

AIMS AND POLICIES OF THE G.I. COUNCIL  
FRANKFURT - GERMANY

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The G.I. Council desiring to fulfill its goal of assisting the Jewish survivors now living in the Frankfurt area, has reconsidered its aims in the light of present conditions. It believes that there is a need still existing among these people for the friendship and encouragement from the military and civilian personnel serving with or in the U.S. Army for they serve as a bridge to a new and better life. It believes that by a continuing interest of the conditions and affairs of the Jewish residents or sojourners in Germany by, friendly encouragement and play with their children, by providing a forum for the discussion of these matters, such aims may be fulfilled. The Council cannot and does not wish to in anywise compete in the splendid work of the IRO affiliated agencies but believes that the personal contact of people unselfishly devoting their leisure time to these matters an additional but immeasurable contribution is made to the welfare of these people who have undergone and lost so much.

The Council believes that the following activities, among others that could be enumerated, will serve to provide a channel for fulfillment of these aims;

To reawaken and encourage and foster an interest in cultural life.

- (1) By frequent visits to DP Camps and participation in their public activities.
- (2) By bringing to the children glimpses of childhood and life in a normal community.
- (3) By supplementing the work of the welfare agencies by providing for wants of needy individuals.
- (4) By visiting sick and infirm.
- (5) By exercising constant vigilance in the recognition and enforcement of the rights of these people living in an unfriendly community.
- (6) And by constant study and interest in the problems of Jewish people to understand and be qualified to pass this understanding on to those about us.

In implementation of the foregoing broad statement of policy, the activities of the G.I. Council should consist of the following:

1. Make frequent visits to the DP Camps.
2. Take the children on picnics.
3. Provide sports equipment where needed.
4. Provide supplemental school supplies.
5. Form a teen age group for the children of Frankfurt.
6. Aid university students.
7. Provide phonograph records and books for DP Camps.
8. Help needy individuals.
9. Visit and provide small comforts for the Frankfurt Old Folks Home.