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To the Authorities In Charge  
of Cyprus Detention Camps.

Sirs

Before submitting a number of requests we wish to lodge a strong protest against the acts of officers and men who recently opened fire on defenceless people at Dhokelis Camps. We must stress that in our opinion this outrage is the conclusion of illogical and senseless instructions and we cannot remain quiet until the irresponsible officer or authority who caused this incident - ~~xxxxxx~~ in which amongst others a ten year old child was injured whilst inside a latrine of camp 65 - has been brought to justice. The shots were fired indiscriminately and only by a miracle were further casualties avoided. No effective warning was given before fire was opened and we see by the fact that faded and unclear posters were brought out only the barest formality and no real effort to prevent bloodshed. We must warn you not to believe that by firing on innocent women and children you can subject our people to the whims and wishes of irresponsible authorities at Dhokelis. The whole outrage reminds us of the regime of S.S. troops of which we Jews were the victims.

Without referring to the main demands of the Jewish people to open the gates of Palestine or to the fact that the survivors of Nazi ghettos are kept in detention camps, whose only crime was to return to Palestine to a creative working life and who are being forced into idleness and stagnation, we have to demand that at least the small quota of transfers from your camps here to Palestine are brought into effect without undue delays as happened in the past.

As we consider ourselves as one community irrespective of the camps into which we are placed, and as friends, relatives and families are divided, we demand mutual visits between camps on a daily scale and frequent visits to the hospitals at Nicosia. We cannot accept the answer that lack of motor fuel of the British Army in the middle east would prevent this humanitarian right.

The incident at Dhokelis referred to above has brought to a head the general feeling of resentment against the regime there and we must demand a thorough change of security measures employed at Dhokelis which have grown into measures of oppression.

The elected representatives of the camps who up to now have co-operated with the authorities and have been able to maintain peace and order in the camps feel it their duty to point out that unless the demand they are making now are met they may be forced to resign their position. We must make it clear that the responsibility for any consequences in this case rests with you.