

DRAFT MINUTES

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Meeting of October 23 and 24, 1949, in Paris

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Secretary : Dr. V. Halperin

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R E S O L U T I O N S

- 1) The Executive Committee approved the attached Preliminary Cash Report for the period January 1st - September 30th, 1949, submitted by the Chief Accountant.
The Chief Accountant is requested to prepare, for the next meeting of the Executive Committee, a report which includes the entire local income of the national ORT organizations in 1949.
- 2) The attached proposed Subvention Budget for the year 1950 was adopted with the following changes:

Germany & Austria	plus \$ 20,000.-	= \$ 90,000.-
Poland	" 50,000.-	= \$ 200,000.-
Public Relations & Political Dept.	" 3,000.-	= \$ 38,000.-
(out of which the yearly expenditure of \$ 5,000.- can be reconsidered by the Executive Committee after six months)		
Paris Administration	plus \$ 2,000.-	= \$ 12,000.-
Legal Advisor		\$ 2,000.-
International Women's ORT		\$ 2,000.-
- 3) The adopted Subvention Budget is to be considered a minimal budget. The budgets submitted by the national organizations are to be taken into consideration in the New York negotiations. Particular efforts should be made to increase the budgets for Israel and North Africa. In the new Agreement with the AJDC, ORT should be free to revise the apportionment of the funds according to the development in activities.
- 4) The attached Payments Plan for the 4th quarter has been adopted. In case the receipts listed should not be entirely realized, the available funds are to be distributed among the national organizations at the rate of the subsidies listed in the Payments Plan.
The Executive Committee adopted the Payments Plan for the 4th quarter for the Central ORT Institute, provided sufficient sterling assets are available.
- 5) The delegation of the World ORT Union for the United States was appointed as follows: Judge Leon Meiss, Mr. P. Dreyfus de Gunzburg, Mr. Elie Eliachar, Dr. D. Lvovitch, Dr. A. Syngalowski. By a unanimous resolution, Dr. Syngalowski is requested to proceed to the United States as quickly as possible.
- 6) The work in Germany is to be continued in the camps and rehabilitation centers. Existing courses for "free-living" Jews are to be brought to an end, but new recruits are to be admitted only in order to prepare them for emigration and on the recommendation of the Jewish Central Committee.
- 7) Dr. Lvovitch is requested to continue the supervision of activities in Germany and Austria from the Geneva Headquarters.
A detailed list of the machinery, tooling and materials owned by ORT and at present located in Germany and Austria is to be submitted at the next meeting of the Interim Committee.

- 8) Following the recent conversations in Paris between Mr. Eliahu Dobkin of the Jewish Agency and Mr. J. Jefroykin and Dr. A. Syngalowski of the ORT, it was decided to request the national ORT organizations to proceed carefully in propagandizing ORT's work in Israel. The Executive Committee further agreed on the necessity of establishing a permanent contact with the Fundraising Committee of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.
- 9) The national organizations are requested to do everything in order to raise funds, not only for local aims, but also for the most important tasks of the World ORT Union abroad.
The Central Office in Geneva is requested to propose to the next meeting of the Executive Committee the name of a candidate for the post of director of the fund-raising department, who should also be able to travel abroad in order to promote the fund-raising activities of the national organizations.
The Scandinavian ORT is given permission to maintain a small office with a secretary. To this end, a monthly maximum of \$ 150.- is foreseen.
- 10) Dr. Lvovitch is requested to set up a European Committee to prepare the establishment of the ORT Reconstruction Fund in the U.S.A. This Committee is to be composed of the President of the Central Board, the two Co-Chairmen of the Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Interim Committee, the legal advisor of the ORT Union, the Treasurer, the President of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Reconstruction Fund in England, the President of the Women's International ORT, Mr. Guy de Rothschild, one or two representatives from Switzerland, and Mr. E. Gordon, Paris, acting as secretary. This Committee, together with the American ORT Federation, should choose the board of the prospective Fund, which should also include a group of American financial people who could be helpful in issuing a loan. All shares of the ORT Reconstruction Fund, Inc., should belong to the ORT Union, as is the case with the Jewish Reconstruction Fund.
- 11) The American Labor ORT is invited to nominate a representative to be elected member of the Office Committee for the ORT Union in New York, which consists at present of Mrs. Kaphan and Mr. Dolowitz, Messrs. Herzfeld and Litton. In case Mr. Murray Levine should agree to participate again in this committee's activities, the committee will be composed of six members.
- 12) The World ORT Union delegation to the United States is entrusted with the setting up of the Supervising Committee for the ORT Tool Supply, New York, and with the nomination of the new Board of Directors of this Corporation, the shares of which are held by World ORT Union (\$ 30,000), American ORT Federation (\$ 5,000), Women's American ORT (\$ 5,000), European Friends of ORT (\$ 5,000), and Polish Verband (\$ 2,500).
- 13) The Executive Committee expressed its thanks to Mr. van Praag for the preparation of a project for the interior regulation of the World ORT Union's administration, which shall be circulated among the members and examined at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 14) The Geneva Headquarters are entrusted with elaborating in detail Mr. A. Neuman's project for the establishment of a Social Security System for ORT Union employees.

- 15) The Executive Committee took cognizance of the report on ORT's work in Holland submitted by the delegate whom the Central Office sent to this country.
- 16) Following the referendum held among the members of the Central Board, Mr. J. Jefroykin, Paris, was unanimously elected to the seat of the late Leo Rothschild, Brussels, on the Central Board, and as alternate member of the Executive Committee.
- 17) The Executive Committee confirmed that alternate members can only replace those absent Executive members, as whose representatives they were nominated originally.
- 18) The Executive Committee invites Dr. Isidore Lubin, Washington D.C., and Mrs. R. Feldman, Johannesburg, to participate in a consultative capacity at all meetings of the Central Board and the Executive Committee.

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II. Central Measures *

III. Delegation to the United States

IV. Relations with other Organisations