

ABOUT Inter Office Information

**YOUR ATTENTION**

FROM Saul Hayes

# 46 CONFIDENTIAL

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1. Movement of Relatives.

An extremely important conversation was held in our office today with one of the directors of the Inter-governmental Committee of Refugees. This high official of the I.G.C. proceeds from Canada to London thence to Germany and Austria to direct the movement of relatives on behalf of the I.G.C. according to the arrangements made by the Canadian government with this committee. We were officially advised that our offer to cooperate in arranging of this movement was accepted and the details are now being worked out. The I.G.C. will direct the relatives of Canadians who are now in Italy, Germany and Austria. It has been suggested that the national executive director personally visit the D.P. areas as part of the scheme to be evolved. There is good reason to believe that the Canadian government will shortly extend the scope of the present Order-in-Council and include more distant relatives or even friends of Canadians who are now in Europe. If this is done it will first apply to the D.P. areas since international action in which Canada will participate will first be directed to solving the D.P. problem. According to the international agreement, no collaborators, war criminals can be admitted and the screening of prospective candidates will be made by the R.C.M.P.

2. Delegation to Prime Minister.

We have been advised by the secretary of the Prime Minister that Mr. King will receive a delegation of ours on matters of immigration. The heavy schedule and pre-occupation of the Prime Minister prevents the appointment to be made right now, however, we were assured that the conference will materialize some time soon.

3. Canadian Association of Adult Education.

We met with Mr. Robt. McKenzie, assistant director of Canadian Association of Adult Education. The Citizens' Forum will discuss the advisability of a Bill of Rights and try to have Mr. Dieffenbocker together with representatives of the liberal and C.C.F. parties as participants in the broadcast. The C.A.A.E. in conjunction with the Canadian Citizenship Council will be the publisher of the Canadian version of "Probing our Prejudices". We shall make available a total contribution of a sizable proportion without carrying, however, the full financial load of the publication. The C.A.A.E. will find out through which national organizations Church adult groups can be reached especially for the distribution of the film catalogue. An allocation of \$1,000 for the year 1947 to the Canadian Association of Adult Education has already been approved by the National Budget Committee.

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4. Children Immigration.

Mr. Ph. Stuchen corroborated the information that the entire children's migration from the camps in Germany, Austria & Eastern Europe is directed to Palestine and that there would be no chances of implementing at this time the 1,000 permits which we obtained from the Canadian Government three years ago. Mr. Gustav Saron, Secretary of the Board of Deputies in Johannesburg who visited our office, also reported on the failure of the South African Jewish Community to make any progress in this direction. The South African Board of Jewish Deputies was authorized by their government to bring in 400 children. A 4-men delegation spent several months in Europe and returned recently, having failed in their mission. No more than 150 applications could be obtained and the Board is very much in doubt whether these individual applicants will ever materialize.

5. Parcels to Russia.

The J.D.C. advised us that they received a communication from the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the official Russian agency in New York, that the following firms in New York have an authorization from the Russian authorities to collect duties and charges on the packages to Russia: WORLD TOURIST, 18 East 23 Street, New York; H.D. MAHLER, Inc., 500 East 164 Street, Bronx, N.Y.; HEARNS DEPARTMENT STORE, 5th Avenue at 14th Street, New York. The J.D.C. advises further that they are not in a position to recommend any commercial agency and they suggest that the interested people contact directly the above firms for further detailed information.

6. Clothing Collection in Winnipeg.

The women's division of the Western Region collected 68 overcoats, 68 suits and a few odd items of clothing. Most of the coats and suits are in good condition. Some of them need minor repairs.

7. Study on Racial Intolerance.

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Mr. Carey McWilliams of Los Angeles, formerly State Housing Commissioner of the state of California, is now writing a study on Racial Intolerance on the North American Continent. Mr. McWilliams visited our office and we discussed with him the Canadian scene with regard to anti-semitism, anti-Negro manifestations, the Japanese question, civil liberties, etc. Mr. McWilliams is the author of a survey of migratory farm workers in California on which Joe Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" is based, also of "Brother Under the Skin", "Factories in the Field", etc.

8. Passover Relief Program.

The Montreal Central People's Relief Committee requested from the J.D.C. details of the distribution of Passover supplies last year and for their plans of the coming holidays. The J.D.C. information is as follows: "For Passover 1946, the Joint Distribution Committee provided close to 3,000,000 lbs. of matzoth for the Jews in Europe. In addition, we supplied Passover wine, raisins and macaroons, especially for the displaced persons in Germany and Austria. We shipped from this country about 1,500,000 lbs., of which 500,000 lbs. went to the Jews in Hungary, 500,000 lbs. for the Jews in Poland, 100,000 for Jewish refugees in Shanghai, 25,000 lbs. to Greece, 100,000 lbs. to Yugoslavia, 175,000 lbs. for Italy, and smaller quantities

in other areas, including France, Algiers, Spain, San Domingo, Haiti, etc. We purchased in Holland and in other European countries, over 1,000,000 lbs. of matzoth. We also purchased \$20,000 worth of matzoth in Palestine, which was sent through our Teheran organization to orthodox Polish Refugees in the Soviet Union. The wine which was supplied for the displaced persons in the concentration areas in Germany and Austria, we also purchased in Palestine. In addition, our European organization made funds available to the Central Jewish Committee in countries abroad where matzoth could be baked locally, and made provision for supplementary grants for Passover supplies. For the forthcoming Passover, we have already placed orders in the United States for 3,013,000 lbs. of matzoth, and 1,000,000 lbs. of matzoh meal, and 50,000 lbs. of macaroons, to be distributed as follows:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MATZOTH</u>	<u>MATZOH MEAL</u>	<u>MACAROONS</u>
Austria	240,000 lbs.	80,000 lbs.	--
Belgium	52,000 "	13,000 "	--
China, Shanghai	65,000 "	10,000 "	--
Czechoslovakia	36,000 "	12,000 "	--
France	175,000 "	55,000 "	--
Greece	45,000 "	15,000 "	--
Germany	600,000 "	200,000 "	50,000 lbs.
Hungary	600,000 "	200,000 "	--
Italy	120,000 "	40,000 "	--
Poland	400,000 "	140,000 "	--
Rumania	700,000 "	230,000 "	--
Yugoslavia	45,000 "	15,000 "	--

Shipments are currently going forward.

We have no doubt that this year, as last, in countries abroad where matzoth can be baked locally, our European organization will make special grants to the Central Jewish Committees there for Passover supplies."