

NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

The following questionnaire has been framed by the Committee on Naturalization and Citizenship of the National Association of Jewish Social Workers and will soon be sent out to organizations doing naturalization and citizenship work. Dr. Samuel Joseph, Ph. D., of New York, is chairman of the committee and the following are the other members: Charles S. Bernheimer, Ph. D., Brooklyn; Jacob Billikopf, Kansas City; Meyer Bloomfield and Philip Davis, Boston; Jeannette M. Goldberg, Philadelphia; Oscar Leonard, St. Louis; Philip Seman, Chicago, and Walter Leo Solomon, Cincinnati.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Date.....
Name of institution reporting.....

I—NATURALIZATION

- 1 Do you carry on naturalization work?..
- 2 Do you aid immigrants desirous of being naturalized in making out first papers? Second papers?.....
- 3 If so, what regular hours have you for this purpose?.....
- 4 Do you carry on propaganda to stimulate immigrants to take out first or second papers?.....
If so, in what way?.....
Is this systematically done?.....

II—CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

- 1 Do you conduct citizenship classes?....
- 2 If so, how many?.....
Do you charge any fees?.....
- 3 How frequently do they meet?.....
What evenings?.....
- 4 Instructors: Are they voluntary?.....
Paid?.....Which type of teacher is better?.....
- 5 Name subjects taught.....
- 6 Describe methods employed.....
- 7 Are text-books, pamphlets, etc., used in instruction?
- If so, name them.....
- In what language are they written?..
- Which books have you found most helpful?
- What criticism have you to offer as to existing material?.....
- 8 Length of term of classes.....
- 9 How many classes are organized during year?
- 10 Enrollment of each class.....
Total enrollment.....

- 11 Average attendance of each class.....
Total attendance for year.....
- 12 Are final examinations held?.....
If so, state nature of examination?..
- After what period of preparation and instruction?
- 13 Are certificates granted those successful in examination?.....
- 14 How are these classes brought to the attention of the immigrants?.....
Is this continuous or sporadic?.....
- 15 What other methods are used in calling the attention of immigrants to your work?
- What connection is maintained with public school system?.....

III—GENERAL CITIZENSHIP WORK

- 1 What other methods do you employ to inculcate principles, duties, rights and responsibilities of citizenship among immigrants?.....
- 2 If by lectures, kindly append schedule of lectures held last year, also list of those for this year.....
- 3 How announced or advertised?.....

IV—RECORDS

- 1 Do you keep records of your classes?..
Of number naturalized?.....
- 2 Have you any way of finding out number of Jewish immigrants naturalized in your neighborhood or district?....
In your city?.....

V—CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- 1 Do you co-operate with other institutions in this work?.....
- 2 If so, with which?.....How?.....
- 3 Are you acquainted with work of this nature conducted by other institutions in your city?.....

VI—GENERAL

- 1 Are women included in this work?....
- 2 What follow-up is there of the work?..
- 3 Can you outline briefly what you would consider a model scheme of naturalization and civic training for immigrants?
- 4 How can the courts be included in such effort?
- 5 What suggestion do you care to make along these or other lines for improving citizenship work among Jewish immigrants?.....

JEWISH CHARITIES

BIG ATTENDANCE ASSURED

All indications point to a record attendance at the Conference in Indianapolis. A partial list of the delegates who expect to be present appears in another column and it indicates that cities will not be satisfied with sending one person to the Conference. On the contrary, we are assured of large and influential delegations from a number of cities and these delegations will contain due proportion of officers and directors of organizations, the men who have to carry the burden of the work. Making a forecast from the returns already in, we can predict the largest and most representative attendance that has been present at a Conference in recent years.

There are a number of large cities still to be heard from. The example of the cities that have already responded will no doubt act as an incentive to them. The very far West has not yet been adequately represented at one of these national gatherings and the hope is expressed that this year that section of the country also might be present and make the meetings national in every sense of the word. The distance, of course, is all but prohibitive, but a supreme effort might make the gathering notable by representation heretofore missing.

The fact that the Indianapolis meeting may have to pass upon the question whether the National Conference shall be more than a forum for discussion, whether it shall make the next step and become also an agency that can be drawn on for expert advice and for help in the field, makes this Conference one of special importance. It will perhaps determine the scope and course of the organization's activities for a number of years to come. This renders the meeting of more than usual importance and it ought to arouse the interest of all who are concerned with the progress of our charities.

The national question in charity matters presents certain aspects that have not yet

been so carefully worked out as they should be. What shall its attitude be toward the large number of "national" organizations that enter communities, solicit their support and go their way independent of the organized effort of those communities? Shall it be left to any individual organization to call itself "national" and come before the public, without further authorization, as an organization rightfully entitled to solicit support all over the country?

There are many other questions that are constantly presented to the National Conference and that cannot be answered so long as the National Conference remains simply a forum for debate.

Is it to be anything more? Do the communities of this country desire that it should exercise wider functions?

Perhaps the Indianapolis Conference will be called upon to answer these questions.

The city of Indianapolis has extended a most cordial invitation to the delegates and has appointed committees to look after their wants. The Executive Committee consists of Mr. Edward A. Kahn, chairman; Mr. Samuel B. Kaufman, well known at the meeting of the National Conference, secretary, and Messrs. Ralph Bamberger, Gustave A. Efrogmson, Isidor Feibelman and Solomon S. Kiser.

The chairman of the Reception Committee is Mr. G. A. Efrogmson; of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Solomon S. Kiser; of the Program Committee, Mr. Isidor Feibelman; of the Press Committee, Mr. Samuel B. Kaufman and of the Finance Committee, Mr. Ralph Bamberger.

The Council of Jewish Women has appointed a Ladies' Committee, of which Mrs. Isaac Halpern is chairman.

There is every reason to believe that the Conference will be a notable one.