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1. Chairman of the National Joint Public Relations Committee Continues in Office.

The Nominations Committee which was to bring in recommendations as to the election of a new chairman of the National Joint Public Relations Committee, met prior to the meeting of the National Joint Public Relations Committee. Mr. J. I. Oelbaum has agreed to continue in office until the committee had a chance to select a successor. ✓

2. The Sub-Committee on Labour Relations.

An attempt will be made to establish a sub-committee of the Joint Public Relations Committee on Labour Relations to which Jewish labour leaders throughout the country will be co-opted for the purpose of initiating and carrying out a labour public relations program. The instrumentality of all groups active in the labour field, who will be willing to co-operate, will be utilized. The suggestion of establishing a joint advisory board on a partnership basis with the Jewish Labour Committee was rejected by the Joint Public Relations Committee.

Other matters dealt with by the National Joint Public Relations meeting on December 8th were: Conference of Christians and Jews, French public relations program and reports on press office, labour conventions, legion conventions, educational activities, film distribution and on subversive movements in Canada. \$3,000. was allocated for two film strips on the "History of the Jews in Canada." Mr. I. Siskind of London, Ont. was substituted as member of the National Committee for Mr. J. Goldstick. Mr. Max Enkin was substituted for Mr. A.B. Bennett. The Nominations Committee was authorized to consider the suggestion of co-opting to the Committee experts on various aspects of the work carried out. The Nominations Committee will also have to make recommendations as to the Western representations on the Committee and as to the appointment of alternates of the members of the Committee.

3. Book Week.

A capacity audience has shown up at the public meeting arranged in Montreal at the Y.M.H.A. Auditorium, on December 8th, to commence the Jewish Book Week observances. It has been estimated that close to 1,000 people attended the meeting. 120 people visited the book exhibit at its first day. The sales of books at reduced prices which was arranged at the book exhibit is developing and a sale of several books has already been reported. We have received an order for 100 copies of B.G. Sack's "History of the Jews in Canada" in connection with this sale. Group visits of Jewish educational institutions have been organized. Each participating group on the Montreal committee is contributing \$25. towards the costs of the program. The Zionist Organization of

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Canada and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation have already remitted their contributions. Simultaneously, Book Week observances were held in various sections of the community and special evenings were held at the various synagogue centers. All Rabbis devoted their sermons last Saturday to the Book Week.

The Jewish Book Week was held in Toronto last week. It was inaugurated with a public lecture by Mr. Marvin Leventhal and it had a capacity audience at the Holy Blossom Temple. The Toronto Jewish Youth Council sponsored a largely attended evening at the Jewish Book Week exhibit. The book exhibit received favourable comment and excursions of pupils have been arranged.

5. Universal Jewish Encyclopedia.

Five sets of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia will be bought and placed in various libraries of the Dominion.

6. Broadcast of Mr. Ph. Stuchen.

We arranged for a National hook-up of an address by Mr. Ph. Stuchen who arrived in Montreal from overseas last Friday. Mr. Stuchen met with representatives of the Montreal Press on the situation of the DP's in Germany. He is leaving today for New York for speaking engagements with the J.D.C. Mr. Stuchen will report in various Canadian centers on the work he did and on the situation of the DP's in Germany. His itinerary will be arranged shortly.

7. Mr. Leo Lania's Tour.

Mr. L. Lania completed his Ontario tour. He visited the following communities: London, Kitchener, Belleville, Sudbury, Timmins, Windsor, Kingston, Peterboro, North Bay and Kirkland Lake. The response received from each of these communities was very encouraging. Windsor and a number of places have asked to arrange to have Mr. Lania visit them again after his return from Europe. We have been asked by the Hillel director of Kingston to arrange to have Mr. Lania speak at the convocation of the University early next year.

8. South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

Mr. Gustav Saron, General Secretary of the South African Board of Deputies, visited our office and consulted us on our organizational structure which the South African organization intends to follow.

9. Quebec Synagogue.

Mr. B. Bernstein, K.C., has been appointed to work with Mr. L. Fitch, K.C. on the Quebec synagogue case. Steps are being taken to bring the case to an early decision of the court.

10. National Budget Committee.

The National Budget Committee met on December 8th. Various allocations have been decided upon and the budget for 1947 was approved. \$2,000,000. quota was adopted for relief to war stricken Jews instead of \$1,500,000. as last year.

11. Negro Discrimination.

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Mr. K.C. Sandwell has referred in the recent issue of the "Saturday Night", to the Negro discrimination case in Toronto and Nova Scotia. A Negro university student has been excluded from a contract bridge tournament in Toronto under the rules of a United States organization which does not permit Negroes to participate. A Negress has been fined \$20.00 for the alleged offence of defrauding the Province of Nova Scotia of one cent amusement tax because she refused to be put in the balcony of a cinema when she asked for a ground floor seat. The Saturday Night's editorial stated that they will inquire into the possibility of an appeal being taken in this case and that the publication would be glad to hear from any friends who would be inclined to support such action if it is found feasible. The National Public Relations Committee has authorized contacting Mr. Sandwell and assuring him of our sympathy with the views expressed by him and of our willingness to co-operate in a way which will be found most suitable. The National Public Relations Committee has also approved of the suggestion of Mr. Gurston Allen to approach the manager of the chain of Odeon theaters with the request to make good the fine imposed on the Negress.

12. Western Campaign.

\$1,100 was raised in Melfort (\$1,080 in 1945) and \$800 was raised in Yorkton, (\$905 in 1945). Rabbi Frank and Mr. B. Sheps addressed campaign meetings in Regina and Moose Jaw on December 2nd and 3rd and the results are very gratifying. Regina pledged \$15,000 as compared to \$10,000 raised for the 1945-46 campaign. Moose Jaw pledged well over \$3,000 as compared to \$2,477 in 1945. The Congress Committee of Fort William, Ontario, remitted \$3,900 as first instalment on its 1946-47 pledge. The expected total is \$4,500. The 1945-46 total pledge was \$3,000. The campaign was conducted in September by Messrs. S. Freedman and our Western Director.