

FUNDS AND SUPPLIES  
FOR QUAKER RELIEF IN GERMANY



**VOLUNTEERS**

Jack Jardin, his wife and daughters Suzanne and Maxine. They have packed 5½ tons of clothing at the American Relief for Germany, Inc., Central European Clothing Center, 1029 N. Third St., Milwaukee, 3 Wisconsin.

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The American Friends Service Committee, as the receiver of moneys and goods from German-American organizations, issues this bulletin for the information of participating agencies who are cooperating in a nation-wide effort to aid the Quaker relief program for Germany. Material in this bulletin may be reprinted without permission. Contributions of news items regarding German-American activities in behalf of Quaker relief for Germany will be appreciated.

On the front cover of this issue of FUNDS AND SUPPLIES we have reproduced a picture of American Relief for Germany enterprise typical of volunteer service in German-American groups all over the country. A study made recently shows that due to German American volunteers, the AFSC Philadelphia Commercial Museum warehouse has been able to sort and bale 228,000 pounds of clothing for Germany at an average cost of 2.3¢ per pound. Commercial baling centers average as much as 11¢ per pound.

A newcomer to the family of contributing German-American organizations shipping clothing, is the Central Relief Fund of Seattle; A. E. Stanton, Trustee. This organization has collected, baled and shipped 7,459 pounds.

Groups maintaining warehouses for sorting and baling clothing ready for overseas shipment are:

American Relief for Germany, Inc. (Chicago branch)  
 Northern California Committee for the Relief of the  
 German People -- San Francisco  
 Southern California Committee for the Relief of the  
 German People -- Los Angeles

The following organizations have reported to us on their clothing collection centers:

Michigan Relief for Germans in Europe.  
 American Relief for Germany, Inc. (Milwaukee branch).  
 American Relief for Central Europe, Inc., of N. J.

The AFSC warehouse in Philadelphia at Commercial Museum is staffed by volunteers of:

American Relief for Central Europe, Inc. of Philadelphia.

Total clothing processed to date by cooperating German-American groups throughout the country has been 331,000 pounds.

### SHIPMENTS OF CLOTHING

A gift of 40,221 pounds of clothing and shoes was loaded on the SS AMERICAN BANKER in New York on August 30 for shipment to Hamburg. Although held up temporarily by the shipping strike, this gift will be delivered to the care of the British Red Cross from whose warehouses it will be distributed by Quaker Relief teams in the British Zone of Germany.

### COLLECTION SUGGESTIONS

Otto R. Hauser, President of American Relief for Germany, has told us how one group has canvassed all of the shoe repair shops in town and received a large quantity of unclaimed shoes as gifts for German relief. In some cases the shoe repair men have volunteered to put worn shoes in first class condition.

### GERMAN RELIEF WORKER SENDS HER THANKS

The first personal report we have received from a German relief worker on the receipt of clothing for distribution in Germany was written to us following the first shipment of clothing to Germany on the ANTIOCH VICTORY, March 21, 1946. The following excerpt from this letter gives heartening indication of the good results of the relief effort in America.

"We are distributing the precious things to the poor people who had suffered under the terrible conditions of life in the 3 Reich and the last world war. Although being a refugee and a bombed girl too, I'm glad to give these valuable clothes to the men who are poorer than I, who have no home and only a few things to dress till the present time. And I want to thank you in the name of all these presented people for your generosity. I can affirm you, that all things got a new needy possessor and are in the best hands. I can tell you that it would be the greatest thanks for you to be able to look at these women and men with their children weeping in joy, in gratitude, that there is such a good people living in the world who have not forgotten the ten commandments and God's commands of charity. And the very idea makes us happy. And which gladness and pleasure for me to see all these joyful faces and to hear the thanks all day.

"The clothes reached us in the best condition and we were quite happy to unpack the bales remarking the new and nearly new things. What a joy!"

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### DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD IN THE AMERICAN ZONE

Recently the AFSC released to the German-American press and to German-American societies cooperating in raising funds for Quaker relief in Germany, the story of Martha Legatis, a German Quaker

living in Kassel. Martha Legatis struggled alone in the first hard days following the close of hostilities to feed hungry children. She received the cooperation of the military authorities and later was honored with the responsibility of planning and directing child feeding programs throughout the American Zone using CRALOG supplies. Pictures and letters are beginning to come to us as a result of this program telling of the deep appreciation felt for the spiritual message of your gifts. Your contributions are bringing new hope and faith to the German people as more and more of their children receive supplementary meals through school lunch programs from supplies shipped from America.

The children of the Allee school in Heilbronn prepared essays describing their reactions to the first few weeks of cocoa and milk at recess time. These essays have been forwarded to us with the information that the first distribution was made to 1,850 grammar school children and the program has been continued to include other schools in Heilbronn since that time.

Following are excerpts from the essays which were written in the latter part of July:

"OUR QUAKER MEAL"

"Every morning in our recess we get a cup of cacao or milk. This is a valuable addition to our bread, and especially to the older children who must help at home after school. The smaller ones can rest."

"It is a very pleasing picture to see all these pupils sitting around drinking their cacao. Those who like the milkskin are in the best situation. Then they can get the skin from those who don't like it."

"The cacao is a great pleasure to our parents, because we can't get it at home."

"The white cups placed on long tables, spread out a sweet smell. Everybody was permitted to take up a cup. Oh, what a delightful drink!"

"We don't get cacao every day, but the good milk is also fine. We like it as much as the sweet chocolate drink. In our class there are girls who never drank milk before but today they are very glad to have it. In the morning for breakfast at home we only have some bread and a little cup of coffee."

"We hope that the other schools will be supplied with cacao or milk because they need it too."

"Soon the bell will announce recess, which now has a special meaning for us pupils. One day we receive cacao, another milk. Our parents remember this meal from the first World War."

"Last month rumors about a Quaker meal were running, but we did not trust in them and the whole fact was soon forgotten. But last

Thursday a fine scent floated through the school and all our little noses were smelling around. We exclaimed, 'Cacao!'

"The little ones feel quite important and drink to one another's health."

"This drink means so much to our parents because they often don't know what breakfast they shall give to us. Now they are satisfied knowing that we no longer have to sit in school with a grumbling stomach."