## ON CAMP BETAR 1954-5

# **CAMP WAS BEST** AT KINGLAKE-WEST!

There is no doubt that last Betar Camp was one which will be remembered for a very long time by the 162 young Jewish boys and girls who came from three States in Australia to participate in a heliday, combining varied and enjoyable activities with a truly Jewish atmosphere.

### FIRST DAY AT CAMP

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It took only a few hours
until all campers had settled
down in their new surroundings, and very soon after
small groups could be seen
commencing spontaneously
with their own activities.
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formed a little group debating problems in such an eager
institute that it gives the inpresson that they were salving a problem on which humactivities very existence deperdid Another group bould
to seen practicing for the
evening program. Some of
the smaller campers played
a game of voltey-ball or
cruickel, and yet snother group
could be heard singing in the
background. could be her background.



Physical exercise combi-with fun.

On the 10th of January, 1855, the Israell banner was liewered for the last time at Couch Betar. It marked the conclusion of a wooderful delegation of the conclusion of the wooderful delegation.

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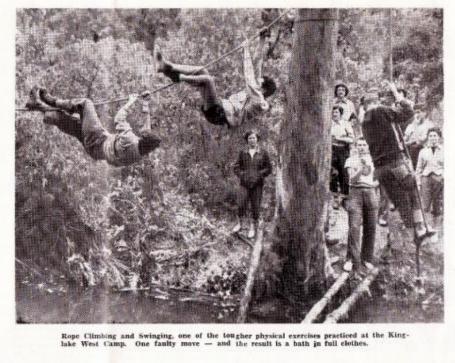
There is no doubt that the Betar Camp Executive wasted neither time nor effort in the preparation of this camp. A program, which to many seemed far too ambitisus and impossible to follow, worked out exactly according to plan. This was because of the fact that the distribution of duties, as well as all the time-tables were worked out to the minutest detail classed on the experience of many previous camps.

The camp site proved to a excellent; the facilities and accommodation (the younger once heing housed in huts and the older age groups in tents) as well as kitchen, washing and shower arrangements, all contributed towards the overall success of this camp.

#### CULIUKAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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The Educational Program was based on the overall tupic "Know Your Laid And People." The leatures and serbutiles were divided into 10 individual thence, one for each day — "The Day of Return to Zion," "The Day of Horrew," "The Day of Horrew," "The Day of Horrew," "The Day of Movement." "The Day of Movement." "The Day of Missory, "The Day of Movement." "The Day of Missory, "The Day of Movement." "The Day of the Revols." "The Day of the Revols." "The Day of the Revols." The Sudy of Hebrew had a prominent place in the Cultural Program; it was presented in such an enjoyable manner that it was no stremous work, but fun and



### **EVENING PROGRAMS**

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A happy medium between cultural and recreational activities was found during the evening programs, when the various age groups gathered participate in something they had been lucking forward to throughout the entire day. The large variety of activities — plays, sketches, games talent quests, debutes, songs, dances, lectures, quiz evenings— contributed to achieving this. It was remarkable how much talent was discovered, especially amongst the younger chaverin. The stmosphere greeulent eliminated all shyners on the part of the more reserved participants, and everybody contributed treety in his own special field.

helped to foster keenness and team spirit.

One of the most enjoyable features of the camp was "Practical Sports," or, as it is called in Hebrew, "Sports Shimushi." This included Rope Swinging and Rope Climbing, Crossing of rivers, etc. The onlooker during these activities, did not only enjoy himself by watching the skill of others, but very these activities, did not only enjoy himself by watching the skill of others, but very other was unused by the mitror or major mishaps which accurred during the crossing of the river, when a split accound decided between a subcessful operation and a bath in full clothes.

### WELL-PREPARED SPECIAL FEATURES

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### Broadcasting Station

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A loudspeaking system was installed which could be heard all over the camp. This system was used for various announcements which were vital in the avantation of such a large camp. Every night, balf an hour was devoted to a special broadcast, when again a happy medium het ween Education and Enjoyment; was found, by presenting items of a very varied nature.

### Film on Camp Life

SPECIAL FEATURES

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special field.

SPORTING
PROGRAM

There were a number of
special features at this camp.
It is doubtful whether they
have been used at any other
camp.

"Camp Currency"

Special "Camp Currency"

Which was not represented in
the camp's program. These
activities did not only take

SPECIAL FEATURES

A full-length Camp Pilim,
was made, showing in
saddition to the technicolor

"Camp Currency"

Special "Camp Currency"

(vouchers) were used
throughout the duration of
the camp's program. These
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## PROMINENT VISITORS AT CAMP BETAR

According to our custom, a well-organised Visitors' Day took place during the camp, which was attended by many prominent personalities of the Melbourne Jewish Community. All of them highly commended the Executive on their excellent organisation and work for Jewish Youth Education in this country.

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With heavy bearts the campiers came harewest to be place which had been their home for the last two works, thinking " . See you all again at the next Betar Camp."

The alogan 'The Camp is best at Kinglake West' was not just a slogan anymore—it had become a symbol, recalling two weeks of enjoy-poent, happy incidents, friend-ship and education.



With the bugle call a happy day begins at Camp Betar.

# "CAMP BETAR" THE IDEAL HOLIDAY FOR JEWISH YOUTH



