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Food Arrangements Improving

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NICOSIA, Saturday. — Five hundred German prisoners of war arrived at Famagusta this morning aboard the Tripolitania, coming from Egypt. They will help build accommodation for the Jewish deportees at Caraoos as local labour is insufficient.

Immediately after their arrival they were taken to Dhekelia Camp near Larnaca, a barbed wire camp much less heavily guarded than that of the deportees.

The prisoners said that they were very tired of Egypt, and welcomed the change.

Another 500 are expected on Tuesday.

The German prisoners will be taken away again as soon as the work is finished, and the authorities have no intention to allow them to settle, it is officially stated.

Meanwhile, I am informed, the military authorities are giving consideration to the food supply at Caraoos. The camp food is stated to be better now than previously, with vegetables, fruit and fish being supplied. Babies are getting dried milk feeds.

The new wells, sunk off Famagusta, each provide an additional 3,000 gallons of water hourly, and the shortage is considerably eased.

J.D.C. AID

Arrangements to send comforts to the refugees detained in Cyprus have been completed by Mr. C. Passman, of the Joint Distribution Committee, who returned to Jerusalem from Cyprus on Friday.

Mr. Passman reported that the Palestine Government had approved the sending of these comforts, which will include schoolbooks, prayer books and other religious articles, children's toys, writing materials and medical equipment.

A group of teachers, doctors and nurses will leave for Cyprus as soon as arrangements have been confirmed by the Committee's headquarters in New York.

"Visitors" Not Wanted

American Barred From Refugee Camp

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NICOSIA, Tuesday. — Much surprise is being expressed here at the fact that neither Mr. Charles Passman, Middle East representative of the American J.D.C., who has been visiting the island since Friday, nor Dr. R. Katznelson, of the Rural Sick Fund, have been permitted to visit Caraoos Camp. Both had brought offers of assistance for the deportees. (Dr. Katznelson returned to Palestine on Monday).

Mr. Passman had intended to visit Caraoos on behalf of the J.D.C. to offer its assistance and cooperation in welfare arrangements, but the fact that neither he nor Dr. Katznelson were able to enter Caraoos created a stir, particularly as members of the local Jewish Committee were admitted into the camp on several occasions.

Mr. Passman arranged with the liaison officer, Mr. M.V. Spurway, to visit the camp on Sunday and Monday, but was informed on Sunday morning that the programme had been altered.

Opinion here is that Mr. Passman's representation of an American organization may be the reason for his exclusion from the camp, and may be an echo of Anglo-American tension over the Palestine issue.

Questioned on the matter at a press conference yesterday evening, Mr. Spurway declared that Mr. Passman was an "unofficial" visitor and that his offer of assistance was also purely "unofficial." Asked what he meant by "unofficial," the liaison officer said it was not official as far as the Cyprus Government was concerned.

On the other hand, I understand that Mr. Passman gave proof of his official connections, and was received yesterday by the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. R.E. Turnbull.

Comforts Offered

Comforts to dispel the feeling of prison, offered by Mr. Passman for the J.D.C., including the provision of nurses, teachers and social welfare workers who speak the same language as the immigrants, and understand their problems, have not been accepted.

Mr. Passman said that he felt that conditions at this camp were likely to be worse than at others because the proximity to Palestine, not only meant closer confinement, but a feeling of frustration.