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1. Request Marie Louise Gildemaister Peruvian American friends service committee passport No. 3471 proceed Heidelberg on temporary duty 1 month at agency's expense.

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7th May, 1947.

TO Colonel Charles S. Miller,  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

SUBJECT American Friends Service Committee - Voluntary Agency.

1. The enclosed cable and letter were sent to-day from Paris to Washington.
  2. This is for your information only at this point.
- However, we or Heidelberg will be in touch with you further in the event that the Assistant Representative of the AFSC is to be called forward to Germany for consultation.

*Marjorie Bradford*  
Marjorie Bradford,  
Chief, Voluntary Agencies Division.

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CABLE : TO UNRRA WASHINGTON.

1. REUR 2386 US ZONE DESIRES DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTATIVE AFSC  
HEIDELBERG SOONEST. CAN ARRANGE GERMANY CALL FORWARD AUSTRIAN  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM VIENNA. ADVISE SOONEST IF AFSC WILL  
DESIGNATE AUTHORITY AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE NEGOTIATE PROGRAM.
2. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AFSC UNDERTAKE PROJECT CHILDRENS  
HOMES DESCRIBED EDWARDS LETTER AFSC 24 APRIL AIRMAILING DETAILS  
YOU.

7th May, 1947.

Miss Molly Flynn,  
Special Assistant to the Deputy Director General,  
Bureau of Services,  
UNRRA,  
Washington.

Dear Molly,

The enclosed copy letter is the one referred to in our  
Cable No. 1828. This was sent directly by Mr. Edwards, as you can  
see, to Mrs. Koehler.

We discussed the desire of the American Friends Service  
Committee to get into operations in Germany again with Mr. Bee, and  
he was very anxious to have their Austrian representative discuss the  
programs with him in Heidelberg. If the AFSC is willing to give  
authority to their Austrian representative to negotiate programs, we  
will have him called forward immediately. It will be necessary, in  
this case, to give us the name and address of the Austrian represen-  
tative, so that we, or UNRRA Vienna, can get in touch with him in  
connection with the call forward into Germany.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie Bradford,  
Chief, Voluntary Agencies Division,  
for Myer Cohen,  
Acting Chief,  
Displaced Persons Operations.

1 ENCL:

Letter mentioned in para. 1.

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR MARCH, 1947

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Although the work of the Vienna unit of the American Friends Service Committee continued in much the same pattern as in previous months, certain fundamental changes occurred during the month of March which may have quite an effect on the future operation of the unit. The first of these was the closing out of the Public Welfare Branch of USACA. Since the arrival of the unit in Austria over a year ago it has been accredited to this branch of the U.S. Forces in Austria and it has been through Public Welfare that many of the facilities of the U.S. Army have been extended to unit members. The Public Welfare Section has served, too, as an advisor in many of the projects which have been undertaken. On March 17, along with other Voluntary Relief agencies, the unit was transferred to the Civilian Supply Division of the Army. Information and experience to date indicate that our actual operation will be little effected by this change over, as we will in all probability have the same relationship to the Civilian Supply Division as we formerly had with Public Welfare. The second change which is rather fundamental to the operation of the unit is that after March 31, 1947 we are in no way accredited to or entitled for service by UNRRA. During the month of March all agencies so effected were called together and formally turned over to the Austrian Government which is to be responsible for those same functions which UNRRA formerly had. Actually, owing to present conditions in Austria, many of these services cannot be rendered by the Austrian Government and the Civilian Supply Division of the Army has agreed to shoulder much of the responsibility for them. It is still too early to judge just how these changes in status are going to effect the physical operation of the program which the AFSC is operating in Austria but to date it looks as though they are not going to seriously effect operation.

Supply Program: The general outline of the supply program remained the same as in previous months.

Packages were again distributed to persons over the age of 70 who are on the relief rolls of the city of Vienna. 23,700 were serviced through this program, representing a slight falling off of the rolls over previous months. The caloric content of the packages was again reduced so that each person received a supplement of only 230 calories.

The number of persons serviced through the program for tuberculars increased over previous months. During the month of February 7587 persons received packages, whereas during the month just past there were 7696 recipients. A daily caloric average of 357 was contained in each package which was distributed which is still below the average of 400 which it is hoped will be re-established in April and maintained throughout the summer months.

Supplementary feeding at the Baumgartnerhoehe Sanatorium for tuberculars was again carried on for the 220 young people up to the age of 18 who are patients there. A supplement of 500 calories per day per recipient was maintained.

8000 class III Viennese apprentices continued to receive a glass of milk daily, amounting to a supplement per day of 100 calories.



The number of young people serviced through the Rest Home program for the Viennese apprentices was 300 less than in February. During the month of March the same number of boys and girls were at each of the homes as in February, with the exception of the home at Raach. In all 450 young people were reached through this program which involved a daily food supplement of approximately 400 calories per individual.

Clothing distribution continued during the month of March in Vienna and Lower Austria. Only a very small amount of clothes were delivered for sorting to the Vienna distribution center during the month, however, as clothing which had been allocated in February was still being distributed in March. In addition to the 840 pounds which were delivered in February in the city, 4,480 pounds of clothing were turned over for use on the industrial rehabilitation projects which the American Friends Service Committee is helping in Upper Austria. These clothes were distributed at the Grossramming Electric Power Plant to enable the workers to carry on their heavy out-door work; to a Fertilizer Production Plant; to the Linz A.M.G. Young People's Project for use in youth groups which have been recently started; and finally to various factories, including those for lime, cement, and brick. 12,740 pounds of clothing were also allocated and given to Lower Austria for distribution in Wiener Neustadt, Neunkirchen and Baden. This donation is in furtherance of the clothing distribution project which was started last Fall and represents a replenishing of stocks already distributed during the winter months. Shoes were allocated on the same basis and consequently the number (17,400 pounds) distributed in Wiener Neustadt, Neunkirchen, and Baden is considerably higher than the number of shoes (1200 pounds) distributed in March in Vienna.

A few supplementary items were distributed during the month. After consultation with health officials for Vienna and Lower Austria, it was decided that 90 gallons of cod liver oil should be given to the Volksdeutsche in Vienna, to be distributed on medical recommendation to persons over 60 years of age and to children up to 16 years of age. Another 240 gallons of cod liver oil was given to Lower Austria for use among tuberculosis patients and children from 1-6 years of age. 307 pounds of calcium granules were distributed during the month. Almost all of this allocation went to pregnant and nursing women in Lower Austria, though a very small quantity was given to the Friends Relief Service unit (British Quakers) in Vienna and to the Innsbruck unit of the American Friends Service Committee for use among especially needy cases known to these two groups. Multi-Purpose Vitamin tablets and vitamin concentrate amounting to 987 pounds were distributed for use in the Trade Union Rest Homes and for all children of compulsory school age in Lower Austria found to be in Class III from a health standpoint.

In addition to the medicaments, other supplementary items distributed included 6 cases of yarn which were turned over to the Leonstein weaving school and to a weaving factory in Vienna for processing into finished material.

Service Program: The month of March marked the close of the winter activities at the Meidling Community Center. On Wednesday, March 26 a party was held to mark the official closing of the Warming Room which throughout the bitter cold winter has helped to keep over a hundred old people in Meidling warm every day, including holidays and weekends. During the coming months the Center will continue to be open daily. Visitors will be encouraged to read or to sit and talk and to use the building as freely and as often as they have in the winter. It is hoped that a definite effort can be made in the coming months to use the building for special classes and talks for those who are interested. Proposed plans include a Men's Club, Sewing Club, and Women's Club but of course these are subject to change and addition. Work with the young people in the evenings will be unaffected by the change to a summer program, however it is hoped that certain new day-time projects may be started for them.

Considerable time and thought was given by members of the AFSC group to the consideration of possible work projects during the summer months for young people. Although plans are not crystallized it is hoped that a workcamp along the lines of those conducted by the American Friends Service Committee in the US and Mexico may be sponsored in the Tirol.



To this end, one of the members of the unit visited the small town of Brixlegg, which lies between Worgl and Innsbruck in the Tirol. This town may possibly be the site of a summer project for young people, but to date no decision has been reached.

Personnel: March marked the termination of service of one of the original members of the American Friends Service Committee's Vienna unit. On March 31 Carleton Mabee resigned the unit in order to return to his family in the States. Though he has only just left, the unit already feels the serious gap created by his departure. The work which he did at the Community Center will be very difficult, if not impossible, for others of the unit to take over.

On March 15 the unit was joined by Edward Wright who came as a replacement for Carleton Mabee. Already the unit has come to rely heavily on Edward Wright's judgment and advice and we see how fortunate we are that he is willing to devote additional time to the overseas work of the Service Committee.

George Fredericks made an extended trip into Germany for procurement of parts and supplies necessary for the industrial rehabilitation program. Marlis Gildemeister and Comfort Cary made a visit to Innsbruck to get a first-hand picture of the work which the Transport Unit is doing and to get a clearer picture of some of the problems with which the unit there is faced. Jean Fairfax represented the Vienna unit at the Conference of the Austrian League for the United Nations which was held at Zell am See during the last week of March.

Though the Vienna Unit of the AFSC has been notified that additional supplies will not be allocated to the Austrian budget until after October<sup>1941</sup> it is hoped that supplies now on hand or expected in will be sufficient to carry the present programs through September 30. The group is determined that if possible programs now under way be maintained because it is convinced that the need in Austria is in no way met and that the coming months before the harvest represent perhaps the worst months of the year for those to whom help has been offered in recent months.

*Comfort Cary*  
Comfort Cary  
Co-coordinator

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FOOD SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED AND ON HAND

MARCH 1947

Item	Lbs. imported during month	Lbs. distributed during month	Lbs. in warehouse end of month
Relief cereal	119,800	68,500	58,800
Milk powder	49,800	36,400	53,925
Canned goods		14,835	15,073
Sugar		300	900
Rice		2214	270
Prunes		10,800	110
Vegetable fat (Spry)		196	51
Chocolate food drink		1536	
Oleomargarine		1650	7350
Multi-Purpose food (special relief food)			1100
Peanutbutter		925	1100
Lard	8954	8200	9754
Raisins		8460	1272
Shortening	15,510		15,510
Jam	<u>22,450</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>22,450</u>
	216,514	153,996	187,665
	(108 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons)	(77 tons)	(94 tons)

OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Lbs. imported March</u>	<u>Lbs. distributed March</u>	<u>To whom distributed</u>	<u>Lbs. on hand</u>
Clothing	6020	4480	To AFSC Reconstruc- tion projects in Land Salzburg (Grossraming Electric Power Plant; Fertilizer Production Plant; Linz A.M.G. Young People's Project ; lime factories; brick factory; cement factories, etc.	21,700
		12,740	Wiener Neustadt, Neunkirchen, Baden	
		840	Vienna	
Shoes	18,300	1200	Vienna	33,600
		17,400	Wiener Neustadt Neunkirchen, Baden	
Soap				4348
Cod Liver Oil	1500 Gals	90 Gals.	Volksdeutsche children- Vienna	5520 Gals.
Tailor material	655	240 gals.	Children 1 - 6 and TB cases Lower Austria	1309
Calcium granules		307	English Quakers; Innsbruck; Lower Austria	817
Sewing Machines				2
Yarn		6 cases	Leonstein weaving school; Vienna weaving factory	
Vitamin tablets and concentrate		987 lbs.	Trade Union Rest Homes; Lower Austria children	41,712



# PROGRESS REPORT FOR MARCH 1947

Food distributed to:	Location	Number Persons	Ages	Daily Calories	Means Distribution	How Selected
Old people	Vienna	23,700	70 up	235	by packages through city welfare agencies	a) old age b) all on city relief rolls
Registered tubercular cases under 25 years	Vienna	7,696	0-25	357	"	Medical examination only open and active cases of TB
TB Hospital	Vienna	220	0-18	500	Hospital officials	
Trade Union Rest Homes	<u>Lower Austria</u> Baden Raach Hartenstein  <u>Salzburg</u> Tamsweg Frankenmarkt  <u>Styria</u> Spital	35 70 70  130 100  45	14-18 " " " " " "	400 " " " " " "	Rest Home officials " " " "	Apprentice youth from all zones on basis of medical examination selected for one month treatment " " "
Apprentices	Vienna	8000	14-18	100	36 feeding stations	Medical examination. Youth at least 15 lbs. underweight.

Total number receiving food: 40,066



29 MAY 1947

PROGRESS REPORT FOR APRIL 1947

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The supply and educational projects of the American Friends Service Committee in Austria continued in April along the same lines as in previous months.

Approximately 40,000 of the neediest classes of Austrians continued to receive supplementary food. 24,040 old people over the age of 70 who are poor enough to be on city relief received their monthly food parcel amounting to 237 calories daily. 7,750 open and active cases of tuberculosis under the age of 25 years received their packages of 396 calories. 220 children in Vienna's TB hospital received 140 calories daily. 154 young apprentices in rest homes operated by the Austrian Trade Unions were given 100 additional calories. And 8000 young apprentices at least 16 pounds underweight received their daily glass of milk from the Quakers amounting to 100 calories.

It is still felt that the condition of the open and active cases of tuberculosis in Austria especially in big cities like Vienna (which has 33,000 cases) is a serious one and merits the investigation of relief agencies, domestic and foreign. A letter was addressed to some 30 such agencies pointing out this need and stating that the American Quakers were only capable of giving supplementary food - food being the only real medicine for tuberculosis - to those under 25 years of age, or some 7000 of the 33,000 in Vienna.

A periodical meeting of the staff was held to reconsider the present food supply projects and reevaluate them, especially in the light of reduced food supplies coming in from America. It was felt that absolutely only those groups in the greatest and most imperative need should be helped. After much discussion it was decided to continue feeding the 40,000 persons in the present programs for at least two more months and perhaps reduce our program somewhat during the summer and enlarge it again in the fall and winter months.

Clothing and shoes were distributed to tuberculosis patients in Vienna and to an especially needy group, the Volksdeutsche. Personal investigations by members of the American staff revealed that conditions among children and tuberculosis cases were extremely bad in Lower Austria and clothing, cod liver oil, vitamin tablets and calcium were sent there.

Ned Weaver, a War Department employee working in Vienna, who had been known to the group for some time, terminated his work with the Army and has been added to the AFSC staff. He will take over some of the duties of Comfort Cary who will be leaving soon for the States.

A gift of 20,000 pounds of sugar was made by the father of Marlice Gildensister, one of the Vienna AFSC staff.

Educational and recreational work among young Austrians was carried on as usual in the Quaker neighborhood center, among the rest homes for young apprentices of the Austrian Trade Unions, in the International Club which meets twice weekly in the Austrian Press club and has over 200 members of various nationalities, and in continuing plans for an international youth work camp this summer. The work of the Quaker neighborhood center was extended to arranging for the Austrian young leaders of that center to take a truckload of young Volksdeutsche for a picnic in the Vienna woods twice weekly and using Quaker trucks and personnel.

A visit was made to Trieste to explore the advantages of using that port for reception of supplies in comparison with the present port used, Antwerp. It was found to be more favorable than Antwerp as long as UNRRA was acting as agent there and could help in forwarding supplies. However, UNRRA's presence there will be discontinued this summer and it was felt more appropriate to wait until the Fall and see if some other international relief organization will develop and take over this work of forwarding goods from Trieste.

*George Mathews*  
George Mathews  
Chief of Mission.



## PROGRESS REPORT FOR APRIL 1947

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# OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES

Item	Lbs. Imported April	Lbs. distributed April	to whom distributed	Lbs. on hand
Clothing	11,700	6,110	to tuberculosis patients in Vienna; to Volkshaus in Vienna; to chil- dren in Hainkirchen and Wiener Neustadt	27,020
Shoes		5,250	Volkshaus Vienna	20,350
Soap				4,318
Cod liver oil		880 gals.	Lower Austria children and T.B. cases	4,410
Bed linen material	1,018			2,357
Salmon granules		290	T.B. cases Lower Austria	527
Sewing machines		1	Apprentice Training House	1
Vitamin tablets and concentrate		1,096	Children and T.B. patients- Lower Austria	36,016
Chocolate syrup and tea	161	161	Under young people's center	
Education charts	11			11



SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED AND ON HAND APRIL 1947

Item	lbs.imported during month	lbs. distributed during month	lbs.in warehouse end of month
Relief cereal	120,000	101,800	77,000
Milk powder	19,800	29,010	44,715
Canned goods	2,070	4,623	12,520
Sugar	22,200	12,900	10,200
Rice			2,214
Prunes		50	60
Vegetable fat (Spry)			51
Oleomargarine			7,350
Multi-Purpose food			1,100
Peanut butter		81	1,019
Lard		2,790	6,964
Raisins		300	972
Shortening		8,360	7,150
Jam		10,450	12,000
Egg powder		11,628	924
Vegex			3,150
	164,070 (82 tons)	181,992 (91 tons)	187,389 (93 7/10 tons)



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PROGRESS REPORT FOR MAY 1947.

The food, clothing, educational and industrial rehabilitation projects of the American Quakers followed a pattern similar to that of preceding months. Curtailment of contributions in America was reflected and planned curtailments of programs and personnel in Austria during the summer months. It is hoped that expansion will take place in the critical fall and winter months.

Forty thousand persons continued to receive their supplementary food allowances. It is planned to continue distributing food to the various needy groups included in this number during June, and curtailment will take place in July and August.

Twenty four thousand persons over 70 years of age on city relief rolls received their package giving them a food supplement of 183 calories daily.

Eight thousand open and active cases of tuberculosis under 25 years out of Vienna's 30,000 such cases received a package of 391.5 calories daily containing fat, sugar, milk and cereal.

It is interesting to note that the concern expressed by the Quakers and other interested groups in the plight of Austria's tuberculosis victims is bearing fruit. The American Army has announced a plan for feeding all tuberculosis cases in the American Bezirke of Vienna. If this plan materializes then the Quakers will withdraw their action in these Bezirke and probably increase the present age limit of 25 years to 40 years in the other bezirke. The Mennonite Central Committee has undertaken to feed all open cases who are also in very poor circumstances. The British Quakers have made a distribution of cod liver oil to Vienna's TBs. The Irish Red Cross will possibly make a one time distribution of sugar to TBs. The Mayor of Vienna has taken the lead in forming a committee to appeal to the large cities and universities of the United States to contribute food to Vienna's tuberculosis cases. All these efforts are quite encouraging, but it must be noted that still the large bulk of TBs are receiving no supplementary food above the normal ration. Since food is the principal medicine for tuberculosis their situation grows increasingly grave.

Eight thousand young apprentices in Vienna between 14 and 18 years of age who are at least 15 pounds underweight received a 100 calories glass of milk daily from the Quakers. This work was done in cooperation with the Austrian Trade Unions.

Eight hundred seventy apprentices from all parts of Austria in a seriously underweight condition were given a month's recuperation in 9 rest homes of the Austrian Trade Union. Several new homes were opened and our addition to the diet of 400 calories daily was extended to these new homes.

The 220 children at Vienna's tubercular hospital received 365 calories daily from the Quakers.

Industrial rehabilitation work among textile, cement and other factories in Land Salzburg and in the dams at Grossraming and Muehlrading was continued. The industrial division of the Quakers in Austria has been instru-



mental in forming an export and import company with the aim of increasing the flow of foreign trade. The Austrian Government has turned over to this company a large quantity of UNRRA wool with the stipulation that the wool be processed into clothing. This wool has been made into 110,000 meters of wool suiting, 15 tons of yarn for children's, women's and men's knit wear, 4 tons yarn for hand weaving industry. In addition 25,000 pairs of overalls, 30,000 shirts, 150,000 meters cotton material, 15 tons of yarn for socks and pullovers have been made from cotton. 66 2/3 percent will be distributed in accordance with an agreement with the Austrian government through the Austrian clothing ration system; 33 1/3 % will be rationed as designated by the industrial division of AFSC in return for the loan of our personnel. The Austrian government has expressed <sup>itself</sup> as well pleased with the output which is about 100% efficient according to standard calculations. The government is using these figures in showing other textile companies what can be done.

Educational and recreational work was marked by extended plans for the AFSC work camp in the Tyrol this summer. From 30 to 40 persons of all nationalities will work together for two months in what has been described "the worst damaged town in Austria", Brixlegg near Innsbruck. Work was done in selecting personnel, in acquiring food, beds, clothing, utensils, etc. and in planning activities with Austrian authorities. The purpose of this work camp - following a pattern of voluntary work camps carried on by the Quakers in the United States - is educational and recreational. It is hoped that by physically working together during the day in a needy area and by discussions and recreation in the evenings, that in a small way the national misunderstanding and the religion and class differences prevalent in Europe today will help to be resolved. The Quakers are undertaking such camps in other sections of Europe with reasonable success. Each applicant is being asked to pay part of all of his expenses there and it is understood that the emphasis will be on work for others and not on recreation.

The work among the 200 young people at the Quaker Neighborhood center in Vienna continued with classes, picnics, and games, and discussion groups. The English Army has asked the Center to select 8 young persons to go for the summer to England. This has been done and it is hoped the young people will profit by their experience there.

Quaker work with the Austrian Trade Unions (Gewerkschaftsbund) has for many months been concerned with educational and advisory aid. Melvin Luersen of the Vienna team has been working closely with the leaders of the rest homes in devising educational programs for the young apprentices. A plan to exchange young Austrian laborers for young American laborers for a short visit in one another's country is being developed with the aid of the American Federation of Labor. Melvin Luersen has acted as liaison agent for the Gewerkschaftsbund with the U.S. Army and has aided in acquiring recreational materials from the Army for the young programs in the rest homes.

Owing to the lack of funds in America it was decided to largely close up the transport rehabilitation work in Innsbruck where there are 7 American Quaker and vehicles. Two of them will probably remain on working in the town of Grin which has been largely destroyed by fire.

The transport work of the Vienna unit has increased in volume. This work includes unloading incoming goods, in delivering food and clothing to the various distribution centers, in carrying on transport work for the Austrian Trade Unions, and in transport aid in particular needy cases. It is hoped



that more trucks will be assigned to the Vienna unit. A garage is maintained with a staff of mechanics for the upkeeping of all vehicles.

The Vienna team lost two of its members in May. Comfort Cary, assistant coordinator, returned to the United States. Marlise Gildemeister went to Germany to set up a Quaker program for displaced persons there. The latter will possibly return and rejoin the unit. The work of these two persons was divided among other members of the staff.

A visit was made by two staff members to General Keyes of USFA during the month. The Quaker program in Austria was outlined to him and the team was encouraged to know that he was interested in our work and promised to cooperate in every way possible.

During the month the English Quakers in Austria announced that they would be unable to continue any further work among civilians in Austria but would confine themselves to work with displaced persons. They offered to turn over to the American Quakers all their food and clothing for distribution and with the possibility of sending in addition small monthly shipments of goods from England. The Quaker pattern of work in most countries is that of common projects staffed by a mixture of English and American Quakers. Owing to the different kinds of work undertaken by the two groups in Austria this ideal has never been accomplished. However, it is hoped that one or more English Quakers will be seconded to the AFSC team and work with it in coming months.

A contribution of food was made to the City of Vienna for the purpose of holding a Mother's Day Celebration.

Clothing, shoes, soap, and medicines were distributed during the month to rest homes of the Austrian Trade Unions, to the youth organization "Jugend am Werk", to the city of Vienna, to refugees, to children in Lower Austria, and to the private schools in Vienna.

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*George Mathues*  
George Mathues  
Chief of Mission.



PROGRESS REPORT FOR MAY, 1947

Food distributed to	Location	Number Persons	Ages	Calories daily	Means distribution	how selected
Old people	Vienna (26 Bezirke)	24,000	70 up	183	monthly packages through city welfare organization	a) old age b) all on city relief
Registered tubercular cases under 25 years	Vienna (26 Bezirke)	7,900	0-25	391.5	"	medical examination only open and active cases
T.B. Hospital	Vienna 14., Sanatoriumstr.	220	0-18	365	Hospital officials	
Trade-Union Rest Homes	Salzburg					
	Tausweg	130	14-18	400	Rest Home Officials	Apprentice youth from all zones who on basis of medical examination sent for one month treatment
	Frankenmarkt	150	"	"		
	<u>Lower Austria</u>					
	Wieselburg	200	"	"	"	
	Baden	35	"	"	"	
	Raach	80	"	"	"	
	Hartenstein	80	"	"	"	
	<u>Styria</u>					
	Hitterwald	100	"	"	"	
	Spital	45	"	"	"	
	Flamhof	50	"	"	"	
Apprentices	Vienna	8,000	14-18	100 (glass milk daily)	36 feeding stations	medical examination youth at least 15 lbs. underweight

Total Number Receiving Food: 40,990

Other relief supplies

Item	lbs. imported May	lbs. distributed May	to whom distributed	lbs. on hand
Clothing	27,020	10,360	Vienna (people bombed out; plun- dered; burned out) rest homes of Austrian Trade Unions; Jugend am Werk.	43,680
Tailor material		1,572	"	785
Shoes	6,600	600	Vienna (people bombed out; plun- dered; burned out)	34,350
Cod Liver Oil	1,350			5,990
Calcium granules				527
Soap		836	Rest homes of Austrian Trade Unions	3,512
Sewing machines				1
Vitamin tablets and concentrate		42	Vienna	37,974
Recreation chests				14



Supplies Distributed and on Hand May 1947

Item	lbs. imported during month	lbs. distributed during month	lbs. in warehouse end of month
Relief cereal	359,400	82,200	354,200
Milk powder	114,600	25,915	133,400
Canned goods		100	12,420
Sugar	46,900	9,600	47,500
Rice			270
Prunes			60
Vegetable fat (Spry)			51
Oleo margarine	31,000	1,100	37,250
Multi-purpose food			1,100
Peanut butter			1,019
Lard		2,738	4,226
Raisins		852	120
Shortening		7,040	110
Jam		11,900	100
Egg powder			924
Vegex			3,150
Baby food	27,790		27,790
	579,690 (259,9 tons)	144,445 (70,7 tons)	623,690 (311,9 tons)

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21st January 1947.

TO: Mr. George Mathues, American Friends Service Committee,  
Rotenturmstr. 17, Vienna I.

For your information, we are enclosing herewith a copy of the  
account which was recently forwarded to your home office.

The original was signed by  
CHARLES S. MILLER  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

CHARLES S. MILLER  
Colonel, U.S.A., Retired.  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

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9th January 1947.

*Sulzer*

TO: Dr. F. Fischer, Ministry for Social Administration,  
Room 143, Federal Chancellery, Vienna I.

Reference our letter of 9th December, concerning the proposed new  
"Transport Service" project of the American Friends Service Committee:

We have been advised by the A.F.S.C. that they have been able  
to make arrangements with the U.S. Army for the supply of gasoline for  
this project in the French Zone.

The original was signed by  
CHARLES S. MILLER  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

CHARLES S. MILLER  
Colonel, U.S.A., Retired.  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

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File: W.3/7

9th January 1947.

To: American Friends Service Committee, Rotenturmstr. 17, Vienna I.

We have received an urgent request for children's shoes - these to be distributed in Weiner Neustadt, Baden, and Neunkirchen, where the children are in dire need and in many cases are unable to attend school because of lack of shoes.

If it is possible for your organisation to assist in supplying shoes to these children, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

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10th December, 1946.

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American Friend Service Committee.

20 South 12th St.  
Philadelphia 7, Pa. U.S.A.

P.O.L.

May	Coupon Book N'os. 14882-3 } @ 20.23 14900 }	60.69
June	364.44 gal. petrol @ 16 cents per gal. 28 qts oil @ 71 cents " "	58.31 4.97
July	Coupon Book N'os. 05969-74 @ 19.86 4.44 gal. petrol @ 16 cents per gal. 8 qts. oil @ 71 " " " " <small>also in repairs</small> 9 qts. " " " " " " <small>July 17-19</small> Car Repairs Austrian Schillings 41.50	119.16 — 1.59 4.15
August	Coupon Book N'os. 06189-90 @ 19.86 600 gal. petrol @ 17 cents per gal. 29 qts. oil @ 71 cents per gal.	39.72 102.00 5.15
September	Coupon Book N'os. 12611-18 @ 20.88	167.04
October	300 gal. (British Sources) @ 12.09 cents per gal. 20 qts. oil @ 71 cents per gal. 7 gal. Antifreeze @ 1.70 cents per gal.	36.27 3.55 11.90
		<hr/> 616.63

16. DEZ. 1946

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE  
c/o U.S.M.R. - A.C.C. Hungary  
APO 777, U.S. Army

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INDEXED  
7 December 1946

UNRRA, Austrian Mission  
Vienna.

Att. Miss Easto, Voluntary Societies Liaison Office.

Dear Miss Easto:

In the rush and excitement of finding our feet in a new country, trying to learn a new language, organize our work, and meet all the people we should, I am very much afraid that days have slipped by without our realizing it. You should have had a letter long ago, telling you that our PX cards arrived promptly and have already been used to our great satisfaction. Thank you very much for all the trouble you took to get them to us.

I hope we can do some useful work here; it will certainly be an interesting and valuable experience for us.

Sincerely yours,

*Rebekah L. Taft*

Rebekah L. Taft

*noted Easto  
Dec. 17.*



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29th November 1946.

File: W.3/7

TO: Mr. George Mathues, American Friends Service Committee,  
Rotenturmstrasse 17, Vienna.

SUBJECT: 1500 gallons of gasoline for A.F.S.C., French Zone.

We read with great interest the copy of your letter to Mr. Cornelius Kruse, which you sent to us, outlining the programme of your organisation in the French Zone of Austria.

We are extremely sorry to say that it will be impossible for UNRRA to undertake responsibility for the issue of 1500 gallons of gasoline for this project. As you no doubt know, according to the decision of ACA of 30th August 1946, the responsibility of the coordination of voluntary societies, who work in the interest of the Austrians, was turned over to the Ministry of Social Administration of the Austrian Government. Furthermore, in view of the discontinuation of the UNRRA programme for Austrian relief at the end of the fiscal year and reduction of staff, we have been instructed by our European Regional Office in London not to undertake any new commitments with voluntary societies except those which come here for the purpose of assisting Displaced Persons.

Since A.F.S.C. will carry its programme in close cooperation with the Austrian authorities in the French Zone, these authorities should make arrangements with the military to secure the necessary amount of gasoline for your organisation to be able to carry out their proposed programme.

The original was signed by  
CHARLES S. MILLER  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria

Charles S. Miller,  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

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REGISTRY.

*Subject*

File: W.3/7

23rd October 1946.

TO: The American Friends Service Committee, Rotenturmstr. 17, Vienna I.

Drives for clothing have been made during the past year with a view to providing new and used clothing for displaced persons and other war sufferers. These drives have resulted in the delivery of needed clothing to D.P.s and others, but the quantity received has not been sufficient to supply present needs.

In most of the D.P. assembly centres supervised by UNRRA Austrian Mission, there is now an extreme shortage of winter clothing including shoes for men, women, and children. The approaching winter weather will cause extreme suffering unless more clothing is made available to these people.

We realise that your programme for the winter has been planned for some time and that you have made arrangements to secure supplies to meet needs on the basis of these plans. However, if you feel that you could make further clothing available for D.P.s, we would appreciate discussing the matter with you.

The original was signed by  
CHARLES S. MILLER  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

Charles S. Miller,  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

AA/ESP



19th October 1946.

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Sulzer

TO: The American Friends Service Committee,  
Rotenturmstr. 17, Vienna I.

From time to time we receive requests for assistance from special groups. As you know, UNRRA Austrian Mission turns over all its supplies to the Austrian Government and therefore is not in a position to make direct contributions to special projects. We are therefore referring for your attention, copies of two such requests which have come to us recently:-

1. A request from Dr. Rudolf Scholz, of the Agricultural School for Girls of the Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, for food donations.
2. A request from the Staatliches Institut fuer Lebenswirtschaftskunde for a special allotment of food for teaching purposes for the Domestic Economy School.

May we hear from you regarding any action you may take on these projects?

The original was signed by  
CHARLES S. MILLER  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

Charles S. Miller,  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

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Encs. 2.

Subject

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October 16, 1946

File: W.3/7

To: American Friends Service Committee,  
Vienna I, Rotenturmstrasse 17/III

Attention: Mr. George Mathues, Chief of Mission

Reference your application for agreement of co-ordination  
with UNRRA Mission to Austria:

We have been informed by our Washington office that UNRRA  
will no longer undertake to provide travel facilities and trans-  
portation from their home country for the A.F.S.C. personnel, nor  
can we provide return transportation.

Will you kindly confirm your understanding of this?

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Chas. S. Miller,  
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria

DE.



File: W.3/7

6th August 1946.

Subject  
W/3/7.

TO: Mr. G. Mathues, American Friends Service Committee,  
Rotenturnstr. 17, Vienna I.

Father Franz Puffer, of Salzburg, is very much interested in organising youth clubs for employed adolescent boys and girls, of whom there are 500-600, 300 of them being girls, connected with the Catholic Church in Salzburg. He wants to develop a leisure time activities programme. He says that during the Nazi regime the various youth clubs were taken over and the furnishings, recreational equipment, etc. were looted. They are anxious to obtain indoor and outdoor recreational equipment - sports and games equipment, books, etc. They would also like to get additional food and clothing.

We would like to present this need to your organisation, since you are interested in the welfare of young people in Austria, and we hope that you will find it possible to bring assistance to this group. We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible regarding this.

Miss A. Adenalian,  
Voluntary Societies Liaison Officer.

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OUTGOING CABLE

UNRRA VIENNA.....TO.....UNRRA LONDON

No.: 2138

D.: 30.7.46 19.00 hrs

Repeated: Washington Nr. 1090

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Your 9058 to Washington repeated 1658 Vienna. U.S. Committee Care European Children operating in Austria since May. Copy of agreement sent to you with Mr. Bassett. See cables number 2049 and Snipe 42 to London re immigration programme in Austria.

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Signed by:

Miss Barton

Initiated by:

Miss A. Adanalian

Distribution:

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Dr. Lunk

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## American Friends Service Committee

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Wien I., Rotenturmstrasse 17/III  
Tel. # U 26 5 04

### PROGRESS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1946

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The American Friends Service Committee in Austria carried on the following projects in September:

- 1) Feeding a supplementary meal to 99,000 Vienna school children and 9800 apprentices between 14 and 18 in cooperation with Don Swiss, UNRRA and other agencies. The food contribution of the AFSC was small, its principal contribution being that of supervision of distribution. Don Swiss contributes the majority of food to this project.
- 2) Feeding about 600 undernourished young industrial apprentices in recuperation homes operated by the Austrian Trade Unions.
- 3) Feeding 2800 people in Berndorf in the Russian zone of Lower Austria. This program was discontinued September 17 owing to the difficulty of obtaining passes from the Russian authorities permitting supervision and control of the food distribution. It will be resumed when and if passes are obtained, allowing sufficient visits to the distribution centers.
- 4) Industrial rehabilitation in western Austria (involving construction of a scientific glass factory, aid to laborers on the unfinished Ems River dam project, aid to Leonstein weaving school, etc.
- 5) Social and recreational work with young Viennese on a limited scale.
- 6) Limited personal service to needy Austrians.
- 7) The distribution of 43,000 pounds of shoes and clothing to Viennese and Volksdeutsche.
- 8) Feeding of 1400 old people over 70 years of age in the 12th bezirk of Vienna of 300 calories daily by means of a packages service. This distribution was in preparation for a city-wide project beginning in October in which 23,000 people over 70 on relief are to receive packages furnishing 300 calories daily.

Noted - Beato  
Oct. 22

Copy sent to  
Mrs. Teter

- 9) Distribution of 2400 Gallons of cod liver oil to Vienna school children and towns in Lower Austria.

It will be noted that there is increasing emphasis in the AFSC feeding programs on selective feeding. The world shortage of food and the limited resources of the Friends dictate that only the most undernourished should receive supplementary food. Thus, only those old people who are on the relief rolls have been selected, thus we are feeding only apprentices who are in rest homes because of a serious underweight condition. It is planned in October and following months to distribute supplementary food to 13,000 persons in Vienna suffering seriously from tuberculosis. The participation of the AFSC in the Vienna school feeding ceased at the end of September owing to Don Swiss's ability to carry it largely alone and because the policy of selective feeding is not being carried on there.

The present American staff of the AFSC in Austria is 11, two new members having recently arrived to care for problems of transportation, automobile repairs, etc. The Austrian staff consisting of project supervisors, secretaries, drivers, etc. consists of 11 persons.

George Mathues  
Chief of Mission.



(AMERICAN QUAKERS)  
 Wien I., Rotenturmstrasse 17  
 TEL.# U 26 5 04  
 Vienna-Austria.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1946

Food distributed to:	Location	Number Persons	Ages	Daily calories	Means distribution	How selected
Selected groups	1) Berndorf, Pottenstein, Fahrafeld, Weissenbach	487 645 1688	0-4 14-19 60 up	310 606 343	City officials (Packages) (Hot meal) (Packages)	all in age group " "
Vienna School feeding program in cooperation with Don Swiss, UNRRA, etc.	2) Vienna	99047 9832 (apprentices)	6-18 14-18	339 497	Vienna Public kitchen "	all in age group - no selection "
Apprentice Homes	Vienna	250	14-18	500	Home administration	1-low rations 2-hard work
T.B.Hospitals	Vienna	220	0-18	500	Hospital officials	
Trade Union Rest Homes	<u>Lower Austria:</u> Hartenstein Baden Raach  <u>Styria:</u> Sigmundsborg Spital  <u>Salzburg:</u> Tamsweg Frankenmarkt	80 34 100  43 35  130 150	14-18 " "  " "  " "	500 " "  " "  " "	Rest Home officials	Apprentice Youth from all zones who on basis of medical exam. sent for one month treatment
Old People	Vienna, 12th Bezirk	1400	70 up	300	City officials Fuersorgeamt (Packages)	all over 70 on relief

TOTAL number person receiving food: 113,141

- (1) Program ceased operating September 17.
- (2) Food contribution was small. Main contribution was control of preparation and distribution of food.

(AMERICAN QUAKERS)  
 Wien I., Rotenturmstrasse 17  
 Tel. # U 26 5 04  
 Vienna-Austria.

SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED AND ON HAND SEPTEMBER 1946

Item	lbs imported during month	lbs distributed during month	lbs in warehouse end of month
Sardines		53	424
Tunafish			210
Relief cereal	120,000	18,200	403,800
Milk Powder		24,090	30,435
Canned goods		4,080	29,580
Butter		228	2,763
Sugar		47,400	25,100
Rice		216	5,616
Oleomargarine	13,000	14,886	24,508
Prunes			1,880
Vegetable fat (Spry)	31,776		31,776
Chocolate Food drink	6,672		6,672
Milk chocolate	40,687		40,687
	212,135 (106 Tons)	109,153 (54.5 Tons)	603,451 (302 Tons)



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 Wien I, Rotenturmstrasse 17  
 Tel. # U 26 5 04  
 Vienna - Austria

OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES

Item	lbs imported September	lbs distributed September	To whom distributed	lbs on hand
Clothing		27,860	Viennese and Volksdeutsche in Vienna	36,540
Shoes		15,150		15,600
Soap				2,720
Cod liver oil	1,350 Gals.	2,379 Gals.	Lower Austria and Vienna school children	1,350 Gals.
Tailor Material				500
Substitutue window glass	160		Vienna Blind Home	800
Calcium Granules				1,500
Sewing machines				7 machines
Recreation chests	4 chests			4 chests



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Rotenturmstrasse 17/III

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Vienna, Austria,

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Re: Request for Approval of  
New Personnel.

Dr. Karl Heiser,  
Chief, Internal Affairs,  
Public Welfare  
USFA USACA

Dear Dr. Heiser,

We would like to request approval for the entrance of five additional members to our team in Vienna.

Their individual functions would be:

COORDINATION OF TRANSPORT: A man to coordinate the use of the five jeeps and three trucks attached to our unit. These vehicles at present used in Vienna, Land Salzburg, Nieder Oesterreich. Used in transportation of relief supplies and personnel and frequently lent to other agencies for some purposes. This person also to seek parts for our vehicles, a necessary task owing to the scarcity of these parts in Austria and our present inability to spare time seeking them.

This man has been appointed by the American Friends Service Committee and is at present in Paris awaiting your approval. His name is Robert Thorpe McCoy, Passport Nr. 65417, expiration date April 30, 1947, issued Washington D.C. Home: New Vienna, Ohio. Paris AFSC has asked that your approval be sent to American Embassy there.

REPAIR OF TRANSPORT: A man, with mechanical training to keep our vehicles in repair, to seek out a garage, to assemble tools, etc. Since the US Army has refused to continue servicing our Army bought vehicles, we have had several of them idle. The Army has told us that UNRRA is responsible for repair, but UNRRA tells us that they do not have the facilities or parts to help us.

This man has been appointed by the AFSC and is at present in Paris awaiting your approval. His name is Lee Clement Morrell, Passport No. 30574, expiration date January 4 th 1947, issued Washington D.C. Home: Washington Crossing, New Jersey. Paris AFSC has asked that your approval be sent to American Embassy there.

SOCIAL WORKER: A person with educational and recreational experience to assist present members of our team in developing a community center here in Vienna with the 'teen age group. We seek in this part of our work to bring to young Austrians some understanding of American institutions and of the concern of many Americans in their welfare. We feel that this group at present



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Vienna, Austria.

Letter to Dr. Karl Heiser/2/

has been disillusioned by the collapse of the Nazi ideals and of the present state of Austria, and aid and encouragement are needed. This person has not yet been appointed by the AFSC, but will be following your approval.

RELIEF WORKER: A person to assist in the administration of present and future relief program. We are at present feeding 15,000 'teen agers in schools, trade union rest homes, apprentice shops, in different sections of Austria. The supervision of preparation and distribution of the food and interpretation is not at present being handled as well as we would like because of the insufficiency of personnel. This person has not yet been appointed by the AFSC but will be following your approval.

HAND SKILL WORKER: A person to work with George Fredericks in his economic rehabilitation work in Western Austria. This person to have skills in work in leather, wood, glass and to teach young people, thereby giving work to Austrians and aiding the revival of a trade upon which Austria has been much dependent in the past. It is felt that a movement similar to the A H clubs in the United States might be started.

Sincerely Yours

George Mathues:  
Chief of Mission:

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phone :  
LANGHAM 3090

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,  
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE,  
11, PORTLAND PLACE,

LONDON, W.1.

Reference..... VS.150/36/9  
Your Ref..... DES NO.2740

16th July, 1946.

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Airmail Please:

TO ; Miss Adanalian, UNRRA Mission to Austria,  
VIENNA.  
FROM : Sir Michael Creagh, Vol. Socy Liaison Unit.

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I am enclosing herewith a letter from the American Friends Service Committee. As I do not know what the proposal made to you amounted to, I am afraid I can do no more than pass this correspondence on.

*Michael Creagh*

no action necessary.  
24/7/46.

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20 JUL 1946



UNITED NATIONS  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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To:

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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Twenty South Twelfth Street  
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

VS 15036/9

June 28, 1946

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Miss Florence Black  
Voluntary Agency Liaison Officer  
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration  
1344 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Black:

Confirming our recent conversation in Washington, we agree to accept the proposed terms of an agreement worked out between the American Friends Service Committee Austrian Mission and UNRRA Headquarters in Vienna. The memorandum of agreement transmitted by George Mathues, Chief of Mission of the American Friends Service Committee in Austria, provides a basis for cooperation with UNRRA; and we believe that such a working arrangement can be mutually helpful. We desire to call attention, however, to the final paragraph, which reads:

"We will furnish UNRRA the monthly reports of our activities and will accept UNRRA'S requests in so far as they are compatible with the scope and nature of our work."

We would emphasize especially the reservation contained in the phrase, "in so far as they are compatible with the scope and nature of our work."

The past happy experience of our working with UNRRA gives us no grounds for fear that any demands may be made by your organization upon our staff which are not acceptable to us but feel that it is in order to call this reservation to your attention.

As noted in the recent meeting of the Austrian Interim Committee with you and others from government agencies, the proposed coordinated program in Austria by all private agencies may, in minor degrees, alter the agreement with you which we are now accepting; but it appears that there should be no reason for any great changes.

Very truly yours,



Sumner A. Mills  
Central European Staff  
Foreign Service Section

SAM/mle



5th July 1946.

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West  
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To: Mrs. N. West, Chief Welfare Officer.

The report of the 17th June of the Austrian Trade Union Central Headquarters was most interesting. As you know the American Friends Service Committee and the Unitarian Service Committee have been assisting several apprentice homes. I am wondering if it is possible to check which of the apprentice homes listed in this report are assisted by these organisations and the exact nature and extent of the assistance needed by the others. I would also like to get information regarding the kind of equipment needed for the apprentice homes, whether it is furniture or workshop tools that they need, and if it is tools, what trades are they interested in. I would also like to get information about the nature of the help they may need in the area of health, whether it is medicaments or services.

When I get this information. I will contact some of the Voluntary Societies for assistance, as I think that we could interest them in these projects.

*A. B. Adanalian*

Miss A. Adanalian,  
Voluntary Societies Liaison Officer.

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July 3, 1946

File: W.2

TO: American Friends Service Committee,  
Rotenturmstr. 17, Vienna I.

Subject: P.O.L. (Petrol, Oil and Lubricants)

1. Will you kindly let us have the following information in connection with the motor vehicles operated in Austria by your organization:

- (a) Number of vehicles to be maintained, and issued with P.O.L.
- (b) Location of vehicles.
- (c) Registration numbers of vehicles.
- (d) Make and type of vehicles.

2. It is absolutely necessary that you forward to us, by the 21st. of each month, an estimate of the P.O.L. requirements for the following month. We have submitted to our Motor Transport Department an estimate of your July requirements, but would ask that you advise us by July 21st. of your P.O.L. requirements for August, and subsequently by the 21st. of each month for the month following.

Your co-operation in this connection would be much appreciated.

AA:E

J. C. L. Andreassen,  
Director, Relief Services



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Unclassified number from UNRRA  
Vienna to UNRRA Washington, repeated London.  
Re your 538 repeated London 7577.  
Proposed terms of agreement with American  
Friends Service cover distribution of food  
and clothing to ten to eighteen age group  
through public welfare channels in Vienna  
and Lower Austria; industrial rehabilitation;  
increasing international understanding through  
social and community centers. Have resources,  
personnel, transport, equipment and supplies  
to carry out program, and will comply with  
military law. Will furnish UNRRA with month-  
ly reports of activities and will accept  
UNRRA requests. UNRRA agrees to provide as  
far as possible travel facilities, messing  
and billeting, medical service, PX privileges,  
accommodation for vehicles, P.O.L., repairs  
to vehicles and tires and assistance in ship-  
ment of supplies on reimbursable basis.

Washington No.  
Repeated  
London No.

Originated by:

A. Adenliem

UNRRA authority to admit and regulate  
foreign voluntary societies is under nego-  
tiation with AGA at present. No clear cut  
authority to do this has been granted by  
AGA. Therefore AJDC and HOWC have not pro-  
posed any agreement.

Approved by:

J. O. L. Andreassen

Date: June 7, 1946



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H. J.

5th June 1946

To: Miss Margaret Jones, American Friends Service Committee,  
7 Rue des Chaudronniers, Geneva.

This will acknowledge your letter of May 2nd in which you express your appreciation of the opportunity of visiting Germany. Both Miss Adanalian and I are happy to know that your trip was so worth while, and to receive just a little glimpse of your experiences on it. We both feel that UNRRA staff in the field are making a very worth while contribution and one that will have increasing value.

The unaccompanied children's work which UNRRA is doing both in Germany and Austria has a unique appeal and presents a challenge for our Child Welfare staff. We have just recently opened our first child center at Ebensee in the American Zone in Austria, and indications are that a number of others will be necessary, as our search for lost children continues.

Your team here in Vienna are most cooperative and are launching into some very worth while projects. We know that your interest and concern for the people whom we serve here in Austria will bring some of the further help which is so very greatly needed in the next few months.

With sincere good wishes and our kindest regards,

Sincerely,

*MW*

NELL WEST  
Chief Welfare Officer

NW/HC

TO: Miss Margaret Jones, American Friends Service Committee,  
7 Rue des Chaudronniers, Geneva.

25th June 1946



PARMATER.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

17, Rotenturnstrasse, III. Stock

Vienna, Austria

Telephone: U 26-5-04

PROGRESS REPORT FOR MAY 1948

U.N.R.R.A.  
AUSTRIAN MISSION  
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*noted Jan*

Food distributed	Location	Number Persons	Ages	Daily calories	Means Distribution	How selected.
Selected groups	Berndorf (Lower Austria Russian Zone)	373	0-3	675	City officials	Medical advice
		312	14-17	610	"	"
		1658	60 up	350	"	"
Mittel-schulen (59)	Vienna	3600	14-18	500	School-officials	Medical examinat. (Worst cases)
Apprentice-Homes (3)	"	425	14-18	600	Officials of Homes	Presents: 1. Low ration 2. Hard useful work
Teacher-Training-Schools (3)	"	360	14-19	500	School-officials	Medical examinat.
Trade-Schools	"	370	14-18	500	"	"
Trade-Union Rest-Homes (6)	Hartenstein	56	14-18	600	Rest-Home officials	Medical examina. / Youth come fr. all zones for treatment here. /
	Baden	30	"	"		
	Frein	45	"	"		
	/Lower Austria					
	Russian Zone/					
	Siegmundsberg	43	"	"		
	Raach	120	"	"		
	/Styria,					
	British Zone/					
	Tamsweg	120	"	"		
	/Salzburg,					
	American Zone/					

TOTALS: 7512

0-3 (373)	675
14-17 (5481)	600
60 up (1658)	350

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

17, Rotenturmstrasse, III. Stock

Vienna, Austria

Telephone: U 26-4-05

INVENTORY OF FOOD STOCKS

May 1946

U.N.R.R.A.  
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Name of Item	Lbs imported during month	Lbs Distribution during month	Lbs in Storage End of Month
Sardines		1,775	954
Tunafish		300	1,800
Milk, condensed		8,784	20,556
Cereal		8,800	49,400
Milk, powdered	85,950	6,060	106,050
Oleo Margarine	30,294	2,034	28,260
Canned Vegetables	24,510	935	23,575
Grape Jam	38,780	1,500	37,280
Butter	6,000		6,000
Sugar	32,000	2,100	29,900
Peanut Butter	2,450	1,029	1,421
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<u>219,984</u> (110 Tons)	<u>33,317</u> { 16 7/10 Tons }	<u>305,196</u> (153 Tons)
Clothing (used)			98,071 (49 Tons)
Shoes (new)			42,999 (21 1/2 Tons)

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Brigadier R.H.R. Parminter  
Chief of Mission  
UNRRA Headquarters for Austria  
Vienna I  
Schwarzenbergplatz 16

May 24 th 1946

Re: Cooperation with  
UNRRA

Dear Brigadier Parminter,

This letter is in reply to your memorandum of the 17 th of May 1946 covering certain points of cooperation with UNRRA.

The AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE is happy to cooperate with UNRRA in Austria and feels that much good will come out of such a relationship.

The AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE has the approval of the U.S. War and State Departments and the President's war relief control board to work in Austria.

The AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE is an organisation founded in 1917 by the Society of Friends /Quakers/. Its purpose is to give spiritual and physical aid in countries where the need is great, where its limited facilities can be effective and in areas where no other organisation is giving aid. It is at present working in France, Italy, Austria, Finland, Germany, Poland, China, India, Mexico, Spain, Norway and the U.S.A. Its work in Austria extended from 1917 to 1938 in cooperation with the English Friends.

Its present work in Austria has 3 phases:

1. The distribution of food and clothing <sup>Takes Place</sup> largely through City and State Organisations to the most needy. After discussion with the various nutritional experts of the Allied Armies and of the Austrian Government it was found that the age group from 10 to 18 was in greatest need. One of the advantages of a small private relief organisation is to fill gaps where need is not being met. Therefore we are placing most of our resources at the disposal of this age group in the next four months. Through the Mittelschulen of Vienna we hope to feed a supplementary meal of 600 calories daily. We are at present also giving the same supplementary meal to 2500 old people and teen-aged children in Berndorf, a city of great need in Lower Austria. Food is also being distributed to Young People's rest-homes. Cod liver oil is being distributed to small children in Vienna. All this work is done in the four military zones.



American Friends Service Committee, Vienna, to:  
Brigadier Parminter, UNRRA, Headquarter, Vienna

2./ Our second phase of work concerns itself with industrial rehabilitation, particularly with the glass industry.

3./ As for our third phase, we are beginning to experiment with social and community centres with the objective of increasing international understanding. We are hoping to cooperate in this latter work with the English and Swiss Quakers.

Since food and clothing are now most needed in Austria, we are placing our greatest emphasis on the first phase of the work.

We have at present the resources, personnel, transport, equipment and supplies to carry out the above programme. We are requesting additional personnel and transport to meet our increasing needs.

The names and addresses of our personnel are the following:

- |                                  |           |                          |      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------|
| 1. George Mathues, coordinator,  | Wien XIX, | Nedergasse 21,           |      |
| 2. Melvyn Luersen,               | "         | Vegagasse 21/T. 6        |      |
| 3. Arthur Billings               | "         | Lerchenfelderstr.30/T.10 |      |
| 4. <del>Edward</del> Fredericks, | "         | Steinfeldgasse 1         |      |
| 5. Carleton Mabee                | Wien 8,   | Hotel Stadion,           |      |
|                                  |           | Buchfeldgasse 5          |      |
| 6. Mary Forman                   | Wien 9,   | Hotel Westminster,       | R.62 |
| 7. Marlis Gildemeister           | "         | "                        | R.12 |
| 8. Mary Campion                  | "         | "                        | R.57 |
|                                  |           | Harmoniegasse 5          |      |

Austrian Personnel is as follows:

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Rudolf Nechutny, driver and transportworker, | Wien X, Birkenhof 32         |
| 2. Richard Strigl,                              | " Wien 18, Schulgasse 90     |
| 3. Marianne Mentel, secretary,                  | Wien 8, Kochgasse 9          |
| 4. Martha Siedler,                              | Wien 13, Raschgasse 4        |
| 5. Elfriede Schlosser,                          | Wien IV, Taubstummengasse 8. |

The personnel of the organisation will, of course, comply with the military laws.

UNRRA offers us a choice of 3 categories of cooperation. We accept Nr. 2. " a supplementary project which falls outside the actual scope of the UNRRA programme." We understand that we shall provide at our own expense relief, welfare and health services. We also understand that UNRRA shall provide so far as possible the supplies and equipment to be used by our organisation and at our expense. Further, your memorandum states that UNRRA will provide and we agree:



American Friends Service Committee, Vienna, to:  
Brigadier Parminter, UNRRA Headquarters, Vienna.

1. Travel facilities,
2. Messing and billeting,
3. Medical services,
4. PX or NAAFI privileges,
5. Transportation from their home, country and return.

If available, UNRRA states it will provide the following:

1. Accomodation for vehicles,
2. Petrol oil and lubricants,
3. Repair to vehicles,
4. Tyres.

We are very appreciative of these offers and aid and agree that UNRRA shall be reimbursable for costs incurred and finally we welcome UNRRA's offer " to assist Voluntary Societies in the shipment of relief and rehamilitation supplies."

We will furnish UNRRA the monthly reports of our activities and will accept UNRRA's requests in so far as they are compatible with the scope and nature of our work.

Very sincerely Yours

*George Mathues*  
George Mathues:

Chief of mission,

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Wien I, Rotenturmstrasse 17/III

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Adanalian *noted*

May 23rd. 1946

TO: Mr. J. C. L. Andreassen, Director, Relief Services.  
Attention: Mrs. N. West, Chief Welfare Officer

FROM: Miss A. Adanalian, Voluntary Societies Liaison Officer

SUBJECT: American Friends Service Committee

Mr. Mitchell, Chief of the American Friends Service in Austria, and Mr. Weatherford, European Commission of A.F.S.C., came to see me to discuss their relationship to UNRRA, and the preparation of an application for agreement with UNRRA. I explained to them the three categories of co-operation, and gave them an outline to be used in preparing their letter of application.

Mr. Weatherford, who had made a tour of the Friends Service program in Europe, felt strongly the need of co-ordination of the voluntary societies, and pointed out the advantages to the voluntary societies through working with UNRRA. He wondered if we could supply the Friends Service with information on agricultural, industrial and nutritional conditions in Austria.

Mr. Mitchell pointed out the value of the meeting held on May 17th., and said how helpful they had found the information Dr. Collier presented.

Mr. Weatherford said he was planning to go to Hungary, to look over the conditions there and ascertain what type of program Friends Service could develop there.

Mr. Mitchell expressed appreciation for the efficient way in which their need for P.O.L. was handled.

*Alice Adanalian*

Alice Adanalian,  
Voluntary Societies Liaison Officer

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Geneva Office

May 2nd, 1946

Notre référence :

My dear Mrs. West, ---

My long delayed thanks to you and Miss Adanalian for your generous assistance in furthering my request to go to Munich under Unrra travel orders. It was a most interesting experience, and I was certainly grateful for Unrra's hospitality during the weekend and for the several opportunities they gave me to see some of the Unrra camps. The University in the Deutsche Museum - the Funk Caserne - and the big camp for Ukrainians, near Dachau, - each offered a distinct example of the variety of Unrra's work. One saw too some of the terrific problems which Unrra faces, and I personally was very impressed with the devotion to the job and for the displaced persons which was immediately apparent in members of the different staffs with whom I talked.

Sarah Howells, one of the AFSC staff who has been with Unrra for two years -- first in El Shatt camp and then in Germany - came from Regensburg, together with another AFSC staff, Vi Pfrommer - to spend Sunday with me. Sarah told of Unrra's work with the "lost" children, and it is one of the most fascinating stories I heard. Her team of ten members ( coming from ten different countries ) have spent months locating and interviewing United Nations children who are in Germany without members of their families. For the most part these are Polish youngsters who were forcibly taken from their homes and Germanized. Unrra's success in finding clues through their contacts with these children, which has led them to valuable information sources in other countries, has meant a much larger team for Germany.

It was interesting to note the enthusiasm of many persons with whom I talked for the international teams. And when I introduced myself to Miss Richmond, and gave her your greetings, I found that we had met each other a year ago at the Unrra school in College Park where I stayed for a few days!

It was a most helpful weekend, and again my hearty thanks to you and Miss Adanalian. I am thinking of Unrra, and of the AFSC, these days as all of you struggle with the overall problem in Vienna and Austria. These next few months will be hard ones. I do hope that when I get back to Philadelphia in early June I will be able to add some heavily underlined words regarding the basic needs of Vienna for food and matériel.

With warm regards,

Margaret E. Jones

A rappeler dans la réponse  
la date et la référence



MISS ADENAUER: - THIS COVERS OUR WORK UP TO APRIL  
YOU HAVE RECEIVED MAY'S REPORT BY NOW.

REPORT OF FOREIGN RELIEF AGENCY

G. KATHUES.

**INDEXED**

From: April 1 st to April 30 th 1946

TO: Chief, Public Welfare Branch,  
Internal Affairs Division, USACA Sect. USFA.

Name of Organization: American Friends Service Committee

Location of Headquarters: 17, Rotenturmstrasse, III. Stock, Vienna I

Personal: Foreign 8, Austrian 4.

a) VEHICLES:

<u>Cars &amp; Trucks by Weight</u>	<u>Gas Consumption</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
3 Jeeps 1/4 Ton	230 Gals.	3868
Personnel Carrier 1 1/2 Ton	79 "	790
Truck 2 1/2 Ton	98 "	492
" 4 Tons	125 "	501
TOTAL: 6 8 3/4 Tons	532	5651

2. FOOD

a) Amounts and areas of Distribution.

<u>Area of Distribution</u>	<u>Bezirks of Vienna</u>	<u>Lands &amp; French Bezirks Sowjet Zone</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. Persons Served daily	515 4000	56	4515
Caloric Value per Person per day	600 300	600	

b) Age Groups and methods of selection of recipients:

<u>Age group</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>How Selected</u>
14 - 18	375	<u>Apprentice Homes:</u> Low rations doing useful work
14 - 18	260	<u>Mittelschulen:</u> Medical Examin.
14 - 18	56	<u>Trade Union:</u>
0 - 10	4000	<u>Rest Homes:</u> Medical Examinatio <u>Volksdeutsche:</u> Receiving only 800 calories daily

UNRRA Austrian Mission received:

17. 6. 46.



c/ Show a typical menu designating each item served and its amount:

Sardines 1/3 can  
Milk, condensed, 1/3 can  
Bread / provided by Recipients./

d/ Designate any additional supplementary issue such as vitamins, cod liver oil, etc.

Cod liver oil 360 gallons turned over to children's hospitals and mothers' clinics of Vienna.

e/ Designate those categories included in the program which are now receiving or previously received supplementary aid from other sources and the name of such source:

Mittelschulen above received " Allied Soup", supplementary, being about 250 calories.

f/ Method of Distribution:

Bulk deliveries - Supplementary meal.

g/ Inventory of Food Stocks:

Name of item	Lbs imported during Month APRIL	Lbs Distributed during APRIL	Kgs in Storage end of month
Sardines	5300	2571	2129
Milk, condensed	38,000	6660	29,340
Cereal	60,000	1800	53,200
Milk, powdered	27,030	810	26,160
Tunafish	3,000	900	2,100

### 3. CLOTHING

- Area of Distribution: Vienna
- Type distributed: old.
- No of items in each group: mixed.
- Total number of garments or tonnage: 7,000
- Method of distribution, name of agency etc. :  
Through Caritas to Volksdeutsche Camps.
- Balance on hand: 29,541

Signature:

George Mathues

Position

Chief of mission

Date:

June 6th 1946