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CHILDREN AND INFANTS IN CYPRUS CAMPS.

I. Children

| | (1) Orphans | (2) Unaccompanied half orphans | (3) Unaccompanied children (Parents in Europe or elsewhere) | (4) Children with one or both parents in Cyprus | (5) Unknown | Total |
|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------------|-------|
| Dekhelia | 876 | 521 | 507 | 586 | 15 | 2505 |
| Karolos | 199 | 81 | 60 | 216 | - | 556 |
| Total | 1075 | 602 | 567 | 802 | 15 | 2861 |

NOTES:

- (a) The figures for Dekhelia are for ages 8 to 17 and 10 months.
- (b) The figures for Karolos are for ages one to 18.

II. Infants

The number of infants at present in the Cyprus camps is about 440, 80% of whom are under one year of age.

It is our view that these infants constitute the most pressing and potentially most dangerous problem in Cyprus. Most pressing, because the number grows at a rate of 70 or more per month and accommodation is totally inadequate; potentially most dangerous, because of the extraordinarily high mortality rate of 30%, which may lead to an epidemic resulting in the decimation of the infant population.

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