

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BRITISH ORT,
HELD AT MICHAEL HOUSE, 57 BAKER STREET, W.1. ON MONDAY
12th MARCH, 1962.

Present:

- Mr. G.D. Sacher - Chairman
- Mr. E. Alexander
- Mr. M.D. Burnley
- Mr. & Mrs. A.S. Diamond
- Mrs. de Pinna
- Mr. A.L. Dollond
- Mr. G. Ellenbogen
- Mr. R.G. Faber
- Mrs. R. Freedman
- Lady Henriques
- Mr. G. Him
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Kahan
- Mr. H.E. Knobil
- Mr. S. Lerner
- Mr. H. Lush
- Mrs. J. Maran
- Mrs. Morell
- Dr. N. Nicholls
- Mrs. H.G. Reigate
- Mrs. L. Rene-Martin
- Mr. R. Scharf
- Mr. H.C. Seigal
- Mr. & Mrs. S. Shoot
- Mr. & Mrs. L. Shalit
- Mrs. M. Shannon
- Mr. & Mrs. G. Stone
- Mrs. H.H. Wingate
- Mr. S. Woolf

and

- A Representative from the "Jewish Chronicle"
- Mr. Hilary Goldberg
- Miss S. Nathan

Apologies:

- The Chief Rabbi
- Mrs. L. Ashley
- Mr. Theo Birks
- Mrs. K. Briscoe
- Mr. Anthony Greenwood
- Alderman A. Moss
- Mr. H.M. Oppenheim
- Dr. M.C. Schaul
- Mr. W. Tollenman

The Chairman welcomed all present on behalf of the Executive Committee and himself.

MINUTES

The Chairman stated that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on the 14th December, 1960, had been examined by the Executive Committee of British ORT in January 1961, and were passed by them as being a true record for submission to this meeting. Copies were available for all to examine.

It was unanimously agreed to take these Minutes as read and to confirm them for signature by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S
REVIEW OF
PAST YEAR

The Chairman said that, in accordance with the Resolution passed at the previous Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee had given lengthy consideration to the question of continued association with CORRA and it had finally been agreed to terminate the partnership at the end of April 1961. At that time British ORT owed the CORRA Pool the sum of £11,000 but the debt had been repaid during the year and the account was being operated on a strictly cash basis. For the next six years British ORT would be receiving its share of the combined Pool income.

The accounts would be dealt with later by the Hon. Treasurer but he would like to draw attention to the following:-

Subscriptions and Donations

The income from Subscriptions and Donations and Covenants had risen from £14,000 in 1960 to £38,000 in 1961 - mainly on account of an exceptionally large donation;

1961 Year Book

The net profit on the 1961 Year Book had been nearly £4,000; work was now proceeding on the 1962 Year Book;

1961 Ball

This had been an outstanding success socially and financially; credit was due to Mr. Denis Cohen, Mr. Alexander, Mr. David Ross and Mrs. Berg, who had worked with such enthusiasm;

Raffle

The Raffle for a Morris Mini-Minor car, which Mr. H.M. Oppenheim had generously donated had realised nearly £1,200;

Art Show

The Art Show at the Marlborough Galleries from October to December 1961, from which British ORT had received all entrance fees and proceeds from sales of catalogues;

Film Premiere

The Film Premiere of 'La Verite' for which thanks were due to Mr. H.H. Wingate and the Directors of Columbia Pictures Ltd.

In all these cases they had had the valuable collaboration of British Women's ORT, not only in the sale of tickets but in the organisation of these functions.

Publicity

During the year measures had been taken to publicise ORT's work to a much greater extent. Mr. Ellenbogen had been helpful in his contacts with the 'Jewish Chronicle'; both he and Mr. Him had been responsible for producing an attractive booklet entitled "This is ORT" as well as pamphlets dealing with ORT Institutions in Israel and North Africa. These pamphlets were being distributed to Travel Agencies and to ships sailing between Marseilles and Israeli and North African ports. British ORT would be glad to supply copies to members and their friends who would like to have them.

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World ORT Union

The Chairman gave a brief account of the deliberations at the recent meeting of the Executive of World ORT Union at Geneva, which he and Mr. Stone had attended. He said that events in North Africa had led to greatly increased emigration to Israel and to France and this had thrown a double burden on World ORT Union, which had to provide additional accommodation for these immigrants but could not abandon its work in North Africa. World ORT Union's estimated budget for 1962 was over '8 million dollars, compared with 6½ million dollars in 1960 and 6¼ million dollars in 1961. A further problem facing World ORT Union was the gradual reduction, and eventual cessation, of reparations payment. The Chairman explained that this would affect ORT as the bulk of its funds came from appeals made in the U.S.A. by the American Joint Distribution Committee and the response to these appeals was decreasing with the running down of reparations. It therefore behooved us to try and make up this deficiency by raising funds in this country. For ORT to keep its present position another 20% must be raised, but this was not enough as it was essential that the work of ORT should progress. In 1961 British ORT had transmitted £40,000 to World ORT Union but, as he had said earlier, this had been due to a specially large donation. £40,000 had again been pledged for 1962 and it would be necessary for them to work very hard to raise this sum.

ORT Groups

Small ORT Groups had been set up in Glasgow and Liverpool and it was hoped to have another Group in Manchester. British Women's ORT also had a Committee in Glasgow which was operating successfully.

The Chairman concluded by saying that although the activities for 1962 would not be discussed at this Meeting, he felt he must congratulate Mr. George Stone, Chairman of the Functions Committee, on the success of the Concert held the week before.

BRITISH
WOMEN'S ORT

Mrs. Wingate thanked the Chairman for his kind references to her Committee and referred to the changes in the pattern of working in British Women's ORT. They no longer planned for large functions on their own but instead gave all help possible to British CRT in running such functions.

In other directions they had had a successful year and had recruited a number of new members. Nearly 100 had joined their Glasgow Group and several other Groups were being started in different London districts. It was hoped that these steps would lead to a great increase in membership.

ACCOUNTS FOR
1960 AND 1961

In presenting the accounts for 1960 and 1961, Mr. Dollond, Hon. Treasurer, drew attention to the fact that £32,000 had been made available to World ORT Union in 1960 and £40,000 in 1961, despite the termination of the CORRA partnership. He thought this augured well for the future. It was also a matter for satisfaction that the proportion of expenditure in relation to the income was relatively small.

On the proposal of Master Diamond, seconded by Mr. L. Shalit, the accounts for 1960 and 1961 were unanimously approved.

ELECTIONS TO
THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

The Chairman said that the following members retired in rotation and were eligible for re-election. All had been proposed and seconded:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Mr. S. Beloff	Mr. G. Stone	Master A.S. Diamond
Mrs. S. Beloff	Mr. G. Stone	Master A.S. Diamond
Mr. G. Him	Mr. G. Ellenbogen	Mr. G. Stone
Mr. H.M. Oppenheim	Mr. G.D. Sacher	Mr. L. Shalit
Mr. David Ross	Mr. G.D. Sacher	Mrs. H.H. Wingate
Dr. Merton Sandler	Mr. G. Stone	Mr. G. Ellenbogen
Mr. R. Scharf	Mr. G. Stone	Mr. G. Him
Mr. H.C. Seigal	Mr. G. Stone	Mr. G. Ellenbogen
Mr. L. Shalit	Mr. G. Stone	Mr. G.D. Sacher
Mrs. H.H. Wingate	Mr. G.D. Sacher	Master A.S. Diamond

As no other names had been submitted, the Chairman declared the above named duly elected to the Executive Committee.

VOICE OF
THANKS TO
CHAIRMAN

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. Stone paid a tribute to his great work and enthusiasm for ORT. He knew he was speaking for all members of the Executive Committee when he said how much they valued their association with him and they all looked forward to the pleasure of working with him for many years to come.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wingate - who thanked the Chairman personally and in the name of British Women's ORT for his valuable help to them - and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Meeting was declared closed. It was followed by the first showing in this country of the new ORT film entitled "Come with me my Brother".

*Colin Sacher
11th March 1963*

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