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J.D.C. UNDERTAKES RELIEF
PROGRAM IN CYPRUS CAMPS

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A team of welfare workers left Palestine (Friday, September 6) to inaugurate an emergency relief program of the Joint Distribution Committee for some 3,000 displaced Jews who were transported to Cyprus last month by the British authorities, according to an announcement made by Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, major American agency for relief of distressed Jews overseas. At the same time urgently needed J.D.C. supplies were shipped into the camps.

Arrangements to carry out the program were completed by Charles Passman, director of the J.D.C. for the Middle East and the Balkans, after he returned from an inspection visit to the Cyprus camp several days ago. Appropriations for the relief activities were voted by the J.D.C. just this week.

In a cablegram, Mr. Passman stated that ten J.D.C. workers consisting of two doctors, two nurses, two teachers, two welfare workers, a rabbi and an administrator were recruited in Palestine in cooperation with Hadassah. Their services will be augmented by the refugees within the camp who are known to have special training and skills.

The camp is managed by British military authorities with the cooperation of two civilian administrative officers. Although the authorities are responsible for supplying food and other basic necessities, Mr. Passman's cable emphasized the need for supplementary assistance from the J.D.C.

Dr. Hyman revealed that the J.D.C. has voted an appropriation of \$34,000 to carry on relief activities for a three months' period. Of this amount, \$10,000 is a grant to purchase urgently needed medical supplies, comfort items and equipment to meet the educational, cultural and religious requirements of the departed immigrants. The remaining \$24,000 will be used to provide supplementary food, particularly for the large numbers of small children and pregnant women, and will provide the services of the staff to carry on the relief activities for a three months period.

Working closely with the J.D.C. for the relief of the Jews in camp is the community of Tel Aviv and other Palestinian communities. Mr. Passman has gone to Cyprus with the J.D.C. workers to organize this program.

The population of the Cyprus camp, his cablegram states, consists of immigrants from many European countries, including 220 children, most of them unaccompanied orphans, and 35 infants. Among the departed immigrants are some 200 pregnant women who made the hazardous trip from European ports under difficult conditions.

"These people in Cyprus, many of whom have lived through years of Nazi oppression, must be spared unnecessary suffering and hardship," Dr. Hyman said.