

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Anti-semitic Text Books.

A report reached us that there was a French text book on sociology in use in French Canadian colleges which is intensely anti-semitic along the lines of the Protocols, written by a Franciscan priest. We investigated by communicating with French book-stores and with authorities who are familiar with the academic book lists used in this country. They knew of the book, as a matter of fact, they knew of several which fitted the bill, but they informed us that in all cases the books are no longer available in Canada. They never were actually text books but were on supplementary reading lists.

2. \$2,000,000 Relief Campaign.

The National Executive approved of the request of the Winnipeg Welfare Fund to convene a conference and form a national special names committee. Due to the imminent absence of important people who must be at this conference an immediate date was not available. Conflict with the Zionist campaign in Montreal in March might impel such conference to be held in Toronto, Ottawa or Niagara Falls. The tentative date was set for March 30th provided attendance from principal communities will be guaranteed. The executive committee realized that too late a date might not be as helpful to the Winnipeg campaign as an earlier one, but this was unavoidable in view of so many reasons prohibiting against an earlier date.

3. Rostoration of Property in Rumania.

We received from the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa sets of rules for the preparation of claims relating to property situated in Rumania. It is not necessary for claimants to complete a special printed form. Claimants whose property has been lost or damaged may also register their claim with the Custodian, Department of Secretary of State, who will supply the appropriate form upon application. Monetary claims such as those in respect of commercial debts, bank balances, rents, etc., cannot be accepted at present by the Department but particulars may be registered with the Custodian.

4. Tracing of Relatives in Russia.

Replies have begun to reach us as to inquiries sent to the Soviet Red Cross in Moscow in the last two years in regard to tracing relatives. The Soviet Red Cross was able to trace some of the people sought and contact between relatives has just been established.

5. Overseas Relief Staff.

Reports have been received from our overseas workers, Mrs. Margo and Dr. Milner. Mrs. Margo is at present attached to a children's home in France. She complains that due to lack of staff much of the routine work has to be attended to by people whose time could be used in a more responsible capacity. Dr. Milner spent several

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weeks in Paris and is now in the Belsen camp. He carried on with unfinished bits of French Medical Program investigation, namely, inspection of dispensaries run by various Jewish welfare organizations subventioned by JDC. His assignment in Belsen is to help reorganize the dispensary there. He spent several days in Brussels and Antwerp inspecting some surplus Army hospital supplies which the JDC was considering for purchase, etc.

6. Travel Documents for Stateless Persons.

The National Committee on Refugees is studying the international agreement of October 15, 1946, concerning the identity and travel documents for stateless persons, and is contemplating taking action in Canada in this connection. The agreement which was under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees has not been as yet signed by Canada. It is reported that delegates of Canada (as well as of the U.S.A.) declared that the Government would probably recognize such travel documents when issued by other countries but that it would probably not issue them itself. There are still hundreds of refugees in Canada who would not be naturalized before two years from now. It would be a help to them if they could apply for the travel document which is issued for the purpose of travelling outside the country of residence and which entitles to return thereto. There is also hope that more stateless refugees would be admitted to Canada.

7. Dr. B. Pliskin's Visit in Canada.

We received the following letter from Dr. B. Pliskin, representative of the DP's in Germany who recently visited Montreal and who participated in the Provincial Conference in Hamilton: "I want to take this opportunity to thank you for making it possible for me to meet with a representative group of leaders of Canadian Jewry. I am surprised and delighted with the strong spirit of the Canadian Jews and I hope that my being with you has imbued you with a more thorough knowledge of the problems and needs of the Jews in the Displaced Persons Camps in Europe. I hope that Canadian Jewry will take its place in the ranks of those who are fighting for the existence and realization of our hopes to leave Germany and begin a new life. On this occasion I want to extend to you and your colleagues an invitation to attend the Congress of the Liberated Jews which will take place on February 11 to 13, 1947 in Bad Reichenhall Bavaria."

8. Shipment of Kosher Meat.

The first shipment of kosher meat is being directed as follows: 75,000 pounds to Germany, 25,000 pounds to Austria, 30,000 pounds to Hungary and 10,000 pounds to Italy. The shipment is likely to leave Canada between February 10th and 15th. The second shipment of 150,000 pounds will be directed to Poland at the end of February.

9. \$87,345 Transmitted to Australia.

The JDC bought in Australia a quantity of powdered egg and milk and asked us to send to the United Jewish Overseas Relief Fund, Sydney, Australia, 27,000 Australian pounds to cover these purchases. We received the approval of this transfer from the Department of National War Services in Ottawa and the transmission was effected in the amount of \$87,345 Canadian dollars.