

YOUR ATTENTION# 78 CONFIDENTIAL

Jan. 20th, 1947.

1. Delegation to Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has indicated by letter that shortly after the House opens he will see our delegation in the matter of immigration.

2. Formal Protest Against Solon Low's Radio Speech.

We registered a formal protest with Mr. A. Davidson Dunton, chairman, Board of Governors, of the C.B.C. in Ottawa, against some of the statements made by Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit Party over the trans-Canada network of the C.B.C. on December 18th, 1946. Mr. Low spoke about an "evil and deep seated conspiracy by a group of international power maniacs who aim to destroy Christianity, etc. "of the close tie-up between international Communism, international Finance and international political Zionism." We stated that Mr. Low's allegations though uttered in a vague manner, are in flagrant contradiction to the letter and spirit of the general policy of the C.B.C. which is one of encouraging a fair presentation of controversial questions of public interest and concern. Mr. Low's method to scare and frighten people into a confused way of political thinking is too redolent of nazi politicians to be permitted to pass by the C.B.C. and the Canadian people. We quoted Alfred Rosenberg and Hitler's "Mein Kampf" to prove the close similarity between them and Low's statements. The C.B.C. does not pre-examine the text of a national party leader's speech but we asked that advice be given to the party leader who indulged in this type of speech making. The C.B.C. regulations prevent broadcasting abusive comments on any race, religion or creed; malicious scandalous or defamatory matter; false or misleading news.

3. World Jewish Congress Rejects Permanent Co-operation of 9 Jewish Organizations.

We have been informed of the decision of the World Jewish Congress, arrived at in Basle on December 20th, 1946, to reject the suggestion which came up during the meeting of the 9 organizations which worked together at the Peace Conference in Paris and which continued to work on the occasion of the Council of Foreign Ministers in New York, to the effect that the activity of the Committee of 9 be continued with a view of supervising jointly the carrying out of the Jewish clauses in the peace treaties. The World Jewish Congress felt that permanent cooperation in this field is not necessary as "the World Jewish Congress represents the Jewish communities concerned and is able to defend their interests." The decision was further to the effect that the World Jewish Congress would be ready to meet from time to time with other organizations and to discuss common problems if the necessity should arise. The World Jewish Congress also rejected the proposal that an official report be published on the activities of the 9 organizations in Paris and in New York in connection with the peace treaties as "the World Jewish Congress does not see the purpose of such a joint report at this late date since individual organizations have already published their own reports or are in the process of doing so." At the same time the World Jewish Congress decided to publish a short report on its

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activities in connection with the peace treaties in Paris and in New York; the report will be written by Dr. Robinson within the next few weeks.

The World Jewish Congress made an application to the Social and Economics Commission of the U.N.O. to be admitted as consultatants similarly to **International Trade Union** organizations. Conversations were held between the American Jewish Conference, the Board of Deputies and others to form a special board to make such an application; the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Board of Deputies discussed the problem recently and a great majority felt that such an application would have very little chance of having been accepted and the right course open for the Board of Deputies would be to apply for a national consultative status.

4. Ranking Civil Servants Receive "History of the Jews in Canada".

Copies of the "History of the Jews in Canada" have been mailed to Ministers of the Crown and 30 of the ranking civil servants as well as to Presidents of Boards of Trade. For serious people in such a select mailing list the book is an impressive method of reminding leadership in Canada of the roots which the Jewish population has in this country. Even if the book is not read but merely scanned a most favourable impression is bound to result.

5. Peace Treaty with Austria.

We received from the World Jewish Congress a draft of the Jewish demands for the Peace Treaty with Austria which was prepared by the Research Committee of the World Jewish Congress in London, Eng. The demands are: displaced persons be granted a most favoured treatment; full restitution be made for all losses and damages suffered by persons, communities and associations; restoration be made of all property rights and interests which have been subject to dispossession; refund of sums paid during the occupation as special taxes, etc; that Austria recognize that the observances of the provisions asked for is a matter of international concern which shall be subject to supervision by the appropriate organs of the U.N.

6. Overseas Staff.

Miss Lottie Levinson who is on her way on leave from overseas will return shortly thereafter to the field work in Germany. Miss Levinson's work has been exceptional and she has been promoted to duties involving much greater responsibility.

7. Film Program.

We met with the Secretary of the National Film Society, the Director of the Canadian Citizenship Branch, the Secretary of the Canadian Citizenship Council and the Program Co-ordinator of the National Film Board; arrangements have been made in regard to sending out releases, distribution of film catalogue, and preview showing of some films.

8. Film Previews.

We viewed the following films: 1) "Whoever You Are", the story of what New York community did about intolerance; the Canadian Welfare Council may likely sponsor showing of this film to social workers across Canada; (2) the campaign film of the "Save the Children Fund"; the film cannot be helpful in our campaign work; (3) the J.D.C. film, "A Time to Build", describing the Jewish boy scout movement in France and the aid given to Jewish children by the J.D.C.; the film might have some value for Jewish schools not as a campaign film but for educational and morale purposes.

9. Youth Council in Toronto.

A conference of representatives of Jewish Youth groups throughout the Province of Ontario has been called as part of the recent regional conference of the Central Division. A provincial committee has been set. The Youth Council in Toronto met on January 14th; the Youth Council is cooperating with all non-sectarian organizations at the mass picketing of the Icelandia skating rink in protest against the management of the rink for refusing admittance of a young Jewish girl. The Council agreed that picket signs would not be carried on Friday, January 17th, when the mass picketing of the Icelandia was to take place, but that signs bearing the name of the Toronto Jewish Youth Council be carried at further demonstrations of this nature.

10. Campaign Receipts.

\$1,000 was received from Sherbrooke, Que. which brings the total of the 1946 proceeds to \$3,600.

11. Hungarian Jews Receive Clothing.

The JDC office in Budapest acknowledged receipt of our clothing shipment to Hungary. The letter states: "We thankfully confirm receipt of the shipment sent to us on SS Flint II, viz: 333 Bales and 317 cases containing contributed used clothing, shoes, medical supplies, etc., and 140 cases tinned herring. The Commission Mixte de Secours de la Croix-Rouge Internationale forwarded the goods from Antwerp to Budapest in 7 waggons, which arrived here on the 7th, 10th and 23rd December 1946. When the goods reached us, our stocks were already almost exhausted and thus, on hand of your contributions we are in a position to meet the urgent needs of a great number of Hungarian Jews. Please accept our best thanks for your contributions and we also beg to express our deepest thanks of the suffering Hungarian Jewry to the contributors."