

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Public Meeting in Montreal on Orphans Project; Dr. J.L. Liebman Guest Speaker

Mr. Samuel Bronfman, National President, invited a larger number of community leaders to a public meeting being arranged in Montreal on November 24th with Dr. J.L. Liebman as guest speaker; the invitation states: "Our War Orphans Project is proceeding apace and approximately 150 Jewish orphaned children have already reached our shores. Every arriving trans-Atlantic vessel brings another group. The need for suitable homes is a paramount consideration in the successful carrying out of our undertaking and I am very happy to report to you that Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman, the well known rabbi and author of the best seller, "Peace of Mind", is coming to Montreal on Monday, November 24th, 1947 to speak on the importance of rescuing these unfortunate children and properly integrating them into our community. This visit is an occasion of great significance to the entire Jewish community and should evoke nation-wide interest."

2. Toronto Co-ordinating Committee for Orphans Project Decides on Placement Policy

The Toronto Co-ordinating Committee met on November 4th. The name of the Committee was fixed to be "Congress Co-ordinating Committee on European Youth"; it was decided that some mechanism should be evolved which while meeting the requirements of the Congress directive that all projected placements must be approved by Congress, will at the same time expedite the process and correspond to the commitments made to the Government to have placement routed through recognized social agencies and in accordance with existing welfare standards; in line with this decision the President of Congress of the Central Region will nominate 10 representatives of Congress to act on the Jewish Family and Child Service Committee responsible for these functions.

3. Participating in Unveiling Memorial to War Dead

We were requested by the Canadian Legion to arrange for participation by a rabbi in the ceremony of unveiling a memorial to the war dead of Joliette. The Governor-General participated in this ceremony. Preliminary arrangements included brief religious ceremonies by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish ministers, but this was changed at the last moment and no religious service was held at all; the ministers of the denominations attended, but did not participate actively in the ceremony. The Bishop of Joliette did not attend the ceremony but received the Governor-General in his Palace after the unveiling. Several Montreal newspapers noted the participation of Rabbi Rose in the ceremony.

4. Lavy M. Becker Will Visit Maritime Communities

We arranged a visit of Lavy M. Becker to several Maritime communities; he will be in Sydney and Glace Bay on November 23rd and in New Waterford November 24th. Mr. Becker was director of JDC relief activities in the American zone of Germany.

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5. Organization of Central Local Community Set-up in London, Ont.

Prior to the zone conference in London on October 26th a meeting of the London Jewish community was held to discuss the question of local community organization and local fund raising program; M.M. Sumner, L. Lieblich, A.M. Cherniak (Windsor), Miss F. Hutner (Toronto), W. Avrunin (Cleveland) and the Director of our Central Region acted as consultants. The meeting felt, as far as organization of a local community council was concerned, that this would be a secondary matter following from a final solution of the fund raising problem; it was decided to hold a Joint campaign in December 1947. On November 2nd a further meeting was attended by Miss F. Hutner and Morris Rosenberg of the Jewish Welfare Fund in Toronto and Harry Rosenthal and Louis Lieblich of Windsor. The objective of the campaign was set at \$40,000; budgeting will be a post campaign matter; an active campaign group has been enlisted; publicity and speakers arrangements have been planned with the assistance of our Toronto office, the Welfare Fund office in Toronto and the Windsor Community Council. It is the feeling of the community leaders that the organization of a central local community set-up will be greatly facilitated by these campaign arrangements. Mr. Sam Harris is campaign chairman, Norman Leitch and Irving Ainsley are associate chairmen. The following are the beneficiaries of the Joint Campaign; U.P.A., Youth Aliyah, U.J.R.A, Canadian Jewish Congress, Y.I.V.O., Hebrew University and Local Center.

6. Contacts with Montreal and Outremont Protestant Schools

Congress was invited to the unveiling of a memorial tablet at Baron Byng High School; the Strathcona Academy of Outremont requested us to check their war record against our lists.

7. "Financial Post" Honours Mr. Samuel Bronfman for Helping to Spearhead Community Chests' Activities

The October 25th issue of the "Financial Post" in Toronto carries a series of photographs of those who "help to spearhead Community chests activities"; the list is headed by Mr. Samuel Bronfman, the National President of Congress and Honorary chairman of Montreal's Combined Appeal; others included are: R.A. Dauncey of Cornwall; Ross. L. Dobrin of Peterborough, Arthur Fontaine of Montreal (President of the Federation of French charities) and W. Norman Hancock of Galt.

8. 15th Issue of Public Relations Information Bulletin

The November 15th issue of our Public Relations Information Bulletin was sent to the members of the National and Regional Public Relations Communities.

9. DP Group of Orphans Expected to Arrive Today

The U.S. Army Transport S.S. "General Stewart" whose docking in Halifax was delayed for a short while due to a storm is expected to arrive today; a group of 44 orphans from the DP camps is aboard the ship; the S.S. "General Stewart" carries also 700 displaced persons for lumber camps in Ontario and girls for domestic work throughout Canada.

10. Inner-Executive Meeting Postponed

The Inner-Executive meeting which was scheduled to be held today was postponed.

THE STAFF OF CONGRESS EXPRESSES ITS SYMPATHY
TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE
PASSING OF HIS FATHER.