Liberation of Children

Situation on April 20, 1942

Working Plan

A. Children from 0 to 14 years.

On April 1, 1942 HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE Jewish children were still in the two large camps:

Gurs.........................63 children
Rivesaltes....................72 children

Up to April 20, THIRTY SIX children have been liberated:

GURS

13 children liberated and sent to the Solarium de Palavas-les Flots (Hérault)

RIVESALTES

13 children liberated and sent to the Dome (formerly OSE) "Chateau de Mentintin"
5 " " " " former Eclaireurs Israélites home in Béziers
3 " " " " who will emigrate to the United States
2 " " " " and sent to the Institut Jean Best (for backward children)
which is subventioned by us

A total of THIRTEEN children have been liberated from Gurs and TWENTYTHREE children from Rivesaltes. On April 20, the situation in the camps was the following:

GURS

Present on April 1st, 1942................. 63 children
Were born in this camp between April 1 and April 20... 7 children
Liberated between April 1, and April 20............ 13 children
Death " " " " " " " " ........................ 1 child
Present on April 20, 1942.................... 56 children
RIVESALTES

Present on April 1, 1942: 72 children
Have been interned: 6 children
Liberated between April 1, and April 20: 23 children
Present on April 20: 55 children

A total of HUNDRED ELEVEN children are still in the two camps:

Gurs: 56 children
Rivesaltes: 55 children

These children will be liberated according to the following plan:

GURS

Will be sent to the Nursery of Limoges: 8 children
Will be placed in the Home in Megelier: 20 children
Candidates for the places that will be available after the departure of the children's transport to USA: 30 children

RIVESALTES

Babies who will be placed in the nursery: 9 children
Will be placed in the Home of Breut-Vernet: 20 children
Candidates for the Solarium of Palavas: 15 children
Will be placed in various Homes according to the vacant number of places: 11 children

According to the above plan all children, who at the present moment are still in the two camps, will be liberated by June 1st 1942. If this plan can be realized, only those children whose parents prefer to keep them in camps (such as the case of 7 babies in Rivesaltes) in order not to separate from their children, will remain interned after the above mentioned date.

B. Adolescents from 14 to 18 years.

On April 1, 1942 TWOHUNDRED FORTY SEVEN Jewish adolescents were still in the camps Gurs and Rivesaltes:

Gurs: 47 adolescents
Rivesaltes: 200 adolescents
Up to April 20, we succeeded in liberating TWENTY adolescents from Rivesaltes, who were placed to the former home of the Eclaireurs Israelites in Beaulieu. On April 20, 1942 the situation was the following:

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The problem of liberating the adolescents is extremely urgent, since the commissions that are visiting the camps at the present time are enrolling into the foreign workers companies, not only men between 18 and 55 but also adolescents under 18. Our plan of liberation of these adolescents is the following:

**GURS**
- Will be sent to the "Centre de Lastic" .................................. 25 adolescents
- " " " " " Maison de Masgelier ............................................. 10 adolescents
- Will remain in the camp temporarily ................................... 12 adolescents

**RIVESALTES**
- Will be sent to the home of the Eclaireurs Israelites in Beaulieu ........ 20 adolescents
- Candidates for the Centre de Lastic .................................... 15 adolescents
- Will be placed at the Centre de Cantel .................................. 50 adolescents
- Will be placed at the Maison de Masgelier ................................ 10 adolescents
- Remain in the camp temporarily ........................................ 65 adolescents

**SUMMARY**

1). During the first 20 days of April, 36 children were liberated, 13 from Gurs and 23 from Rivesaltes.

2). The 56 children who remained in Gurs and the 55 children interned in Rivesaltes will be liberated according to the plan "les camps sans enfants" (the camps without children) on June 1st, 1942.

3). 20 adolescents have been liberated from Rivesaltes between April 1st and April 20, 1942.

4). 47 adolescents are still in Gurs and 180 in Rivesaltes. They will be liberated and placed in the various centers (Lastic, Cantel, Beaulieu-Eclaireurs Israelites), as well as in the Homes of the Ose, which admit children over 16. According to our plan, about 80 adolescent will remain in the camps on June 1st, 1942 out of a number of 227, who are still interned.