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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE JEWISH CAPTURED PRISONERS AT BETHLEHEM

The following letter has been received from the Jewish Captured Prisoners at Bethlehem.

WOMEN'S PRISON, BETHLEHEM  
22nd June, 1947.

CHAIRMAN OF U.N.S.C.O.P.  
C/O THE SECRETARIAT  
Y.M.C.A. BUILDING.  
JERUSALEM.

Sir,

We, the Jewish captured prisoners at the Women's Prison, Bethlehem, have the honour to apply hereby to Your Honour and beg to bring to your attention the following facts concerning us as a whole.

According to all the precedents in the world we ought to be treated as captured prisoners, whereas the Authorities treat us as ordinary uneducated criminal prisoners. The conditions under which we live are entirely contrary to our position from a principal point of view and completely inadequate to our elementary needs as civilised human beings.

Therefore, we would be very much indebted to Your Honour if you would visit us, thus enabling us to tell what we have on our minds in a clear and comprehensive manner.

Hoping that Your Honour will consider our request attentively.

Respectfully yours

Jewish captured prisoners  
at Bethlehem