

YOUR ATTENTION

FROM Saul Hayes

April 24th, 1947.

No. 138 CONFIDENTIAL1. 186 Organizations Appointed 603 Electors; \$1060 Received in Election Fees

The Montreal Elections Committee met today to decide on the number of delegates which will be allotted to every group of organizations in the community. 186 organizations appointed 603 electors; each organization was requested to pay \$5-\$10 as registration fee and the total amount collected is \$1060. In 1945 the number of organizations which appointed electors was 152; the total number of electors was 463.

According to the proportion of electors appointed by various groups, the following figures were arrived at as to the number of delegates of each group:

Synagogues and religious groups	13
Zionists (including Hadassah, Habonim and Young Judea)	16
Social & philanthropic	7
Fraternal (including Verbands, and Sick Benefit Societies)	15
Labour Zionists (including JIWA, some Trade unions and schools)	23
Jewish Assistance	7
Mizrachi	4

2. Outremont School Bill

Mr. M. Garber, K.C., chairman of the Committee on education of Jewish children in Outremont, spoke to the Provincial Secretary, the Hon. Omer Cote. The bill which will regulate the admission of Jewish children to the Protestant schools in Outremont is being re-drafted. The taxation differential which was originally considered will probably be eliminated. Clauses safeguarding Jewish rights, requested by the delegation which saw the Minister on April 18th, will most likely be retained. There is still open the question of the length of time which will be covered by the new legislation.

The meeting of the Outremont parents which was planned for today, is being postponed until all data be known in regard to the new legislation. The committee seeks no publicity at the present time. It will meet shortly to discuss further steps.

3. Luncheon Meeting with Father Jean Courtois.

A luncheon meeting was arranged with Father Jean Courtois, Dominican priest from Paris who is now in Canada on a mission on behalf of the French government. The following participated: Mr. M. Garber, K.C., Joseph H. Fine, S.D. Cohen, the General Secretary, and Father Courtois and his Secretary who is an attache of the French foreign office. The discussion was most cordial and centred around conditions prevailing now in Europe, the position of the Jews in various countries, the attitude of the Church towards Jews in various countries including Canada, Catholic law and practice in regard to Catholic Jewish committees. We told

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Father Courtois about our program in French Public Relations and he was very firm in saying that our contacts are very valuable. He requested us to let him have our printed materials and he will send us materials from France.

4. Interviews in New York

The National Executive Director had a long interview with Louis Kraft, Director of Jewish Welfare Board and Mr. Rabinowitz of same agency in reference to possible modus operandi of JWB and its Council of YMHA and YWHA in Canada with Canadian Jewish Congress. Discussion centred on;

- A) a) Youth Conference and Councils and possible collaboration through Council of Y's, programming or offering guidance.
- b) Congress Plenary Session and suggestion of a JWB speaker to introduce the forum on Youth at the Monday session. Also the request that the forum deal with that aspect of youth work which the Council of Y's can assist in addition to whatever else we have scheduled.
- c) Havdalah service Saturday late afternoon to be put on by JWB.

We traversed these matters thoroughly and the matter will be brought up by the Executive Director at May 4th Executive meeting.

- B) Interview with Mr. Moses A. Leavitt on various phases of our work.

5. Dr. D. Petegorsky invited to Plenary Session

Dr. D. Petegorsky, Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress, will be our guest at the Public Relations Forum which will be held as part of the forthcoming Plenary Session on Sunday, June 1st. The Forum will be led by the co-chairmen of the National Joint Public Relations Committee, Rabbi A.L. Fineberg, of Toronto and Mr. Joseph H. Fine, of Montreal.

6. Lists of D.P's

We received from the JDC office in Stuttgart, further lists of the D.P's who have relatives in Canada. The lists are being made available to the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. Similar lists have been received previously from Germany.

7. Interview with Prof. Gordon Allport

We met with Prof. Gordon Allport of the Social Psychology Department, Harvard University, who has been in Montreal as the guest of the Quebec Psychological Association. Prof. Allport has been for some years now connected in a consultative capacity with the Research Department of the American Jewish Congress on whose behalf he undertook the study, "Roots of Prejudice"; excerpts of this study have appeared in brochure form in the series of "Jewish Affairs" of the American Jewish Congress. We took the opportunity of Prof. Allport's visit in Montreal to discuss with him our projects of program evaluation particularly in the film field.

8. Hamilton Campaign

We are supplying the Welfare Fund in Hamilton with campaign literature and materials for the current campaign. The Hamilton quota is \$119,469. The special gift luncheon takes place on April 27th.