

National Executive

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1. Conference in New York on Public Relations.

The chairmen of the National Joint Public Relations Committee and the National Executive Director will be in New York on March 13th and 14th, to discuss with the leadership of the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League, public relations problems arising out of the decisions of the meeting which was held in Toronto on February 23rd.

2. Brussels Jews Acknowledge Sewing Machines.

The Federation of Polish Jews in Brussels acknowledged receipt of 20 sewing machines which we sent to them in cooperation with the Federation of Polish Jews in Canada. Mr. J. Rosenberg, President of the Federation writes: "These machines will be lent for indefinite period of time to those who are in need of them in order to earn their living. We hope that after a certain time every one will earn enough to buy a new machine for himself and will be able to return us the lent machine which will be then given to somebody else. Thus a greater number of people will profit of these machines. We thank you very heartily for this magnificent gift which will allow to many Polish Jews to re-establish their professional life. We shall shortly inform you detailfully to whom the machines have been distributed and in what state they arrived."

3. Economist added to Overseas Relief Staff.

The Inner Executive approved of the application of Mr. David Goldberg for a J.D.C. overseas post as economist. Mr. Goldberg will thus be added to our overseas relief staff.

4. Inner Executive Meeting.

The Montreal members of the National Executive met on February 25th. The agenda included the forthcoming conference with Solon Low and Rene Caouette of the Social Credit Party, recent articles about Adrien Arcand in the Gazette, application for allocations, etc.

5. Melfort Campaign.

The Jewish community of Melfort, Sask. remitted \$825 to the Winnipeg Congress office as first payment on account of the 1946-47 campaign. It is expected that the total collection will reach approximately \$1,100.

The Jewish Welfare Fund in Calgary allocated \$1,000 towards the Western Mo'ess Chittin campaign. The Jewish community Medicine Hat, Alta. contributed \$203.

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6. Report on the Film "Man-One Family".

The first report for the time October-November, 1946, from the statistics section of the National Film Board shows the following distribution of the film, "MAN-ONE FAMILY" (French version: La Famille Des Hommes), prints of which we supplied for the circuit programs of the N.F.B. and through showings to film libraries. The film was produced by the British Ministry of Information and presents a scientific refutation of racism. N.F.B. officials and agencies (Including Circuits): - English screenings - 897, total English audience - 74,556, French screenings - 148, total French audience - 25,055 and combined total English French audience - 99,611; Libraries: - English screenings - 134, total English audience - 11,579, French screenings - 8, total French audience - 982, and combined total English French audience - 12,561. Total English screenings - 1,031, total English audience - 86,135, total French screenings - 156, total French audience - 26,037 and total combined English French audience - 112,172. The film continued on the circuits during December and January. The circuit copies afterwards also go into library use. It is expected that the total attendance will triple the figures as of November 30th. The film is among those which in one province (Alberta) cannot be shown in schools. The N.F.B. report notes however, that the public protest against the "ban" of these films has led to a considerable demand for showing them to adult audiences. The projectionists are trained to organize group discussions. A kit of additional printed materials is used in this connection and certain discussions are put to the audiences. A report is being prepared on the audiences' reactions and special comments with regard to "MAN-ONE FAMILY"; it will be made available in the near future.

7. Jewish Children in Europe.

A report which we received from the J.D.C estimates the total number of Jewish children in Continental Europe outside of the U.S.S.R. at nearly 170,000 or about 14% of the 1,200,000 Jewish children in Europe before the war. This estimate based on figures obtained from the various European countries, included about 25,000 Polish Jewish children who were repatriated from Russia during the first half of 1946. No data is available on the birth-rate among Jewish populations in various areas. There were some indications, however, particularly from the displaced persons camps, that a spurt which is characteristic of all post-war situations, has taken place among the Jews. Out of the total of 170,000 Jewish children about 100,000 are cared for by JDC-supported welfare agencies, either in child care institutions, by foster parents, or through general relief extended to their families. Compared with about 65,000 children who received JDC aid during the fall of 1945, the present number represents an increase of about 54%. To this number should be added about 25,000 Jewish children in Germany and Austria, including a substantial number in the teen age groups who received special attention in the form of school supplies, infant care, housing, etc., as well as the regular JDC supplementary aid.

8. Irish Government's Contribution of Kosher Meat.

The Joint Distribution Committee has been authorized by the Irish Government to distribute among displaced Jewish persons in Europe one million pounds of kosher meat which forms part of a total contribution of ten million pounds of meat by the Irish Free State for general relief purposes in Europe; an earlier erroneous report stated that the Irish Government was contributing ten million pounds of kosher meat to Jewish survivors in Europe. The J.D.C. has purchased 300 tons of tin plate for the Irish Government's relief program which will be enough to pack 3 million 1-lb. cans of meat including the one million pounds of kosher meat to be distributed by the J.D.C.