

Minutes of meeting of Emergency Committee for World
Ort Affairs held at the office of Murray Levine on May 21, 1943
at 8:30 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Backer, Boudin, Dolowitz, Frankfurt
Frumkin, Levine, Lvovitch, Sudarsky and Dreyfuss.

The following matters were considered:

1. Training farm in Argentina. Correspondence had with Ilja Trotzky of Latin-American Ort - OSE Confederation with reference to the establishment of an agricultural training school on land "Fomento Agrario Israelita Argentino S. A." was presented, and Professor Frankfurt made a lengthy report of the possibilities of establishing a successful school there. His conclusion was that the project was worth while and should be supported; that it could be self-supporting except for the expense of maintaining the instructors. Mr. Backer suggested that it should be insisted that the property made available for the school should be contiguous and that we should have the right to buy the land if at any time the colony established by Fomento Agrario should be discontinued. On motion duly made and carried, the matter was referred to the Activities' Committee with power to proceed further.
2. Training farm in Canada. Dr. Lvovitch reported that he had been in correspondence with Canadian Ort organization with reference to an agricultural school which the Canadian government was willing to subsidize in part. Doubt was expressed by Messrs. Backer and Levine and others of the necessity for such an undertaking. On motion duly made and carried, the project was referred to the Activities' Committee for further study.
3. Bolivian School. Dr. Lvovitch reported that because of the impossibility of renting space in La Paz, the local committee deemed it necessary to purchase land and build their own school building; that it desired additional subvention of \$12,000.00 for that purpose. The sentiments expressed seemed to be in opposition to this request, but it was finally decided to wait until Dr. Surowich visited Bolivia and reported on the situation.
4. Algiers' School. A cablegram from the committee in Algiers asking for payment of the subvention promised by French Ort, now six months in arrears^{less near}. On motion duly made and carried, it was Resolved that the sum of \$3,000 be made available to the Committee in Algiers provided that Dr. Singalowsky approved.
5. Argentine School. A request was presented for the increase of the subvention for the trade school in Buenos Aires from \$12,500 to \$14,000 because of increased costs. On motion

duly made and carried, the request was approved.

5. North Africa: Captain Dreyfuss called attention to the great need in North Africa where, heretofore, schools were maintained by the Alliance Israelite Francaise. This was discussed at great length, and it was proposed that Captain Dreyfuss undertake the task of proceeding to North Africa and establishing Ort Committees in the various cities there. Captain Dreyfuss promised to consider the matter.

Mr. Moses Feinberg, present as a guest, then gave an illuminating talk on the training of international administration workers now being carried on by the United States Army and the United States Navy at Columbia University. At the conclusion of such address, it was decided that it would be worth while to designate a number of Ort persons to take such courses.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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Secretary