

**YOUR ATTENTION**No. 90 CONFIDENTIAL

Feb. 14th, 1947.

1. National Special Names Conference

In connection with the \$2,000,000 overseas relief quota, a special Names Conference and a U.J.R. forum is being convened in Toronto for March 29th and 30th at the King Edward Hotel. The conference will be presided over by Mr. Samuel Bronfman and will be addressed by Mr. Edward M. Warburg, the President of J.D.C., M.A. Leavitt, Executive Vice-Chairman of the J.D.C., possibly Dr. Joseph Schwartz of the J.D.C. and Saul Hayes.

2. Pamphlet on Jews in Canada

The Office of Jewish information of the American Jewish Congress will have as one of its series of pamphlets a brochure on "Jews in Canada" which is being prepared by our office. The draft of the pamphlet is now being given its final polishing.

3. UNRRA Winds Up Activities in D.P. Camps

Miss Ethel Ostry in a report dated January 30th informs us that the UNRRA is folding up very quickly in Germany. All UNRRA personnel have been withdrawn from the camps. Miss Ostry is now stationed in Gauting Sanatorium and as such, is one of the few people still being retained. The D.P.'s who have been appointed to replace UNRRA personnel are doing very well and the camps are being run very efficiently. Apart from the question of personnel, the entire direction of all efforts on behalf of the D.P.'s has taken a definite change of course. The process of rehabilitation through vocational training, work projects, general education, etc. has been speeded up and extended, as it is being realized that there may be a long period of waiting for emigration, which at present seems to be at a standstill. There are about 10,000 Jews in the Munich area alone who have affidavits from relatives for several months past and who are not being granted visas. All sorts of obstacles are being put in their paths, such as to produce birth certificates or other unavailable documents. The greatest majority wishes to emigrate to Palestine. Though the D.P.'s are utilizing the possibilities in the camps to adjust themselves to their situation, there is much restlessness and many desperate efforts to get out of Germany. They feel that "they were freed, but not free."

4. Ottawa visit of National Executive Director

The National Executive Director is today in Ottawa where he is conferring with government officials on various aspects of our work.

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5. Ph. Stuchen's report in Toronto

Mr. Philip Stuchen reported on the D.P.M. camps in Germany at the meeting of the Women's Service Council of the Welfare Fund in Toronto with Mrs. A.B. Bennett presiding.

6. Western Region

Mr. D. Levin was elected President of the Winnipeg Congress Council; Mr. Abe Simkin is Vice-President. The Western Joint Public Relations Committee will meet on February 20th.

7. Maritimes Womens Organizations contribute to Moess Chittin appeal

The Daughters of Israel Ladies Auxiliary in Sydney, N.S. contributed \$300.00 for the Moess Chittin fund of the Central Peoples Relief Committee; the Daughters of Israel Society in New Waterford \$75.00; the Daughters of Jacob Aid Society in Sydney, N.S. \$55.00; the Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society in Yarmouth \$150.00.

8. Yiddish Edition of the "Mishna"

The third volume of the "Mishna" with translation and commentary in Yiddish by Dr. S. Petrushka just appeared. We granted a subvention of \$1,000.00 towards the publication of this volume and our help is acknowledged by the author who stated that "the volume was published with the help of the Canadian Jewish Congress." The work of Dr. Petrushka enjoys a most favourable reception in scholarly and talmudical circles.

9. Immigration

At the Parliament sitting of February 4th, Mr. Alistair Stewart, M.P. raised the point that "some of the rules and regulations passed by the Department (of Immigration) are iniquitous. One of the regulations we have is this, that we divide our citizens into preferred groups and non-preferred groups, such as Ukrainians and Poles and even those lower than the non-preferred, naturally as we would expect, the Jewish people." The Minister of Mines and Resources in replying to Mr. Stewart, denied any discrimination being practiced and refuted these charges. On the question of Mr. Stewart as to whether the Jewish immigrant might come to this country without a permit on exactly the same basis as any other immigrant, Mr. Glen stated that "if he has relatives resident in Canada who wish that Jewish immigrant to come, there is nothing to prevent him from coming, if he comes in the classes mentioned and can comply with the regulations." In a letter addressed to our General Secretary, Mr. Stewart comments on this debate in the following way: "I was happy indeed to force from the Minister the statement that no discrimination would meet the agricultural Jewish immigrant when he applies for entry into the country, but I think the Minister spoke too hastily. I believe that his statement applies only to those brought in under the category of refugees and does not apply to immigration policy, as such. However, I shall pursue the matter further until we have eliminated discrimination completely from our immigration laws and regulations."