

**YOUR ATTENTION**

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Dec. 17th, 1946.

1. Citizenship Week.

We received a letter from the Secretary of State in which appreciation is expressed of our interest and of our offer to cooperate in the Citizenship Week project. We circularized all Jewish schools in Canada drawing their attention to the Citizenship Week and urging them to lay plans for its proper observance. The National Film Board prepared a kit of supplementary materials to accompany a group of film on citizenship. We received a sample of this kit which contains discussion materials on problems of race and national unity, part of which we advised the Board to use and which was made available by us. It will be placed in all film libraries and will accompany certain films when shown on the rural circuits of the National Film Board. We supplied the National Film Board with prints of the film "Don't Be a Sucker".

2. Four Cases of Books Received in Belgium.

Acknowledgment has been received from the J.D.C. office of Brussels of the arrival of four cases of books which we sent on September 28th on the S.S. "Mont Sorrell". The letter reads as follows: "We hereby certify that we have carefully inspected the articles listed above and have found that they have arrived in good order and we thank you sincerely. When we will have finished the distribution, each organization which will have benefitted of your gift will take pleasure in thanking you directly."

3. Western Public Relations Office.

As of today, the Western office of the Joint Public Relations Committee in Winnipeg has been opened with Mr. A. Zimmerman in charge.

4. Law Offices Informed of Restitution of Property Procedure.

We transmitted legal information on how to file claims for restitution of property in Austria and Germany to all Jewish law offices in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg.

5. Quebec Synagogue.

We met with Mr. Louis Fitch, K.C. and Mr. B. Bernstein, K.C. on the Quebec synagogue matter. We discussed ways and means of bringing the case to trial as quickly as possible. Mr. Bernstein is undertaking a study of the record after which we are to meet again.

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6. Survey of Adult Education Work.

The English speaking section of the Council of the Quebec Adult Education Association is undertaking a survey of the Adult Education work being done by some 70 organizations in the Province of Quebec, of their plans and willingness to undertake joint action. The Canadian Jewish Congress is on the original list of organizations which will come under the survey. We are represented on the English speaking section of the Council.

7. Religious Activities in Germany.

We received a report of Rabbi Alexander Rosenberg, Synagogue Council representative in Germany on religious matters in the D.P. camps and in German communities. In Berlin 1,800 applications were filed with the Kehillah requesting acceptance into the fold of Judaism. Through the cooperation of the military government, 7 slaughter-houses are now in operation in the American zone. The number of kosher eating people has been steadily on the increase; 40% of the camp population are eating kosher. The J.D.C. has secured permission to manufacture Taliesim in Germany. Plans have been made by the J.D.C. to print 500 complete sets of the Talmud, 25,000 daily prayer books and other religious volumes. Special provisions have been made for Holiday observances.

8. 983 Relatives Qualify for Canadian Immigration.

The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees estimates that 983 people in the D.P. camps qualify under the present Order-in-Council to come to Canada as relatives of Canadians. It is expected that the first group of 150 D.P.'s will be assembled and ready by the end of January. The I.G.C. made arrangements with the Canadian authorities for the census of the people in camps who have relatives and close friends in Canada even if the relatives are not within the Order-in-Council. No one who left Russia after September 1946 will be allowed to qualify. The regulations call for V.D. and X-Ray examinations of the candidates. The Committee is anxious for us to transmit names which we would send in to the German resident representatives of the I.G.C. who will then see if they will likely be encouraged to apply. The I.G.C. is encouraged to believe that without announcing at one time formal change of its laws, Canada will take in special groups of D.P.'s.

9. Meader Report on D.P.'s.

A letter published in the New York Times notes that the American Senate War Investigating Committee as a whole did not release the report of Mr. Meader in which he raised several charges on the misconduct of the Jewish D.P.'s and on the migration of Jews from Eastern Europe. The report was released by four senators only, who guarded themselves by saying that "it has not received the approval of the Committee or any member thereof" and that "the members of the Committee are not to be charged with responsibility for any statements it contains".

10. U.S.A. United Jewish Appeal Limited to United States.

Confusion has arisen in regard to the newspaper reports on the decisions taken by the United Jewish Appeal Conference in Atlantic City to the effect that the United Jewish Appeal would set its quota at \$170,000,000 although \$250,000,000 is needed and that the remainder of the required funds would be sought from the Jewish communities outside of the United States including Canada, South America, etc. We took exception to these reports in a letter addressed to Mr. Isadore Coons, co-director of the U.J.A. We stated that there would be innumerable obstacles in the way of the U.J.A. operating in Canada as well as many matters of principle. We have no United Service for New Americans and naturally would not receive any funds in Canada for the purposes of integrating immigrants into the United States since we have our own problems; secondly, the United Palestine Appeal of Canada collects its monies in its own autonomous way and the United Palestine Appeal of the United States would not make much headway in trying to include Canadian monies in its totals; thirdly, the U.J.R.A. collects monies for a number of agencies of which the principal beneficiary is the J.D.C. but due to the fact that 100% of the monies are not for J.D.C., this is a further obstacle. Mr. Coons stated in his reply that "it is our complete understanding that the United Jewish Appeal of the United States does not contemplate nor has it ever contemplated projecting its fund-raising activities in Canada or in any other land outside of the U.S.A. and its Possessions. The Resolutions Committee, as I have tried to indicate, took into account other sources of revenue for the JDC and Palestinian agencies respectively in countries other than the United States through established agencies in these several countries and in conformity with the program which has prevailed in each of these countries for a number of years. The United Jewish Appeal recognizes, of course, that these operations are completely independent of the operations of the UJA and that in a narrower sense they are not of concern to the United Jewish Appeal". The U.J.A. of Greater New York has already set its goal for 1947 at \$65,000,000 which is nearly double the \$35,000,000 sought during 1946. The decision is in keeping with the national U.S. goal of \$170,000,000 set for overseas relief and rehabilitation, for resettlement in Palestine and for aid to newcomers to the United States.

11. Conferences in New York on Relatives Movement.

Further to the very important conversations held with officials of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees on the movement of relatives from the D.P. camps to Canada, the national executive director will be in New York on December 18th to discuss with the J.D.C. and other representative bodies the implementation of this project. The I.G.C. accepted our offer to assist in this movement and our overseas staff will be placed at the disposal of the I.G.C. in handling the project. Additional staff of the J.D.C. may want to assume responsibilities in this action as well.