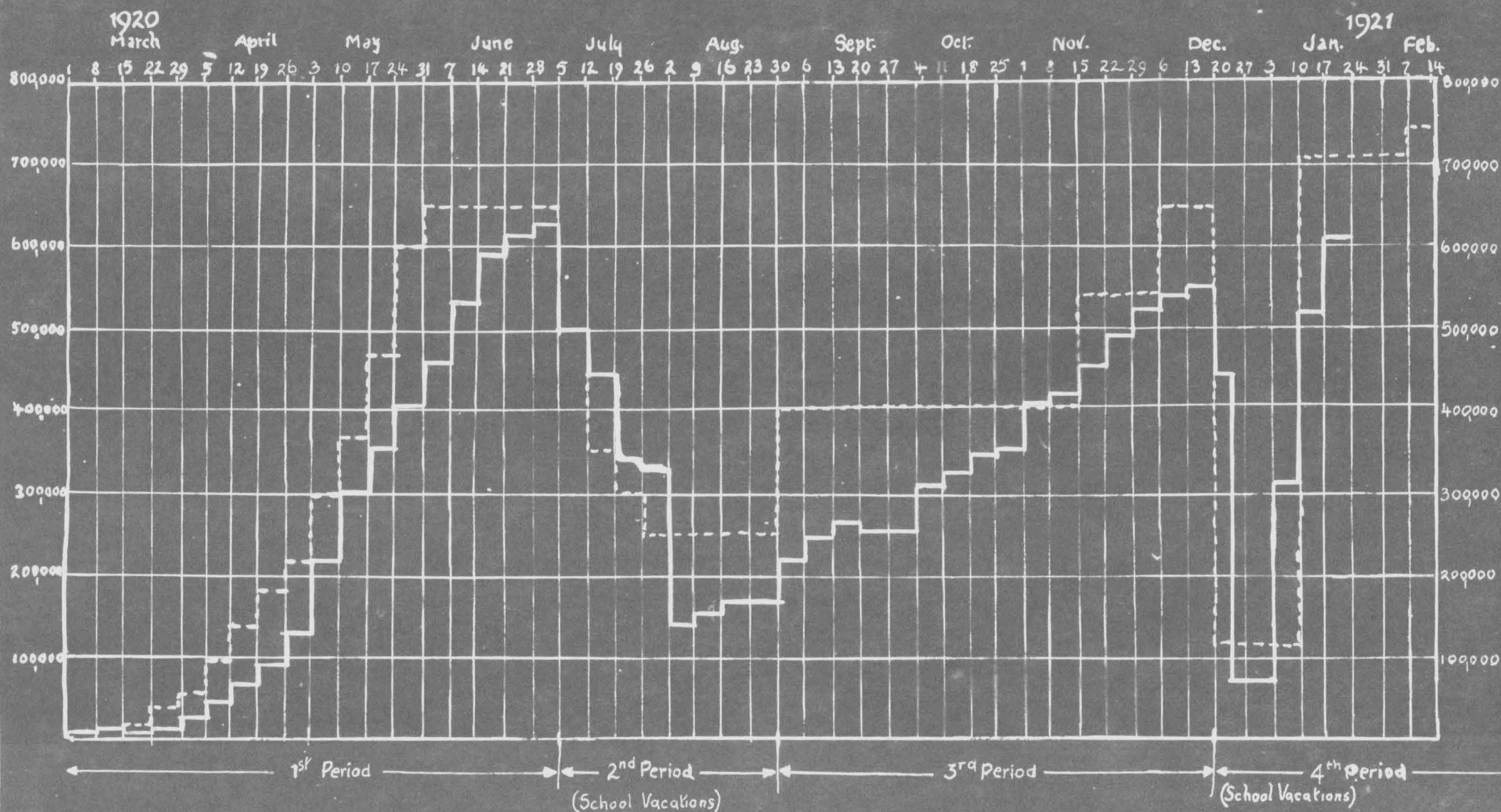
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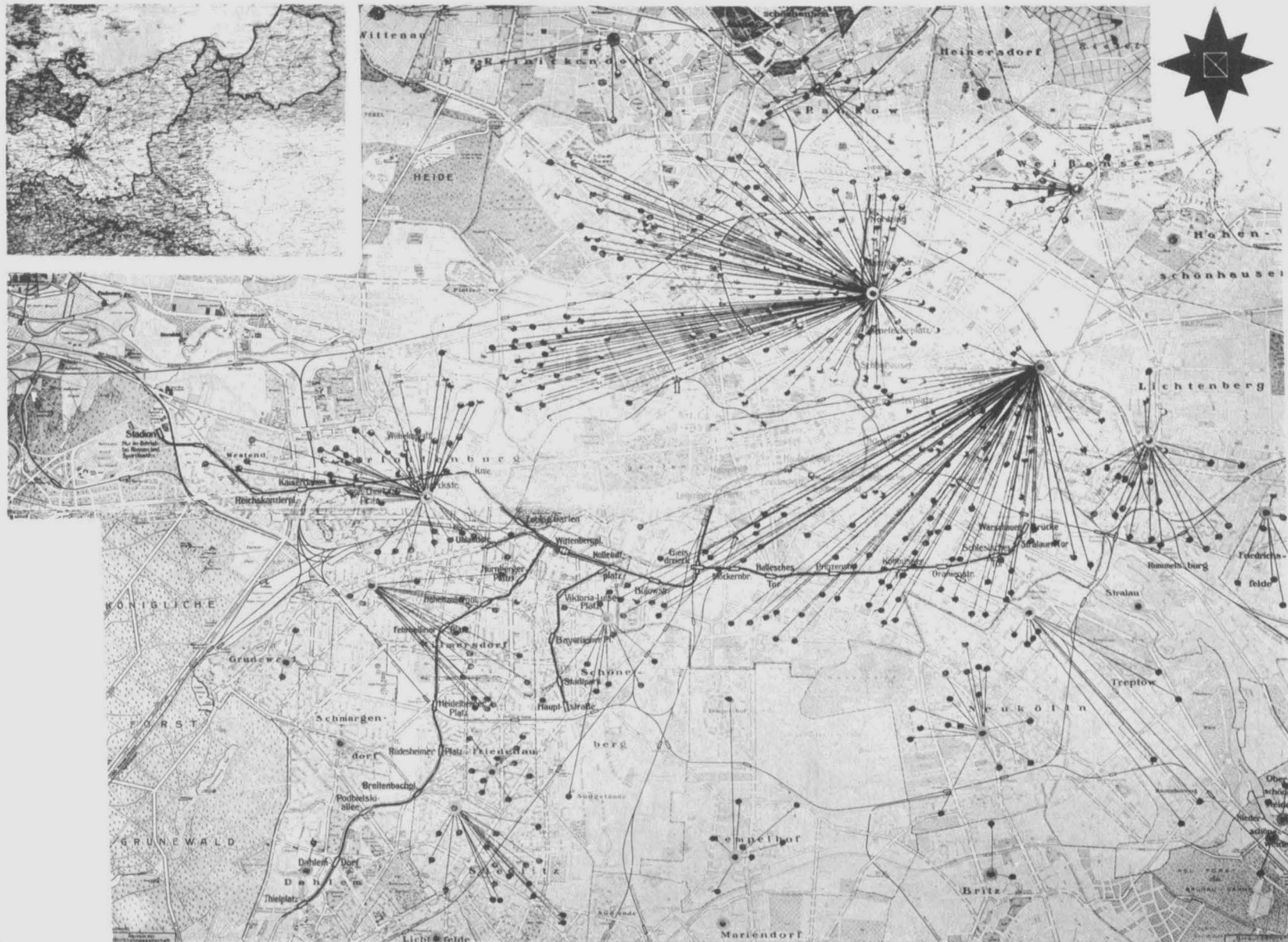


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Feeding Rate.

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MAP OF BERLIN, showing organization of feeding. The large central dots show location of kitchens, in which food is cooked daily. The smaller dots are feeding centers, in schools, etc. and the lines represent transport from kitchen to feeding center. Upper left-hand insert is map of District 4 Brandenburg, Magdeburg, Pomerania, Danzig and East Prussia, showing cities in which feeding operations are being carried on.