

YOUR ATTENTION

FROM

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No. 141 CONFIDENTIAL1. Return of National Executive Director

The National Executive Director returned from a 10 days stay in New York. Due to his having to stay in New York longer than he anticipated, the trip to Washington where he was to confer with officials of the Inter-government on Refugees was cancelled. The director had in New York several interviews and he will report in detail to the National Executive Meeting on May 4th.

2. Needle Trade Industry will Make Representations on Immigration

We have completed arrangements with representatives of the Needle Trade industry in regard to the request which will be put forward by them to the Department in Ottawa for admission of skilled workers. A delegation will proceed shortly to Ottawa. We have been instrumental in the compilation of the brief which the delegates will present. The delegation will represent both the Mens and Womens Clothing industry and will feature the views of both the unions and the manufacturers.

3. Congress Elections in Winnipeg

Representatives of all major Jewish Organizations in the City of Winnipeg met with Congress officers at a luncheon meeting held in Winnipeg on April 15th. The meeting was sponsored by the Winnipeg Congress Council. Messrs. S. Kanec, Western Vice-President and D. Levin, President, Winnipeg Congress Council, asked for full support of the Congress elections on the part of the Organizations represented. The following National and local Organizations sent representatives to the meeting: Zionist Organization of Canada, National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, Y.M.H.A., B'nai B'rith, Winnipeg Youth Council and a number of major local Organizations.

4. Press Relations Pamphlet Distributed to Legion Branches

Seven hundred copies of the press relations pamphlet "I Didn't Know it was Loaded", sponsored by the J.P.R.C. Central Division are being circulated among all the Canadian Legion branches in the Ontario Command. The pamphlet is primarily directed against the perpetuation of stereotypes of racial and religious groups, of veterans, and so on. In a covering letter from the Executive Secretary of the Ontario Command the branches are being asked to try to prevent this type of reporting both in their own branch publications and in their local newspapers.

5. Hamilton Campaign

The National President addressed the following telegram to Mr. Morley B. Goldblatt, Chairman, of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, in connection with the annual

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drive in Hamilton: "Please accept my best wishes for success in your 1947 drive for the Canadian Jewish Congress, the United Jewish Relief Agencies and the United Palestine Appeal. Never has each Jew in Canada been faced with so pressing a call from his fellow Jews. To a considerable extent it lies within the powers of each of us to determine the fate of our fellow Jews and of the Jewish people as a whole. The causes which are included in your drive are certainly the most sacred and the most vital in all our history. The Canadian Jewish Congress works effectively for the continuation the defence and the strengthening of the Jewish community in Canada. The United Jewish Relief Agencies through the Joint Distribution Committee and other organizations is performing miracles in saving the lives of Jews in the goulus spearhead of the Jewish fight for a normal status for our people and indeed for a reasonable future for Israel. Upon you and upon your associates in the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Hamilton rests the obligation of interpreting these grand ideas to each member of your community. Knowing you and knowing them I have every confidence that you will far surpass your objective. Please convey to every Jew in Hamilton my best wishes and my appeal. - Samuel Bronfman.

6. Transportation Costs for D.P.'s Movement

Mr. James Colley, Canadian resident representative of the Inter-government Committee on Refugees, requested our assistance in getting the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees reimbursed for the transportation costs of the D.P.'s who have been brought over to Canada. The Inter-governmental Committee paid these costs and is now looking for reimbursement from the relatives here. We are cooperating with Mr. Colley in this respect.

7. Posters "One God" Placed in 49 Libraries

By arrangements with the Canadian Library Association we placed another 49 sets of the poster series "One God" in various libraries across Canada.

8. Film Strips on Jews in Canada

Work is progressing on the film strips on the Jews in Canada which has been decided upon by the National Jewish Public Relations Committee.

9. Second Group of D.P.'s Coming to Canada

JDC Frankfurt advised by cable the names of 11 more Jewish refugees who will arrive shortly in Canada. They are leaving Southampton on April 28th, on the SS. Aquitania.

10. London Press Features Story on Catholic Jewish Relations

We received communication from England that one of our stories received front page publicity in the English press being one of the few occasions where Jews were featured very favourably. The story referred to the Jewish Catholic relations in Canada.

11. Youth Federation in Bolivia

The request has been received from the Youth Federation in Bolivia asking for continuous contact. We are arranging for an exchange through our office and through the Jewish Youth Council.

12. War Record

The final count was made of the enlistment cards kept in our office. The figures are as follows: N.R.M.A. 2,481; Army, 7,590; Airforce, 5,792; Navy, 578; W.R.N.S., 18; R.C.A.F. (WD) 97; C.W.A.C., 151; Nursing Auxiliary, 13; Allied, 163; Newfoundland, 12; Total, 16,895.

13. Congress Bulletin

The May 1st issue of the Congress Bulletin is completed. The Bulletin will be off the press in a few days.

14. Thanks for Condolences of Passing of Cardinal Villeneuve

The Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Quebec acknowledged the message of condolence which we extended on the passing of J.M. Rodiruge Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, who died on January 17th, 1947.

15. Senate Committee on Immigration

The Canadian Jewish Congress will appear before the Senate Committee on immigration on May 7th and a brief will be presented stating our views in regard to admission of immigrants into Canada.

16. Ontario Campaign dates

The following campaign dates were set for Ontario communities: Timmins, May 4th; Owen Sound, May 11th; St. Thomas, May 18th; Brantford, May 25th; Windsor, May 27th. All these communities will be visited by Mr. Phil Stuchen. Mr. Stuchen visited recently Belleville; Mr. Allen Diamond, Chairman of the Sons of Jacob Congregation in Belleville, advised us that the meeting was very successful and the report given by Mr. Stuchen was very comprehensive, informative and educational from every aspect and was very well received.

17. Overseas Relief Staff

Mr. Matthew Ram of our Overseas Relief Staff arrived in Paris. He will be posted to Berlin to assist in the JDC immigration work. Mr. Ram will leave for Germany as soon as his permitted is cleared with the military authorities. In the meantime, he is working in the Paris office of the JDC in order to orientate himself on procedure and mechanics.

Rabbi J. Eisen, who is stationed at Bremen, Emigrant Staging Area, sent in a report of activities 887 passengers left the camp on March 10th. Difficulties have been encountered in getting supplies for Pesach due to terrific storms and the icebreak of the Weser River taking with it all the bridges connecting the camp with Neustadt where the warehouses are located. Amphibious vessels were put into operation. Each person received 7 lbs. of Marzoh, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Macaroons, 1 package of cigarettes, $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle of wine and a can of peaches for very young children. Arrangements were made with UNWRA to set aside one of the kitchens and dining halls for exclusive Jewish use through Passover. A committee of Jewish women and two young men with working experience volunteered to help cook special Passover dishes. 700 persons gathered to a collective Seder. On April 8th another 851 D.P's left for United States.