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CROWDS THROUGH ORT EXHIBIT OPENING

Nathaniel Kaplan, Secretary of the Board of Education, opens the International ORT Exhibit at the ORT Trade School

Branton Reports on Austria

There is a marked improvement in the morale of Jews in European DP camps, according to Harry Branton, Director of Austrian ORT vocational schools, who recently completed a short stay here for the purpose of reporting progress of ORT's installations abroad to the American ORT Federation's Board of Directors.

Interviewed on the eve of his return to Austria, January 24, Mr. Branton stressed the psychological factors affecting the rehabilitation of family units.

"The expansion of vocational training facilities is responsible for the improvement of morale," said Branton. "Equipping a family head with a trade gives him the assurance and confidence vital

to the resumption of his role as a provider.

"A very interesting by-product of ORT training is the marked change in the average German's attitude toward the Jewish DP."

Herzfeld Elected Chairman of Board

Max Herzfeld was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the AOF at its meeting of January 17, 1949. Mr. Herzfeld pointed out that his acceptance of the office was on a temporary basis only, as it would be impossible for him to accept the chairmanship permanently. He succeeds Louis B. Boudin.

A member of the Central Board of

Several hundred invited guests thronged the opening ceremony of the International ORT Exhibit on Tuesday evening, February 1, when Nathaniel Kaplan, Secretary of the Board of Education, representing Mayor William O'Dwyer, formally opened the exhibit doors at the ORT Trade School, 318 West 57th Street, New York City.

The exhibit features choice items of craftsmanship produced in ORT's worldwide vocational rehabilitation centers. Assembled in 24 countries and brought to the United States for the occasion, the exhibit is affording New Yorkers their first opportunity to view visible evidence of ORT's progress in reconstructing Jewish war survivors throughout the world.

M. Maldwin Fertig, chairman of the executive committee, American ORT Federation, presided at the inaugural ceremony. Introducing Max Herzfeld, chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Fertig welcomed the guests representing civic and philanthropic organizations as the leaders of the people of New York "who have given indispensable aid" in advancing the reconstruction work of ORT.

Mr. Herzfeld declared: "We are aiming to make this exhibit a living demonstration of ORT's global accomplishments in helping tens of thousands of unskilled and homeless Jews overseas at

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the World ORT Union, Mr. Herzfeld has been identified with the work of ORT for many years. As founder and president of the Brooklyn ORT Society, as one who has visited DP camps abroad and has long been associated with many Jewish organizations and activities, Mr. Herzfeld brings welcome qualifications to his new post.

EDITORIAL

Membership

The American ORT Federation has barely three months to make good its pledge that it will rally an adequate membership to represent its cause by May, 1949, when the national convention will be held.

This is a pledge to the Jews of Europe who have come to expect from ORT a practical answer to their down-to-earth questions about how they are going to earn their daily bread.

It is a pledge to those newcomers to Israel whose chief means of adjusting themselves to the economy of that new State will be through the trades they may learn in the ORT schools recently established there.

It is a pledge equally to the Jews of Shanghai, of poverty-stricken French North Africa, and other lands.

Every member of the American ORT Fed-

eration must take this pledge and then go out and bring in new members who will enable this organization to give full and strong support to the absolutely essential job of training which the World ORT Union is carrying on today in 24 countries.

Every new member who joins the American ORT Federation helps to hasten the completion of this task—an ambitious, necessary task that calls for all available hands if it is to be properly done.

Let's get those membership cards filled in, and keep them coming.

The ORT Exhibit

We are proud of the ORT exhibition now current in New York—and we know that you will confirm our pride. Here is the beauty and utility that has risen from the ruined and despoiled cities of Europe—beauty created out of suffering by an unhappy generation now rising to the sunlight of new hope and achievement.

Visit the ORT exhibit for an inspiring preview of a promising future!

National Hook-Ups Broadcast Story Of ORT's Work and ORT Exhibit

With three national networks devoting time recently to broadcasts concerning the American ORT Federation and the International ORT Exhibit, and another broadcast scheduled for WMGM in February, radio listeners have had an unusual opportunity in the past few weeks to acquaint themselves with ORT's aims and program.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, whose praise of ORT has been frequent and unstinting in the past, assigned a portion of her broadcast over the American Broadcast-

ing Company network on January 31 to a description of ORT schools abroad.

Bill Leonard devoted his "This Is New York" program over CBS to ORT on February 3, and Mrs. Serge Jarvis, Membership Chairman of Women's American ORT, was heard over the Mutual Broadcasting System on the "Lunch At Sardi's" program at 1 P.M. on February 5. Mrs. Jarvis discussed the International ORT Exhibit, urging New York listeners to come and see it for themselves.

In February, "Tex and Jinx" McCrary will turn their attention to ORT's work during their broadcast over New York's WMGM.

Mrs. Roosevelt, in her talk over the ABC network, described her visit to the ORT school in Paris and observed that, behind the name of ORT, "there is a fine and worthwhile purpose."

When she first heard about ORT, she said, "it was a great many years ago. The organization over here was collecting money to provide farm tools and machinery to the Jewish people who needed help, and they would train people in this country who were going to Palestine, or really who were inadequate in their training wherever they might be.

"Now the aims of courses have become world-wide, and the help has become world-wide, because the need became world-wide. Now you find schools



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The American ORT Federation represents the World ORT Union, with which it is affiliated, in the United States. The World ORT Union is devoted to the vocational training and economic reconstruction of Jews throughout the world.

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and training centers dotted all over and machinery provided by the ORT."

On Bill Leonard's "This Is New York" program ORT was described as "an organization that has done something concrete about the lost, homeless people of Europe."

An enthusiastic description of the International ORT Exhibit followed:

"The exhibition is smack in the center of the school itself so while you're looking at what's been done, DPs who have found their way to the United States will be working at their chosen trade... I think you'll be fascinated by a visit to the ORT exhibition. Nobody's going to try selling you anything... nobody's going to put the bite on you for a contribution. If you need an antidote to the headlines or the cold war communique, I think you'll be pleased to find that something is being done to get the victims of Hitler's brutality back on their feet... back to a useful place among their fellow citizens of the world."

ORT in Israel

Nine ORT schools, offering 26 ORT courses, will be opened in eight communities in Israel. An agreement has been concluded between ORT and Youth Aliyah for the establishment of the schools for newly-arrived young immigrants in Jerusalem, Kfar Chasidim, Kfar Vitkin and Mogdiel.

At the first country-wide plenary meeting of the Israeli ORT Committee in Tel Aviv on January 16, Dr. Aaron Syngalowski revealed the plans for the new schools and reported on the fine progress that has been made.

UNITED NATIONS NIGHT

at the
International ORT Exhibit

ORT Trade School
119 W. 57th St.

FEBRUARY 24 — 8:00 P. M.

Be Sure to Attend

Mrs. Kurt Laemmle Home; Praises ORT Work for Israel

At a luncheon and meeting given in her honor by the Women's American ORT on Thursday, January 20th, Mrs. Kurt Laemmle, Western Expansion Chairman, gave an extensive report on her two months visit to Europe and Israel. The day before the luncheon, Mrs. Laemmle had flown in from Tel Aviv.

Having visited many DP camps, Mrs. Laemmle was able to give a vivid first-hand account of the extremely important contribution that ORT is making, and will continue to make, to the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland by providing training for Jewish craftsmen.

"The real hero," said Mrs. Laemmle, "is the student—the student who, because he goes to school to learn, must have an empty belly that day.

"A very wonderful thing is happening in Europe—they are sending the young people on to Israel. Israel is a country of young people. You see more young boys and young girls there than anywhere else in the world. It gives you a feeling that you know where you are going, and are going there very fast.

"In Israel, I have seen democracy live!"

The audience was inspired by Mrs. Laemmle's evaluation of what is happening in "that little nation" of Israel.



Mrs. Kurt Laemmle on her arrival at La Guardia Field, following a two months' visit to Europe and Israel

U. S. Sgt. Adopts Buchenwald Lad; ORT Teaches Him Trade

The dreams of a liberated boy are coming true. Josef Guttman, 19-year-old Polish lad from Buchenwald concentration camp, has found a new father—and is receiving training at the ORT Trade School in New York City.

Guttman, whose parents and brothers and sisters were killed in the Nazi murder camp, has been adopted into the family of Master Sergeant William Best, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Best commanded a tank detail to which the Polish youth became attached as mascot after his liberation.

Shown in the photo is the touching reunion of Best and Guttman when the latter arrived in New York aboard the S. S. Marine Marlin.

"I hope ORT can help me learn a trade and become a self-respecting citizen of the United States," was the boy's first request when he landed on American soil.

On January 24, Sergeant Best brought Josef to the offices of the American ORT Federation. Here Josef registered for the jewelry course at the ORT Trade School, 318 West 57th Street, New York.

Sergeant Best and Josef explained that they had seen the excellent work being



Master Sgt. Best Greets Josef Guttman

done by ORT in DP camps, and felt Josef would best receive the training he requires through ORT's school. "I will be among friends there," said young Josef.

Leaders of Fraternal Orders Pledge Support to ORT Council

The leaders of the large Jewish Fraternal Orders have pledged their full support to the ORT Council of Organization in its expanded program for a nationwide membership drive. Among these groups are the Jewish National Worker's Alliance, Independent Order Brith Abraham, Order Sons of Zion and Free Sons of Israel. Cooperation has also been promised by such non-sectarian fraternal orders as Nights of Pythias, Independent Order Odd Fellows, Masons and others.

The officers of the ORT Council of Organizations, Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig, Chairman; Herman Hoffman, Chairman of the Board; Dr. Simon Segal, Administrative Chairman and Chaim Weintraub, Executive Secretary, have announced a plan for membership expansion on a national scale which will involve the organization of ORT Councils in the larger cities throughout the country where there are a substantial number of branches and lodges of the ORT

Council's affiliated national organizations. Local chapters of the ORT Council will be formed not only in New York but in other cities with the cooperation of the affiliated groups. In addition, through the medium of the various organizations, it is expected that a substantial number of individual members will be recruited. The ORT Council of Organizations starts its expanded membership drive with approximately 100 organizations and a number of individuals already enrolled as members, the result of the preliminary efforts of the last few months. As the expansion drive moves into high gear, it is expected that hundreds of new organizations will become members throughout the country before the National Convention of the American ORT Federation is held in May.

The feature of the expansion drive in New York will be the Annual Conference of the ORT Council of Organizations during March in conjunction with the ORT Exhibit.





ORT ON DISPLAY

Action Shots Taken at The International ORT Exhibit On Opening Night

1. Dr. David Lvovitch welcomes Judge Edgar J. Nathan, former president of the Borough of Manhattan and member of the Board of Directors, American ORT Federation, to the exhibit at the ORT Trade School. 2. Max Herzfeld, chairman of the Board of Directors, American ORT Federation, calls the exhibit "a living display of ORT's global accomplishments." 3. Alexander J. Halpern, chairman of British ORT, brings greetings from the World ORT Union. 4. Barbara Berkman and Morris Lane watch skilled jewelry workers plying their craft at the exhibit. 5. Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan, president of Women's American ORT, tells audience that "ORT is the abiding hope of masses of distressed Jews." 6. Dr. David J. Swartz, treasurer of the ORT Exhibit Committee. 7. M. Maldwin Fertig, chairman of the Executive Committee of American ORT, opens the proceedings. 8. Alexander Fix, instructor, shows a student how. 9. A display of work done by students at the Bramson ORT School. 10. Young machinists in action. 11. The illuminated map showing ORT trade schools in all parts of Europe. 12. Julius Hochman of the ILGWU, member of the Board of Directors, American ORT Federation, and guest Claire McCardell, famed fashion designer.

French Government to Continue Subsidy of ORT Schools

"ORT's vocational training program contributes substantially to the economic recovery of France by creating the necessary skilled manpower," a top investigator of the French Ministry of Finance recently declared, following a special survey made by the Government of ORT's schools at Montreuil. "The money spent by the French government on ORT centers," he added, "is a worthwhile investment."

Several weeks ago the French Ministry of Labor which is subventioning ORT vocational courses in Paris informed M. Bramson, Director of the Montreuil schools that the Ministry of Finance has decided to check up on all governmental and non-governmental institutions supported financially by the government for the purpose of determining whether it should continue to so assist these institutions.

In the case of ORT an inquiry was to be made by a special investigator in shops and factories where ORT graduates are employed at present.

During a visit to the schools at Montreuil the chief inspector of the French Ministry of Finance, M. Boucher, asked for the records of all graduates of ORT's short-term accelerated training courses. These courses last from three to 10 months and the students are mostly refugees or former DP's who came to France directly from DP or concentration camps. Until they came to ORT the vast majority of them had had no training of any kind.

Choosing at random the names of 30 graduates who completed their training with grades ranging from excellent to fair, M. Boucher instituted a personal

investigation. Of the 13 employers whose answers he reported to ORT, 12 were extremely satisfied with the work performed by ORT graduates. M. Boucher informed ORT that in the future these employers would continue to hire ORT trainees.

Two world-renowned dress-making firms (*haute couture*), Patou and Mendel, promoted the former ORT trainees to the categories of first and second "helpers" (*main*) after they had been employed for only three months. In the

hierarchical tradition of French *haute couture*, M. Boucher reported, such promotions after only a brief period of employment were unusual.

The firm of Mendel continued to employ the former ORT trainees even though they were obliged to lay off other designers.

The survey of the French Ministry of Finance covered typewriter repair shops, welding and construction works, radio and electricity firms as well as firms specializing in dress designing and men's tailoring.

As a result of this survey the French Ministry of Finance recommended to the Ministry of Labor that the partial subvention of the ORT schools be continued.

Crowds Throng ORT Exhibit

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tain independent and constructive lives in many countries. We are displaying thousands of articles, that demonstrate artisanship second to none. And we are eager to have visitors observe actual instruction methods at our New York school which houses the exhibit."

Mr. Kaplan, speaking for Mayor O'Dwyer, who sponsors the exhibit, conveyed the Mayor's regrets that he could not attend and praised the "dramatic interest" of the exhibit.

"New York may well be proud," he said, "to house so magnificent a tribute to both an organization's selfless devotion to a cause . . . and to a people's will to live and create in the face of overwhelming adversity."

Other speakers included Alexander Halpern, chairman of British ORT, who recently arrived in the United States; Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan, president of Women's American ORT; Judge Edgar J. Nathan, and Dr. David J. Swartz, treasurer of the ORT Exhibit Committee.

Mrs. Kaphan, who recently completed a survey of conditions in DP camps in Central Europe, called ORT "the abiding hope of masses of distressed Jews for a life of freedom in countries of their choice." She said that new skills acquired in ORT's training centers, as evidenced by the samples of craftsmanship on exhibit, testify to the "unique effectiveness of ORT's program."

Mr. Halpern brought greetings of the World ORT Union.

Among highlights of the show, which have attracted special attention, are a series of dioramas, depicting the history of oppression and persecution suffered by the Jews in Europe, while photo murals, illuminated maps and special demonstrations show key phases of

ORT's network of vocational training centers.

Electronic devices, radios, jewelry, textiles, fashion drawings, machine tools and men's and women's fashions are among other items of major interest.

A program of special weekly events for evenings during February and March features the following:

February 8—U. S. Army Night. A citation was awarded to the U. S. Army for cooperation in rehabilitating Jewish war survivors in Europe.

February 24—U. N. Night. UN delegates whose countries' products are represented at the exhibit will attend.

March 1—Israel Night, with Zionist organizations participating.

March 8—Labor Night, with prominent labor leaders as guests of honor.

The exhibit is open daily from 2 to 10 P.M. except for Friday evenings and Saturdays. Admission is free.

The list of sponsors includes: George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation; Andrew G. Clauson, Jr., president of the Board of Education; David Dubinsky, president of the ILGWU; Eliahu Epstein, Israel Representative to the U. S.; Judge George Frankenthaler; Mrs. Isaac Gilman, president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations; William Green, president of A. F. of L.; ex-Governor Herbert H. Lehman; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury; Philip Murray, president, CIO; Hon. Edgar J. Nathan, former Manhattan Borough President; Mayor William O'Dwyer; Hon. Hugo Rogers, Manhattan Borough President; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Arthur H. Sulzberg, publisher of the New York Times, and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

Tart Addresses Detroit Women

ORT has survived for 70 years because it supplies a basic need in every country where it operates, Aaron B. Tart, member of the Board of Directors of the American ORT Federation and its former executive vice-chairman, told 300 members of the Detroit Region, Women's American ORT, at the Lee Plaza Hotel in Detroit on January 17.

The meeting, held jointly with the Women's Division of the Jewish Welfare Federation to explain their philanthropic enterprises for 1949, was presided over by Mrs. Harry Becker, chairman of the Detroit Region.

Chicago Sets Goal of 5000 In Member Drive

Five thousand new members by this year's end is the goal of ORT in Chicago. The drive was officially opened on January 23 at a conference sponsored by the ORT People's Committee of Chicago, in conjunction with the Women's West Side, Albany Park, and Men's Chapters of ORT.

More than 300 delegates, representing 180 organizations, defied inclement weather to gather at the Midland Hotel, for the conference dedicated to the memory of B. C. Vladeck, founder and first president of American ORT Federation.

Under the chairmanship of M. L. Polin, president of the People's Committee, the delegates created a new executive board of 100 to spark the membership drive. Greetings for the conference's success were given by delegates from the Workmen's Circle, Jewish National Workers Alliance, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, ILGWU, Pioneer Women and many others.

Principal speaker was Jacob Oleiski, former director of ORT schools in the U. S. Zone in Germany. He held the audience enthralled with the story of Europe's Jewry and the hope that ORT training had brought them.

Participating in the special Vladeck Memorial were Dr. Z. Lorber, Cantor Kippur, Miss Fritzi Seibach and Dina Halperin.

S. Regensburg ended the conference with a vigorous membership appeal.

Leaders Discuss ORT Activities

ORT's activities and needs figured prominently among the discussions at two recent, important national conferences where outstanding American Jewish leaders met to virtually determine U. S. fund raising policy for 1949.

U. S. ORT officials at the United Jewish Appeal meeting in Atlantic City were Max Herzfeld, Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan and Edward L. Sard. Other ORT leaders present were Dr. David Lvovitch, A. Halpern of Great Britain, A. C. Litton and Louis J. Walinsky.

Mr. Sard and Dr. Lvovitch also met with leaders from all parts of the country at the annual assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in Philadelphia.

ORT Schools a "Vision of The Future," Dr. Frank Kingdon Declares After Visit

Dr. Frank Kingdon, noted columnist, educator and broadcaster, now in Europe with his wife, has reported back enthusiastically about the ORT vocational center at Camp Cinecitta, Grottaferrata, Italy, and the Joint Distribution Committee's TB Rest Home.

"I have derived inspiration from seeing the work of an organization serving a vision of the future," he said after observing the effects of the reconstructive aid and economic independence offered by ORT to the DP's and the "self-assurance they demonstrated."

Dr. Kingdon related how ORT graduates were employed in the sweater-knitting, dressmaking and mechanical repair shops conducted to meet the needs of the camp and its residents.

At the Rest Home, the Kingdons found most of the convalescents busy with ORT classes, preparing themselves for future livelihoods, even before receiving their medical discharges. Classes included mechanical dentistry, watchmaking, leather work, knitting, dressmaking and many others.

Preparing to journey on to Israel, where many of ORT-trained DP's have emigrated, Dr. Kingdon wrote: "In Cinecitta, so full of the ruins of antiquity, ORT works not with stones but human hearts, and makes not statues but men and women equipped for work and dignity. I express my warm appreciation; but even more I express my gratitude, for ORT by rehabilitating my brothers and sisters, makes a better life, also, for me."

World ORT Roundup

Greece

The Joint Distribution Committee has turned over its training workshops for welding and vocational courses in cutting and sewing to the ORT Committee which began functioning in Greece at the end of the year. ORT is now training a total of 56 pupils in Athens, and is planning to establish courses in machine shop, electro-technics and mechanical drawing, for which there is a waiting list of applicants.

Pupils also will be instructed in general and Jewish subjects, and JDC has agreed to supply ORT pupils with one warm meal a day.

The establishment of these courses comes as a welcome development to the survivors of Greece's once thriving Jewish communities, now living in extreme poverty. Of the old and important Jewish communities of Greece, only 10,000 persons have survived.

Canada

A pro tem Canadian Men's ORT committee was organized in Montreal on December 29, following a period of intensive preparatory work by Jacob Oleiski and Mrs. Leon D. Crestohl, president of Women's Canadian ORT, and an Executive Committee was chosen on January 6.

J. B. Becker, outstanding member of the wartime ORT organization in Canada, was host at a dinner meeting at which outstanding representatives of the

Montreal Jewish community met to create the new committee.

Harris Silver, who recently was in Europe as chairman of the Canadian Committee for the selection of DP furriers under Canada's immigration laws, is president of the Canadian organization. The Executive Committee, to serve until national elections can be held, includes J. B. Becker, vice-president and chairman; Frank Godine, secretary; H. Roseman, treasurer; Sam Black, chairman of membership; Max Wolofsky, program chairman, and Gus Garber, chairman of public relations and publicity.

The committee has decided to initiate immediately a membership drive with a goal of 1,000 members.

A. C. Litton Honored

Abraham C. Litton, president of the American and European Friends of ORT, was honored for his long years of magnificent service by a concert and tea party, at which the names of 608 new members were presented.

Marking an important milestone in ORT enrollment, the ceremony was celebrated by more than 150 ORT members and friends last January 20 at the Hotel Olcott, New York.

The American and European Friends of ORT founded the famous ORT Trade School in New York City, where the International Exhibit is on display.

Latest Figures From ORT Schools

With an estimated 43,000 pupils throughout the world having benefited from ORT training during 1948, enrollment is expected to increase markedly this year in Israel, Eastern Europe and French North Africa, while enrollment in DP countries continues to decline.

According to the latest statistics, compiled by Financial and Accounting Office of the World ORT Union, 20,000 pupils were engaged in ORT training as of December 31, 1948. About 11,700 pupils were graduated from ORT training centers during the year. In addition, from ten to twelve thousand pupils discontinued ORT training prior to graduation in order to go to other countries. ORT is now training in 24 countries, including Israel.

Thirteen countries where ORT committees exist carrying on fund-raising and propaganda programs, include Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa, Sweden, Venezuela and Aruba and Curacao in the West Indies.

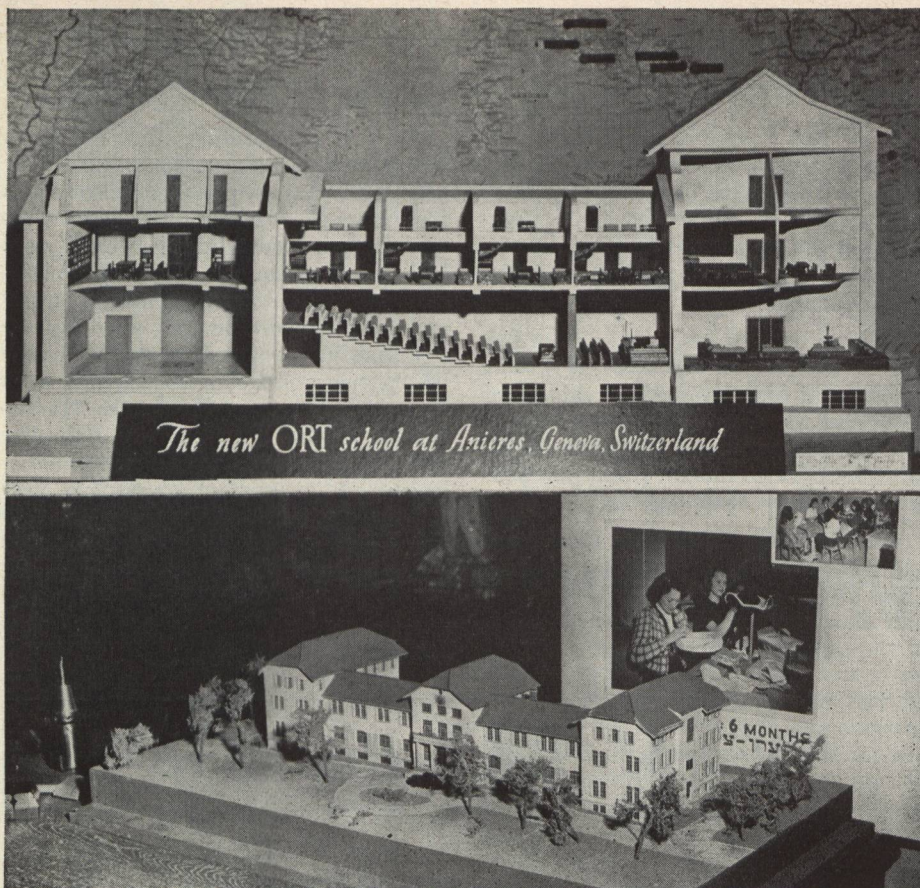
Estimated Number of Graduates for the Year 1948 by Country

Country	Graduates for the Year 1948 (Estimate)
Argentina	40
Austria	1,000
Belgium	150
Brazil (Rio de Janeiro)	20
Brazil (Sao Paulo)	10
Bolivia ¹	20
Bulgaria	650
Chile	—
China (Shanghai)	210
Cuba	30
Czechoslovakia	100
England	30
France (Metropolitan)	—
French North Africa ²	950
Germany (British Zone)	750
Germany (U. S. Zone)	3,000
Greece ³	—
Holland	50
Hungary	1,150
Italy	700
Poland	1,250
Rumania	300
South Africa (ORT-OSE) ¹	5
Switzerland	150
U. S. (Bramson ORT Trade School, N. Y.)	1,000
U. S. (ORT Trade School, N. Y.)	150
Uruguay	—
GRAND TOTAL	11,715

¹ Training ce... discontinued.

² Includes a... ing center in Algiers, Algeria and one... asablanca, Morocco.

³ A new t... center established in Athens.



The photographs above show scale models of the exterior and interior of the Central ORT Institute for the Training of Vocational School Instructors and Senior Administrative Staff in Geneva, Switzerland—the first large-scale attempt to train vocational school instructors who are urgently needed for the World ORT Union's training program. The school overlooks the Lake of Geneva with the Jura mountains in the background.

The institute incorporates sections for metal work, electrical professions and wood working trades, as well as for the training of senior administrative personnel to be employed by ORT and other organizations. Training is for three and a half years, with the first six months devoted to a preliminary course. Graduates will be required to complete a year's practice as assistant instructors in various trade schools.

The Central ORT Institute has been planned as a model for ORT Trade Schools in all countries.

There are three class-rooms, one laboratory, an assembly hall with a seating capacity of 175, a library with adjoining reading room.

Practical work will be carried out in four mechanical workshops, one locksmith's shop complete with forge, a workshop for spot-welding, one for tinsmithy and plumbing, one for electro-technics, another for radio-technics, a general laboratory and a workshop for woodwork.

Rooms for communal use include a dining hall with pantry, kitchen with pantry and larder, furnace room, laundry, cloak-room and showers. There also is a playing field for pupils, who will have access to a nearby park.

The school, which can accommodate 175 students, will train 84 to start, the candidates to be selected by organizations in various countries. A number of the candidates will be from Israel.

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