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ABOUT

Inter-Office Information

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1. Interview with Minister of Justice in Matter of Security Screening of Prospective Immigrants

On September 14th, an interview was held in Ottawa with the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Stuart Garson, and the Commissioner of the R.C.M.P., R.C. Woods, on matter of security screening of prospective immigrants. The meeting was arranged in order to discuss the rejections of immigrants for security reasons in cases which seem to admit of some doubt in the decision, to interchange ideas and generally to attempt to avoid injustices creeping in inadvertently. The Minister and the Commissioner were very cooperative throughout and we have arranged a method of making our views known which will be reported on at the next meeting of the National Executive. Mr. Sol Kanee, National Vice-President of Congress and Chairman of the Western Region, the Director of the JIAS and the National Executive Director, formed the delegation.

2. Taking Issue with "Restricted Clientele" Advertisement

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that a resort hotel known as "Dalvey House" in Prince Edward Island which according to its descriptive folder is owned by the National Parks of Canada advertised in its folder its policy of "Restricted Clientele". In this connection we wrote to Dr. H.L. Keenleyside, Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources, pointing out: "Such policy certainly is incompatible with the purpose of the National Parks of Canada, which have been 'dedicated to the people of Canada for their benefit, education and enjoyment'. It is obviously a sad enough state of affairs if privately owned resorts impose discriminatory practices. It certainly is a sin more egregious if the person or corporation imposing discrimination is a Government licensee. We are certain that the policy advertised by 'Dalvey House' is neither inspired by nor probably even known to your Department. Would you not agree that the licensee be restrained from advertising the policy and also be enjoined from any actual discrimination in the admission of guests by having such policy made part of his contractual duties? We should appreciate having your assurances."

3. Off the Record Talk with Minister of Justice in Regard to Judicial Appointments

Pursuant to the decision of the National Executive Committee at its meeting of September 12th, Mr. Sol Kanee, National Vice-President, and the National Executive Director of Congress, in an off-the-record talk with the Hon. Mr. Stuart Garson, Minister of Justice, discussed the matter of judicial appointments with reference only to the letter requesting a delegation. The matter will be reported on at the next meeting.

4. U.N. Acknowledging Congress Services for U.N. Appeal for Children

The National Executive Director has received a certificate from the United Nations,

acknowledging the services rendered in the cause of the United Nations Appeal for Children. These services were rendered in his official capacity pursuant to a decision of the National Executive Committee when the Children's Appeal was established.

5. Meeting of Board of United Teachers Seminary

A meeting of the new Board of the United Teachers Seminary will be held at Congress Headquarters September 21st. The Board consists of representatives of the former Hebrew Teachers Institute and the Jewish Teachers Seminary, both of which merged in the new Institution as reported in earlier ICIs.

6. Copies of JDC Publication on "European Legislation on Declarations of Death" Being Made Available to Interested Organizations

Recently, the JDC office in Paris published a study on "European Legislation on Declarations of Death" summarizing the legal rules of some 25 countries on the subject matter which has become important in consequence of the extermination policy of the Nazis. Also included is information on the law of Israel, giving an outline of the procedure in the rabbinical courts which apply Jewish laws. The publication is not available for sale, however, the JDC sent in a number of copies for distribution to interested organizations. We are making available copies to the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, our Regional Offices, some Community Councils, etc.

7. Western Campaign

Contributions of the Jewish community of Proceville, Sask., totalled \$650 as compared with \$800 raised last year. The appeal in Proceville completed the tour of small Western communities by our Western Executive Secretary.

8. I.R.O. Shipping Schedule for October

The I.R.O. office in Ottawa advised us that its shipping schedule for October includes the SS "Scythia" which will be arriving in Quebec on October 2nd and the SS "Samaria" which will also dock in Quebec (October 23rd). Both boats have a capacity of 1,200.

9. American Psychological Association's Award for Commission of Community Inter-Relations

The American Jewish Congress advised us by telegram that its Commission on Community Inter-Relations has been given the Edward L. Bernay's Group-Relations award by the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues, an affiliate of the American Psychological Association. The award was for such projects as the personal incident project which consisted of tested successful standard replies to anti-semitic remarks made in public; (research has shown these replies were effective in reducing impact on public of anti-semitic remarks); special courses being conducted to instruct large numbers in reply technique; social scientists' canvass of their own prejudices (the results of such voluntary canvasses have been to spur citizens in cities concerned to take remedial action to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and improved group relations have been noted in communities involved in such surveys). The American Jewish Congress also advised us that it requested the Governor of the State of New York to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the riots which followed a recent concert by Paul Robeson.