

REPORT ON THE ORT ACTIVITIES

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In the last months a development of the ORT activity in Holland can be registered. The foundation of a children's village for Jewish youths confronted ORT with important tasks. Of the 500 youths who recently arrived in Holland, the Dutch ORT is already training more than 400 in the newly created workshops. Accordingly, the number of pupils augmented from 243 to 765 (end of October).

Graduations and new admissions

As the trade school for electro-installation has only been existing for a year and as the workshops and vocational courses are not bound to a school-year it happened, that merely 6 persons graduated in the period covered by this report.

32 pupils were admitted to the training workshop for dressmaking and to the vocational courses for cutting ladies' garments.

In August, the workshop for mechanical knitting has started 2 new courses with together 18 pupils, whose training will be finished in 8 months.

New foundations

In September a workshop for leather goods was opened, and the equipment was sent from Geneva. The training, which lasts 8 months, is directed by a Dutch specialist. There are 20 pupils.

Of special importance are the numerous newly created ORT children's workshops. In October the following new workshops were opened : one for woodwork with 12 pupils at Amsterdam, and a second one with 14 pupils was opened at Hilversum. The equipment of both workshops was sent from Geneva. At Haarlem the Dutch ORT opened a workshop for cardboard and bookbinding with 25 pupils.

The most important new foundations are the workshops in the children's village ILANIAH near Apeldoorn (not far from Utrecht). Here 6 work rooms were put at the Dutch ORT's disposal in which workshops for woodwork, cardboard work and bookbinding are installed. 22 groups are working here : the total number of the participating youths amounts to 290. These children, mostly orphans, have found a home here. A very great number of them has never attended school and it is in Holland that they are schooled for the first time. The workshops of ORT are attended with great enthusiasm. For those who turn out well, ORT is preparing to set up for the beginning of 1948 a trade school for cabinetmaking and joinery and another one for mechanics. The equipment for both schools has already been prepared in Geneva.

In the period covered by this report the co-operation with IRO has been a very fruitful one. IRO is paying back the Dutch ORT a part of its expenses for the DPs. On the IRO conference, which was recently held in Geneva, it was announced, that Holland was willing to receive an increased number of DPs (according to IRO figures about 10,000) whose vocational training will be incumbent on ORT.

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The Dutch ORT is assisted by a Technical Council of specialists in various fields. They have the task to supervise the activities of the already existing ORT institutions and to help in organizing new workshops. Recently the Technical Council took steps to prevail upon the Government to recognize the examination of the ORT trade school for electro-technics.

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Later, a group of pupils of the children's village will be admitted to the ORT trade school for electro-installation in Amsterdam..

Town	Training units	Pupils
<u>Amsterdam</u>		
Electro-Technics	1 trade school	7
Mechanical knitting	2 training workshops	18
Leatherwork	1 " "	20
Dressmaking	3 " "	53
Cutting of ladies' garments	3 vocational courses	58
Cutting men's overcoats	1 " "	15
Woodwork	4 workshops	45
Cardboard work	4 "	54
<u>Bussum</u>		
Cardboard work	4 "	22
<u>Haarlem</u>		
Cardboard work and bookbinding	1 "	25
<u>Hilversum</u>		
Woodwork	1 "	9
Cardboard work	1 "	14
<u>The Hague</u>		
Claywork	1 "	12
Cardboard work	1 "	12
<u>Apeldoorn</u>		
Woodwork	12 "	142
Cardboard work and bookbinding	10 "	148
Cutting and sewing	7 "	111
6 towns	57 training units	765 pupils

New Establishments

Apart from the already mentioned trade schools for joinery and mechanics, the program of the Dutch ORT for 1948 calls for a girls' trade school for dressmaking at Gouda and a training workshop for radiotechnics in Amsterdam. For adults, workshops for millinery, shirtmaking and confection of knitted fabrics are prepared. A scheme for establishing a lace-school is also contemplated.

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