

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Press Conference with Dr. Joshua L. Liebman

Representatives of the English, French and Yiddish Press met with Dr. Joshua L. Liebman who came to Montreal at our invitation for a series of functions in the interest of the orphans movement. Samuel Bronfman, National President, B. Sadowski, M.B.E., President of the Central Region, B. Robinson, K.C., chairman of the Montreal Co-ordinating Committee, the National Director and the General Secretary were also present at the Conference. Dr. Liebman stressed the quick and full adaptability of the youngsters to new conditions and answered several questions of the newspapermen. Following functions were also arranged: luncheon at the Montefiore Club, dinner sponsored by Mr. Samuel Bronfman and a public lecture.

2. Canadian National Committee on Refugees to Continue in Existence

The National Director attended an Executive meeting of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees; the meeting was held in Ottawa on November 21st and concerned itself primarily with the problem whether the Committee ought to terminate its activities. After a thorough discussion a resolution was adopted to continue for at least one year in order to act in the interest of D.P's and refugees in legislation, interpretation of statutes and regulations, correction of inequalities in regulations etc, to be the "conscience" of the Canadian public and to continue to arouse public opinion not on the economic advantages to Canada of the admission of displaced persons but on Canada's humane obligation towards them.

3. Data on First Group of Tailors Arriving in Canada

The breakdown of the group of tailors sailing from the DP camps on November 26th is as follows: Jews: 6 single men, 1 single woman, 1 married couple with one child and 1 married couple with 2 children; Greek Orthodox: 2 single men and 2 married couples with one child; Roman Catholics; one single man and one married couple with no children; a list of those included was sent to us and we should be receiving it in a day or two.

4. Radio Broadcast for Book Week Celebration

We are arranging with the CJAD station in Montreal to have a broadcast in connection with the Book Week celebration which will be held in Montreal November 30th - December 7th; Dr. S. Frank, Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in Montreal has been asked by the Committee to deliver the address.

5. Discussing Correction of Inequities of Immigration Regulations

The National Director will be in Ottawa on November 25th to discuss with Mr. A.L. Joliffe, Director of Immigration, the correction of certain inequities of immigration

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regulations. He will also address the Ottawa section of the Council of Jewish Women on overseas problems and rescue and rehabilitation of Jewish war survivors.

6. Central People's Relief Committee in Montreal to Hold Conference on December 14th

On November 20th a group of leading members of the Central People's Relief Committee met at the residence of Mr. S. Harvey, chairman of the UJRA in Eastern Canada; plans were laid for a conference of affiliated organizations to be held on December 14th. The Committee will embark on an extensive Mo'ess Chittin appeal and will also consider ways of participation in the home finding for orphans and tailors, the S.O.S. collection and will endeavour to channel the contributions of the Landsmanshaften through the JDC for specific projects for the respective home towns in Poland and Rumania. The conference on December 14th will elect new officers of the Committee; the meeting agreed that Mr. L.H. Rohrliek, K.C., be chairman of the Central People's Relief Committee for the next term.

7. Co-ordination of Youth Work with the Council of Y's

A meeting will be held on December 1st with representatives of the National Council of the Y's to discuss arrangements for co-ordinating of youth work.

8. Award Made for "Poems of French Canada"

Abraham M. Klein, Montreal lawyer and poet who is visiting lecturer in poetry at McGill University, has been awarded the Edward Bland Memorial Fellowship for a series of poems dealing with French Canada which first appeared in "Poetry" magazine of Chicago; the prize is awarded annually for poems of a high standard which have a significance in terms of social relations; Mr. Klein's effort has been hailed as a contribution to mutual understanding between English, French and Jewish people in the Province of Quebec. The Canadian Jewish Congress has reprinted the winning poems in pamphlet form for distribution to interested readers.

9. Futile Efforts to Withdraw Film "Abie's Irish Rose"

Mr. S. Hart Green, K.C., chairman of the Public Relations Committee in Winnipeg, requested the Dominion Theatre in Winnipeg which had booked the film "Abie's Irish Rose" to withdraw it as the film deals adversely with certain aspects of Jewish life and has been condemned by Jewish agencies in the United States; the manager of the theatre stated to Mr. Green that he had personally found nothing offensive in the film and that it would be shown in his theatre.

10. Public Relations Libraries in Western Communities

The Western Public Relations Committee is building up libraries in every community; copies of "Why Men Hate" by Samuel Tannenbaum were sent to 10 communities and a similar distribution is being made of "Action for Unity" by Professor Goodwin Watson. A condensation of "Why Men Hate" was made by our Public Relations Director in Winnipeg and copies were made available to members of the Committees in Western Canada.

11. Meeting in Saskatoon on Public Relations

On November 9th, the B'Nai Brith Lodge of Saskatoon held an open meeting which was addressed by our Winnipeg Public Relations Director; the subject of his talk was "Public Relations - an individual problem".