

To All Jewish Communities In Western Canada

Through the Jewish press and through letters addressed to all Jewish communities in Western Canada we have issued a call for Western members of the Dominion Council and for duly appointed delegates from every Jewish community to attend the Western conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress which will be held in Winnipeg on Sunday and Monday, May 23 and 24.

Many communities have already replied sending the names of their delegates. Others have not yet done so.

I wish to appeal to every member of the Dominion Council in Western Canada and to every Jewish community, large or small, to send its delegate or delegates and notify our Western office immediately of the name of such delegate so that the proper arrangements may be made. Never at any time in Canadian Jewish history has it been so vitally necessary for every Jewish community to range itself solidly behind the Canadian Jewish Congress in the great tasks of rescue and reconstruction which lie before us.

Not merely your tacit consent, but your active participation is required. You owe it to the welfare of the Jewish community as a whole! You owe it to the millions of Jews who face extermination in Europe at the present time! Put aside your own personal affairs for a few days and notify our Winnipeg office immediately that you will attend this conference, acquaint yourself with the problems which face us, and assist in planning the action which we must take.

Our national president will be there. The president of the Eastern and Central divisions will be there. The members of our national executive will be there. Your community must also be represented by a delegate.

The officers of the Western division of the Canadian Jewish Congress look forward to meeting you all on Saturday night, Sunday and Monday, May 22, 23 and 24, at the Western conference in Winnipeg.

A. H. ARONOVITCH, President, Western Division

TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS IN THE WEST

We wish to announce that

MR. L. SIMKIN

has been appointed as canvasser for the

Jewish Children's Home (Orphanage) AND AID SOCIETY OF WESTERN CANADA

This step was taken both as a war measure, so as to save Gas, Tires and all other traveling expenses, as well as to enable our Superintendent, Mr. H. E. Wilder, to complete plans for taking care of expected Refugee Children from Europe.

The increasing number of children now in our care and the shortage of workers to run the Home, makes it impossible for the Superintendent to leave Winnipeg. At the same time the increase in the cost of operation forces us to appeal to you to increase substantially your contribution and enable us to maintain the children properly. Please receive Mr. Simkin generously.

N. ROTHSTEIN, Chairman Western Div. A. BRICKER, President
JOS. LYONS, Hon. Secretary

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT! FROM FORT WILLIAM TO VANCOUVER

Every Jewish Community in Western Canada must send its best delegates to take an active part in the

Western Conference Canadian Jewish Congress

Which will be held in Winnipeg at the Hebrew Sick Benefit Hall

Sunday and Monday, May 23, 24

DELEGATES' SESSIONS

Sunday Morning, 10 a.m. Sunday Luncheon Meeting, 1 p.m. Sunday Afternoon, 3 p.m. Monday Morning, 10 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Mass Meeting, Sunday, 8.30 p.m. Talmud Torah Hall

Send Names of your Delegates immediately to the office of the CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS 402 Confederation Life Bldg., Winnipeg

The Fellowship Of Faiths

By RABBI SOLOMON FRANK

The interfaith conference held in Winnipeg during the last week-end found me in reminiscent mood. My mind takes me back to my undergraduate days at college. The time was during the latter end of the First World War. Victory was distinctly in the offing. Some of these post-war problems were already beginning to appear on the horizons of thought. A representative of another religious faith engaged a number of us boys in conversation; boys whom he knew to be destined for the ministry in various denominations.

I recall his words clearly: "In the past, some zealous religious leaders thought it to be their duty to bolster their own cause by attacking the views of their opponents. But I see for all the great religions to unite in opposition to the forces of evil which will be loosed upon the world."

I have had repeated occasion to recall the words spoken on a beautiful May day in 1917. Their import brought home to my mind. The period of the intervening peace and the years of the present war serve to exemplify this truth. The Nazi-Fascist menace is definitely an attack on religion. By that I mean that the authoritarian outlook upon life constitutes an attack upon the religious principle which underscores the place and importance of the individual human being in society. Rightly understood, all religion is dedicated to the fundamental principle of making out of man a better human being in the truest sense of the term. The totalitarian states, on the contrary, have since their very inception held an opposite point of view. To them the individual has no meaning as an individual human being, with latent capacities for humanitarian purposes and for social accomplishments; he is merely a cog in a ponderous and thundering machine of state to be worked to the bone and cast aside like so much waste material when during the pre-war days, the totalitarian leaders continuously underscored that in "the new order of things" there was room for only one point of view. It was either a case of "we" or "they". Compromise was utterly out of question. And, surprising as it may seem, truer words

were never spoken. There could be no compromise. Co-operation was basically impossible. While it is true that many on our side failed to sense this division, it was nevertheless present at all times. How could a working compromise be achieved between those of us who believe in man as man, and those who maintain that the individual as such, has no individual existence and that his entire being must be dedicated to the life of the state? It is this inevitable division of opinion which led to the war. And it is perhaps well to recall at this moment that to the extent indicated, and apart from all other considerations, "the war is fundamentally concerned with a religious principle. In our modernity we have often been prone to forget that religion in its ultimate meaning, and on its highest plane, is concerned with the ideals of life into the ordinary experiences and practices of every-day living. It is unfortunate that many of us have failed to understand this underlying distinction between ourselves and the totalitarian enemy, making us a better community without in the slightest degree surrendering to their own ends. Each group and every shade of religious opinion are insistently urged to hold fast to their own individual concepts. There is no question of assimilation or loss of identity. To the contrary, by contact with one another we grow stronger in our own beliefs and we learn to respect each other more profoundly. If democracy in religion has any meaning it is this: There need be no uniformity, no assimilation, no loss of traditions, observances or beliefs. Gleichschaltung is Fascist, German and totalitarian. It is not democratic. Democracy in politics as in religion demands diversity and difference amidst the uniformity of the community. We can live together, work together, fight the common enemy, join in making a better world, and in making a better world, we do not surrender that which is basically and fundamentally our own. This is democracy; it is Canadian; it is civilized and it is decent. This then constitutes the underlying principle of the Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews.

The title of last week's conference was "Adventure in Understanding". As men learn to understand each other, hate must give way to sympathy and to the desire to work together for the common good and towards the common purpose of making this community, every community, a better place to live in for all groups and all peoples.

New York (JTA)—A nation-wide movement to do away with race discrimination in the war effort was announced this week by Pearl S. Buck, chairman of the Committee Against Race Discrimination of the American Civil Liberties union, which has been studying the problem during the past year.

It was with this thought in mind that at about the time the first world war came to an end, a group of far-sighted spiritual leaders on the American continent came together with the thought of making some contribution to the advancement of the ideals of fellowship. The Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews is part of that movement. Its ultimate purpose has been to advance the cause of goodwill among the men and women of goodwill living in Canada. The definition may, at first reading, seem somewhat paradoxical, yet it is basically true. Goodwill is not a substance which can be poured into the heart and mind of one in whom the virus of hate and the poison of prejudice has resided for a lifetime. Goodwill can only be fostered among those who have already risen to the thinking to an appreciative understanding of those common problems which are the general concern of all human beings. It is to those that the Conference of Christians and Jews makes its appeal. And it is the fervent hope of all men standing with this spirit of understanding that this year will prosper with the passing years as a result of the fervent and whole-hearted efforts of those responsible for the inauguration of the movement.

The conference held during the last week-end—the first of its kind for adults in Winnipeg—brought home the value of the movement. The addresses delivered with the zeal and earnestness of those who partici-

ipated and the evident interest of an even wider and growing circle of friends, indicates the profound value of this movement. On every side, from those who were not present, but who read newspaper accounts of the proceedings, I have heard the unsolicited comment: "A step in the right direction. This movement should have been inaugurated centuries ago. It must be productive of great good. It will confer a real benefit on our community." This is proof of the real temperance of the average citizen. The ordinary individual is good at heart. The uniform success of humanitarian undertakings and of charitable appeals, all testify to this fact. But people require leadership. And the Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews is a step in the right direction; it is conferring that degree of leadership and direction which will have much meaning to our corporate existence.

Perhaps one more thought should be added. The Conference of Christians and Jews does not in the slightest make for the surrender of differences and every shade of religious opinion are insistently urged to hold fast to their own individual concepts. There is no question of assimilation or loss of identity. To the contrary, by contact with one another we grow stronger in our own beliefs and we learn to respect each other more profoundly. If democracy in religion has any meaning it is this: There need be no uniformity, no assimilation, no loss of traditions, observances or beliefs. Gleichschaltung is Fascist, German and totalitarian. It is not democratic. Democracy in politics as in religion demands diversity and difference amidst the uniformity of the community. We can live together, work together, fight the common enemy, join in making a better world, and in making a better world, we do not surrender that which is basically and fundamentally our own. This is democracy; it is Canadian; it is civilized and it is decent. This then constitutes the underlying principle of the Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews.

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All Jewish Officials In North Africa Restored To Office

London (JTA)—All Jewish officials in North Africa who were ousted from office in June, 1940, as a result of the anti-Jewish legislation promulgated at that time by the Vichy government, have been restored to their positions by the Giraud administration, according to an announcement by the Minister of the Interior for French North Africa, reported in the London press here. The report adds that these officials have been given back salaries for the entire period that they were out of office.

(The Associated Press reported from Tunisia this week that all anti-Semitic measures introduced there by the Axis powers have been revoked. The Jewish Council, which has been suppressed by the Nazi authorities, has been re-established.) The Mayor of Rabat, Morocco, and 12 municipal officials there have been arrested for sabotaging the orders issued by Gen. Giraud abolishing the Vichy anti-Jewish laws in North Africa, London newspapers also report. The report adds that a number of students in Algiers have also been arrested for trying to organize a student demonstration against the abolition of the numerous clauses for Jews in the school system. Those arrested proved to be leaders of the Fascist movement among the youth.

To Address Congress Conference And Mass Meeting



Jacob Lestchinsky, outstanding Jewish sociologist, economic historian and statistician, is coming to Winnipeg from New York to address the public mass meeting which will be held in the Talmud Torah hall, corner Flora and Charles, on Sunday night, May 23, at 8.30 p.m.

Jacob Lestchinsky is a pioneer in the collection and interpretation of information on the statistical aspects of Jewish life. He is the director of the economic and statistical section of the Yiddish and Scientific institute, member of the Institute of Jewish Affairs, dealing with Jewish post-war problems, associate editor of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, and a frequent contributor to the Contemporary Jewish Record, Jewish Social Studies, the Jewish Frontier and other magazines, and is a member of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress.

Non-Jewish Group To Fight For Justice For Jews Formed In Scotland

London (JTA)—A "Scottish Union for Justice for the Jews" has been formed in Glasgow by prominent non-Jews who are interested in placing the case for the Jews before the British public. It was announced here. Sir John Boyd-Orr, prominent nutrition and food expert, is president of the organization. The New Statesman and Nation commenting further on the Bermuda conference, declares that nothing effective was accomplished at the parley. "Although England and America are unable to do much on a large scale, there are many things on a small scale which were not difficult to do," it says.

To Participate In Western Conference



Samuel Bronfman, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, will arrive in Winnipeg on Saturday to attend the sessions of the Western conference of the Congress to be held here over the week-end. Mr. Bronfman will speak Sunday afternoon at the second session at the Hebrew Sick Benefit hall evening in the Talmud Torah. He will preside at a meeting of the National Executive on Saturday evening.

Resistance To Nazis In Warsaw Praised By Premier Sikorski

London (JTA)—Admiration for the heroic and desperate resistance which the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto are offering the Nazis was expressed here this week by the Polish premier, Gen. Sikorski, in a radio broadcast to the people of Poland.

The head of the Polish government-in-exile and commander-in-chief of the Polish Army expressed gratification at the fact that Poles are lending their aid to the Jews in the ghetto. He called upon every Pole in occupied territory to support the suffering Jews.

The headquarters of the Polish Jewish relief fund here this week received information revealing that two of the most famous rabbis of Poland—Pinchas Twersky, known as the "Ostiller Rebbe", and Isaac Nahum Twersky, known as the "Ravarusker Rebbe"—have been massacred by the Nazis together with their entire families.

Zionists' Funds Deductable For Income Tax Purposes

The application of the Zionist Organization of Canada for registration under the War Charities Act has been granted. This means that all Zionist funds raised by the Zionist Organization of Canada are deductible for income tax purposes.

Boston (JTA)—Wendell L. Wilkie, in a message to a mass meeting here called to urge assistance for the persecuted Jews of Europe, attended by 20,000 persons, emphasized that "international power politics" must not be permitted "to close the door to a permanent Jewish homeland in Palestine." Expressing regret that he was prevented by a previous commitment from being present in person, Wilkie said in his message: "Sympathy is not enough. There must be vigorous action. The continued barbaric program of extermination which Hitler is directing against the Jewish people makes the

Large Representation Of Western Delegates At Congress Conference

Many western Jewish communities will be represented at the Western conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress, in addition to a large number appointed by Winnipeg Jewish organizations. From Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Fort St. John, Canora, Melville, Fort William and Kenora have already come the names of the delegates who will attend. Many other western Jewish communities are also sending delegates.

Among those who will definitely attend are H. A. Friedman, K.C., president of the Edmonton branch of the Congress; Harold Freeman, president of the Vancouver branch of the Congress and Dr. D. M. Baltzan, president of the Saskatoon branch of the Congress.

Among members of the National Executive committee who will attend are the national president, Samuel Bronfman; Michael Garber, K.C., president of the Eastern division; Saul Hayes, National Executive director; A. B. Bennett, president of the Central division; B. Sadowski, of Toronto; S. J. Zacks, of Toronto; I. Weinar, of Toronto, and Martin M. Cohn, executive director of the Central division.

All delegates, whether from Winnipeg or from out of town, are requested to register at the Hebrew Sick Benefit hall on Saturday, May 22, at 9 p.m.

All delegates who have not yet sent in their credentials are requested to bring them with them at the time of registration. The delegates' fee of \$1.50 per delegate will include the cost of the Sunday luncheon ticket, badge, registration fee, etc. There are only a limited number of seats available at the Sunday luncheon and the delegates who wish to attend are requested to notify the Congress office immediately so that the necessary arrangements may be made.

The conference sessions will open on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. with an Invocation and Memorial Prayer sung by a male voice choir. Brief addresses will be given at this session by the presidents of the Eastern, Central and Western division, chairman of the Winnipeg Congress council and People's Relief committees. The luncheon meeting at 1 p.m. will also be held in the Hebrew Sick benefit hall.

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Western Zionists To Meet Here Monday Afternoon

Western National Council members of the Zionist Organization of Canada will meet in Winnipeg on Monday noon, at a luncheon in the Royal Alexandra hotel. The luncheon will be followed by a business meeting. A number of questions will receive consideration, including the appointment of a western director or field man, general problems of Zionism in Western Canada, and the calling of a National Council meeting to discuss the national Zionist situation.

Bnai B'rith Elects Delegates To Western Administrative Council

Samuel Freedman, L. C. Cohen, L. J. Lezack and Morris Caplan were elected Winnipeg representatives to the Western Canadian Council of Bnai B'rith lodges at a meeting held Wednesday evening in the Royal Alexandra hotel.

M. J. Finkelstein, K.C., was nominated as general committee man to District Grand lodge No. 6.

Sympathy For Jews Not Enough Says Wilkie; Asks For Homeland In Palestine

great program in Palestine increasing in importance. There must be positive assurance now that the homeless Jews of Europe who survive this dreadful conflict can look forward to a homeland of their own. They have a right to find peace, security and happiness for themselves and their children. There must be justice. And justice demands that the Jewish national homeland in Palestine must have its rightful place in the new world of tomorrow. We must not permit international power politics to close the door to a permanent Jewish homeland in Palestine."

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