

Soviet Jewish Delegation Will Arrive Here Sept. 6

THE Jewish delegation from the Soviet Union, presently touring the United States, will arrive in Montreal September 6 for a two-day visit, it was announced today by the provisional reception committee for their stay. The delegates are Prof. Solomon Michaels, director and star of the Moscow Jewish State Theatre, and Itzik Feffer, outstanding Jewish poet of the U.S.S.R.



Solomon Michaels



Itzik Feffer

On their arrival here the distinguished visitors, who are being accompanied by Sholem Asch, noted Jewish writer, will be met by a reception committee comprising several prominent Montrealers. There will be an official welcome by Mayor Raynault and a function will be given in their honor by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Feature of the visit will be a mass meeting at the Forum on September 6 at 8.30 p.m., which will be addressed by Prof. Michaels and Mr. Feffer.

Prof. Michaels is also a member of the City Council of Moscow. At the Moscow Jewish State Theatre his productions are not confined to Jewish classics alone, British critics having hailed his portrayals of Shakespearean roles as a milestone in stage history.

Following the German attack on his country he organized the first front line theatre with a group of actors from the various Moscow theatres. Leading architects and stage designers adapted the stage machinery to wartime needs. Trucks opening into fully equipped stages were among ingenious devices developed. Later mobile units of what became known as the "moto-mechanized theatre" travelled from front to front.

Fought At Tarnapol

Mr. Feffer enlisted as a private in the Red Army on the outbreak of war. He was rapidly promoted until he reached his present rank of lieutenant colonel. He played a prominent part in the fighting at Tarnapol. At the moment he is demobilized because of his government's decision that actors and artists can perform more valuable work in their own specialized fields.

During the battle on the Kiev front, this Soviet poet was in charge of a group of artists who conducted nightly radio broadcasts from the front lines for the soldiers. At the end of each broadcast he would read a poem written during the day about an individual hero of the fighting the day before. He also organized and drilled a chorus of Red Army men.

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Professor and Poet to Address Forum Meeting

Two eminent visitors from the Soviet Union will visit the city on September 6. They are Prof. Solomon Michaels, director and star of the Moscow Jewish State Theatre, and Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer, outstanding Jewish poet, who will come here to address a meeting at the Forum.

A reception committee has been formed of citizens to welcome the visitors, who will be accompanied by Sholem Asch, Jewish writer. There will be an official welcome by Mayor Adhemar Renault and a reception will be arranged in their honor by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Prof. Michaels is a member of the city council of Moscow. Following the German attack on Russia, Prof. Michaels organized the first front line theatre with a group of actors from the various Moscow theatres. Trucks opening into fully equipped stages were among the ingenious devices developed and later mobile units of what became known as the "moto-mechanized theatre" travelled from front to front.

Col. Feffer enlisted as a private in the Red Army and was rapidly promoted to the rank of Lieut. tenant-Colonel. He played a prominent part in the fighting at Tarnapol and, during the battle on the Kiev front, was in charge of a group of artists who conducted nightly radio broadcasts from the front lines for the soldiers. At the end of each broadcast he read a poem written during the day about the hero of the fighting on the previous day.

Délégation juive attendue ici

La délégation juive de l'Union soviétique, qui fait actuellement une tournée aux Etats-Unis, arrivera à Montréal le 6 septembre pour une visite de deux jours, a-t-on annoncé aujourd'hui au Comité provincial de réception. Les délégués sont le professeur Solomon Michaels, directeur et étoile du Moscow Jewish State Theatre, et M. Itzik Feffer, poète bien connu de l'U.R.S.S.

A leur arrivée les visiteurs seront reçus par un comité composé de plusieurs montrealais en vue. Le maire Raynault les recevra officiellement, puis il y aura une réunion du Canadian Jewish Congress en leur honneur.

L'événement capital de leur visite sera une assemblée populaire au Forum, au cours de laquelle MM. Michaels et Feffer adresseront la parole.

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Montreal Meetings

• Professor Solomon Michaels, director and star of the Moscow Jewish State Theatre, and Itzik Feffer, outstanding Jewish poet of Russia, who will be in Montreal for a two-day visit on September 6-7 as delegates from the Soviet Union, accompanied by Sholem Asch, famous Jewish writer, will be accorded an official welcome by Mayor Raynault, and will be tendered a dinner by the Canadian Jewish Congress. At a mass meeting at the Forum on September 7, at 8.30 p.m., Professor Michaels and Mr. Feffer will speak. Tickets are obtainable at the Forum. Professor Michaels who is also a member of the City Council of Moscow, is noted for his productions at the Moscow Jewish State Theatre, and for his portrayals of Shakespearean roles. Mr. Feffer joined the Red Army as a private after Nazi Germany attacked the Soviets. His promotions were rapid until he became a lieutenant-colonel. He was cited for his part in the fighting at Tarnapol. Owing to his government's decision that actors and artists can perform more valuable work in their own specialized fields, he has since been demobilized. On the Kiev front this Soviet soldier-poet led a group of artists who carried on nightly radio broadcasts from the front lines for the soldiers. Each broadcast would be concluded by Mr. Feffer reading a poem he had written during the day which told of the hero of the previous day's fighting. He also organized and drilled a chorus of Red Army men.

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Délégués de la Russie soviétique



Prof. Solomon Michaels



Lt-col. Itzik Feffer

Des représentants de toute la société montréalaise feront partie du comité de réception qui souhaitera la bienvenue aux délégués de la Russie soviétique. Cette délégation se compose du professeur Solomon Michaels, directeur du théâtre d'état juif de Moscou, et du lieutenant-colonel Itzik Feffer, poète juif éminent, qui arriveront, le 6 septembre, à Montréal. Le président honoraire du comité de réception est l'hon. W. L. Bond, juge en chef de la Cour supérieure.