

Residential School for Jewish Deaf Children
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New Hearing System

A London school for deaf children is now using a new group hearing aid system in all its classrooms. It was officially presented by the Hartley Aid Society to the Residential School for Jewish Deaf Children, Nightingale Lane, Clapham, last December. This is the only system of its kind which can be installed in every classroom without fear of the "voices" getting crossed and the children hearing the wrong lesson. It was designed and manufactured by the Multitone Electric Company, London.

Unlike other systems, where each aid is connected by a wire to the teacher's amplifier, the *Telesonic Induction Loop System* permits complete freedom of movement. The absence of wires enables the child to hear the teacher's voice at normal strength from any part of the classroom or even during activities such as physical training.

The teacher's voice is transmitted, by an amplifier in his microphone, to a loop of wire laid round the classroom. The sound is then picked up by each child's small transistor receiver. Each receiver is adjustable to the desired strength of sound and the child can, by means of a switch, hear his



Deaf children can hear the teacher's instructions as they dance at the Residential School for Jewish Children.

own voice as well. The receiver can also be used as a conventional hearing aid when the child is out of the classroom or school. With this new equipment the children can now enjoy television and radio programmes, and watch film shows, without hearing other distracting noises.

The teaching staff of the school are already convinced, from the results of trials carried out over the last few weeks, that the new system will not only help them, but enable the children to lead a more normal and fuller life.