

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF THE WORLD ORT UNION

PARTICIPANTS:

Judge Léon Meiss, Chairman of the Central Board

Dr. D. Lvovitch, Vice-President of the Central Board

Dr. A. Syngalowski, Vice-President of the Central Board

Mr. Léon Frenkiel)	
Mr. Louis Kahn)	
Mrs. L. Roubach)	France
Me. J. Scheftel)	
Baron Pierre de Gunzbourg)	
Mr. A.C. Litton)	United States
Mr. D. Rosenstein)	
Mrs. S. Crestohl)	Canada
Mr. R. van Praag)	
Mr. Léo Rothschild)	Belgium
Mr. S. Beloff)	
Mr. A. Halpern)	England
Mr. G. Jaszunski)	
Col. Muszkat)	Poland
Mr. A. Brunschvig)	
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Dr. B. Tschlenoff)	
Mr. J. Oleiski)	Germany
Mr. J. Kandel)	Roumania
Mr. J. Pardoff)	Bulgaria
Mr. G. Jarach)	Italy

Also present:

Mrs. G. Borkovitz)	
Baronne Pierre de Gunzbourg)	
Mrs. R. Harris)	Women's American ORT
Mrs. G. Kaphan)	
Mrs. D. Rosenstein)	
Mrs. C. Margulies (Austria), Mrs. I. Mowshowitch, Dr. Steinberg, Mr. L. Walinsky (Germany), Mr. Renzo Levi (Italy), Mr. R. Grinberg, Mr. A. Kowarsky (France), Miss Ph. Rogers (England), Miss B. Birstein, Mr. L. Denenberg, Mr. E. Gordon, Dr. V. Halpérin, Mr. C. L. Lang (World ORT Union Staff, Paris and Geneva).)	

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CENTRAL BOARD

6th - 7th July, 1947

In its meeting of July 6th and 7th, 1947, in Paris, the Central Board of the World Union adopted the following resolutions :

1. The Central Board of the World ORT Union, having heard the reports of the Executive and Administrative Committee, expresses its deep satisfaction with (1) the progress of ORT work in all countries during the year 1946, (2) the increase in the number of students and of ORT projects and (3) the continuous improvement in the educational standards of the vocational training schools.

The Central Board takes this occasion to thank all those who contributed to this progress achieved by ORT since its last meeting.

2. The Central Board of the World ORT Union confirms the decision of August, 1946, to establish an Accounting and Financial office in New York, whose function it is to compile and furnish financial and statistical data on all ORT operating units and also to make known in the United States the progress of ORT's vocational training activity, wherever it is carried on.

The Central Board requests the Executive Committee to see to it that detailed information pertaining to ORT work be sent to New York as speedily and as frequently as possible, not only from the Central offices, but also from all national ORT organizations.

Questionnaires, which the New York Accounting and Financial Office has a right to send out to various national organizations for the purpose of compiling educational and financial information, as well as the entire activity of the New York office, should be coordinated with that of the European Central Administration.

3. The Central Board expresses its gratitude to the American ORT leaders George Backer, Louis Boudin, A. Litton and David Rosenstein for their success in negotiating and concluding the ORT agreement with the AJDC.
4. In view of the fact that ORT is rapidly expanding its work in Europe and because of the corresponding needs arising as result, the Central Board appeals to all ORT friends in all countries to consolidate all ORT organizations and to do all that is possible to increase the number of ORT's friends. The Board appeals especially to the American ORT Federation to strengthen its organization and to endeavour to increase its influence in the United States.

5. On the basis of detailed reports and studies presented to the Central Board by representatives from various ORT national organizations, the Board finds that the realization of ORT's program in most of the war-devastated countries as well as the normal development of ORT vocational instruction is seriously hampered because the vast majority of Jewish vocational trainees lack the basic needs of life, especially food. Hunger prevents a vast number of young Jews from learning trades and thus prepare themselves for the future.

The Central Board therefore urgently directs the attention of all friends of ORT and also of Jewish public opinion in all countries to this grave problem. The Executive Committee is requested to take this problem up with American Joint distribution Committee, with the view that AJDC give proper consideration to these basic necessities so that the feeding of needy trainees be provided for when new ORT vocational schools are opened.

The Central Board therefore requests to make provisions within the terms of the AJDC - ORT agreement to permit especially the Women's organization to make contributions towards the physical requirements of ORT trainees in need.

6. Acting upon the request of UNESCO's Second Conference of the International Non-Governmental Organizations for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, held in Paris on May 21st and 22nd, 1947, the Central Board of the World ORT Union, at its meeting in July 1947, signifies its acceptance of membership in the Temporary International Council on Educational Reconstruction. At the same time the World ORT Union expresses the hope that under the guidance of UNESCO educational reconstruction of the war devastated countries, especially of vocational training, will be stimulated.
7. The Central Board decides that meeting of the Executive Committee should be convened in Paris every two months.
8. The Central Board resolved that no new undertaking of the ORT Union shall be decided upon without having first been submitted for consideration to the Executive Committee.
9. Acting upon the suggestions of Mrs. Crestohl (Canada), the Central Board requests the Executive Committee to examine the possibility of starting ORT work for the Jewish internees in Cyprus.

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Election : Owing to the resignation of Dr. Izaak (Holland), Engineer Jarach (Italy) was elected member of the Central Board.