## THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE CHILD AND YOUTH IMMIGRATION BURKA.

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Jerusalem, 28th August, 1947.

Dear Friends.

During the last few weeks we have been waiting for the special transport of children from Cyprus. On the 19th of August we received official information that the transport was one in Haifa on the 20th. Next day, accompanied by Mrs. Judith Epstein, President of Hadassah, we left Ferusalem before 6 o'clock and travelled to Haifa. We arrived too late as the children were already leaving the port in buses going to Athlit. I was sorry that Mrs. Epstein did not catch a glimpæof the children behind barbed wire on the boat and later jumping down the gangway onto Palestinian soil.

We went to Athlit and met the children there. At first we had a chat with the 14 madrichim who accompanied them and found out from them all about the composition of the transport etc. Then we conversed with the children. Half of them under the age of 15. There are 400 orphans, about 60 sick children (a small number seriously ill) and 30 special bases. During the interviews it transpired that I had seen a number of these children whilst they were in Polend and Germany and later in Cyprus. Now they have reached their fourth and final station - Palestine, Home?

The children were born in the following countries:-

Poland	257
Hungary	140
Roumania	38
Czechoslovakia	13
Carpatho-Russia	11
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Belgium	<b>4</b> q
France	33
Germany	4
Lithuania	8
Austria	2.
Italy	1
Latria	1
Switzerland	1
Tunis	5
Algers	3
Morocco	4
Greece	2
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The children all look well and are really happy in the full sense of the word. The preparatory work done by our Shlichim in Cyprus was indeed very

Almost all the children have been placed in settlements and only a small number were sent to institutions. We arranged the children in the settlements not only because we think they will be happy there but mainly for financial reasons. As you know, payments for maintenance in institutions are much higher than in settlements. We had no difficulty in placing the children although we already felt that there was a lack of housing. The settlements are doing their humat utmost and are taking in all the newconers.

The second batch of 485 children from Cyprus are due at the beginning of September and we are already busy making arrangements for them.

There will then remain in Cyprus another 800 children and youth. Will they, too, be given the chance to come to Palestine?

Yours sincerely

Hans Beyth.

\* These Shelichim are teachers employed by the A.J.D.C. in partnership with the Youth Aliyah Organization (they are about 20 in number.

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