

YOUR ATTENTION

FROM Saul Hayes

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No. 170 CONFIDENTIAL1. 150 Children Ready for Orphan Children Project; Boat to be Chartered for Skilled Tailors Movement; Relatives Scheme Working Very Slowly.

The National Director had a phone interview with Irwin Rosen in Paris, head of JDC Immigration Department and discussed with him the following; a) Orphan children project; b) Skilled tailors; c) Relatives;

a) Orphan Children Project

Mr. Rosen stated that there are available at the present time and ready for almost immediate assembly, 150 children from Hungary and Rumania plus a few in Poland. These children are eight and ten years of age, a few younger and a few older. He also stated that most of the children in France and Belgium have been spoken for, but there will be a handful from these two countries. As to Switzerland, it is unlikely that there will be any children there, but there will be some in Sweden. Present indications do not justify the hope that 1,000 children will be available.

Mr. Rosen has had his staff study our memorandum and they have certain suggestions to make which he is air mailing to us.

We discussed with him the possibility of having Miss Ethel Ostry act as our coordinator on this movement. He was heartily in agreement and stated that it would be very helpful to get the project moving. He was of opinion that it would serve no purpose to have any lay people proceed to Europe, but that the matter should be left to our professional appointee, whether Miss Ostry or someone else.

b) Skilled Tailors.

Mr. Rosen stated that if these skilled tailors can be assembled, more or less, at one time and passed on by the Department of Labour and the Immigration Department, the JDC would charter a boat to bring them over. He was very keen about this project and wished to be advised as soon as possible because it is important that this group be picked in the near future, since transportation is less difficult now than later when other refugee movements will proceed to various countries. We are to cable him as soon as the Departments of Labour and Immigration proceed overseas for this project.

c) Relatives.

Mr. Rosen reported that their information disclosed that under the present and amended Order-in-Council, 6,000 displaced persons could come to Canada. The difficulty is that some of these people are in Italy and some in Austria and the I.G.C. is working very slowly on their Canadian mission to assemble these people and have them examined by the Canadian authorities. He has tried to speed it up but so far it is still a slow process. We told him that we would communicate with

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Wing Commander Innes, who is in charge of the Canadian scheme, in the hope of having him order a mission both to Austria and Italy. The complicating factors in this situation are:- a) That the I.G.C. is in its dying days and whether the same personnel will be transferred to I.R.O. is not yet known: b) The Canadian Government is relying exclusively on the I.G.C. for this movement so that no other plans are being considered.

2. Eastern Region Dominion Council Will Meet on June 18th

At the request of a large number of members of the Eastern Region Dominion Council, the meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th, was postponed to June 18th. A celebration in honour of the 75th birthday of David Pinsky, very prominent author and playwright, being held on June 17th, would prevent many of the members from attending our meeting. Due to lack of accommodation at hotels, the locale of the meeting had also to be changed and it will convene at the Victoria Hall instead of the Mt. Royal Hotel.

3. Grant of \$2,000 to Federation of Polish Jews

A grant of \$2,000 to the Federation of Polish Jews has been approved by the Inner Executive.

4. Conference of Christians and Jews

A meeting is being held in Toronto on June 17th to reconstitute the conference of Christians and Jews. According to decisions of the National Joint Public Relations Committee the Conference will be on a Dominion wide basis with the ultimate objective to include prominent lay membership in addition to clerical.

5. Thanks for Literature

At the request of the Montreal Presbytery Young People's Union, the United Church of Canada, we supplied materials for distribution at the Conference Convention and Coaching Congress held last week-end. A letter of the Christian Citizenship Convenor of the Conference states: "I would like to express my appreciation to you for your very kind and generous response to my request of June 3rd. The literature you forwarded to me is of great interest, and I shall be very happy to see that it is distributed at our Conference Convention and Coaching Congress this week-end."

6) Fellowship Reconciliation Committee in Toronto

The Committee on Race Relations of the Fellowship of Reconciliation met on June 7th in Toronto. It was decided that Fair Employment Legislation be the main emphasis of the Committee in its activity for the near future. The Committee will await the decisions Congress will have taken on the subject and will assist them in whatever form it is thought advisable. The base of the Committee's personnel was broadened by including members from the Council of Jewish Women and other organizations.

7) Calculating Machine for Research Department

A modern printing calculating machine has been acquired for the Research Bureau. This acquisition will eliminate a great deal of routine calculation which was previously necessary and will permit the work of our Research Bureau to be speeded up materially.