

YOUR ATTENTION

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March 18th, 1947.

1. Monograph on Civil Rights.

The national executive director met with the Editor of Canadian Bar Review discussing our project of a monograph on civil rights. We took up with him the possibility of the article being accepted by the Canadian Bar Review with reprints for our uses. We have been promised support in these ideas which are part of our plans in connection with the civil rights problems and methods of publicizing these matters.

2. Clothing Collection in the Maritimes.

Contributions to our collection of used men's and women's suits and coats have been received from Sydney, N.S., New Waterford, N.S. and Glace Bay. Mrs. J. Leviten headed the Committee in Sydney, Mr. L. Gorelick in New Waterford and Messrs. Wm. Chernin and M. Begun in Glace Bay.

3. Memorandum re Kashruth Regulations in Toronto.

The Council for Religious Affairs drew up a memorandum for presentation to the Toronto City Council concerning the chaotic situation revolving around the sale of kosher food products. In addition, unofficial approaches to the Mayor have already been made with a view to achieving municipal legislation similar to the one existing in some American cities. The City Solicitor who was interviewed on this matter was of the opinion that the problem could rightfully be laid before the Board of Police Commissioners for consideration and that they could provide for licensing regulations which could govern and regulate the present situation. The law, if passed, would provide for fines and even revocation of licenses for selling meat as kosher when it was actually not kosher in terms of Orthodox ritual. For purposes of enforcement, the Mayor would appoint a commission of three Rabbis and three laymen who, together with the Board of Police Commissioners, would be responsible for executing the law. It was anticipated that the Canadian Jewish Congress would be asked to recommend names of people to sit on this Commission. The Executive Committee of the Central Region approved in principle the implication of the memorandum and directed that a committee be set up to study the matter, obtain competent legal opinions and present a report outlining future action. The memorandum re Kashruth regulations was considered by the Joint Public Relations Committee at its meeting of March 4th, 1947.

4. Research Bureau.

Extensive information has been provided by our Research Bureau to the Victorian Jewish Advisory Board in Melbourne, Australia, regarding Jewish Day Schools in Canada.

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The February, 1947, issue of the American Sociological Review contains a review of the current American Jewish Year Book in which particular reference is made to the article on "Jewish Population of Canada" by our Research Director.

The "Prairie Messenger" of March 13th, carried an editorial on the article on "Juvenile Delinquency" which was published in the Congress Bulletin.

5. Subsidy to the Vancouver Jewish Branch of Canadian Legion.

In accordance with the recommendation of the British Columbia Congress Committee a subsidy was granted to the Vancouver Jewish branch of the Canadian Legion in the amount of \$350.00 for carrying on their rehabilitation program.

6. Campaign Remittances.

Mr. O. Miller of Quebec City remitted \$4,695.00 as an advanced payment on account of the proceeds of the appeal held in the Fall of 1946 in Quebec City.

Mr. Ph. Stuchen addressed campaign meetings in Fredericton, N.B., and Woodstock, N.B. The amount of \$3,000 resulted in Fredericton as compared with \$2,600 of last year and \$335.00 was raised in Woodstock from the 6 families residing there; the Woodstock community has never been canvassed before.

7. Central Region Meetings.

The Executive Committee of the Central Region met on March 6th and the Joint Public Relations Committee on March 4th. Patronage will be extended to the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir concert on March 25th. The budget estimates of \$55,689 were approved. The Joint Public Relations Committee discussed the presentation of the Brief on Fair Employment Practices which was placed in the hands of Attorney General Blackwell and Cardinal McGuigan; arrangements are being made in Hamilton and Windsor to form representative Community Committees to fight for a Fair Employment Practices Act.

8. Allocation to Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The amount of \$1,000 was made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on account of the appropriation for the current year approved by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$7,500.

9. Overseas Supply Shipments.

The next load of about 70,000 pounds of kosher lunch meat will be shipped as follows: France - 20,000 pounds; Greece - 10,000; Poland - 20,000; Rumania - 10,000; Yugoslavia - 10,000. The first shipment of 140,000 pounds net weight arrived in St. John and is now being loaded as follows: Austria - 25,000 pounds; Germany - 75,000; Hungary - 30,000; and Italy - 10,000. The shipments are part of the one million pounds kosher meat purchase which we have been able to secure for overseas relief.

Shipment of used clothing was sent to France for the "Maison D'Enfants les Glycines" in Mesnil-Le Roi.