According to a cable from the Quaker representative on CRALOG (Council of Relief Agencies Licensed for Operations in Germany) in Berlin, the first shipment from American private agencies has been unloaded at Bremerhaven.

The American Friends Service Committee has been allotted a space of 375 tons in April of the 2,000 permitted voluntary agencies. The AFSC's share will in part consist of:

- Powdered whole milk . . . . . . . 210 tons
- Children's shoes (new) . . . . . . . 25,000 pair
- Canned goods . . . . . . . . . . . 1,000 cases
- Clothing . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11 tons

The German Central Committee which is responsible for the distribution of relief supplies in the American Zone met in Stuttgart last week. American representatives attended and then proceeded to British and French zones to open negotiations for CRALOG supplies to enter these two zones.

An additional $46,500 in supplies is being shipped into the British Zone this month from Sweden. Children's shoes, cod-liver oil and milk are among the items included.

International Red Cross negotiations with the Russian Army have been successfully concluded, and the AFSC is to have a part in the feeding of 60,000 refugee children in the provinces of Brandenburg and Mecklenburg. The first shipment of supplies will be in the nature of an experiment, and further supplies will not be sent unless there is ample evidence of unbiased and nonpolitical distribution. Milk, bacon, cod-liver oil, medicines, and blankets will be in the first allocation. The AFSC is sending $50,000 to Geneva, Switzerland to purchase these supplies.

Negotiations are continuing for the admission of supplies and personnel to the French Zone.

Lloyd Somers sails on April 24th. His destination is Stockholm, where he will succeed James Andrews in purchasing supplies for the British Zone.

By May 6th, ten relief workers will be undergoing training at Pendle Hill. They will join other British Friends Relief Service appointees in London, June 15th, for additional training, after which they will be seconded to FRS teams working in the Ruhr district of the British Zone with German nationals, using their skills as youth workers, administrators, social case workers, public health officers and child welfare workers.

Personnel needs at present are for well-trained professional workers with a fair knowledge of German and with strong motivations for reconciliation and regeneration of self-help projects.

During April several German-American groups began active financial campaigns and others completed their organization. American Relief for Central Europe, Inc., (of New Jersey) has been very active in collecting both funds and clothing. This organization is stressing regular monthly contributions from its supporters.

This morning's mail has brought a substantial remittance from the New Jersey Committee for Relief of German Needy, Inc.

Yesterday a large check was received from the Michigan Relief for Germans in Europe, Inc.
On March 31st, the German-Americans in Washington, D.C., met to organize under the leadership of Mr. Hermann G. Winkler, editor of the Washington Journal. Mr. Siegfried Goetze, formerly of Los Angeles, is also active in this group now.

Sunday April 14th, the Hartford, Conn., German-Americans held a mass meeting addressed by Sumner A. Mills of Philadelphia. The president of this group is Mr. L. Hofmann, and the secretary is Dr. George E. Woerz.

Pittsburgh has secured a charter under the name of American Relief Association, Inc., with offices at 1210 Pitt Bank Building. This is also a branch of American Relief for Germany, Inc., with national headquarters at Milwaukee under the leadership of Mr. Otto R. Hauser.

This national group is growing in units and has recently issued a widespread appeal for relief funds and clothing. Mr. Hauser stresses the cumulative effect of hunger: "Prolonged Malnutrition Ends in Disease and Death."

Philadelphia German-Americans have just received a state charter. Their clothing work has been going on for several weeks, and they are baling at the Commercial Museum warehouse for other cities where there are no baling facilities. Over fifteen tons of clothing and shoes were shipped from this warehouse last month, and a similar amount will be shipped this month.

The Germania Singing Society of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is giving the entire proceeds of its annual spring concert on April 27th to AFSC for relief work in Germany.

Through the initiative of singing societies in the New York City area, a grand concert for the benefit of the Quaker German relief program is being held on May 21st in Madison Square Garden.

TWO LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GERMANY:

Berlin, March 25, 1946

Dear Dr. Pickett:

Many thanks for your telegram. I am happy to note that arrangements have been completed for the first shipment of relief supplies from the voluntary agencies. I see in this a good omen which augurs well for the future and I know you deserve great credit for animating this humanitarian and worthy undertaking.

With cordial regards and best wishes, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ROBERT MURPHY

Robert Murphy
United States Political Adviser for Germany

3 April 1946

Berlin, March 25, 1946

Dear Mr. Pickett:

I have received your cable of 21 March 1946 concerning shipment of voluntary agencies' relief supplies.

I wish to thank you for your gracious expression. It is our hope that the program for the importation of relief supplies from voluntary agencies in the United States will achieve the objectives of the American contributors and assist in alleviating distress.

Sincerely,

(Signed) LUCIUS D. CLAY

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Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Military Governor