

YOUR ATTENTION

FROM Saul Hayes

105 CONFIDENTIAL

March 7th, 1947.

1. Protest Against Adelard Godbout's Slur on Jews.

The Hon. Adelard Godbout, the Opposition Leader in the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, stated in the Legislature that people who were breaking the liquor law and leading young people into vice were not French Canadians but Jews, Italians, Czechoslovakians and other foreigners. The report on Mr. Godbout's statement appeared in today's "Gazette" written by its staff correspondent, Abel Vineberg. We immediately communicated with Mr. Vineberg to get the background material on the debate in the Legislature. After consultation with the chairman of the Eastern Division and with the chairman of the Joint Public Relations Committee and some members of this Committee, we sent the following telegram of protest to Mr. Godbout: "We strongly protest your slur on Jews and other racial minorities (whom you charge with being solely responsible for vice conditions in this province). We challenge accuracy of your statement that these minorities are more involved in vice than the other major groups as even a most cursory examination of court, police and other official records will quickly contradict your statement. We deplore vice conditions and hope the fight against it is successfully waged but to burden minorities only with the responsibility of vice conditions is to be both mischievous and untruthful. We demand immediate public retraction in the interests of truth and harmony in this province."

The telegram is being released to the English and French Press and will also be sent to the Czechoslovakian organizations and other interested groups.

2. Machines and Tools for Europe.

168 cases containing machinery and tools of the ORT in Montreal are being shipped to Heidelberg, Germany in transit via Antwerp. The expenses in connection with packing and crating of these machines amounted to \$2,860.

3. Children's Shoes for Overseas Relief.

We purchased 1,000 pairs of children's shoes, assorted sizes for children ages 3-7 which will be shipped to Europe.

4. Congress Bulletin.

The current issue of the Congress Bulletin which is coming off the press within the next few days will be dated March, 1947; according to Post Office regulations we are permitted to skip two issues, thus the Congress Bulletin will have to appear from now on regularly on a monthly basis to comply with the regulations and second class mailing privileges which we were granted. A change of printers has been decided upon and slowly other changes such as in regard to size and quality of paper are contemplated. The change in printers will not incur any substantial increase in cost.

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5. Radio Talk.

We arranged for a brief radio broadcast on the Spanish and Portugese Synagogue in Montreal as one of the series which we contemplate in connection with our publicity program.

6. Distribution of Materials and Information.

Our daily office routine involves distributing materials and providing information to various inquirers who call at our office for this purpose. Recently requests of this kind were received at the same time from a member of the Dominion Council who wanted French publications for distribution among his French friends; a periodical issued in Ottawa asked for background materials; a Vancouver publication put forward a similar request; a discussion club in Kingston had to be provided with literature; a French Canadian priest at the University of Ottawa wrote for information arising out of the "History of the Jews in Canada" by B.G.Sack; a priest in Scarsboro, Ont. asked for materials on the "Protocols of Elders of Zion" in connection with the story which appeared in the Congress Bulletin; and a refugee in Toronto wanted specific information on several points of interest to him.

7. D.P. Camps in Germany.

A detailed up to date report on the situation of the D.P's in Germany is **expected** to be received shortly from Miss Constance Hayward, Secretary of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees who is at present touring the camps on behalf of this committee. Miss Hayward visited the Belsen camp and Muhlenburg where the D.P's who have relatives in Canada are mostly concentrated. She is in close contact with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees which is handling the movement of relatives to Canada.

8. Library.

The book, "The Constitution and Civil Rights" by Milton R. Konvitz has been added to our library. The book was recently published by the Columbia University Press; it defines the constitutional scope of such rights as to employment, accomodations in hotels, restaurants, common careers and other public accomodations without discrimination.