

M E E T I N G
of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 24-25th, 1955
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EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE WORLD ORT UNION

Paris, 24th - 25th November, 1955

Present : Dr. A. Syngalowski, Chairman of the Executive Committee
Dr. W. Haber, Chairman of the Central Board of the World ORT Union

Messrs.	A. Alperine, Paris	)	
	General E. Ben-Artzi, Tel-Aviv	)	
	A. Brunschvig, Geneva	)	
	J. Chorin, Geneva	)	
	O. Heim, Zurich	)	
	R. Jona, Ivrea	)	
	Dr. M. Gurny, Zurich	)	
	G. Josephson, Stockholm	)	
	Admiral L. Kahn, Paris	)	
Mrs.	L. Kaphan, New-York	)	Members of the
	R. Levi, Rome	)	Executive Committee
	E. Lewin-Epstein, Tel-Aviv	)	
	Me E. Nataf, Tunis	)	
Mrs.	L. Roubach, Paris	)	
	L. Schulmann, Casablanca	)	
Mrs.	V. Segal, Philadelphia	)	
	J. Shapiro, Tel-Aviv	)	
	M. Spitz, Tel-Aviv	)	
	Dr. A. Vedder, Amsterdam	)	
	V. Halpérin, Secretary of the Executive Committee		
	M.A. Braude, Director of the World ORT Union		
	A. Blum, Strasbourg, Member of the Control Committee		
	L. Frenkiel, Paris	)	
	Me J. Scheftel, Paris	)	Members of the Central Board
	F. Schrager, Director of the French ORT		
	S. Goldmann, Geneva		
	C. Lang, Paris		

A G E N D A

- I. Opening of the Meeting.
- II. Questions and remarks.
- III. Financial Report for the first nine months in 1955.
- IV. Implementation of the decisions taken at the Congress :
 - Constitutional Committee
 - Interim Committee
 - Fundraising Committee.
- V. ORT's Contribution to the Aid Program for the Jews in North Africa.
- VI. Discussion.
- VII. Budget Proposal for 1956.
- VIII. Miscellaneous.

In the Chair : Dr. A. Syngalowski, Dr. W. Haber, Mr. A. Brunschvig, Admiral L. Kahn, Dr. A. Vedder.

R E S O L U T I O N S

- I. The Executive Committee accepts the financial report for the first nine months of 1955 and commends the responsible departments on their management.
- II. The Executive Committee approves as a basis for discussion with contributing organizations and agencies a budget for 1956 totalling \$ 4.120.000.- of which \$ 1.375.000.- will be available from local sources and \$ 2.745.000.- will be supplied by the ORT Union.

The Executive Committee notes that this budget proposal includes a subvention of \$ 900.000.- to ORT Israel whereas ORT Israel requests \$ 1.000.000.-. The Executive Committee recommends that the necessary steps be taken to increase the income for 1956 to a maximum, so that it will be possible at a later date to revise the subvention allocated to ORT Israel.

The final budget for 1956 will have to be approved at the first Executive meeting in 1956.
- III. The Executive Committee expresses its appreciation to its Chairman, Dr. A. Syngalowski, for his exposé on ORT tasks in North Africa and unanimously recommends the implementation of the program proposed within the limits of the financial possibilities.
- IV. The Executive Committee requests Dr. A. Syngalowski and Dr. W. Haber to negotiate an agreement for 1956 with the A.J.D.C. in New York.
- V. The Executive Committee requests Dr. W. Haber and General Ben-Artzi to proceed on a special mission to South Africa for the purpose of obtaining an adequate support from South African Jewry of the work of the World ORT Union.
- VI. The Executive Committee confirms its decision to implement an ORT program in Tetuan (Spanish Morocco), as soon as an ORT Committee is legally constituted there.
- VII. The Executive Committee takes cognizance of the necessity of increasing as much as possible the range of trades for women. In this connection it requests the Central Office of the World ORT Union to give instructions to all national ORT organizations to make thorough enquiries from educational, governmental, private and industrial organizations and to communicate the results to the Central Office which will have to establish a program for extending the teaching of women's trades in ORT schools.
- VIII. The Executive Committee notes with satisfaction the enquiries made into the results achieved by ORT graduates and requests the Central Office to further develop this research on the contribution of former ORT students to their local economies.

- IX. The Executive Committee has unanimously designated the following of its members to the Interim Committee: Messrs. A. Brunschvig, J. Chorin, Judge M. Gurny, Dr. W. Haber, Otto Heim, Admiral L. Kahn, Renzo Levi, Mrs. Louis Roubach, Dr. A. Syngalowski.

It further resolved that if the agenda of the Interim Committee includes a problem which concerns a particular country, an invitation to the meeting must be sent to the ORT Committee in that country.

- X. The Executive Committee nominated to the Constitutional Committee which must propose a new text of the statutes of the ORT Union on the basis of the recommendations made by the Congress in June 1955 and submit their proposed text to all the national ORT organizations and subsequently to the Executive Committee the following members : General Ben-Artzi, Messrs. L.D. Crestohl, Judge M. Gurny, G. Mintzer, Me. E. Nataf, Me. J. Scheftel and Dr. A. Syngalowski.

- XI. The Executive Committee elected the following of its members to the Fund-Raising Committee: Messrs. L.D. Crestohl, Otto Heim, G. Josephson, Mrs. L. Kaphan, R. Levi, Mrs. L. Roubach, Dr. A. Syngalowski, Dr.A. Vedder, M. Weinziehr.

Two seats are still reserved, one for a member from South Africa and the other for Great Britain.

- XII. The Executive Committee refers to the agenda of the next meeting the election of the alternate members of the Central Board and the eventual co-option of members of the Central Board, as well as the election of a member of the Control Committee to replace Mr. Harry Greenberg, New York, who has resigned.

- XIII. The Executive Committee expresses the wish that the next meeting be held as soon as possible after the agreement with the American Joint Distribution Committee in New York has taken place, in order to enable the ORT national organizations to know their budget resources with the least possible delay.
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