

Memorandum for

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1. Meeting on Jewish Experience in ~~Parvise~~

We are arranging for a meeting in Montreal to deal with Jewish experience in agriculture for the purpose of drawing public attention to this subject, especially in the light of Canada's immigration problems and the situation in Palestine. We have invited Mr. Gabriel Davidson of the Jewish Agricultural Society in New York to be the guest speaker. The date for the meeting was not yet set but tentatively we are considering an early date after the Succoth holidays.

2. Vancouver Council of Women's Resolution on Immigration.

The local Council of Women in Vancouver has sponsored a resolution urging selective immigration to Canada consisting of 75% British and 25% of other nationalities. We have advised our office in Vancouver of our view that race theories should be utterly removed from the Immigration Act and strong objection taken to the setting-up of preferred and not preferred categories. We have counselled the Jewish representatives on the Council of Women in Vancouver to take no part in furthering the spirit of the selective aspect of the resolution but plead for general terms for a resolution on immigration and if it carried the selective aspect, the Jewish representatives should abstain from voting. We counselled Vancouver, however, that nothing be done to discourage the passing of the resolution even on the non-attractive basis of selective immigration.

3. Resignation of the Chairman of the Educational Committee in Winnipeg.

Mr. S. Miller has resigned from the office of the chairman of the Educational Committee in Winnipeg. Mr. Miller's resignation was accepted by the Dominion Council of the Western Division with regret and expressions of appreciation for the work done by him in the many years of his association with the Educational Committee.

Due to the departure of Rabbi Provo from Winnipeg, a vacancy has been created in the Dominion Council membership of the Western Division.

4. Rehabilitation Work.

Reports of the offices of the Rehabilitation Committee indicate the expected and marked diminution of cases and as well a different type of service requested. The Montreal committee is meeting to have an objective analysis presented and to make recommendations as to the justification of the further maintenance of the set-up.

The Western Division has reported that the frequency figures have been very low and altogether 26 problems have been submitted to the office since April 26th. The Western Rehabilitation Committee has already dispensed with the services of an executive secretary.

5. Canadian National Committee on Refugees.

A meeting of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees will be held in Toronto on Oct. 17th where a report will be given by Dr. Judd on the second meeting of the Ecumenical Refugee Commission. The Executive Committee will decide on its future policy in evoking public opinion and urging the government to act on refugee and immigration matters.

6. Publication Activities.

We are subsidizing Mr. I. Rabinovitch in the amount of \$700.00 for the publication of his essays on Jewish writers. We are making available this amount to the Ohel Publishing Company in New York which is printing Mr. Rabinovitch's manuscript.

7. Shanghai Rabbis.

The group of 37 rabbis and students who arrived in Canada on July 25th, is proceeding to the United States. The group is part of the Mirer Yeshivah which has been in toto almost transferred from Shanghai to the United States and the Canadian group preferred to join them rather than to stay in Canada. They are at present at the Mizrahi camp at Bronto, Ont. The entire group was maintained fully by us during their stay in Canada.

8. National Executive Director's trips to Toronto and Ottawa.

The National Executive Director will be in Toronto on Oct. 8th with Dr. M. Sealheimer to discuss promotion of film projects with Dr. Corbett, Director of the Association of Adult Education.

On Wednesday, Oct. 9th, the National Executive Director will be in Ottawa to meet with the Director of the Immigration Dept. to discuss matters of immigration into Canada.

9. A Visitor from Holland.

Mrs. Hertzberger, formerly executive secretary of the Jewish Coordinating Committee of Holland has been visiting Montreal. She gave a first-hand report on the Nuernberg

trials and on the present situation of the Dutch Jews and the problems they encounter in their rehabilitation. The Jewish Coordinating Committee of Holland is subvented by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

10. National Joint Public Relations Committee.

The National Joint Public Relations Committee has been convened to Toronto for Oct. 23rd. The National meeting will have to pass on the proposed working agreement with the Jewish Labour Committee on labour relations work.

11. Landsmanshafter.

The Bialystoker Centre of Montreal pledged \$1,000.00 to Miss Chaya Grossman while she was visiting Montreal jointly with the Jewish Delegation from Poland.

12. ORT.

The ORT has requested us to purchase machines of their Montreal school and to ship them to Europe where the ORT is having centres for training of displaced persons. The Montreal school is now closing. We have wired to Dr. Lvovitch in Paris whether machinery of similar type could not be purchased in Europe from war assets supplies from various nations which would save freight charges as well as difficulty of shipping. We are urging Dr. Lvovitch for an immediate reply to be able to make an immediate decision on the request of the ORT.

Vladimir Grossman of the Canadian ORT who was in Europe for quite some time is returning to Canada within the next few days.