

**YOUR ATTENTION**

FROM

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Dec. 19th, 1946.

1. National Executive Director's Conferences in New York.

The National Executive Director was in New York on December 18th. He was in conference with the J.D.C. on a number of matters including discussions about our conversations with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and arranged a Modus Operandi with the J.D.C. in carrying out the relatives' movement. The J.D.C. will start inquiries as to what censuses are available and will advise us if we need to supply staff or whether J.D.C. can secure its own staff. We in Canada will examine our lists of relatives. Financial matters and supplies were also discussed particularly a transmission to Australia to pay for a supply of food sent to Europe; possibilities of cash transmission to New York; the order of one million pounds of meat in Canada; sewing machines; need for additional personnel overseas. A two-day conference in Canada may be arranged about the beginning of March highlighting overseas needs and featuring speakers from Europe who are now or will then be in United States and a forum in which ranking J.D.C. officers will be participants. The claims of the Vaad Hatzalah and the ORT program were also reviewed.

2. \$25,000 Received From Kol Nidre Appeal.

We received \$25,000 from the Kol Nidre Appeal. The collection is still under way and the committee expects another \$15,000.

3. Film Program in the French Field.

The Pedagogical Center in Montreal is opening a film office and they will be in contact with us in this work. We shall be able to place before seminarians and priests some of the available films.

4. Congress Bulletin.

No. 12, Volume 3, of the Congress Bulletin is off the press. In order to comply with the regulations the issue is dated October, 1946.

5. Developing French Public Relations Program.

The "Saturday Night" will comment in its next issue on the article which appeared in "Les Carnets Viatoriens" on Abraham Gradis. Mr. B. K. Sandwell advised us that he proposes to do a front-page article commending Les Carnets Viatoriens for publishing it and for its frank recognition of the loyal and devoted service rendered by eminent Jews to the Nations of which they have been citizens. Jesuit sponsored organization, "League of Missionary Students", recently published a booklet on Jews which although conversionary in intent, is very friendly in tone. An early issue of "Relations" will carry an article of racial discrimination in Canada particularly against the Negroes. The forthcoming issue of "La Nouvelle Releve", important French literary monthly, will have an article by Jack Maritan on the suffering of the Jewish people. 300 copies of the French book "Les Juifs" have been secured

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and they will be mailed directly by the publishers ("Presences", Paris) to prominent French Canadians. 2 Columns by I. Rabinowitch appeared recently in the Eagle on the favourable and unfavourable developments in the French field. We drew these columns to the attention of prominent French Canadians and they were accepted as an acknowledgment of the recent trends in French-Jewish relationship.

Influential French groups consider now establishing a Research Bureau similar to the one we have. They were encouraged to do so by the very useful work of our Research Bureau in obtaining and keeping Jewish statistics up to date. The French groups have been hampered by lack of suitable staff and they have already put several people on training in this field. They propose to consult our Research Bureau in the development of their program which will consist of collating statistics of French Canada and of analyzing the census information from their point of view.

6. Calendars Distributed in Europe.

The J.D.C. office in Paris advised us that they received our Jewish calendars and they are now being distributed.

7. Court Record on the Negro Discrimination Case.

We try to secure a copy of the court record on the New Glasgow Negro discrimination case. We are informed that no appeal is being contemplated from the conviction of the Negress by the magistrate. The action against the Roseland Theatre Ltd. is being discontinued because the theatre is no longer owned by this company but is now owned by Odeon Theatres. The action against the manager of the theatre has been commenced.

8. Canadian Edition of Probing our Prejudices.

Mr. Chas. E. Henry<sup>o</sup>, professor of social work at the University of Toronto has undertaken the writing of a Canadian edition of "Probing our Prejudices". It is expected that the Canadian Association for Adult Education together with the Canadian Citizenship Council will act as the publishers with a major grant forthcoming from our organization. Mr. E.C. Woodley who for many years lived in Quebec City as an official of the Department of Education, offered to read the manuscript and to submit it to his French friends for their opinion. This may be a desirable way of assuring the acceptability of the book in the Province of Quebec, especially as it is contemplated to have a French edition at a later time. We are supplying Professor Henry with actual case material for his work.

9. Work in Progress.

There are a number of projects on which we have been working, some of which are almost completed and others are in the work process. These projects include:

Campaign piece for the Mo'Ess Chitten Appeal.

Announcement in various forms and direct mailings about the \$2,000,000 quota for overseas relief.

Preparation of a "kit" containing memoranda of salient features of our work for distribution to community leaders and members of the Dominion Council.

War record of Canadian Jewry.

Preparation of a series of short-wave radio scripts for broadcast to Germany over C.B.C. international network.

Two issues of Congress Bulletin dated November and December to be published in December and early January and thus bring up to date the publication of the Bulletin.

Preparation of a major campaign piece for 1947 national campaigns.

Publication by Office of Jewish Information of the American Jewish Congress of a pamphlet on Canadian Jews to be written by us.

Reprint of an article on Jewish population in Canada by our Research Director which appeared in volume 48 of the American Jewish Year Book; the reprint being #2 in our series of population studies.

Report to community leaders on the decisions of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the Rumanian, Hungarian and Italian treaties.

Special "stuffer" pamphlet based on allegations of the Meader report of the U.S. Senate Committee to be called, "The J.D.C. Is Accused of Helping Jews"; also Spanish addition of same for use in South American communities as per arrangements made during the trip of our General Secretary.

Confidential memorandum to special mailing list on prospects of immigration.

Sale of remainder of the "History of the Jews in Canada" by B.G. Sack.

Reprint in two French digests, "Le Recueil" and "L'Aujourd'hui" of the article on Abraham Gradis which appeared in Les Carnets Viatoriens.

Distribution of pamphlet, "Some Never Die", issued in cooperation with the Canadian Grenadier Guards.

Educational comics for distribution in the schools.

Series of French language pamphlets in which ideas in which we are interested will be developed.

Another addition of Jewish War Heroes (comics).

Illustrated series of biographies of Canadian Jews for distribution in elementary and high schools.

Systematizing of our mailing list to include important non-Jewish leaders such as legislators, government officials, etc.

Distribution of the pamphlet issued by the Catholic Church in the U.S.A., "Catholics and Jews".

Preparation of a report for Plenary Session, publicity arrangements and suggestions for the program.

Documenting approaches to Government on the extent to which anti-semitic propaganda in Canada is subversive.