

**YOUR ATTENTION**# 76 CONFIDENTIAL

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HIGHLIGHTS OF DECISIONS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF JANUARY 22ND, 1947.1) PLENARY SESSION:

It was agreed that the method to be used at the Plenary Session follow that of the 1945 Conference, i.e. all commissions or panels be before the entire body of delegates and that there be no splitting up of the session into various committees or commissions.

The consensus of opinion was that much attention of the conference be directed to the Canadian scene, both in the matter of Public Relations per se and the matter of community planning for the many communities across the country. It was further stressed that apart from speaker who might be from overseas who would deal with the overseas relief picture and a guest speaker at one of the dinner functions, the program be geared to people from the community who know the problem and who will assist in making the Plenary Session a working session and not a forum for speeches.

The following number of delegates was approved:

Eastern Region	146
Ottawa	8
Newfoundland	2
Ontario	149
Western Region	87

2) U.J.R. CAMPAIGN - \$2,000,000

The Executive Committee decided that a conference be held with special attention to the creation of a National Special Gifts Committee. Grave difficulties were encountered in the matter of fixing a date and choosing a locale. Among the difficulties were the certainty that a large number of people necessary to make the conference a success and to form the core of a national special gifts committee would not be in Canada until after the middle of March; the Winnipeg campaign was about to be held and the Maritime campaign will be held at the end of February; the reluctance to interfere with the Zionist campaign in Montreal since we have always respected dates which are communicated to us well in advance. With all these matters being taken into consideration it was agreed that the matter be proceeded with and that the special conference take place about March 30th either at Toronto, Ottawa or Niagara Falls. The Executive

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Director was instructed to poll the opinion of the principal campaign committees in the larger centres in order to guarantee attendances and to find agreement on locale and date. It was considered that the difficulties might be overcome and that technical provisions could be made whereby the special names committee would be formed even where campaigns may have been held.

The idea of a special J.D.C. conference which had been suggested by J.D.C. was not approved but it was agreed that at the conferences and other meetings in connection with the \$2,000,000 campaign we take advantage of highly placed J.D.C. officers for stimulation of our program.

The suggestion that several prominent laymen visit the D.P. camps and communities in Western Europe though approved in principle cannot be proceeded with owing to the time element and other factors. In substitution we will rely on the reports from the Canadians who were on the spot either with UNRRA or under J.D.C. direction.

3) S.O.S. CAMPAIGN:

The Inner Executive at a previous meeting had approved of a plan to restrict the S.O.S. campaign to the making of layettes and children's clothing plus the collection of men's suits and overcoats. The Executive Committee confirmed this viewpoint and instructed staff to make plans accordingly particularly by exhorting women's organizations to devote themselves to the knitting and sewing required. Where necessary purchases of the flannel and other materials will be made by headquarters.

4) PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The Committee was informed of the desire of B'nai B'rith to seek renewal of the agreement which calls for separate public relations office and a national public relations director. The Congress viewpoint was agreed to that public relations work be placed in the hands of a director but under Congress auspices, under the supervision of the National Executive Director of the C.J.C. and as a department thereof. It was suggested that Messrs. Fine, Abbey and Allen who are the Congress representatives on the sub-committee of Congress and B'nai B'rith appointed for these matters be instructed along the above lines.

The meeting agreed that the chairman of the C.J.C. sign the letter of protest to the CBC in the matter of the Solon Low speech of December 18th, the text of which letter was read to the meeting.

5) IMMIGRATION:

The suggestion made that the Congress recapitulate all its requests to the Government in the matter of immigration and rescue of refugees was approved and the chairman was asked to write to Mr. Mackenzie King asking for action and listing our demands.

6) ONTARIO CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS:

The resolutions which were adopted at the Ontario Regional Conference for submission to the National Executive were presented. A number of these are in the nature of things presently in work process and the resolutions were noted. Others and in particular that calling for a national conference of educational leaders, were found to be impractical at least until the Plenary Session has discussed this matter and passed appropriate resolutions.

7) LIAISON OFFICER IN PARIS:

The recommendation that a qualified person able to represent the Canadian Jewish public under the auspices of the C.J.C. at Paris in the matter of assisting in the processing of immigration cases and other "on the spot" matters be appointed was approved. This person would also be called upon to represent the C.J.C. at such international conferences at which Executive may decide Congress ought to be present. The Executive Director was called upon to make selection of candidates whose appointment would be made by the National Chairman, and the Regional Chairmen in consultation with the National Director.

8) REPORT OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR:

The National Director recommended that his report which might take some time to present be committed to memorandum form and be mailed to the members of the National Executive Committee.

(Note: The above notes are not in substitution for minutes of the meeting but solely as indicated, highlights thereof. The minutes will be prepared and circulated in due course.)