

**YOUR ATTENTION**

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1. National Budget Committee

The National Budget Committee met on May 4th. The following matters were discussed:

A) Request for Allocations

- a) The request of the World Jewish Congress for an increased allocation above the \$40,000, decided upon in December 1946, for 1947. It was the consensus of the meeting that the National President and the National Executive Director obtain from the World Jewish Congress data regarding their income, particularly from South & Central America as well as other pertinent information and that the decision be left to the next meeting.
- b) The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's request for an increase above the sum of \$7,500 which amount was allotted to them on December 8th as subsidy for the year 1947 was deferred to the next meeting. The Executive Director was asked to obtain additional information as to the income, expenditures and the budget of the J.T.A. as well as an independent report.
- c) It was decided to comply with Dr. S. Petrushka's request for a subsidy in connection with the publication of the "Mishna" in Yiddish and to allot a sum of \$1,000.00 for the publication of the 4th volume, \$1,000 for the publication of the 5th volume, and additional \$1,000 for the 6th volume. These amounts will become due when the respective volumes will be ready for publication.
- d) The request for a subsidy for publication of the book: "Eden Zion" of Rabbi J. Horowitz of Winnipeg was referred to the newly appointed Publications Committee with the suggestion that it discuss the publication with the Keren Hatarbut.
- e) The Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science in New York which asked for an allocation of \$1,000.00 is to be informed that no subsidy can be granted as the fund is not one coming within the purview of our organization's interest.
- f) The application of the Vancouver Folk Society is to be referred to the Public Relations Committee of Vancouver and if there approved, will find its way into the budget of the Vancouver Public Relations Committee.

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- g) The decision regarding the 1947 allocation of the World ORT Union was postponed until the next meeting and in the interim the ORT is to be advised that unless and until the Women's Division of the Canadian ORT materially reduces the extent of its fund-raising activities in Canada, the U.J.R.A. cannot discuss the requested allocation. Also, we are to obtain an additional information regarding the activities, the income and the expenditures of this organization.
- h) The request of the CSE re the 1947 allocation was postponed to the next meeting whereby additional information as to the income, the expenditure and the activities of the CSE have to be obtained.
- i) It was decided not to allocate any funds to the "American Fund for Palestinian Institutions" as the matter should more properly have come before the Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal.
- J) The request of the Yiddish Scientific Institute was referred to the next meeting.

B) Statements

The preliminary Non-Audited Statements of income and expenditures for the Canadian Jewish Congress, the United Jewish Relief Agencies and the War Efforts Committee (I.L.) were carefully examined and approved.

C) Overseas Relief

The report about the U.J.R. expenditures, in connection with the Overseas Relief for the period from January 1, 1947 till the end of April, 1947 was distributed among the members of the Committee.

2. Undesirable Publicity on Palestine Avoided

A person not representative of the Jewish community in Palestine sought to obtain national wide publicity in the general press. In co-operation with the Zionist Organization of Canada we supplied the necessary background materials to the press and undesirable publicity has been avoided.

3. Address in Convent

A representative of the Canadian Jewish Congress led a discussion on Jews in a Catholic convent. This project is part of a broad educational program being conducted by the Canadian Association of Catholic Youth which is working in this field together with our friends. In connection with this program a syllabus on Canadian Jews has been prepared and other basic materials is being distributed. Those present at the discussion made a contribution to our overseas relief fund as an indication of their sympathy and understanding.

4) Labour Leaders' Statement on Palestine

We co-operated with labour groups in getting proper coverage for a series of pro-Zionist statements by Labour leaders. We arranged also for publicity about a French Canadian nun who spent 25 years in Palestine and is very friendly to Jews.

5. Congress Bulletin

The May issue of the Congress Bulletin is off the press. It contains a detailed report on the Outremont school question, comments on the Bill of Rights, passed by the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, and pages on Palestine, education, Europe, civil rights, anti-semitism, literature and books. An article by Louis M. Benjamin analyzes the change in the relationship of the French and Jews of Quebec which is coming about.

6. Manitoba Bill of Rights Defeated

The Bill of Rights which was introduced by Mr. M.A. Grey in the Manitoba Legislature was defeated. The Bill was opposed by the Attorney-General who doubted whether the bill was constitutional; he referred to the Alberta Bill which was declared ultra-vires. Opponents of the Bill agreed that such legislation might serve a useful purpose and they indicated that the government may introduce a Bill at the next session of the House.

7. B'Nai Brith Conference

The National Director addressed on May 5th the B'Nai Brith Conference in Montreal. He gave an outline on various philosophical approaches to public relations matters. He dealt particularly with the question as to whether and how American concepts can be transplanted into our own scene. The conclusion he arrived at was that while we can derive guidance from American organizations, we must build our own program and work in our own way.

8. Congress Elections in Toronto

The Societies Division of our Central Region held its election meeting on Monday, May 5th. Every society was called upon to send 4 electors and one nominee to the meeting. 10 delegates were elected.