

**YOUR ATTENTION**

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1. \$2,100 Collected in the Laurentians for Pidyon Nefesh

The Pidyon Nefesh Appeal in the summer resorts in the Laurentians resulted in the amount of \$2100; the corresponding figure of last year's appeal was \$1900. The Central People's Relief Committee took care that the appeal in the hotels should not interfere with the annual summer resort collection of the Jewish-National Fund.

2. Prospects for 500 Children for Orphan's Children Project

The latest report from Paris indicates prospects for 500 youngsters, predominantly boys, for the orphan children scheme; half of the boys would come directly from the camps of DP's in Germany. Efforts to co-ordinate JDC and HIAS activities in the children's project have been completed.

3. Co-ordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Groups

The Co-ordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Groups held a French-English Conference in Hart House, University of Toronto, on August 16th and August 17th. Present were 7 delegates from the major French-Canadian youth groups and representatives of English-speaking groups. The Youth Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto was also represented. The Conference was under the chairmanship of Dr. Claude Hyan, Executive Director of Catholic Action; the purpose of the convention was to seek a basis for co-operation among national Canadian youth groups from every part of the country. The Conference discussed the general aims towards which Canadian youth could work together; these included extension of educational opportunities and improvement of inter-group relations. The group agreed that one of the primary aims of the organization will be to work for the extension of economic opportunities and against limitation of such opportunities for reasons of race or colour. It was generally felt that it would be in the best interests of all concerned to have a National Federation of Youth Organization and that in the early fall an official organizational conference should be convened.

4. Kosher Luncheon Meat Forwarded to Hungary, Germany and Austria; 33,000 lbs. Shipped to Italy

The JDC office in Brussels advised us that our transport of Kosher Luncheon Meat destined for Hungary arrived in Antwerp and was forwarded to Hungary. The transport consisted of 695 cartons containing 25,020 lbs. of Kosher Luncheon Meat. The JDC forwarded also our shipments destined for Germany and Austria; these shipments consisted of 878 cartons with 31,608 lbs. of meat for Austria and 2,222 cartons with 79,992 lbs. for Germany.

We shipped on the S.S. "Fort Edmonton" 33,000 lbs. of meat to Italy; the S.S. "Fort

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Edmonton" left on August 17th. The discharging point is Naples; the ship was originally scheduled to dock in Naples but last minute changes occurred and it will dock in Genoa. We arranged with our agents to have the meat forwarded to Naples.

5. M.N. Sumner Succeeds H.N. Cherniak as President of Windsor Jewish Community Council

Mr. M.N. Sumner, member of the National Executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was elected president of the Windsor Jewish Community Council. He succeeds in this office Mr. H. Cherniak who has done a superb leadership job; Mr. Sumner has worked very closely and actively with him and can be counted upon to provide the same high quality of leadership. Other officers elected are: 1st Vice-Pres: M. Meretsky; 2nd Vice-Pres: H. Novak; 3rd Vice-Pres: Mrs. J. Rash; Secretary: J. Rash; Treasurer: H.M. Cherniak. Members of executive: W. Auerbach, A.D. Cherniak, S. Freed, Miss Frances Geller, A.F. Goldberg, W. Hurwitz, N. Nosanchuk, H. Rosenthal, R. Slutzky, Mrs. W.L. Taylor, N. Tepperman, H. Vexler. They take office immediately and hold it for a year.

6. Aid to Jewish Blind

Among the many thousands of distressed Jews who are being assisted in Europe, there are about 600 Jewish blind persons. The meager hopes for emigration which exist for other Jews in Europe do not extend to these unfortunates, for the immigration laws of the United States and England do not allow entrance permits to be given to blind people; they may, however, join relatives in Palestine or emigrate there with other members of their family. Upon the request of the JDC Committee on Cultural Affairs in New York, a survey of blind Jewish persons who survived in Europe was undertaken. There are 284 individuals reported in eight of the thirteen countries surveyed. Among the countries not included in the final report are Rumania (where there are estimated to be 350 blind persons), Holland, Italy, Yugoslavia and Turkey. The Jewish blind receive regular relief in kind and/or cash from JDC and its sub-ventioned agencies, or from a public agency whose relief allowance is supplemented on an individual basis by the JDC. Eighty blind Jews survived in Berlin. About 40 per cent are over the age of 60, and only fifteen of the eighty are employable. The JDC in Berlin is planning weaving and handicraft courses for them. Several typewriters have been distributed, and it is expected that JDC will soon be able to provide the majority of the blind with radios, talking books, games and musical material.