

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Movement of Domestics From the D.P. Camps

We contacted the Mt. Sinai Sanatorium, the Jewish General Hospital and the Hospital of Hope in Montreal in regard to applications for bringing domestics from the D.P. camps; all those institutions are in bad need of help. The Council of Jewish Women will collect from their membership applications for domestics which will be submitted by Congress to the Department of Labour in Ottawa; individual letters will include the request that the Department of Labour assign a D.P. girl to a home for domestic service and the assurance that usual wages will be paid. The letter is to contain a specific reference that the home is a Jewish one; this will encourage the Department of Labour to instruct their officers overseas to include a fair number of Jewish D.P. girls when making the selection. Similar arrangements will be made in the Central and Western Region as well.

2. Mr. Sol Kanoo Touring Western Communities in Regard to Orphans' Project

Mr. Sol Kanoo, president of the Western Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress, visited Calgary on October 13th and Vancouver on October 14th in the interests of the orphans' project. Mr. Kanoo and Mr. B. Sheps, chairman of the Western UJRA, visited Edmonton on October 12th; they are scheduled to be in Saskatoon and Regina on October 19th and 20th on which dates both these communities have their annual campaigns.

3. Zone Conferences in the Central Division

Plans for a series of zone conferences in the Central Region are well under way; the region has been divided into 4 zones, covering the Western, Central, Northern and Eastern areas of Ontario. The location and date of the conference in each of the zones have tentatively been set as follows: Zone 1 in London - October 26th; Zone 2 in North Bay - Nov. 16th; Zone 3 in St. Catharines - Nov. 23rd; Zone 4 in Kingston - Nov. 7th; the subjects to be discussed will include: inter-community program; public relations, Jewish education, community organizations and fund raising; of these subjects two will be chosen for discussion in each zone and treatises and discussion guides related to the topics will be submitted to the delegates in advance of the date of the conference in their zone.

4. Survey on Racial and Religious Intolerance in the United States

The October issue of the "Fortune" magazine carries a survey on racial and religious intolerance in the United States; answering a series of secret-ballot questions 36% took the view that Jews have more economic power than is good for the country; 21% felt that Jews have too much political power; the Jews stood out as chief object of United States religious and racial dislike. The answers exposed also large groups whose envy or distrust or plain dislike is directed towards Negroes, Catholics or Protestants; in no case do the apparently unprejudiced make up the majority. Because

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of the secret-ballot method, the only breakdown available is by geographical area and size of place. In assessing the extent of Jewish political power, the big city dwellers are least disturbed with only 16% of the voters showing concern; by contrast 22% of the farm population and 28% of the people in non-farm communities of 2,500 and under think Jews have too much to say in government. We quote the "Fortune" magazine: "These answers confirm the thought that Jews evoke the greatest hostility in the areas where there are very few of them. The fact remains that in the U.S. Jews are the least-liked minority. Seventy-three per cent of those who had any hostility to express along economic lines and 52 per cent of those who had hostility to express along political lines picked on Jews. Although the Jews stand out as chief objects of U.S. racial and religious dislike, in so far as these questions measure it, antipathies toward other groups cannot be ignored."

5. Hungarian Jews Grateful for Sewing Machines

We received a letter from Dr. Frederic Gorog, chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Budapest acknowledging the shipment of the 10 sewing machines which we sent recently to Hungary. Dr. Gorog wrote: "We shall duly advise you of their arrival but in the meantime may we express our sincere thanks for all your kindness shown to the distressed Jewry in Hungary."

6. Preventing Circulation of False Report

We acted to prevent the circulation of a false report that Congress intervened in a labour dispute between a Jewish employer and his workers.

7. Quebec Campaign

Mr. Abo Bronfman and the National Director will visit the City of Quebec on October 26th and will address a meeting of the community in the interest of the UJRA and Congress campaign.

8. Compilation of Documentary Materials on Jewish Suffering and Resistance During the War

The Institute of Jewish Sciences of the Hebrew University and the Organization "Yad Vashem" announced the foundation of a World Bureau for Documentation of Jewish suffering and resistance during the war; the location of the Bureau is in Jerusalem. We have been requested for continuous exchange of materials and information. The bureau will compile all documentary material comprising photographs, books and objects relating to the events of devastation and heroism in all countries during the period beginning 1933, for preservation and objective, scientific investigation and publication.

9. Return of National Director

The National Director returned from New York. Tomorrow's issue of the I.O.I. will contain a report on the two meetings he attended in Toronto on October 14th and on the series of conferences he had on October 15th in New York.

10. Statistical Abstract on JDC Activities

We are attaching to this bulletin a copy of "Statistical Abstract of JDC activities 1946 and beginning 1947"; the summary was prepared by the Research Department of the JDC.