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NEWS FROM ABROAD

FROM FRANCE

The Financial and Accounting Office is happy to present a revised and more up-to-date analysis of ORT training in France and in French North Africa. The data originally presented in Weekly Summary Vol. II, No. 1 were not only incomplete, but also not based on a specific reporting date. In general, they reflected the situation, exclusive of Paris and agricultural training, during the summer and in September 1947. The data presented below are uniformly as of October 31, 1947 and represent a larger portion of the entire enrollment in the schools of French ORT as of that date.

It will be noted that this report shows 133 more pupils in Metropolitan France than were shown in the summary table on World ORT Union educational statistics as of November 1947, published in Weekly Summary Vol. II, No. 5. The data published in this last issue of the Summary were incomplete due to the inadvertent omission of a few reports.

It can be seen from Table I that pupil enrollment in Metropolitan France totaled 1,115 on October 31, 1947. Naturally, the largest enrollment is to be found in Paris with 336 pupils, or 30% of the enrollment. The most popular courses are dressmaking with 194 pupils, radio technics with 167 pupils, and agriculture with 84 pupils. These three skills account for about 40% of the enrollment in Metropolitan France.

The needle trades account for 32% of the enrollment, while the strictly technical trades account for another 23%. The remaining enrollment is distributed among a variety of courses in the building trades, agriculture, and miscellaneous others including beauty culture, typewriter repair, leather goods, etc. Almost three-quarters of the enrollment in the miscellaneous group of courses, or 279 pupils, is accounted for by studies in cardboard working, woodworking and gardening which are conducted in various children's homes in France.

The 1,115 pupils are to be found in 70 courses, or an average of almost 16 pupils per course. Unfortunately, no data were included for Aix-Les-Bains, Cessieu or Bois-de-Rocher. Moreover, the reports for Marseille are obviously incomplete, omitting the Maritime School as well as some of the technical courses.

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TABLE I
PUPIL ENROLLMENT: FRENCH ORT (METROPOLITAN)
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1947

Trades	Location and Number of Pupils																TOTAL	
	PARIS	MALMAISON	MARSEILLE	LYON	STRASBOURG	NICE	BRUNOY	MONBARDON	ST. GERMAIN	TOULOUSE	BOULOGNE	HENONVILLE	LA ROCHE	PLESSIS-REVISE	CAILLE	ESPARON-DU-VERDON		PUJOIS
<u>NEEDLE TRADES:</u>																		
Dressmaking	40		42	18	41	22			11	13					5			194
Apparel: Cutting	31									12								43
Corsetry	17								10	3								30
Tailoring	28																	28
Lingerie	13																	13
Weaving						18												18
Millinery	14																	14
Shoemaking				9								6						15
TOTAL																		355
<u>TECHNICAL TRADES:</u>																		
Radio Technics	67		45	22	33													167
Machine Shop	32			14	5													51
Electro Technics	13			10	9													32
Welding	10																	10
TOTAL																		260
<u>BUILDING TRADES:</u>																		
Masonry									10									10
Carpentry	7														10			17
TOTAL																		27
<u>AGRICULTURE:</u>																		
								41				21			15	7		84
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>																		
Leather Goods	12			16														28
Beauty Culture						21												21
Typewriter Repair	16																	16
Designing	15																	15
Pastry-making						9												9
French Language Courses in Children's Homes	21																	21
Cardboard Working		64																64
Woodworking		23																23
Gardening		70					60			25	18		19					192
TOTAL																		389
GRAND TOTAL	336	157	89	89	83	70	60	41	31	28	25	24	21	19	15	15	7	1,115

(Source: Geneva Forms No. 2, received January 12, 14 and 15, 1948.)

NEWS FROM ABROAD (Continued)

Much more striking in growth has been the increase enrollment in French North Africa. Enrollment in Algiers has increased from 32 pupils shown in Weekly Summary Vol. II, No. 1 to 74 as of October 31, 1947. In Casablanca, enrollment has increased from the 400 previously reported to 530. Current enrollment in these two areas of French North Africa is shown by skill in Table II. The big increase has occurred in the needle trades. Whereas previously only 100 pupils could be so classified, there are now 252.

TABLE II
PUPIL ENROLLMENT: FRENCH ORT (NORTH AFRICA)
BY SKILL AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1947

Skill	Number of Pupils	
<u>NEEDLE TRADES:</u>		
Sewing	230	
Sewing & Cutting	<u>22</u>	
	TOTAL	252
<u>TECHNICAL TRADES:</u>		
Machine Shop	285	
Carpentry	55	
Electro Technics	<u>12</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>352</u>
GRAND TOTAL		604

(Source: Geneva Forms No. 2, received January 14, 1948.)

The combined enrollment for both Metropolitan France and French North Africa as of October 31, 1947 was thus 1,719.

FROM GERMANYAMERICAN ZONE

In a circular letter to all District Directors and Directors of ORT Trade Schools in the U.S. Zone, dated December 23, 1947, Jacob Oleiski, Director of ORT Trade Schools, U.S. Zone, Germany, stated that of the almost 8,500 pupils in the U.S. Zone, 4,200 were enrolled in women's trades. This proportion, he urged, should be corrected. Greater stress should be put on the extension and improvement of the courses in men's trades. Regular inspection of the schools by district leaders and inspectors, as well as extension and intensification of theoretical instruction, were essential. Every district director should aim at creating at least one or two model schools in his district, if possible as boarding schools, in order to combine vocational training with general educational guidance.

Dr. Boris Surowich, Representative of World ORT Union, after touring the ORT schools in Germany, wrote the following letter to Mr. Jacob Oleiski, Director of ORT Schools Germany, U.S. Zone, before returning to Paris:

"Munich, December 23, 1947

"Dear Friend Oleiski,

"May I ask you to extend to all the workers of ORT my hearty thanks for their hospitality and attention, which they have shown to me. It was with great satisfaction that I have seen the grand work which

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you have accomplished in spite of all the unusual general and organizational difficulties. Blessed be your hands!!

With warmest greetings,

Dr. Boris Surowich, Representative
World ORT Union."

(Source: Munich Weekly Summary No. 22, of December 31, 1947.)

Official Recognition of ORT Schools - The following ORT training centers have been accredited as schools by IRO: In District Passau - Pocking, Deggendorf, Eggenfelden, Passau, Wasserburg, Aschau. In District Frankfurt - Bensheim, Dieburg, Lampertsheim, Zeilsheim. In District Munich - Bad Reichenhall, Traunstein, Rosenheim, Landsberg, Lechfeld, Neu-Freimann, Foehrenwald, Feldafing, Weilheim, Garmisch.

A school or course is accredited upon recommendation of the area team director and employment officer when it meets the requirements for vocational training schools as stated in the recent directives that have been issued by IRO Headquarters at Heidelberg. Among the benefits that accrue to accredited schools is that students of such schools are entitled to worker's rations of 3,200 calories per day.

(Source: Report on the Progress of ORT Schools in the U.S. Zone of Germany for the month of December 1947, World ORT Union, Munich.)

FROM AUSTRIA

VIENNA - A total of 362 students are at present in training in the Viennese vocational trade school, according to Hofrat Wilhelm Feiertag, Chief, School Administration Vienna. At the beginning of February, new courses were opened in radio technics, carpentry and hand and machine knitting. The first course in radio technics which started on March 10, 1947, was completed on January 1, 1948. The Board of Examiners included Professor Dipl. Ing. Dohnal and Professor Ing. Durst, both of the Technical Vocational School in Vienna. The course in auto mechanics was improved by the cooperation of Eng. Kramski, Transportation Department AJDC, who put at the disposal of the trainees motor repair work, which under the supervision of Eng. Graf will be of benefit to both organizations.

The pastrymaking course in Vienna, for which the raw materials are provided in part by AJDC and by gifts donated by chapters of the Women's American ORT has developed into one of the finest courses. The products of this course are given to the Welfare Administration of AJDC-supported camps in Vienna and are distributed mainly to children.

SALZBURG - An excellently equipped machine shop has been opened in Salzburg with the most modern lathe equipment, work benches and facilities for 30 students. This workshop was established in a former beer hall called Augustiner-Stueberl, which was completely remodelled for this new purpose.

LINZ - On January 31, a new ORT school was opened in the Jewish DP camp in Wels with courses in needlecrafts, carpentry and electro technics. Out of 200 applicants only about 85 could be accommodated, but with the development of this new establishment, it will be possible for larger numbers to be admitted.

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Courses in cosmetics and artistic straw work, mainly designed for the training of invalids, have been established in Bindermichl and Ebelsberg, respectively. There are at present 3 nurses-aides courses at Wegscheid, Bindermichl and at the DP Hospital in Linz. These courses are based on a course of study developed in cooperation with the Medical Health Department, AJDC, and the Chief Nurse, PCIRO. The Chief Medical Officer, ORT, is at present surveying all Jewish DP installations to ascertain whether there are possibilities for further nurses-aides training courses.

As a result of discussions at the PCIRO Employment and Training Conference in Geneva on January 6 - 8, 1948, at which Mr. Harry Branton, Director, World ORT Union, Austrian Mission, represented ORT as well as the other voluntary agencies in Austria, top priority is to be given to training in building trades, such as bricklayers' courses and other branches. It is the goal of ORT to set up such courses at each of the ORT schools in Austria.

APPRAISAL OF ORT WORK - The Austrian Mission, World ORT Union received letters from several authorities praising the achievements of ORT in Austria. In addition to the letter from the Federal Ministry of Education, mentioned in last week's Summary, letters were received on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Austrian ORT from John S. Wood, Chief of PCIRO Austria, Ernest Stiassny, Director World Jewish Congress Office for Austria, Mr. Zechner, Acting 2nd President of the City Board of Education of Vienna, D.A. Brill, President of the Jewish Religious Community in Vienna.

The letter of Mr. John S. Wood, Chief of PCIRO Austria, dated January 14, 1948, reads in part:

"PCIRO Austria wishes to extend to World ORT Union, Austrian Mission, on the first anniversary of its work in Austria a sincere expression of recognition for its achievements. World ORT Union, Austrian Mission, can well be proud of the excellent manner in which it is devoting its energies to the objective of providing displaced persons with a basic means whereby they may become self-sufficient members of a community."

Mr. Stiassny concludes his letter of January 19 with the following sentence:

"ORT can be proud of its achievement in this field of operation as one of the Jewish Organizations doing real and constructive work for our people."

Mr. Zechner in his letter recalls the cooperation between the Board of Education of Vienna and ORT during the past year, and expresses to ORT the City Board of Education's wishes for best success in its activities in the future.

The letter of Mr. D.A. Brill, President of the Jewish Religious Community in Vienna, of February 2, reads in part as follows:

"Today in Vienna, ORT is fulfilling an important social function for Viennese Jewry as well as for our brothers and sisters who are living as guests in our city. The educational activities of ORT have resulted in the renewal of hope for hundreds of Jewish families and in the resurrection of a new Jewish generation into conscious and upright fellow members of our Jewish community. We wish you for the future the same success in your activities which in Vienna and in the whole world mean so much to Jewry."

NEWS FROM ABROAD (Continued)

On January 10, a testimonial dinner was given in Vienna in honor of Mrs. Rae B. Harris, Chief Vienna Area and Public Relations Officer, before her return to the United States. Members of the Vienna ORT Committee, including David A. Brill, President Teicholz, Prof. Dr. Schur and Dr. Sokal expressed their appreciation of the work Mrs. Harris performed during her presence in Austria. Dr. Pordes, the Legal Adviser of the Vienna ORT Committee, gave a brilliant exposé on ORT activities in the world. Der Neue Weg, official German language publication of the Viennese Jewish Community, in its issue of the end of January 1948, reprinted this speech under the heading, "World ORT Union and its Mission."

(Source: ORT News, Vienna Bulletin No. 5, dated February 5, 1948.)

ORT IN THE NEWS

URUGUAY - The Yiddish language newspaper Unser Freind of Montevideo, in its issue of December 27, 1947, gave a report on the graduation ceremony at the Montevideo ORT School where 10 students graduated from the school and six more received awards for outstanding achievements. The graduation ceremony coincided with the fifth anniversary of the Montevideo ORT school. Mr. Moises Avenburg, President of the Federacion Sud-Americana ORT from Buenos Aires, attended the ceremony. Other guests included representatives of the various Montevideo Jewish organizations.

NEWS FROM AMERICANEW YORK SCHOOLS

On December 31, the enrollment in the ORT Trade School was 97 students, and in the Bramson Trade School 108. This compares with an enrollment of 92 students and 78 students, respectively, as of October 31. (See Weekly Summary, Vol. I, No. 41.) The increase in enrollment of the Bramson ORT Trade School is accounted for by the opening of a course in pattern making and cutting, started on November 1, 1947 with 32 trainees and a training duration of 4 to 5 months. The course includes 4 hours of practical training each week, devoted to cutting, grading and pattern making for dresses, suits, skirts and shirts. Out of 155 graduates of courses given at the Bramson Trade School for the period November 1 - December 31, 1947, 115 graduates were placed in jobs.

20 pupils completed their training in the ORT Trade School during the period November 1 - December 31, 1947: 5 machine shop, 9 radio technics, 8 jewelry making, and 2 the plastics and woodworking course. Of these 20 students, 16 were placed in jobs.

(Source: F & A Forms No. 5, received January 29 and February 6, 1948.)