

MEMORANDUM FOR

National Executive  
**YOUR ATTENTION**

ABOUT

Inter Office Information

FROM

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1. O.S.E.

We are making available the amount of \$6,776 to the OSE. At the request of the OSE we are trying to transfer the money to their office in Geneva. In case the transmission is not approved by the Department of National War Services we shall remit the money to the bankers of the OSE in London, Eng. The total paid to OSE in 1946 will aggregate \$20,000.

2. World Jewish Congress.

We have been asked by the World Jewish Congress to remit \$6,380 on account of the balance of our allocation for their organizational and relief program. The amount of \$4,522 will be on account of the U.J.R. allocation and the balance will be on the Canadian Jewish Congress 1946 appropriation. At the request of the World Jewish Congress the money will be transmitted to Palestine and to Australia.

3. Toronto Landsmanschaften.

An amount of \$300 was sent to us by the Lagover Hilfs Farein in Toronto and \$500 by the Ivalsker Hilfs Farein for transfer to the Central Committee of Polish Jews in Warsaw. In compliance with their request we are arranging for the transfer via the Federation of Polish Jews in New York.

4. Kol Nidre Appeal in Montreal.

An additional amount of \$1,350 was received on account of the Kol Nidre Appeal in Montreal. This brings the total received up to date to \$26,350.

5. Jewish Branches of the Canadian Legion.

Our Central division is examining the merits of the request which was received from the Hamilton Jewish branch of the Legion for a subsidy. The Frederick Kisch branch of the Canadian Legion in Montreal received in 1946 a subsidy of \$1,125. An amount of \$250 was appropriated to the Wingate branch in Toronto.

6. National Committee on Refugees.

We made available an amount of \$350 to the Canadian National Committee on Refugees. At an earlier date the amount of \$250 was paid.

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7. Overseas Supplies Shipment.

25 cases containing two dozen tins of dehydrated beans are being shipped to the Joint Distribution Committee in Brussels, Belgium in transit to Bremen, Germany. 100 cases and bales with used clothing are also being shipped to Bremen, Germany via Brussels, Belgium. 20 cases of used clothing are directed to the Refugee Committee Coref, E. Gompertz, chairman, at Brussels, Belgium.

8. 1,715 People Visited Book Exhibit in Montreal.

Every person who visited the book exhibit in Montreal was asked to register and the record shows that 1,715 people visited the book exhibit. A detailed report on the book week observances will be presented at the meeting of the Book Week Committee which is convened for next week and at the Eastern Region, Dominion Council meeting on January 14th. The Y.M.H.A. and the Jewish Public Library sent in the membership of \$25.00 which each participating organization is to pay as their share in the expenses of the program; at an earlier date the membership was paid by the Zionist organization and the Hillel Foundation. The balance of expenses is covered by us.

9. Brief on Fair Employment Practices Legislation.

Mr. Gursten Allen sent in the final draft of the brief which is to be presented to the Ontario Provincial Government in connection with a fair employment practices legislation. The brief includes a memorandum on discrimination in employment in the province of Ontario and the need for fair employment practices legislation, a suggested fair employment practices act for the Province of Ontario, evidence of discrimination practices experienced by employment agencies, discrimination in businesses and industry against two minority groups (Negro and Jews), application forms on various employments indicating the extent to which religion and racial origin are noted thereon, the brief presented to the National Selective Service by the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the pamphlet on "Jewish Occupational Difficulties"; included is also a summary of fair employment practices legislation in the United States as well as a report on the first year's operation of the fair employment practices legislation in the states of New Jersey and New York.

10. Bill of Rights.

We are following closely the developments in regard to the possible introduction in the House of Commons of legislation of a Bill of Rights. Mr. John G. Diefenbaker told the Canadian Press yesterday that he intended to introduce a resolution at the January 30th session of the Parliament embodying a Bill of Rights that will guarantee religious freedom to every Canadian as an inalienable right. The only method by which this could be unalterably established, he said, was by a Federal statute, as an amendment to the B.N.A. Act, it would insure freedom of the press, of religion, speech and of association. Mr. Diefenbaker said his proposal would be part of the Bill of Rights that he intends to present to the House.

11. Parliament May Change Immigration Legislation.

Press reports indicate that revision and consolidation of Canada's immigration regulations and the possibility of bringing down a new immigration act at the next session of Parliament are under consideration by government officials. These reports indicate further that the proposed changes may include rescinding of the Chinese Immigration Act which strictly limits the number and category of Chinese allowed to enter Canada and amendment of regulations forbidding admission of nationals from enemy countries during the war.