

YOUR ATTENTION

FROM Saul Hayes

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1. First Hand Report on Situation of D.P.'s

We conferred with Dr. Pytkowsky who arrived recently to this continent from the D.P. camps of which he was an inmate for several years. Dr. Pytkowsky gave us first hand information of the present situation of the Jewish displaced persons. We discussed with him our immigration projects, particularly the movement of orphans and tailors. Dr. Pytkowsky was confident that with the proper approach we ought to succeed in getting children and 1500 skilled workers. For example, near Dachau, there are 376 orphans in a JDC home. Dr. Pytkowsky stressed that the method of approach is most important; he felt that sending of a Canadian team to select candidates for Canada was not important; our relief workers overseas could handle the assignment, provided they are people who know DP psychology and know their language literally and metaphorically. Speaking in general about the situation in the camps, he stressed the fact that the political alignment of the Jews in the camps is most striking. There is in operation an extensive school system. The kindergartens include children up to 9 years of age; associated with the schools are religious "chedorim" organized by religious groups; 3,000 - 7,000 people are in the trade schools, taking courses in tailoring, driving, carpentry, mechanics, typewriting, etc. There is a great shortage of reading material and books.

2. Ontario Delegates to the Plenary Session

A full alphabetical list of Ontario delegates to the Plenary Session is attached to this issue of the IOI.

3. Winnipeg Elections of Congress Delegates

On May 18th, the Winnipeg Jewish Community elected 35 delegates to the Plenary Session. The elections were by secret ballot; every person of 18 years and over was qualified to vote. 63 candidates ran for office. Each ballot has to be marked with no more than 35 names and not less than 15, otherwise the ballot was to be rejected.

4. North Battleford Remittance

The Jewish community of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, remitted \$760 on account of its 1946-1947 campaign.

5. Refugee Committee in Belgium Acknowledges Clothing Gift

Mr. Monroe Abbey, Chairman of the U.J.R.A. in Eastern Canada, received the following letter from Mr. E. Gompertz, Chairman of the "Comite Israelite Des Refugies Victimes Des Lois Raciales - Coref", in Belgium: "I thank you very much

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for your letter of April 5th and should like to inform you that in the meantime the cases have arrived in very good condition. The distribution has already started and I personally convinced myself of the excellent quality, especially of the underwear and ladies' suits. You may be assured that your gift was warmly welcomed and that a great many people are now walking about in fine Canadian clothes."

6. International Refugee Organization

A report from Switzerland indicated that the British Government has refused to let the International Refugee Organization operate in the British zone of Germany, to take care of those displaced persons who will ultimately fall within the scope of the I.R.O. operation. The total number of persons involved is about 245,000, of whom nearly all are expected to require total or partial maintenance for an indefinite period. The British position, which is not yet in the open, is regarded as an extremely serious threat to a successful handling of the vast refugee problem. The preparatory commission of the I.R.O. decided to take on the job being dropped by UNRRA June 30th, without awaiting final establishment of a permanent United Nations body. The British have backed the preparatory commission's initiative in converting itself into an executive body. They do not want it, however, to send its own personnel into their zone of Germany. The reasons for the British stand are obscure and the British are more than reticent about explaining their position. They refer to unfortunate friction between UNRRA and military authorities and bad publicity that resulted from it. The report indicates further that the British are particularly worried about the growth of agitation for migration to Palestine as "under its constitution the I.R.O. is bound to press for an opening of the doors in Palestine as well as elsewhere for the victims of Nazis."

7. Educational Requirements of Jewish Children in Germany

The JDC advised us of the progress made in meeting the educational requirements of Jewish children in Germany. The JDC has allocated \$25,000 for the purchase of Hebrew text books in Palestine. These text books will be used to equip various Jewish schools throughout Germany. The JDC informed us further that it would be inadvisable for us to purchase the text books reprinted under the auspices of Keren Hatarbut. They suggested that if we wanted to allocate funds for educational purposes, that these funds be earmarked for the purchase of much needed reading material. Although the JDC purchasing program will fulfill requirements for text books in the schools, there is still a tremendous shortage of literature in Hebrew, Yiddish and other languages. The JDC is prepared to arrange the purchasing of the books for a special amount earmarked for the Berlin D.P. camps or other locations in Germany.

8. Child Care Work of World Jewish Congress taken over by the JDC

At a recent meeting of the World Jewish Congress a report was given on the agreement between the JDC and WJC in Belgium, France and Hungary, concerning child welfare work. The JDC promised to take over all commitments of the WJC including Mizrahi Homes.

9. Vaad Hatzalah

On various occasions we referred in the IOI to the attempts made by the Vaad Hatzalah to organize campaigns in Canada and to their application for inclusion

as beneficiary of our funds; the decision taken by the National Executive was to the effect that their application could not be considered until and unless they eliminate from their program all activities that are duplicatory with the JDC. The relationship between the Vaad Hatzalah and the JDC was discussed recently at a rabbinical conference of the Union of orthodox rabbis, in U.S. which speaks for the Vaad Hatzalah. The JDC suggested to the Union of Rabbis that separate appeals be eliminated and that a Central Orthodox Committee be organized which would work closely with the JDC and which would aim at strengthening and safeguarding of the orthodox element in Europe. Such a committee, which would be entirely independent, would be recognized by the JDC and it would have its own field-workers in Europe. The JDC would finance all its projects. The Conference of the Union of Orthodox rabbis welcomed heartily the JDC plan and instructed its Executive to continue negotiating and to work on the details of the agreement. The Mizrachi, which some time ago withdrew from the Vaad, and which participates again in its operations, strongly supported the JDC plan.

10. Parliament Committee on Human Rights

The Canadian Press announced that the Senate named 12 of its members to serve on the Joint Committee of both Houses, which is being set up to consider the wide question of human rights, both in the domestic and international field and to report on the form of a draft measure that will bring Canada into line with other nations that were signatories to the United Nations Charter. 29 members will be appointed by the House of Commons.

For those readers of the IOI who haven't seen the press announcement of the appointment of the Committee, we list the names of the senators who are members: C.C. Ballantyne (Progressive Conservative-Montreal); Paul Bouffard (Liberal-Quebec); G.P. Burchill (Liberal-New Brunswick); Thomas A. Crerar (Liberal-Manitoba); Iva Fallis (Progressive Conservative-Peterborough); L.M. Gouin (Liberal-Montreal); Byron Horner (Progressive Conservative-Saskatchewan); Antoine Leger (Progressive Conservative-New Brunswick); J.A. McDonald (Progressive Conservative-Prince Edward Island); Arthur W. Roebuck (Liberal-Toronto); J.G. Turgeon (Liberal-Vancouver) and Carine Wilson (Liberal-Ottawa)

Alberta's Social Credit Bill of Rights will be given the final test of its validity before the Privy Council in London by the end of June. The section of the bill with the mechanics of instituting a control of credit in the Province was ruled ultra vires by the Supreme Court of Alberta last fall. The hearing by the Supreme Court was waived. The Privy Council is the final court of appeal.

The Saskatchewan Bill of Rights in force since May 1st is the only one so far on the books in Canada.

ONTARIO DELEGATES

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7-TH PLENARY SESSION

Acker, D.	183 Queen St. E., Kitchener	
Allen, Gurston	72 Carlton St., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Allen, Raymond	72 Carlton St., Toronto	At-large
Berger, K.	660 Spadina Ave., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Biderman, M.	113 Kendal Ave., Toronto	Executive
Bogomolny, H.	1484 Ferry St. Niagara Falls	
Borins, Norman	38 Ridge Hill Dr., Toronto	Synagogue
Bronstein, Dr. Rose	2 Bolton Dr., Toronto	Left Wing
Brown, Joe	179 King St. W., Kitchener	
Budd, M.	c/o Budd's Department Store, Kitchener	
Burstyn, M.	447 Manning Ave., Toronto	Left Wing
Badner, C.	38 Peveril Hill Rd., Toronto	Labor Zion. Altern.
Catzman, F.	88 Richmond St. W., Toronto	Executive
Chud, S.	1131 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto	Left Wing
Clavir, A.M.	1282 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto	Synagogue
Cohen, S.J.	117 King St. W., Kingston	
Cohl, K.	95 Euclid Ave., Toronto	Societes
Coleman, Mrs. S.	328 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	Left Wing
Cowan, Norman	46 Braemar Ave., Toronto	
Croll, Col. David	330 Bay St., Toronto	At-Large
Diamond, Allen	313 Front St., Belleville	
Dolgoy, Max	346 Spadina Ave., Toronto	Dressmakers's Union
Donenfeld, J.	376 Glen Rd., Toronto	Synagogues
Dunkelman, L.	198 Grace St., Toronto	Synagogues
Einhorn, Saul	21 McLaughlin Blvd., Oshawa	
Eisen, M.	147 Wolseley, Toronto	Union
Englander, S.	7 Cameron Pl., Toronto	Union
Enkin, M.E.	144 Front St. W., Toronto	Synagogue
Ezrin, M.	465 Bay St., Toronto	Jias
Federman, Max	169 Robert St., Toronto	Left Poale Zion
Feinberg, Rabbi A.L.	Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto	Nat. Executive
Fineborg, L.	261 Vaughan Rd., Toronto	Societes
Finkelman, Prof. J.	18 Wellesley St., Toronto	Executive
Friedgut, Major A.H.	4 Albert St., Toronto	General Zionist
Freeman, I.	571 Yonge St., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Freeman, Dr. K.	408 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Frankel, E.L.	266 Douglas Dr., Toronto	Executive
Frechtel, L.	710 Manning Ave., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Frisch, Irving	481 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Frumhartz, P.	542 Dundas St. W., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Gasner, M.	28 Claxton Blvd., Toronto	Zionist Revision.
Gelber, E.E.	42 Austin Ter., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Gelber, Arthur E.	205 Richmond St. W., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Gelber, Marvin	133 Lowther Ave., Toronto	Executive
Gershman, J.	680 Bathurst St. Toronto	Left Wing
Garfinkle, H.	1 Silverwood Ave., Toronto	Fed. of Pol. Jews
Godfrey, Bert	49 Front Str. W., Toronto	At-Large
Godfrey, Sam, O.B.E.	49 Front Str. W. Toronto	Executive
Goldstick, M.	525 Dundas St. W., Toronto	Executive
Goldenberg, M.G.	68 Whitmore Ave., Toronto	Synagogue
Goralick, J.	283 St. George St. Toronto	Socialist Farband
Grafstein, Max	419 Regent Str., London	
Granek, S.D.	14-18 Ontario St., St. Catharines	
Granatstein, S.J.	486 Wellington St. W., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Green Alfred	111 Wembley Rd., Toronto	Societes
Greenbaum, F.	158 Grace St., Toronto	Left Wing
Greenspan, J.	1707 McGrail Ave., Niagara Falls	

Gross, Max	550 Spadina Ave., Toronto	Union
Guralnick, H.	366 Brunswick Ave., Toronto	Left Wing
Halle, Vern	854 Dougall Ave., Windsor	Ont. Jewish Youth Cm
Harold, Ben	347 Northcliffe Blvd., Toronto	Executive
Harris, D. Lou	560 King Str.W., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Harris, Sidney M.	331 Bay St., Toronto	At-large
Henkle, L.	83-85 Colborne St., Brantford	-
Herlick, C.M.	72 Queen ST.W., Toronto	At-large
Hertz, H.	331 Cumberland St., Cornwall	
Himel, B.A.	1 Wiltshire Ave., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Hurwich, Mrs. K.	680 Bathurst St., Toronto	Left Wing
Hurwich, Dr. S.B.	455 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Hyde, Harry	17 Lauder Ave., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Jackson, H.	20 East St., St.Thomas	
Joseph, B.	43 Sheldon N., Kitchener	
Kachuk, M.	176 Glen Cedar, Toronto	Labor Zionist
Kamerling, Rabbi A.M.	17 Foxbar, Toronto	Executive
Kaufman, Saul	64 Wellington St.W., Toronto	Executive
Kay, Sol	334 Clark Ave., Cornwall	
Kaparowski S.	697 Talbot St., London	Alternate
Kelman, Rabbi A.	737 Euclid Ave., Toronto	Synagogue
Kirshenbaum, Rabbi D.	23 Maitland St., London	
Kirzner, A.	253 Grace St., Toronto	Union
Kohl, M.	833 Colloge St., Toronto	General Zionist
Kraicer, Mrs. S.	454 Markham St., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Krakover, Mrs. I.	109 Wembloy Rd., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Kronick, S.	106 Madison Ave., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Jessel, Dr. L.	407 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	At-large
Lasin, Prof. Bora	53 High Park Blvd., Toronto	At-large
Langbord, M.	339 Walmer Rd., Toronto	Socialist Farband
LaPedes, Sam	68 Spadina Rd., Toronto	Union
Leibel, Wm.	18 Conrad Ave., Toronto	Synagogue
Lent, S.	103 Vesta Dr., Toronto	At-large
Levenston, G.	21 Dundas Sq., Toronto	At-large
Love, Jack	134 Elgin St., Sudbury	
Levine, A.	271 Palmerston Ave., Toronto	Union
Levine, J.	139a Spadina Ave., Toronto	Executive
Levy, M.	1652 Bathurst St., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Lipshitz, S.	455 Spadina Ave., Toronto	Executive
Magerman, A.	396 Brunswick Ave., Toronto	Union
Manson, M.	53 Park Hill Rd., Toronto	Labor Zion.Altern.
Max, Joe	346 Spadina Ave., Toronto	Union
Margolis, Rabbi M.D.	546 Adelaide St.W., London	
Miller, Julius	Beth-El Congregation, Cornwall	
Minden, Harold	42 James Str.S., Hamilton	
Mitchell, S.	63 Main St. E., Welland	
Naqler, L.	79 Regal Rd., Toronto	Synagogue
Colbaum, J.I.	388 Carlaw Ave., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Ogden, S.	1 Rolmar Gdns., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Orenstein, Mel	166 Old Forest Hill Rd., Toronto	At-large
Paikin, S.G.	215 Barton St.E., Hamilton	
Pearlstein, J.D.	91 Ava Rd., Toronto	Gen. Zionist
Peters, David	261a Coxwell Ave., Toronto	Gen. Zionist
Pricb, Rabbi A.A.	342 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	At-large
Poslurs, S.	126 Spadina Ave., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Pullan, Eli	472 Spadina Rd., Toronto	At-large
Pullan, Harry	6 Maud St., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Pulver, F.	205 O'Carrol St. Peterborough	
Rabinowich, I.	416 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	Labor Zionist

Rashkin, Wm	294 Montrose St., Toronto	Societes
Rosen, Henry	138 Waterloo Ave., Guelph	
Rosenberg, H.S.	4 Albert Str., Toronto	Executive
Rubin, J.	42 Beatrice St., Toronto	Societes
Sadowski, Ben	945 Bay Str., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Salsberg, J.B.	372 Davenport Rd., Toronto	At-large
Simpson, M.I.	11 Wellington St.W., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Simon, H.	346 Spadina Ave., Toronto	Executive
Shapiro, E.I.	347 Sorauren St.c/o Can.Rubber Prod.	Executive
Shapiro, S.M.	542 Dundas St.W., Toronto	Executive
Sherman, Mrs. John	6 Glen Cedar Rd., Toronto	At-large
Sokoloff, J.	625 Manning Ave., Toronto	Labor Zionist
Soll, S.	125 Grace St., Toronto	Societes
Soron, R.H.	977 Avenue Rd., Toronto	Gen.Zionist
Soron, Irwin	37 Glenayr, Toronto	At-large
Smith, J.	81 King St.W., Brockville	
Spivack, Saul	346 Spadina Ave., Toronto	At-large
Stern, M.	97 Braemore Gdns., Toronto	Societes
Steiner, H.	260 Richmond St.W., Toronto	Executive
Strashuner, I.	120 Roxton Rd., Toronto	Left Wing
Summers, Irving	351 Sheldon St.N. Kitchener	
Steinhouse, Mrs.L.	353 Markham St., Toronto	Labor Zionist.Altern.
Stanoff, S.	439½ Manning Ave., Toronto	Fed. of Pol.Jews.Alter.
Traub, S.	21 Dundas St., Toronto	Societes
Tulchinsky, B.	177 Colborne St., London	Alternate
Washer, Rabbi Judah	25 Heathdale Rd.,	At-large
Wayman, B.	333 Glen Rd., Toronto	Societes
Weinberg, A.	89 Murray St., Chatham	
Weinberg, C.	119 Beatrice St., Toronto	Executive
Wedro, Pearl	134 Huron St., Toronto	Union
Weiner, J.	47 Bloor St.W., Toronto	Welfare Fund
Weinstock, A.	505 Euclid Ave., Toronto	Societes
Weinstein, I.B.	372 Richmond St.W.,	Gen.Zionist
Wiseman, Henry	694 McIntyre St.W., North Bay	
White, M.	89 Colborne St., Brantford	
Wortsman, S.	491 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto	Religious Zion.
Zacks, S.J.	100 Adelaide St.W., Toronto	Nat. Executive
Zaifman, J.	317 Adelaide St.W., Toronto	Religious Zionist
Zeldin, I.	2477 Barker Str., Niagara Falls	
Zimmerman, Wm.	247 Markham St., Toronto	Gen. Zionist
Zuker, Louis J.	514 Dundas St.W., Toronto	Synagogue.