

F 130.2 GERMANY: Vol. Agencies - Jewish

6. Voluntary Agencies.

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a. General.

During May two boatloads of emigrants to the United States departed from Bremen. 808 of these persons were processed by the AJDC. In addition, the agency advanced funds for transportation of 180 passengers on behalf of other agencies, and for 15 American repatriates for whom no funds were available at the time of departure. The agency also organized the transport to Sweden of about 50 persons, and the repatriation of some 70 DP's to France, during the month.

A large number of cases were processed for movement to England under the Distressed Persons arrangement and field workers from the agency are travelling throughout the British Zone interviewing applicants who fall within this category.

b. British Zone.

Voluntary agency personnel in the British Zone as at 31 May totalled 515, a decrease of 261 over the previous month.

The British Red Cross teams at Bad Rehburg hospital have

allowances were more than adequate to meet all requirements during May.

Chief shortages in the British Zone consist of layettes and vitamin stocks. There is also an entire lack of medical appliances, spectacles, orthopaedic appliances, surgical boots and artificial limbs.

In the US Zone the contents of approximately 16,000 American and British Red Cross medical first aid and surgical kits secured from the American Red Cross are being used to alleviate the shortage of minor medical and first aid requirements. DP centers of majority Baltic population have begun to requisition from a supply of 40 tons of medical supplies donated for the use of Baltic camps. The dental supply situation is improving, a total of 250 US Army field medical chests which individually contain sufficient instruments, equipment and supplies to set up a dental clinic having been made available by the Army.

##### 5. Child Welfare.



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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

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*Germany Vol Agencies -  
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NUMBER: 9093  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 3/1/46 ~ 5:46 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 4/1/46 ~ 2:05 p.m.

For Sir Michael Craegh.

1. Refer our 8733. Following additional message from Judge Rifkind received here by World Jewish Congress: "UNRRA has granted approval entertainment delegation for sixty days. If longer period expected, please state purpose fully. Imperative send full names and nationalities of people concerned." Advise soonest status proposal and conditions if any.

Drafted by:  
LHenninger (Bur. Services)  
2 January 1946

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# INCOMING TELEGRAM

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NUMBER: 1026  
FROM: London  
DATED: 25/1/46  
RECEIVED: 25/1/46 - 4:34 p.m.

Re your No. 8733.

Following received from Arolsen.

"Subject is proposed tour of world Jewish Congress entertainment group.

1. Cables you have received from other sources in Germany were not (repeat not) sent with prior knowledge of this headquarters.
2. UNRRA US Zone advises absolutely no transport facilities available to permit this group to operate in US zone under UNRRA auspices. Possibility of improvement in transport situation end of 60 days. Further, winter months extremely bad time for such group to tour even if completely selfcontained with transport and other equipment. It is therefore requested that this project be postponed for two months.
3. About end of March UNRRA US zone would be prepared receive this group for limited tour 6 weeks to 2 months provided it brings all necessary transport and equipment.
4. UNRRA US zone and this headquarters are also concerned about precedents which may be established for other similar applications."

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Henning*  
*Jewish Vol*  
*Agency*

NUMBER: 2408  
FROM: London  
DATED: 26/2/46  
RECEIVED: 26/2/46 - 8:57 a.m.

Following for Henninger:

Following received from Arolsen.

"World Jewish Congress Group. Cable from Agrar to USFET referring this group for clearance Germany was communicated to this headquarters for comments and our concurrence given in accordance with your request. We are now advised by USFET visitors bureau that complete clearance for visit of this group at this time has not been given letter follows."

This for your information letter not yet received.

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NUMBER: 7506  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 1/5/46 - 11:56 a.m.  
DISPATCHED: 3/5/46 - 10:25 a.m.

Attention Creagh

World Jewish Congress has report cultural delegation was requested to leave Germany. Please advise us position.

Drafted by:  
L.Henninger (O.V.I.A.L.)  
31 May 1946

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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

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NUMBER: 1254  
TO: Arolsen  
REPEATED: London 20008  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 30/1/47 - 3:54 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 30/1/47 - 4:45 p.m.

Subject Voluntary Agencies.

Following request of ERO have advised World Jewish Congress no possibility call forward in view Headquarters move. They very much upset and request we advise you they would have Dr. Sokal per our 1168 repeated London 19205 in Paris February 15th to negotiate with Bradford.

Drafted by:  
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30 January 1947

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*Germany*  
*130.2*

April 29, 1947

Mr. Jacobs  
UNRRA  
Dupont Circle Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

I have just been asked to take charge of our operations in the U. S. Zone in Germany for an emergency period during which it will be my task to carry out whatever reorganization by way of procedures and staff is found to be required.

Since our work necessarily involves considerable liaison and cooperation with the State Department, UNRRA, and the military, I would appreciate it very much if you will tell me who the key people are, both in Washington and in Germany, to whom I may speak in order to get an objective view of the problems involved and of the effectiveness of ORT operations.

Although I hope to get away by the third week in May and have a great deal to do here before that time, I should be glad to come to Washington for a couple of days to talk with such people as you may designate. I would appreciate it very much if you could expedite the passport application and the application for military clearance for the U. S. Zone which I am making.

*Please ignore*

If you, yourself, will be available either in Washington or in New York, I should like the opportunity to obtain your informal views as to the changing pattern which may develop with respect to DP camps upon the expiration of UNRRA and during the interim period which may prevail prior to the effective functioning of the IRO.

Very truly yours,

*Louis Walinsky*

Louis Walinsky

Director  
American Office  
World ORT Union

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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*130.2 - 6 p.m.*

NUMBER: 638  
FROM: Arolsen to London 2007  
REPEATED: Washington  
DATED: 27/9/46  
RECEIVED: 30/9/46 - 2:01 p.m.  
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6388.

1. Subject is Australian United Jewish Overseas Relief Fund Melbourne reference your 3260.
2. Australian Jewish team transferred Germany from Greece claim funds deposited Washington against which withdrawals have been made Greece.
3. Urgent you confirm giving name person authorized withdraw and amount credit to be extended.
4. Authorize CHQ Germany to provide team with vouchers for purchases US and British zones.
5. Confirm fifty pounds deposit in ERO by JCRA London for use Australian team Germany.

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NUMBER: 11556  
FROM: London to Arolsen 3387  
REPEATED: Washington  
DATED: 30/9/46  
RECEIVED: 30/9/46 - 1:04 p.m.

Ref visit for Australian Jewish team

Washington advises procedure is that Australia cables Washington advising money on hand for individuals by name requesting country mission advance necessary money and that debit advice be forwarded against SWPA. Washington requires names of team members and official designation agency otherwise unable to check current status. Please cable Washington necessary advice direct.

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Jewish Vol Agency

General

W.S. Zone

The continuous increase of Jewish infiltrees to this Zone has put a heavy strain on field personnel in Jewish camps. The lack of qualified UNRRA personnel and the opening of new infiltree centers also increases the demands from the Districts for additional personnel from the Jewish voluntary agencies. It is generally felt that some of the tension and unrest in the Jewish centers can be avoided if a sufficient number of strong-minded and qualified Jewish personnel can have leadership in the camps. It is the feeling that the problem is not solved by having a minimum staff of administrative UNRRA or voluntary agency personnel in the new centers, as the infiltrees are not sufficiently acquainted with the conditions in occupied Germany, so that lack of understanding and co-operation usually is the result when the infiltrees cannot be given the necessary orientation by representatives of UNRRA or the agencies. This means that in addition to the basic administrative and welfare staff for the new centers, employment officers, case workers, assistant welfare officers, etc. will be needed to take care of the orientation of the infiltrees. For this purpose additional personnel from the Jewish agencies were recently called forward and it is hoped that the personnel from JAFP and JCRA will arrive soon. The Voluntary Agencies Branch at present has received urgent requests from different districts for more than sixty Jewish workers for the field.

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Br. Zone. The Jewish Societies are being called upon to shoulder more and more responsibility. As mentioned in the last report Technical Instruction No. 6, has thrown large numbers of people who were formerly cared for as DPs on to the resources of these Societies. In addition the societies are receiving an increasing number of requests to assist in the emergencies caused by the sudden arrival of infiltrees into the zone. This problem is a growing one and causes grave anxiety to the societies, particularly in view of the poor physical and mental condition of the infiltrees. Realising that the problem of the emigration and re-settlement of the Jewish people may be a very long-term project, the societies are at present concentrating on bringing into Germany highly skilled medical personnel and social case workers for whom there is a particular need among Jewish DPs. Plans are going ahead for the treatment of Jewish TB patients both in the zone and outside Germany. Both the JCRA and the AJDC have, for instance, secured a number of beds in Swiss and Italian Sanatoria for immediate use.

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JEWISH AGENCIES AND UNRRA IN GERMANY

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by E. Ober, P.S. Dir. on  
info. by S. Hurvey.  
ok'd by SKJ-23 July.)

From the very beginning UNRRA has recognized the importance of voluntary societies in its Displaced Persons Program in Germany. At the present time personnel from 23 agencies are integrated within the UNRRA organization, and more than 1,000 trained welfare workers, doctors, nurses and other specialists work side by side with UNRRA personnel. These agencies have been remarkably keen in helping UNRRA in the provision of basic services--both by contribution of their own skilled personnel and by eliciting public contributions of scarce supplies.

Among these agencies are the American Jewish Conference, the American Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Jewish Agency for Relief Abroad, and more recently, Vaad Hatzalah and the World Ort Union which represent the interests of Jewish displaced persons. Their activities range from the provision of welfare and educational supplies for displaced persons to tracing and documentation services, and carrying out emigration and resettlement activities which are outside the scope of UNRRA. Many of the Jewish agencies have representatives in assembly centers for displaced persons, and organizations like AJDC have provided specialists to assist with health, welfare and other services such as the supply of kosher food, clothes, and material for the spiritual life of Jews.

A special Council on Jewish Affairs, consisting of military representatives, Central Committee for the Liberation of Jews, the American Joint Distribution Committee, Jewish Agency for Palestine, and UNRRA, has been formed to handle special problems regarding Jews. The AJDC has assisted in conducting a census of Jewish DP's in both the British and U.S. zones to furnish factual information on Jews regarding their age groups and professions as part of that agency's work in finding places of resettlement for Jews. Along with other Jewish agencies, AJDC has been actively engaged in the preparation of documents of hundreds of prospective emigrants who have gone, or are waiting to go to Sweden, England, Palestine and the United States.

AJDC operates an assembly center under UNRRA supervision for unaccompanied children awaiting resettlement. A large number of children have moved to England under AJDC and the Jewish Refugee Committee arrangements, and AJDC field workers are traveling through the British zone to interview applicants who can qualify for this program. During May 1946, AJDC supervised a movement to Sweden of displaced persons as one of the regular movements arranged by the Swedish Government for the purpose of reuniting families. AJDC specialists have now been established in Munich, Stuttgart and Frankfurt to aid in the United States Immigration program.



Along with other Jewish agencies, AJDC has been active in distributing supplies to Jewish DPs. Early in April, AJDC and UNRRA transports distributed over 290 tons of supplies for the first open celebration of the Passover in 10 years. Fleets of UNRRA trucks and all available vehicles were mobilized to transport supplies from seven main warehouses to Jewish camps and communities. This gigantic distribution brought matzo's and other traditional Passover foods and wines to more than 8,000 DPs in the 3 zones.

AJDC has already brought in quantities of medical supplies to the British zone and has made a substantial contribution of supplies needed for the UNRRA hospital at Belsen. Penicillin has been contributed to the UNRRA pool of this important drug, and AJDC is furnishing a limited number of medical doctors to train displaced persons as an aid to their own rehabilitation and increase the number of trained doctors in DP camps.

## AJDC Helps 2,122 DPs To Immigrate To States

Since the beginning of DP emigration to the United States in May, the American Joint Distribution Committee has helped 2,122 homeless men, women and children sail to new lives and new homes in America. This is more than half of the 4,000 homeless Europeans who have sailed on seven emigrant ships from the port of Bremerhaven.

The AJDC, one of the voluntary agencies which works with UNRRA in Germany, has provided corporate affidavits made available by the United Service for New Americans, and has also paid or advanced passage money for the emigrants. In addition, AJDC has helped process their applications for American visas and has represented the applicants at the American consulates.

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EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS ON VOLUNTARY

AGENCIES IN THE THREE ZONES

A. BRITISH ZONE

1. General

The most important development in the month's work of the Voluntary Societies is undoubtedly the increased volume of work on emigration. The machinery whereby legal emigrants can acquire the necessary documents and security clearance has been slow to evolve in the British Zone, largely because its establishment has been no one organisation's responsibility.

The difficulties inherent in such a situation have fallen heavily on to the Jewish Agencies and to a lesser extent, certain members of the B.R.C.S. who have been active in the field of emigration. Opportunities for emigration, in very limited numbers and categories, are now open to Sweden, U.S., U.K., and Palestine, and it so happens that the Jews are at present the most affected and eligible group of persons. The Jewish Societies, and in particular the A.J.D.C., have battled with the problems and largely through their efforts and the representations which they have made to the various authorities, the Zone machinery is improving. A few more Field Security Officers are appearing - and they are essential to every person and set of papers produced - though they are still far too few, which causes long delays and consequent sufferings to persons who have waited more than a year to join their nearest and often only relatives.

On the advice of the UNRRA Chief Medical Officer, every effort is being made to get as many Jewish TB patients as possible out of the British Zone, and the remainder into a special TB Hospital. The A.J.D.C. have secured a sanatorium in Switzerland. The J.C.R.A. are on the track of accommodation in North Italy.

2. Individual Societies Reports.

a. BRCS and COBSRA

Repatriation continues to change the composition of the camps and to allow for regrouping of Relief Sections and the disbandment of others. A number of BRCS and COBSRA workers have now concluded their contracts and are returning home to Britain. Of those remaining, the BRCS teams at Bad Rehburg Hospital have been busy assisting in the transfer of non-repatriable patients to other hospitals in order to make room for the admission of patients who are on their way home to Poland. Edma Hospital has been used this month as a transit centre for Italian Sick who were collected there from all parts of the Zone for repatriation to Italy. FRS team 100, who are still working in the Gypsy Camp at Brunswick, report that applications are now being received for employment which may be the beginning of large scale "workshops" for the "Hard Core". A boy's club has been started with the help of the Y.M.C.A. and a new nursery school has been opened. 124 FRS team at Coslar reports that a general sense of greater security is apparent. Routine medical examinations show that, on the whole, children's weights are increasing. A clinic for babies has recently been opened.



b. A.J.D.C.

During the past month, the AJDC has been actively engaged in the preparation and documentation of hundreds of prospective emigrants who are awaiting the opportunity to go abroad to join relatives in various parts of the world. Although movement to America from the British Zone has not yet begun in a general way, special non quota hardship cases are permissible and many have been located and processed.

A large number of cases have been processed for movement to England under the Distressed Persons arrangements and field workers from the AJDC are travelling throughout the British Zone interviewing applicants who fall within this category.

During the month a movement to Sweden of displaced persons from Belsen took place. This was one of the regular movements arranged by the Swedish Government for the purpose of re-uniting families and was carried on under the supervision of AJDC personnel. A further list of acceptable persons has been received from the Swedish Government, and these are now being found and documents prepared.

The Search and Tracing Bureau has established hundreds of new contacts in the past month for DP's who up to now had never been able to locate their relatives abroad.

c. POLISH RED CROSS

The Polish Red Cross has spent most of the month in setting up its organisation for the British Zone. New staff are arriving regularly to take up special appointments, e.g., a psychiatrist who is at present conducting an enquiry into the location of Polish insane in order to make arrangements for their repatriation. The Education section is planning a refresher course for Polish teachers to be held at Lippstadt at the conclusion of the summer semester. Sub-delegations are being established at UNRRA Corps District H.Q.s to work in close co-operation with the UNRRA staff. The first train to take unaccompanied children and light sick cases is scheduled to leave the British Zone early in June for Poland. Detailed plans for completing the liquidation of the former Polish Red Cross are at present being made in London.

d. O.R.T.

The O.R.T. vocation training project at Belsen is now firmly established, although a great deal of work remains to be done in adding to the workshop facilities and planning the work on a prepared syllabus. Opportunities now exist for training in fitting, auto-mechanics, carpentry, tailoring and dressmaking.

Benches are now being made in Belsen for a small workshop in Celle. There is no immediate proposal that this should be an O.R.T. workshop, but limited occupational opportunities and advisory services are being made available to the Jewish people in this area.

The Hannover project for a large O.R.T. school is still subject to the release of necessary buildings on the Jewish farm at Ahlen. The land has been available for approximately one month and a group of 35 young Jews are now collected and giving some aid on the farm under the guidance of the Jewish manager, who has returned to his former job after many years of hiding and persecution. This project will get on to a more planned basis on the arrival of one or two skilled instructors.



e. AMERICAN-POLISH WAR RELIEF

This society's supply programme is now well established and arrangements are working smoothly in all districts. Recent changes and additions to personnel have aided efficiency. Useful quantities of clothing, food, soap and cigarettes have been distributed.

f. J.A.F.P.

Six new workers of this Agency arrived in the Zone during the month: a children's worker who has been assigned to the Children's Home at Blankenese; a community social worker who has gone to Neustadt to give particular assistance with the large group of young men who have had no training and whose education was cut short by their imprisonment in concentration camps; two teachers who have gone to Belsen to assist with both school work and adult education projects; and two community social workers who are working in the Hannover district.

g. REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE

The R.R.C. Medical team in 1st Corps has sent a most interesting report of their work at Wermelskirchen D.P. Hospital. Early in April this team took over the direction of this 120 bed hospital with 96% Polish patients. At that time the hospital was far from satisfactory and it was felt that if a skilled medical team, especially one composed largely of Poles, could replace the German doctors, conditions in the hospital could be considerably improved.

The building was originally a training school for girls but was converted into a hospital by the Germans during the war. When the Refugee Relief Committee team arrived the building was badly in need of interior repairs and re-decoration and some essential repairs have now been carried out. The equipment was old and scanty but the team has succeeded in obtaining a supply of new bed linen and towels through Military Government; similarly a supply of hospital clothing has been obtained through UNRRA.

One of the greatest difficulties has been that owing to inadequate cooking facilities the patients' food was unpalatable and they were accustomed to keep food in the wards. The Administrative Officer of the team has undertaken responsibility for re-organizing the kitchen facilities and has managed to effect great improvements in the food, which have been much appreciated by the patients. When the team arrived, no special diets were prepared for the patients owing to the fact that there was no diet kitchen. A small diet kitchen has now been established and 25% of the patients regularly receive special diets.

The Polish Red Cross, YMCA, Refugee Relief Committee and American Polish War Relief, have generously contributed supplies of food, clothing and recreational equipment which have all helped in improving conditions in the hospital.



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h. WORLD'S YMCA/YWCA

All the YMCA teams in the Zone have again sent complete and interesting reports of their activities during the month. Team 1, Osnabrück/Meppen area, has run further Leadership Training and Amateur Dramatic Courses. A unit of Polish artists working under the auspices of the YMCA created the whole programme of the Amateur Dramatic Training course, including marionette show and a play, "A Straw Hat". The YMCA Cinema Squad gave film shows in seven camps for 4,000 spectators.

Teams IV and VII in Schleswig-Holstein have spent a good deal of time organising and re-establishing their mobile cinema unit, which now operates throughout the district and gave 50 performances in 40 different camps during the month. This team's Music Appreciation Course has developed strongly during the month, and 27 concerts have been given, attended by 1,715 people. Nine regular courses are now running, four of which are in hospitals. The Kindergarten Training Courses have also continued.

Team V in Hannover helped in the organisation of a highly successful International Folk Dance Festival at Accu Baltic Camp. Six different national groups performed in costume and several hundred people attended the performance. Team VI has found its work somewhat hampered by the inevitable movements of DP's during repatriation. The population of the 31 camps in their area has dropped from 35,000 to 21,000 and three camps have been closed altogether. Nevertheless, much has been done during the month to encourage handicrafts and sports and many cinema shows have been given.

Team VIII in Osterode notes a great development in Boy Scout and Girl Guide groups among the Baltic camps in their area. This team has also made plans for lecture demonstration on school health and physical training in co-operation with UNRRA. Team X in Brunswick sponsored a five day art exhibition at Lebenstedt at which pictures by Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian and Polish DP's were shown.

3. Status of Voluntary Society Personnel within the British Zone - May 31st, 1946.

<u>Society:</u>	<u>No. of Persons:</u>	<u>Description of Personnel:</u>
1. BRCS & GOBSRA	300 (approx)	Assembly Centre Teams
2. American Joint Distribution C'tte.	12	Senior representative, HQ staff, 1 team Belsen, 1 Blankenese Children's Home, Field representative Hamburg.
3. Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad	65	Senior representative and HQ staff, 1 team Belsen, Area representative in Berlin, Brunswick, Hannover, Celle, Düsseldorf and Neustadt.
4. Don Suisse	1	Senior Representative.
5. Netherlands Red Cross	22	3 search teams attached to Corps Senior Search Officers 1 Welfare Team, Bargsteinfurt.
6. Italian Red Cross	3	H.Q. Staff.
7. World's YMCA/YWCA	31	H.Q. staff; 1 Warehouse team, 5 teams 30 Corps, 1 team 1 Corps, 3 teams 8 Corps.

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<u>Society:</u>	<u>No. of Persons:</u>	<u>Description of Personnel:</u>
8. Refugee Relief Committee	10	1 medical team and 2 child welfare workers.
9. Jewish Agency for Palestine	10	Senior representative, teachers and child welfare workers at Belson, Blankenese, Community workers at Neustadt.
10. World's ORT Union	3	1 engineer, Instructor, 1 Engineer, 1 dental mechanic
11. American Polish War Relief	24	H.Q. staff, Warehouse staff, Corps representative and Supply Officers.
12. Friends Relief Service	2	Welfare workers.
13. Official Polish Red Cross	32	H.Q. staff, Education Section, Medical and repatriation Liaison Officers.
<u>Total: 515</u>		

B. U.S. ZONE

1. Emigration.

Although a large number of emigration personnel was requested from Washington to work on non-Jewish emigration to the U.S., and 29 were promised, only a few of those have arrived in the U.S. Zone. However, word has been received that at least ten more are en route from the United States, and every effort is being made to expedite their quick shipment to Zone Headquarters for briefing and assignment.

2. Welfare.

a. It is gratifying to note the increasing number of requests from Teams and districts for welfare personnel from the voluntary agency personnel already in the field.

b. The Voluntary Agencies Branch has arranged, on request, tours through the Zone for visitors and observers from organizations which have no agreement with UNRRA. It is recommended that the admission of organizations or persons not specifically equipped for direct aid in the operations be held to a minimum. A true picture of the existing situation in Germany can be transmitted by welfare and public information people already in the field. Over-worked team members have little time to play host to groups on tour. The funds spent by these agencies might better be utilized in developing under UNRRA or Voluntary agency supervision talent and leadership now dormant among the Displaced Persons.



3. Reports on Individual Agencies.

a. Polish Red Cross

The Polish Red Cross repatriation activities are rapidly increasing. In addition to the educational officers whose job it is to co-ordinate the school system in the camps with that in Poland, the Polish Red Cross has appointed district representatives and repatriation officers. Zone staff experienced excellent cooperation from the London group actually working at the warehouses in the process of termination. As scheduled, the operations of the London Committee of the Polish Red Cross ceased on May 4th.

b. Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine, preparing for large-scale emigration to Palestine, has almost doubled its staff. Their plan is to provide one field worker for each 1,000 displaced persons in the U.S. Zone. The latest group of workers to arrive includes Welfare workers, teachers, agronomists, employment officers and sanitation experts. The J.A.F.P. feels that a speeded up programme of vocational education is necessary so that the emigres to Palestine will be readily absorbed into the current population. In this manner, there will be avoidance of the possibility of an unemployability problem in Palestine. Already a large scale programme has begun, and even if the Palestinian emigration recommendations are not implemented to the degree hoped for it is felt that this programme will be most helpful since the training thus made available to the Jewish Displaced Persons should facilitate their resettlement anywhere in the World.

c. American Joint Distribution Committee.

The following new services are reported by this Agency;

1. Emigration specialists and services are now established in Munich, Stuttgart and Frankfurt.
2. Central Zone supply warehouse is now functioning in Munich with an enlarged Zone supply department in Munich and Pasing to regularise the issuance of supplementary supplies.
3. A legal aid department has been formed to assist Displaced Persons with court and legal difficulties.
4. A Zone book-keeping department has now been set up to coordinate and record relief and assistance to individuals, communities, and committees.

d. YMCA/YWCA

A number of new leadership training courses have been organised at Landshut, Hanau, Memmingen, Ludwigsburg, Ansbach and Wurzburg. Three summer camp programmes are now being planned by the agency in co-operation with UNRRA. YMCA/YWCA personnel in the U.S. Zone totals 24. To date this agency has supplied approximately 25 car loads of supplies in the Zone.

e. World ORT Union

With a staff of five instructors and training specialists now in the Zone the organisation of vocational training courses is



developing. The Agency has supplied tools and equipment and has utilised as instructors skilled craftsmen and teacher found among the Displaced Persons as far as possible. Some tools and materials have been supplied to centres already operating workshops and training courses. Progress has been made in placing displaced persons for specialised training in existing German schools, in some cases supplying additional teaching personnel. To date approximately 35 tool sets have been supplied for workshops in the Zone. This Agency is urging the need for additional amenities and better living conditions for students and particularly for instructors in many centres.

f. American Polish War Relief.

This Agency has contributed four hundred tons of clothing, food, cigarettes and medical supplies in the U.S. Zone to date of last report (30th April).

C. FRENCH ZONE

1. General

The Welfare, Medical and Employment services are going along well and the valuable work of the Voluntary Agencies continues, particularly that of the Y.M.C.A. and the Polish Red Cross.

2. Reports on Individual Agencies.

a. The American Polish War Relief Committee and the A.J.D.C. have received permission from the Commander in Chief of the French Zone of Occupation to work in the French Zone.

b. The YMCA and the Polish Red Cross are continuing their activities and their distribution of supplies. The first of these Voluntary Agencies is beginning the formation of educational groups with encouraging results.

Vol. Agency Personnel  
in Germany. 30 June 45

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Gr. Zone - 539

M. Zone - 353

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ANNEX. A.

VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES REPORT  
BRITISH ZONE JUNE, 1946.

A. GENERAL

After ten months' intensive work as Voluntary Societies' Liaison Officer, Miss Anne Wood returned to England on June 16th. To her more than anyone else was due the rapid development and firm establishment of the work of Voluntary Societies in this Zone.

After completing his six months' service, Mr. Colston Vear, Zone Handicrafts Advisor, lent to UNRRA by the ERCS and CBSRA, also returned to England. He has left behind him a series of useful illustrated instruction sheets and an excellent foundation for future handicraft work in the camps. It is hoped that a successor to Mr. Vear will shortly be appointed since the importance of the Handicraft programme in relation to the present employment drive and the general welfare scheme cannot be over-emphasized.

One of the most important events of the month for the Voluntary Societies was the departure on June 26th. of the first Polish Red Cross train carrying unaccompanied children and light sick back to Poland. All arrangements worked smoothly and adults and children went off in good spirits. The second train is expected shortly.

As mentioned in the last report, emigration continues to occupy a large part of the time of certain specialist organizations. During this month further consultations on difficulties of procedure have been held and the Conference between all societies and authorities concerned with emigration is to be held on July 10th. It is hoped that this conference will result in positive action to remove some of the preliminary obstacles in the way of emigration.

Attention is drawn under the report of World Student Relief to a most ingenious method of securing and distributing much needed academic supplies to DP students in German Universities. With the proposed increase of 10% in the number of places available to DP students, this Society's work is more than ever necessary. Particularly welcome is the news that the Society also proposes to interest itself in the welfare of these students both while they are at the University and afterwards when they are once again adjusting themselves either to life in a new country or in their own homeland.

B. INDIVIDUAL SOCIETIES REPORTS

1. British Red Cross Society - COBSRA.

ERCS Hospital sections have continued their work in Bad Rehburg, Wentorf, Edmundsthal, and Krummel. Bad Rehburg has again been used as an assembly point for the repatriation of sick displaced persons. On June 19th. the long expected Polish Red Cross train collected Polish Sick from this hospital and departed from Hannover the same night. The anticipated evacuation of Wentorf barracks has not yet taken place. In fact, the number of maternity patients has decreased. Numbers have also decreased at Edmundsthal but there has been an increase in the number of non-repatriable T.B. cases. ERCS is handling, over both the maternity section at Wentorf and the medical supervision of Edmundsthal to UNRRA at the end of this month.

The work of the ERCS and CBSRA Relief Sections has again been made more complicated by the inevitable movements of displaced persons as a result of the policies of repatriation and regrouping. The Belsen teams report that with the coming evacuation of all non-Jewish DP's from the camp their work will come to an end since the Jewish Voluntary Societies already have sufficient personnel in the camp to supervise the general welfare of the remaining DP's. ERCS teams have worked in Belsen from the time of the liberation and their departure will be a source of great regret.



Both Wentorf and Obsercassel Teams 115 and 117 will shortly be available for redeployment owing to the emptying of their camps. Team 120, which left Falligbostel after almost a year's service last month, is now established in Hannover where it is engaged in supervision of DP hospital patients in the area. Team 137 also from Falligbostel, is now located 20 miles south of Brunswick where it has assumed control of 5 Baltic DP camps. Team 139 has continued its work of supervision of DP hospital patients and foreign workers aboard barges in Hamburg. Team 130 at Escherhausen has been concentrating on lessons for the children and reports meetings and occupational classes for the adolescents in their camps. UNRRA have supplied a limited amount of handicraft materials but there is an urgent need for more. Team 100 in Brunswick has settled down to its work in hospitals, camps, and prisons in the town. Team 124 at Goslar reports considerable unrest as a result of setting up repatriation boards and of the operation of the PW/DP Division directive of 14 May requiring DPs billeted privately to come into Assembly Centres.

Strenuous attempts are being made to find employment outside the camp for as many non-repatriable DPs as possible. Team 107 at Gebhardshagen is operating a Youth Leaders Training Camp and has started workshops and sewing rooms in one of the camps. Team 131 at Einbeck finds that all the best workers in their camps are now employed by the North German Timber Control. A Health Committee has been formed to deal with the sanitary arrangements in the camps and lectures are being arranged. Team 136 in Brunswick is as yet unaffected by the directive of 14 May since there is insufficient accommodation in the camps in the area to care for the 1,000 people affected by the ruling.

A DP shop for the sale of haberdashery organized on a coupon system has been started and is already proving successful. Team 129 in Cuxhaven has been informed that the Assembly Centre in which it works will be closed down at the end of the month. The team will then move to Kiel to undertake German Welfare Work. Team 144 from Dortmund also transferred to German Welfare during the month when Aplerbeck Hospital was handed back to the German authorities.

Schlutup Hospital for children, where Team 6 is in charge, has recently opened a T.B. Children's Sanatorium. A pathological laboratory with a qualified pathologist in charge has also been opened. The Polish Children's Orphanage is at present housing 122 children, 58 at Rohlsdorf and 54 at Müssen, and a babies' section has now been opened. Team 123 at the Baltic Children's Home at Malente is able to give a satisfactory report on the children's health, which shows a marked improvement. The education in the home is now better organized and more Latvian teachers have been obtained. Team 123-B is now established at Klinberg, where they are running a Children's Reception Centre at the request of UNRRA. The centre includes three Convalescent Homes for Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians, and a home for the reception of children "uncovered" by the UNRRA Search Teams. Team 1230 is in charge of a newly established Babies' Home at Bad Lippespringe, and Team 2 has been asked by UNRRA to open a Children's Holiday Home in the Hartz mountains. The home will give a week's holiday to 60 children a week drawn from DP camps in Hannover Region.

In addition to this regular work of the BRCS and CBSRA teams, a special team under the auspices of the Girl Guides' Association has arrived in the Zone to undertake training schemes in leisure time activities among the Baltic DPs.

## 2. Netherlands Red Cross

The Senior Representative of this Society continued his tour of the Zone and made contacts with appropriate authorities in all places where the Society's personnel are working. Good reports continue to be received on the work of the Search teams and the Welfare team at Burgsteinfurt.

The mobile Bath and Laundry units, which were originally called forward to help in the Repatriation Centres at Lubeck and Hesslingen, found on their arrival that mass repatriation had ceased for the moment and the bathing and laundry facilities at the centres were sufficient to meet the demands made by the smaller number of repatriates. In consequence both teams asked to be redeployed in centres where the facilities they offered could be fully utilised. This has now been done - the Lubeck team has transferred to an Assembly Centre in the same town and the Hesslingen team has moved to Haren. In both places the utmost use is now being made of the teams' valuable services.



### 3. American Polish War Relief

After establishing the society on a firm basis throughout the Zone, Mr. E. Buczkowski, the Senior Delegate, returned to the United States on June 23rd. In spite of many difficulties, the Society has accomplished a most helpful supply distribution over the last six months and Mr. Buczkowski's work has been warmly appreciated both by UNRRA and the DPs who have benefited from the Agency's generosity. The supervision of the delegation's work in the British Zone now passes to the Geneva office and will be directed by Mr. Piskorski, the European delegate who is attached to UNRRA CHQ Arolsen. Mr. Michal Wrzinski will in the meantime act as delegate for the British Zone.

Clothing, cigarettes, tobacco, soap and food were distributed throughout the Zone during the month in accordance with policies laid down by the Zone and Regional Combined Welfare Supplies Committees.

### 4. Italian Red Cross

There are still a few Italian sick in hospitals in Germany awaiting repatriation. Arrangements are being made to collect these and information has been received that a Red Cross train will shortly arrive in the Zone to take them to Italy. The normal work of the Society has continued during the month and is increasing among Italian residents in Germany. Financial help has been given to the old, sick and handicapped, and many postal queries have been dealt with. A great deal of work is involved in translating letters written in Italian into one of the four languages permitted for the international post. The Society hopes in the near future to establish a convalescent home for children in a hotel in Bad Sachsa which has been put at their disposal by the military authorities.

### 5. World Student Relief

This society has organized a novel supply route to cater to the needs of DP students in all three Zones of Germany. Since the greatest needs of these students are for books and writing materials of all descriptions, the Society has arranged to purchase books, on the basis of lists supplied from the Zones, in Switzerland and paper, pens, pencils, etc. in Sweden. A supply officer with a light truck will be constantly employed loading books in Basle and proceeding through the French and U.S. Zones to the university centres in the British Zone, distributing books at the appropriate UNRRA HQs on the way. After visiting the British Zone the truck will continue to Sweden, where cargoes of paper will be loaded. These will be distributed on the return journey to Switzerland. En route the Society's officer will take every opportunity of consulting the appropriate UNRRA authorities as to future needs. In addition to this service the Society intends to bring into the Zone a certain amount of supplementary food for DP students, which will be distributed through UNRRA channels. Contact will also be maintained with the students themselves, whom the Society hopes to help to prepare for their return to their own countries or for emigration and resettlement in other countries where necessary.

### 6. World Council of Churches

During the month two representatives from the World Council of Churches toured the Zone in order to make contact with Protestant groups in DP camps. Their visits were much appreciated by the groups and valuable assistance, particularly in the provision of religious books and requisites, is likely to become available through this body in the near future. No formal agreement has yet been concluded with CHQ.

### 7. Friends Relief Service.

Miss Fox-Howard has now completed her term as Warden of the Rest Home at Bad Pyrmont, which is now functioning most successfully, and has returned to England. Her successor has been called forward from London and is expected shortly.



## 8. Polish Red Cross

Early in the month a plan of operations for the British Zone was drawn up and has now received military approval. The work of establishing the Zone and Regional HQs is going ahead, though difficulties in securing English-speaking personnel and sufficient suitable accommodation inevitably cause delays.

Dr. Wielawski, a psychiatrist on the staff of the Polish Red Cross CHQ, is at present conducting an extensive tour of the Zone in order to identify and examine Polish insane so that plans may be made for their future care.

Towards the end of the month a special commission of the Society arrived in Spenge for the purpose of collecting from the London Polish Red Cross the possessions of the Poles who had been killed during the war. These deposits are now housed at Lemförde and it is anticipated that the transfer will take about a month. They will then be stored in a warehouse at Arolsen until they can be transported to Poland.

The Polish Red Cross train arrived in the Zone early in June. On 24 June patients and children were loaded at Cluckstedt from Schleswig-Holstein Region, and on Tuesday and Wednesday 25 and 26 June, from Hannover, North Rhine and Westphalia Regions. The train was well-equipped and had its own operating theatre and beds for post-operative care. The children travelled in carriages with bunks for sleeping.

At the beginning of the month all formalities for the detachment of the former Polish Red Cross were completed.

## 9. World's YMCA/YWCA.

All teams in the Zone again submitted interesting and attractively produced reports. Work has been continued with full UNRRA cooperation and several interesting new experiments have added to the variety and usefulness of the Society's programme.

Team No.1 - Osnabruck/Meppen area - organised a leadership training course in swimming. 36 men and women of six different nationalities took part. Film units visited seven camps, and twenty camps in all were visited during the month. With the approval of Mil.Gov. and UNRRA, this team has had several hundred copies of plays, games and sports rules, etc. printed in Polish for distribution in camps.

Team No.2/9 of Iserlohn visited 27 camps and provided 40 camps with additional equipment. The Hagen-Kabel College of Arts was presented with full band equipment and with a number of musical instruments for teaching. Similar gifts were made to the Baltic Music School in Detmold. A Polish YMCA unit gave a dramatic performance to an audience of 1,000.

Team No.3 at the Lubeck warehouse has had a month of stock-taking. Teams 4/7, also in Lubeck, have continued their music appreciation courses and concerts. A Polish YMCA concert group gave four concerts of high standard in different camps. Two sports days in Buchen and Kiel were also organized. The mobile cinema gave 69 performances in fifty different centres and before 29,000 people. Four training courses for Sports Leaders were held in Rendsburg, Grossenbode and Elingenburg. Four English Children's books for 6 and 7 year olds were translated into Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian and Polish languages and distributed in mimeographed form.

Team No.5 in Hannover carried on three types of training; four recreational lectures and demonstrations with 140 participants, two educational conferences attended by 106 persons, and two welfare conferences attended by fifty people.

Games and toys were supplied by this team to Polish children returning on the Polish Red Cross train. Twenty-seven cinema performances were given to 8,050 people.



Team No.6 of Delmenhorst visited 20 camps. Special assistance is given by the team to UNRRA Welfare Officers in connection with the Technical School planned by UNRRA Team No.235. Twenty-seven cinema shows were given to 8720 spectators.

Team No.8 at Osterode notes an obvious improvement in morale in the camp where sports equipment has been provided and leaders' training courses held. The distribution of books and periodicals was welcomed enthusiastically, particularly the provision of technical books in Polish which made possible an improvement in the electrical and driving courses already in operation. Handicraft kits were also popular.

Team No.10 from Brunswick visited 35 camps, organised a training course for leaders in charge of social rooms in which 52 people took part. Nine marionette shows were attended by 3,700 people and on the children's competition and concert day 300 children took part.

The Society is now planning summer camps and training courses for leaders.

UNRRA has learned with pleasure that the budget of the Society has been extended to cover work throughout 1946 and for some months in 1947.

#### 10. Refugee Relief Committee

The Refugee Relief Committee's medical team at Wermelskirchen is now firmly established in the hospital and improvements both in the condition of the building and the treatment of the patients are obvious. Admissions have increased and the discharge of known malingerers has been hastened. The painting of the interior of the building is proceeding and an attractively decorated social room for patients has been opened. Games have been supplied by the YMCA and Warsaw printed newspapers and magazines supplied by the Repatriation Mission at Hilden.

Difficulties in supplying an adequate and varied diet are still very marked and the lack of refrigeration facilities is serious during the hot weather. The provision of both medical and surgical equipment still falls far short of requirements, though the team itself managed to purchase, through Mil. Gov., some instruments in Solingen, and the Paris Office of the Society sent a gift of rubber aprons and scrubbing brushes. The X-Ray apparatus has now unfortunately completely broken down and patients have to be sent to Roderbirken or Remesheid, which is a severe strain on the limited resources of doctors, nurses and vehicles. The same is unfortunately true of laboratory facilities in the hospital - the equipment is so inadequate that most of the work has to be sent to Remscheid.

In spite of these difficulties, the improvement in the management, efficiency and happiness of the hospital is indisputable. Miss Wood was able to visit the team just before she left the Zone and was most impressed by the excellent work accomplished by the team under such difficult conditions.

The Child Welfare Worker from this Society continues to do good work in a Children's Centre in Schleswig-Holstein Region.

#### 11. Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad.

to deal with

The area representatives of this Society have had much disappointment over the issue of C.C.G. Technical Instruction No.6 which gives DP's living outside Assembly Centres the option of moving into a Centre and receiving DP rations, or of remaining outside a Camp and forfeiting DP status. Most have decided to remain outside the Camps and exist on German rations.

During the month, Mrs. Bertha Weingreen, leader of the JRU team in Belsen, returned to England on long leave. She had been at Belsen camp for a year and will be much missed. Her successor is Sara Eckstein. This team reports that the employment scheme in Belsen is proceeding apace and that the vocational training school is functioning well. The team has recently undertaken regular visiting of patients in Belsen Hospital, some of whom have been in the wards since the day of liberation and appear to have no relations.



Negotiations are proceeding for taking T.B. patients out of the Zone for treatment. Four places are now available in Swiss Sanatoria and 30 will be available in August. Efforts are still being made to secure a sanatorium near Merano, Italy. Great difficulty is still experienced in securing the necessary exit and re-entry permits. Individual permits are insisted upon and a nominal roll is not accepted.

12. American Joint Distribution Committee

During the month a further movement of approximately 46 persons to Sweden took place under the Swedish Government's plan for re-uniting families. The first movements to the United Kingdom under the Distressed Persons scheme also took place - four people left Germany for Britain and eleven more are about to do so.

Further distributions of supplies took place during the month.

13. World O.R.T. Union

The Director of ORT for Germany visited the Training School at Belsen during the month and reported favourably on the progress of the scheme. Mr. Grossman was particularly impressed with the work being undertaken in the newly established Dental Mechanics Course. Fourteen men entered the course on the first day and another forty or fifty are to be enrolled. Modern equipment and supplies in good quantities have been obtained from British medical officers in charge of dental work in the Zone.

No progress on the proposed Training School at Neustadt has been made owing to the uncertainty of the future of the Camp. The most recent information is that the Jewish DP's are to be moved from the Camp so it is probable that this project will not be developed.

Progress at the Agricultural Training School at Ahlem is still gravely hindered by lack of living accommodation for the trainees. The houses attached to the farm are still occupied by German refugees.

14. Jewish Agency for Palestine

Two more workers from this Society arrived in the Zone during the month bringing the total up to thirteen. Owing to difficulties in securing farm properties in the Dusseldorf area, it has not been possible to open the Agricultural Training School as soon as was hoped. The buildings are expected to be available in a fortnight's time. Work continues in the schools and among the adult population in Belsen and at the Children's home in Blankenese.

15. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

The newly appointed Senior Representative of this Society arrived in the Zone early in the month and has already toured the Zone in an attempt to size up the problems confronting emigration. Contact has been established with the UNRRA Zone and District Repatriation & Emigration Officers.

16. National Catholic Welfare Conference

A consignment of useful medical supplies and supplementary food for babies was received from the Lithuanian Relief Fund of America and distributed in the Zone under the auspices of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. A generous supply of handicraft and card weaving sets was also donated by this Society. The Zone Handicrafts Adviser compiled an illustrated instruction sheet for distribution with the card weaving sets which greatly increased their value.

Voluntary Society personnel in the British Zone totalled 518 at the beginning of the month. There were 28 new attachments and 7 detachments during the month, bringing the total to 539 at the end of the month. An analysis of personnel active in the Zone as of 30 June follows.



ANALYSIS OF VOLUNTARY SOCIETY PERSONNEL  
IN THE BRITISH ZONE 30 JUNE 1946

<u>Society</u>	<u>No. of Persons.</u>	<u>Description of Personnel</u>
1. BRCS and CBSRA	300 (approx.)	Assembly Centre Teams.
2. American Joint Distribution Committee	18	Senior representative HQ staff: 1 team Belsen, 1 Blankenese Children's home, Field representative Hamburg.
3. Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad	76	Senior representative and HQ staff: 1 team Belsen, Area representatives in Berlin, Brunswick, Hannover, Oelle, Dusseldorf & Neustadt.
4. Don Suisse	1	Senior representative.
5. Netherlands Red Cross	23	3 Search teams attached to Corps, Senior Search Officers, 1 Welfare Team Burgsteinfurt, 2 Bath and Laundry Units.
6. Italian Red Cross	3	H. Q. Staff.
7. World's YWCA/YWCA	31	H.Q. staff, 1 Warehouse team, 5 teams Hannover Region, 1 team Westphalen & North Rhine Region, 3 teams Schleswig Holstein Region.
8. Refugee Relief Committee	11	1 Medical team and 2 child welfare workers.
9. Jewish Agency for Palestine	13	Senior representative, teachers and child welfare workers at Belsen, Blankenese, Community workers at Neustadt.
10. World ORT Union	3	1 Engineer Instructor, 1 Engineer, 1 dental mechanic.
11. American Polish War Relief	24	HQ staff, Warehouse staff, Corps representative & Supply Officers.
12. Friends Relief Service	2	Welfare workers.
13. Official Polish Red Cross	32	HQ staff, Education section, Medical and repatriation Liaison Officers.
14. National Catholic Welfare Conference	1	Senior representative.
15. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	1	Senior representative.
TOTAL ...	<u>539</u>	



## VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES REPORT

US ZONE

JUNE 1946.

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ANNEX B

### A. GENERAL

The operation of the voluntary agencies in the US Zone continues to expand. While the activities of the agencies previously were limited to certain defined supplementary services, the agencies now more and more participate in the specialized services rendered by UNRRA, such as education, occupational activities and employment. Their activities in the medical field are expanding. More medical personnel have been called forward and are expected to work in the public health services, especially for free-living displaced persons. Additional amounts of medical supplies have also been made available by some agencies. The participation in child welfare operations is also increasing, and a considerable number of additional child welfare personnel has been called forward. Some agencies take a very active part in the repatriation of displaced persons and the agencies' participation in the emigration to the US is continuing.

With the limitations on recruitment of more UNRRA personnel and the increase in the number of people under UNRRA's care, particularly through the continued infiltration of Jews, it is expected that these agencies, particularly the Jewish societies, will have to call forward additional personnel to meet the demands for their services. We are trying to incorporate the personnel of the agencies as much as possible into the general UNRRA set-up in the teams and districts and to give them more responsibility for their part in the program than done previously. In view of the expected termination of UNRRA's operations and the more permanent scope of many of the agencies' programs, the agencies now seem to be willing to take over parts of the work which previously were the full responsibility of regular UNRRA personnel.

One new agency, Vaad Hahatzala (Union of Orthodox Rabbis) has signed an agreement with UNRRA for work with Jewish displaced persons in the fields of spiritual, moral educational welfare, emigration to the US on a Corporate Affidavit for 1,000 immigrants, and provision of supplementary supplies. The agreement has just been approved by USFET and a small number of personnel has been called forward.

An entertainment group, consisting of three representatives from the World's Jewish Congress, who visited different Jewish camps and gave performances, has left the Zone upon the termination of their temporary duty. One of the representatives, a singer, has been employed by the Jewish Agency for Palestine for continued work in the Zone.

An agreement between UNRRA and the Czechoslovakian Red Cross has been approved by USFET. The Czechoslovakian Red Cross will participate in the child search program and is especially interested in locating the children who were deported by the Germans after the destruction of the town of Lidice. Six representatives have been called forward to this Zone for child search work.

### B. REPATRIATION

The activities of the Polish Red Cross and the French Red Cross continue as outlined in previous reports. A Polish Red Cross repatriation train for patients and children left for Poland at the beginning of June with approximately 150 children and sick displaced persons on board.

### C. EMIGRATION

The past month marked the arrival of Zone representatives for the two affiliate organizations of Refugee Relief Committee, the American



Christian Committee for Refugees, and the International Rescue and Relief Committee. Though these agencies had already been working in the field for some time with quite competent personnel, it is expected that the presence of their Zone representatives will coordinate their activity to a greater extent. Miss Wilson (ACCR) and Miss Mayerson (IRRC) have already established offices at Zone headquarters.

The Vaad Mahatzala's recently concluded agreement with UNRRA will enable it to act in an emigration capacity. This organization has approximately 1,000 corporate affidavits and personnel to activate these affidavits en route.

Some difficulty has arisen in connection with the coordination of the work of the immigration agencies, but through efforts from the responsible UNRRA District Offices and the representatives of the agencies, we hope it will be possible to straighten those difficulties out and maintain a smoothly working mechanism in the emigration program.

The very low number of corporate affidavits provided by NCWC, creates a difficult position in the relationship to the displaced persons. The Catholic applicants obviously have the feeling that there is a discrimination against them because of their faith, as they see so many emigrants of other religious convictions being sponsored by the Voluntary Agencies. We asked Central Headquarters to inform UNRRA Headquarters in Washington of this situation.

#### D. SUPPLY

The World's YM/YWCA, which previously made a general distribution of a certain amount of recreational supplies, has changed its plan of operations so that its supplies in future will be used mainly in connection with the occupational programs carried out in the camps by the 'Y' personnel.

The supplies belonging to the Polish Red Cross London Committee, whose operations in this Zone were terminated as of May 4th, will not be distributed by the Supply Division of the official Polish Red Cross, as originally planned. According to instructions from the Polish Red Cross Committee in London, the remaining supplies will be handed over to the American Polish War Relief. New supplies are expected to arrive in the very near future for distribution by the official Polish Red Cross to Polish displaced persons.

The supply program of the American Joint Distribution Committee is steadily increasing and a very considerable amount of food, clothes and other supplementary supplies have been distributed to the Jewish camps in the US Zone.

ORT continues to bring in equipment for workshops for vocational training for Jewish Centers.

NCWC recently received about 300 tons of supplies, mainly consisting of recreational and occupational materials, evaporated milk, toilet articles and used clothing. The distribution of these supplies is proceeding. In addition to the Agency's own supplies, NCWC has distributed about 80 tons of supplies to Lithuanian displaced persons on behalf of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund in America.

#### E. WELFARE

This branch is cooperating with the Jewish Agency for Palestine in planning several welfare projects, such as a transient shelter in Frankfurt and a Jewish children's center at some locale in the Zone. Plans for these projects are still in an embryonic state, and the branch is acting as liaison between the Agency and the various UNRRA divisions concerned.



Following a visit from Miss Wood, representative of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, eight badly needed child welfare workers were called forward from London. The JCRA has promised that it will try to recruit still more trained workers. This should help remedy the critical situation of the teams which are faced with welfare vacancies and no UNRRA personnel to fill the gap. The reports previously received from the Districts where JCRA personnel are already working in the field, have been very favourable.

The Unitarian Service Committee, one of the constituent bodies of Refugee Relief Trustees Inc., recently sent a representative to this Headquarters to discuss the possibility of sending in personnel for welfare work, especially in the field of child welfare and work with youths. Experienced personnel will be made available, and we have requested the Child Welfare Branch to give us notice of how many persons are needed and what special qualifications are particularly necessary. The Child Welfare Branch is waiting for this information from the field, and we expect to call forward the first representatives from the Unitarian Service Committee in the very near future.

The World's E.A./YPCA has, as mentioned above, made a change in the program for the operation in the US Zone, and more weight will be put on the personnel services and less on the supply activities. New personnel will be assigned to meet the demands of the field. The organization had a conference for all its personnel in Pasing on 21 June, at which the representatives were informed of the changes and also that E.A./YPCA has decided to continue the operations through 1946 and for some time in 1947. The first project to be started is the creation of summer camps for young people and children, and the organization is planning to open special YPCA training centers in the autumn.

Additional new centers recently opened for displaced persons and Jewish infiltrates have received welfare personnel from the agencies. The welfare personnel are assigned wherever they are most needed, and although this branch still receives a number of complaints concerning some of the personnel, our general impression is that the cooperation between UNRRA and voluntary agency personnel has improved very much during the last months. A commendable effort has been made by some agencies' senior representatives to interpret to their personnel the program and the operations of UNRRA and the necessity for the closest cooperation with UNRRA officials.

#### F. PERSONNEL

Agency personnel in the US Zone, 30 June were distributed as follows: Zone HQ - 85; District warehouses - 64; District HQs - 47; Teams - 126, awaiting assignment - 29. Personnel at the beginning of the month totalled 313. There were 57 new attachments and 17 detachments during the month, bringing the total to 353 at the end of the month. An analysis of personnel active in the Zone as of 30 June is appended.



ANALYSIS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PERSONNEL  
IN THE US ZONE. 30 JUNE 46

<u>Name of Agency</u>	<u>No. of persons</u>	<u>Description of Personnel</u>
1. American Joint Distribution Committee	85	Senior representatives, medical director, supply officers and administrative staff at Zone HQ, welfare, training and immigration officers, psychologists, nurses, field representatives, warehouse and supply officers, drivers and clerical staff attached to districts and teams throughout the Zone
2. American Polish War Relief	19	Welfare and supply officers, clerical assistants attached to Zone HQ and UNRRA warehouses at Hanau and Karlsruhe.
3. French Red Cross	4	Mobile team composed of field representatives and ambulance drivers.
4. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	28	Senior Zone representatives, doctor, immigration officers, interviewers and clerical assistants at Zone HQ, districts and teams.
5. Jewish Agency for Palestine	61	Senior Zone representatives, teachers, agriculturalists, employment officers, welfare officers, nurses, health workers, youth leaders, vocational training consultants, emigration officers, drivers, administrative and clerical staff at Zone HQ, districts and teams.
6. Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad	10	Welfare officers, including child welfare workers attached to district HQ and teams.
7. National Catholic Welfare Conference	28	Field director and supervisors, supply and warehouse officers and drivers attached to Zone HQ and Hanau warehouse.
8. World ORT.	8	Training director, school supervisors and instructors attached to Zone HQ.
9. Polish Red Cross	57	Senior Zone representatives, medical, educational and welfare officers, teachers, warehouse officers, drivers, clerical and administrative staff.
10. Don Suisse	9	Medical officers, X-Ray technicians, photographers and clerical assistants in mobile TB X-Ray team.
11. Refugee Relief Committee (including ACCR, IRRG, USC)	9	Emigration officer, welfare officer and vocational training specialist of ACCR, and immigration officers and senior representatives of IRRG.
12. US Committee for Care of European Children	7	Senior representative, immigration officer and consultant and clerical assistants
13. YMCA/YWCA	27	Senior Zone representatives, field secretaries, field workers, warehouse and distribution officers, drivers and clerical assistants.
14. Vaad Hahatzala	1	Zone representative.



DIGEST OF ZONE AND SOCIETIES' REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES  
OF VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES IN THE FRENCH ZONE, JUNE 1946.

A. GENERAL

A conference of voluntary agency directors in the French Zone and officers of the Zone Relief Services Division, was held on 17 June, and a special conference with Jewish agencies is planned.

In order to provide UNRRA field staff with further direction on the use of voluntary societies' services, in accordance with the approved agreements with UNRRA, a Zone General Bulletin was issued to all field staff. This outlined the status of voluntary organizations working with UNRRA, procedures for their admission into Germany, procedures required to bring their services into operation in the French Zone, the supplementary and specialized character of the voluntary society programs, status of their personnel, and directives regulating their attachment to UNRRA in the zone.

B. PERSONNEL

There was a marked increase (27%) in agency personnel in June, the total rising from 84, 31st May, to 107, 30th June. There were 30 new attachments of personnel and 6 were detached from service in the Zone. The Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad and the Jewish Agency for Palestine were added to the organizations now active in the Zone and provided a small complement of personnel to inaugurate their services. The principal increases in personnel were, however, in the staffs of the Y. C. A. / Y. W. C. A. and the Polish Red Cross, accounting for 14 and 10 additional personnel respectively. These two organizations together provided 100 of the 107 total voluntary agency personnel in the French Zone.

C. INDIVIDUAL SOCIETIES' REPORTS

1. Y. C. A. / Y. W. C. A.

The Y. C. A. / Y. W. C. A. is contributing substantially to the organization of recreational services and supplies required for those services in the Zone. Clubs furnished with radios, orchestras, table tennis, gramophones, and records, and various games are in regular use by displaced persons. Active sports programs are now in operation. The Y. C. A. is also active in promoting holiday camps and in developing activities in the Boy Scout tradition.

2. Polish Red Cross

The Polish Red Cross maintains an active supply program and a number of other services. Medical services include the operation of a hospital of 150 beds. Educational services include assistance to primary schools in the camps, assistance to teachers and provision of school supplies. A Polish Red Cross Search Bureau is concerned with tracing activities in the Zone, the forwarding of correspondence and exchange of information with other tracing services. Special assistance is rendered to Polish persons being repatriated, in collaboration with UNRRA and other authorities.

3. World Student Relief

The representative of the World Student Relief has made an extremely interesting report to UNRRA Zone HQ on students' needs in the southern district of the Zone and it is hoped that considerable future assistance will be available for students now that their needs are better known.

4. American Polish War Relief

The American Polish War Relief has now attached a permanent



representative in the Zone and more effective coordination of this agency's supply program is being worked out.

5. American Joint Distribution Committee

Mr. Laufer has replaced Mr. Ringer as Senior Zone representative for AJDC.

6. Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad

Mr. Heim and Miss Rubens are developing initial services of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, working from Biberach and Gailingen.

7. Jewish Agency for Palestine

Dr. Katz has arrived in the Zone to commence activities of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

8. Italian Red Cross

Dr. Ormeo has replaced Dr. Sambucini as Zone representative for the Italian Red Cross. This Society's objective is to assist in assembling all Italians wishing to be repatriated and to bring supplies to those confined to hospitals and sanatoria. The Society is also active in search work and the gathering of documents concerning those who are missing or deceased.



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6. Voluntary agencies.

a. General.

Voluntary agencies continue to bring supplies into Germany and to render invaluable assistance in meeting the cultural needs and interests of the displaced persons. Without their assistance, the activities and services which have helped so greatly to lighten and improve conditions for the DPs would have been seriously curtailed.

During April agreements were concluded by UNRRA with three additional voluntary societies - The Friends' Relief Service, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the US Committee for the Care of European Children. In May agreements were signed with Vaad Hatzalah and the World Student Relief. This brings the total number of agencies working in Germany under agreement with UNRRA to twenty-three. (A list of seventeen of these agencies is given in Report No. 7. Section III 6. The other agency concerned is the World ORT Union, with which a separate agreement has now been concluded.)

b. British Zone.

In the British Zone there was a considerable decrease in the total number of voluntary agency personnel during April. This was largely due to the closing down of a hospital and the disbandment of two BRCS and CBSRA teams. The total on 30 April was 776, as against 825 at the end of March, and a steeper decline is expected during the current month.

Most of the BRCS and CBSRA teams have been assisting in repatriation. The Hamburg team, which has previously been responsible for welfare work among DP hospital patients, has been asked by UNRRA to undertake welfare work among the large population of foreign nationals living aboard barges trapped in the Hamburg docks.

The Polish Red Cross continues to distribute supplies of cigarettes and supplementary food and clothing to all Polish camps in the Zone. 10,000 kg of oranges and lemons arrived during April from II Polish Corps in Italy and were distributed to children.

The World's Y.M.C.A./Y.W.C.A continue to organize courses for the training of social and recreational leaders, physical training and sports leaders and for amateur dramatic leaders. A recreation center has been established in the Repatriation Transit Camp near Paderborn. Emphasis is also placed on rehabilitation projects; training courses have been organized for leaders in arts and crafts work, and kindergarten and nursing school demonstration schools are in operation.

SOURCE:  
DP Monthly  
Report #10  
dated 31  
May 1948  
The first ORT representative for the British Zone arrived during April and concentrated on the development of workshops in Neustadt and Belsen. ORT has also provided UNRRA with certain sets of tools for non-Jewish workshops, the only condition being that the tools must be used for training purposes under the direction of competent and suitable instructors.

The Friends' Relief Society has established a Rest Home at Bad Pyrmont and UNRRA is co-operating with the Society in choosing the guests.

c. U.S. Zone.

By the end of April there were 269 voluntary agency personnel in the US Zone, and it is expected that there will be a considerable increase on this figure during the current month.

The Polish Red Cross are working on education in Polish centers and on repatriation. The Agency plans to send home to Poland, in hospital trains, repatriable unaccompanied children and the ill and aged.

K. T. The French Red Cross is working directly with the French Repatriation Mission in the search for and repatriation of French nationals, particularly those who may be in hospitals in the Zone.

The World Jewish Congress has sent in three entertainers who are touring the Jewish centers.

As in the British Zone the World's Y.M.C.A./Y.W.C.A continue to organize leadership training courses.



UNRRA employees are responsible for the health and military entry permit at all times, as well as their pay.

In the French Zone sanitary conditions are generally satisfactory despite the continued lack of soap.

Reports from the US Zone indicate a satisfactory state of sanitation with the exception of the water supply. Chlorine is almost unobtainable; bacteriological control is exercised wherever available, but only 59% of the water supplies are reported to be satisfactory. Supplies of cleaning materials are inadequate on the basic ration list and efforts are being made to increase the scale of issue.

## 5. Child Welfare.

### a. British Zone.

A directive has been issued by the Deputy Military Governor, Main HQ (BE) (see Section II.A) which outlines military and UNRRA responsibility in the tracing and documentation of unaccompanied children. It is the responsibility of UNRRA Child Welfare Investigators to obtain factual information upon which determination of nationality can be based.

### b. French Zone.

In the French Zone two children's homes were opened during April - one at Unterhause and the other at Gutach - each shelters about thirty children. Registration of unaccompanied children in the Zone is continuing.

### c. U.S. Zone.

#### i. Repatriation and Emigration.

On 27 April the first group of 67 children left the US Zone on their way to the United States under the sponsorship of the US Committee for the Care of European Children. This group was released by USFET G-5, who have formulated a policy, in co-operation with UNRRA, for the authorization of the release of all unaccompanied children leaving the US Zone, whether for repatriation or for emigration. (See Section II. B 7).

The children who were sent to Switzerland six months ago for convalescent care are now being removed from that country, in order that these facilities may be made available to children from other countries. Of this group, the Polish children are being repatriated to Poland and the Jewish children are awaiting certificates for entry into Palestine. The remaining children, (approximately twenty) will be returned to Germany until their nationality can be determined and other plans made for their care.

#### ii. Polish Unaccompanied Children

There are approximately 900 known unaccompanied Polish children in the Zone. Polish Red Cross workers are visiting children's centers, giving the children information about their home country and helping them reorient themselves towards repatriation.

A home for Polish children has been opened at Deggendorf following the location of a large number of such children in German institutions in that area.

#### iii. Location and Planning.

The work of the Search Teams is proceeding rapidly, and plans must be made for the large number of children located whose nationality, although not German, cannot be established.

Delinquency constitutes a serious problem. A number of youths have been convicted by MG courts and placed in German institutions. Children are also developing anti-social habits as a result of the abnormal conditions under which they are living. A further problem is presented by the increasing number of cases of illegitimacy and the greater number of mothers who are rejecting their children as the time for repatriation draws near.



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5. Hospitals.

British Zone. An important development in this Zone during the month was the negotiation of an agreed hospital policy with the Health Branch Control Commission, Germany, covering UNRRA's responsibilities for the hospital care of displaced persons (See Attachment 19). By the terms of this agreement UNRRA has now assumed responsibility for the supervision of the hospital care of D.P.s. This policy will be carried out by attaching UNRRA staff consisting of an Administrative Assistant and/or an Assistant Welfare Officer to the larger hospitals with over 100 D.P. in-patients. UNRRA Field Supervising Medical Officers will supervise the medical aspect of these hospitals. Supervision of the smaller Hospitals will be exercised by the nearest UNRRA Team. Hospitals for which supervision is provided are known as "accredited Hospitals". Ten such hospitals were "accredited" during the month. With the exception of beds for tuberculosis the hospital bed situation is adequate.

U.S. Zone. UNRRA Hospital Teams are now supervising 10,156 hospital beds over and above beds available in camp infirmaries.

French Zone. No hospital is managed by UNRRA. The number of beds reserved for D.P.s in German Hospitals is, on the whole, sufficient.

6. Sanitation.

British Zone. Lack of materials for repair is constantly reported and there is great difficulty in getting quick action on the part of civilian sanitary organisations. At Haren in the Hannover region all wells were contaminated during the floods in February and have not yet been purified despite repeated requests. The result is that all the available water carts in the Zone are still in use there.

U.S. Zone. 59 Camps in Districts 5, 3 and 1 were inspected by Sanitary Engineers during the month. A steady improvement in sanitary conditions was noted.

French Zone. The general cleanliness of the camps is satisfactory but there still exists a shortage of soap.

7. Medical Supplies.

Two Emergency Medical Units were issued by Central Headquarters to the French Zone where the medical supply problem was acute due to the inability of the Military Authorities to provide the necessary supplies. Penicillin, an urgent requirement, with the exception of a small quantity (2,000,000 units) has not yet come to hand.

British Zone. The Supply system is working very satisfactorily. Sulphaguanidine, which was in short supply, is now available in sufficient quantities. Penicillin is only available for treatment of venereal disease, with the exception of small quantities provided by Voluntary Organisations. Transport for medical personnel is still acutely short. Thirty ambulances have been allocated during the month but more are stated to be required.

U.S. Zone. Medical Supplies are now available through UNRRA Warehouses and the medical section of the Supply Division. All team requests are consolidated at District level and this arrangement facilitates maximum utilization of medical supplies occasionally made available by Voluntary Agencies.



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8. Dental Services.

The acute shortage of Acrylic Resin mentioned in the last report has now been remedied. The shortage of dental equipment in the French Zone has been eased by the provision by Central Headquarters of two dental chests.

9. Nursing.

U.S. Zone. Nurses' aides' training programmes have been developed within 39 teams. A high degree of uniformity in nurses' aides' training will be possible under a plan put in operation during the month. D.P.s are not ordinarily admitted to accredited German Nurses' Training Schools since a long-term training programme would tend to interfere with repatriation plans.

French Zone. Nurses' Aides' Training Programmes are operating in seven centers. In five of these centers 136 nurses' aides are taking courses. These courses are being well attended and assiduously pursued.

British Zone. Health education work is being continued on a high standard. The training of Nursing Aides is being continued and it is expected that three such centres will be in operation during the next month and possibly a new center will be opened in the North Rhine Region. 150 Nursing Aides have received six weeks' training.

E. Voluntary Agencies.1. Future Plans of Voluntary Agencies.

Many of the voluntary agencies now working with UNRRA in Germany based their earlier plans on the assumption of short term emergency programs scheduled to begin phasing out by this spring or summer. At the meeting of voluntary agencies' senior representatives and UNRRA CH staff 25th April, it was recognized that the continuing needs now anticipated called for revision of earlier plans. Some of the Jewish Agencies are definitely contemplating long term plans in Germany. The representatives of other agencies agreed to consult their respective authorities on the possibility of extending further services in Germany.

One definite result has now been reported by the Worlds YMCA/YWCA in a revised plan to extend its services to the end of 1946 and into 1947 if necessary. In addition to its present services, with possibly some slight curtailment of supplies, this agency proposes to assist in establishing summer camps for boys and girls (subject to military approval), to inaugurate leadership training courses and organize youth groups with their own leadership, to stimulate YMCA and YWCA activities within the camps, utilizing the leadership of displaced persons who have had previous experience in national YMCA's and YWCA's, and to assist spiritual leaders of displaced persons by providing necessary outside help.

2. Some observations on Agency Activities.

- a) A.J.D.C. reports the departure from Bremen of two boats carrying emigrants to the U.S. 808 of these were A.J.D.C. clients for whom the Agency supplied full services including corporate affidavits and payment of transportation expenses. In addition this Agency advanced funds for transportation of 106 passengers on behalf of the American Christian Committee for Refugees, 60 for the U.S. Committee for the care of European Children, 14 for the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and 15 American repatriates for whom no funds were available at the time of departure of the boat. Thus, more than 1,000 persons were assisted in their journey to new homes by this Agency. A small transport to Sweden of about 50 persons and the repatriation of about 70 persons to France was also completed by this Agency during the month.



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- b) Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad. Representatives of this Agency have recently been in Italy surveying and discussing the possibilities of obtaining Italian sanatoria for the use of Jewish TB patients in Germany. They report also that they have acquired accommodations in Switzerland for 30 TB patients from the British Zone.
- c) Jewish Agency for Palestine reports the arrival of 40 additional personnel in Germany for work in the British and U.S. Zones, and one worker for the French Zone, the first of this agency's personnel to be sent into the French Zone. The senior representative for this agency in Germany returned this month from Palestine after accompanying the transport of 600 children from the British and U.S. Zones. She expressed the appreciation of her agency for the splendid cooperation of UNRRA in supplying hot meals, medical attention and blankets for the overland transportation to Marseilles and for the assistance in documentation of children and the organization of the trip. Particularly helpful was the complete set of clean clothing which was supplied for each child at the end of the journey. Lists of children supplied to this agency by Central Tracing Bureau have been sent to Palestine and broadcast, resulting in location of relatives and friends.
- d) National Catholic Welfare Conference have supplied 36 teams during the month of May with 245,000 pounds of supplies. These supplies included recreational, occupational and amenity supplies, and food and clothing, and have been distributed among approximately 87,000 people. They have also distributed 50 Mass kits. This agency has also assisted in the delivery of supplies contributed by the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America.

### 3. New Agency Agreements.

Agreements have been concluded with the following two new agencies, making a total of 23 agencies now working under UNRRA supervision and coordination.

- a) The World Student Relief, an internationally recognised body for relief to University students, set up under the joint auspices of the following three international student organisations - International Student Service, H.Q. in Geneva, World Student Christian Federation, H.Q. in Geneva, and Pax Romana, H.Q. in Friburg. Administration of this agency is entrusted to the Secretariat of the International Student Service which is registered and approved under Swiss law. The funds of this Organization are raised mainly by and among Students and Professors. Their programme in Germany will aim mainly at supplementing the various student projects which have already been set up with UNRRA support in the University centers. Supplies of text books and other study materials which cannot be procured by the students themselves will be contributed as part of this Agency's services.
- b) Vaad Hahatzala, an organization founded by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada will work for the relief and rehabilitation of European Jewry in Germany and will also participate in the U.S. Zone Immigration Project for emigration to the U.S. of persons in D.P. camps.

### 4. Zone Reports on Voluntary Agency Activities.

Extracts from reports on voluntary agency activities in the three zones are contained in Attachment 20.



PART VII.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

1. British Zone.

a. During the month of May several major changes have taken place in the British Zone. Chief among them is the shift in top-ranking personnel, caused by the resignation of Sir Raphael Cilento, Zone Director. He is being succeeded by Major General E.D. Fanshawe, C.B., D.B.E. Brigadier N.B. Brading, C.B.E. Assistant Director of Finance and Administration is now Acting Deputy Zone Director.

b. The British Zone is also making preparations to move its Headquarters from Bunde to Lango in the second week in June. This accommodation will be in the same offices as the PW & DP Division of COG. The section of UNRRA at Lango will be called Main HQ and will direct the operational aspects of the program for the British Zone. As there is insufficient accommodation there for all of UNRRA Zone HQ, a rear HQ will be established at Spenge which will deal with certain administrative services, (finance, personnel travel,) and will be under the command of the Director of the Staging Center. The Staging and Transit Center will remain for the present at Spenge.

2. U.S. Zone.

a. The U.S. Zone organization has been divided into two distinct parts: operations and services. The Deputy Zone Director has been given functioning responsibility for field operations, with Relief Services and Health Division reporting to him. A newly appointed Assistant Director for a Division of Administration will co-ordinate and supervise the activities of Supply and Transport, Finance, Personnel and Administrative Services.

3. French Zone.

A small UNRRA team was sent to the French Sector of Berlin. The team members are working primarily with Jews, and incidentally, helping the Child Welfare Service with Western European children found in Berlin.

4. Field Organizational Chart

Attachment 22 is a chart of UNRRA's field organization in Germany.

B. FINANCE

1. A Finance and Administration Conference was held at CHQ on the 1st and 2nd of May in conjunction with Supply and Transport Department. Representatives from the three Zones were present to discuss Commodity Accounting and Property Records. As a result, two Administrative Orders, (No. 37 and No. 38) were issued on these subjects. The minutes of the meeting are shown at Attachment 21. As a result of this conference, several reports were requested from the Zones, including information on supplies and services from any sources chargeable to UNRRA, the existing procedure in Zones for write-offs, the procedure for safe-guarding of UNRRA property in assembly centres closing down, etc.

2. During the month a considerable amount of work was done in the preparation of the third quarter budgets for the German Operation. The personnel establishment was sent to London on 1 June. A monetary budget was prepared for the first time on a systematic and exhaustive basis, including precise costing of personnel services, as provided in Personnel Establishment. A complete vehicle establishment is being compiled and will be completed early in June.



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E. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

1. Expanding Agency Services.

a. The services of voluntary agencies with UNRRA in Germany are expanding, both in volume and in the range of services. They are now assuming a considerably larger share of the total UNRRA program than was the case at the beginning of this year. In the past six months the number of agency agreements in effect has also increased from 17 to 24.

b. The expanding services of voluntary agencies are reflected by an increase in personnel of almost 10% in June over the previous month. This trend was common in all three zones. In the French Zone, agency personnel increased from 84 on 31 May to 107 on 30 June, an increase of 27%. Personnel in the U.S. Zone increased from 313 to 353 an increase of 13%, and the voluntary agencies personnel in that zone has doubled since the beginning of this year. Personnel increased from 517 to 539 in the British Zone, an increase of 4%. The total voluntary agency personnel with UNRRA in Germany rose to 1052 on 30 June as compared with 958 on 31 May. The personnel of the Jewish societies increased by 18% in the month. The total voluntary agency personnel attached to UNRRA is still considerably short of UNRRA field requests.

c. The continuing, and in some respects increasing, demands for services to persons eligible for UNRRA care in Germany, coupled with the present limitations on recruitment of UNRRA personnel are stimulating these expansions and are resulting in heavy pressure upon voluntary agencies from all sides to broaden the scope of their activities. There are increasing requests for these organizations to take over duties which have been regarded as the responsibility of the UNRRA administration and personnel in Germany. This practice reflects an unofficial departure from policy previously adhered to and previously emphasized both by UNRRA and by the agencies concerned, under which voluntary agency services were planned and developed as supplementary and specialized assistance to UNRRA, and not as a replacement for UNRRA services. The relations between UNRRA and its cooperating agencies and between UNRRA and the military authorities are being affected by this as yet unofficial trend in policy. The agencies are being urged by UNRRA field staff and by their own observations of unmet needs to expand their services and make long term plans. But the present ad hoc plans and proposals for future are being advanced without definite assurance as to what the needs or provisions for voluntary agencies continuing programs will be after 31 December 1946.

d. Most of these agencies are now coming to the end of their war time public subsidies and funds from voluntary sources derived from war relief appeals and are faced individually with heavy fund raising responsibilities to support continuing programs in Germany whose future status or extent cannot be authoritatively defined at the present time.

e. Administratively these uncertainties are chaotic both for the directors of the agencies in Germany and for the UNRRA departments responsible for planning, implementing and coordinating their services and for estimating facilities required for them. Agency programs are not merely expanding in previously established activities. The organizations are being asked to enter new fields of work which they had not undertaken in Germany. Health and medical work, relief and community services outside assembly centers, and emigration assistance are among activities in which rapid changes and expansions have occurred. Supply programs of some agencies have also greatly increased.

f. Some of the agencies working with UNRRA are now active as well in non-UNRRA programs in Germany and are participating for example in German civilian relief. UNRRA CHQ has insisted, so far as



possible, that the personnel engaged in UNRRA controlled operations should remain distinct from those engaged in other activities outside of UNRRA, but the senior agency executive and some specialists such as supply officers, must as a rule share dual responsibility. Any other plan would add too much to the agency's own administrative costs.

g. One further complication affects the Jewish agencies. The aid to German Jewish Communities which is regarded by the military authorities as part of the D.P. program in the American zone, is, in the British zone, the responsibility of Military Government Public Welfare, and, therefore, outside UNRRA scope. Yet the same UNRRA controlled agencies are offering similar services and material aid to these communities in both zones. The administrative problem of retaining such an activity within UNRRA control in one zone and excluding it in the other creates complications both for UNRRA and for the agency concerned.

h. The wider range of services now provided to Displaced Persons, the heavy reliance upon voluntary agencies for much of the work outside assembly centers and the other factors mentioned above have added many new complications to UNRRA's task of supervision, coordination and joint planning with the agencies. These responsibilities will progressively increase as voluntary agency programs continue to expand and assume larger proportions in the total UNRRA operations.

## 2. New Agreements and Services.

a. An agreement has been concluded with the Czechoslovakian Red Cross, bringing to 24 the number of agencies, or combined groups of agencies, now operating with UNRRA in Germany. The Czechoslovakian Red Cross will participate chiefly in the UNRRA child search program and will supply a small group of child welfare workers for this task. All zones are asking for additional help from voluntary agencies for child search and child care activities.

b. An application for an agreement has been received from the Comité Catholique de Secours (France). This society has been working since early in 1945 in the American Zone under arrangements with military medical authorities which were terminated when its work -- the operation of several TB hospitals -- came under the supervision of UNRRA. The majority of the patients are former inmates of Dachau concentration camp.

c. Several additional agencies have intimated that their services will be expanded and that their work in Germany will be continued beyond this year. The American Joint Distribution Committee has submitted proposals for expansion of its health and medical services, and other plans are being prepared by the agencies concerned for discussion with UNRRA.

## 3. Coordination of Agency Supply Program.

a. Progress has been made this month in the joint efforts of the Voluntary Agencies Division and Supply and Transport department to effect greater coordination and control of agency supply movements and allocations. The senior officers of a number of the agencies have reviewed their respective activities with Supply and Transport Department and have been fully instructed as to the procedures and information required of them.

b. This Headquarters has approved an agreement between the Polish Red Cross (London Committee) and the American Polish War Relief whereby the latter organization will take over and distribute the remaining supplies in the American Zone belonging to the London Committee. No final arrangement has yet been approved for the British Zone,



and arrangements for other societies to distribute former PRC supplies in that Zone, in the meantime, will be provisional only, for the month of July.

#### 4. Visitors.

a. Ever since the Headquarters for displaced persons operation moved into Germany, UNRRA and the military authorities have been besieged with requests for the entry of visitors into Germany on the justification of some voluntary organization's connection or interest in services to displaced persons. It has been necessary to make clear to all concerned that whereas UNRRA has neither the authority nor the desire to deny any person entry into Germany, UNRRA's position is that it cannot assume responsibility for the sponsorship or care of visitors, either from UNRRA accredited agencies or from other organizations, unless, the visitor's presence is required as a direct contribution to the UNRRA services for displaced persons in Germany. The limited physical facilities and staff of both UNRRA and its sponsored agencies frequently make necessary a hard choice between a vital and operationally feasible service, and a less vital one for which the same facilities and staff work would be required.

#### 5. Facilities for Voluntary Agencies.

a. The expansions in services and increases in personnel of voluntary agencies have made more acute the shortage of available supplies and equipment to meet their requirements. This is specially true in the matter of clothing and transport.

b. With the new currency control regulations about to be applied to all UNRRA personnel in Germany, the Voluntary Agency Division of CHQ and zones have represented the claims of the agencies for appropriate measures to be taken by UNRRA in consultation with CHQ and Zone Departments of Finance and Administration.

#### 6. Zone Reports on Voluntary Agencies.

A tabulation of voluntary agency personnel and reports from the three zones are shown at Attachment No. 18.



## VOLUNTARY AGENCY PERSONNEL WITH UNRRA

IN GERMANY AS AT 30 JUNE 1946.

AGENCY	C. H. Q.	BRITISH ZONE	U. S. ZONE	FRENCH ZONE	TOTAL
American Joint Distribution Committee	9	13	85	1	113
World Student Relief	2	-	-	-	2
Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad	2	76	10	2	90
Italian Red Cross	2	3	-	2	7
Polish Red Cross	15	32	57	51	155
Worlds YMCA/YWCA	11	31	27	49	118
British Red Cross Society & COBSRA	-	300	-	-	300
Don Suisse	-	1	9	-	10
Netherlands Red Cross	2	23	-	-	25
Refugee Relief Committee	2	11	9	-	22
Jewish Agency for Palestine	3	13	61	1	78
World ORT Union	2	3	8	-	13
American Polish War Relief	1	24	19	1	45
Friends Relief Service (British)	-	2	-	-	2
National Catholic Welfare Conference	1	1	28	-	30
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	-	1	28	-	29
U.S. Com. Care of European Children	-	-	7	-	7
French Red Cross	-	-	4	-	4
Vaad Hahatzala	1	-	1	-	2
International Red Cross	-	-	-	-	-
Belgian Red Cross	-	-	-	-	-
American Friends Service Committee	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Red Cross	-	-	-	-	-
	53	539	353	107	1,052



F. EMIGRATION AND INDIVIDUAL REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE.

Extensive responsibility devolved upon UNRRA welfare officers and Voluntary Agency personnel in facilitating emigration and individual repatriations. This included dissemination of information concerning actual repatriation and emigration prospects as well as dispelling rumors as to nonexistent programs. For complete discussion of the role played by UNRRA and Voluntary Agencies in these spheres, see PART II, Paragraphs E and F, of this report.



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PART VIII.

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A. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES.

1. Central Headquarters.

See Attachment No. 19 for new Central Headquarters Organization Chart.

2. British Zone.

British Zone Main HQ has now been established at Lemgo, with rear HQ at Spenge.

B. MAJOR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS.

French Zone.

Plans are now being made to reorganize the French Zone administration in order that it will correspond more nearly to that of the French military authorities. Control and administration down to team level will be centralized at Zone HQ: the division of the Zone into two Districts is no longer justified, since liaison with Military Government in the five provinces is ensured by Field Supervisors.

C. ADMINISTRATION.

1. The proposed Third Quarter Budget for DP Operations, Germany, was discussed in London during June. It showed a reduction of some 900 budget lines over the Second Quarter Budget provision. Also included were a monetary budget and vehicle establishment, which, together with the personnel budget, represented the first complete budget submission of DP Operations. The main change in the proposed personnel budget made by ERO was a further reduction to current strength as of 31st May, 1946.

2. An extensive study was made of the questions connected with the clothing allowance for personnel recruited on the continent, and a file on this subject, including CHQ's interpretation of the existing regulations, was forwarded to ERO for final decision.

D. FINANCE.

1. Discussions regard<sup>ing</sup> the introduction of sterling vouchers in the British Zone, and Currency Control records in the US Zone, have continued at CHQ during the month. After 1st August no purchases in excess of 50 marks may be made at Post Exchanges or Clothing Sales Stores in the US Zone without Currency Control Books. The old Currency Control Book became invalid on 20th June; UNRRA personnel have been granted the privilege of making purchases until the new books are issued up to, but not beyond, 1st August.

2. Conversations were held by CHQ on the subject of US Army charges to UNRRA. USFET has been requested to make arrangements for employees of the Internal Audit Staff, ERO, to examine outstanding charges. A comprehensive system for recording of current charges was also discussed.

3. Instructions were drafted at CHQ for the implementation of ERO's request for a general check of all accounts for expendable stores in Germany.



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TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 24/9/46 - 9:28 a.m.  
DISPATCHED: 24/9/46 - 10:12 a.m.

For Creagh.

Isaac Asofsky, Executive Director HIAS, wishes visit Germany connection HIAS project there. Could you advise reply via telex Sept. 26?

Drafted by:  
FBlack (Repst. Div.)  
24 September 1946

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# UNRRA DAILY PRESS CLIPPINGS USA

NEW YORK TIMES.

AUGUST 9, 1946.

LIQUIDATION TO OPEN OCT. 1

UNRRA Corrects View Wrongly  
Attributed to La Guardia

An Associated Press dispatch from Geneva yesterday erroneously quoted Fiorello H. La Guardia, Director General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, as recommending that UNRRA be liquidated about Oct. 1. The dispatch should have said that Mr. La Guardia recommended liquidation beginning about Oct. 1, but an error in transcription omitted the "beginning."

Maj. Gen. Lowell W. Rooks, Acting Director General of UNRRA in Mr. La Guardia's absence, issued in Washington today the following verbatim version of Mr. La Guardia's statement yesterday to the UNRRA council in Geneva:

"I recommend that say commencing Oct. 1 we should perhaps designate one individual as the liquidating officer with the powers a receiver of a court would have in closing an establishment or business."

"Its (UNRRA's) emergency task is over and we terminate on Dec. 31, 1946, all our activities in Europe and at the end of March, 1947, in China."

"The total program of UNRRA up to December, 1946, will be \$2,937,000,000. That is our total program and there is not any more. Therefore I want to say to all receiving countries that we will do our best to carry out and complete the program."

"The fact that we end on Dec. 31, 1946, does not mean that shipments not yet completed in the program will cease. We will end all our procurement, all our buying at the end of the year, but the shipments that are in the pipeline or not yet shipped will be delivered to each of the receiving countries. I want to make that clear. This program will be completed, and will run into deliveries in January, February and until each country will have received its entire program."

NEW YORK TIMES.

AUGUST 9, 1946.

## 7 LANDS BEG UNRRA TO GO ON AFTER 1946

Czechs, Austrians, Norwegians,  
Greeks, Poles, Yugoslavs and  
Chinese Unite in Plea

By GEORGE H. MORISON

By Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

GENEVA, Aug. 8.—Delegates from seven countries pleaded today for the continuation of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration aid for their devastated economies until the organization's responsibilities are taken over by other bodies at the sixth plenary council meeting here.

Representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Greece, Yugoslavia, China and Austria expressed gratitude for the magnificent service to save a despairing world that UNRRA already has rendered, when the Director General's report was discussed.

Then, however, they advanced weighty reasons why the termination of UNRRA on Dec. 31, 1946, before world recovery took effect would plunge war-tortured countries into misery even worse than in 1945 and 1946.

Vaclav Majer, Czechoslovakia's Supply Minister, recalling that Czechoslovakia was the first country occupied by the Germans and the last European country liberated, said he could not help expressing deep concern about the situation that would arise should UNRRA activities cease because, despite the prodigious efforts that Czechoslovakia had made, and despite the mobilization of all indigenous resources, the Czech import-export deficit balance in 1947 would be at least \$180,000,000.

Pole Surprised at Clayton

Hilary Minc of Poland said the report of the Director General and yesterday's statement by United States Assistant Secretary of State William Clayton, chief of the American delegation, had raised problems on the solution of which the fate of many European countries depended.

Poland's recovery, he said, now

reached 70 per cent of pre-war production but her machinery was worn out, industrial equipment was old and stocks and raw stuffs were exhausted.

Prof. Zenophon Zolotas of Greece—where starvation carried off more people than elsewhere in Europe—after expressing fervent thanks for UNRRA's magnificent help, stated solemnly that a sudden general stoppage of UNRRA's operations in countries struggling to recover threatened to frustrate all that UNRRA so far had done for their aid, so much so that there was a grave risk that the return of starvation and despair might result in a chronic incapacity to recover.

Dr. C. M. Li, speaking for China, said UNRRA's operations began only eight months ago and that inland relief could not start until April because the water level did not permit large-scale shipment of relief from seaports.

Vojislav Srventic of Yugoslavia produced a bewildering array of figures to prove the frightful devastation that Yugoslavia suffered and reminded the UNRRA Council that when Yugoslavia was invaded the Allies promised that the devastation would be made good.

He declared that war destruction totaled \$47,000,000,000, whereas the national income in the best pre-war years was under \$1,000,000,000.

Yugoslavia, he said, needed support for some time beyond that because her import-export deficit in 1947 will be at least \$300,000,000.

Carl Schuller of Austria, admitted as an observer, said that if Austria was left without UNRRA help after the year end she would be worse off than on April 1, 1946, when UNRRA first assumed responsibility.

Austria, he said, needed support after the end of 1946, otherwise she would remain a burden to Europe instead of becoming a partner.

NEW YORK TIMES,  
AUGUST 9, 1946.

## CABINET REJECTS WORLD FOOD PLAN

By JOHN H. CRIDER

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The proposals for a World Food Board, published yesterday by the Food and Agricultural Organization, already have been unanimously re-

jected by the Cabinet of President Truman. There is also reason to believe that the United Kingdom may support the United States' position at the international conference at Copenhagen on Sept. 2, which will consider the proposed board.

The plan for an international body to control prices of international food commodities by "buffer stock operations" is referred to by agricultural experts as "the Orr Plan" because Sir John Boyd Orr, Director General of FAO, is regarded as its principal author.

It also is described as an internationalization of the "ever-normal granary" plan instituted in the United States by Henry A. Wallace, as Secretary of Agriculture, in the 1930's.

Because of the alluring possibilities which the Orr plan would hold for countries whose economies depend on exports of agricultural commodities, and, as well, for those countries short on food which would benefit from the relief aspects of the plan, the United States is not expected to have an easy time sidetracking the Orr proposals. The possible help of Great Britain would not avert difficulty, it was said.

In any event, the plan is expected to provoke a fight which will be the highlight of the Copenhagen conference. It will gain in popularity in some quarters, it is felt, because some will be able to argue that the scheme provides a substitute, at least in part, for the expiring United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Norris E. Dodd, Under-Secretary of Agriculture, the United States delegate to the Copenhagen conference, has been instructed to propose that the conference name a committee to study and report back by Dec. 31 on an "alternative" plan to that of Sir John.

The Orr report proposes that the conference name a committee to report back by Dec. 31 on means to implement that specific plan.

Opposition to the plan for a World Food Board plan originated in the Inter-Agency Committee of the American Government which makes policy recommendations on international economic policies. The committee proposed that the American delegate be instructed to ask for appointment of a conference committee to report back on "alternative" plans, which meant it opposed the Orr proposals.



### Cabinet Reported in Unity

The Cabinet was reported to have accepted the committee's recommendations unanimously with the result that Mr. Dodd was so instructed.

When some surprise was expressed that Secretary Wallace joined in the Cabinet's action, or at least did not count himself against it, informed officials said that Mr. Wallace took his position of non-opposition to the Cabinet's stand after informing his colleagues that he felt something of this general nature would ultimately have to be adopted.

The ever-normal granary idea, following the story of Joseph in the Old Testament, provides for storing up supplies in time of excess production so that they may be used in time of shortages. One economic effect is supposed to be the support of prices.

Sir John, a British food authority, former representative of the Scottish Universities in Parliament, and author of the study called "Food, Health, and Income," has applied this general idea to the critical problem of food commodities in the world market.

Technically classed as part of a "buffer stock" operation, the proposed World Food Board would fix a minimum and maximum permissible price range for each of the controlled commodities, buying them when they fell below the minimum, and selling them when they rose above the maximum.

The Orr proposal is said to differ from the conventional "buffer stock" operation in that it adds an additional operation under which the board would dispose of "surplus agricultural products on special terms to countries where the need for them is most urgent." This is the relief aspect of the plan.

What most amazed American experts, it was stated, was the side-tracking in the plan of the financial issue. The plan would, on its face, involve very large expenditures making the proposed board, in view of some critics, the most potentially expensive of any international organization heretofore proposed.

There is a suspicion among some experts, of course, that the United States would be required to pay any such bill, or at least the greater part of it. William L. Clayton, Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, recently stated, apropos of UNRRA, that "the gravy train is going round for the last time."

Just as apprehensive as United States officials, but not in so good a position to stem the tide, are said to be officials of the World Bank, who read with some concern the following paragraph of the Orr report, which was about all it said on the subject of financial arrangements:

"The means whereby the credits are made available is a question for the consideration of financial experts, to whom this aspect of the policy must be referred. This would clearly be a matter suitable for the consideration of the International (World) Bank for Reconstruction and Development."

Officials of the world financial institution had never regarded their organization as intended to finance the dietary relief of un-

dernourished populations, officials said. Sir John, however, connected his plan with at least the official title of the world financial institution by saying in his report that "development can proceed rapidly only on a basis of improved education and health services." That was regarded as his interpretation of the word "development" in the "International Bank for Reconstruction and Development."

Probably as important a criticism of the plan from the United States viewpoint as the financial one is what is classed in official quarters as a direct conflict with the commodity proposals contained in the "charter" of trade principles promulgated by the State Department. These have been subscribed to "in principle" by the United Kingdom.

The basic idea of these commodity proposals, which will be moved for adoption at the World Trade Conference next summer, is to use international commodity controls only as interim devices until the causes of surpluses and maldistribution of food can be removed.

The British, major world purchasers of food commodities, are said to look askance at the idea of an international board controlling the prices of such a large part of their essential imports.

## NEW YORK TIMES, AUGUST 9, 1946. REFUGEE JEWS AID IN RUNNING CAMPS

### Special Committee Works With UNRRA in Providing Help for Stateless in Germany

By DANA ADAMS SCHMIDT

By Wireline to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

STUTTGART, Germany, Aug. 8

—When the United States troops swept into Germany last summer they threw open the gates of the concentration camps and told the inmates they were free.

The liberated Jews and others, as far as their strength permitted, rushed out into the countryside, helped themselves from German houses and farms and appropriated horses, cattle and automobiles. The tactical troops on the spot smiled and said: "You're certainly entitled to it."

The Jews among these displaced persons were convinced then that very soon they would be allowed to leave Germany for new homes overseas. But as the months passed the emigration did not materialize.

The former concentration camp inmates and foreign workers roaming the countryside became a nuisance to an army concerned with order. They were herded back into the camps. And there they are today, except for those who have been repatriated and a very small number who have been able to emigrate.

### Exodus of Poles Organized

Soon more Jews began to knock at the gates of the camps. They were Jews from Poland, who today comprise more than half the population of the Jewish camps.

Most, though not all, came and are still coming in organized groups by northern routes through Berlin and the British zone and by southern routes through Czechoslovakia and Austria. They believe that they will be better treated and opportunities for emigration will be better in the United States occupation zone than anywhere else.

Other groups are composed of children, most of whom have been gathered from Polish peasants who volunteered to take care of them during the days of the German executions. Often the peasants do not want to give up the children and have to be paid substantial sums.

The children arrive unannounced aboard trains or in trucks hired from Germans.

Obviously, in so far as the numerous Jewish organizations can manage it, this exodus is organized. To minimize their suffering the refugees must have help with money, food, lodging and transportation until they safely reach United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation camps.

Obviously, Palestinian Zionism exerts a powerful attraction. But the Jewish organizations did not originate the exodus. The impulse comes from persecution. If they had been welcome, most of them would have stayed in Poland.

### Jews Organize Relief

In Germany, too, they are organized. Every camp has its elected committee and chairman who helps the UNRRA in running the camps. If the UNRRA disappears they are willing to do the job pretty much alone.

From the beginning the biggest concentration of Jews was around Munich. In May of last year Lieut. Abraham Klausner, a 31-year-old rabbi of New Haven, Conn., called a meeting of the camps to find a few representative Jews with whom the Army could deal.

Out of this initiative was born the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the United States zone, which now unifies all the camp committees and works closely with a similar organization in the British zone.

Its president is Dr. Zalman Grinberg, a Swiss-trained X-ray specialist from Lithuania who barely escaped execution by the Germans in the closing days of the war. He has been to the United States and is now in Palestine.

The Lithuanian Jews, incidentally, provide the greatest part of the Jewish leadership because the German extermination program, which was always directed first at "intellectuals," apparently was less thorough in Lithuania than in Poland.

The United States Army has worked with but has never officially recognized the committee, although apart from the UNRRA and the Army it is the biggest organization dealing with displaced persons in Germany.

### Own Agencies Are Established

It was allowed, however, to set up headquarters in the Deutsches

Museum and later in a villa. Many Jews who still travel endlessly in search of families began writing names on the walls of the long museum corridors in the hope that such procedure might lead to a family reunion. The committee promptly began to gather the names and has since published 100,000.

It has organized an unofficial postoffice to help the Jews make contact with relatives abroad and has published a newspaper, which is still not officially authorized. A historical commission began compiling the record of ghetto struggles and partisans. The rabbinical department registered marriages and obtained kosher food.

The committee also obtained

books for those whose schooling had been delayed for six years, organized athletic competitions, helped found eighty sports clubs and promoted the retraining of adults who hope to become artisans, mechanics and farmers in Palestine.

It set up a supply department for transients and refugees and established several rest homes and hospitals.

Now that the Jews in Germany are being treated as a separate nationality and group apart from other displaced persons, the Jewish leaders feel that the time has come for the United States Army to recognize the committee officially. It is at work on a constitution, making it representative of the Jews in the zone and responsible for relief activities in camps. This, it hopes, will be satisfactory to the Army.

WASHINGTON POST  
Friday, August 9, 1946

## Merry-Go-Round —By Drew Pearson LaGuardia Accused

IT ISN'T being advertised but Lieut. Gen. Sir John Harding, commander of Allied forces in Venezia Giulia, has sent a hot cable to the White House and the British Foreign Office against dynamic former Mayor LaGuardia of New York, accusing the fiery Fiorello of snooping in Trieste. General Harding demanded that the White House and the British crack down on LaGuardia and prevent him from slandering the American and British troops in Trieste. In fact, General Harding even threatened his resignation unless he got full support. As a result the British, which have some jurisdiction over LaGuardia because UNRRA is international, sent New York's former Mayor an appeal to pipe down.

Apparently it did no good, however. It was after receiving the London appeal that Fiorello boasted that 25 good New York cops could clean up the thieving in Trieste. LaGuardia previously had demanded that the Anglo-American troops in Trieste prevent the wholesale disappearance of UNRRA supplies.



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*270.25 - Germany*  
*99 Jewish Refugees*  
*Vol agencies*

NUMBER: 1010  
FROM: Paris  
DATED: 23/7/46  
RECEIVED: 23/7/46 - 11:11 a.m.

Please repeat following to Rabbi Kotler Bunim Vaad Mahatzala  
43 West 93, New York City "Taking care Kleins lists. Working  
here prepare immigration and refuge for Rabbis students and  
others. French Government very cooperative, work impeded only  
by your office instructing UNRRA London to have me sent immed-  
iately Germany, where as educational director cannot do anything  
before settling Yeshivos. France insuring supply of educators  
and instructors. Polish problem will also be neglected. Imm-  
igration covers only part of Germany problem; our work needed to  
strengthen morale and religion especially thousands Olim. Nec-  
essary you inform UNRRA London nature my assignment requires  
broadening my status to General Director European Theater.  
Unless status changed immediately resigning signed Wassermann."

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13072 - Germany

## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 9380  
FROM: London  
DATED: 1/8/46  
RECEIVED: 2/8/46 - 6:49 a.m.

Attention Henninger

Following received from Arolsen "confirming our conversation reur 1930 it is suggested that Agudath Israel Youth Organisation offer its proposed services to DP ZUPNORAMME through VAAD HAHATZALA already working under agreement with UNRRA Germany. Common interest of these organisations in programme based on Jewish Orthodox Faith suggests more effective operation together, especially since proposals of each are similar".

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TO:

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17/4/46 - 12:35 p.m.

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Reur 4502.

As H.I.A.S. proposal September o.k.'d by President's War Relief Control Board and Military Germany and present proposal identical no need additional clearance this end. Forwarding copy letter air-mail.

Drafted by:  
Mblack (Welfare)  
16 April 1946

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

7130.2

NUMBER: 6068  
FROM: London  
DATED: 17/5/46  
RECEIVED: 17/5/46 - 6:00 a.m.

Attention Henninger.

Reference telex conversation.

1. Admin. Order No. 27 your comments passed Arolsen. Spoke Bradford UNRRA personnel not interviewing for affidavits but giving certain miscellaneous help. Bradford will investigate further and I will confirm later.
2. Re your 5487 call forward all these personnel subject to plans which have to be agreed by zones. Have had previous experience of Levine and Wasserman. Delay due to placing personalities and clearing them in zones.
3. Rabbi Silver; explained position Arolsen. Can you clarify? Desires visit Germany morale purposes. What does this mean?
4. Germany agree in principle accept visitors for genuine fund raising activities. Would Silver come under this category?
5. Proposed visit by Agudas Israel not regarded favourable by U.S. zone. You will appreciate so much depends under present conditions on personality of visitor. Will explain fully on telex Monday.
6. Arolsen informed re Dr. Colton.
7. Stephen Klein cabled me re Vaad personnel. Can you explain situation tactfully?

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

NUMBER: 6958  
FROM: London  
DATED: 5/6/46  
RECEIVED: 5/6/46 - 7:30 a.m.  
7/6/46 - CORRECTED COPY. Please substitute for copy previously distributed as an Outgoing Cable.

Attention Henninger

Reur 7506

World Jewish Congress Cultural Delegation called forward by UNRRA Germany about middle April for limited tour month to six weeks only which terminated end May, arrangement limited to American zone UNRRA Zone Headquarters could not arrange extension of tour for visit to Austria or British zone or weeks leave to Bavarian mountains as requested by group. Understand Gertrude Richman Director Relief Services American Zone now at home in Cincinnati. Suggest you ask her for further information.

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NUMBER: 6958  
FROM: London  
DATED: 5/6/46  
RECEIVED: 5/6/46 - 7:30 a.m.

Attention Henninger

Reur 7506

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Agency Val*  
*Levin*  
*Agency*

NUMBER: 6791  
FROM: London  
DATED: 31/5/46  
RECEIVED: 31/5/46 - 1:45 p.m.

Attention Henninger: Re our telex.

1. Vaad: principle we are working on is that selection for personnel for work in Germany is made by UNRRA HQ. Germany in consultation with Vaad representative in the field I.E. Wogelanter. Slection made in the light of the work to be done.

2. Wogelanter now enroute from Paris to Arolsen wishes Schechter sent forward and understand is calling forward three additional personnel from Paris. Have asked Arolsen clarify position re Rosenberg.

3. Your query whether Arolsen prepared back turn downs with facts in case of pressure: their reply will be as indicated  
1.

4. Strunsky and Forsyth called forward 30th May.

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

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Jewish Vol  
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NUMBER: 236  
FROM: Arolsen to Bremen  
REPEATED: Washington  
DATED: 16/5/46  
RECEIVED: 21/5/46 - 11:25 a.m.  
VIA WAR DEPARTMENT

Subject is supplies for Committee for overseas relief.

1. Washington has requested and this Hq. agrees that you assist on shipping relief supplies for above organization

2. These supplies as follows:

A. Clothing and medical supplies for Jewish communities, Bremen and Frankfurt ex SS Sea Nymph.

B. Food for Jewish community Bremen ex SS Louisa M. Alcott.

C. Food, flour and soap for Jewish community Oranien Burger Strasse 28 Berlin and Dr. Phillip Auerbach Koenigs Allee 27 Dusseldorf ex SS American Banker.

3. This instruction to assist this particular organization is not to be taken as precedent that voluntary agencies not affiliated to UNRRA are in future to be similarly assisted. Refer all such cases to this Headquarters as hitherto.

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Henry  
Laurin Vol  
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NUMBER: 237  
FROM: Arolsen  
DATED: 16/5/46  
RECEIVED: 21/5/46 - 11:24 a.m.

Rear 248.

Subject Supplies Committee of Overseas Relief. Onshipment  
these supplies arranged as you request.

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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

*Henry  
Jewish  
Agency*

NUMBER: 279  
TO: Arolsen  
REPEATED: London 6647  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 18/5/46 - 2:21 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 20/5/46 - 5:50 p.m.

Contribution Number 946 covering a shipment of used clothing and shoes, 9,250 gross pounds, for distribution to D.P.'s at Landsberg, Bavaria, by the Committee for Overseas Relief - World Jewish Congress, loaded on SS Sea Nymph, which cleared New York 29 March.

It is the desire this Volagency that details concerning date received in Landsberg, and information that the supplies have been distributed, together with pertinent facts you see fit to submit be sent to this Headquarters soonest.

Volagency expects this information will stimulate further contributions, therefore please rush reply.

Drafted by:  
JBParkhill (Voluntary & International Agency Liaison)  
17 May 1946

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*130.2 - Germany (Vol Agency) 1946*

NUMBER: 3790  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 8/4/46 - 11:27 a.m.  
DISPATCHED: 8/4/46 - 12:00 p.m.

*Contributed Supplies  
Vol agencies -*

1. American Junior Red Cross donating to UNRRA 5000 each Germany and Austria gift boxes for DP children. Boxes contain personal, educational, and recreational items.
2. Supplies be shipped soon by ARC via William Gibling ARC Paris to UNRRA HQ Vienna and Arolsen.
3. Distribution to DP children to be by and at discretion UNRRA but ARC requests participation if ARC personnel available in area.
4. Cable report receipt supplies Vienna and Arolsen. Send later report on distribution.
5. Please repeat Vienna and Arolsen.

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Drafted by:  
CMBishop (CSD)  
5 April 1946

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NUMBER: 5191  
FROM: London  
DATED: 30/4/46  
RECEIVED: 30/4/46 - 11:21 a.m.

Following for Henninger.

1. Vaad agreement signed will send you summary when received.
2. Paderewski Mobile hospital shipped to Poland on 8th or 15th May.

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SAVINGRAM NO. A-21  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 19/4/46 - 4:19 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 19/4/46 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Thanks your A-312.
2. Important all proposed action with Vaad Hahatzala be cleared first with headquarters since it appears Vaad is taking up same problem both in London and Washington simultaneously.

Drafted by:  
RJYoudin (W)  
18 April 1946

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Cohen  
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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

1302 - Germany  
Agency  
- Jewish

NUMBER: 3748  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 6/4/46 - 12:18 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 8/4/46 - 7:05 a.m.

Attention Creagh.

Reur 3817 and 4035.

1. 3817 referred Vaad.
2. 4035, para. 2 and 3 noted.
3. Re para. 4. President's War Relief Control Board ruled that: "As long as Vaad confined its activities to those intended primarily to serve a religious purpose, the organization will be considered exempt from the requirement for registration under the terms of Executive Order 9205." As provisions of proposal stated your cable appear to be in area as limited above do not believe additional certification necessary.
4. Photostat of above cited letter from PWRCB forwarded Wohlgelernter by VAAD.
5. Advise soonest final O.K. and decision regarding personnel.

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Drafted by:  
FBlack (Welfare)  
4 April 1946

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Henry -  
Jewish Vol Agencies in*

NUMBER: 4035  
FROM: London  
DATED: 1/4/46  
RECEIVED: 1/4/46 - 3:42 p.m.

Attention Henninger.

Subject Vaad Hahatzala.

Please get in touch with Dr. Isaac Levine, 132 Nassau Street, New York City and supply him with copy of our cable No. 3817. Levine on telephone anxious to conclude his society's agreement with UNRRA.

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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

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*Jewish Vol r r*  
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*Triang*  
*Requested by*  
*310*

NUMBER:

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TO:

Arolson (For Gen. Frederick E. Morgan)

RECEIVED CABLE SECTION:

30/3/46 - 1:13 p.m.

DISPATCHED:

30/3/46 - 1:30 p.m.

Arugat Habozem has contributed through Vaatd Hatzala 10,000 pounds used clothing, 8,000 pounds canned dry food, and 200,000 cigarettes for UNRRA Team 106 APO 403. Contribution ear marked for Displaced Persons that UNRRA Team handles. Shipment loaded on Sea Nymph CG-76. Expects to clear these waters within next few days.

Drafted by:  
JBParkhill (Supply)  
29 March 1946

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Germany -  
Jewish Vol  
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NUMBER: 3817  
FROM: London  
DATED: 27/3/46  
RECEIVED: 27/3/46 - 2:51 p.m.

Attention Henninger.

1. Subject is Vaad Hahatzala.
2. Agreement not yet concluded but revised proposals now in as follows.

(A) Educational higher academies of learning for Orthodox Jews including former Rabbinical students training seminaries for teachers and group leaders elementary education for children. Study groups and special courses included Kosher Cooking Schools, books and materials for these projects.

(B) Relief Kosher supplies and clothing for Orthodox and others assistance to communities in establishing institutions necessary to traditional Jewish family life.

(C) Rehabilitation information on professional opportunities and conditions important to Orthodox Jews in other countries. Investigation of special opportunities for resettlement of specially qualified persons.

3. UNRRA acceptance these proposals will not (repeat not) provide clearance for any individuals to proceed Germany.



Authorized agency representative here will work out details and select staff in consultation with UNRRA.

4. UNRRA Germany does not approve any national agency proposals without clear statement from agency's appropriate government authority indicating approval of agency intended service with UNRRA Germany. Nature of proposed service must also come within scope of UNRRA Germany. This agency has not been supplied with statement of government consent for submission to this headquarters. Representative attempted to obtain it through US authorities Germany but they advised action must be initiated Washington. Therefore request UNRRA Washington obtain necessary official statement for our official record and notify terms of statement of this headquarters by cable.

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Germany -  
Jewish Vol  
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NUMBER: 3242  
FROM: London to UEFET Arolsen 920  
REPEATED: Washington  
DATED: 15/3/46  
RECEIVED: 15/3/46 - 5:29 a.m.

Following for Bradford:

Following received from Washington. "Reour 1474. Vaad Mahatzala pressing for answer on status agreement negotiations in Germany. If possible with representatives arrive for Passover. Office Joint Chiefs of Staff suggest time can be saved if when agreement reached appropriate official theater command be advised so clearance can be given those whose entrance permits denied pending agreement. Lewis and Wasserman denied permits. Clearance not requested for Rosenberg in view above action."

Please inform me when any agreement reached.

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OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

*Agency  
Vol Agency  
personnel  
(Jewish)*

NUMBER: 2364  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 13/3/46 - 4:19 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 13/3/46 - 6:00 p.m.

Attention Sir Michael Creagh.

Reour 1474. Vaad Hatzala pressing for answer on status agree-  
ment negotiations in Germany. If possible wish representatives  
arrive for Passover. Office Joint Chiefs of Staff suggest time  
can be saved if when agreement reached appropriate official  
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above action.

Drafted by:  
LHenninger (Welfare)  
12 March 1946

Cleared by:  
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# UNRRA INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

DATE

FROM:

Germany Jewish  
Vol Agency in

SUBJECT:

Tools for DP's acquiring new skills... under the UNRRA employment program are being rushed to UNRRA's training schools in Germany through the efforts of OPT.

SOURCE: UNRRA Weekly Bulletin #81  
dated 2 March '46



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# INCOMING TELEGRAM

*Agency - Vol Agencies  
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FROM:

Paris (Abraham Alperine, Paris; Alexander Halpern, London; David Lvovitch, New York; Leon Meiss, Paris; Aron Syngalowski, Geneva)

DATED:

13/2/46

RECEIVED:

14/2/46 - 7:00 a.m.

Honorable Herbert Lehman, Director General.

First postwar executive meeting gratitude for your constant interest and encouragement in ORT aims and work. Very happy to inform you that ORT resumed work throughout Europe for rehabilitating Jewish masses. We pay particular attention to training program displaced persons Germany and according report our representative in Germany ORT work under agreement with UNRRA made considerable progress. We imported tools, machines into American, British, French zones from USA, Canada, England, Switzerland. Among the precision instruments are welding, watchmaking, radio apparatus. Besides 200 instructors for 96 planned DP workshops, we engaged many highly qualified technicians from America, Switzerland, France. We are working American zone in cooperation with AJDC and British zone with Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad. Happy to inform you that we have full cooperation from UNRRA for our very difficult but important job. We are also in constant consultations with Judge Rifkind Adviser to Theater Commander of Jewish Affairs. We thank you again and wish you complete success in your most valuable work in relief and rehabilitation of European people.

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# INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Johnny -  
Vol Agency in  
(Swiss)*

NUMBER: 2440  
FROM: London  
DATED: 26/2/46  
RECEIVED: 26/2/46 - 3:07 p.m.

Attention Henninger.

Your 1256.

Rabbi Kotler Vaad Mahatzkela already taken care of.

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## OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

*Young -  
Lewish Val  
Agencies.*

NUMBER 7572  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 4/6/46 - 6:16 a.m.  
DISPATCHED: 4/6/46 - 8:30 a.m.

Attention Creagh.

Agudath Israel Youth Organization proposes following supplementary project for Germany D.P. Camps:

1. To formulate and organize religious educational classes amongst the Jewish youth, for the purpose of the teaching and practice of the Jewish religion.
2. To organize a cultural program of lectures, discussion and study groups.
3. To plan a recreational program of games, sports and all forms of outdoor and indoor activities.

Propose six representatives to carry out program, four young men and two young women, all American citizens. Will send 20 to 25 thousand pounds relief supplies weekly and in addition such religious supplies, recreational material and clothing as is necessary.

Please advise.

Drafted by:  
Florence Black (O.V.I.A.L.)  
3 June 1946

Cleared by:  
Alapach

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# INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Agency -  
Val Agency  
(Jewish)*

NUMBER: 2408  
FROM: London  
DATED: 26/2/46  
RECEIVED: 26/2/46 - 8:57 a.m.

Following for Henninger:

Following received from Arolsen.

"World Jewish Congress Group. Cable from Agwar to USFET referring this group for clearance Germany was communicated to this headquarters for comments and our concurrence given in accordance with your request. We are now advised by USFET visitors bureau that complete clearance for visit of this group at this time has not been given letter follows."

This for your information letter not yet received.

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Agency -  
Vol Agency  
(Jewish)*

NUMBER: 2407  
FROM: London  
DATED: 26/2/46  
RECEIVED: 26/2/46 - 8:57 a.m.

1. Rabbi Wohlgeleerter attached Arolsen for temporary duty consultation and negotiation of possible agreement in terms that come within the scope of UNRRA. Proposals submitted by former representatives of this agency in Germany will require modification. Wohlgeleerter has been officially named by Rabbi Kalmonovitz as authorized representative for negotiations. This Headquarters has also requested Wohlgeleerter produce official statement of approval of US Government Authorities for agency's proposed offer of services. Pending an actual agreement and evidence of Government sponsorship required for all agency agreements this Headquarters does not contemplate calling forward and additional personnel of this agency.

2. Hias representatives in Germany are presently working with Intergovernmental Committee for refugees not attached to UNRRA and no agreement with UNRRA at present. Requests for call forward should be referred by society direct to Dijour C/P/DP Division OMG USFET.

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Germany  
Vol. Agency  
Jewish*

NUMBER: 46  
FROM: Arolsen (Neulanderj)  
DATED: 25/2/46  
RECEIVED: 25/2/46 - 4:19 p.m.

Please transmit following to World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway, New York, "Grossman Belsen" shipment located, make future shipments via UNRRA New York. Cable me shipping data, address shipments Neulander UNRRA Germany U.S. zone care UNRRA Bremen base supply depot.

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# INCOMING TELEGRAM

*Germany  
Vol Agencies  
(Sovish)*

NUMBER: 1954  
FROM: London  
DATED: 15/2/46  
RECEIVED: 15/2/46 - 4:08 p.m.

Attention Henninger.

Your 720 paragraph 1. Have not yet been informed by Germany that Vaad Hahatzala programme has been agreed. Am cabling Germany to ask for clarification.

Your 2. Dijour must arrange military call forward for Murray Levine when he has reached London. IGC could then send him forward.

Your 3 and 4 passed to appropriate Missions.

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# OUTGOING TELEGRAM

*Jersey -  
Val Agencies in  
(Jewish)*

NUMBER: 1474  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 26/2/46 - 4:04 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 26/2/46 - 6:15 p.m.

For Sir Michael Creagh

1. Following cable received from Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, Vaad Nahatzla: "Agreed with Miss Bradford for admission of Vaad Nahatzla at HQ Arolen as independent relief on religious basis amongst DP. Rabbi Wohlgelechner already established offices there consent of War or State Department Washington required. Please arrange this should be given immediately and cable Arolen."
2. Reur 1954. We had supported entry Lewin, Wasserman and Rosenberg on basis authorization for 2 or 3 persons, your cable 4896. State Department advises military permit Wasserman denied.
3. No further action contemplated here pending advice of nature of agreements reached with Bradford. Morris familiar with details this end.

Drafted by:  
Lilienranger (Welfare)  
25 February 1946

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## INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Henry - Val Agency  
Jewish*

NUMBER: 1529  
FROM: London  
DATED: 6/2/46  
RECEIVED: 6/2/46 - 1:13 p.m.

Following for Henninger.

Reference your 120 London repeated Frankfurt 106 have instructed Frankfurt to call forward World Jewish Congress entertainment group. Please cable urgently names of personnel so that call forward orders can be arranged.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

*Jimmy Val Agency  
Jewish*

NUMBER: 4  
FROM: Arolsen  
DATED: 8/2/46  
RECEIVED: 9/2/46 - 11:14 a.m.

Please transmit following to World Jewish Congress 1834 Broadway New York.

"Grossman Belsen shipment located, make future shipments via UNRRA New York. Cable no shipping data. Address shipments Neulander UNRRA, Germany, US zone, care UNRRA Bremen, Base Supply Depot. Signed. Neulander."

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*Germany*  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

*Relations with  
Jewish Agencies*

NUMBER: 7985  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 7/12/45 - 3:30 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 7/12/45 - 5:15 p.m.

1. Supplementing programs and representatives Jewish organizations listed our 2866, 4713 and 5866:

(a) Agudath Israel (non-member American Jewish Conference) organization representing lay orthodox Jews United States requests representation U.S. Zone Germany, proposes following program: Advance welfare morale, strengthen religious spirit DPs Jewish faith. Coordinate work Agudath Israel U.S. with branches now established eight DP camps. Determine how religious Jews U.S. can best be of help to DPs. Present to UNRRA pertinent facts developed during work with DPs.

(b) Agudath Israel designates as representative Michael G. Tress, Executive Chairman, lay religious leader.

2. Believe this will be last organization to request representation under War Department UNRRA arrangement.

3. War Department suggests clearance with military authorities.

Drafted by:  
Leonard L. Henninger (Welfare)  
1 December 1945

Cleared By:  
Mr. Alspach  
Mr. Hoehler  
General Counsel

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NUMBER: 4717  
TO: London  
RECEIVED: 19 September 1945 - 4:20 p.m.  
DISPATCHES: 20 September 1945 - 5:30 a.m.

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Recur 4713

Repeated your information substance of programs American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Conference and Jewish Labor Committee to be operative in U.S. Control zone Germany among Jewish DP's.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE: (1) To assist UNRRA in developing procedures for legal aspects of identification. (2) To determine the facts relative to conditions under which repatriation and resettlement would take place in various countries and to disseminate and make available such information in usable form to UNRRA and agents of UNRRA working with DP's. (3) To make information available to UNRRA and its agents relative to legal aspects of claims for restitution of confiscated property of DP's.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE: (1) To aid every way possible the restoration moral of Jewish DP's; establish contact with them so that they may understand their brethren in U.S. and other free countries are deeply concerned their welfare and future; render counsel and advice regarding problems of resettlement and assist Jewish DP's in recovery self-respect through establishment self-governing community organization in camps and centers, and encourage undertaking useful activities and in making personal decisions. (2) Study and report actual conditions obtaining among Jewish DP's, their location and number, age distribution, physical condition and psychological attitudes, their plans and desires for future, and make regular reports these subjects to conference so as to formulate and project concrete proposals for their rehabilitation. (3) Make representations to competent authorities on all matters affecting welfare Jewish DP's; protect rights and promote so far as possible expansion these rights; interpret to Jewish DP's purposes and functions of UNRRA; interpret to UNRRA and other authorities special Jewish needs and problems and to secure their recognition. (4) Furnish spiritual, cultural



and vocational guidance and inspiration.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE: (1) Contact labor elements among Jewish DP's, recognizing that problem their resettlement and repatriation even more complicated than that of average DP because of former labor activities; build and maintain morale among DP's and mobilize practical aid of Jewish labor movement U.S. for benefit of labor element among DP's; (2) Assist DP's acquire occupation during waiting period before final repatriation and resettlement; explore possibilities of productivizing as many Jewish DP's as possible during transition period by making available for this purpose funds, tools, and other implements.

Drafted by:  
McCormack/Henninger  
15 September 1945

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## INCOMING TELEGRAM

*P-335*

NUMBER: 1928  
FROM: London  
DATED: 6 July 1945  
RECEIVED: 7 July 1945 - 8:45 a.m.  
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Reference paragraph 10 Welfare Division current activities summary for May. We in touch here various Jewish Agencies including World Jewish Congress and Aguda Israel regarding participation DP operation Germany. Suggest **desirable** avoid duplication or overlapping arrangements.

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*P335*  
*Per-Jewish agency*  
**INCOMING TELEGRAM**

NUMBER: 2750  
FROM: London  
DATED: 9 August 1945  
RECEIVED: 9 August 1945 - 11:30 a.m.  
Clear

Your 2866 refers.

Paragraph 1 noted.

Paragraph 2 - will await your specific proposals.

Reference paragraph 3 - system here is that majority Jewish agencies in Britian have agreed to co-ordination by Jewish Committee for relief abroad under overall sponsorship of Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad. JCRA now working on an overall plan which combines the efforts of all Jewish societies who wish to work in displaced persons operations in Germany. Scheme aims to provide welfare moral services. We shall then submit to UNRRA Germany for final approval possibly sending JCRA representative there to explain and complete agreement. Would you consider similar procedure and set-up for Jewish voluntary societies in America? We consider co-ordinated effort preferable to individual proposals, both quicker and easier to fit in to ultimate UNRRA plan.

Your 2949 covered by comments above. Vaad Hahatzala program will then be included in such overall plan. In meantime am requesting UNRRA Germany to agree Vaad outline program. Item 3 may not be welcome to tracing authorities who should be able to provide such information from their own sources.

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We are informed that representatives of any agency in a role of observation would not be welcome to the military authorities who are only prepared to accept representatives who will undertake work in the field.

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DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

## INCOMING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: Unnumbered  
FROM: London to UNRRA New York (Misc 159)  
REPEATED: Washington by New York  
DATED: 28 August 1945  
RECEIVED: 28 August 1945 - 4:25 p.m.  
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Nochler statement refers to 3 organisations which recently requested U.S. War Dept. to permit representation in American Zone JDC not in this group. JDC has been approved and now has 41 staff members in Germany.

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NUMBER: 438 **OUTGOING TELEGRAM**  
TO: London  
DATED: 13 September 1945  
DISPATCHED: 13 September 1945 - 6:00 p.m.  
Clear

Personal Presiding from Hendrickson.

1. JDC, as you know, is engaged in extensive DP activities in Germany. In this connection it is furnishing amenity and other supplies in certain DP camps and is in urgent need of trucks to transport supplies and personnel. It has discussed problem with army which had indicated its willingness to furnish JDC with petrol, oil, etc., but unable at this time to furnish trucks to private agencies.
2. JDC has discussed matter with Washington and we look with favor on arrangement whereby UNRRA would make available to JDC from available UNRRA supply on Continent twenty  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ton trucks.
3. We recommend that ERO through its machinery and its offices on the Continent do all possible to expedite matter and issue the requisite instructions, etc., copies to us.
4. Financial arrangements with JDC in connection with the transaction would be handled at Headquarters Washington. When we are notified of deliveries made with receipts we will obtain reimbursement here.
5. Please answer soonest and inform us whom JDC's European representative should contact regarding transaction.

Drafted by:  
GKantaky (OCMA)  
13 September 1945

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

# OUTGOING TELEGRAM

*Relations with  
Other agencies*

NUMBER: 6527  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 2/11/45 - 1:10 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 2/11/45 - 2:00 p.m.

UNRRA here has urgent appeal for specific representation of world Jewish Congress to work with Jews in Germany. Advise them to make application to you through their London Office. If you determine their case merits additional representation we have no objection.

Drafted by:  
Hoehler, (D.P.)  
Feller (G.C.)  
2 November 1945

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*Germany*  
INCOMING TELEGRAM

*Vol Agencies - wk  
with DP.*

NUMBER: 5846  
FROM: London  
DATED: 7/11/45  
RECEIVED: 7/11/45 - 5:00 a.m.

Your 6527 noted.

Am in touch with the British Branch of World Jewish Congress and will be glad to accept through them any proposals for work in Germany.

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## OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 5866  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 18/10/45 - 1:30 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 18/10/45 - 4:00 p.m.

1. Supplementing names representatives Jewish organizations listed our 4713:

a. Jewish Labor Committee substitution William Wolpert, Executive Secretary United Hebrew Trades of America, Executive Board member Central Trades and Labor Council NYC, member National Executive Committee of Jewish Labor Committee, for Isaish M. Minkoff.

b. American Jewish Conference has designated following individuals to complete their representation U.S. Control Zone, Germany:

- (1) Hershel Schacter, Ordained Rabbi, Chaplain U.S. Army, handled displaced Jews Germany April July 1945 working with UNRRA G-5 on repatriation, distribution food cloghi g.
- (2) Horace Maraton, experience in education, public relations, consultant U.S. Office of Strategic Services, employed U.S. Office of War Information.

- (3) Sylvia Neulander, trained in sociology psychology, work with children; social work experience; employed by American Red Cross, assigned Civilian War Relief Dept. and attached to G-5 Section 9th and 3rd Armies.

c. War Department notifying military authorities.

Drafted by:  
Leonard L. Henninger (Services)  
17 October 1945

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*Germany*  
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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## OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 5964  
TO: London  
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 20/10/45 - 10:40 a.m.  
DESPATCHED: 20/10/45 - 12:10 p.m.

1. Reur 4896 Vaad Hahatzala headquarters New York designates Dr. Isaac Lewin, Rabbi Solomon P. Wahlgelernter, Dr. Zorach Warhaftig for work in Germany. Understand Lewin and Warhaftig now in Germany.
2. Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, head Vaad Hahatzala, and his assistant Rabbi Zevi Tabory, visiting western European countries enroute Palestine. Vaad requests authorization these men visit Germany briefly connection with beginning work there.
3. If permission cannot be granted brief visit Kalmanowitz and Tabory in addition to three named paragraph one, they desire serve as alternates for two of them for period of visit. If this necessary Vaad headquarters will designate individuals to be replaced by Kalmanowitz and Tabory.
4. We supporting passports here assumption one or other above arrangements acceptable.

Drafted by:  
Leonard L. Henninger (Services)  
19 October 1945

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## OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 4973  
TO: London  
RECEIVED: 26 September 1945- 3:15 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 26 September 1945 - 4:00 p.m.  
Clear

For Sir Michael Creagh.

Reour 4663 and letter 19 September concerning program to be undertaken by IHIAS among displaced persons Germany. Ilja Dijour, IHIAS representative, leaves here one October for France, and subsequent to fifteen October will be contacting you in London. Can be reached interim care HICEM, 29 Rue de la Bienfaisance, Paris G.

Drafted by:  
PJMcCormack (Welfare)  
24 September 1945

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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## OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 4333  
TO: London  
RECEIVED: 22 September 1945 - 12:30 p.m.  
DISPATCHED: 23 September 1945 - 7:00 p.m.

Clear

For Sir Michael Greagh.

Central Board World ORT Union, submits for your approval and clearance with military under terms UNRRA-SHAEF agreement proposal to establish and maintain in Germany for benefit of Jewish and other DP Germany work shops while DP are awaiting repatriation or immigration to other countries. Recognizing that repatriation or resettlement may take many months ORT proposes to use this waiting period to train DP in some skill to maintain morale at the same time to render them self-supporting for future in such camps as Fuldafing, and Landsberg am Lech in upper Bavaria as well as other camps who have promising candidates, thereby assisting them rebuild their lives upon repatriation or resettlement. ORT has done similar work in concentration camps France and internment camps Switzerland and Canada, as well as providing training refugees camp Fort Ontario New York where classes were given in five various skills. Several refugees at Fort Ontario recently repatriated Yugoslavia were equipped by ORT with machines to establish shoe and tailoring work shops their homelands.

ORT proposes open work shops in camps Germany for mechanics, radio technicians, joiners and women's dressmakers. With regard to instructors, propose send Germany small staff supervisors from United Nations countries and utilize skilled DP as foremen and assistants. They ask that Mr. David Lvovitch, Vice President World ORT Union, who leaves New York 23 September Queen Elizabeth be given authorization enter Germany to size up situation and find suitable location for work shop. Lvovitch has had many years experience organizing schools and work shops and was instrumental in establishing similar work shops described above. Upon his arrival London he will be in position to supply you



greater details if necessary. As supervisor, they propose to appoint J. Rosen, engineer, American born, graduate New York University 1933, who from 1940 to 1943 was chief reconstruction at Jewish settlement colony Santo Domingo. Has intimate knowledge entire refugee situation. If their proposal to set up workshops in assembly centers is practical, would consider it a helpful development.

Appreciate your expediting clearance this proposal ERO and clearance military authorities.

Drafted by:  
P. McCormack (Welfare)  
20 September 1945

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 1900  
FROM: London  
DATED: 5 July 1945  
RECEIVED: 5 July 1945 - 9:00 a.m.  
Clear

Your 2078.

Since military handles at present all transport and distribution and no facilities whatever yet exist communications to or from individuals in camps in Germany ERO, unable to channel parcels World Jewish Congress.

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

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NUMBER: 2210  
TO: London  
DATED: 3 July 1945  
DISPATCHED: 4 July 1945 - 3:00 p.m.  
Clear

Please reply our cable 1809 regarding World Jewish Congress firm offer contribution twenty thousand pounds contributed clothing for former inmates of Bergen Belsen. Clothing ready for shipment. Constant shifting of displaced persons requires immediate action on our part this offer.

Drafted by:  
ENCarr (Supply)  
29 June 1945

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 2078  
TO: London  
DATED: 27 June 1945  
DISPATCHED: 27 June 1945 - 2:30 p.m.  
Clear

Request from World Jewish Congress for mailing parcels to be distributed to persons known to be in camps in Germany referred to this office by War Department. Could ERO arrange procedure in assembly centers for receiving and distributing these parcels provided those addressed to persons who have moved or whose whereabouts unknown be used for distribution greatest need your discretion?

Drafted by  
Hoehler (DP)  
20 June 1945

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## OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 1809  
TO: London  
DATED: 14 June 1945  
DISPATCHED: 14 June 1945 - 7:16 p.m.  
Clear

World Jewish Congress firm offer contribution twenty thousand pounds contributed clothing for former inmates Bergen Belsen camp. If inmates scattered, Congress agrees distribution according to need, without discrimination and free. Clothes packed for export in ten days. Congress latest information twenty four hundred Bergen Belsen inmates moved by Army to Mittersleben near Magdeburg. Headquarters anxious to accept. Submit to military and advise.

Drafted by:  
EN Carr (supply)  
8 June 1945

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## OUTGOING TELEGRAM

NUMBER: 1745  
TO: London  
DATED: 11 June 1945  
DISPATCHED: 11 June 1945 - 5:00 p.m.  
Clear

Your 1350. Contacted New York Office Jewish World Congress for itemized list contributions. They cabled Argentina representative.

Upon receipt will make arrangements clearance line divisions, shipping.

UNRRA anxious accept contribution. Repeating to ERO our cables to missions prior final acceptance. Will keep you informed.

Drafted by:  
ENCarr (Supply)  
9 June 1945

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Draft prepared for  
Miss Oster P.T. July 18 1946

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Jewish Vol  
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# Jewish Agencies and UNRRA in Germany and Austria

From the very beginning UNRRA has recognized the importance of voluntary societies in its displaced persons program in Germany. At the present time personnel from 23 agencies are integrated with the UNRRA organization, and more than 1,000 trained welfare workers, doctors, nurses and other specialists work side by side with UNRRA personnel in Germany. These agencies have been remarkable keen in helping UNRRA in the provision of basic services— both by contribution of their own skilled personnel, and by eliciting public contributions of scarce supplies; and their national councils have provided effective channels for listing cooperation and providing scope for their activity.

Among these agencies are the American Jewish Conference, the American Joint Distribution Co., the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Jewish Agency for Relief abroad, and more recently Vaad Hazala and the World Ort Union which represent special interests of Jewish displaced Persons. Their activities range from the provision of amenity supplies for displaced persons, tracing activities, operating under UNRRA administration special centers for displaced persons, to carrying out UNRRA emigration and resettlement activities which are outside the scope of UNRRA.

A special council on Jewish Affairs consisting of military representatives, Central Committee for Liberate Jews, American Joint Distribution Co. and JAFPC and UNRRA has been formed to handle special problems regarding Jews. The American Joint Distribution Agency has conducted surveys of Jewish DPs in both the British and United States zones to furnish factual information on Jews regarding their age groups and professions to aid in resettlement, as a part of that agencies work in finding places of resettlement for Jews. Along with other Jewish agencies, AJDC has been actively engaged in the preparation and documents of hundreds of prospective emigrants who are waiting the opportunity to go abroad and join relatives in various part of the world.—in Sweden, in England, Palestine and the United States.

AJDC runs a childrens home under supervision for unaccompanied children awaiting resettlement. A large number of children have moved to England under JDC arrangements, and JDC field workers are traveling through the British zone to interview applicants who can qualify for this program. During May 1946, JDC supervised a movement to Sweden of displaced persons as one of the regular movements arranged by the Swedish government for the purpose of uniting families. Emigration specialists have now been established in Munich, Stuttgart and Frankfurt to aid in the United States Immigration program.

AJDC has also been active in distributing supplies to Jewish DPs. Early in April AJDC and UNRRA transports distributed about 290 tons of supplies for the first open celebration of the Passover in 10 years. Fleets of UNRRA trucks and all available vehicles were mobilized to transport supplies from seven main warehouses to Jewish camps and communities. This gigantic distribution brought matzo's and other traditional Passover foods and wines to more than 8,000 DPs in the zones.



AJDC has already brought in quantities of medical supplies in the Br. zone and has made a substantial contribution in the supplies needed for the UNRRA hospital at Belsen. Penicillin has been contributed to the UNRRA pool of this important drug, and AJDC is furnishing a limited number of medical doctors ~~in anticipation~~ to increase the number of trained doctors in dp camps.

Most of the centers for Jewish Displaced Persons in the American zone are now operated by UNRRA teams as agents for the army, and voluntary agencies have been invited by UNRRA and the military to give assistance. The American Joint Distribution Co, the Jewish Agency, and the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad all have representatives in the centers. AJDC provided specialists to assist with health welfare and other services such as the supply of kosher food, clothes, and material for spiritual and educational life.

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see Attachment 15, Monthly  
Narrative Report for June, April 1946  
re "Special Report on Voluntary  
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March 5th, 1946

Dr. Ludwik Rajchman  
Polish Supply Mission  
2633-16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Rajchman:

I am enclosing herewith a table indicating the Jewish population in Germany and Austria, based on a cable received from our European headquarters. It is the opinion of Dr. Zalman Grinberg, who has just arrived from Bavaria, that between 60 and 80% of the Jewish population in Germany at least, is of Polish nationality. I have sent a copy of this table to Governor Lehman since I was certain that he would be interested in the present figures as known to our office.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed)  
Moses A. Leavitt

TABLE SHOWING ESTIMATE NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA & ITALY

	ASSIMILATED D.P.s.		INFILTRATES			
	CAMPS	NOT IN CAMPS	COMMUNITIES	& TRANSIENTS	HACHSHAROTH	TOTAL
<u>GERMANY</u>						
American Zone	33,500	3,000	14,250			50,750
British Zone	9,500	4,000	4,000			17,500
French Zone	500	300	400			1,200
Berlin						
(American Sector)		1,700		1,600		3,300
(French Sector)		1,000		800		1,800
(British Sector)		1,000				1,000
(Russian Sector)		2,300				2,300
(Unclassified)				300		300
						78,150
<u>AUSTRIA</u>						
American Zone	7,500		500	2,000(all zones)		10,000
British Zone	1,000		100			1,100
French Zone			850		150	1,000
Vienna		5,050				5,050
	52,000	18,350	20,100	4,700	150	95,300
<u>ITALY</u>						
	CAMPS & HACHSHAROTH		COMMUNITIES			
	11,200		3,800			15,000

Jewish Agency Personnel  
in Germany.

Jewish Agency for Palestine - 2 teams of 6 members  
each will work with DPs in 3rd Army Area, Ger.  
- no date.

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- a) American Joint Distribution Committee had  
concluded (by July 25, 1945) agreement for operations  
in Germany approved by military under terms of  
Shaf Admin. Memo 39. (6 other non Jewish agencies also approved.)
- b) 25 July '45 - negotiations proceeding with representative  
British and Palestinian Jewish agencies.

25 July '45

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JDC has 11 teams (41 persons total) working  
in Germany under UNRRA coordination.