

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Mr. Jos. H. Fine, to Attend Joint Defence Appeal Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

The National Joint Public Relations Committee looks with interest on the techniques and methods employed by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. We have sought their cooperation on many occasions which was always willingly given. Mr. Jos. H. Fine will, as an observer, represent the National Public Relations Committee at the Joint Defence Appeal Conference which is being held in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Fine will report on the work which will be unfolded at the Conference.

2. Archives.

Mr. Martin Wolff, chairman of the Archives Committee, has presented to the archives a copy of the work, "Drei Jahre in America" by I.I. Benjamin II. The real name of the author is Jos. Israel, a German historian; the book was published in 1862 in Hannover, Germany and describes a journey to America undertaken in 1851. The third part includes a visit to Vancouver and Vancouver Island and contains most valuable references to the Jewish settlement in British Columbia. A few years ago Mr. Wolff translated the section from the book dealing with British Columbia and the translation was published in a mimeographed form by the Archives Committee.

3. Medical Supplies for Soviet Russia.

During the period January - November, 1946, medical supplies worth \$1,114,037 were sent to Soviet Russia by the J.D.C. The shipments included 780,000 vials of penicillin and various hospital equipment. The report which we received from the J.D.C. states further that during the same period 20,691,657 pounds of supplies valued at \$7,958,000 were shipped by the J.D.C. from New York to 15 countries. The bulk of the supplies was shipped to Germany, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Austria.

4. Religious Affairs Committee in Toronto.

At a meeting of the Religious Affairs Executive of our Central Region, it was carried that an effort be made to obtain the opinion of a highly placed legal advisor as to the advisability of attempting to produce an ordinance in Toronto similar to the Baltimore Kosher Products ordinance which empowers the Mayor to set up an unpaid commission to be known as the Bureau of Kosher Meat and Food Control to establish and maintain regulations concerning the manufacture and distribution of Kosher meat and food products. The bureau is empowered to inspect the premises, products, equipment and records of any establishment that claims to handle Kosher meat or other food products, with the intention of administering and enforcing the laws relating to the handling and preparation of Kosher meat and food products. The ordinance provides for fines for any person convicted of misrepresenting in any way by the work, "Kosher" food that is not prepared according to Orthodox Hebrew Dietary Laws.

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5. Jewish Education Committee of New York.

At the request of the Jewish Education Committee of New York we supplied books on Canada to their Jewish book exhibit. The Committee advised us that the exhibit was viewed by about 15,000 children, youths and adults and our cooperation aided to make the exhibition a most interesting and educational event.

6. Delegation of DP's in Germany.

A delegation of the Jewish DP's in Germany is now in New York. Two members of the delegation, Dr. Pliskin, vice-chairman of the Central Jewish Community in Munich and Mr. Wolheim, vice-chairman of the Central Jewish Community in Bergenbelsen, contemplate going to Canada. The World Jewish Congress in New York advised us of their intended visit. The dates are not yet fixed.

7. Bank Deposits in Germany.

The Department of External Affairs announced that Nationals of the United Nations who hold an account in the German bank are now able, if they so wish, to demand a certified statement of their account from the bank where their account is kept. The German banks, whether they are closed or not, are required to draw these statements upon receipt of a request made simply by the holders of these accounts or their rightful claimants.

8. Relief Activities of the World Jewish Congress.

An announcement from the Department of World Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress and American Jewish Congress clarifies the situation in regard to the relief activities of the World Jewish Congress. The Congress has decided to discontinue all administrative functions connected with overseas shipments. The Congress called on its supporters to contribute to campaigns under way in local communities instead of shipping the supplies to New York for trans-shipment from their offices to Europe. Despite the cessation of ordinary shipments the World Jewish Congress continues to send supplies to needy children abroad. Also following relief activities are continued: location service, "Adopt a family" plan, correspondents' service, cultural assistance to overseas Jewish Communities, dissemination of information related to World Jewish Congress activities.

9. Research Department.

Our Research Director was invited by Mr. Jos. S. Rousek, chairman of the department of Political Science and Sociology, Hofstra College, Hempstead, to undertake the preparation of a section of social sciences in Canada for the book on "Twentieth Century Social Sciences" which he is editing. The invitation had to be declined as the work schedule of our Research Department is already overcrowded. We suggested to communicate with either Professor Dawson or Professor Forrester LaViollette, both of the McGill University.

Our Research Director will participate in the annual conference of the Yiddish Scientific Institute (YIVO) in New York on January 19th, 1947 and he will speak on "Jews in Agriculture in Canada".

10. J.D.C.'s Support of Zionist Aims.

Our attention has been drawn to a report given by Phinneas Lubianikes, Secretary of the General Federation of Jewish Workers in Palestine, the Histadruth, who recently returned from a visit to various European countries. Mr. Lubianikes reported to the executive of the Histadruth. He stated, "It is impossible to imagine any Zionist movement or any Zionist activity in Poland or any other countries of Europe without the J.D.C. I go so far as to say that we have three Zionist funds, the Keren Hayesod, The Jewish National Fund and the J.D.C. The Nachsharah program, the homes for Jewish children, the redemption of Jewish children from non-Jewish homes, a long list of activities including our summer camps, are made possible by the assistance of the J.D.C. All this can be described to a large measure to the understanding of the man who is at the head of the J.D.C. in Europe, Dr. Jos. Schwartz. There are few with his understanding of Zionism or of so warm a Jewish heart. But he is not alone. Speaking generally, J.D.C. employees are distinguished for their understanding of Jewish affairs, their support of Zionism and their efficiency."

11. Clothing Collection in Kingston, Ont.

The Kingston Community distinguished itself by its periodical bi-monthly collections which were run with the cooperation of the local Hadassah. Mr. A. Zimmerman visited our office recently and we discussed with him plans for a collection of men's suits and overcoats and women's coats which is now being successfully conducted in Montreal. We are now advised that plans for a similar collection have been advanced and the Community expects to get up to 200 articles of these heavy garments. Mr. Ph. Stuchen will address a meeting in Kingston, Ont. on January 9th, 1947.