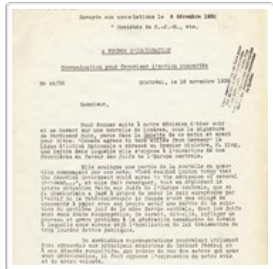




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Physical Description: Letter : Paper : Typed : Ink : B&W ; Ht: 11 in. x W: 8,5 in.

Other Title: Documentary Artifact

Information:

Date: November 18, 1938

Physical Condition: Good

Language: French

Notes:

1 page, single-sided. Letter signed by the head of the secretariat of the Montreal branch of the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Society. The letter informs members that the National Action League had sent a letter to Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King opposing the opening of Canadian borders to Jews from Central Europe. Letter further summarizes the letter to King, remarking that while it deplores the sad situation for Jews in Europe, if Neville Chamberlain decided to pay for European peace with Czechoslovakia, Canada should not have to pay a part of the price for solving the Jewish problem, for which the Jews are undoubtedly responsible. Narrative: The Saint-Jean-Baptiste Society (Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste) was founded on June 24, 1834 to promote French-Canadian interests, preserve French language and culture, and protect Catholicism. It is still in existence today, though it has shifted to an espousal of the Quebec separatist movement. The National Action League (Ligue D'Action Nationale) was founded as a Catholic, nationalist organization on March 11, 1903. It later shifted to a secular, separatist stance and is still in existence today. In the 1930s, both organizations vehemently opposed Jewish immigration to Quebec.

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