

YOUR ATTENTION

FROM Saul Hayes

45 CONFIDENTIAL

Dec. 10th, 1946.

1. \$2,000,000 Quota For Relief Work.

We are advising the Welfare Funds and the Community Chests of the decision taken by the National Budget Committee to increase the quota for the relief work in 1947 from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The alarming requests which have been recently coming in from various parts of Europe made this decision imperative. The Unrra will cease operations shortly and the responsibility of the Jewish voluntary relief organizations will increase tremendously. The United Jewish Appeal of the U.S.A. has recently increased its 1947 quota with \$70,000,000 and the objective was set for \$170,000,000 instead of the \$100,000,000 raised in 1946. It is hoped that the Jewish Welfare Fund in Toronto, which is to have its annual campaign in early 1947 will already implement the decision and set its overseas quota accordingly. A press release and a direct mailing to the community leaders on the decision is being intended.

2. English Language Catholic Groups.

We met with Mr. Ballantyne at lunch on Friday, December 6th. Mr. Ballantyne is the editor of the Quebec edition of the Canadian Register, whose place of publication is Kingston, Ont. There are seven editions of this periodical which is in reality the cover name for as many English language Catholic readers. Mr. Ballantyne is very active in the church here, is a friend of the Archbishop of Montreal, has recently returned from Rome where he was received by the Holy Father, and is a friend of the Jewish community and of liberal causes in the Catholic Church generally. We discussed with him our work in the Catholic church generally and he expressed surprise that we were able to do as much in the French field as we have done. He was particularly surprised at our progress with the Jesuit Brethren. He encouraged us to proceed quite energetically in this work. He suggested that he would be helpful to us in securing the co-operation of the Council for Christian Social Order. The Council is a pan-Christian body and is quite effective. It includes Catholics as well as Protestants, English language churchmen as well as French language Catholics and their means of communication get down to their parishioners through their sermon notes and statements. One of the current projects of the Council is the study of racism. They are preparing to issue a statement on the subject. Mr. Ballantyne suggested that he would be glad to be of service to us in bringing us together with English language Catholic churchmen in any project we may have on foot. He told us of a text book on sociology used in some colleges here by a French Franciscan which is so anti-semitic as to be pornographic. It is distributed here by Granger Freres. He suggests that we obtain a copy and act upon it. He also said that we had an opportunity to express ourselves on the Stepinac case which would have won for us many friends among Catholics here. There is a feeling among them that when Jews are prosecuted, Catholics are invited to protest and do protest, but Jews do not reciprocate. We told him of arrangements that we had made for a Jewish newspaper to take note of an editorial in Relations in which Archbishop Stepinac's Defence of Jews was noted. We were informed that this would be appreciated by the editors.

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3. Increased Allocations for the W.J.C., O.S.E. and J.T.A.

The allocations to the World Jewish Congress for 1947 was increased to \$40,000 (\$30,000 in 1946) both for its organizational and relief work. The 1946 allocation to O.S.E. was set at \$20,000 instead of \$15,000 allocated in 1944-45. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency will receive in 1947, \$7,500 instead of last year's \$5,000. It is understood that the J.T.A. will relinquish every request which they may have made to the Welfare Fund, Community Chests or to the public at large in Canada.

4. O.R.T.

Confusion has developed in regard to the activities of the women's division of the O.R.T. We have had several calls advising us that the O.R.T. was engaged in a relief project and that the O.R.T. was asking people for monies for relief overseas. This is in contradiction to the O.R.T. policy to leave relief to the J.D.C., to government and to inter-governmental agencies. The O.R.T. should not confuse people by asking for money for a relief project. We made clear our stand to the president of the women's division of the O.R.T. in Montreal and to the American O.R.T. and the National Executive Director has refused to accept an invitation to appear at a dinner arranged by this group.

5. Vaad Hatzalah.

The National Budget Committee rejected a request of the Vaad Hatzalah for an allocation for its relief program. The program of the Vaad Hatzalah, though in some aspects useful and worthwhile supporting, is in many instances duplicatory and competative with the relief program carried out by the J.D.C. and those other agencies who work closely with the J.D.C. The Budget Committee felt that it would be impossible to divert money from the National Treasury for the Vaad Hatzalah unless they would eliminate from their activities all duplicatory and competative work.

6. Inner Executive.

The meeting of the Inner Executive (Montreal members of the National Executive) which was scheduled for today has been postponed to Thursday, December 19th.

7. Jewish Parochial Schools in Montreal.

At the request of a Jesuit Priest who some time ago published a study on the Outremont school question, our Research Bureau compiled tables showing the number of pupils attending Jewish Parochial schools in Montreal. At present 1,114 Jewish children attend all types of Parochial schools, out of whom 877 are of elementary school age and the balance of Kindergarten age.

8. King's County, N.S.

The "Berwick Register" of Berwick, N.S. published recently a violent anti-semitic article. Berwick is a small town in King's County with a total population of 962 of which 7 are Jews. The total population of King's County in 1941 was 28,000 of which only 24 are Jews. The article stated that, "the only way for the British and Americans to handle the Jewish problem is to get tough with the Jews and to give them the kind of treatment that Hitler would. They respect that". A memorandum of our Research Bureau analyses the population set-up of King's County and quotes the editorial of the Winnipeg Jewish Post suggesting that by expressing such an opinion the publication became guilty of an offence under the criminal code. It suggests further that charges be laid against the person who made the statement and prosecution is initiated.