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NYANA-ORT Accord

An agreement in principle has been reached between the New York Association for New Americans and the American ORT Federation by which NYANA will use the facilities of the Bramson ORT Trade School and in turn will pay, on a per capita basis, for the training of their clients taking courses there. The details of the agreement are still in process of being worked out. It can be said now, however, that the agreement will undoubtedly prove beneficial to new Americans settling in New York who need vocational training to find jobs. This agreement is an example of excellent agency cooperation in the field of relief and rehabilitation.

Furthering ORT Ideology Discussed by Dr. Weiler

Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, honorary president of South African ORT-OZE and member of the Executive Committee of the World ORT Union, was the honored guest at a luncheon given by the Board of Directors of the American ORT Federation on Friday, March 3 at the Hotel New Yorker.

Dr. Weiler delivered an address covering a wide range of subjects including the problem of leadership of the ORT movement, the growing significance of the ORT ideology and the practical work in South Africa, Israel and North Africa.

"The leadership of our movement must be thoroughly devoted to the Jew-

ish cause. It must have a solid education in Judaism as well as fine secular training," said Dr. Weiler. "We need workers for whom the cause of ORT is a vocation and not just a job.

Bold Propaganda

"We must be bold in our propaganda and work with vision for the strengthening of the concept of the religion of labor. The economic outlook of the world is such that only a movement like ORT, with its ideology, can succeed in bringing solace and comfort to world Jewry.

"The trend towards large combines and trusts is gradually forcing the small entrepreneur out of business. In addition to this factor, Israel has had an enormous effect on the growing tendency of Jews to enter trades and agriculture. The people who formed the framework of the Jewish State have lived as workers and farmers and set an example for world Jewry. This kind of life is a confirmation of the soundness of the ORT philosophy. ORT in Israel is necessary because of the influx of new immigrants who have no trades. With its experience and qualifications, the ORT movement is now performing an important function. Having just been organized there in the past year, one must have vision, enthusiasm and faith to see the future development of Israeli ORT. It has a great task to perform and work there must be ex-

Interest in Farming Stimulates Increased Training Facilities

A result of a combination of factors, there is an evident increase of interest in agricultural pursuits on the part of the younger European, South African and Israeli Jews. Among the circumstances producing this situation is the establishment of Israel which has a largely agricultural economy. Settlements for land development have become more plentiful and, with due regard for the importance of industry, Israeli citizens are aware of the necessity of increasing their self-sufficiency in the area of food and agricultural products.

Renewed Interest

In Europe, in addition to those who plan to migrate to Israeli settlements, there are many who have developed a renewed interest in the occupation of their ancestors, feeling that a fundamental security and peace lie with the cultivation of the soil.



A student at the ORT farming school at Cambes de Pujols is spraying with sulphate.

This aspect of ORT training has, perhaps, been somewhat neglected in favor of more frequent and inclusive reports on the manifold industrial trades taught all over the world. We hope here to present a rounded picture of the agricultural training program now underway.

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Furthering ORT Ideology

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panded and coordinated with the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut."

Need Emissaries

Discussing further the installations in North Africa, Dr. Weiler said that expansion in the Arabic speaking countries is absolutely essential today, particularly in view of the destruction of the great centers of Jewish life in Europe. "Unfortunately," he continued, "the Jewish community has allowed North African Jews to become God's step-children. They live in appalling conditions. Extended ORT work there can materially improve the lot of our people. Israel is in great need of a reservoir of Jews who are healthy in body and mind and capable of doing productive work. It is very important to send young men and women from the English speaking countries to work in North Africa and become emissaries of our brothers there just as the JDC did in Europe."

Dr. Weiler just arrived in the United States for a one-month visit, during which he will make a tour through the



Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler

mid-west on behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The spiritual leader of Reform Judaism in South Africa, Rabbi Weiler has been very active in many Jewish causes. Another prominent rabbi said of Dr. Weiler, "The whole community is his sphere and every deserving cause of social service, his interest."

Prominent Guests

The meeting, called by Adolph Held, vice-president of AOF, in the name of the Board, was chaired by Max Herzfeld, president of the Brooklyn ORT Society and a member of the Central Board of the World ORT Union. Mr. Gerson Krueger, president of Cuban ORT, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schydrowsky of the ORT Committee in Lima, Peru, were also guests at the luncheon. Representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, American OSE, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations were also present.

Hold Successful Meet

Aaron B. Tart addressed the second meeting of the Washington Men's ORT Chapter on Monday, February 27. A highly successful and enthusiastic meeting, it is expected that this new chapter will grow rapidly.

Kreindler Visits Montreuil School

Charles Kreindler, a vice-president of the ILGWU and manager of Local 25, just returned from a visit to Europe where he visited the Montreuil School, the building for which was donated by his union.

"I found people of all nations, Eastern Europeans, French nationals as well as two Yemenite Jews and a Japanese national studying widely diversified trades. I looked at the records of graduates and saw that jobs were easily obtainable once a student completed training. I also want to say that we had an extremely good lunch there. All students are provided with one meal a day at the Montreuil School."

Summing up his opinion of the work, Mr. Kreindler said, "ORT trade schools are exactly the institutions needed to help Jewish and other depressed people to help themselves."

Mr. Kreindler was in Europe attending the first meeting of the International Executive Board of the newly reorganized World Federation of Garment Workers.

Greenberg Speaks at LA Chapter Meeting

Harry Greenberg, chairman of the Administrative Committee of American ORT and a vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, addressed a meeting of the Los Angeles Men's ORT Chapter on Monday, February 27.

Reports on Work

Mr. Greenberg, having recently returned from trips to Israel and Europe, delivered an up-to-date report on ORT activities around the world. His speech provoked a great deal of interesting discussion. Mr. Greenberg reports that he was much impressed with the work of the chapter and characterized it as a sound and intelligent group.

Anniversary Celebration

Kurt Laemmle, president, stated that, at this meeting, plans were completed for the large first anniversary celebration meeting which was held on March 8. We will report the details of this meeting in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.



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ORT Organizer Gives Report On Latin America, Scandinavia

Mr. Ilja M. Trotzky, who just returned from an extensive tour of ORT installations in France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and the Scandinavian countries, was one of the first to organize ORT committees all over the world. In 1926, when ORT's training activities were concentrated in Eastern Europe, Mr. Trotzky organized committees for fund-raising purposes in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and the Scandinavian countries.

Expand Activities

In 1935 ORT decided to expand its activities to South America and Mr. Trotzky was delegated to organize ORT committees in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, etc. At first, these committees served solely for fund-raising purposes to support ORT work in Europe. This, however, was changed with the beginning of the war and the realization that Jewry everywhere was in dire need of vocational training. The Buenos Aires ORT Committee decided to initiate practical ORT work in the Latin American countries and became the central office for ORT vocational training in South America. The first school which opened in Buenos Aires was looked upon rather skeptically by the Jewish population, but the number of applicants soon convinced the community of the great value and need for ORT training. Now, after some ten years, the Argentine ORT Committee is about to open a school for which the Argentine government granted a 600,000 pesos mortgage. The school is expected to train some 300 students during the first year.

Functioning Schools

Mr. Trotzky praised Messrs. Moises and David Avenburg, Jacob Saslavsky, Jacob Wengrover and many others for their continued efforts in spreading the ORT idea throughout Latin America and building up ORT Schools. Schools are now functioning in Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Argentina and Cuba, and are highly regarded in both Jewish and non-Jewish circles. According to Mr. Trotzky, graduates of these schools have been integrated without difficulty into the economies of their countries.

Mr. Trotzky referred to the spreading of the ORT philosophy as "the career of an idea," the development of which he witnessed all over the world. On his



Ilja M. Trotzky

recent trip, he found that ORT is not only one of the most popular international organizations in Europe, but has become an essential part of Jewish life in these countries.

Scandinavian Courses

Speaking of ORT work in the Scandinavian countries, Mr. Trotzky stated that thanks to Vladimir Grossman, World ORT Union representative, it was not only possible to organize efficient ORT committees there, but also to secure sizable government allocations for the purchase of machinery to be used in ORT schools in Europe. ORT Parliamentary Committees in Sweden and Denmark contributed greatly in bringing the importance of ORT work to the attention of government circles and the non-Jewish population. Last year, the Swedish government financed courses for ORT instructors in Sweden. These instructors came to Sweden from Germany and Austria, and, after completion of their courses, returned to the DP camps well trained in all practical and theoretical phases of teaching.

Mr. Trotzky, a member of the Central Board of World ORT Union and Latin American representative on the Executive Committee, after being abroad for 25 years is now planning to stay in the United States.

Demonstrate Skills At Cologne Exhibit

Over 200 guests attended an exhibition of the products produced by the students at the Cologne ORT School in the Jewish Community Center in Cologne-Ehrenfeld in the British Zone of Germany.

This school, opened only eight months ago, has an enrollment of 315 students who are learning needle trades, radio repair, carpentry, auto mechanics, beauty culture, etc. The exhibition was testimony to the high standards maintained at the school. The students of the dressmaking course acted as their own mannequins in demonstrating their products. Youngsters of two to four modelled the latest creations before a highly appreciative audience.



Two young mannequins display ORT-made dress models at Cologne Exhibit.

Mr. M. J. Lister, zone director for World ORT, welcomed the guests of honor who included Mrs. Dorothea Greene, director of WOU for Germany and Austria; Miss Mia Fisher, head of the Jewish Relief Unit for Germany; and a number of leading city officials.

Dr. Frankel, head of the Government Land North/Rhine Westphalia, expressed his appreciation of the valuable work done by ORT.

Increase of Agricultural Facilities

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French Farms

There are several training farms in France where 281 students are learning cattle breeding, poultry and dairy farming, how to raise vegetables and cereals and maintenance of agricultural machinery. A sizable percentage of the pupils are youths from North Africa. The farms are located at Combes du Pujols, La Roche, Monbardon, Encourdrille, Les Bonnets and La Galiniere. In addition, there is a farm, exclusively for children, which accommodates 100 pupils.

This type of ORT training in France started in 1934 primarily for refugees from Hitler Germany. Many intellectuals and merchants, who were forced to find a new means of existence, became so attached to the land that they would not have been induced to leave the farms except for the occupation. Of the original refugees, only six families were able to remain on the land.

After the liberation the work was again resumed. This type of training required an unusual adaptability on the part of the students. They had to become accustomed to the rude life of the peasant and gain an intimate contact with nature. For the North African students this effort was most difficult because the change from their previous mode of existence was so radical.

Called Perfect Preparation

However, the success of the effort is attested to by the visit of Dr. Carmon, director of the Agricultural Assignments Service of the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture. Visiting the farms in South Western France, he said that he didn't imagine that there were centers in France which provided such perfect



ORT gardening course seen here is held in connection with the children's home at Malmaison.



ORT students work at San Marco farm in Italy.

preparation for farm life in Israel.

Once students are established on their own farms, ORT assures them technical assistance as well as credits for the purchase of machinery when necessary.

Use Modern Methods

The training itself is broken down into stages. Practical work is a major part of the apprenticeship. The most modern agricultural methods are utilized. The theoretical aspects of the program include the study of the application of diverse sciences to agriculture. Also taught are the utilization of animal products, plant maladies and how to combat them.

Two years of training are necessary to become a qualified agricultural worker. However, most of the trainees cannot stay that long and ORT is therefore obliged to accelerate the courses to 6 or 9 months.

A two-year training program is envisaged by ORT at La Roche. This model farm has yielded remarkable results and it has an excellent reputation in the region.

Goldington Farm

British ORT maintains a training farm at Goldington with an enrollment

of 35 students preparing for migration to Israel. General farming, market gardening, poultry raising and maintenance of agricultural machinery are taught here.

San Marco

The training farm at San Marco, Italy, has an enrollment of 21. In existence prior to the war, it was reopened in May 1947 at which time ORT took over the responsibilities for the training. Three courses have been completed and a fourth started.

The students are recruited almost exclusively from the Italian Hechalutz movement but a group of 20 Tripolitanian Jewish youth have had their training here also.

A rounded program includes botany, agrarian chemistry, general farming, horticulture, field crops, vineyard raising, citrus raising, fruit gardening, plant pathology, anatomy of domestic animals, animal husbandry including poultry and bees, agricultural industries and agricultural economy. In addition, pupils work 7 hours a day in various branches including vegetable gardening, field irrigation, producing butter and cheese, milking cows, caring for beehives, etc.

All the work is carried out by the pupils under the direction of the ORT instructor. The land has been provided by the administration of the farm on a 50 per cent of the crop basis. ORT, however, provides the tools, equipment and livestock as well as the instruction.

Polish Center

In Poland, with government aid, a Jewish agricultural center was founded in the Dzierzoniow district. From its inception, ORT agronomists lent valuable assistance to this enterprise. In March 1948, ORT extended its agricultural work to two farming cooperatives in the Szczecin district, providing both financial aid and the supervision of specialists.

ORT agronomists visit farms regularly supervising agricultural chores. Crops are constantly being checked and improved by the use of specially selected seeds and the installation of truck and dairy farming. Seeds, fertilizer and cattle are supplied on credit for reimbursement after harvesting. In order to increase dairy produce, ORT set up experimental stations with the necessary



Here is an exhibit of the produce from French ORT's training farms.

The outstanding work done by ORT in Hungary is in the agricultural field. The training farm established here is generally regarded as the best model farm in the country. Training includes

experimental station for fighting potato diseases. The produce has won high awards in regional and nationwide exhibitions. Complying with a request by regional authorities, instructors hold evening classes for local farmers with the aim of teaching them the methods used at the farm which have produced such gratifying results.

Belgian Center

In the summer of 1946, the Belgian ORT established its first training farm for Aliyah groups at Kessel-Loo. When most of the 160 students trained there left for Israel in July 1948, the farm was closed and another agricultural training center opened at Ronquieres. There, too, young people were trained for their new lives in Israel. At the present time, about 50 children in orphans' homes receive pre-agricultural training. These children take great interest in their courses and are very active. In addition, ORT's agronomist has taken several apprentices to his poultry and sheep-raising farm where they are being trained in daily farming routine. One of these apprentices never liked agriculture and originally wanted to become a pastrycook. Today, after four months of training on the farm, he has become completely adapted and is an ardent gardener.

South African Farm

In South Africa, the Goedgevonden farm belonging to the late Esrael Laza-



Women students at the Belgian school at Kessel-Loo plough the soil.

scientific apparatus. Excellent results have already been achieved, particularly in the Szczecin region where returns have been considerably augmented. A machinery and tractor station has also been set up by ORT at Bielawa for farmers in this region and from the model farm established by ORT on government land.

general farming, cattle breeding, dairy farming, gardening, fruit growing and poultry raising. This farm, established at Bonyhad, conducts the program in accordance with the most modern agricultural methods. The farm enjoys the support of the Ministry of Agriculture. It has been supplied with poultry breeds and charged with the installation of an



Another gardening course for children at the Maimonide School at Boulogne-Sur-Seine.

rus was bequeathed by him to South African ORT-OZE. Work was started here in September 1948. Various implements and two tractors were purchased and other implements including ploughs were lent to ORT-OZE by the Lazarus Estate. A number of crops were planted and a yield of some 1,500 pounds was realized.

A new tank and small reservoir have been installed for watering the vegetable garden. A shed for the storage of crops and the housing of implements is now under construction.

To make full use of the farm, a plan has been evolved which provides for the erection of suitable buildings and accommodations for students and the further development of the farm to increase the revenue which would pay for the maintenance and training costs.

Diverse Program

It is expected that the building which will accommodate about 15 students will be ready soon. Mr. Skea, the present manager, will need an assistant instructor in the near future. Students will be taught general farming operations, including planting, care and reaping of crops, maintenance and repair of farm equipment, use of tractors and implements, irrigation, some carpentry, handling of oxen and provision. They will also receive intensive training on the irrigated portion of the farm. It is also

hoped that a small dairy will be established and that they will be able to rear poultry and plant an orchard.

Students will have to be maintained on the farm and it is hoped that an average annual return of 4,000 pounds will provide some of the funds for this. In order to establish the Hostel immediately and comply with the terms of the bequest, the organization has started a building fund for which over 1,000 pounds have already been subscribed.

If plans work out, this farm will be able to accommodate not only Jewish youth who wish to remain in South Africa but also members of Habonim who plan to migrate to Israel.

Plans have been laid for the establishment of a training farm in North Africa on the Djerba Island. This farm would accommodate 50 students at a time.

Israeli Program

In the Children's Village at Ben She-men, 53 pupils attend the ORT school taking agricultural courses. Twenty-four hours a week are devoted to practical work and 12 to theoretical study.

The other agricultural mechanics school is in the Valley of Yezreel. Twenty-two students from the settlements in the Emek attend this center which is run in cooperation with the Gilboa District. This school is at Ain Charod.

There is no doubt that this type of

training will be increased as rapidly as facilities are available because of the tremendous need for and interest in farming.

Although much has been said about Jews being an urban people, interested primarily in commerce and the professions, ORT's success in agricultural training indicates a revival of interest of considerable proportions in this field. Strangers to a rural life, by and large, it is true that psychological adjustments must be made. However, this transition to farm life does not present insuperable obstacles, as has been demonstrated. Large numbers of Jews in Israel and Europe have found that land cultivation has attractions hitherto unexplored. ORT's contribution in this field is certainly a worthy achievement.



This student at the British ORT center at Goldington is changing the soil in the greenhouse.

Daniel Frisch

We join the entire American Jewish community in expressing our deep sorrow at the passing of Daniel Frisch. An outstanding leader of the American Zionist movement, Mr. Frisch wholeheartedly devoted his energy and time to the cause of Judaism. His death is a loss not only to the Zionist Organization of America, whose president he was, but to all who have known him through his selfless participation in the fields of Jewish communal welfare and education.

Members of UJA Delegation Laud Israeli Installations

A delegation of prominent business men representing the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, just returned from a brief visit to Israel. Six members of the delegation visited ORT schools during their stay.

Nathaniel Hess, Chairman of the Dairy Division, visited the two schools at Jaffa. At the ORT Technical School, Mr. Hess was able to see the equipment and staff but classes were not in operation during his visit. He said that he was particularly struck by the order and cleanliness of the school in contrast to surrounding buildings. Stating that the courses are filling a terrific need for the training of mechanics, radio repairmen and the like, he pointed out that this is the kind of thing that Israel can't catch up on too fast. "The staff knows where it's going and what it's doing and I would certainly say that it is a first rate vocational school which compares favorably with any in this country."

Great Need

Visiting the school for seamstresses, Mr. Hess said that girls from Yemen, Morocco and Tripoli are among the students. Watching them at work, he was much impressed by the high quality of the goods produced. Saying that the instructor knew her business, he insisted that the need for this type of school is so urgent that there couldn't be too many nor too much money spent on them at present.

Other Visitors

Other visitors, who saw the ORT Center in Jerusalem were Louis Shapiro, executive chairman of the Restaurant Division; Jules M. Smith, chairman of the Radio Division; Morris Morgens-tern, chairman of the Mortgage and Investment Division; Sanford Brandmarker; and Judge P. Liberman of New Jersey.

Favorable Comments

Comments from all ran as follows: "Great work being done here." Mr. Shapiro, former member of the Board of Directors of American ORT, said, "As an old worker for ORT, I am extremely proud of this school and the wonderful

work it is doing." "I am pleased to see such great accomplishments in such a short time"; "Very inspiring — God bless your work," commented the others.

No Refugees

Mr. Hess, commenting on Israel said, "I was struck with the health, beauty and radiance of the children, the dignity and purpose of the adults and with the kindly human attitude toward newcomers. There are no refugees or DP's, only newcomers. All strata of the population are willing to lower their standard of living in order to keep the gates open."

J.N.W.A. Supports ORT

A resolution adopted by the Jewish National Workers Alliance, at its 17th annual convention held at the end of January reads in part as follows: "The ORT has made great strides in the dissemination of the ideas of manual work and in its practical application in the form of vocational training among Jews; . . . since the end of the last war, ORT extended the opportunity of tens of thousands of impoverished and declassed Jews, especially in the DP camps, to prepare themselves for a new life in Israel . . . ; during the last year, the ORT started intensive vocational training activities in Israel . . . and in this way is contributing its part to the productive development of the country; the 17th annual convention of the J. N. W. A. therefore resolves to again warmly endorse the work of ORT and recommends that all its branches affiliate themselves as members of the ORT Council." The convention was addressed on behalf of ORT by Chaim Weintraub.

Annual ORT Council Conference



Reading from left to right are Philip Gingold, Educational Director, JNWA; Louis A. Weissman, Grand Master, IOBA and Vice-President of the Council; Louis Schleiffer, United Rumanian Jews; Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig, Council President; Eliezer Liebenstein, Israeli Knesset; Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Manhattan Borough President; Julius G. Feit, Executive Director of the United Galician Jews; Samuel Reese, Chairman of the Council Executive Committee; Ilja M. Trozky, member of the Central Board of WOU; and Dr. Joseph Thon, Secretary of the Council, at the Annual Conference of the ORT Council of Organizations. The delegates voted to change the name of the organization to the National ORT League.

Israeli ORT Year - End Report

Of the 944 students enrolled at Israeli ORT schools at the end of December 1949, priority is being given to the children of new immigrants who are taking long-term courses, between 3 and 4 years, in which they are becoming expert workers who will be of great value to the Israeli economy.

Certain types of experimental education are being conducted which promise gratifying results. Youngsters are receiving simultaneous training in the theoretical aspects of their respective trades while they live and work on farms and settlements at the Children's Village at Ben Shemen and at the Ain-Charod kibbutz. Combined vocational and religious training, previously mentioned in the *Bulletin*, is being conducted at the Torah Umlacha School at Kfar Abraham and also at the Kfar Ganim School.

Consider Requirements

The schools established in Israel were organized with an eye to the requirements of the economy and providing courses that were unavailable in other schools. These include agricultural mechanics, building trades, watchmaking, dental mechanics, machine knitting, rug-making and typewriter repair. Expansion plans for 1950 include courses in handicraft, textile and refrigeration mechanics.

The Vocational Training Center in Jaffa has five different types of courses which are divided into a number of classes per course. The Technical School, for example, has three departments including radio and electrical mechanics as well as tool making. Adolescents of 14 and 15 receive very comprehensive

SCHOOLS

Vocational Training Center
Girls Sewing School
Courses on Levant Fair Grounds
Vocational Training Center
Vocational Training Center
Jerusalem Girls' School
Machine Maintenance School
Carpentry School
Rugmaking School
Agricultural Mechanics School
Auto Mechanics School

CITIES

Jaffa
Tel Aviv
Tel Aviv
Ben Shemen
Jerusalem
Jerusalem
Kfar Abraham
Kfar Ganim
Ramleh
Ain Charod
Rehovoth

NO. OF STUDENTS

259
101
80
130
104
82
61
35
25
22
45

Total:

944

training here. Another radio mechanic's course as well as typewriter repair, machine knitting and ladies' dressmaking, sewing and cutting are for adults. The latter four accommodated 127 people as of December 31 while the former had an enrollment of 110.

The Girls' Sewing School in Tel Aviv includes six courses, two of which accommodate 56 teen-age girls while the others have an enrollment of 67 adults.

Demobilized Soldiers

The courses at the Levant Fair Grounds in Tel Aviv include four courses, among which are carpentry for building trades, hairdressing, lingerie and work clothes production. Thirty-two demobilized soldiers are registered in the carpentry course, which is operated in cooperation with the Rehabilitation Department of the Ministry of Defense while 48 members of the settlements of the Kibbutz Meuchad are studying hairdressing and lingerie making.

One hundred and thirty-seven teenagers are being trained at the Vocational Training School in Ben Shemen in agricultural mechanics, weaving, sewing, carpentry and electrical courses. This

school is part of the Children's Village.

The Jerusalem center has four courses, three of which are for 76 boys from 14 to 18. Thirty-one demobilized soldiers are registered for the carpentry course which is also run in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense.

Eighty-two young girls attend the Jerusalem Girls' School where they learn sewing and cutting. The school at Kfar Abraham, operated in cooperation with Mizrachi within the framework of the Torah Umlacha, has three courses in machine maintenance with 61 students enrolled.

The Kfar Ganim School, for pupils at the Rabbi Zvik Institute, trains 35 students in carpentry work.

The rugmaking school at Ramleh is maintained entirely by ORT and was organized for new immigrants. There are 18 girls and women registered there.

At Ain Charod, the agricultural mechanics school for members of the settlements of the Yezreel Valley is run in cooperation with the Gilboa District.

Melting Pot

Israel as a whole is a haven for Jews from all over the globe and the ORT schools reflect this very strikingly by being a virtual melting pot. Students from 31 different countries are enrolled. Among the more remote are Afghanistan, Persia, Turkey, and Yemen. Eastern Europe and the Middle Eastern countries are also, of course, heavily represented.

Organized only one year ago, Israeli ORT has made significant strides forward in constructing and expanding facilities and it is expected that 1950 will see a further extension of the vocational training activities so essential to Israel's economy.

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