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ABOUT

Inter-Office Information

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1. Tragic Incident Causes Death of Two War Orphans in Toronto

Two war orphans brought over to Canada under the Congress War Orphans Scheme found their death in a tragic accident which occurred in Toronto on August 11th. The two orphans went rowing and the boat overturned; both were drowned. The names of the orphans are Serena Green and Theodore Gross.

2. Discriminatory Practices in Selecting Domestics from DP Camps

Mr. Charles H. Jordan, Director of the European Immigration Headquarters of the JDC in Paris, advised us that while he was travelling in Europe he looked into the matter of discriminatory practices in the selection of immigrants and found that the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization has advertised requirements for the Canadian Domestic Scheme by a circular dated July 19th 1948 with the following phrase: "Open to all nationalities except Armenians and Jews". The matter will be gone into to find out where the discriminatory policy stems from.

3. Anti-Semitic Publication Refers to Statement Made in Montreal by Dr. I. Rabinovitch on "Political Zionism".

We reported in a previous issue of the IOI on the recent book by Douglas Reed "From Smoke to Smother" which was published in Toronto by the Dominion representative of Jonathan Cape and of the Oxford United Press. The book was not only issued with the Toronto imprimatur but was actually printed in Canada which implies that the minimum circulation of 5,000 is expected. A copy of the book was received in our office. Among the various anti-Semitic references which follow in line with the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" there is a reference to the statements made by Dr. I. Rabinovitch before the Canadian Club in Montreal and he is quoted as having said "Rabbis through the centuries have reminded Jews that they would be committing suicide by establishing a political state"; Dr. Rabinovitch is identified as having "described himself as a British subject, a prominent citizen of Canada and a Jew through and through".

4. Remittances from Regina and Fort William

The amount of \$1,000 was received by our Western office from Regina on account of the 1947-48 campaign proceeds. \$2,050 was received from Fort William and Port Arthur on account of the 1947-48 proceeds.

5. Anti-Semitic Literature Originating from Sweden will be Investigated

The World Jewish Congress office in Stockholm in replying to our request in regard to the anti-Semitic leaflets published by Einar Aberg which were recently received in Toronto, asked for copies of the pamphlets to ascertain whether they are already included

in the court case of the distributor who is being tried in Sweden. The court action will be resumed after the summer holidays and we shall be kept informed of developments. Our Toronto Public Relations office secured a copy of the material which is being forwarded to Stockholm.

6. \$1,250,000 Per Month Estimated by JDC For Transportation Costs for Immigrants to Israel

A press dispatch from Tel Aviv reported that Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European Director of the JDC, stated that the JDC will be expending \$1,250,000 a month for transportation costs of immigrants to Israel. It is expected that 10,000 will be going every month and the cost will be at an average rate of \$125 per person. The IRO refused to provide transportation to Israel for DPs on the ground that some countries have not yet recognized the Jewish State. Since May 14th when the Jewish State was proclaimed, 30,000 immigrants arrived in Palestine. It will be the task of the JDC to move DPs to ports in France, Italy and Yugoslavia and then provide ships for the Mediterranean voyage. Israel will be responsible for the immigrants only after they cross its shores. First priority for shipment will be DPs in camps in Italy, Germany and Austria. There are 250,000 DP Jews in these areas. In addition 600,000 European Jews are estimated as wanting to come to Israel. 13,000 Jews are in Cyprus awaiting resettlement in Palestine. There are several hundred thousand Jews in Moslem countries who may also have to be moved to Israel.

7. Placement of War Orphans in Western Canada

Our Western office corrected the figures on the placement of orphans in Western Canada which were included in a recent issue of the ICI; the report should have read: 156 youngsters so far have been settled in the Western communities and were placed as follows: Winnipeg - 77; Vancouver - 35; Calgary - 16; Regina - 14; Edmonton - 6; Saskatoon - 6; Hoffer, Sask. - 2. These figures include the transport of 15 orphans which arrived in Winnipeg on August 7th and which was directed to Vancouver (5), Regina (4) and Winnipeg (6).

8. Public Relations Information Bulletin

The August 13th issue of the Public Relations Information Bulletin is being sent to the members of the National and Regional Public Relations Committees and members of the Dominion Council. The issue includes information on the delegation of Congress and the United Zionist Council to the Minister of External Affairs requesting recognition of Israel; promoting of new radio series "Home Again"; Council of Christians and Jews; "Department of Interfaith Relations" of the Anglican Jewish Mission; restrictive advertisements by summer resorts; suggestion of Professor J. Finkelman and Professor B. Laskin that a commission be formed to examine proposed and existing legislation in the light of the international Bill of Rights, etc.

9. Australia Admitting 200,000 DPs of Baltic Origin

The Canadian Press reported recently that Australia completed arrangements for bringing 200,000 DPs of Baltic origin. American shipping is being sought by the Government for this purpose, so that "Australia could match America's decision to admit the same number of DP Balts to America as settlers". The immigrants would come under a 2 year contract with the Government; during that period they would be compelled to work at what the Government wants them to and after that period they would be free to work where they pleased. More than 5,000 have already been brought to Australia.