

MENNONITE MIGRATION CHARTS



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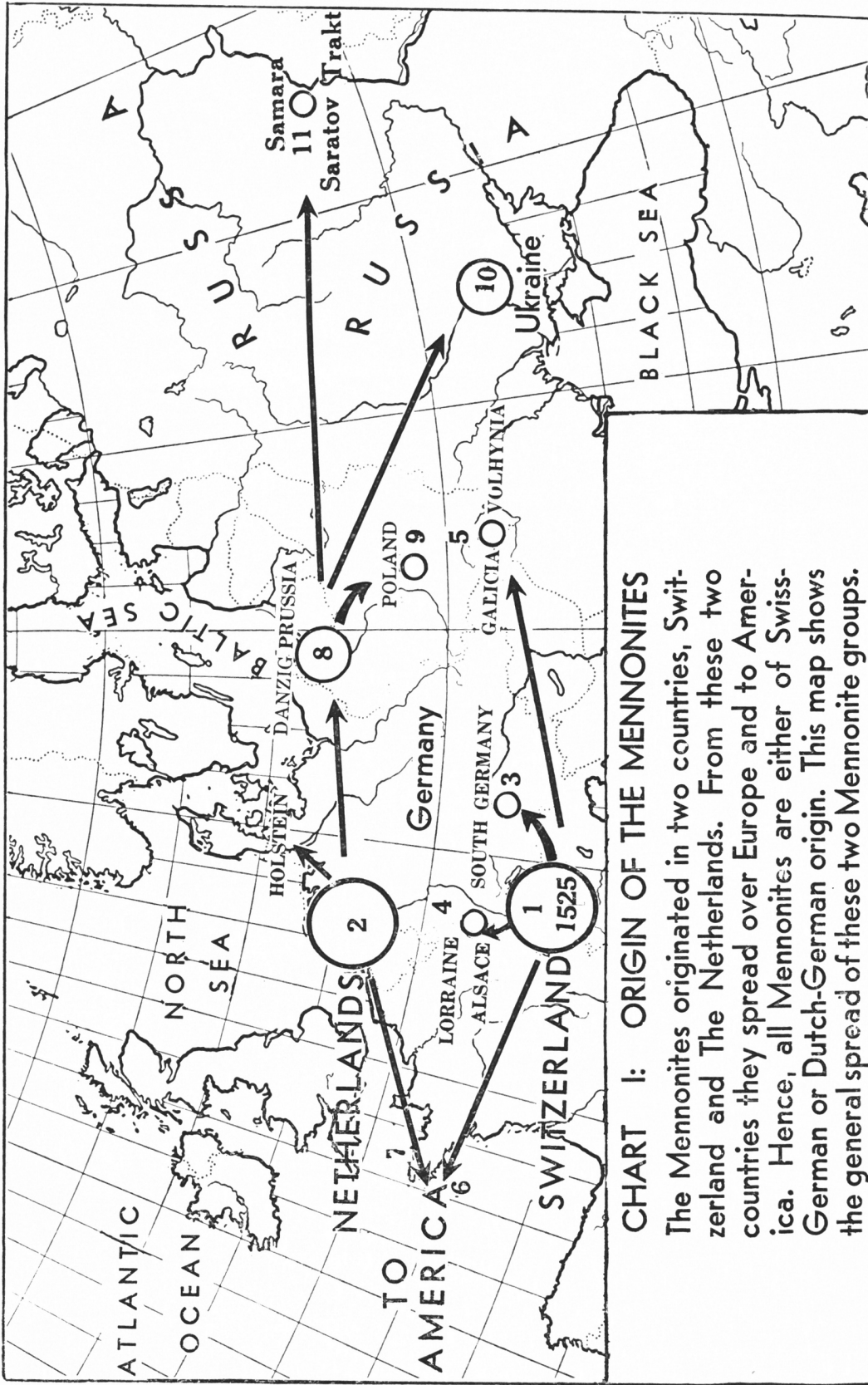


CHART I: ORIGIN OF THE MENNONITES

The Mennonites originated in two countries, Switzerland and The Netherlands. From these two countries they spread over Europe and to America. Hence, all Mennonites are either of Swiss-German or Dutch-German origin. This map shows the general spread of these two Mennonite groups.

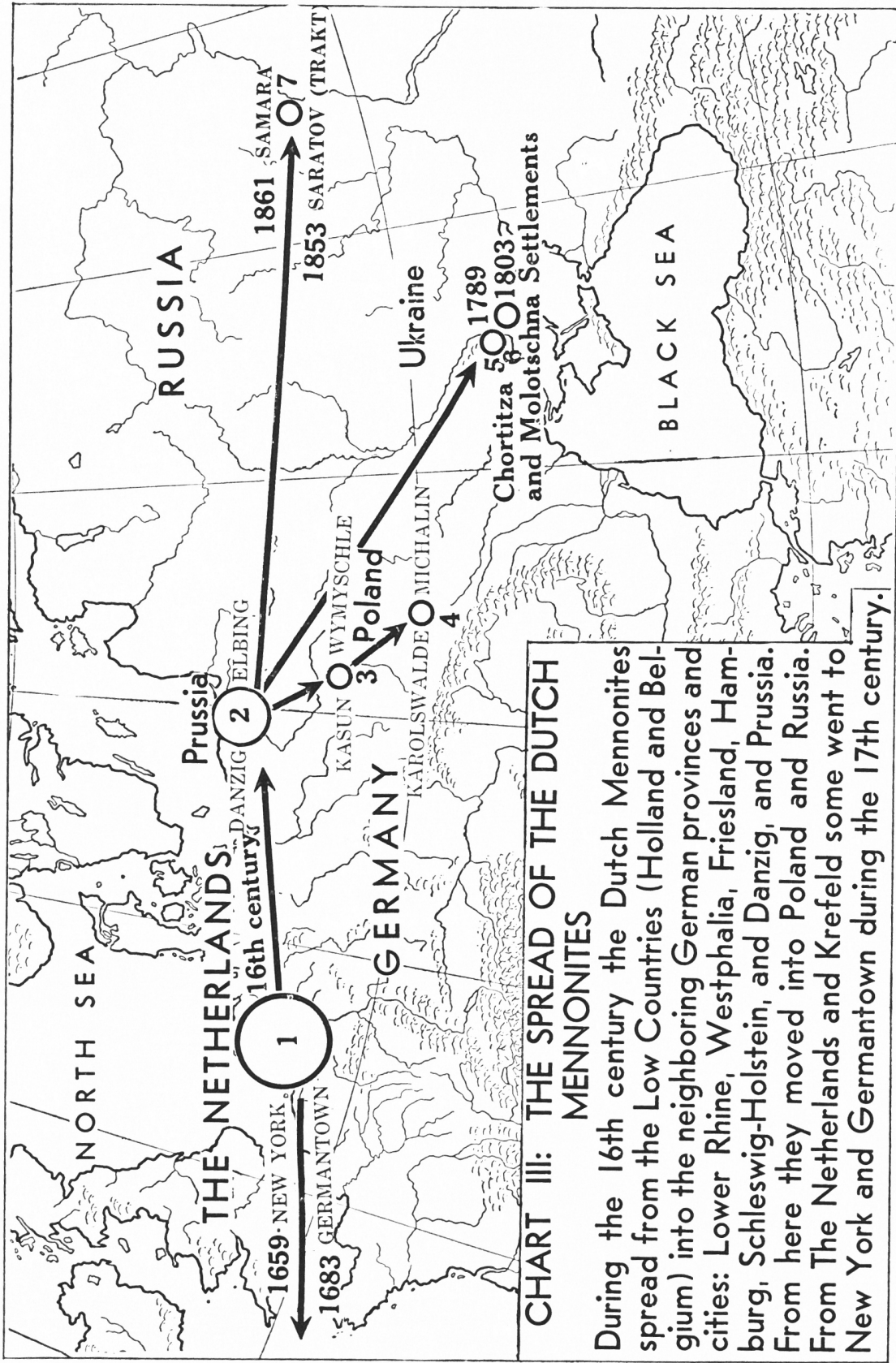


CHART III: THE SPREAD OF THE DUTCH MENNONITES

During the 16th century the Dutch Mennonites spread from the Low Countries (Holland and Belgium) into the neighboring German provinces and cities: Lower Rhine, Westphalia, Friesland, Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein, and Danzig, and Prussia. From here they moved into Poland and Russia. From The Netherlands and Germantown some went to New York and Germantown during the 17th century.

CHART IV: THE SPREAD OF THE MENNONITES IN RUSSIA

Within 150 years Mennonites spread over European and Asiatic Russia establishing some fifty settlements with a population of some 120,000; in 400 villages and estates, covering a land surface of 5,816 square miles (equal to the state of Connecticut).

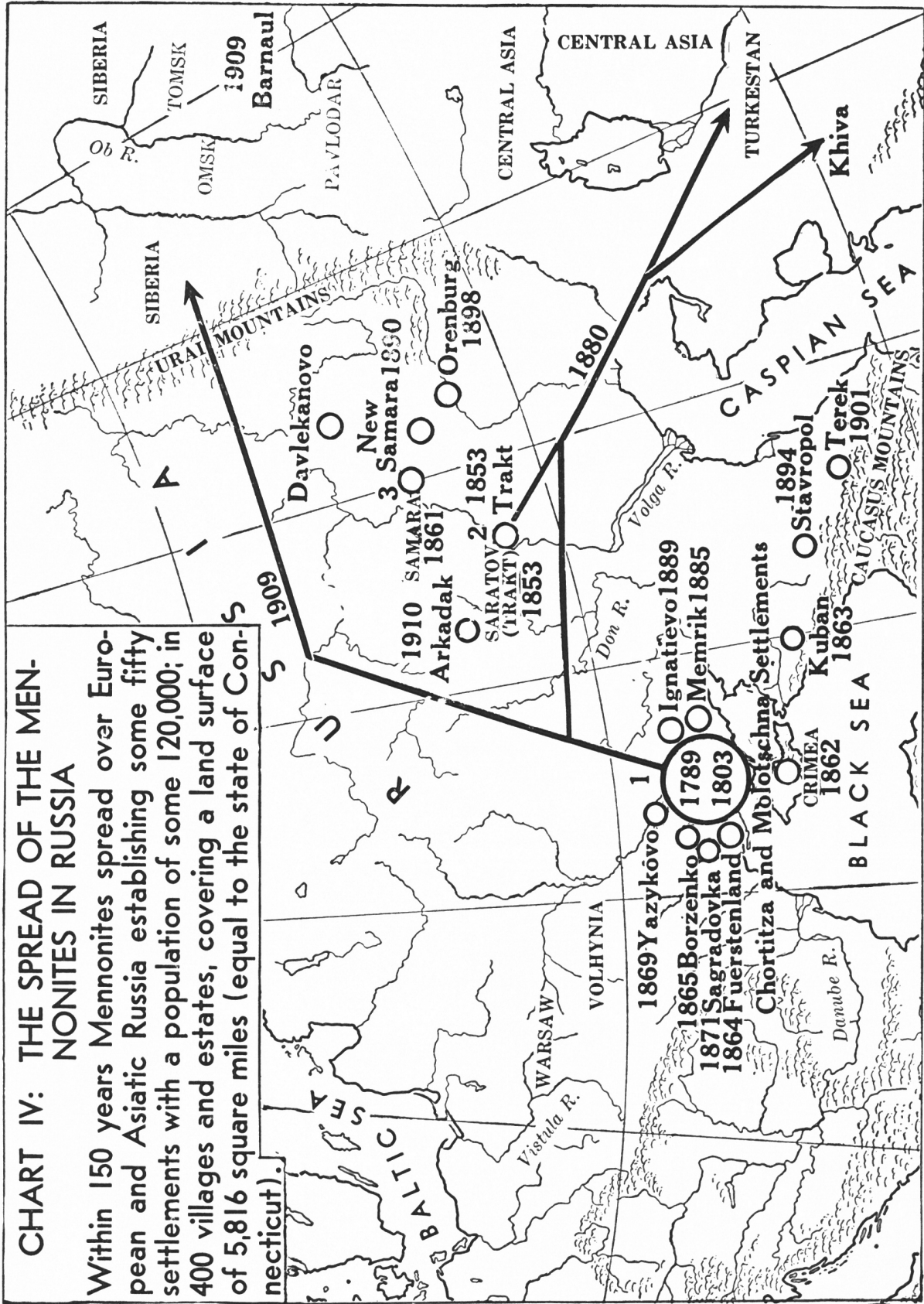
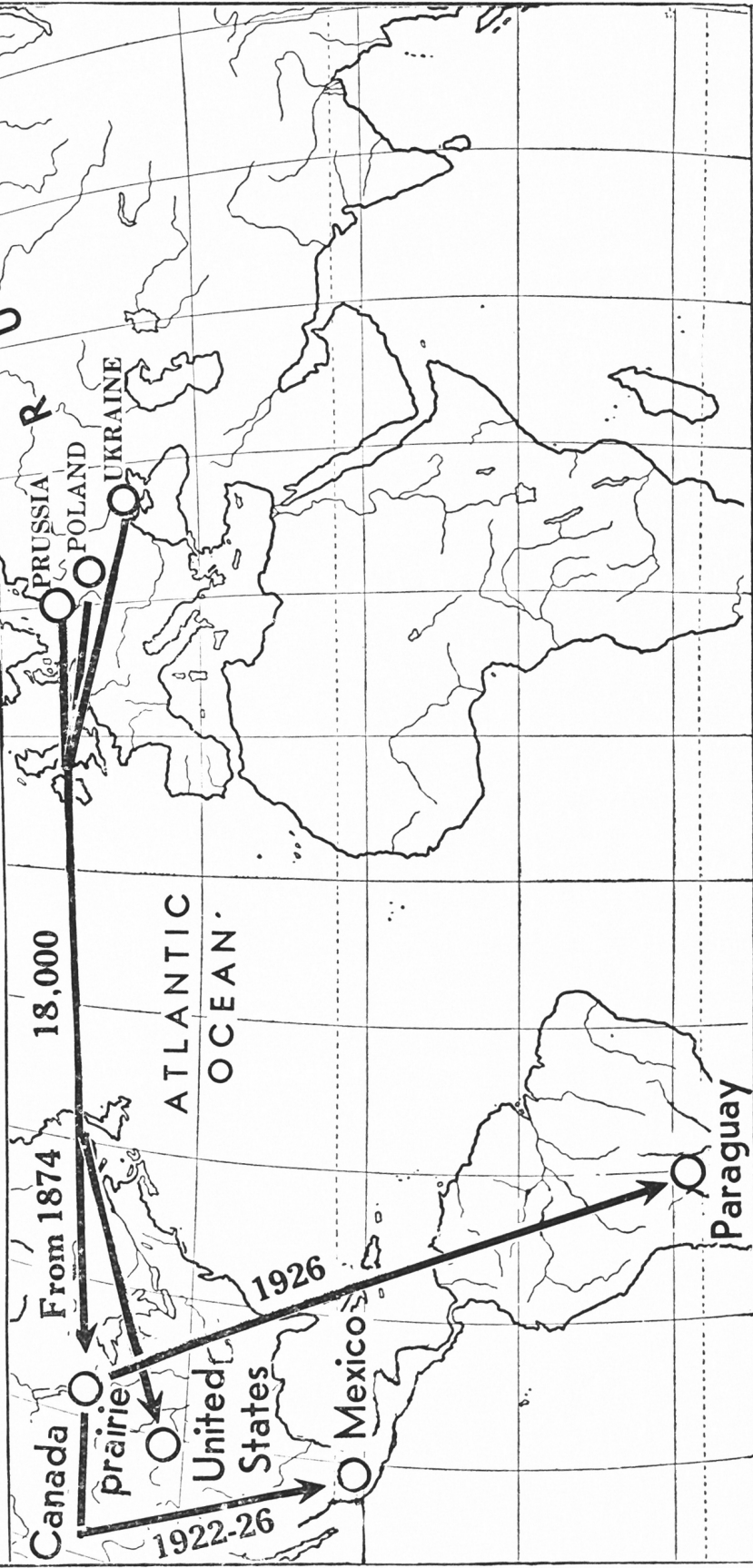


CHART V: MENNONITE MIGRATION: 1874-84

In 1874 one-third of the Mennonites of Russia (18,000) came to the prairie states and provinces of America. Mennonites from Volhynia, Galicia, Poland, and Prussia joined them.



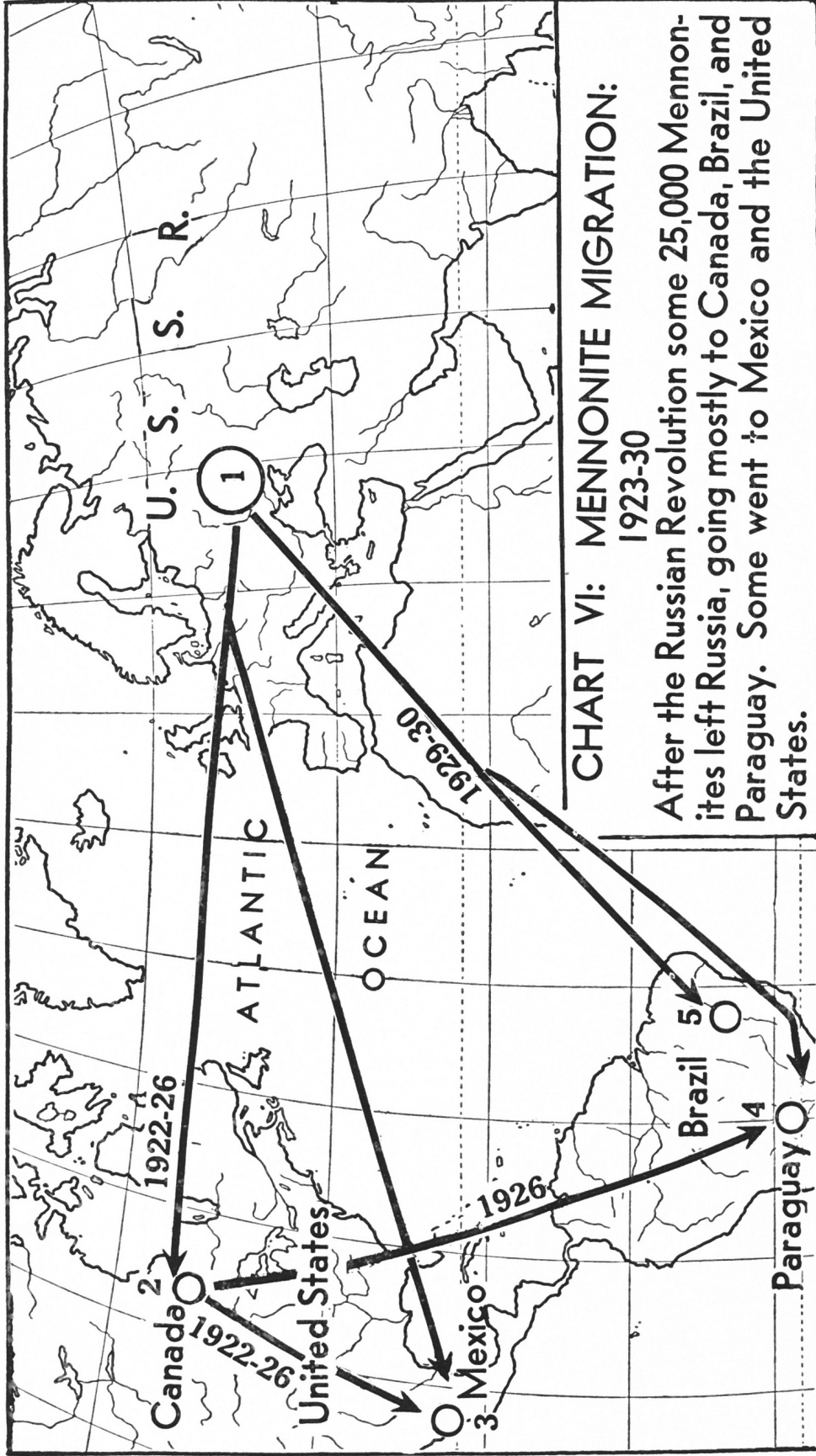


CHART VI: MENNONITE MIGRATION:
1923-30

After the Russian Revolution some 25,000 Mennonites left Russia, going mostly to Canada, Brazil, and Paraguay. Some went to Mexico and the United States.

CHART VIII: MENNONITE MIGRATION: WORLD WAR II

Unknown thousands of Russian Mennonites were sent into exile since 1930 and during the last war. The retreating Germans evacuated 35,000 of the remaining Mennonites of the Ukraine of whom 10,000 are seeking a new home in America. Some 25,000 were forcibly repatriated by the Russians, most of whom were sent to Asiatic Russia.

