

MEMORANDUM FOR

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YOUR ATTENTION

FROM

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1. La Revue Dominicaine

La Revue Dominicaine, an important French-language monthly issued by the Dominican Order has published a very lengthy article entitled "The Jews in Canada" by Jean Lemoyne. The article is framed to a review of "History of the Jews in Canada" by B.C. Sack which the Canadian Jewish Congress has published, but the author goes much more deeply into the question and deals at great length with the Catholic approach to Jews in general. He bases himself, of course upon the story of the Jews as told in the Old and New Testament and seems to believe that Jews did have a share in the killing of Christ, but argues that nevertheless anti-semitism is sinful and contrary to the spirit and the teachings of the Christian religion. He speaks most strongly in favour of the Jews of Canada as they are reflected in the history of Mr. Sack. We have noticed in this case and in other articles written by French Canadians about Jewish history that they speak up more forcefully on this subject than we dare do ourselves. This article was commissioned by us and Mr. Jean Lemoyne is working very closely with our office. It is interesting to note that he is a very strong link between the very conservative element of French Canadians and the very liberal-minded Catholics. He was recommended to us by the Jesuits and is a graduate from their schools. He is very welcome in the columns of such religious publications as those of the Dominicans. At the same time he is associated with the group around L'Arbre, contributes to the "La Nouvelle Revue", and has taken exception publicly in print to narrow-minded attacks upon liberal Catholic theology, upon Jacques Maritain, etc. He is willing to serve upon the committee which we are considering and is at present engaged upon a pamphlet in this connection. The circulation of "La Revue Dominicaine" is very influential but limited. We are arranging for the reprint of this article.

2. Monograph on Civil Liberties

We have had a long discussion with Mr. Ben Bernstein, K.C. on the monograph on civil liberties. Among the fundamental questions under review for development in his thesis are constitutional questions of jurisdiction; has the term civil rights under the B.N.A. Act rubric of "property and civil rights" the same meaning as in our context; civil rights for entities as well as for individuals; meanings of phrases civil liberties, civil rights, human rights; interference with civil rights by arbitrary decision of ministers or deputy ministers under certain statutes; and many other facets of this problem. We expect to make very many practical uses of this monograph.

3. Interview with Mr. Ballantyne

A lengthy interview was held with Mr. M. Ballantyne, the editor of the "Canadian Register." We discussed with Mr. Ballantyne our current work in the French Public Relations field and our plans for the future. We are arranging for a special mailing to go out to everyone of the 17,000 English-speaking Catholics in Montreal on the pamphlet "Catholics and Jews" which was issued in the United States by the Catholic

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hierarchy.

4. Eastern Region Public Relations Meeting

The Eastern Region Public Relations Committee was convened for February 27th. The Agenda will include the Outremont School question and the report on the National Joint Public Relations Meeting which will be held on February 23rd in Toronto.

5. Congress Bulletin

The December issue of the Congress Bulletin is now in its last stage. The difficulties we had experienced so far in dating the Bulletins have been overcome, as we were permitted to combine two issues without affecting second class post office privileges which we enjoy. Further issues of the Bulletin will be dated according to the time they will appear. We are now investigating the possibilities of changing the printer of the Bulletin and we are receiving quotations and information on facilities in various printing shops in Montreal.

6. 2,000,000 Overseas Relief Campaign

A special issue of the Congress Bulletin is now being prepared for the 2,000,000 overseas relief campaign. We arranged for a special series of articles written overseas on the local situation and plans in each country; the cooperation of Mr. Raphael Levy of the Publicity Department of the J.D.C. has been very helpful in this regard. Pictures of leaders of the Canadian Jewish Community are now being obtained for inclusion in this issue.

Campaign literature is being prepared independently of the special issue of the Congress Bulletin.

7. Reprint of article of Jacques Maritain

The article "Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted In The Cause of Justice", which appeared in "La Nouvelle Revue", which was written by Jacques Maritain, has been reprinted in brochure form. Distribution is being arranged with the cooperation of Church authorities.

8. Moess Chittin Pamphlet

We are arranging for a special Toronto edition of the Moess Chittin pamphlet which was used in Montreal by the Central Peoples Relief Committee. The Toronto edition will also be used in Winnipeg.