



W O J D R E P O R T

Sid Maxwell

Secretary-Delegate to WOJD

It is my wish that all members should be well acquainted with my report at any special or open meeting before I present it at the said meeting, therefore giving every member an opportunity to prepare any questions regarding the WOJD and to save considerable time.

1. MY ROLE AS A SECRETARY-DELEGATE:

Since my role began as a secretary-delegate on 27 January 1985, I did not know how to begin and I could not obtain any reports or files about the WOJD that had been recorded in the past; where and when to begin and how to keep the ball rolling, but I learnt the hard way. It is such a great pity that none of the previous delegates kept records in their files, until I made it my business to go to Israel last August 1986, where Mr Chaim Apter had invited me to take a good and long look at these files of correspondences between England and Israel, in order to clear up these matters and to avoid any further misunderstanding. Without any prejudice, I do not hold the previous delegates and officials of WOJD - England responsible for anything they have done in the past. Mistakes can be rectified quite easily and can happen to anyone of us. What I can do is to try to minimise the mistakes as far as possible.

My special thanks go to Mr Apter, whose explanations, which were a lot different to what I has been told, put these matters straight.

2. EUROPEAN SECTION:

Ever since the London Mini-Conference in September 1984 was over, trouble amongst the European delegates began to brew. I tried to understand and to find out what had caused this to make the WOJD come to a complete standstill. So I began to investigate in order to solve these matters once and for all.

It was first in November 1981, when the European leaders attended the meeting at Brussels in order to form a 'European Association of Jewish Deaf'. No full report was made and the contacts were very poor. Mr Apter, the secretary-general of the WOJD, suggested that London should be the new Head Office for Europe. I had been told here that the idea of the Mini-Conference in London came about in order to try to resolve the problem of Europe and to obtain an agreement for a Bureau in London. Most likely Mr Apter possibly said that London was to be the Host of the first World Mini-Conference of the WOJD but never mind - it is not important.

Prior to the opening of the London Mini-Conference, a special agenda was prepared by Mr Emil Stryker, the one who gives the main information on European affairs. Mr Apter sent us a list of more than forty motions on his agenda, just two weeks before the conference was due to start. This caused a great deal of anger among us all, besides the most embarrassing scenes involving two Paris Clubs. The report about these incidents can be submitted if needed. There was a lot of criticism against the WOJD Vice-President and Chairman for European Section, Dr Isidore Spokojny of West Germany. Again the report about Dr Spokojny can also be submitted if needed.

After the final session, there was yet another burst of anger over the rumour that the WOJD had called the Americans and the Israelis for a private meeting with the Bureau and the European Delegates were left out. There was no proof or evidence regarding this as the Americans and the Israelis denied it completely.

INTERNATIONAL MEETING HELD AT TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL ON TUESDAY
14TH AUGUST 1986.

3. NEXT DATE OF CONGRESS OF THE WOJD:

Firstly, it was at this meeting that the Bureau, with much regret, told us why the Congress had to be postponed. The Congress organiser, 'ISHEL', had let the WOJD down very badly due to lack of co-operation and lack of communication. This is the reason why I did not get very much response from the Bureau in Israel throughout the year 1986.

Secondly, because August is a very hot and high seasonal month, not many of us really wished to participate at this time. (I do not blame any of them really, because of this hot season). However, after a very long discussion, the future date was finally decided, by an overall majority of votes, to be April 1988. This report can, once again, be submitted if needed.

Apart from that, the International Games of Jewish Deaf will not be dealt together with the WOJD as it proved too much for the Bureau to handle for the future. The Association of the Deaf Sport in Israel will be taking over the responsibility on its own and will be dealing with the International Games in the near future on a different date.

The International Symposium on Deafness is still carrying on but the International Camp of Jewish Deaf Youth will be put on the shelf for the time being. This decision was made by the Bureau because of the lack of financial support from the Aliyah Department.

4. THE MEMBERSHIP FEE:

Decisions over fees were not very clear at first and there were many queries. However, after much discussion it was agreed that the membership fee would be \$3 per individual.

We had a long discussion about changing the system and a decision was made to accept my views regarding the change. It is a similar pattern to the BDA (British Deaf Association) in the WOJD Constitution. Each member will receive a membership-card plus WOJD quarterly Newsletter, etc. I will, again, submit the report if needed.

5. WOJD FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Enclosed separately, the Financial Reports of 1985/86. This report will be submitted if needed.

6. WOJD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER:

At the meeting, it was decided to publish the newsletter entitled 'WOJD News', quarterly per year in four languages, in order to keep the Jewish Deaf Organisations informed and to be closely knitted together. All agreed to go ahead.

7. ELECTION OF WOJD PRESIDENT:

We were informed at the meeting by Mr Apter that Mr Fleischman, the WOJD President, had decided not to take another full-term of WOJD Presidency for personal reasons. We were told the most likely candidate for the new WOJD President is a Dr Alan Hurwitz, who is an American. There was some uncertainty as we had never heard of this person before. The latest news, however, is that this is now doubtful.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Most of the correspondence that I had written and received was from Mr Fleischman and Mr Apter. It was through this correspondence that they taught me, adding their own explanations and experiences which were food for thought. I had very little correspondence from Europe, especially from France. I had a little difficulty getting an immediate translation in good time in any language, especially French, to give an immediate reply to the correspondee from his/her destination. Meanwhile, I am still looking for reliable translators who are willing to volunteer in translating foreign correspondence or interpreting if need be into English and vice versa at any given time. A prompt reply is required if good, diplomatic relations between two countries is to be maintained. It is not easy to get free translations but I am still pursuing the matter.

9. PUBLICITY FOR WOJD

Again at the meeting, it was discussed and planned to promote publicity and to make others aware of the WOJD, though it is officially recognised by the WFD (World Federation of the Deaf). The International delegates and the Bureau wanted all the Jewish deaf, world-wide, to give good and strong support in anyway possible, for the WOJD.

10. LATEST REPORT:

Just heard that the Paris Club, via Maurice Sebban, will not become a host of the Second World Mini-Conference, due to the lack of manpower. The Bureau has not received any offer to host the Second Mini-Conference from any other country yet, so it has now become one of the main problems.

The WOJD has now contracted with new Congress-Organiser called 'ORTRA' for the Congress '88 in April.

11. ASSISTANT-DELEGATE NEEDED:

I am still looking for an assistant to work with me as there is a lot of paperwork, etc., involved for April 1988. With assistance we can speed up all the work. Your help will be appreciated.

12. THE OPEN MEETING AT THE JDA (JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION).

If you want to know more and you would like to come to an open meeting sometime in June/July this year, please fill up the slip-form and send it to me at the address below, no later than 31st May. I will let you know of the official date of the open meeting when I hear from the JDA/Central Committee.

WOJD OPEN MEETING AT THE JDA

() Yes, I/We want to know more and I/we shall come to the meeting in June/July.

() No, I/We shall be unable to come to the meeting in June/July

Please send this slip-form to:-

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NO LATER THAN 31ST MAY, PLEASE



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Date תאריך:

Our ref. מספרנו:

FINANCIAL REPORT 1.July 1984 - 31.Dec.1985

	<u>NIS</u>	<u>US\$</u>
(at exchange rate of 1.50)		
<u>INCOME</u>		
Membership fees	882.-	588
Donations	3,064.50	2,043
Interest	237.-	158
Allocation by ADI	<u>1,647.-</u>	<u>1,098</u>
	5,830,50	3,887
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Travel expenses and refreshments	39,54	26,36
Present for Argentina by Chaim Apter	21.-	14
Fleischman's expences	153.-	102
London Conference	<u>1,726,50</u>	<u>1,151</u>
	<u>1,940,04</u>	<u>1,293,36</u>
Income	3,890,46	2,593,64
<u>BALANCE</u> on 30.Jun.1984	<u>184,60</u>	<u>123,07</u>
Balance on 31.Dec.1985	<u><u>4,075,06</u></u>	<u><u>2,716,71</u></u>
<u>Breakdown expenditure at London Conference</u>		



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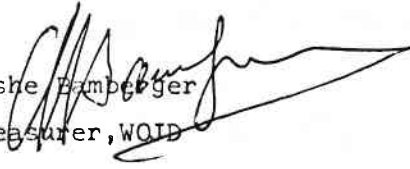
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Prospectures	330
Travel expenses and accomodation	555
Translator and participation in Fleischman's expenses	250
Presents	<u>16</u>
	<u>1,151</u>


Moshe Bamberger
Treasurer, WOJD



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	<u>NIS</u>	<u>US\$</u>
	(at exchange rate of 1.50)	
<u>INCOME</u>		
Membership fees	798.-	532
Donations	151,50	101
Interest	<u>199,75</u>	<u>133,17</u>
	<u>1,149,35</u>	<u>766,17</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Travel and refreshments	584.-	389,34
Postage	804,95	536,33
Office expenses	<u>1,500,00</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>2,888,95</u>	<u>1,925,67</u>
<u>DEFICIT</u>	1,739,60	1,159,50
Balance on 31.Dec.1985	<u>4,075,06</u>	<u>2,716,71</u>
Balance on 31.Dec.1986	<u>2,335,81</u>	<u>1,557,21</u>

Moshe Hamberger
Treasurer