

Germany

The sum of \$40,000 included in the present Budget Forecast covers expenditure for the maintenance and equipment of our school of locksmithing and mechanics and our trade courses (retraining courses) for adults in Berlin. Opened in the beginning of 1937, our Technical School in Berlin quickly occupied the first place among the Jewish trade schools as well as of the number of its pupils (230). After the demolition of the Jewish Trade schools and retraining institutions during the tragic events of the first half of November, 1938, our Berlin School, as one standing under the protection of a British organisation (British ORT Society), is the only Jewish institution of vocational training in Germany which continues its work without interruption and with an intact equipment. It must be therefore anticipated that the afflux of new pupils will considerably exceed the high figures of the preceding school years.

France

The work of the ORT in the field of vocational training in France was primarily orientated until 1938 towards helping in a constructive way the refugees from Germany who poured into France since 1933. Supplanting the ad hoc ~~organisations~~ (up to now) created organisations of quick aid to refugees, the French section of the ORT employed systematic and uninterrupted efforts to fulfil the most difficult and responsible task of refugee relief, viz. the task of adapting the newcomers to the economic conditions of a new country, of finding the occupations which are most suited for their circumstances, and of establishing the best and most efficient methods of vocational education~~at~~ by means of short-termed courses.

The new wave of refugees from Germany, Austria and Italy, produced by the events of 1938, found thus in the machinery of the ORT in France a ready organization commanding the necessary means and experience for providing the facilities of vocational training and retraining which the fresh refugees required. This organization, however, has to be enlarged to meet the increased demand.

In addition to the 13 trade courses which the ORT maintained in Paris up to the school year 1938-39, it has become necessary to provide in the present budget