

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Control Commission of the World Jewish Congress

The National Director participated in a meeting of the Control Commission of the WJC, held in New York, October 21st; procedures were set up in regard to expenditures and necessary economies as outlined in the report submitted to the key-people Conference held in September. The Control Commission will have to convene in New York once every week and later-on bi-weekly till the end of the year; the National Director was asked to act on this Committee; the matter will be dealt with at the Inner Executive meeting of October 29th and decision will be required as to whether the Director should continue on this assignment which would necessitate continuous trips to New York at a time when his presence is required here.

2. Conferences With the JDC in New York

The National Director had a series of conferences with the JDC officers in New York on October 21st and October 22nd:

A) with Moses A. Bockelman: outlining directives which must be issued to all those dealing with children; these instructions will have to cover the promises being made to the youngsters, matters of education and the realities of the move to Canada; the experiences of the first two movements necessitated a reevaluation of the methods used in selecting children and passing these applying;

B) with Dr. Schmidt, JDC medical advisor, and Robert Pilpel, secretary of the JDC health Committee; discussion on all medical aspects of children and youth and outlining procedures to assure the utmost careful selection. The JDC will work out with OSE the techniques and send records to Dr. Schmidt. We discussed the general problems of the surviving youngsters in Europe; they had had (with few exceptions) too much moving around; a good many people who had charge of these children were perforce untrained; it is felt however that the bulk of these children will grow up to be normal and healthy; most of the children presently in homes in Europe do not present any problems.

C) with the Supply Division: discussion on various purchases

3. Gainful Employment For Orphans Placed in Winnipeg; Reception Arrangements for 3rd Group of Orphans

Gainful employment was found for 4 of the 6 orphans who came to Winnipeg on October 10th; presently they work half days only and attend English classes in the mornings; beginning next week they will work full time. All of the orphans have been placed in paid homes. Mr. Sol Kanoo, president of the Western Region, returned from Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver where he went in the interest of the orphans placement project; all these communities are eager to get orphans from the next transport; the youngsters will be processed in Winnipeg before proceeding to these cities; Mr. Kanoo addressed the Saskatoon community on October 19th.

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Mrs. Palca of the Jewish Family and Child Service in Toronto visited the National office on her way to Halifax to meet the orphans group coming to Toronto on October 27th, and discussed the arrangements for their reception; several offers for free homes have been received in Toronto, however, the Committee encounters the same difficulties that are apparent in Montreal, it is that most of those willing to take in orphans want them to be of a very young age; nevertheless, the Co-ordinating Committee in Toronto expects to be able to line up the number of homes necessary for the coming group. 6 youngsters of the group who are directed to Winnipeg will be met in Toronto by a representative of the Child Service Agency in Winnipeg who will accompany them to the West.

Another 5 DP's have been approved for the Canadian project which brings the total number of DP's so far visaed to 44; 29 are boys and 15 girls.

The Medical Committee of the Montreal Co-ordinating Committee will be headed by Dr. Scherzer; the reception and transportation committee by C.B. Fainer; the clothing Committee by A.I. Cohen.

4. Agreement with B'Nai B'rith on Public Relations Work

The B'Nai B'rith ratified the provisions of the agreement with Congress in regard to Public Relations work; the agreement was drafted by a special Sub-committee of the National Joint Public Relations Committee at the meeting held in Toronto on July 8th, 1947. The Inner Executive of Congress approved of the agreement at the meeting of July 15th with the understanding that it be entered into not with the B'Nai B'rith in Canada but with the Eastern and Western Council and with the British Columbia section. B'Nai B'rith and Congress shall have equal representation on the National Committee which will consist of 32 members (20 from the Central and Eastern Regions, 10 from the West and 2 from British Columbia); regional Committees are to function in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and will be subject to the authority of the National Committee; where deemed advisable local committees will be set up in various communities; the National Committee shall elect a chairman, a Vice-chairman and an Executive of 10 members; the National Treasurer of Congress is to be ex-officio National Treasurer of the Public Relations Committee; the National Director who will carry out the policies of the Committee will be under the administrative supervision of the National Director of Congress. Any public statements and representations shall be made solely by the Congress. The full text of the agreement is attached to this issue of the Bulletin.

5. Agenda of National and Regional Public Relations Committees' Meetings

The agenda of the National Joint Public Relations Committee meeting which will be held in Montreal on November 2nd will be as follows: a) Chairman's introductory remarks; b) minutes of the last meeting; c) Unfinished business - Labour Service (Co-operation with the Canadian Jewish Labour Committee) - Discrimination at Hotels and Resorts - joint Zionist Council and Congress - B'Nai B'rith Public Relations Committee; d) Business Arising out of Central Region Activities - radio public service series - weekly press release service - F.E.P.A. action - travel bureaux advertising; e) Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews; f) French Public Relations Program - report on recent activities - "I Didn't Know It was Loaded" - French distribution; g) Social Credit; h) Election of Officers; i) Good and Welfare - miscellaneous.

The following is the agenda of the Eastern Region Public Relations Committee meeting which will be held October 28th in Montreal: a) anti-Semitic manifestations; b) work in the labour field c) Outremont school problem; d) Conference of Christians and Jews; e) Good-will activities; f) Adult education and film program; g) Press analysis h) Good and welfare.

CONDITIONS AND AGREEMENTS
REGARDING PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK IN CANADA

BETWEEN THE
CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS AND B'NAI B'RITH OF CANADA

Whereas the B'Nai B'rith of Canada has a special and significant interest in Public Relations and Anti-Defamation work in the Dominion of Canada, and:

Whereas the Canadian Jewish Congress representing the Jewish community of the Dominion of Canada is desirous of undertaking the most effective Public Relations program possible, and in pursuance thereof wishes to enlist the support of the B'Nai B'rith of Canada, and:

Whereas the B'Nai B'rith of Canada and the Canadian Jewish Congress have since 1938 worked jointly in Public Relations and Anti-Defamation work, the parties signify their interest in maintaining a close co-operation and for these purposes agree as follows:

1. Public Relations and Anti-Defamation work in Canada shall be the exclusive responsibility of and carried on by a Committee known as the National Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'Nai B'rith of Canada.
2. B'Nai B'rith and the Canadian Jewish Congress shall have equal representation on the said Committee; the Committee shall consist of 32 members, 20 of whom shall be from the Central and Eastern Regions, 10 from the Western Region, and 2 from British Columbia.
3. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members with full voting rights for periods of one year.
4. Alternates may be appointed by the respective parties to this agreement.
5. All funds required for the work of the Committee are to be raised in the name of the Canadian Jewish Congress, it being understood that B'Nai B'rith agrees to make token contributions and co-operate with Congress in its fund-raising campaigns.
6. Three Regional Committees shall be set up in the Eastern, Central and Western Regions with headquarters in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg respectively. These Regional Committees shall be subject to the authority of the National Joint Public Relations Committee. If found desirable special provision may be made for a Regional Committee to be set up for British Columbia. (The Eastern Region shall consist of the Maritime Provinces, the Province of Quebec and the city of Ottawa; the Central Region shall consist of the Provinces of Ontario less the city of Ottawa; the Western Region shall consist of the Provinces Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia).

The respective parties to this agreement shall have equal representation on these Regional Committees and the provisions as outlined in Paragraphs 3 and 4 shall apply to the Regional Committees.

7. Where deemed advisable Regional Committees may set up local Public Relations Committees in Canadian Jewish communities.

8. The National Joint Public Relations Committee shall elect annually from amongst its members

- a) a National Chairman or Co-chairmen
- b) a Vice-Chairman
- c) an Executive Committee consisting of 10 members, two of whom shall be the National Chairman and the National Treasurer.

The Treasurer of the National Joint Public Relations Committee shall be the National Treasurer of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

9. The head office of the National Joint Public Relations Committee shall be in such city as the National Committee shall determine.

10. A National Director shall be appointed by the National Joint Public Relations Committee to carry out its policies under the administrative supervision of the National Executive Director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

11. A separate Treasury shall be established by the National Committee.

12. Any public statements and representations shall be made solely by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

13. The National Committee shall be responsible for the travelling expenses of out-of-town members attending meetings of the National Joint Public Relations Committee and of the Executive Committee thereof. Due to the excessive transportation costs the National Treasury shall not be called upon to pay the travelling expenses of more than two members of the Western Region to any National meeting.

14. This agreement shall be deemed to come into existence as of June 1st 1947 and shall continue in force for a period of two years and shall be renewable automatically from year to year unless terminated by either party after 1949 upon 6 months' notice in writing in any current year.

15. Subject to its acceptance by the respective parties this agreement shall become the formula and constitution under which the National Joint Public Relations Committee shall function.