

**MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
APRIL 24, 1948**

Chairman: Sadie Doroshkin

Present: J. Mann, Sadie Doroshkin, G. Sandler, June Gordon, R. Saltzman, R. Youkelson, I. Goldberg, Ch. Kelner, Ernie Rymer, J. Goldman, S. Milgrim, M. Steinberg.

Agenda:

1. Report - R. Saltzman
2. Polish Federation - Delegation from Poland.
3. O.P.A.
4. Communications

1. Report - R. Saltzman

American Jewish Congress - Saltzman recommends that we elect 5 delegates to the conference of the American Jewish Congress. Also recommends a donation of \$1,000 to the American Jewish Congress.

May First - Imperative that the entire leadership of the Order -- local and national -- participate in the Order Division of the New York May Day Parade.

Membership Campaign - We have already recruited 5,000 new members into our Order. We expect to have recruited 6,000 new members at the end of the current membership campaign. Chicago and Brooklyn are showing good results. The situation is not good in Philadelphia, as far as recruitment goes and it is even worse in Los Angeles.

Conference of the National Board of Directors - Will be held on the 24th and 25th of May. Brother Saltzman proposes that all the members of the Resident Board be invited to the Banquet, tendered by the Brooklyn Council.

Proposals Approved.

Agenda for the Conference:

Opening Session - Report of the National Executive. Discussion will be held on the basis of certain points and resolutions.

That Cultural problems - the inner life of the lodges be discussed at a special session.

The Basis For the Main Report:

A review of the political situation in this country as well as abroad. In conjunction with the above point - a review of problems of the Jews in America and throughout the world.

American Jewish Conference - American Jewish Congress

The Work Done:

Rehabilitation , Relief, etc.

Further Work:

To build the Order - Special consideration to the youth and the Veterans.

Womens Work:

Recommendation to call a National Women's Convention in the Fall.

Schools and their Tasks:

Certain other points in connection with the 7th National Convention of the Order will be discussed. The 7th National Convention will be held the end of May and the beginning of June, 1947.

Questions and Discussion

Proposal to postpone the election of delegates to the Conference of the American Jewish Congress for the next meeting of the National Executive on May 8th.

The recommendations for the \$1,000 donation to the A.J.C. are approved.

Brother Sandler brought forward a number of recommendations:

A) The Order Center in Harlem. Sandler informed the meeting that the Banquet which was planned for May 6th in honor of Ben Davis, Jr. and R. Saltzman has been postponed to June 12th. That the New York District Committees are requested to see that all our lodges fulfill their quotas of money for the Harlem Center Fund, thereby sending delegates to the above mentioned Banquet.

B) The choruses participate in the May Day Parade. R. Youkelson is authorized to communicate immediately with the choruses and their conductors for the purpose.

All recommendations approved.

A Discussion of Saltzman's Report followed with these participants:

S. Milgrim, I. Goldberg, Charles Kelner, M. Steinberg, G. Sandler, Ernie Rymer, June Gordon and J. Goldman.

2. Polish Federation

A decision, based on a proposal by R. Youkelson, was made to postpone this question to the next meeting and that A. Grossfield be informed and asked to be present at this meeting.

3. O.P.A.

June Gordon reports that 11 meetings were organized, and 7,000 signatures collected.

She proposed that all lodges and Emma Lazarus clubs be called upon to organize actions to resume the O.P.A. -- by the following methods:

a) to send telegrams to Senator Wagner, President of Banking And Finance Committee, where the hearings commence tomorrow.

b) to Senator Tobey, Minority leader with a similar demand.

c) to send delegations to Congressmen and Senators and demand that they vote for the O.P.A. sans amendments.

Brother Sandler proposes that we send a special letter and telegrams to all the lodges of the Order in the country.

Brother Kelner adds that a special editorial appear on this question in the Saturday's "Tribune".

4. Communications.

Brother Sandler informs the meeting that a committee visited Brother Rady in the hospital and that he underwent a serious operation, but is now out of danger.

The meeting closed at 8:05 P.M.

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R. Youkelson