

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

**Present:-**

Dr. Jochehman and Mr. Goldenberg representing the Federation, and Mrs. Mowshowitch and Mr. J. Sheftel, representing the ORT.

Mr. Krougliakoff (ORT representative) sent a message apologising for being unable to attend.

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**Chairman:** Dr. Jochehman, **Secretary:** Mrs. D. Mowshowitch.

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Mrs. Mowshowitch reported on the question of sending Seeds by the War Victims Fund on the basis of the Resolution adopted by that Committee on December 23rd, 1921. Over two months have elapsed during which negotiations have been carried on by Mr. Charles E. Sebag Montefiore, Hon. secretary of the War Victims Fund, with various representatives of Dr. Nansen's organisation. They consented to purchase the Seeds and to carry out the mission in conjunction with the ORT Committee in Odessa. The Sub-Committee of the War Victims Fund (Lord Swaythling, Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmith, and Mrs. Mowshowitch) at whose disposal £3000 was placed for the purchase of Seeds, decided to consign them only on condition that Dr. Nansen's organisation takes the responsibility for the safe transportation also, and Mr. Chas. E. Sebag Montefiore was authorised to negotiate with Dr. Nansen's organisation to this effect.

On Tuesday, February 28th, information was received by the War Victims Fund and forwarded to Mrs. Mowshowitch that Dr. Nansen's organisation can place at the disposal of the Committee Barley, which may be shipped in some ten days from a Danubian port. Mrs. Mowshowitch not being sure that Barley could reach the Colonists in good time for sowing informed the War Victims Fund of the necessity of enquiring into the matter, and, seeing that the negotiations had already lasted too long, suggested that direct negotiations should be carried on

by the Agricultural Engineers of the ORT in Berlin with Dr. Nansen's assistant, Mr. Frick, who is now in Berlin.

Mrs. Mowshowitch had great fears that the above consignment would not be forwarded soon, and suggested that steps should be taken to send, as soon as possible, the Seeds that may be purchased with the £1000 granted by the Executive of the Federation of Ukrainian Jews, and which has to be confirmed by the Council of the Federation on March 2nd.

A telegram arrived from Berlin stating that Mr. Feinleib and Miss Logunova had obtained permission to leave for Russia. The London ORT consented to share the expenses connected with delegating these two representatives (They receive on the whole £100 each, apart from the travelling expenses and any other expenses that may arise on the spot).

In view of two consignments of Seeds having already been sent by the ORT from Paris and Berlin, Mrs. Mowshowitch moved the following two suggestions:

1. To authorise Mr. Bramson, or the Berlin representatives of the ORT (where they have agricultural engineers) to purchase the Seeds for the £1000 granted for this purpose by the Federation of Ukrainian Jews, and to give them immediate instructions to this effect as soon as the grant is confirmed.
2. To give the necessary instructions and credentials to the Delegates.

Mr. Goldenberg thought that immediate aid must be given and as soon as the grant is confirmed instructions must be issued for the purchase of the Seeds. In view of Mr. M. Myer's going to Bessarabia, he might be asked to assist in this matter. Assistance may also be expected from the Bessarabian Relief Committee.

Mr. Goldenberg objected to entrusting Mr. Bramson with the purchase of the Seeds as this would, in his opinion, delay the matter. He prefers to write to the Berlin ORT on Friday instructing them to purchase the Seeds in Rumania, and demanding that the Seeds should by no means be sent through Reval. But for the stipulation

that the seeds must be purchased in such a place from where they could be sent direct to Odessa or Mikolaeff, he would leave the purchase entirely to the Berlin ORT who may, if they find it necessary, send their agricultural engineer, Mr. Mirkin, to Rumania.

Mr. Goldenberg further stated that he thought there is no necessity for sending two delegates seeing that such a small quantity of seeds will be sent for the moment, and suggested that instructions should be given to Mr. Feinleib only.

Mr. Sheftel considered it impossible to change the agreement which was formally entered into with both delegates, but suggested that Miss Lagunova should go at a later date.

Mrs. Nowshowitch pointed out that the delegates were asked to go to the Ukraine before the grant was given with a view to obtaining information on the state of the Jewish masses in the Ukraine and that the work in the scattered colonies will require two persons.

Dr. Jochelman also could not see the necessity for sending two delegates, but in view of the agreement with the two of them he considered it necessary to let the matter stand as it is.

Dr. Jochelman supported the suggestion of entrusting the Berlin ORT with the purchase of the Seeds, and suggested that Dr. Pines, if he is at present in Berlin, should be authorised to collaborate with them.

The following Resolutions were unanimously carried:

1. As soon as the grant of £1000 is confirmed to entrust the Berlin ORT with the purchase of the necessary Seeds in Rumania, requesting also Dr. Pines to collaborate with them in the event of his being in Berlin.
2. To wire to the Berlin ORT on Friday to this effect.
3. To suggest that Mr. Feinleib should leave immediately and Miss Logunova at a later date.

Chairman

Secretary.

*Ida Nowshowitch*