

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Transmissions, Purchases and Immigration Problems Taken up with the JDC

The National Director had several long discussions with officials of the JDC in New York on the following matters: A) With Moses A. Leavitt, Executive Vice-Chairman of the JDC: (a) on questions of transmissions of Canadian funds, arranging for payment of transportation with Canadian funds transmitted to England and arranging for 35,000 pounds transmission by us to AJDC Westminster Bank, London; French transmissions were also discussed; (b) Meat purchases as well as possibilities of purchases of fish (in oil and natural), most other purchases, except dairy products which are unavailable for export from Canada and are no longer required; (c) various problems in connection with rescue of children including methods of identifying communities more closely with the movement; extent of assistance and acceleration of movement planned; (d) needle trade project and means to accelerate such movement; (e) Landsmanschaften and means of transmissions to communities or supplies (with a large donated sum a "Loan-Kasse" could be set up by a Landsmanschaft); B) With Moses A. Bockelman: (a) on problems of Canadian personnel attached to the JDC; (b) children's movement and plans to expedite same; health standards and other technical problems; (c) needle trade movement - arrangement for Matthew Ram to be shifted to this project until all workers selected. C) With Harry Rosen, Director of the JDC Community Service and Information Department arranging ways and means of stimulating the campaigns; Toronto and Winnipeg offices were advised of the suggestions advanced. The discussions with the JDC are being continued today, particularly with Mr. Wm. Bein of the Warsaw JDC office on Polish program, children from Poland and the Landsmanschaften program in Poland; with Mr. Tarshansky re conference of Landsmanschaften; and Dr. Paul Freedman re advices on children's movement; Dr. Freedman went overseas twice to report on orphanages, foster care of children, and psychiatric problems of children.

The National Director is discussing with Mr. Tarte of the ORT, the budgetary problems of the ORT Organization.

2. 6 Orphans Placed in Temporary Homes in Winnipeg; Co-ordinating Committees Meet in Montreal and Toronto

The group of 6 orphans which was directed to Winnipeg was placed in temporary homes after a reception by all important organizations; Mr. Sol Kanee, President of the Western Region, left for Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver to marshal support for the orphans project at those centres.

The Montreal Co-ordinating Committee will meet on October 21st, and executive officers of all co-operating organizations and agencies and several important community leaders were invited; the meeting will have to take decisions to insure a rapid and efficient absorption and settlement of the youngsters already in Montreal and those expected to arrive in future transports.

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The Regional Executive Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress discussed at its meeting of September 26th the composition of the Ontario Co-ordinating Committee; the meeting was convened to deal with the directive of the National Executive Committee to the effect that the Co-ordinating Committee is to be formed under the auspices of Congress; this was contrary to the action taken by the Regional Executive Committee at its previous meeting in approving the formation of a Co-ordinating Committee under the auspices of the Jewish Family and Child Service. It was carried to reconsider the policy and to request the UJRA to undertake the formation of a Community Co-ordinating Committee in accordance with the national policy; the meeting approved also of a list of the organizations to be invited and decided that the co-chairman of the UJRA would act as provisional chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee; subsequently to this decision the Co-ordinating Committee was formed on October 1st, with Mr. Samuel Kronick, Co-chairman of the UJRA, acting as chairman pro teri.

Our General Secretary addressed two branches of the "Arbeiter Ring" and a Landsmanschaft in Montreal and appealed for free homes for the orphans.

3. Canadian Congress of Labour Passes Resolution to Combat Racial Discrimination

Rabbi A.L. Feinberg of Toronto, co-chairman of the National Joint Public Relations Committee, addressed the 7th annual convention of the Canadian Congress of Labour in Toronto; he voiced a plea for unity within the ranks of labour to further the interests of peace and democracy; the convention was also addressed by Michael Rubinstein of Montreal, chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee; resolutions were adopted to combat racial intolerance and requesting of affiliated unions to support the work of the "Committees to Combat Discrimination and Religious Bigotry".

The Annual Convention of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada held in Hamilton at the end of September, adopted a declaration against racial intolerance in Canadian hospitals for barring the training of Negro girls as nurses. The convention refused to accept a resolution that it should not concur in a proposal for a Bill of Rights and referred the matter back to a committee to be considered in the light of the International Labour Office experience.

4. \$17,500 Received from Edmonton; \$785 Received from St. John

The Edmonton Jewish Federation remitted \$17,500 being part of the contribution from the Edmonton Community for UJRA for the year 1947. Mr. F. Schwartz, President of the Federation in remitting this amount stated: "This sum together with \$500 which we have sent for Matzohs some time ago makes a total of eighteen thousand dollars. I am very hopeful that I will be able to send you a further sum within the very near future, as I am anxious to see that Edmonton should contribute a fair share of the required funds." Mr. Ralph Isaacs, of St. John, remitted \$785; he assured that more would be forthcoming very soon and that the community would do its best to reach its full quota shortly.

5. Interview with the British Section of the World Jewish Congress

The National Director met in New York with Messrs. Barou and Easterman of the British Section of the World Jewish Congress on matters of mutual concern; he discussed the meeting of the European Council of the WJC to be held in London on November 18th, and also matters on political import.

6. National Director Addressing Meeting in Toronto

The Sisterhood of the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto is having a luncheon meeting on October 14th at which the National Director will be the guest speaker on immigration problems; he will also attend a meeting of the Toronto Co-ordinating Committee for the orphan's movement. The Director will return from Toronto to New York for a meeting with the Canadian delegates to U.N. sessions which is scheduled to be held on October 15th; he will be back in Montreal on October 16th.