

M I N U T E S of the FIRST Meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Federation of Ukrainian Jews and the ORT on the QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE JEWISH COLONIES IN SOUTH RUSSIA, held on JANUARY 1st. 1922.

Present:-

Messrs. Goldenberg, Shalit and Dr. Joehelman representing the Federation of Ukrainian Jews, and

Messrs. Beleff, Krougliakoff and Mrs. Nowshowitch, representing the ORT.

Mr. Shalit in the Chair.

Dr. Brutzkus was invited to give information on the Relief Work in Soviet Russia.

Mrs. Nowshowitch, after having reported on the steps that had been taken by the ORT in conjunction with the ICA and the Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden to assist the Colonies, and on the resolution passed by the War Victims Fund to the same effect, suggested that a Joint Sub-Committee of the Federation of Ukrainian Jews and the ORT should be formed to find ways and means for raising funds for the assistance of the Colonies.

Dr. Brutzkus strongly objected to the assistance given to the Russian Jews through the Idgeskom, but raised no objections to sending relief on the condition that somebody from Western Europe was sent for the purpose of controlling the delivery and the distribution.

Dr. Joehelman dwelt at length on the possibility of carrying on this work in the Ukraine and of the role of the ORT, and also insisted that the conditions sine qua non of relief work in Soviet Ukraine should be the control of the representatives sent from Western Europe, so that these people might return and give a report on the ways and means in which the work has been done.

Mr. Beloff suggested that the Federation of Ukrainian Jews should grant in advance a certain sum of money for the immediate purchase of Seeds which should be refunded by the Sub-Committee from the funds that it is going to raise.

The question as to whether the Soviet Government would allow a representative to go to Soviet Russia was discussed, and Mrs. Mowshowitch reported that there would be some difficulty in finding a person who would go there but that there would be no difficulty in obtaining a permit for such a person from the Soviet Government provided that they had no objections regarding his political views.

After a long discussion a common opinion was expressed that Mrs. Mowshowitch and Dr. Brutzkus should discuss the question as to whom one might approach with the suggestion of going out to the Soviet Ukraine to control the assistance to the Colonies.

It was also decided that the present Sub-Committee should continue the work for the assistance of the Colonies until the Executive Committees of both organisations had elected their respective representatives or consented to the continuation in office of the present ones.

Chairman.