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200 RECRUITS FOR TRAINING

A party of 200 recruits for the Jewish Brigade Group left for a training depot somewhere in the Middle East this week, said Mr. M. Shertok in a speech after the Jewish military concert-party's performance at the Edison Hall in Jerusalem on Tuesday night.

The volunteers comprised Palestinian-born lads who at the outbreak of the war had not reached Confirmation age (13), refugees from Europe, partisans who had fought under Marshal Tito, and Franco-Jewish Maquisards. They would join the Brigade after completion of training, he added.

The Edison Hall was crowded to capacity when by permission of the military authorities the concert-party gave a successful show for a civilian audience. Prolonged applause greeted the numbers which portrayed the young Jewish service men and women stationed abroad.

At the end of the performance, Mr. Shertok conveyed warm greetings and congratulations to the group, and paid a high tribute to their services among the Jewish troops. They were an inestimable asset to the Jewish recruiting effort, which in itself was an expression of the pioneering character of the Zionist Movement.

Soldier-Composers

The songs and verses they presented were composed by the men of the Jewish units, he added. He urged the enlistment of more recruits for the Brigade and other units, for which thousands were still needed.

Following the performance, the Jewish Soldiers Welfare Committee gave a reception for the artistes and their families at the Menorah Club. Dr. A. Katznelson, of the Vaad Leumi Executive, greeted the players, and the leader of the troupe, Sgt. Gollenberg, and the Hebrew poet Corporal Itzhak-Itzhak, described their meetings with Jewish survivors in Europe to whom the concert-party were the harbingers of freedom.

A special examination for pupils who have joined the Jewish Brigade and will leave for training camps next week began at the Reali School in Haifa yesterday.

BRIGADE O.C. ON FIRST VISIT TO PALESTINE

MEETS LORD GORT AND DR. WEIZMAN

Brigadier E. F. Benjamin, Commanding Officer of the Jewish Brigade Group, who (as reported) arrived in Jerusalem on Thursday evening, met the G.O.C., Major-General J. C. d'Arcy, on Friday and subsequently dined at the General's Mess.

Brigadier Benjamin also saw Dr. Weizman and Mr. Shertok, and had a long talk with the latter on Brigade matters yesterday. He lunched at Government House as the guest of H.E. the High Commissioner.

The P.B.S. will between 8.30 and 9 o'clock this evening broadcast speeches by Brigadier Benjamin and Mr. Shertok at a meeting in the Beth Ha'Am in Tel Aviv.

Three Jewish officers, one of each battalion of the Jewish Brigade, have arrived in Palestine for a few days during which they will convey greetings from the troops and will urge further recruiting.

Farewell to New Recruits

Mr. M. Shertok bade farewell on Friday afternoon, on behalf of the Jewish national institutions, to hundreds of recruits to the Jewish Brigade Group who have enlisted in the past few months, prior to their departure for the Brigade training depot established somewhere in the Middle East.

Mr. Shertok stressed the importance of this stage of their training for front-line service and urged the composite body of recruits, which includes Palestinians and those who had "returned" from the Diaspora, to unite into a single body and fuse in their common effort the Palestinian spirit and Hebrew culture, with memories of the terrible happenings in Europe and a sense of responsibility towards the Diaspora remnants.

He stated that they would meet at the new training depot with recruits from among the Jewish internees at Mauritius.

The rally ended with the singing of "Hatikvah."

Other addresses were given at the gathering by Brigadier Benjamin and the Senior Jewish Chaplain in the Middle East, Captain I. Fabricant.

1,200 Jews Saved From Theresienstadt

The arrival in Switzerland on Wednesday of 1,210 Jewish internees from Theresienstadt has been confirmed in a cable received in Jerusalem on Friday.

The message, sent by Dr. F. Ullman of the Jewish Agency Offices at Geneva to Dr. Paul Maerz, Chairman of the Rescue Committee of the Czechoslovak Settlers Association in Palestine, says that Jews from Belgium and Holland were also in the group.

According to reliable sources there are at present some 35,000 to 40,000 Jews in the camps at Theresienstadt, an old fortress town not far from the Czechoslovak-German border. The internees include the survivors of Austrian Jewry, among them some members of the former Jewish Community Council of Vienna, as well as

BRIGADE IN FIGHTING TRIM

TRAINING AT SUMMER RESORT — IN WINTER

TEL AVIV, Thursday. Two thousand recruits had been needed to complete the Jewish Brigade Group when its formation was announced and since then 500 volunteers had been sworn in in Palestine, 200 in England and 70 in Mauritius, Mr. Moshe Shertok told journalists at the Press Club today. There had actually been 1,200 volunteers in Palestine, but 200 had joined other formations and the remainder were rejected.

The change in the status of the Brigade men was symbolized by the fact that their day of rest was now Sunday instead of Friday, as it had been when they were part of general British formations. One captain described the Sabbath evening ceremony in the Officers' Mess in which the non-Jewish officers of the Brigade joined.

The men, who were in fighting trim, were training at a summer resort which was, however, cold and uncomfortable in winter-time. The natural features of the terrain were designated by such names as Balfour Forest, Tel Aviv, Hanita and other Palestinian localities.

In the field of sport, the Brigade Group had already distinguished itself, and their football team was unbeaten.

Brigade Recruits Off for Training

LYDDA, Wednesday. Another contingent of 160 young Palestinian recruits for the Jewish Brigade Group left Lydda Station this afternoon for a training depot in Egypt. Last week, 350 recruits left for the depot.

Among those leaving today were settlers from collective and small-holding villages, young men from the towns and plantations villages, members of the Oriental Jewish communities, and refugees who recently arrived in Palestine from European countries, including France.

There were among the volunteers many youngsters born in the labour settlements; members of the Youth Aliya, including former refugee children from Teheran who have now reached their late teens; and a group of students and graduates of the Reali School at Haifa, among them the sons of Dr. A. Biram, the Principal; Mr. A. Rutenberg, Managing Director of the Palestine Electric Corporation, and the twin sons of Dr. A. Bloch.

Parents, wives, brothers and sisters as well as friends from the villages were on the platform to bid the recruits goodbye on their journey. Mr. M. Shertok, Head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, chatted with groups of the khaki-clad recruits and promised to visit them shortly at their training centre.