

**YOUR ATTENTION**

FROM

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March 17th, 1947.

1. U.J.R. Forum.

Mr. Samuel Bronfman, our National President, invited community leaders across Canada to a dinner on Saturday evening, March 29th and for meetings all day Sunday, March 30th at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. Mr. Bronfman writes in his invitation, "A very grave responsibility has been assumed by the Jews of Canada for 1947. If those of our people who have survived the catastrophic decade are to be truly rescued and rehabilitated, we have successfully to meet the challenge to raise \$2,000,000.00. The purpose of the meetings on March 29th and 30th is to bring together men who occupy a position of national importance in the Canadian Jewish scene. Together we can review the problems which face us in a national rather than in a local way. We can take action through assumption of responsibility that will indicate to the entire country the extraordinary importance of this campaign -- the largest and most decisive in the history of our community. At this meeting Mr. E.M. Warburg, Chairman of the JDC and Mr. M. A. Leavitt, its Executive Vice-Chairman, will be with us."

2. Public Relations.

Rabbi A.L. Feinberg, Mr. Jos. H. Fine and the National Executive Director conferred on Friday, March 14th, with the leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Congress and American Jewish Committee. There were differences of opinions in regard to the techniques to be used in dealing with the problems which we discussed. Valuable advice has been received and the conferences confirmed our thinking on the subjects involved.

3. Winnipeg Manufacturers Demand Admission of Skilled Workers.

The Winnipeg Association of Cloak Manufacturers passed a resolution demanding from the Government to open the doors of the Dominion for skilled workers in the clothing industries. The Winnipeg manufacturers joined in this way the representations which are being made through the industry and unions for admission of skilled workers to the country. A similar conference was held in Toronto on Friday, March 14th.

4. J.D.C. Conference.

Dr. Jos. Schwartz of the J.D.C. discussed with leaders of the Welfare Funds on March 14th, overseas relief requirements for the year 1947 which amount to \$122,000,000. The conference was attended by the national executive director.

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The analysis of budgetary requirements given by Dr. Schwartz stressed the new turn which the overseas relief program has taken in view of the difficulties to transfer the Jews from the D.P. camps in the near future. Vocational guidance and work projects necessitate new kind of personnel with particular training in medical and child care, area supervisions and administrative experience. Technical social worker standards are not needed as much as they were in the past. The JDC overseas personnel consists of 265 people. The appropriation for the first three months of 1947 amounted to \$23,035.00.

5. Western Remittances.

The Western office remitted \$47,000 of which \$17,145.00 represents the total February collections and \$29,854.00 an account payment of March collections. Of the latter sum, \$25,000. was advanced to the Western Congress office by the Winnipeg Jewish Welfare Fund on account of the March and April allocations of the Welfare for Congress and U.J.R. In response to an urgent telegram the Congress committees of Calgary, Alta. and Regina, Sask. advanced \$2,000. each on account of the 1946-47 pledges. The Winnipeg Misrachi organization remitted \$2,000.00 from its Mo'ess Chittin collection.

6. Labour Relations.

A suggestion has been put forward to reconsider arrangements with the Jewish Labour Committee in regard to our Labour Public Relations program. Communication from Mr. A.R. Mosher, President of the Canadian Congress and Labour and Mr. Percy R. Bengough, President of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, further to the interviews which have been held with them a few days ago, stressed the keen desire of both organizations to avoid any overlapping in the aims and objectives in the labour relations field in which the Jewish Labour Committee is already active. Both organizations have standing committees to combat racial discrimination.