

## Twentieth Anniversary of Liberation

The Czenstochover Landsmanshaft of Montreal is affiliated with the Association of Former Concentration Camp Inmates and Ghetto Fighters<sup>1</sup> and takes part in all its functions, which are always grandiose and impressive.

In connection with the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Nazi regime and the liberation of the concentration camps, the Association of Former Concentration Camp Inmates and Ghetto Fighters organised a great event in the capital of Canada, Ottawa, at the Parliamentary [Precinct] Campus.

The great event was held on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 1965, and it turned into a huge national event and was widely broadcast in the Yiddish, English and French press, as well as on all the radio and television stations.

The Czenstochover Landsmanshaft participated with an official delegation, consisting of Dr Benjamin Orenstein, Mrs Gutka Kartuz and Harry Rosenblum who, like all other delegations, laid a wreath at the National War Memorial.

Besides the delegation, a large number of *Częstochower landsleit* participated from Montreal and also from Toronto.

This was the first time in the history of Canadian Jewry that nearly five thousand Jews had gathered at the Parliament Buildings, visiting the law-making institutions, signing special lists and giving expression to their feelings in relation to the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Nazi regime, which had ignited the fire of the Second World War and had caused six million victims - martyrs and heroes - from the Jewish people.

The fact that the guest speaker was Prime Minister Lester [B.] Pearson shows the importance of this event. Representatives of ministerial cabinets, the parliament, the Senate and the military forces - ground, sea and air - took part.

Participating with the laying of wreaths was a very large number of delegations from the entire country, which represented national, regional and local organisations, institutions and *Landsmannschaften*.

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<sup>1</sup> [TN: Presumably an alternative name of the same association mentioned above.]