

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Inner-Executive Meeting

An Inner-Executive meeting will take place on November 13th.

2. Arthur E. Gelber Elected Chairman of Toronto Co-ordinating Committee for Orphans Movement

Arthur E. Gelber has been elected Chairman of the Toronto Co-ordinating Committee on European Youth. The Committee will meet on November 11th to complete formation of sub-committees; representatives, lay and professional, from London, Windsor and Hamilton, will meet with Toronto lay and professional members of the Coordinating Committee on November 9th to plan for the orphans' project in those three communities and surrounding areas.

3. Medicine Hat Community Offers 6 Free Homes for Orphans

The Jewish community of Medicine Hat, Alberta, which comprises 22 families, offered 6 free homes for orphans being brought to Canada.

4. Zone Conference in North Bay, Ontario

Several Ontario communities will meet in North Bay on November 16th to discuss problems of community organization, fund raising and Jewish education; an agenda and discussion outline was sent to the delegates; the North Bay Conference is the second in the series of zone conferences being organized by our Central Region; the first zone conference was held in London, Ont. on October 28th.

5. Societies and Landsmanshaften in Winnipeg Support Orphans Project

At a Conference of all Jewish Societies and Landsmanshaften in Winnipeg held on November 2nd full support of the Congress Orphan Project was pledged. Societies with a membership of up to 50 will sponsor the maintenance of one orphan for a period of six months; societies with a larger membership will assume additional responsibilities. The amount for board and room plus clothing necessary for maintaining an orphan for six months was tentatively set at \$350. In order to avoid interference with the work of the Winnipeg Jewish Welfare Fund the groups decided that each organization will appeal to its own members only. No public appeals for funds will be launched.

6. Hamilton Council of Jewish Organizations Discussing Co-ordination of Program

Mr. B. Sadowski, MBE, President of the Central Division, Mr. G. Allen, member of the National Executive and the Director of our Central Division met with the Executive Committee of the Hamilton Council of Jewish organizations on November 5th to

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discuss the public relations program in Hamilton and to work out plans for greater co-ordination of the local program with both regional and national programs.

7. Campaign Meetings in Kingston and Oshawa

Our General Secretary addressed a pre-campaign meeting of the Kingston Jewish community on November 3rd; the meeting was well attended; the campaign will start at the early part of December. On November 2nd he spoke in Oshawa to a small meeting of the community at which \$1300 was received on account of the local campaign; special committees were selected to canvass the balance of the community; another meeting was held in Oshawa on November 3rd on public relation matters.

8. Youth Councils in Toronto and Winnipeg

Harris D. Gulko was elected President of the Toronto Jewish Youth Council; other officers include Sol Wein, Harold Cravit and Sam Chud.

The Winnipeg Jewish Youth Council which is the co-ordinating body of the Winnipeg Jewish Youth Organizations regardless of ideology and political affiliation held a Conference on November 2nd. The Conference decided to affiliate the Youth Council with the Canadian Jewish Congress, Western Division. Henceforth the Youth Council will function as the Youth Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Western Division.

9. \$40,000 Objective of London Campaign

The opening of the London Community joint Campaign for 1947 will be held on November 30th; Mr. S. Harris is Campaign Chairman and S. Leich and I. Ainsley are co-Chairmen; the goal will be \$40,000, a 35% increase over 1946. Beneficiaries include CJC-UJRA, UPA, Youth Aliyah, Histadruth, YIVO, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

10. Successful Tour of Mr. B. Sheps in Western Canada

Mr. B. Sheps, chairman of the UJRA in Western Canada, covered 16 Jewish communities in the interest of UJRA - Congress campaign; he will also visit Fort William, Port Arthur, Brandon and Portage de la Prairie. Mr. Sheps raised \$73,000 as against \$37,000 from the same communities in 1946; another \$3,000 may be forthcoming if Regina and Saskatoon will complete their campaign as good as they started. Mr. Sheps collected also the balances of last year (about \$2000) and was assured by the Edmonton Jewish community that they will remit very shortly another \$5000 as the balance of last year's campaign.

11. Toronto Club Addressed on Problems of Anti-Semitism

The Eglinton C.C.Y.M. Club of North Toronto was addressed by a member of our Toronto staff on the general theme of anti-semitism and Jewish life today; a discussion followed in which the members present showed a keen interest in combatting anti-semitism and in being briefed on responses and rebuttals to anti-Jewish charges. Various pamphlets, among them statistical studies of our Research Director, were distributed at the meeting.