For the month of April, 1948.

During the month of April three more boats brought another 3,809 Jews to Cyprus. They were:

- On 14.4.48 "Tirath Zvi" with 832 people on board
- On 16.4.48 "Gehaer Benek" with 961 people on board
- On 28.4.48 "Nehshon" with 570 people on board

On the other hand, the Aliyah continued and a total of 2,745 immigrants left the camps for Palestine. This figure included:

- 660 ordinary quota
- 2,116 orphans
- 777 infants with their families
- 8 hospital cases
- 38 special quota for old people

The total population of all Cyprus camps at the end of the month was, therefore, still approximately 26,000.

Medical Care:

Conditions have not changed to a great extent with the exception perhaps of regulations regarding admission of patients to the British Military Hospital at Nicosia which have been tightened still further, as the bed state in the Jewish Wing has been reduced from 400 to 250.

With regard to one type of patients we have overcome the difficulties for admission. I have arranged for Dr. Toaff, the gynaecologist of the hospital, to see special cases once a week in the camps. If he then decides that a case requires hospitalization, this case passes through the Camp Reception Station without further questioning.

Chronic Gastritis:

An examination was carried out of all patients feeding in the diet kitchen. Their numbers could thereby be reduced considerably. At present the situation is as follows:

- At Caroulos - in the kitchen of camp 50 - 38 patients
- At Xylotymbou - 63 - 44
- At Xylotymbou - 64 - 76
- At Xylotymbou - 64 - 56
- At Xylotymbou - 65 - 55
- At Xylotymbou - 69 - 78

The kitchen in camps 50, 62 and 68 are Kosher.

End cases:

Caroulos: There are at present 13 cases undergoing antisyphilitic treatment. 7 cases who have been getting treatment have now completed the treatment. 4 cases are newly diagnosed cases of late syphilis. 2 cases were given a course of Penicillin (3,750,000 units of lactic ampicillin). 1 case was treated for fresh gonorrhea.

- " - " - Chronic
Xyliotymbou: There are 26 cases undergoing antisyphilitic treatment. One of these cases is a case of Neurosyphilis. The increase of the numbers in this group of camps is due to fresh cases being diagnosed during the routine examinations which are being carried out on all immigrants before their departure to Palestine.

Xyliotymbou: There are 28 cases undergoing antisyphilitic treatment. 25 are old cases. 3 cases have been recently diagnosed. 1 case was given a course of Penicillin.

Tuberculosis Control:

One case of active Pulmonary Tuberculosis was diagnosed at the hospital and recommended for priority evacuation to Palestine. 3 of the cases diagnosed during previous months were sent to Palestine during the month of April.

Infectious Diseases:

There was again only one case of Typhoid Fever admitted to hospital, this time from Carolos. There was a small outbreak of Whooping Cough in camps 63 and 70. A total of 18 cases were recorded. Most of the children had been attending the kindergartens. Therefore the kindergartens were closed and the children isolated as far as possible.

Malaysia:

There were between 30 and 40 cases of Malaria, all reported, all amongst people who had arrived from Crete with the "Pan" ship. The exact figures can be given only by the hospital.

Vacination:

We have not been able to get any more T.A.B. or smallpox vaccine from the army. We had to rely on a small supply from Palestine to vaccinate the Youth before going to Palestine.

Child Care:

Exact figures are available for the children's welfare Centre of Carolos.

158 children up to the age of 2 were registered here and 107 at the age between 2 and 10.

Apart from the regular attendances for advice, there were 425 attendances on account of illnesses.

Out of these were:

295 attendances for colds,
16 " " illness of G.I.Trust,
54 " " Skin diseases
70 " " other illnesses.

After the AlYNAM of the months of March and April, the number of children feeding in the Special Kitchen at camp 63 was reduced to 96.
Medical Personnel:

A number of doctors left the camps for Palestine during the month of April. 9 doctors left as their turn had come after they had been here for over a year. Two doctors went with the special infants’ quota. Three doctors left with other special quotas. Two doctors arrived with the last two boats. At present, there are still 40 refugee doctors working for us in the camps. Another four doctors are employed exclusively by the Jewish Workers’ Sick Fund of Palestine for carrying out the examinations of all prospective immigrants. Dr. Ben-Tuvia, the Ophthalmologist, returned to Palestine after having completed his six months of duty in Cyprus.

**ATTACHMENTS AT A.I.D.O.C.: A PERCENTAGE OF DISEASES**

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Remark: The high percentage of skin diseases, gynaecological and H.N.T. cases in certain camps is due to the fact that the respective specialists are seeing the patients of that group of camps in that particular A.I.D.O.C.

**Hygiene and sanitation:**

- **Water Supply**: Satisfactory.
- **Disposal of refuse**: Satisfactory.
- **Cookhouses**: Generally satisfactory.
- **Latrines**: As reported previously, the majority of the latrines have no lids.
General

Although by going into every detail one can still improve a great deal, generally the camps make a clean and satisfactory impression. Of course, with regard to the approaching hot season we have taken the necessary precautions to prevent a serious fly danger.

As a result of the cases of Malaria the Civilian Health authorities of the Island have decided to spray all tents with D.D.T. once a month.

The Command of the Cypriot camps are again being permitted to bathe in the sea, as last summer.

Dr. M. Lippens,
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