

YOUR ATTENTION

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1. Income Tax Exemptions on UJRA Contributions

On Nov. 26th the National Director met with Mr. A.W. Gillmore who has been appointed by the Department of National Revenue to deal on a national scale with the matter of benefits under Income Tax Exemptions; our verbal presentation is to be committed to writing and Mr. Gillmore will make then his report to Ottawa; he promised to let us know before it goes forward. We are encouraged to believe that there will be no difficulty which could not be ironed out.

2. Inner-Executive Meeting

The Montreal members of the National Executive met on Nov. 26th. The agenda was as follows: report on negotiations with Income Tax Division on obtaining Income Tax Exemption for UJRA contributions, constituting Congress Committees in the Eastern Region; homes for tailors; deposits and reception centre; discussion of National Executive Director's interpretation of National policy on organizational structure of war orphans project; monthly calendar of events; request of group represented by Mossrs. Gorshman, Saslberg and Lipshitz to appear before National Executive Committee; Canadian National Committee on Refugees; report of Mr. Monroe Abbey on visit to Meat Board re purchases and shipment of Kosher meat; People's Relief Conference in Montreal; purchase of 1000 pairs of shoes for OSE children's home in France; shipment of clothing for United Jewish People's Order to France; formal authorization to sign leases for premises for SOS collection. A report on the decisions taken will be included in one of the forthcoming issues of the IOI.

3. 9 Orphans of the Group Held Over in Halifax Being Received in Montreal, 7 in Toronto, 3 in Winnipeg

19 orphans arrived in Montreal on November 26th; they came from Halifax where they stayed for 2 weeks having arrived on the "Aquitania" on Nov. 12th; they were held over in Halifax pending finding permanent homes for them in the Maritime communities. 2 youngsters, one boy and one girl, were placed in Halifax and 19 had to be routed to Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg; the group was divided as follows: 9 - Montreal, 7 - Toronto, 3 - Winnipeg. The youngsters destined for Toronto left right away and those who have to go to Winnipeg are waiting in Montreal for the coming of the next "Aquitania" sailing scheduled to arrive December 2nd; this sailing will bring in a group of 25 of whom 15 will go to the Western communities. The group was met on the arrival by the Montreal Hospitality Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Caplan and with the active participation of Mrs. W. Cherney (Council of Jewish Women), Mr. J. Sogal (Jewish Immigrant Aid Society) and Arthur Mann (B'Nai B'rith).

4. \$25,000 Received From Kol-Nidre Appeal in Montreal

We received the amount of \$25,000 on account of this year's Kol Nidre appeal.

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5. Overseas Mission of Clothing Industry to Report on its Findings

A meeting is being held today with the representatives of the clothing trade industry at which Mr. Max Enkin, OBE, and other members of the overseas mission of the clothing industry will report on the selection of candidates for the movement of skilled workers and arrangements will be discussed for their reception in Canada.

6. Appealing for Homes for Orphans in Ottawa

On Nov. 25th the National Director addressed a meeting of the Ottawa section of the National Council of Jewish Women; the meeting was very well attended and much interest was evinced; the press reported fully; the subject of the talk was the urgency of finding homes for the orphans being brought to Canada. Following the meeting the Council of Jewish Women formed a Committee which is actively engaged in looking for homes in Ottawa; its representatives are coming to Montreal to meet with us and to be briefed on the organizational structure of the project.

7. Unfortunate Insertion of Anti-Semitic Poem in B'Nai B'rith Magazine in Winnipeg

The Western Dominion Council strongly condemned a tactless publication of an anti-semitic poem in the local magazine issued under the sponsorship of the Western Council of B'Nai B'rith lodges.

8. Campaigns in Western Communities

On Nov. 16th a campaign gathering was held in Brandon, Manitoba, which was addressed by Mr. B. Sheps, chairman of the UJRA in Western Canada and our Western Director; well over \$2000 was collected and it is expected that \$3000 will be reached when the canvass is completed. The Western campaign is now nearly finished; the only communities which were not yet canvassed are Portage la Prairie, Fort William and Port Arthur; Edmonton and Calgary communities are conducting their campaigns under the auspices of the local Welfare funds.

The following payments were received on account of the 1947 - 48 campaign. Melville - \$1,383; North Battleford - \$1,300 (\$300 to be applied to last year's pledge); Brandon - \$565 (on account of last year's pledge); Kamsack - \$545; Prince Albert - \$2770; Vegreville - \$625 (bringing the total of last year's campaign to \$1375). The community of Trail, B.C. pledged \$600 towards the 1947 - 48 campaign; the community was not visited by a Congress representative since 1945.

9. Zone Conferences in North Bay and St. Catharines

38 people attended the zone conference held in North Bay on Nov. 16th; represented were the communities of North Bay, Sudbury, Kirkland Lake and Timmins. There was a real appreciation of the fact that the Zone conference has been convened; the zone was organized on a permanent basis and the presidents and secretaries in each of the communities have been appointed as a provisional committee with Henry Weisman of North Bay as chairman; the Provisional Committee will finalize the structure and program and will arrange for election of officers. A serious concern of the delegates was the question of the very small outlying towns and villages with a Jewish population varying from 3 - 15; it was the feeling of the conference that the permanent zone organization might be in a position to bring these people in closer contact with larger communities; the organization of the B'Nai B'rith lodges in the Northern areas was looked upon as a possible factor in the greater integration of these outlying communities into the zone.

Another successful zone conference was held in St. Catharines on November 23rd; following communities were represented: St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, Hamilton, Guelph and Galt. Messrs. B. Sadowski, MBE, president of the Region, H.D. Rosberg of Niagara Falls, S.D. Granek of St. Catharines and the Regional Director spoke at the Conference; a permanent zone was organized and a Planning Committee appointed to draw up a program and machinery with attention to be paid to the matter of a permanent professional zone-director.

10. Home Finding For Tailors in Winnipeg

The Inner-Executive Committee of the Western Division met on Nov. 20th; the Committee went on record as being ready to co-operate with the Manufacturers' Association in the home finding and general adjustment problems of the immigrant tailors; the initiative in the formation of a Co-ordinating Committee for the tailors' movement will be left to the Manufacturers Association. The Committee endorsed the decision to arrange a mass meeting under the auspices of Congress Council at which Mr. S. Herbst, a member of the overseas clothing commission, will report on the selection of candidates in the DP camps.

11. Dominion Council Meeting of the Western Region

The Dominion Council (Executive Committee) of the Western Region met on November 13th; a report was submitted on the Western campaign and on the orphans placement project; full approval was given to the policies of the Western Co-ordinating Committee.

12. European Conference of the World Jewish Congress in London

Dr. N. Barou, secretary of the British Section of the W.J.C. informed us that a dozen countries were represented on the European Conference of the World Jewish Congress which started in London on Nov. 18th; a luncheon meeting was held with the Jewish members of Parliament.

13. Addressing Meetings in Montreal on Relief Problems and Homes for Orphans

Our General Secretary addressed the following groups in Montreal on relief problems with particular emphasis on finding of homes for orphans: Temple Emanu-El Service Group; Montefiore Protective and Mutual Benefit Association; Hillel Student Rally at Dawson College; and the Bukoviner Farband.