

MEMORANDUM FOR

**YOUR ATTENTION**

ABOUT

Inter Office Information

FROM

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1. Canadian Institute of Public Opinion.

Further information was obtained on the Gallup Poll of the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion which has shown that many voters were opposed to the admission of Jews. We received from Mr. Wilfrid Sanders, co-director of the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion, verbatim comments taken from the ballots concerning selective immigration. Mr. Sanders included comments dealing with Jewish immigration only. The summary is called "Hand Tab of Comments Relating to the Prevention of Jewish Immigration Into Canada". They are arranged according to Provinces and list altogether 81 individual comments such as: that there are too many Jews in Canada now, the Jews hoard and take the money out of the country, they monopolize the industries, take the better places, they are not an agricultural nationality, won't assimilate, etc. The National Joint Public Relations Committee wanted Dr. Albert Rose, research director of the United Welfare Chest in Toronto, to make a further analysis of the materials available. Dr. Rose, in reply to our request, stated that this particular Poll embraced a sample of 2,100 Canadians. These individuals were asked what nationalities they would like to keep out. They were not asked specifically for their reasons for desiring to keep out any particular group. Their comments were voluntary and in most cases they did not give any reason for wanting to keep out one group or another. 81 individuals did give a specific reason, and everyone of these individual comments was given to us by Mr. Sanders. Dr. Rose felt that although this number seems to be an extremely small total considering the size of the sample, but these comments actually represent all remarks on Jewish immigration which were recorded in connection with that particular Poll. The Canadian Institute of Public Opinion ~~may~~ be taking further Polls on questions of immigration and, at that time they will probably put a specific question on the ballot asking for specific statement of reasons for excluding one group or another. Dr. Rose suggested that we be in touch with Mr. Sanders in order to assure that everyone of these comments in future Polls be transmitted to us. We wrote to Mr. Sanders stating that we have little doubt that the fact that ~~neither~~ the two major nationalities, English or French, nor the Scandinavians, frequently described as the most desirable type of immigrant, were included in the list must have resulted in a tendency to consider the nationalities listed as being in a class where "keeping out" desires have more or less legitimate place.

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2. Delegation to Archbishop.

A Congress delegation will call on the Archbishop of Montreal as a token of goodwill and appreciation of the Jewish community of the Apostolic Benediction which the Pope bestowed on a Montreal Jew. The protocol of the visit is now being worked upon and is being discussed directly with a Monseignor of the Archbishop's Palace.

3. D.P. Camps.

Another detailed information on the situation of the DP's in Germany was received today. It came from Mr. M. Aspler, UNRRA director of the Landsberg camp, who returned to Montreal. Our Congress bulletin will report in detail on his observations.

4. Western Campaigns.

The December collections of the Western office amounted to \$33,849.30. Last week's major transmissions from Western Canada which reached the Winnipeg office were: Saskatoon - \$7,000; Regina - \$1,000; Prince Albert - \$2,040. These transmissions were on account payments towards the 1946-47 combined campaign of Congress and United Jewish Relief.

Visits of Mr. Philip Stuchen have been arranged for the following Western communities: Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton and Saskatoon. The visits will be of an educational nature.

5. Information on Visas Procedure.

We received from the J.D.C. immigration office in Paris information on the visas procedure to Australia, Belgium transit visas, South Africa visas and on relatives' deposits for immigration to Palestine. The granting of transit visas through Belgium has temporarily been suspended owing to the fact that there is hardly any immigration possibilities to any other countries. Entrance visas may be procured only for old people who have either a son or daughter in Belgium or for under-age children who have a relative there.

6. Medical Supplies to Yugoslavia.

Confirmation has been received from the J.D.C. office in Paris of the arrival in Brussels of our shipment of medical supplies destined to Yugoslavia. The shipments arrived in Brussels on December 16th, 1946, on the S.S. "March Dale".