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FUNDS AND SUPPLIES

- FOR QUAKER RELIEF IN GERMANY -

URGENT

Contributions to the German program for a number of months have not been sufficient to maintain the regular budget, and a deficit has accumulated. We urge all organizations and individuals supporting this work to do their utmost to maintain a flow of funds that will meet the present budget of \$200,000 a month.

A MESSAGE FROM BERLIN.

The American Friends Service Committee has had to reduce its spending for German relief by almost one half because of inadequate funds. When Claude Shotts, our CRAILOG representative, received this unhappy news in Berlin, he conferred with the AFSC CRAILOG representatives in the French and British Zones and wrote the following letter to Philadelphia:

"I need not tell you that the situation in the American Zone is disappointing. While I recognize that it is impossible to ship supplies unless there are dollars in the bank to provide them, I think you would want Walter Mohr, Lloyd Somers and me to share with you our feeling about the situation in which we are operating. I am not telling you anything that you do not know when I say that the undesigned Quaker supplies have been the heart of the children's feeding program in the American Zone. During the months of September, October, and November about 200,000 children were being fed. These were the most needy children as determined by medical examinations. The program was directed by the Land Committee, subcommittees of the German Central Committee, on which all the private welfare agencies were fully represented. The quality of this program was clearly recognized by all participants, and the representatives of the private agencies were putting more and more pressure on the Zonal leaders to appropriate larger and larger percentages of the designated supplies to the cooperative child feeding. With the sharp decline in supplies to the American Zone, the children's feeding is slowing down at a rapid rate. The tragedy of this has many aspects:

"1. The report of the Combined Nutrition Survey Team reveals that the condition of nutrition in Germany is bad and is growing worse. Growing children are the ones who suffer most. In the American Zone, we should be feeding 600,000 instead of the 200,000 which we reached at the peak of our work in October-November. But instead of this increase to meet the need, it looks as though the entire program will be severely curtailed before the end of January from lack of supplies (the total supplies shipped in the American Zone in December was 183,943 pounds, less than 1/10 of the goal of 200 tons which was originally set for CRAILOG in the American Zone alone). The total for both November and December was less than 600 tons in the American Zone from all agencies at a time when we were hoping that the backlog resulting from the strike would give us an increase. The shipment for all zones of Germany during these two months by all agencies was less than 1,700 tons.

"2. The child feeding in the American Zone represented a functional growth of cooperative participation, democratic planning, and feeding on the basis of need. It was receiving the praise and support of local and larder city governments and church representatives. Those who participated in it were thrilled by the inclusive features and were praising the volunteer agencies for their broad-minded approach to human need....

"3. The children's feeding project was highly praised by Military Government as being in line with the democratic ideals that need to be worked out in the institutions and agencies of Germany if we are to build the foundations of democracy.

"For these and many other reasons it is heart-breaking to see the program diminish at a time when human suffering is reaching its peak, when malnutrition is sapping the lives of many thousands of children, and when Germany is experiencing the severe cold of a hard winter."

CONNECTICUT ARG BRANCH BORROWS MONEY FOR RELIEF

A letter just received from Mr. Otto R. Hauser, ARG President, reports that Mr. Louis Hofmann and collaborators of Hartford have borrowed \$20,000 from a bank in order to give help now during winter emergency. The bank offered to lend fifty thousand on their personal notes for this good cause. This is an inspiring demonstration of all-out effort.

SUMMARY OF CRALOG SHIPMENTS TO AMERICAN ZONE OF GERMANY

(April 1 - September 1, 1946)

The tables below were submitted by CRALOG in Germany to show (1) the number of pounds each American agency has contributed to the relief program and (2) the number of pounds received by the German welfare agencies. The values have not been computed.

I. Contributing Agency	Food			Per Cent of Total
	Previous to August	August	Total	
War Relief Serv , Nat'l				
Cath. Wel. Conf.	3,615,360 lbs.	1,345,516 lbs.	4,961,876 lbs.	42.3
Mennonite Central Comm.	3,040,122	653,477	3,693,599	31.5
Amer. Friends Serv. Comm.	1,814,446	143,670	1,958,116	16.7
Church Comm. on Overseas				
Relief & Constr.,				
Church Wrld Service	204,989	375,000	579,989	5.0
Internat'l Rescue & Relief Comm.	220,582	6,895	227,477	1.9
Unitarian Service Comm.	89,959	37,137	127,096	1.1
Lutheran World Relief	70,774	27,084	97,858	1.5
Brethren Service Committee	59,825	-	59,825	
Labor League for Human Rights, A.F. of L.	-	13,916	13,916	
TOTAL	9,116,057 lbs.	2,603,695 lbs.	11,719,752 lbs.	100.0

Clothing

Lutheran World Relief	2,191,971 lbs.	148,520 lbs.	2,340,491 lbs.	65.3
Church Comm. on Overseas				
Relief & Constr.	421,417	37,855	459,272	13.1
Amer. Friends Serv. Comm.	263,947	11,413	275,360	7.8

Clothing (continued)

I. <u>Contributing Agency</u> (Cont'd)	<u>Previous</u> <u>to August</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Cent</u> <u>of Total</u>
Mennonite Central Comm.	196,397 lbs.	24,188 lbs.	220,585 lbs.	6.3
War Relief Serv., Nat'l				
Cath. Wel. Conf.	199,183	18,910	218,093	5.2
Unitarian Service Comm.	48,418	4,674	53,092	1.6
Internat'l Rescue & Relief Comm.	10,574	1,253	11,827	} .7
Brethren Service Comm.	9,172	-	9,172	
Labor League for Human Rights, A.F. of L.	-	160	160	
TOTAL	3,341,079 lbs.	246,973 lbs.	3,588,052 lbs.	100.0

II. Receiving Agency:

		<u>Food</u>		
Caritas	3,615,360 lbs.	1,346,516 lbs.	4,961,876 lbs.	42.3
Evang. Hilfswerk	3,375,710	1,055,561	4,431,271	37.8
Arbeiter Wohlf.	310,541	57,948	358,489	3.2
Undesignated	<u>1,814,446</u>	<u>143,670</u>	<u>1,958,116</u>	<u>16.7</u>
TOTAL	9,116,057 lbs.	2,603,695 lbs.	11,719,752 lbs.	100.0

STUDEBAKERS FOR GREATER HESSE

Arbeiter Wohlfahrt of Greater Hesse, in the American Zone, expresses its appreciation for a Service Committee gift of five used Studebaker trucks, which have seen service in North Africa, Italy, and France.

"Dear Friends,

This is to confirm the receipt of five Studebaker trucks, which your esteemed committee has put at our disposal for the execution of our social relief work.

Many a present has been delivered to us by your favor, and we are able to soften the great want of many people. This new proof of your trust in our activities is now charging again the account of gratitude we owe to you.

Your generous present is even more valuable because of its covering letter. Out of those words we see very clearly that you are feeling the hunger and neglect of the people under the care of our organization. The guide of your activities is fraternity, which transcends nationality, language, and race and only sees the suffering brother. It is this high idea of humanity which is leading us, and it is our endeavor to win possibly all men for it and to guarantee peace and happiness for all time.

You may be assured that we use your philanthropical presents according to your wishes and remain

Sincerely yours,

Landesvorstand der Arbeiter
Wohlfahrt, Greater Hesse
Frankfurt a. Main
Kirsch"

REPORT FROM THE FRENCH ZONE

From twenty-one American Friends Service Committee workers in the French Zone of Germany came the following December reports of transport work and distribution of supplies in Koblenz, Ludwigshafen, and Freiburg.

SUPPLIES AND DISTRIBUTION - KOBLENZ

On January 2 we received the long-awaited word that the Swedish barracks for

Koblenz, along with furniture and equipment, had been shipped and should soon arrive here. They left Stockholm on December 20, along with barracks and equipment for teams in Frankfurt and Köln. We immediately visited Stadtbaumeister Kockartz, who promised to begin immediately on building the foundations for the barracks on Clemens-Platz beside the Schweizer Spende barracks -- a choice central location. Very cold weather has probably delayed the foundation work, but we shall keep after it until progress appears. The Bauamt has also promised to secure carpenters to erect the barracks, to provide a guarded warehouse for the barracks equipment, and to arrange water, sewage, and electrical connections.

The trucks coming through Koblenz on their way to Frankfurt brought in an additional 1,500 army blankets designated for the French Zone, making a total of 3,040 thus far warehoused here. Of the Koblenz share of these (1,160), 500 have been distributed as follows:

11/14/46	Arbeiter-Wohlfahrt Neuwied	80
11/21/46	Hilfssausschuss Koblenz	140
12/20/46	Arbeiter-Wohlfahrt	80
12/12/46	Hilfssausschuss Koblenz	100
12/20/46	Innere Mission Koblenz	20
12/20/46	Caritas Koblenz	20
12/20/46	Arbeiter-Wohlfahrt Neuwied	60

We have pending at present applications for blankets from three relief organizations, most of them representing institutional needs. Most or all of the requests will probably be filled within the next few days. This region is at present suffering from an intense cold spell and an acute fuel shortage. Even the local hospitals have less than two days' supply of fuel. We have offered to furnish the city transportation for coal, but officials considered our hauling of foodstuffs more important.

TRANSPORT - LUDWIGSHAFEN

The city has furnished very good quarters for our trucks and parts center, with all possible accommodations for repairs and assistance in the Städtischer Fuhrpark. The trucks are under cover and well guarded. Tom Hunt and Dan Boehm have been alternating as drivers of the one truck currently available. We have been able to get in 14 truck days this month. We have averaged 72 miles per day, with an average of 4.48 tons carried.

Total days 14 (truck tied up 2 days not traveling during trip for furniture)

Total miles 1,011

Total tons 62.78

Goods hauled:

Potatoes	28.98 tons
Coal	2.0
Wood	9.0
Swiss food	14.8
Jugend conf. (food)	2.5
Swiss furniture	4.5
CARE packages and blankets	1.0

TRANSPORT - FREIBURG

Due to the fact that one truck had an accident, that one of the drivers was on vacation, and that it was December, we had a total of only 28 truck days during the month. On these 28 truck days we went 2,392 miles and hauled 128 tons of needed materials for the city, various Klosters, and needy individuals.

The 128 tons was divided in the following manner:

Potatoes and vegetables	59.5 tons
Furniture	17.5
Firewood	44.0
Cement	2.0

We hauled for the following organizations during the month:

Food Wholesaling firms:

Adolph Gass und Sohn	5.0 tons
Stadt und Land	25.0

Schools, Hospitals, and Cloisters, etc.:

Gunterstal Kloster und Hospital	5.0
Klinik St. Urban	10.0
Waldorf Schule	35.0
Caritas	6.0
Dreissamstrasse Kloster	10.0
Herz-Jesu-Kirche	6.0
Unnamed Schwesternheim	6.0
Katholisches Lehrlingsheim	6.0
AFSC (Furniture for Ludwigshafen)	4.0

Private Individuals:

Herr Mangold	4.0
Hanover & Wagner	2.0
Frau Schwarts	2.0

Total: 126.0 tons

We have also transported the warm soup prepared by the Schweizer Spende to schools in Haslach and Zahringen (suburbs of Freiburg) and in that way have helped the Swiss to feed about 1,000 children a day. Six days a week we made the trip with our jeep and trailer filled with the large cans which we deposited at the two schools. Whenever we arrived, a flock of children always came out to greet us, to help carry the soup in and to bring out the empty cans so that we could fill them for the next day. It was particularly satisfying at Christmas time to take out huge boxes of St. Nicholas cookies in the shape of a man and little bags of sweets to help make the holiday brighter for the children. Through this work we have come to an even deeper appreciation for the quiet way in which the Swiss do their magnificent work, and we feel more and more that we are privileged to have such friendly, modest, and cooperative neighbors.

DISTRIBUTIONS

During the month we have distributed 297 woollen blankets to 161 families. We requested the Freiburger Nothilfe (a committee of local private agencies) and the Städtisches Wohlfahrtsamt to send us their most needy cases, and we received recommendations for 110 blankets from the former, and 45 from the latter, while the last 5 were distributed to people of our own selection. Three mornings a week we received in our office individuals carrying a little slip of paper which entitled them to blankets. For the most part the families told stories either of being completely bombed out or of being "Volksdeutsche" refugees from the East. Many of them told pitiful stories of long journeys, lost relatives, and terribly overcrowded living conditions. We feel satisfied that the blankets are going to individuals among the most needy in Germany, yet feel also that we could have distributed thousands, if we had them, instead of hundreds.

CRALOG CITIES

We have had reports that CRALOG food or clothing, or both, have been distributed in the following German cities.. The starred items indicate cities in which Quaker food or clothing, or both, have been distributed:

*Offenbach	Bruchsal	Horrnalb	Emmendingen	*Frankfurt a/m
Frankfurt	*Heilbronn	Neusatz	Oberheidelberg	*Darmstadt
*Kassel	*Karlsruhe	Konstanz	Rheinbischofsheim	*Wesermunde
*Giessen	Karlsruhe Land	Adelsheim	Sinsheim	*North'n Baden
*Hannau	Wortheim	Villingen	Lahr	*Siegburg
Wiesbaden	Lauda	Boxberg	Baden-Baden	*Ludwigshafen
Neu Isenburg	Mosbach	Stückingen	Durlach	*Cologne
*Pforzheim	Bretten	Lürrach	*Hof	*Koblenz
Pforzheim Land	Heidelberg	Neckarbischofsheim	*Bremen	*Hannover
Ulm	Hockargemünd	Millheim	Wuernberg	*Wuertzburg
*Stuttgart	Eberbach	Neckargemünd	*Munich	*Regensburg
Mannheim	Weinheim	*Freiburg	*Dartmond	*Oberfinningen
			*Wuerttemberg	*Amhof

These cities have been proposed for CRALOG child feeding:

Marburg	Bad Homburg	Hersfeld	Ruesselsheim	Limburg
Fulda	Eschwege	Wetzlar	Oberrursel	Langen
		Bensheim	Viernheim	Heppenheim

A TYPICAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEAL

In the report of November 13 and 14 of a CRALOG meeting at Frankfurt there is the remark that in Bavaria the child-feeding program until December 1 consisted of a meal made up of the following:

1 liter of milk	200 calories
15 grams of sugar	60 calories
50 grams of flour or	<u>200 calories</u>
cereal	460 calories per day

The American Friends Service Committee by way of its undesignated supplies furnished the powdered milk used in these feedings.

SHOE DISTRIBUTION REPORT FROM THE BAVARIAN RED CROSS

Along with a Christmas and New Year's greeting for those who have remembered Germany's victims in the face of uncertain destiny comes the following report on shoe shipments made in May, June, and July, 1946. This report is especially gratifying because the need for shoes everywhere is so great.

"Subject: CRALOG - shipment C 67-68.

To:
American Friends Service Committee
S. 12th St.

Philadelphia /Penn. U.S.A.

"Gentlemen,

Thanks to the assignment of the German Central Committee for the distribution of foreign gifts, we are anew in a position to acknowledge receipt of a donation

and to inform you of its distribution.

It is the CRALOG shipment C 67/68, which was handed over in good state by the Bavarian Red Cross on September 21, 1946. It consisted of 24 cases containing new and secondhand shoes, which the Bavarian Red Cross has distributed to its Regional Offices as follows:

"To the Upper-Bavaria Regional Office a total number of 348 pairs of shoes.

"To the Suabia Regional Office a total number of 217 pairs of shoes.

"To the Lower-Bavaria/Upper-Palatinate Regional Office a total number of 287 pairs of shoes.

"To the Upper- and Middle-Franconia Regional Office a total number of 347 pairs of shoes.

"To the Lower-Franconia Regional Office a total number of 212 pairs of shoes.

"To the ERC-Headquarters a total number of 123 pairs of shoes.

"The re-distribution was effected by the Regional Offices to the District Branches, which directly delivered the shoes to the needy on request and according to urgency.... The delivery of the shoes was entered into the refugee pass or into the discharge certificate, if ex-prisoners-of-war were involved. Your donation enabled us to take care of homeless refugees, discharged soldiers, and persons damaged by air-raids.

"In order to keep you well posted with regard to the distribution, we beg to bring to your knowledge some of the distribution reports received from the District Branches....

"The Ingolstadt District Branch effected the distribution of the donation assigned to it to particularly needy persons of the Ingolstadt city and country district. The District Branch reports as follows:

'We beg to present the generous donors our most cordial thanks for their precious help. The shoe donation was especially welcome, inasmuch as our refugees do not have wearable shoes. There are whole families in which there exists one pair of shoes only, which is worn by that very member who has to go on errands. The distress within our country district is unfortunately still increasing. The population of Ingolstadt city and country actually amounts to nearly 100,000 persons, of whom 15,000 are refugees, whilst the number of population in 1939 amounted to 60,000 only. The native inhabitants have donated all they could; but now it is no longer possible to get anything for our destitute refugees. Thus we are obliged to appeal for help again and again abroad.'

"The Mühldorf District Branch was enabled, owing to your donation, to supply 10 needy refugees with ladies' shoes, 3 homeless refugees from Russia with working boots and 5 young refugees with boots for youngsters. In the name of the refugees the District Branch transmitted the beneficiaries' best thanks to the generous donors....

"The Munich District Branch thanked the American donors for 100 pairs of women's new low shoes, 50 pairs of girls' new low shoes, 12 pairs of new low shoes for youngsters, 8 pairs of new low shoes for boys, and 13 pairs of babies' shoes:

'There is a particular want of shoes. The District Branch is in charge of an area which is inhabited by 790,000 men. The economy offices can allot shoes in insufficient quantities only, due to the shortage of raw material and the economic crisis. During 9 months there have been at the disposal of the population of 790,000 persons, one third of whom are damaged by air raids, only 33,800 working-shoes. In consequence of the shortage of shoes in many cases the working capacity is impaired, and when the weather is wet and cold, the work must be fully suspended. The same conditions prevail with respect to the school children....

'The shoes put at our disposal by the donors enabled us during the month of October to consider 170 particularly urgent cases, and furthermore to supply 13 needy mothers with shoes for their babies.

'Our area offers hospitality to about 25,000 homeless and destitute refugees. Consequently the number of persons calling on the Bavarian Red Cross in search of help is very great. Thus the District Branch is approached by about 200 needy daily. This number does not comprise the persons patronized by the aid and care stations of the District Branch. In particular it is not possible to cover the great demand of boots and clothing for men.

'We beg to cordially thank you and the generous donors anew in the names of all beneficiaries and ask for your further assistance respecting our relief work. Your good action will relieve the great distress of the mass of our people and give them back confidence in charitableness and compassionate hearts.'

"We beg to add to the above figures of our District Branches still another official summary demonstrating the effective general distress, particularly of the refugees:

"In Bavaria there are actually living 470,000 people expelled from their homes who do not own mattresses, 850,000 are without woollen blankets. 500,000 refugees do not have either beds or palliasses, 70,000 do not have a single pair of wearable shoes, 1,000,000 do not own even a single plate, and 1,500,000 a single coffee cup. 20,000 refugee families are in want of a stove. 150,000 men and 480,000 women and girls do not have any underwear. 285,000 children are in bad need of even the most necessary clothing.

"From these deplorable figures it is clear that the incoming donations enable us to relieve the worst hardship only. We assure you that we shall do everything in order to distribute even the smallest donation as justly as possible, in agreement with your intentions, and to help quickly where help is most urgently wanted.

"Thanking you again, we trust in your further assistance by putting at our disposal, by your generous relief action, efficacious means enabling us to preserve, during the coming rough winter, life and health to our needy fellow-creatures.

Yours very truly,
For the Bavarian Red Cross:

(Dr. H. C. Scharnagl)
President."

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.

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