

44 have been Jewish orphan children who have been allocated to private homes.

A cross-section of Canadians from all parts of the country has sent in 21,217 applications for the release of relatives from the Displaced Persons camps. These applications have been subject to careful examination, and 11,313 people have to date been found acceptable, of whom 9,410 are at present in camps in Germany, 1,625 in Austria, and 188 in Italy.

Immigration officials point out that both examination, which requires a vast amount of documentation, and transportation to Canada have been retarded by the lack of travelling and other facilities on the continent. Added to this are delays in locating the persons applied for and difficulty in securing space for trans-oceanic travel. Every effort is being made to make available a greater supply of transport and it is expected that there will be a further acceleration in the near future in the movement of Displaced Persons to the Dominion.

Following approval of the applications by Immigration officials in Canada, the names are sent to immigration selection teams now at work in Europe. Each team is made up of an immigration inspector, a doctor, and an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. When Displaced Persons are being selected for industry, a representative of the interested industry and an official of the Department of Labour also become members of the selection team. Women officers assist in the selection of domestics.

**UNESCO DELEGATION ANNOUNCED:** The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced on October 23 the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Second Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Delegation will be headed by Mr. S.D. Pierce, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, and will include the following persons:

Mr. A.D. Dutton,  
Chairman, Board of Governors,  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.  
Mr. H.O. McCurry,  
Director of the National Gallery.  
Dr. Marius Barbeau,  
Ethnologist, National Museum of Canada.  
Mrs. Adelaide Sinclair,  
Executive Assistant to the  
Deputy Minister of Welfare.  
Mr. Arthur Crawford,  
Director of Training,  
Department of Veterans' Affairs.  
Mr. F.A. Hardy,  
Librarian of Parliament.  
Dr. John E. Robbins,  
Chief, Education Statistics,  
Dominion Bureau of Statistics.  
Mr. Gilles Sicotte,  
Canadian Embassy, Mexico City.  
Mr. L.A.D. Stephens,  
Department of External Affairs.

The Conference is to be held in Mexico City commencing November 6th and is expected to last until December 3rd. It will receive a report on the work of UNESCO during the past year and will consider the Draft Programme and Budget of the Organization for 1948.

## MEAT PACKING STRIKE ENDED

The five-week strike in packing plants across Canada, which at its peak involved 14,000 union employees, officially ended on the night of October 22, when Fred Dowling, national organizer of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO) called all workers back to the job. Actually the return to work had begun early in the week. By October 23 the only plants still affected were Wilsil Limited and Modern Packers in Montreal, and workers there were expected to return shortly.

Workers in Canada Packers and Burns and Company have accepted an immediate increase of 7 cents and workers in Swift Canadian an increase of 10 cents an hour. All, however, reserve the right to press for their original demand of a 17-cent increase. Under the agreement negotiations for higher wages may be resumed at 15 days' notice.

Both labour and management have agreed to accept Charles P. McTague, chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission, as national arbitrator. Any further wage increases will be considered at arbitration meetings.

**RAILWAY STRIKE THREATENED:** Canadian railroads received notice on October 20 that approximately 125,000 of their employees in 17 railway unions (with the exception of railway express department employees and telegraphers) would "concertedly and peacefully withdraw" from their service on November 3 at 8 a.m. unless they were granted two weeks' annual vacation with pay.

Officials of the two railways chiefly affected (the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific) have been meeting this week in conference with union officials. A joint statement is expected shortly and hope has been expressed that a peaceful settlement will be reached in time to avert the strike.

**TRAM STRIKE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA:** All tram and bus services came to a halt in the three major cities of British Columbia, Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, early on Monday, October 20th, when 2,800 Street Railwaymen's Union (AFL) walked off their jobs, demanding a wage increase of 20 cents an hour and a 40-hour week. They had earlier rejected a compromise offer of a 10-cent increase and a gradual reduction of working hours to 40 a week by 1949. Union officials saw a possibility of the strike lasting two weeks or longer.