

WOJD REPORT  
for  
the WOJD Open-Meeting to be held at  
Jewish Deaf Association,  
90/92 Cazenove Road, London N16 6AB.  
on  
Sunday 26th June 1988 at 6.00 p.m.

: Sid Maxwell,  
WOJD Vice-President

During the 3rd World Convention held at Tel-Aviv, Israel, 24th to 30th April 1988: I am very pleased and delighted to say that the outcome results had turned out to be very successful and we had reached more positive goals toward the future of the WOJD. Which I know and strongly believe that we can work together to make good progresses for the WOJD as a good and strong team, from now till the next World Convention in 1992.

Here are the following report which I am trying to cover all the important points as I can:-

On Sunday 24th April, we had the WOJD Bureau meeting started at 9.30 a.m. and did not finished as scheduled till 4.00 p.m.

Here are the following agenda:-

1. An introduction of delegates-members.
2. Greeting of WOJD Vice-President and a leader of this meeting - Dr. Isidore Spokojny.
3. WOJD Secretary-General's report of 1981 to 1988 by Chaim Apter.
4. Financial report by Moshe Bamberger, WOJD Treasurer.
5. Audit report by the Association of the Deaf in Israel.
6. Discussion on renewed WOJD Constitution.
7. Policy and projects - proposals.
8. Proposal - candidates for WOJD President, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Vice-President.
9. Proposal of number of Bureau Members.
10. Confirmation of an agenda for the general Assembly on 25th April ( i.e. the next day).

#### SUMMARY

I am going to summarise this agenda of the Bureau meeting very briefly as follows:-

- a) We had received letters of apology from Alexander Fleischman of USA, the outgoing WOJD President and Maurice Sebban of France, and they wished us every success of this Convention. Also from Joseph Goldwirt of Belgium, Emil Stryker and Myer Solomon of England and the other members - delegates from USA who were unable to attend this World Convention.

Those who were attended this meeting are the observers from USA , England, Uruguay, France, Italy, Hungary, Sweden and Australia.

Murray Holmes, Vice-President of the World Federation of the Deaf and Vice-Chairman of the British Deaf Association attended there, and he was given a warm welcome by the WOJD Bureau.

- b) The report was given by WOJD Secretary-General, Chaim Apter referring the occurrences of between 1981 and 1988 which were clearly understood and satisfactory. Mr. Apter felt that his job-position is most-tiring and he need more help and more cooperation with his office-work. The Bureau agreed to look at this matter of the Secretary-General's role as soon as possible.

- c) Financial and Audit Reports<sup>\*</sup> were given by Mr. Moshe Bamberger, the WOJD Treasurer and Mr. Moshe Shem-Tov of the Association of the Deaf in Israel. The reports were satisfactory. Mr. Bamberger now retired from his position as WOJD Treasurer; He desperately feel that we need more money to be putted into the WOJD Fund. The Bureau agreed to look into this matter seriously and agreed to set up a fund-raising committee. They thanked Mr. Bamberger for his good and devoted work to the WOJD, since he took this position as a treasurer.
- d) There had been a strong and heated debate over the new WOJD Constitution which are not very clear and not very straightforward; as it is seemed to be rather ambiguous and too much overlapping with one another, which the Bureau felt that these matters need to be sorted out. Therefore the Bureau had agreed in deciding to set up a special committee referring to law and statue changes of the WOJD Constitution for one year only, as a priority, till Spring 1989. Thus the new WOJD Constitution has now been discarded or in another word, scrapped; and so therefore we are now returning back to the old WOJD Constitution for the time-being.
- e) Such important proposals had been approved and putted forward to the meetings as follows:-
1. Setting up a better system-structure of management in the WOJD Administration.
  2. Setting up a special committee refering to law and statue changes of the WOJD Constitution for one year only as a top priority.
  3. Setting up a new committee on public relations.
  4. Setting up a new Committee on fund-raising.
  5. Confirmation to Emil Stryker's name as one of the founders of WOJD.
  6. Setting up an organising-committee for World Convention 1992.
- and so forth.
- f) i) Candidates for the next WOJD President were Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz and Mr. Sid Maxwell, and the election to be held on Monday 25th April ( i.e. the next day ) at the General Assembly.
- ii) Election for WOJD Secretary-General and WOJD Treasurer will be referred to the next day, i.e. Monday 25th April. The date of the election for Vice-President of WOJD will be on Thursday 28th April.
- g) It was agreed to reduce a number of Bureau members as follows:-

OLD	NEW
5 members (USA)	2 members (USA)
6 " (ISRAEL)	3 " (ISRAEL)
4 " (EUROPE)+	2 " (EUROPE) <sup>X</sup>
+ England, France, Belgium & West-Germany	X England & France

\* See appendix 'A' and appendix 'B' of Budget Reports of the WOJD.

At the General Assembly, Monday 25th April, commenced at 9.30 a.m. and ended at 3.00 p.m.

Here are the following agenda:-

1. Opening greeting of the General Assembly by the Vice-President, Mr. Israel Savir.
2. Election of Assembly President.
3. Secretary-General's report of 1981-1988 by Chaim Apter.
4. Financial Report by WOJD Treasurer, Moshe Bamberger.
5. Audit Report.
6. Individual Membership Fee.
7. Confirmation of new constitution.
8. Confirmation of Budget 1988.
9. Confirmation project - public relations.
10. Confirmation to Emil Stryker's name as one of the founders of WOJD.
11. Mini-conference or full Bureau meeting in 1990 - where?
12. Next World Convention 1992 - where?
13. Other proposals - to confirm or to be voted.
14. Election of President, Secretary-General and Treasurer.
15. Other matters.

#### SUMMARY

Once again to summarise this whole agenda very briefly as follows:-

- a) Dr. Martin Florsheim (USA) was elected as General Assembly President. Richard Zenou (France) and Israel Savir (Israel) are Vice-Presidents of General Assembly.
- b) All reports that were given by WOJD Secretary-General, Chaim Apter, WOJD Treasurer, Moshe Bamberger and the ADI. All approved and passed at the General Assembly.
- c) Membership fee per individual is now increased to U.S.\$5.00 from U.S.\$3.00 per year due to the increasing costs of printing, stationary, postage, etc. with the effect of 28th April 1988. All approved and passed at the General Assembly.

The increasing fee for membership of organisation will be U.S.\$100.00 per year instead of U.S.\$50.00 per year as this is NOT, definitely, confirmed yet, until we have WOJD Board meeting to be held next year, in Israel, once we get an approval from each member-country of this increasing fee of U.S.\$100.00

- d) Confirmation project on public relations, proposed and explained by Sid Maxwell. Approved and passed unanimously at the General Assembly.
- e) Confirmation to Emil Stryker's name as one of the founders of WOJD, proposed and explained by Sid Maxwell. Approved and passed unanimously at the General Assembly.
- f) There will be no more mini-conferences in the coming future as it was proved too costly. This matter will be referred to the next Bureau meeting on Thursday 28th April 1988.

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- g) The next WOJD Convention in 1992 will be in Paris, France by an overall majority of votes at the General Assembly.
- h) All other matters and proposals will be referred again to the next Bureau meeting on Thursday 28th April 1988.
- i) The following results of the election at the General Assembly:-
  - i. Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz is the newly-elected WOJD President by an overall majority of votes, he is from USA.
  - ii. Chaim Apter is still continuing his duty as WOJD Secretary-General. No change.
  - iii. Moshe Gologorsky (Haifa, Israel) is the new WOJD Treasurer by an overall majority of votes.
- j) The next Bureau meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April 1988 at 10,00 a.m. till 12 noon.

At the Bureau meeting, Thursday 28th April 1988; here are the following agenda:-

1. Election of Vice-President(s).
2. Selection of Board members.
  - a) 3 elected officers (per statue)
  - b) Vice-President
  - c) WOJD Convention Chair (1992)
3. Committees:
  - a) Law/Statue changes for WOJD Constitution.
  - b) Public Relations.
  - c) WOJD Convention in 1992.
  - d) Fund-raising.
4. Board/Bureau meeting sites.
5. Issues:
  - a) Dates for next WOJD Convention in Paris, 1992.
  - b) Communication System.
  - c) Stationary.
  - d) Others.

SUMMARY

Again to summarise this whole agenda of this Bureau meeting as follows :-

- a) After the election results: Sid Maxwell is the new WOJD Vice-President and Ms. Ruth Aluf-Levin ( Haifa, Israel) is the 2nd new WOJD Vice-President.

## SUMMARY (cont.)

b) Here is the list of the members of the WOJD Board as follows:-

1. Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz (USA) - President
2. Chaim Apter (Israel) - Secretary-General
3. Moshe Gologorsky (Israel) - Treasurer
4. Sid Maxwell ( England ) - Vice-President
5. Dr. Martin M. Florsheim (USA) - Board/Bureau Secretary  
( Recording Secretary)
6. Patrick Leven (FRANCE) - Chairperson of WOJD CONVENTION 1992  
in Paris.

and the list of WOJD Bureau members as follows:-

1. Ms. Ruth Aluf-Lewin (Israel) - Vice-President and  
Assistant Secretary-General
2. Aharon Eini (Israel) - member
3. Kenneth Rothschild (USA) - member
4. Shlomo Waks ( Israel ) - member

c) Committees:

1. Law and Statute changes for WOJD Constitution ( one year only):
  1. Sid Maxwell , Chairperson (England)
  2. Kenneth Rothschild, member (USA)
  3. Meir Noah, member (Israel)
  4. Representative from France will be appointed shortly.
2. Public Relations:
  1. Chaim Apter, Chairperson (Israel)
  2. Sid Maxwell, Public Relations Officer (England)
3. World Convention 1992 in Paris- France:
  1. Patrick Leven, Chairperson
  2. Annette Leven, Secretary
4. Fund-raising:
  1. Moshe Gologorsky ( Israel ) Chairperson
  2. Chaim Apter (Israel) member

d) Future Board/Bureau meeting sites:

As it was agreed of not having WOJD Mini-Conferences in the coming future. They had agreed to have Board/Bureau meeting sites elsewhere as follows:

1. 1989 - Board - Israel
2. 1990 - Bureau - USA
3. 1991 - Board - Japan ( WFD )
4. 1992 - Convention/Bureau - France

## SUMMARY (Cont.)

## e) Issues:

- i) It is still undecided of the new dates of the next WOJD Convention to be held in Paris in 1992. Awaiting for further information from Patrick Leven, chairperson, as soon as possible.
- ii) It was agreed that we should have communication system network such as electronic mail, etc. and we are going to pursue this matter as quickly as possible.
- iii) It was agreed also that we should change the letter-headings of all WOJD Stationaries.
- iv) Emil Stryker's Award, as named in his honour, the highest prize, will be presented to those who are dedicated and loyal to the work for the deaf community, internally and externally of the WOJD, as proposed by Sid Maxwell. All agreed unanimously at the Bureau meeting.

## Comment:

It was an excellent and successful Convention which I really, had a most enjoyable time, especially meeting a lot of different people, both deaf and hearing alike. We had succeeded a lot, by exchanging ideas and conversations as well as exchanging addresses for further future communication and other interesting topics, whether it is scientific, medical and psychological or any other matter that to do with the deaf which involves within the WOJD. I had received beautiful hospitalities and warm welcome from all the Israeli officials of the WOJD as well as my Israeli Friends. It was an absolutely marvellous week.

At the International Seminar on Deafness, they gave us important lectures, which they did give me a lot of food for thought especially on such specific topics about deaf people and their special needs as well as deaf-blind awareness. Also talked about the other important topics such as deaf-role of leadership in the deaf community, deaf-community in the Holocaust, sign-languages and deaf-cultures, etc.

Rev. Michael Plaskow was attended there at the Seminar and he made a very good speech which astonished the whole audience about an induction-loop system and sign-language interpreters in every synagogue, here in England and worldwide, on Shabbat and other holy-days which can be done without violating the traditional Jewish law.

I went to social parties, again exchanging ideas and conversations; also to different deaf theatres and shows, I am really delighted and proud to say that the London Deaf Drama Group had made an excellent performance, and I received a lot of compliments from an international audience, *on their behalf*.

Besides, I feel it was a great pity that you all could not come and to enjoy in being with us in Israel, but I do understand of your commitments that prevents you all from coming; perhaps another time you all be able to do so.

However, I do strongly, believe that the WOJD have, now, got the good future; at last, the WOJD have better basic foundation than ever before, and it can, now, stand on its own two feet.

## Comment (Cont.)

I wish to appeal to you all by joining us as individual members of the WOJD, so that we can all be united, hand in hand, in order to make the WOJD a firm and strong international Jewish Deaf organisation, where we can have our own pride as being Jewish deaf and to be proud of our own identity. I also wish to appeal to you all by helping me to set up the WOJD Fund here to cover all the expenses for postage, printing, stationary, etc. which came out of my pockets: As well, I would be very much appreciated if I can obtain your help with manpower as well as brainpower, in order to make this organisation to be on the lead and to keep it going.

I would like to thank you for being here at this meeting and also to thank you for your attention in reading this report for those who were unable to attend this meeting, not only from me but from the Board and the Bureau of the WOJD in which I am represented on their behalf.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN.

Sid Maxwell,  
WOJD Vice-President.



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APPENDIX 'A'

Financial Report - 1987

US dollars

INCOME

Membership fees - 4 organizations	257
59 individual members	172
Israel General Assembly (15.Jan.1987)	104
Interest	73
ADI participation	<u>18,000</u>

19,206

EXPENDITURE

Travel expenses and refreshments	206
Administration	995
Translations	24
President' expenses for WOJD	202
Legal costs	294
Membership cards	190
Participation in "Our Review"	5,312
General Secretary's salary	6,250
Pictures and signs	229
Expenses for World Congress April 1988	<u>3,887</u>
Total expenditure	<u>17,589</u>
Surplus (Income minus expenditure)	<u>1,617</u>
Bank balance, 31 Dec. 1986	1,460
Surplus ( income minus expenditure)1987	1,617
Bank balance, 31. Dec. 1987	3,077

Moshe Bamberger  
Treasurer - WOJD



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APPENDIX 'B'

BUDGET FOR 1988

INCOME

	<u>US dollars</u>
Membership fees - US	50
" - Britain	50
" - France (Two associations)	100
" Israel: 20 individual members X \$3	60
" Overseas: 30 " "	<u>90</u>
	350
Contributions	1,250
Allocation from ADI (The Assn. of the Deaf Israel)	<u>24,477</u>
	26,077

EXPENDITURE

Committee members travel expenses & refreshment	312
Office expenses and mail	1,250
Secretary's salary	7,500
Translations	625
Miscellaneous, legal advice, refreshment, equipment	1,250
Electricity, telephone, taxes	312
Travel on official mission abroad	1,560
Third World Convention	8,265
" Our Review"	<u>5,000</u>
	26,077

Subject to approval by ADI

Moshe Bamberger  
Treasurer - WOJD