

ABOUT

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# YOUR ATTENTION

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1. French Public Relations.

A detailed program in the French field of Public Relations in the Province of Quebec is being drawn up for submission to the Joint Public Relations Committee of the Eastern Region. Plans have been developed for an intensive work in this field which would include a series of pamphlets by prominent French Canadians on subjects of tolerance and racial understanding, the formation of a committee and establishing of machinery to carry out the program. The eastern region Public Relations Committee will meet on January 23rd and traverse the data which we have obtained and decide on steps to be taken.

2. Western Remittances.

The Yorkton Community sent in to our Western office \$835 on account of the 1946-47 campaign. \$655 was received from Eastover, Sask., \$1,515 from Melville, Sask. and \$4,085 from Lethbridge, Alta.

3. Polish Soldiers Movement.

Mr. A.G. Brotman, Secretary of the Board of Deputies of British Jewry, sent in a list of 45 Jewish soldiers in the Polish forces who presumably have the required agricultural qualifications. As the movement is not yet completed and several hundred Polish soldiers are to be selected in England, there is still a hope that these Jews will be included in the movement and admitted to Canada. Mr. Brotman states that the list was given to him by the Polish Jewish Chaplain and it represents a complete listing of Jewish soldiers who are anxious to come to Canada and who have the necessary agricultural experience.

4. Festival of Jewish Art and Music in Winnipeg.

Plans have been completed by our Western Division for a competitive festival of Jewish art and music to take place in Winnipeg in May, 1947. The festival is to become a cultural enterprise of the whole Jewish Community of Winnipeg and stimulate interest in Jewish cultural matters. The plans call for competitive exercises in music, drama and oratory. An exhibition of objects of arts and crafts is contemplated; the plan includes also an exhibition of Yiddish and Hebrew books and a series of lectures.

5. People's Relief Committee in Winnipeg.

We received \$1,000 from the People's Relief Committee in Winnipeg which brings the total of the remittances of this committee since its inception at the beginning of the war to \$59,000.

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6. \$175,000 Transferred on Behalf of J.D.C. ~~The money was sent to the J.D.C.~~

A transfer of \$175,000 was effected by cable on behalf of the JDC. The money was sent to the J.D.C. office in Jerusalem (\$125,000) and to Sydney, Australia (\$50,000). The sum of \$175,000 was originally set aside for purchase of one million pounds of Kosher meat to be sent overseas. As the transaction with the Canada Meat Board could not be finalized before the end of the year we have been requested by the J.D.C. to transfer the money on their behalf within the Pound Sterling area; the Department of National War Services approved of the transmission.

A few days earlier, on December 24th, we transferred to the J.D.C. \$12,950. This transmission was made directly to New York with the approval of the Department of the National War Services and the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

7. Western Communities to Transmit Money to Winnipeg Office.

For bookkeeping purposes it is preferable that the proceeds of the appeals in the Western Communities be sent to our Winnipeg office which in turn is transmitting all the money from the West to the National Treasury. Most of the Communities accepted this procedure which facilitates our general office routine. We asked the community leaders of Brandon, Man. and Medicine Hat, Alta. to follow this system and to make their future remittances to the Winnipeg office.

8. War Charities Act.

We submitted audited statements of accounts to the Registrar, War Charities Act, Department of National War Services in Ottawa.

9. Radio Talk of Professor S.R. Laycock.

Dr. S.R. Laycock, Professor of Education Psychology, College of Education, University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, consented to our request to mimeograph the radio talk which he made on November 21st, 1946 in the C.B.C. series "School for Parents"; he spoke on "How to bring up children free of racial prejudices". We assured Dr. Laycock that in case his address would appear in pamphlet form we would be prepared to purchase a fairly substantial number of copies which we would in turn place at his disposal for distribution through the Home and School Movement or any other channels he may deem preferable.

10. \$1,000 Transmission on Behalf of World Jewish Congress.

An additional amount of \$1,000 was transferred today on behalf of the World Jewish Congress.