

planned the system and the methods of the investigation. The material collected was dealt with by the Statistical Dept. of the Zionist Executive.

II. SYSTEM OF INVESTIGATION.

It was decided to distribute questionnaires to 60-80 workers' families in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel-Aviv, and to 10 unmarried persons in each of these three towns.

The investigation was limited to families whose monthly income varied between five and twelve Egyptian Pounds per month.

It was decided to carry out the investigation between the 18th of July and the 18th of August, this being the month after removal into new houses (Arab month "Muharam").

In order to obtain exact results as far as the subject under consideration and the limited material at our disposal permitted, "weighted arithmetic averages" and "medians" were worked out and the margin of error was estimated on the basis of the accepted "standard deviation". In reference to rent the "correlation" system was employed.

The system used was to collect a sufficient number of family budgets to reduce error to a minimum, to exclude exceptional cases, and to collect the retail prices paid for the requirements of life.

III. BUDGETS.

The questionnaires in the form of booklets were sent out by the Labour Dept. They consisted of 16 pages comprising 4 special forms. Form A dealt with the composition and the income of the family; form B stated the expenditure for each day separately during the period under investigation, the quantities purchased, the unit price and the total price paid for each article; form C dealt with other expenses incurred monthly, such as rent, amusements, newspapers, membership, dues, etc.; form D dealt with the expenditure during the first ten months of 5687 for clothing, shoes, underwear, education, medical aid, travelling, etc.

The questionnaires were distributed in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Haifa by paid investigators, whose duty it was to select suitable families, render the necessary explanations, supervise the filling in of the forms, but who were instructed to abstain from anything in the nature of prompting.

Altogether 123 questionnaires were filled in, but in the course of tabulation such forms as appeared to be deficient and those filled in by single persons and officials were excluded. This left 102 questionnaires (and in some cases only 100 and 99) for actual use:

Table 1. Budgets.

	Forms distributed	Filled in	Rejected	Used
Jerusalem	60	32	3	29
Tel Aviv	80	50	12	38
Haifa	60	41	6	35
Total	200	123	21	102