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15th Annual Biennial Convention
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Excerpts of Comments
by
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
for
ORT Address
Monday Evening, September 21, 1959

The Mission of ORT and the Senate Work on Rehabilitation

Mr K - Should be this!

I want to begin my talk tonight with a few remarks about one

aspect of Premier Khrushchev's visit to the United States. This

is his speech to the United Nations, and specifically his comments

about the problem of disarmament. All of you, no doubt, read

about this speech in which Mr. Khrushchev proposed total and

absolute disarmament in four years.

Mr. Khrushchev also proposed "the setting up of an inter-

national control body comprising all states, with the participation

of all states." And the Soviet Premier indicated that since

such a comprehensive program could not be initiated overnight

he thought that such small and specific steps as the cessation

of nuclear weapons tests should take place.

Madame
Alphand
says she doesn't
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Her heart
goes bump!
Munich
but not from
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but rather
what she
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Romm!

DISARM

over
350 - chapters - 50,000 members
600 installations in 20 countries
Women to Rt - Women to Left, - Front & Behind!

I am aware that the Soviet Premier intended to reap full propaganda benefits from advocating such a sweeping solution to the problem of the arms race. But to say that the proposal has propaganda value for the Soviet Union is not the same as saying it has no substance. I agree with President Eisenhower when he says that ^{Mr K's} the views on war ^{are} is perhaps the one area in which the Soviet Premier and the United States see eye to eye.

no war *not blow the world to pieces*
 Mr. Khrushchev ^{perhaps} does not want another world war. In fact, I believe he does not want, at least at this time, any war in which Soviet troops are directly engaged. He believes, as he has said many times during his trip to this country, that

history will prove communism victorious over capitalism. *We Disagree!*
 Believing as he does that the course of history is on his side, he wants to prevent a war from interfering with what he thinks is the natural course of history. *Marxist Doctrine*

*His assertion does not however
 Verify or Prove the Point!!*

What should be the United States response to the Khrushchev proposals? ^{well,} We should not dismiss them as only propaganda. I am pleased indeed that Secretary Herter has already stated that the proposals will be studied carefully. They state a goal toward which man must strive. There is nothing wrong in stating an ideal. ^{It is desired!} We have stated many of our own goals in the words of our great leaders of the past: Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and many others.

But to state a goal also ought to imply some concept of how to reach it. It is necessary and essential for us, therefore, to know how we think the world should proceed toward the goal of total disarmament. We must have prepared or in preparation the necessary studies regarding the control measures that would be adequate for the various stages of arms control. There is not much glamour in the painstaking work required in pursuing the control aspects of disarmament. Neither is there much

propaganda value in such an endeavor. But if we expect to
 achieve anything in the disarmament field, study and preparation
 is absolutely a fundamental prerequisite. *(We need to do more!)*

Test Ban!

The test of the "good faith" of the Soviet Premier's dis-
 armament proposals to the United Nations should be how far he
 is willing to proceed at once toward further prohibition of
 nuclear tests -- with adequate inspection to back up enforcement
 of such a ban. Good words must be matched with "good deeds" to
 have any real meaning.

The first practical step that can be taken toward the goal
 of disarmament is ~~prohibition~~ *cessation* of nuclear tests, and provision
 of an effective inspection system to see that the ban is maintained.

When President Eisenhower meets privately with Premier
 Khrushchev at Camp David next week end, I hope he will put the
 Soviet Premier's good faith to test by seeking to resolve the
difference that now stands in the way of the development and
acceptance of an adequate inspection system.

This amongst other issues including Religious Suppression

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In summary then, I say that the Soviet proposal, although full of propaganda and full of idealisms, should not be dismissed by our Government. Instead, we should respond with our own plans as to how the world, specifically the great powers, might proceed to have controlled disarmament based on stages that can be taken safely and judiciously considering the national security of all countries. Only in this way can we determine how much of the Soviet proposal is serious and to what extent the Soviet Union is prepared to accept the controls that must accompany each and every disarmament measure.

No thinking individual fails to realize the staggering waste involved in the East-West disarmament race. *Indicture*

Even aside from the deadly danger of global war, this ^{arms} race, if it continues indefinitely, is going to continue to take a terrible toll of the world's human and physical resources which might otherwise be used for constructive purposes.

Let me quote what Mr. Khrushchev said on this issue in his address before the United Nations' General Assembly on September 18th.

"Never in history have so many states, so many peoples, been drawn into military preparations as at present. If we consider in addition to the military the number of people directly or indirectly connected with the production of arms and involved in various branches of military research, we will find that more than 100,000,000 have been taken away from their peaceful labors. And these, in fact, are the most vigorous and able-bodied people, men of science and technology. A priceless fund of human energy, knowledge, ingenuity and skills is thrown, as into a bottomless pit, and squandered on growing armaments.

as K
said

"The annual military expenditures of all states today total approximately \$100,000,000,000. Is it not time to call a halt to this senseless waste of the people's means and forces and energy for the preparation of war and destruction?"

① my Resolutions - Following French Lead -
% of Savings of disarm to World Rehab!

James
Preside Daulles
World
Development
fund

Khrushchev Can Start Using Arms Money for Health

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Now, let us see how social waste can be translated into social
profit.

Friday of this week, the chairman of the Council of the
Ministers of the Soviet Union will go to Bethesda, Maryland, to
visit the National Institutes of Health.

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This is a visit which I, for one, was among the first to urge.

However, it is a visit which I trust, will not simply be for
sightseeing purposes, not simply an opportunity for photograph
and movie taking, but rather a great opportunity to announce
action.

It is an historic ^{opportunity} ~~chance~~ ^{Soviet} for the Premier to announce that he
is prepared shortly to reserve a portion of the Soviet armament
budget for health purposes instead of for the manufacture of
international ballistic missiles and the like.

He could, for example, if he were so inclined, declare that

he is prepared to accept a step by step system of disarmament,

and that ^{5%} simultaneously with the first step, say 10 percent of

the Soviet arms budget, would be immediately dedicated to health ^{World health}

Let him challenge the United States to do likewise. It is

a challenge which we, I am sure, would be thrilled to accept.

The time for the Soviet Premier to begin is now - not with

mere words which seem ends in themselves but with words based

on early deeds, not with platitudes but with specifics.

ORT Symbolizes Constructive Use of Science

But now I want to turn to what science and technology could

do if they were free to liberate men from their burdens, instead

of adding to those burdens. This brings me directly to the theme

of your great organization - ORT.

*wonderful work
example for the world
teachers!*

In a great many respects, you symbolize what inspired individuals

can do to help realize the priceless worth of every single human

being.

*Your work
your spirit*

*This is our answer
to Khrushch Challenge -
This is the difference - not
just economics + prod*

ORT - our Reply to Krusch

ORT Fulfills Judao-Christian Creed

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L ORT is the logical expression of an ancient creed. It is a
creed which dates from Sinai, a creed which recognizes that man
is made in the image of God, that man is not a clod of flesh,
not a brute animal, not a machine.

L Man is a thing of spirit who aspires, however humble his
origin or position or circumstance, for the good, the beautiful,
the worthwhile.

L There is no man so crippled, nor so disabled, nor so ill, nor
so lacking in faculties that he cannot be enabled to demonstrate
the priceless value that is within him.

L ORT demonstrates that every human being has something to
contribute to this world, whether he or she be refugee or in
any other circumstance.

L Likewise, your organization is the living demonstration that
when you invest in a human being you invest in a way which will
repay itself many fold.

DIVIDENDS

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The individuals whom you have helped to redeem from their infirmities have become assets to society, assets to themselves, to their loved ones - instead of being debits. — *You are builders*

You operate the greatest vocational training organization in the world. *yes,* Your activities are an inspiration to every single organization which has taken upon itself this same mission.

New Senate Booklet On Rehabilitation

I want to tell you that I have come to gain further understanding of what your organization achieves because of the specific work in which I am currently engaged as chairman of the Senate's International Health Study. *med. research*

You will be interested to learn that early in October, there will be published a booklet by our Subcommittee which will be entitled "Rehabilitation of the Disabled in 37 Countries of the World."

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 For the first time, this booklet will present the stirring story of what has been accomplished throughout the world in retraining the blind, the deaf, the amputees, the retarded mentally and physically, the congenital deformed and others who have been handicapped. Naturally, your own organization is cited with admiration in this account.

Your far-flung activities in many nations are ~~mentioned~~ *described* in numerous instances *in considerable detail!*

So, too, overall rehabilitation work in Israel as such is mentioned as a worthy example for other nations.

Enormous Unfulfilled Needs

But while this booklet reflects world-wide progress, it demonstrates enormous unfulfilled needs. It demonstrates that we have only begun to redeem that vast segment of the world's population which remains seriously handicapped.

Even here in the United States, it is estimated that 141 out of every thousand of our citizens suffers an impairment. It is

Israel is a living example of Rehab!

World Refugee Year!

further estimated that 2,000,000 of our disabled have not yet
been rehabilitated.

We are rehabilitating the handicapped at the rate of around
75,000 cases per year. This is a small number, considering the
fact that a quarter of a million Americans become handicapped
every year through traffic, on-the-job, home and other accidents.

These further facts will be stressed in an overall report
which our Subcommittee will present in January, 1960. At that
time, we will indicate that international research in rehabili-
tation techniques must proceed full speed ahead if mankind is
to restore the birthright of the disabled. ORT can and will
play a vital role in this respect.

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Positive - Rehab Needed.

Not Massive Retaliation

but Massive Rehab

Food for Peace
Health for Peace

Edue for Peace

not fear
but faith
Act

Mrs. Harry Becker (Setman)

1920 Strathcona Drive

Detroit 3, Mich.

Natl. Democratic Women

Committee Speakers Bureau +

Natl. Vice Pres. Women Amer. Soc.

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We are rehabilitating the handwriting at the rate of about 1200 cases per year. This is a small number, considering the fact that a quarter of a million cases have been supplanted every year through errors in the handwriting of our agents.

These further facts will be referred in an e-mail report which our Subcommittee will present in January, 1920. At that time, we will indicate that International Woman in Republic action techniques must proceed full speed ahead if anything is to restore the prestige of the disabled. GFT can and will play a vital role in this respect.

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Position - Referral needed
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Senator Humphrey's Schedule

September 18-21

Friday, September 18

1:00 p.m. Lv Washington Northwest Flt. #75 - DC-7C - lunch
3:26 p.m. Ar Minneapolis

Fred Gates will pick you up at airport.

Suite reserved at St. Paul Hotel

Testimonial dinner to HHH - St. Paul Hotel

6:30 p.m. Reception
7:30 p.m. Dinner
(Senator Humphrey only speaker)

Overnight in St. Paul

Saturday, September 19

"Terraceville - 1959" - near Dawson

9:00 a.m. Lv for Montevideo via private plane
11:00 a.m. Lunch
12:00 noon Arrive platform
12:45 p.m. 30-minute speech to be broadcast on radio

Apple Festival - LaCrescent

Private plane Montevideo to LaCrescent

Reservations at Ranch Motel

CST

5:00 p.m. Apple Festival Banquet - Crucifixion Auditorium

return to Minneapolis for overnight

Sunday, September 20

10:00 a.m. Lv Minneapolis Northwest Flt. #403 - DC6-B
11:00 a.m. Ar Fargo

Press Conference on arrival

Reservations: Comstock Hotel

12-1:00 p.m. Reception luncheon-brunch for party workers and leaders
KC Hall, Fargo

1:30 p.m. Program at fair grounds

5:00 p.m. TV show - "Youth Wants to Know" type
KKJB-TV and possibly WDAY-TV

6:00-7:30 pm Dinner with political leaders
overnight in Fargo

Monday, September 21

8:20 a.m. Lv Fargo Northwest Flt. #536

9:00 a.m. Ar Minneapolis
(not sure about this - reservations made in St. Paul)

11:00 a.m. Lv Minneapolis Capital Flt. #14 - 1-stop Chicago
5:15 p.m. Ar Washington Viscount

Women's American ORE - Biennial Convention

6:00 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Exhibit of products from all ORE schools
7:00 p.m. Banquet

Senator Humphrey's Schedule

Washington, D.C.

September 21

Women's American ORT
15th Biennial Convention

Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

- 6:00 p.m. Reception - State Room (limited invitations)
- 6:30 p.m. Ceremonial for Opening of Exhibit of products
from ORT overseas training centers. - Pan American Room
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Dinner - Grand Ballroom

(Ambassadors and Embassy representatives
from 20 countries in which ORT operates,
to be honored guests)

Senator Humphrey - Main Speaker

Mr. Max M. Braude, Director General of World
ORT Union - Address

Other honored guests - the Directors of ORT
Programs in France, Israel and Morocco

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Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, National President
Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, National Convention Chairman

Publicity: Paul Green (ME 8-6555) (will be at Mayflower)

*Mr Harry (Selma)
Becker*

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Women's American

The logo for the Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training (ORT) consists of the letters 'ORT' in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font. The letters are white and are set against a dark, rectangular background that has a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance.

ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION THROUGH TRAINING

National Office

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May 14, 1959

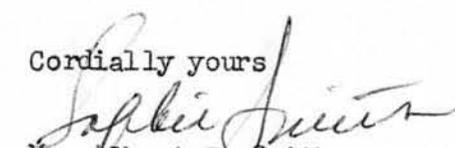
Mr. Wm. C. Connell
Office of the Hon. Hubert H. Humphrey
The U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Connell:

At the request of Mr. Joel Fisher, I am sending you herewith a copy of the invitation to the Honorable Adlai Stevenson, to address the guests at the opening dinner of the 15th Biennial National Convention of Women's American ORT.

We are most appreciative of your efforts in our behalf.

Cordially yours



Mr. Albert E. Smith
National Publicity Director

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

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May 14, 1959

The Honorable Adlai Stevenson
231 South Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

On behalf of the 1,000 delegates of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) who on September 21st will open their Fifteenth Biennial National Convention in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., we cordially invite you to be the Key Speaker at the dinner to take place at 7 P. M. that evening.

ORT as the "Point Four" of Jewish life symbolizes a great humanitarian credo translated and adapted to the practical needs of a world pulsating to the thrusts and the demands of a new era - an era so rich with its potential of better things for better living.

ORT's global operations - more than 600 installations in 20 countries, for the benefit of displaced persons, escapees from behind the Iron Curtain, as well as underprivileged persons in underdeveloped areas - deal directly with the socio-economic insufficiencies of peoples as related to the socio-economic improvement and development of their communities.

A Fact Sheet about ORT, its endeavors, and the objectives of this Fifteenth Biennial Convention is enclosed for your perusal. ORT is a non-political organization. Its installations are financed in part by the World ORT Union and its affiliates; in part by the respective governments of the countries in which the schools are located; and in part by the Joint Distribution Committee, a member agency of the United Jewish Appeal. Women's American ORT contributes to the program through its membership dues. The Convention is not a fund raising affair.

Women's American ORT with a membership of more than 50,000 is the largest organization in the global ORT family. The Convention delegates, each one a leader in her community, will represent 354 chapters located in virtually every important area in the country. These delegates will be an above average group of intelligent, well informed women. And, because you have identified yourself with forward looking democratic activity both at home and abroad, you may be sure they will be a warm, receptive audience for any subject of your choice.

Honored guests at the opening dinner will include top echelon representatives from the Embassies of the twenty countries in which ORT schools operate. They will be there in recognition of the encouragement and

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The Honorable Adlai Stevenson

and support in grants their respective governments have given to the ORT program of technical education and vocational training.

Also among the honored guests are anticipated several directors of the ORT overseas operations, as well as Daniel Mayer, distinguished French political leader and statesman, who is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World ORT Union.

It is our feeling that your participation as Key Speaker would give added significance to the National as well as the International aspects of this gathering, and would be an inestimable source of pride for the Convention delegates as well as the foreign service honored guests,

In the event of your acceptance, our budget makes provision for an honorarium of \$1,000 plus your expenses.

We are eager for your favorable consideration of our invitation, and therefore await your reply with interest.

Respectfully yours

Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
National President

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

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cc Joel Fisher
Wm. Connell

May 15, 1959

Memo to the Senator

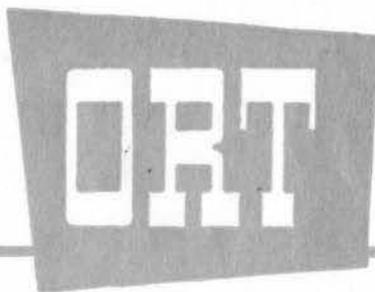
From: Bill

I don't think that we ought to be asked to endorse an invitation for a paid speaking engagement like this, do you? Joel Fisher wants us to do it. Note Stevenson's \$1000 fee.

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*Accepted
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June 10, 1959

The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
The U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Humphrey:

We are delighted to learn from our Washington Council, Mr. Joel Fischer, that you have accepted our invitation to be the Key Speaker at the opening dinner of the 15th Biennial National Convention of Women's American ORT the evening of September 21st in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

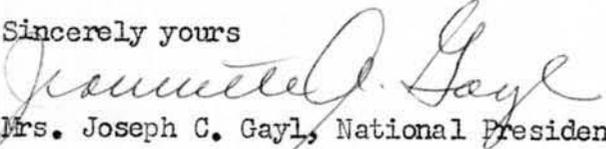
Our representative Mr. Paul Green will be in touch with you to make himself available for any services or material you may need relative to our organization and your participation in the Convention. We know you will find him most helpful and cooperative.

At this point we would like to mention the fact that the dinner will be preceded by an invitation cocktail party officially opening an exhibit of products from all of the ORT schools. From the response on the part of our overseas installations thus far, this promises to be the most complete and representative collection of ORT creativity ever assembled in this country. Among the guests will also be the Ambassadors and top echelon embassy representatives who will attend the opening dinner. We do hope it will be possible for you to attend this private showing, because we feel sure you will be impressed with the high professional caliber of our ORT student workmanship.

Because the membership of Women's American ORT know you to be a friend of long standing you may be sure that a warm welcome awaits you.

We are deeply honored and most appreciative of your personal participation in our Convention. We know that your Key Address will be a most significant contribution to its success.

Sincerely yours


Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, National President

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

P. S. As agreed, the honorarium is to be \$1,000 plus expenses.

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June 13, 1959

Mrs. Joseph Geyl, National President
Women's American ORT
222 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Geyl:

Thanks for your letter of June 10. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to address the National Convention of the ORT.

I shall look forward to seeing you on September 21.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Hubert H. Humphrey

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June 23, 1959

Mr. Paul Green
222 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Green:

Miss Sophie Smith of the Women's American ORT has asked me to provide you with a biographical sketch and a glossy photo of the Senator. Both are enclosed.

Please let me know if we can help you further.

Sincerely,

Violet L. Williams
Personal Secretary to
Senator Hubert Humphrey

Enclosure

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ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION THROUGH TRAINING

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June 26, 1959

REC'D JUN 27 1959

Miss Violet L. Williams
Personal Secretary to
Senator Hubert Humphrey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Williams:

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of
the glossy photo and biographical sketch of
Senator Humphrey.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Sophie Smith
National Publicity Director

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

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National President
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Honorary President
MRS. MAX M. ROSENBERG
Convention Chairman

August 27, 1959

Secretary of the
The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the latest issue of Women's American ORT NEWS, which we thought would be of interest to Senator Humphrey in relation to his Address at the opening dinner of the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of Women's American ORT.

Also enclosed is a list of the Convention Highlights as well as our invitation to the press.

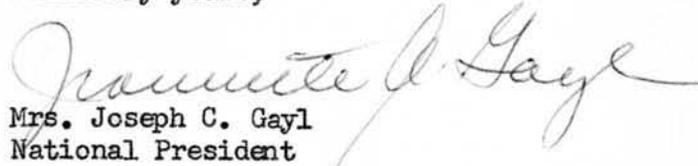
If there is anything that you or the Senator need from this office in relation to the Convention, please feel free to call on us.

May we ask whether we are to make the hotel reservation for Senator Humphrey, and if so when he expects to arrive, and whether he has any preference for room accommodations.

Also, we would like to mention that the Reception immediately preceding the dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. This is a limited invitation reception for the purpose of officially opening the public exhibit of products from the overseas ORT schools. Among the guests will be Ambassadors and Embassy representatives from the ORT school countries as well as prominent public figures from government, the press, etc.

We would appreciate hearing from you and are eager to give prompt attention to any of the Senator's needs.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
National President

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

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"IN THE SKILLS OF WORK REST THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND THE WEALTH OF NATIONS."

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September 12, 1959

Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
National President
Women's American ORT
222 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Gayl:

Thank you for your letter of August 27 and for sending along the attachments for the Senator. They will be very beneficial to Senator Humphrey when he prepares his remarks.

Senator Humphrey will plan to attend the reception preceding the dinner. He will not need a hotel reservation.

Sincerely,

Violet L. Williams
Secretary to Senator Humphrey

September 12, 1959

Memo to Vi
From: Bill

Regarding the Rehabilitation Speech of September 21 at the Mayflower Hotel, Paul Green called to say that he was handling publicity. His phone is METropolitan 8-6555.

The head of the organization, Mrs. Helen Rosenberg is holding a press conference on the 19th, and would like to be able to tell the Conference that Senator Humphrey is going to talk about such and such. He suggests that maybe the Senator would want to talk about Khrushchev, or I would suggest that he might want to talk about Soviet-American cooperation in the field of health, particularly rehabilitation.

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The Mayflower Hotel, Washington D.C.

SEPT. 21, 22, 23, 24, 1959

September 15, 1959

MRS. JOSEPH C. GAYL
National President
BARONESS PIERRE DE GUNZBOURG
Honorary President
MRS. MAX M. ROSENBERG
Convention Chairman

The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Humphrey:

The honor of your presence at the opening dinner of the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of Women's American ORT, Monday evening, September 21st, is anticipated with the deepest sense of pride and appreciation by the officers and delegates of this Organization.

At 6 P. M. immediately preceding the dinner, a limited invitation reception and ceremonial will mark the official opening of an Exhibit of ORT student accomplishment from the Overseas ORT countries. We know that you will be impressed with this miracle of creativity by the young men and women, and also the adult students for whom ORT has been the key to purposeful living.

Enclosed you will find your guest card for presentation at the Guest Reception Desk in the Promenade of the Mayflower Hotel. A Reception Hostess has been designated to make you welcome and escort you to the Reception, where she will present to you our National Officers, International Leaders of World ORT Union, and the Overseas ORT Directors.

The Reception will commence at 6 P. M., the Ceremonial for the Exhibit Opening will be at 6:30 P. M., and the Dinner Processional will be at 7 P. M.

We take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to Mrs. Humphrey in the hope that she will be able to join us that evening.

We look forward with genuine delight to the privilege of greeting you on September 21st.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg
National Convention Chairman

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WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

"IN THE SKILLS OF WORK REST THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND THE WEALTH OF NATIONS."

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COPY
September 23, 1959

Dear Mrs. Gaylor:

I shall long remember that wonderful evening at the National Convention of the Women's American ORT. It was an exciting occasion.

I only hope my message was worthy of your high standards.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

Mrs. Joseph C. Gaylor
National President
Women's American ORT
222 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

COPY

September 23, 1959

Mr. Drew Pearson
1313 29th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Drew:

I see you were one of the speakers at the Women's American ORT. That is quite an organization -- full of charming, intelligent, and dedicated women.

I really enjoyed the privilege I had of addressing them.

I am off to the campaign trails. Shall be in Wisconsin and Oregon between now and the middle of October. In case you have a free day you may want to catch up with me somewhere and join the campaign. I would love to have you do so.

In the meantime, Drew, my thanks for your kindly interest in my activity, and above all for your friendship.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

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COPY

September 23, 1959

Dear Mrs. Adler:

Just a brief note to say hello again. I had such a wonderful evening with all of your charming and wonderful ladies in ORT.

How did the picture turn out? I hope it was all right.

Please give my greetings to all of the members of the Lenview ORT.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

Mrs. Richard Adler
37 Acheson Avenue
Pequannock, New Jersey

COPY

September 23, 1959

Mrs. Norman Evidon
8820 W. 34th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Evidon:

Senator Humphrey asked me to forward to you the photograph taken at the recent ORT Convention. I am wondering if you would be kind enough to forward Mrs. Cohen's photograph to her. I am afraid that I do not have her address in Minneapolis.

The Senator was so pleased with the warm, friendly reception accorded him at the convention. He said it was an evening he will long remember.

Sincerely yours,

Violet L. Williams
Secretary to
Hubert H. Humphrey

Enclosure

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COPY

September 23, 1959

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

I am sure you know how much I enjoyed the opportunity of speaking to Women's American ORT. It was wonderful.

Thanks for a splendid evening.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, Chairman
National Executive Committee
Women's American ORT
222 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

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COPY

September 23, 1959

Dear Mrs. Evidon:

It was good to see you and Mrs. Howard Cohen here in Washington. Did you get the photos?

Now be sure to give the Jewish World a first hand report of our wonderful meeting.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

Mrs. Norman Evidon
8820 West 34th Street
Minneapolis 26, Minnesota

P.S. It was a real privilege to speak to that fine group. Keep up your good work.

St. Luke Sept 26
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REC'D SEP 28 1959

Dear Senator Humphrey,

Mrs. Cohen and I would like to thank you for your letter, and your interest in our new chapter of ORT when we spoke to you in Washington.

We are very dissapointed that we have not received the photos. Some of my mail was missing and I fear the photos must have been among it.

If at all possible
could you please re-
order these pictures
as the publicity is
very important to
our chapter.

I hope we do not cause
you any inconvenience
and again thank you
so much. It was a
pleasure meeting you
and we wish you
success.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Norman Evidow
8820 St. 34th. Street
Mpls. 26, Minn.

REC'D SEP 29 1959
Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

9/27/59

Dear Senator Humphrey:

I just finished listening to you on "Face the Nation", and, as usual, you were terrific!! I agree with you completely on leadership, actually speaking out, and really leading!

Now to the reason for my note, one is to remind you of your promise to send me a glossy of the picture taken just before we entered the Women's American Art opening dinner at the Mayflower on Monday September 21st, and which appeared in the Washington Star. Bill Haber told me it appeared but I was unable to get a copy, as I was rather busy. I met Katie Loucheim on Tuesday, and Wednesday night she came over and spent about an hour and a half with me, and we also did a little "politicizing"!!

I'm to be on the National Speakers Bureau of the National Women's Democratic Committee.

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

You were such a terrific ⁽²⁾ hit as our keynote speaker that on my return home I got a call from one of our girls who heard you asking if you could come to Detroit as the main speaker at a Brandeis University dinner, at which Dr. Fisher will also speak. The attendance runs to 500, and is made up of mostly younger marrieds. The date is November 15th on Sunday at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

Would you be kind enough to write me telling me your charge, and if you can make it on that date.

With my very warm good wishes for a successful future, I am

Sincerely,
Selma Becker

15TH
BIENNIAL
CONVENTION

WOMEN'S AMERICAN
ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION THROUGH TRAINING

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National Office... 222 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N.Y. | ORegon 4-5750

The Mayflower Hotel, Washington D.C.

SEPT. 21, 22, 23, 24, 1959

October 8, 1959

MRS. JOSEPH C. GAYL
National President
BARONESS PIERRE DE GUNZBOURG
Honorary President
MRS. MAX M. ROSENBERG
Convention Chairman

The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

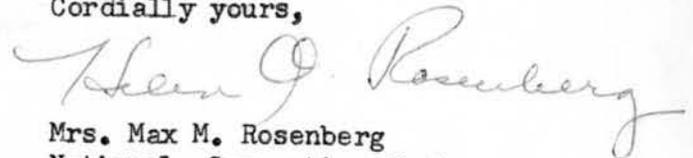
Dear Senator Humphrey:

On behalf of the entire membership of Women's American ORT, I wish to thank you for your timely, stimulating and informative address at our recent 15th Biennial Convention in Washington, D. C.

You may be sure that we are all most appreciative of your interest in the work of ORT, as reflected in your favorable and encouraging comments. I am sure you must know that we who are so absorbed in the work we are doing draw strength and confidence for our great tasks when people like your good self give proper evaluation to our objectives as they relate to the dynamics of educational, social and economic progress in the world panorama of today.

To our sincere and warm expression of appreciation, I wish also to add our very best wishes for continuing success to you in all your own important humanitarian endeavors.

Cordially yours,



Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg
National Convention Chairman

HOR:br

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

COPY

October 2, 1959

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Becker:

As you may know, Senator Humphrey is now on a speaking tour. He will not return to Washington for another couple of weeks. I thought I ought to let you know that the Senator already has a commitment to be out in Minnesota on Sunday, November 15. He will be pleased, however, to know of your thoughtfulness in inviting him to speak at the Brandeis University dinner.

I am sure the Senator will be writing you when he returns to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Violet L. Williams
Personal Secretary to
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

October 16

Mrs. Becker -

The Senator dictated this letter to you, but we were unable to locate the photos before he left the office. Since he is not here to select the photo in which you appear, I shall have to ask you to pick it out and return the rest to us. I am enclosing an envelope which you may use.

Thanks.

Violet Williams
Secretary to Senator Humphrey

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Sp file: Women's American
ORT
September 21

October 16, 1959

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

Dear Selma:

I have had a couple of days here in Washington after an extensive and exhaustive speaking tour which took me into Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Oregon, Iowa and New Jersey. Today I leave for Denver and then for a short and much-needed vacation.

I am sorry that my schedule will not permit me to be in Detroit for the Brandeis University dinner on November 15th. I must be in Minnesota that day. By the way, I am going to be in Michigan October 30-31 for meetings in the 7th and 18th Districts. Hope I will have an opportunity to see you again then.

Enclosed is the photograph. I shall long remember that meeting of the Women's American ORT. It was, indeed, an honor and privilege to be the keynote speaker.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hubert H. Humphrey

The red arrow is me!

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

10/21/59

Dear Miss Williams

REC'D OCT 23 1959

Thanks so much, for going to all the trouble of sending on the enclosed batch of pictures, but these are not the one taken of just Senator Humphrey and me!!

It was taken the night of October 21 at just before we went in to our Women's American Out opening banquet, and later published in the Washington Star.

I should dearly love to have a few glossies if possible - one for me, one for our national Out publicity file, and possibly one ^{or 3} for the papers here, as I'm also a State Commissioner on the Michigan Mental Health Commission, on Katie Loucheim's national Women's Speakers Bureau (where I can really help Senator Humphrey!) and I'm a national Vice President in Expansion for the South + mid west!!!

Please let me know where he will be

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

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in Detroit on Oct 30, + 31st an
I'd like to plan something if it's possible.

Sincerely,

Selma L. Becker

End.

COPY

October 27, 1959

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Becker:

Before we sent you the group pictures taken at the ORT meeting we checked the October 22 issue of the Evening Star, thinking it would have appeared the following day. Perhaps all editions do not carry the same photographs. We will have to do some more checking with the newspaper to find out who took the photo and then get in touch with him. More about this later.

I wanted you to know that Mrs. Millie Jeffrey is coordinating the Senator's schedule for the period he is in Detroit, October 30-31. I suggest that you contact her immediately to see if there is any free time in which you can plan something for the Senator. You can reach her in Detroit at either Logan 8-4000 or VERmont 5-2075.

Sincerely yours,

Violet L. Williams
Personal Secretary to
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey

L. B. Stone

COPY

October 29, 1959

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Becker:

We have just discovered that a photographer from The Evening Star took the picture of you and Senator Humphrey. It is available at the price of \$3.00 each. Since you wanted about five copies I thought I had better let you place the order directly. I just didn't know whether you wanted to pay that much.

I might suggest that you get one copy and then have it reproduced. We have done that with some of the glossies we use in the office and find it quite satisfactory, and not nearly so expensive.

The order must be in writing to the Photo Library, The Evening Star, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

Violet L. Williams
Personal Secretary to
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

10/27/58

Dear Miss Williams:

I thank so much for finally tracking
the picture down! I'm putting you down for
memberships in "The Baker Street Irregulars!!!"

I phoned Mrs. Jeffrey at the number you
sent me and left my name, and as the call
was not returned I assume Senator Humphrey's
time was solidly booked - but tell him I
had some meat at Chardon on ice just in
case, and he has a permanent rain check!!

I'm sending my check for \$6.00 to the Washington Evening
Star and asking them to mail ^{the photos} ~~them~~ to your office
for Senator Humphrey's autograph, and then if you
will, please, mail them on to me.

My very very warm good wishes to Senator Humphrey
in his campaign, and I should be most pleased
to do anything I can for him.

Sincerely,
Selma Becker

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

10/2³/59

Dear Sir:

I'm enclosing \$6.00 for two glosses of a picture your photographer took of me and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey just outside the entrance of the Ball Room of the Mayflower Hotel Sept. 21, 1959 at the Women's American Ord Convention.

The photograph was published in your paper.

Would you please mail the 2 copies to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey's office to the attention of Miss Violet L. Williams, his personal secretary, as he will autograph them and mail them on to me.

Thanking you, I am
Sincerely,

Enc. \$6.00

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Selma L. Becker

COPY

November 13, 1959

Mrs. Harry Becker
1920 Strathcona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

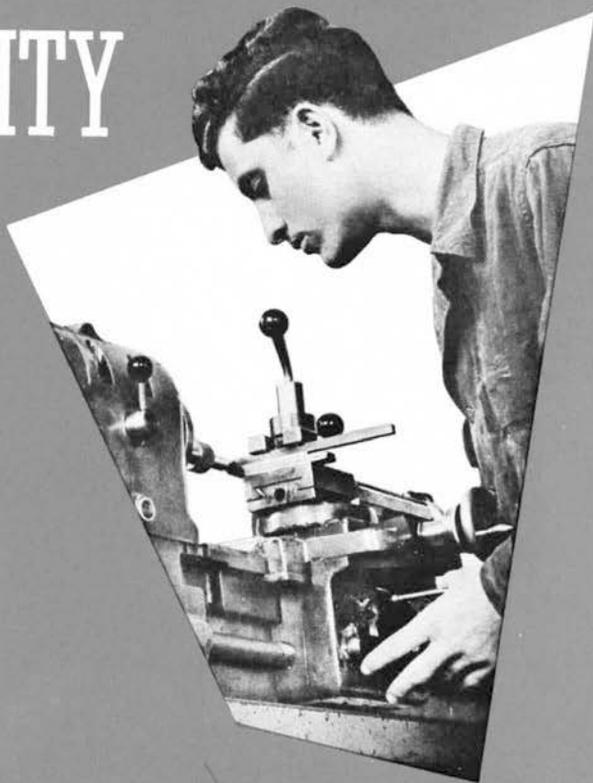
Dear Selma:

Enclosed are the photos - autographed to a very charming lady. Sorry we had to put you to so much trouble in getting them.

Sincerely yours,

Hubert H. Humphrey

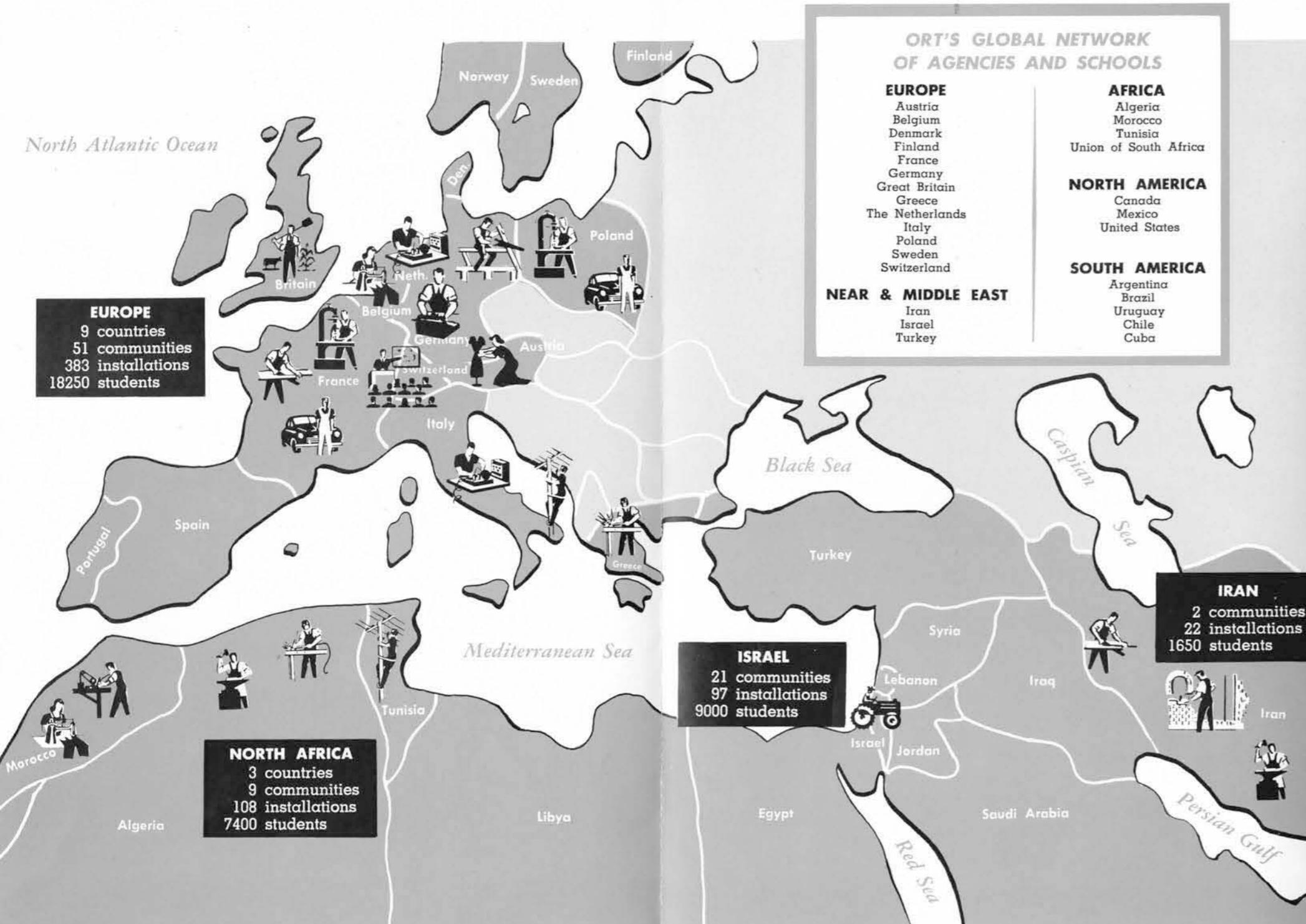
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by the SKILL OF HIS HANDS

Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training)

ORT IS THE LARGEST SINGLE VOLUNTARY VOCATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEM IN THE WORLD



Its network of over 600 installations in 20 countries is at the service of the Jewish people. Seventy different skills and trades are taught in its predominantly three- and four-year technical high-school system. Forty-thousand students are currently enrolled.

A skill is a precious possession. It can never be taken away. For a people often persecuted, too often uprooted, a skill is the foundation for a new life in new lands; for the impoverished it means freedom from dependence upon charity; for every man and his family it means enduring security and dignity. The mission of ORT varies from continent to continent in a mosaic of versatility unified in the concept that: *A Skill Is A Way of Life And It is Life Itself.*

EUROPE

Since their decimation by the Nazis, ORT has played a decisive role in the reconstruction of the Jewish communities of Western Europe. It rehabilitated hundreds of thousands of the survivors of the concentration camps, then became and remains the cornerstone of the vocational educational systems of the re-grouped communities. And today ORT serves as the crucial facility for the economic integration of the new refugees from Egypt, Eastern Europe and North Africa, making them an asset to themselves, giving new vitality to their communities and to the nations which have given them asylum.

NORTH AFRICA AND IRAN

For the mass of impoverished Jews of North Africa and Iran, entombed for centuries in their disease-infested ghettos, ORT is the instrument for individual salvation, the lever for enduring security, and the re-kindled flame of hope and future. Here, as elsewhere, the process of rehabilitation of the individual contributes also to the up-building of these underdeveloped countries.

ISRAEL

ORT is the major vocational training agency in Israel. Because ORT's technical high schools account for more than 40% of all Israel youth attending advanced vocational schools, ORT is now a vital partner in the nation's program of higher education. And because ORT provides over 50% of all technical training in the basic industry skills of the nation, it has become a vital factor in Israel's program of economic construction and development.

ELSEWHERE

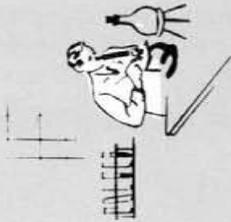
ORT schools are also maintained in the United States, South America and the Union of South Africa. And everywhere . . .

. . . ORT is the Vocational Training Agency of the Jewish People.

Full Opportunity... Total Care: The Platform of Women's American ORT

While the vocational rehabilitation of underprivileged Jewish people is the preeminent task of ORT, all aspects of student life and welfare are important concerns. Food, clothing, shelter, health, recreation and the opportunity for higher education for our students are part of this concern. Therefore, Women's American ORT sponsors a V-point program designed to meet all of the needs of its students.

M.O.T. (Maintenance ORT Training) Project — supports ORT's 600 vocational installations in 20 countries and helps maintain the training program for the 40,000 students currently attending. Provides equipment, tool kits and other facilities for its graduates



... More than three-fourths of the ORT student body are enrolled in its three- and four-year vocational high schools. For the tens of thousands who cannot attend the high schools for lack of qualification or time, ORT conducts a rapidly developing system of short-term, accelerated apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship and adult training courses.



ORT STUDENT HEALTH Project — maintains a program to guard the health of our students. Provides clinics, dispensaries, infirmaries and first-aid rooms; medical examinations, inoculations, dental care and remedial eye care; treatment in illness where possible or referral to hospitals where indicated.

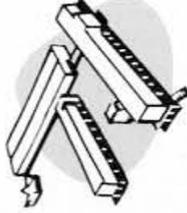


SCHOLARSHIP Project — provides scholarships which afford the most qualified ORT graduates the opportunity to receive advanced technological and education training at ORT's teachers' training institutes in Anieres, Switzerland (for men) and Paris, France (for women).

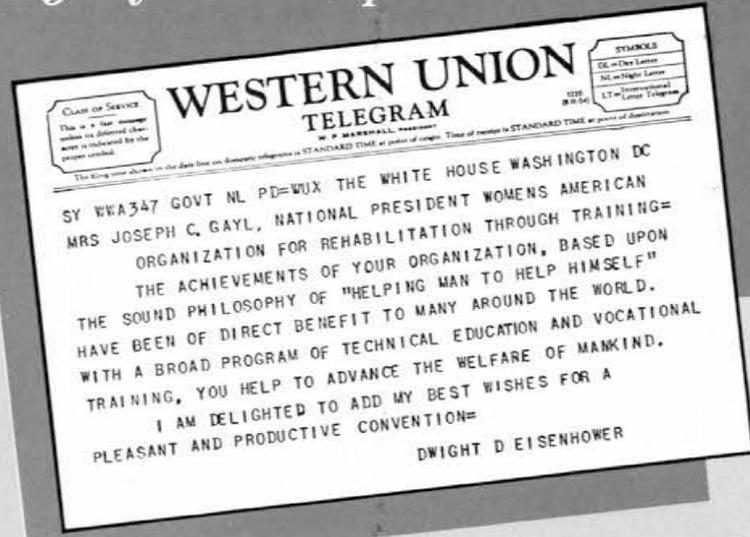
GUARDIANSHIP Project — provides kitchen, canteen, dormitory and sanitary installations and facilities for the schools; food, clothing, pocket money, textbooks, transportation, recreational and cultural facilities, and vacations for the students.



TEL AVIV Project — Women's American ORT is constructing the largest, most comprehensive vocational training center in Israel. The Aron Sengowksi Center, specializing in high industrial skills, is a modern, co-educational technical high school. Nearing completion, classes are now open with half the ultimate capacity of 3,000 already in attendance.



A Significant Opinion...



...An Ardent Plea!

Women's American ORT, with over 400 chapters throughout the United States, contributes majorly to the global vocational rehabilitation network of ORT. It relies upon membership strength to render this support, even as 40,000 ORT students today rely upon this support from American ORT women for their security and futures. The growing demand for vocational education means greater opportunity, means the need for an even greater program at the service of the Jewish people. The continually growing membership of Women's American ORT will help assure that no Jewish youth will anywhere have to want for or wait for the technical education for which he yearns.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to join Women's American ORT

Name

Address

City State

Annual Dues \$5.00

Enclosed please find check for \$5.00

Join Women's American ORT today.

Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training)
 222 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

Women's American ORT

222 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

Fact Sheet

SUBJECT - THE FIFTEENTH BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

DATE - Monday, September 21 through Thursday, September 24, 1959

SPONSOR - Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training)

CHAIRMAN- Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, Chairman of the
National Executive Committee

CONVENTION OBJECTIVES - The primary objectives of the
Convention are threefold:

1. To forge perspectives designed to increase measurably the support by Women's American ORT to the global operations of World ORT Union in order to help meet the enormously increased vocational training needs created by the present and future surge of technological and industrial development.
2. To dramatize and further facilitate ORT's role as an instrument of rehabilitation of individuals and as a technical assistance facility aiding nations in the free world toward greater economic prosperity through industrial development.
3. To stimulate the machinery for expanding membership and other activities in Women's American ORT and public educational activity in behalf of ORT.

ORT - What It Is -

For seventy-nine years the recognized vocational training agency for the Jewish people, ORT was conceived in the philosophy that the highest degree of charity was "helping man to help himself." Implementing this kind of thinking are the ORT vocational training schools in twenty countries of the Free World, where the victims of persecution, expulsion and economic retardation learn trades and skills that are the stepping stone to economic security and improved social status.

Emerging from the chrysalis of its pre-natal concept that ORT would be the instrumentation of helping man to help

himself - the exigencies of history, past and present, have propelled this winged messenger of hope into the arena of the technological revolution where its basic lofty origins take on new dimensions in the family of Nations.

Its areas of operations now extend to Western Europe, North and South Africa, Israel, Iran and the Americas. Ironically there are no ORT installations in Russia, although it was started there in 1880.

Forged in the crucible of time and its concomitant urgencies, the ORT symbol is now universally recognized as the herald of hope, progress and development, not only for the Jewish people, but through them for their communities and for their countries.

ORT - What It Does -

The largest non-governmental vocational training agency in the world, ORT now maintains more than 600 installations in twenty countries, teaching some 100 skills. More than 35,000 students enrolled in ORT centers during the 1958/59 school year, and a total enrollment of at least 38,000 is anticipated for 1959/60. (See breakdown of Student enrollment and Training Units on last page.)

ORT goes wherever there is a NEED. Summoned into all parts of the Free World, it sets up its operations for technical education and vocational training so that the skilled manpower as released from training will be quickly absorbed into the economy and social structure of the community.

ORT education in most of the installations includes general and special academic subjects. These schools, patterned after the American and Swiss systems are certified as high schools and award secondary school diplomas.

ORT also maintains special apprenticeship and adult programs for those lacking the educational requirements, the aptitudes for advanced skills, or the time to attend long-term, full-time studies.

Recent years have brought a new wave of immigrants, Jewish and non-Jewish, to Western Europe and to Israel. These were the escapees from behind the Iron Curtain, immigrants from North Africa, refugees from the anti-Semitic persecution

in Egypt, and the refugees from the Hungarian uprising. Usually completely destitute, these men and women re-equip themselves for financial independence in the special courses established for them by ORT. It is a tribute to ORT's high standards and reputation, that the United States Government designated ORT its principle agent in the vocational rehabilitation aspect of the United States Escapee Program.

ORT students have opportunities for education and training in such diversified fields as tool and die making, electronics, dental mechanics, agro-mechanics, general mechanics, building, carpentry, refrigeration, dressmaking, auto-mechanics, laboratory techniques, welding, and so on, covering almost every important skill essential to national economies of modern nations.

Women's American ORT - Its Contribution to the ORT Program

Founded in 1927, Women's American ORT, the American Women's Arm of World ORT Union, has assumed and fulfilled tremendously increased responsibilities in the operational program of its parent body. Women's American ORT now has a roster of active membership of more than 50,000. Its 333 chapters in 32 regions and its 21 chapters-at-large are located in virtually every important city and community in the country. Women's American ORT's contribution to the world ORT program is achieved through a five-project plan.

Project No. 1, Maintenance of ORT Training (MOT) - This project supports the ORT vocational training installations (more than 600) - helps train thousands taking accelerated apprenticeship and adult courses - provides tool kits and cooperative workshops for graduates.

Project No. 2, Guardianship-Social Assistance - Helps needy students to remain in and benefit from training, by providing them with food, clothing, pocket money, textbooks, recreational and cultural facilities. Also provides the schools with kitchen, dormitory and sanitary facilities.

Project No. 3, Scholarship - Provides scholarships which afford qualified ORT graduates the opportunity to receive advanced training at ORT's Teachers' Training Institutes - the reservoir of the teaching staff of the ORT schools.

Project No. 4, ORT Student Health - Guards the health of students by providing clinics, first aid rooms, examinations,

inoculations, dental care, remedial eye care, rudimentary treatment or reference to standard health agencies.

Project No. 5, Tel Aviv Center - Building a modern and comprehensive vocational high school, with facilities for 1,000 day students and 2,000 evening pupils. The center, the largest and most modern vocational high school in the Middle East, is still under construction, but opened first classes in the fall of 1958. 450 students entered the day courses, and 800 the adult evening courses.

Financing of the ORT Schools

ORT installations are financed in part by the World ORT Union and its affiliates; in part by the respective governments of the countries in which the schools are located; and in part by the Joint Distribution Committee, a member agency of the United Jewish Appeal. Women's American ORT contributes to the program through its membership dues.

Prominent Members of ORT

Among its more prominent members in the United States, ORT counts the Honorable Herbert H. Lehman, Chairman of the ORT Advisory Committee and Honorary President of the World ORT Union; Senator Jacob K. Javits and Representative Emanuel Celler, officers of the ORT Congressional Committee; Dr. William Haber, President of the American ORT Federation, and Chairman of the U.S. Federal Advisory Council of Employment Security, and Chairman of the Central Board of World ORT Union; David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union and member of the ORT Board of Directors; the Baroness Pierre de Gunzbourg, Honorary President of Women's American ORT; and Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, National President of Women's American ORT.

ORT STUDENT ENROLLMENT & TRAINING UNITS

1958

<u>Country by Area</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Training Units</u>
<u>Europe</u>		
Austria	4,149	89
Belgium	966	21
England	12	1
France	3,516	47
Germany	1,087	17
Holland	499	16
Italy	3,261	69
Poland	4,171	117
Central Institutes (Switzerland & France)	127	6
<u>Africa</u>		
Algeria	528	17
Morocco	3,914	52
*South Africa	238	
Tunisia	2,547	39
<u>Middle East</u>		
Iran	1,353	22
Israel	8,254	97
<u>Latin America</u>		
Argentina	311	11
Brazil	122	4
Uruguay	167	3
<u>United States</u>	<u>682</u>	<u>3</u>
	35,904	631

*Vocational Guidance

Fifteenth Biennial Convention To Be Largest in WAO's History; Will Seek Ways of Meeting Increased Demand for ORT Training



TO SPEAK AT CONVENTION: Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota (left), who will be main speaker at the opening dinner of the WAO Fifteenth Biennial National Convention, and Drew Pearson, author-columnist, who will address the opening business session of the convention. More than 1,200 persons are expected to attend the meeting, being held September 21-24 in Washington, D.C.

Convention to Vote on Proposal For New WAO Overseas Project

Delegates to the WAO 15th Biennial National Convention will vote on the most ambitious proposal that has been placed before WAO in four years—the recommendation that WAO institute a new overseas project. This is the most high-reaching overseas plan to be presented to the organization since 1955, when the 13th Biennial Convention voted in favor of WAO's building the Dr. Aron Syngalowski Vocational Training Center in Tel Aviv.

The vote on the proposed new project is being taken upon the recommendation of the National Board, which has urged adoption of the project.

The new project, popularly referred to as the "Sixth Project" and tentatively called EPIC ("Earning Power Improve-

ment Courses"), would, if established, aid ORT's facilities for short-term accelerated training courses. These courses include apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship courses, courses in rudimentary skills, courses that teach a single phase of a trade, refresher courses for persons already trained in a skill but "rusty," and adaptation courses for immigrants and refugees trained in a skill but in need of adapting their skill to the requirements of their new country's industry.

The purpose of these courses is to aid those persons—usually members of the most depressed economic classes—who cannot attend a standard ORT school. The standard ORT school is a technical

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More than 1,200 persons are expected to attend the WAO Fifteenth Biennial National Convention, thus making the meeting the largest convention in WAO history. To be held September 21-24 in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., the convention will decide upon the organizational and overseas policies that will guide WAO for the next two years.

The convention's main speaker will be Hubert H. Humphrey, senator from Minnesota and a leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The public keynote address will be given by columnist Drew Pearson.

Reports on activities within the ORT school network will be given by Max A. Braude, director-general of World ORT Union; Jacob Oleiski, director of ORT-Israel; F. F. Schragar, director of ORT-France, and Bernard Wand-Polak, director of ORT-Morocco. The four are coming to this country specifically to address the convention.

Presidents to Speak

Several major reports on ORT achievements within the United States will be given. Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, national WAO president, will, at the opening dinner Monday evening, give a public address on 1958-59 activities of WAO, and, at the opening business session Tuesday morning, present the problems which will face ORT in the coming years and outline the tasks of the convention. Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation and the Central Board of the World ORT Union, will give the address concluding the convention; he will deal with the latest developments in American ORT activities, the future orientation of ORT, and the participation of

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Program Set for 1,200-Person Parley in Washington

Fifteenth Biennial Convention to Be WAO's Largest

(Continued from page 1)

the American Jewish community in the development of ORT.

Dr. Haber will also install WAO's new national officers, who will be elected during the convention.

Other speakers will be Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, national convention chairman and chairman of the WAO Executive Committee, who will give a report on WAO progress since the last biennial convention; Nathan Gould, WAO national executive director, who will discuss the perspectives for WAO; Mrs. Alexander Konoff, national WAO treasurer, who will give the treasurer's report, and Mrs. Meyer Klatsky, national WAO budget chairman, who will give the budget report.

The central task of the convention, stated Mrs. Rosenberg, will be to "face squarely up to the problems arising from the phenomenal growth of, and demands upon, the vocational training system of ORT."

ORT Growth Predicted

ORT has grown rapidly in the past few years, she continued, and foresees demands for still more growth. It foresees, for example, a great rise in the demand of Jewish youth for vocational education and training.

ORT also predicts, she went on, an increase in the demand for expansion of ORT's apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, adult, and rudimentary training programs.

Still another demand for expansion, she said, will come on behalf of refugees, to whom ORT has always given training and to whom more attention will soon be paid, by governments and agencies throughout the world, because of the beginning of International Refugee Year.

The specific job of the convention, she went on, will be to outline the ways in which WAO can help meet these demands. It will, she said, discuss the WAO overseas projects and consider



Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation and president of the Central Board of World ORT Union, will be a featured speaker at the WAO Fifteenth Biennial Convention.

adding a new project, to be concerned with ORT's facilities for adult, apprenticeship, rudimentary, and special training programs. [See story beginning page 1, col. 1.]

The convention will also, Mrs. Rosenberg continued, "examine and prescribe membership, expansion, and educational activities."

The work of the convention will be done through committees, commissions, workshops, plenary sessions, meetings with country directors, meetings with national officers, and a post-convention conference of regional and chapter-at-large presidents.

The committees and their chairmen are the Nominating Committee, Mrs.

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Convention Greetings Sent by President, Governors, Educators

Letters and wires congratulating WAO upon its success in forwarding the global ORT program of vocational training, and wishing it luck during its Fifteenth Biennial National Convention, have been sent to the WAO National Office by more than a hundred national and international organizations and personages.

The convention is to be held September 21-24 in Washington, D. C. The communications began arriving last spring, shortly after the date was officially announced.

One of the greetings to arrive early was a wire from President Eisenhower, which read, in part: "The achievements of your organization, based upon the sound philosophy of 'helping man to help himself,' have been of direct benefit to many around the world. With a broad program of technical education and vocational training, you help to advance the welfare of mankind." [Complete text of the president's message is on page 4.]

Similar feelings were expressed by Governor Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, who wrote: "There can be no sub-

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Officers and Honor Roll chairmen from Eastern Seaboard regions look on as Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl (center), national WAO president, reads the winning name in the annual Honor Roll drawing. Standing left and right, respectively, of Mrs. Gayl are Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, chairman of the National Executive Committee, and Mrs. Murray Goldenstein, national Honor Roll chairman. Winner of the drawing, whose name was drawn from among the names of all WAO Honor Roll Members, was Mrs. Charles Englebach of Midtown Chapter (Philadelphia Region). She won \$600 toward a trip to Israel.



Largest ORT school in the world and largest vocational school in the Middle East, the Syngalowski Center in Tel Aviv will, it is expected, be completed this year. Shown here is the main building, used for classrooms and administrative offices. The glass-enclosed lower section, which is below ground level, is used for student exhibitions, dining and kitchen facilities, and bicycle parking.

Tel Aviv Center Enrolls 1,800; Construction Nearly Completed

Construction work on the largest ORT school in the world, the Dr. Aron Syngalowski Vocational Training Center (the "Tel Aviv Center"), will, it is expected, be ready in 1960. This was announced in a congratulatory letter from the school's authorities to WAO, which is responsible for construction of the school.

To Enroll 3,100

More than 600 day students and 1,200 night students, the announcement continues, will be enrolled at the Center when it opens classes this month. The school admitted 400 day students and 300 night students last fall, when it first opened its doors, and it will be able to take in its full complement of enrollees—1,100 day students and 2,000 night students—next fall.

(More night than day students can be enrolled because day students, teenagers following a complete high school program, attend classes 40 hours a week, whereas night students, adults taking accelerated vocational courses on a non-matriculated basis, attend 9 hours a week.)

Another development at the school this year will be the opening of a series of courses in precision instrument mechanics. The courses are being instituted at the request of the Israeli government, which has stated that the need of the country's industry for specialists in this

field is "pressing."

Other vocational courses given at the Center are in the fields of electricity, electronics, mechanical and metal trades, welding, and machine shop. (Academic courses are also given at the school. These are taken by day students.)

A gleaming concrete-and-glass multi-building complex standing just off the main road between Tel Aviv and Lydda Airport, the Center has been called by educators and technicians the most up-to-date and complete vocational high school in the Middle East. It is also the largest vocational high school in the Middle East.

Lehmans Visit School

The Center has been a landmark since construction work began and it has received as visitors hundreds of government officials, industrialists, and educators. Two recent visitors were Senator and Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman. In a letter to Dr. William Haber, American ORT Federation president, Senator Lehman, who is honorary president of World ORT Union and chairman of the AOF advisory committee, wrote:

"Mrs. Lehman and I were very glad indeed to visit the school on our arrival in Tel Aviv. . . . It is really a most impressive vocational school. I have seen few, if any, that are better in facilities or equipment. . . . My heartiest congratulations."

ORT Schools Giving Courses in Jewish History and Culture

An intrinsic part of ORT education throughout the world is the teaching of Jewish history and culture. This teaching is included in ORT curricula because ORT authorities feel that ORT, being a Jewish movement based on Jewish traditions, beliefs, and systems of thought, cannot be fully comprehended unless seen in relation to these bases; that knowledge of Judaism is essential to the intellectual equipment of he who would call himself an educated Jew; and that the teaching of Judaism is often the one ingredient that will seem familiar to the orphaned, immigrant, or refugee student, and make him feel at home.

Typical of the ORT courses in Judaism is the seminar given at the ORT Teachers' Training Institute at Anieres, Switzerland. Although this seminar is on a higher level than are similar courses given in the vocational high schools, since it is meant for those who have already completed high school and are now learning to be instructors, it is nevertheless concerned with the same subjects as are the ORT high school courses in Jewish culture.

Rabbi Gives Lecture

The 1958-59 course began with a lecture, given by a rabbi, entitled "Introduction to the Doctrines of Judaism."

The students then heard lectures on anti-Semitism and held a round-table discussion on the subject.

Subsequent lectures were on the prophets, messianism, the Mishnah and Talmud, Sephardic and Ashkenazic Judaism, Chasidism, the holidays, Jewish social movements, Jewish life in the 19th century, and Jewish art and music.

Recent Jewish history was discussed in a series of lectures entitled "The Nazi Persecution," "The Resistance," and "The Jewish Renaissance."

Interspersed with the lectures were discussion sessions in which the students debated among themselves and with the lecturer. The topics of these sessions were "Zionism," "Israel and the Diaspora," and "Who is a Jew?"

The final lectures were concerned with the history of ORT, its current tasks and problems, and its place in Jewish history and Jewish culture.



Students and instructor in the radio-technique laboratory of the ORT television school in Milan. The boys, upon graduating, will be capable of filling some of the most well-paid jobs in Italian industry.

Milan ORT Director Visits U.S., Describes Students' Personalities

"You know, there's something about our ORT students that's very important that sometimes is forgotten momentarily among the statistics and socio-economic data we quote.

"And that is — simply — that they're nice boys. Nice, bright, honest, hard-working . . . good boys."

The speaker was Dr. Enrico Schoenkopf, director of ORT-Milan, a network which includes a three-year television school, a three-year automechanics school, and more than a dozen short-term courses and workshops in which radio technique, general mechanics, hydraulics, tinsmithy, electricity, and carpentry are taught.

ORT Career

Dr. Schoenkopf has been ORT-Milan's director since 1948. He began working for ORT in 1947, shortly after a meeting in Rome with Dr. Aron Syngalowski, the late chairman of the World ORT Union Executive Committee. A native of Poland, Dr. Schoenkopf was an ORT sympathizer while still in that country. He came to Italy during World War II: a lieutenant in the Polish army (which was a part of the English Eighth Army), he landed in Italy in 1943 with the army of liberation and fought there until the war's ending in 1945.

He remained in the army until 1947

and then stayed on in the country to work with ORT.

He was now in New York for a short visit. Asked to describe the ORT students among whom he works, he had said, before interrupting himself, that the present Milanese students are Jewish teenage boys from Italy, Egypt, Tripoli, Tunis, Turkey, and Austria; that all of them are manually adept and quick-thinking and most of them are adroit mathematicians; that many of them are orphans and many are very poor.

He had then interrupted himself to comment: "They are more than all this, the characteristics and the numbers. They are nice people."

He continued: "I'll give you an example. Our graduates, especially those from the TV school, earn, after working a year, three times what the average Italian worker earns. About \$210 per month compared to \$70. This is understandably thrilling to them, and it would be understandable if they soon forgot their very unprosperous pasts.

Student Brothers

"But what have they done? They have formed an organization, one of whose main functions is a 'big brother' setup. Each graduate takes on a younger boy, a student, and truly acts as his brother. Takes him on trips. Helps him

with his work. Talks his problems over with him. Even gives him a little pocket money if he is an orphan or from a particularly needy family. This is all voluntary, and it is the work of very nice people.

"They are also very enterprising young people. To return to the graduates again, you know the success they have at work. Some stay in Italy and make the high salaries I mentioned, some go out of the country: two, along with an instructor, recently went to Turkey, upon the invitation of the government, to teach TV installation; one went to Canada to work in a large radio company, and several have done very well in Israel and England.

Background: Poverty

"You can only imagine the magnificence of these activities when you realize how narrow were the lives and horizons of many of these young men when they first came to ORT. Look at their younger counterparts now in school: so many are immigrants, so many have no families, so many come from the poorest families of the Roman ghetto.

"Then look at what is made available

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER GREETES WAO

Following is the complete text of the telegram sent by President Eisenhower to Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, national WAO president:

"It is a pleasure to send greeting to the delegates attending the Fifteenth Biennial National Convention of the Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training.

"The achievements of your organization, based upon the sound philosophy of 'helping man to help himself,' have been of direct benefit to many around the world. With a broad program of technical education and vocational training, you help to advance the welfare of mankind.

"I am delighted to add my best wishes for a pleasant and productive convention.

Dwight D. Eisenhower"



LEFT: Front view of the ORT Value Center operated by the Lake County (Illinois) Region of WAO. RIGHT: Mmes. Jack Sohmer (l.) and Stanley Schwartz (c.) of the Eastern Massachusetts Region help a customer in the region's busy Thrift Shop. Other WAO thrift shops are now being operated by Chicago Coordinating Council, Chicago South Region, Manhattan Region, Northern Illinois Region, Passaic Chapter of Passaic-Hudson Region, Bridgeport Chapter of Fairfield County Region, and Stamford Chapter of Fairfield County Region. Mrs. Abraham Brodner is national thrift shop chairman.



Iran Official Opens ORT Show, Announces Forthcoming Grant

Indication of the progress being made by ORT-Iran was given by the success of a recent exhibition of student-made products, and a promise, announced during the exhibition, of governmental aid to the ORT schools.

The exhibition, held in Teheran, was officially inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. Mahmoud Mehran, minister of national education, and was attended by more than 400 persons. Among those

present were high-ranking officials of government bodies and Jewish agencies, and prominent members of Teheran's Jewish community.

Said Dr. Mehran in his speech: "It is my duty and pleasure as a representative of my government to note the substantial progress made by the ORT schools, so useful to the country.

"To encourage the development of these schools, the government will allocate a sum, to be used for constructing buildings and purchasing machines, equal to whatever is given by the Jewish colony of Teheran."

Now nine years old, ORT-Iran has a student body of 1,500. In the network are 11 long-term installations, 7 training workshops, and 4 manual training courses.

The Iranian ORT program has been a struggling one because the country has long been underdeveloped and the country's Jews, like the members of the population at large, have long been accustomed to poverty. However, ORT leaders feel that the steady attempts of the country to build its industry and the success of the ORT graduates have been encouraging to the Jewish population and have resulted in increases in the number of applicants for training, the amount of aid given to the schools, and the number of opportunities for graduates of the ORT schools.

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stitute for assistance which enables those assisted to retain their pride and dignity and to become self-supporting members of the community"; and by Carroll V. Newsom, president of New York University, who stated:

"New York University salutes you . . . My personal esteem for your work is accented by my confidence in what education and training can do for the improvement . . . of all peoples. It is through self-accomplishment that men and women, boys and girls, develop reliability and attain satisfactions . . ."

Several persons commented on specific aspects of the ORT program. G. Mennen Williams, governor of Michigan, wrote: "One of the most significant [WAO contributions] is the Tel Aviv Center. It is fitting that you American women would provide for this training program the most modern of the vocational centers in the Middle East."

"Skills Needed Desperately"

George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College, wrote: "You have pioneered in an area which everyone now realizes is rich in significant opportunities. . . . The modern world needs technical skills desperately if the struggle to overcome ignorance and poverty is to be won."

Greetings were also sent by Herbert H. Lehman, Harry Truman, Vice President Nixon, Adlai Stevenson, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the governors of California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

Also the presidents of Brandeis University, Princeton University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Southern California, Syracuse University, University of Wisconsin, Purdue University, Stanford University, and Michigan State University.

Also the presidents of United HIAS Service, Jewish War Veterans, B'nai B'rith, Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, Hebrew Union College, American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, Rabbinical Council of America, American Jewish Congress, and United Synagogue of America.

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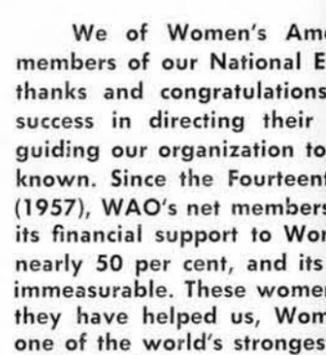
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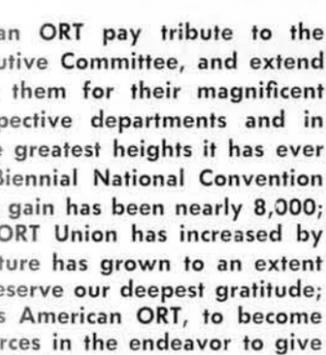
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We of Women's American ORT pay tribute to the members of our National Executive Committee, and extend thanks and congratulations to them for their magnificent success in directing their respective departments and in guiding our organization to the greatest heights it has ever known. Since the Fourteenth Biennial National Convention (1957), WAO's net membership gain has been nearly 8,000; its financial support to World ORT Union has increased by nearly 50 per cent, and its stature has grown to an extent immeasurable. These women deserve our deepest gratitude; they have helped us, Women's American ORT, to become one of the world's strongest forces in the endeavor to give all human beings security and dignity.



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We regret that photographs of the following Committee members were not available at press time:
Mmes. Harry Banner, speakers bureau; Walter Freedman, president, Chicago Coordinating Council; Murray Goldenstein, Honor Roll; Louis Grodsky, vice president and southern and midwestern expansion; George Klein, bulletin; Samuel Krevit, constitution; Monroe Rosenthal, organization and structure; and Sidney Senzer, vice president and Tel Aviv.

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Alexander Konoff, national treasurer; the Credentials Committee, Mrs. Irving Roth, national vice president and membership chairman; the Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Hyman Hilf, national financial secretary, and the Constitution Committee, Mrs. Samuel Krevit, national constitution chairman.

The commissions are the Commission on New Horizons, which will study new avenues in public education and inter-organization relations and is to be led by Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, national president; and the Commission on Organization, to be led by Mrs. Monroe Rosenthal, national organization and structure chairman.

Workshops will discuss the goals and techniques of the standard working departments of WAO. Each workshop will be led by the national chairman of the department with which it is concerned. The chairmen will report workshop findings to the plenary sessions.

Final decisions will be made at plenary (full) sessions, at which all accredited delegates will be present.

Hostess region for the convention is Washington Region, whose president is Mrs. Jack C. Oppenheimer.

Chairman of local arrangements is Mrs. Manuel Hollander. Also on the local committee are Mrs. David Tourkin, a National Board member from the region; Mrs. Manuel Pollisher, hostesses chairman; Mrs. Roscoe C. Springer, publicity chairman; Mmes. Andre de Szunyogh, Mack Blum, and Frank Weiser, gift shop; Mmes. Stanley Becker and Sam Bresler, fashion show, and Mrs. H. A. Meyersburg, decorations.



Nathan Gould, WAO national executive director, who will give one of the major addresses at the Fifteenth Biennial National Convention. Mr. Gould will speak on the future perspectives of WAO.



Greetings from National President

It is a great pleasure to greet the many hundreds of chapter delegates and National Board members who come together from all over the country to form the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of Women's American ORT. Just counting the numbers is part of the anticipatory exhilaration of the Convention. I know I speak for all of us at National Headquarters in saying we welcome you with all the personal warmth and zest for working together which you have extended to us in your individual cities.

Convention promises us many pleasures and many tasks. We meet at a time when public attention is even more than usually focused one one aspect of our work because of World Refugee Year. World ORT Union will celebrate, this coming year, the eightieth anniversary of ORT activities. The history of what those activities have meant to the underprivileged in their own countries and in migration, as well as to refugees, is well known to all of us. The scope of ORT's future activities rests in part with us, and the four days of Convention will help to determine how we can meet that challenge. As always in the past, we shall meet it.

Jeannette C. Gayl

MRS. JOSEPH C. GAYL

Milan ORT Director Visits U.S., Describes Students' Personalities

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to them in the school and in our new *internat* [boarding home]:

"Everything connected with the school itself is designed to make them excellent technicians. New instruments and machines are bought every year. New textbooks are bought regularly. Buildings are expanded.

"The boys also receive social, cultural, and health benefits. There is the *internat*, which is to its residents a real home. There are the meals, good kosher food. There is the health plan, which provides for examinations, first aid, and regular visits by the OSE doctor.

"The boys are also given instruction in Jewish history and culture, and for their relaxation they have a wonderful recreation room with a TV set, a hi-fi set, and facilities for dancing.

"All of these, the teaching, the physical plant of the schools, the health, social, and cultural aids, are what make certain that an ORT graduate will be, in every sense, a *mensch*. A skillful, dig-

nified, enterprising, expansive, successful, happy person. As I said, our boys are nice, really nice. But the nicest person, if not helped to utilize his talents, if not helped to become productive and useful, if lonely and neglected, if hungry or unhealthy, will eventually cease to be a good person.

"This does not happen to an ORT boy.

"We have, however," he concluded, "many directions in which we can grow. We are helped, of course, and greatly, by the World ORT Union and the local committees, by the Italian government, which is always happy to see more ORT graduates in the industries, and by the American women, whose work has supported every phase of our schooling and our student assistance; and we do grow.

"But there are thousands of Jews in Italy, many of them youngsters, to whom ORT is one of the very few avenues to a really hopeful future. So, until we open up our avenue to all of them, we have not done enough."

Braude and 3 Country Directors to Be Here



Max A. Braude
Director-General, World ORT Union



Jacob Oleiski
Director, ORT-Israel



F. F. Schragger
Director, ORT-France



Bernard Wand-Polak
Director, ORT-Morocco

Reports on ORT operations overseas will be given to WAO by four men whose knowledge of ORT can be equaled by few other persons in the world. The four are Max A. Braude, director-general of World ORT Union; Jacob Oleiski, director of ORT-Israel; F. F. Schragger, director of ORT-France, and Bernard Wand-Polak, director of ORT-Morocco.

They will speak at the WAO Fifteenth Biennial National Convention, which is being held in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., September 21-24.

Army Chaplain

Mr. Braude was born in Pennsylvania and studied at the Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh, the University of Pittsburgh, and the Hebrew Theological College. During World War II he was a chaplain.

He left the army with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 1947, and from then until 1951 worked with the International Refugee Organization. In 1951 he was named director of WOU, and in 1957, director-general.

He will at the convention give an overall picture of the activities in the more than 600 ORT installations throughout the world. It is expected that he will pay particular attention to ORT's expansion: in five years, enrollment has gone up 110 per cent, the number of training units has increased 100 per cent, and the number of graduates has grown 150 per cent.

It is also expected that he will discuss the problems associated with ORT's constantly being called upon to

do many different jobs simultaneously—to maintain permanent school systems for Jewish youth, while also frequently setting up, on a moment's notice, temporary programs to meet the emergency needs of refugees and escapees; and to operate technical high schools wherein are given vocational and academic courses nearly as advanced as those given to engineering students, while also operating accelerated training programs for those whose circumstances preclude their attending the technical high schools.

Jacob Oleiski, director of ORT-Israel, has been associated with ORT for more than 30 years. In 1927 he founded a school in Kovno, Lithuania, which was run in partnership with ORT and Jewish public bodies in the town, and from 1930 until 1941 he directed all ORT activities in Lithuania.

After World War II, Mr. Oleiski was placed in charge of all ORT training in Germany.

In 1949 he emigrated to Israel, and in 1950 he was named to the directorship of ORT-Israel.

The network which he heads is ORT's largest. It has 8,200 students and 97 training installations. Recognized as Israel's principal vocational training agency, it has the largest system for vocational education in the country, and all of its graduates are immediately employed in lucrative positions.

It is, however, constantly facing problems, primarily because it cannot stand still. Israel's industry must, for many more years, continue to grow very quickly, and consequently, ORT

must continue to train large numbers of technicians of all types.

F. F. Schragger, director of ORT-France, will also describe a situation wherein ORT is expected to perform several tasks simultaneously. ORT-France currently gives technical high school education to a growing number of native French Jewish youngsters while also giving accelerated training to immigrants from North Africa and escapees and refugees from Egypt and Western Europe. M. Schragger will discuss the forms that these types of schooling take in France, and he will also discuss the ways in which ORT-France helps to integrate the non-natives into the French culture.

Organization Work

The man who will describe these situations has been active in French Jewish organization work for decades. M. Schragger is a member of the Central Board of the United Jewish Fund; president of the Popular Commission, which is in charge of fund-raising for Jewish immigrants, and a well-known lecturer on Jewish history.

He studied in Poland and in the Universities of Grenoble and Nancy in France. He has been associated with ORT for more than a decade.

Bernard Wand-Polak, director of ORT-Morocco, was born in Poland. While still in his teens, he emigrated to France. He studied at the Universities of Toulouse and Caen.

During World War II he served in the Polish Air Force, then under Rus-

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high school with a three- to four-year curriculum that includes academic education on a high school level along with extensive technical training, both theoretical and practical, in all phases of an advanced industrial trade.

This type of schooling produces workers capable of filling the most prestigious and best-paid jobs in industry. It does not, however, fill the needs of those who lack the time to attend a day school full time for four years; these are persons who are in desperate financial condition and must earn whatever they can as soon as they can.

Neither can the standard schools help those who lack either the ability or the prior elementary school education needed to attend a technical high school.

These persons are aided by the short-term courses cited, those that would be supported by the proposed WAO project. These courses are practical workshop courses; convenient for those who must work, they can be given at night, and in short periods of time, since they do not require the amount of study that the practical-and-theoretical courses of the high schools require.

Increase Recommended

ORT currently offers a sizable number of accelerated courses, but has recommended that the number be greatly increased, and has predicted that the scale of living of whole communities of greatly deprived Jews would be raised swiftly if such an increase occurred.

Requests that ORT expand its facilities for accelerated ("Sixth Project") programs have come from several sources. The Israeli government, for example, has been urging ORT to open special schools for Oriental Jews, who lack the cultural as well as the educational background needed to attend the standard, western-type schools, and who consequently remain untrained, unable to help either themselves or Israel.

The government has also talked of ORT's opening schools for teenagers of slightly under-average intelligence; these youngsters can easily learn to be productive semi-skilled workers, but, like the Orientals, they cannot benefit from the schools now in operation and must remain economically useless to them-



Greetings from Convention Chairman

A very warm and cordial welcome is extended to each national officer, National Board member, and chapter delegate and alternate as we convene in our nation's capital for what promises to be a memorable event.

Women's American ORT is faced with challenges far greater than any we have been asked to meet in the past. Alert to the enormous demands arising out of the "starvation budget" of the World ORT Union and to the expanding needs of our own organizational growth and development, we approach our Fifteenth Biennial Convention with pardonable pride in our former achievements, but with a firm and fervid determination that the goals which we shall set for ourselves for the period ahead shall be worthy of the magnificent program to which we are dedicated.

Ours is indeed an historic mission, for it is as true today as it has been throughout the 79 years of ORT's service to world Jewry that "In the skills of work lie the dignity of man and the wealth of nations."

May we, working together for a common purpose, make this 1959 Convention a truly stimulating and fruitful experience.

Helen O. Rosenberg

MRS. MAX M. ROSENBERG

selves and the country until schools meant for them are opened.

The governments and the Jewish communities of the North African countries in which ORT operates—Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia—are also pressuring ORT to expand its short-term installations. There are now 34 apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, all of them crowded, in these countries.

WAO now gives support to the short-term installations through its M.O.T. (Maintenance ORT Training) Project, which aids the general building, maintenance, operational, and training programs of all of the 631 ORT installations, standard and accelerated. However, leaders of both WAO and World ORT Union feel that more efficient results can be obtained if M.O.T. is used exclusively to forward ORT's "educational role," i.e., the educating of a select group of students for the highest technical positions; and a separate project is set up to forward ORT's "social role," the training of masses of people in the industrial techniques—first the basic ones and then the more advanced ones—that will lift them from poverty to the secure economic and social status of the skilled or semi-skilled worker.

If the new project is established, WAO will have six overseas projects: M.O.T.; the "EPIC Project"; Guardianship-Social Assistance, which provides social aid for needy students, and living, eating, recreational, and cultural facilities for schools; Scholarship, which provides scholarships to the ORT teachers' training institutes; Student Health, which provides for first aid, preventive medical care, rudimentary treatment, and reference to standard health agencies, and Tel Aviv, which is building the Syngalowski Center, the largest school in the ORT network.

Leaders Confident

The vote on the proposed project will be taken during a plenary session of the Convention, which is being held September 21-24 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. WAO leaders, noting the enthusiasm with which the National Board recommended adoption of the project, and the praise with which World ORT Union greeted the recommendation, which it called "an indication of WAO's farsighted understanding of the needs of the Jewish people," are confident that the convention will vote the "Sixth Project" into being.

Who Are The ORT Students?

Who are the ORT students?

Esther Mossé is an ORT student.* Fifteen years old, she has dark hair, large black eyes, a soft, well-modulated voice. She is intelligent and she thinks swiftly and clearly; although, when asked a question, she usually hesitates before answering and then speaks in a whisper, her face down and her eyes lowered, as if she were afraid both to hear her own words and to see her listener's reaction.

Esther was born in one of the caves that the inhabitants of the *mellah*, Casablanca's dirty, teeming Jewish economic ghetto, refer to as homes. Her father is 74 years old and works intermittently at odd jobs. Her mother is too ill to leave their "home." The parents had hoped Esther would begin helping to support them last year, after she completed elementary school. But Esther pleaded to be allowed to attend an ORT school. For one thing, she desperately wanted to continue studying and learning. For another, she knew that there are very few, if any, honorable ways for an unskilled girl of 15 years to earn a living in Casablanca.

A Home at Anfa

Her pleas finally persuaded her parents and she applied to Val d'Anfa, the ORT school for girls in Casablanca. She was accepted as a student. She was also accepted as a boarder-in at the dormitory, the school social worker having written, after visiting her home:

"Both the physical and moral aspects of this quarter are inexpressibly depressing. The consequences will be lamentable if we do not remove this child to a better environment."

Esther moved into the dorm and was given new clothing and decent meals—the first of either she had ever had. Her parents were given a small stipend. She started classes and she went at her studies with the joy of an infant: she looked on the sewing machine she was learning to operate as the wildest marvel she had ever known, and on her textbooks as new worlds.

*These cases have been taken from ORT school records, but the names are wholly fictitious.

She had one more problem: an accident 12 years before had injured one of her legs permanently, and she had never been able to afford correct orthopedic appliances. ORT purchased these for her.

Esther is now entering her second year at Val d'Anfa. She still speaks in a hushed voice and faces you with downcast eyes, but she now works and learns as is her right, and walks as is her right, and eats as is her right, and she shall some day soon look the world in the face—as is her right.

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Shimon Weisberg is an ORT student.* He was born in Israel. He is the son of two people who have never had anything to give him but dignity, and into his bones. The father was stricken with meningitis at six, and has since been deaf. The mother, whose childhood was spent in a convent and with adoptive parents, her own parents having been divorced, has been nearly blind for years because of illness and overwork. There were four children in the house by the time the mother was 25, and there has never been any money.

The father is a carpenter, but his specific disability and his general ill health have hampered his work. The couple have refused charity from their neighbors several times, choosing always to find whatever work they can and so support themselves in whatever fashion they can.

Pride

When Shimon finished primary school, he applied to ORT's cabinet-making school in Tel Aviv and was accepted. He has been from the beginning an exceptional student, talented, quick, hardworking, helpful to other students. He has never discussed conditions at home and he evades questions about his family's health.

However, shortly after he began school, his case was noticed and it was thought that the family might agree to accept help if it were offered in the form of aid to the boy. They did agree. Shimon was given a scholarship, travel-



ing expenses, meals at school, and was sent to summer camp.

The next fall, Shimon headed once more toward the ORT school. He had changed. He had gained weight, he had gained color. The smile, once a little faraway, was now an out-and-out grin. The walk, always upright and proud, was now just short of a strut. At his side was his younger brother, ready to start his first year with ORT.

Back at home were his parents, a little better off than they had been a year ago: Shimon had been able to help his father out during the summer, and Shimon's own expenses had been lightened through ORT's help.

No Longer Dreams

And too, the couple saw—and they see now, a year later—a future. They look at the pictures Shimon has made in his spare time—pictures of inlay woodwork in which airplanes, the Statue of Liberty, and the Eiffel Tower can be glimpsed—and think that the heights and the dreams symbolized by their son in his work may no longer be just dreams. Upon graduation, the two boys will be highly skilled workers, able to start, with their father, a very productive and lucrative shop.

And, if it turns out, as the parents expect it will, that the boys will be teaching some new turns to their father, the father will not be disturbed: he smiles good-humoredly that it won't be the first time in history that the eggs have taught the chicken.

When that time comes, the Weisbergs will still refuse to take charity. But the difference will be that nobody will consider offering it to them: they very obviously won't need it.

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Who are the ORT students? Esther is an ORT student and Shimon is an ORT student. There are 36,000 others like them.

Braude and Country Directors to Be Here

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sian command. He began working for ORT after the war: he helped to organize a vocational school in a DP camp, and was put in charge of the school.

He returned to France in 1947 and shortly after his return was appointed director of the ORT school at Lyons. In 1952 he was appointed to his present position in Morocco.

The school system he directs now enrolls more than 4,000 students, many of them from the *mellah*. The *mellah* is Morocco's Jewish economic ghetto, to which thousands of Jews are confined, not because of legal restrictions, but because they cannot afford to leave. The homes within it are overcrowded, cavelike structures, the streets are narrow and foul, and the inhabitants live with disease and near-starvation constantly. ORT training has freed thousands of persons from this environment by giving them skills which lead immediately to lucrative jobs.

Information about WOU, France, Israel, and Morocco will be given to convention delegates by the four directors through formal talks, and also through discussion sessions in which delegates will question and talk with the directors in the informal atmosphere of "gab sessions."

Rosh Hashonah Greetings From the Editorial Board

The WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT NEWS extends to all members and friends of Women's American ORT best wishes for the New Year 5720. May this year and all those to come be healthy, happy, and filled with blessings for you and for those dear to you. May your Rosh Hashonah, and all your days, be enriched and gladdened by the knowledge that thousands of men and women can celebrate this New Year in security and joy because you, as a supporter of ORT, have cared for them.



Moroccan ORT Student

They Still Need You Very Much

One year ago the WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT NEWS printed a headline that read, "27,000 Need You." It referred to the dependency of the ORT students—who numbered 27,000—upon Women's American ORT. That headline, if printed today, would be, in one sense, vastly incorrect.

It would be incorrect because ORT enrollment today—just *one year later*—is 36,000, and still growing. It has reached that number, and is growing, simply because more people have applied, and continue to apply, for ORT vocational training than ever before: the number of Jews has increased who realize that vocational training is a path out of poverty and into security, out of charity and into independence, out of degradation and into dignity.

These applicants are admitted because ORT does not run on a quota system: its "quota" is all those who seek to stand proudly on their own, earned, place in the world, and it knows that should it attempt to cut down the number of its students, it will be hacking off, not numbers, but human beings.

And these applicants are admitted because ORT, an exceedingly flexible organization, will, whenever the least bit possible, add one more classroom, purchase one more machine, admit one more student.

But the most flexible things reach a point beyond which they cannot bend or stretch. They must have new material for growth. ORT has reached this point. Without added help, it must cease growing. If it ceases growing, the applicants will still continue to come, but the schools will just have to say, more and more frequently, "Sorry, no room."

You, by re-enrolling in WAO, can provide the material ORT needs for growth. In this sense, last year's headline is still quite correct: you are very much needed. Do not ask, "Of what help are the dues of one person?" The dues of one person might well make the difference between buying a new tool or not buying it, between adding a new classroom or not adding it, between admitting one more student or saying to him: "Sorry, no room."

RE-ENROLL NOW. And ask your friends to join.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT
CONVENTION
MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 21st - 24th

Monday Evening, Sept. 21

- Limited invitation Cocktail Reception officially opening public exhibit of products from ORT overseas Training Centers

Opening Dinner - Ambassadors and Embassy representatives from twenty countries in which ORT operates, to be honored guests

The Honorable Senator Hubert H. Humphrey - Main Speaker

Mr. Max M. Braude, Director General of World ORT Union - Address

Other honored guests the Directors of the ORT Programs in France, Israel and Morocco

15TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

WOMEN'S AMERICAN
ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION THROUGH TRAINING

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The Mayflower Hotel, Washington D.C.

SEPT. 21, 22, 23, 24, 1959

MRS. JOSEPH C. GAYL
National President
BARONESS PIERRE DE GUNZBOURG
Honorary President
MRS. MAX M. ROSENBERG
Convention Chairman

August 14, 1959

Dear Sir:

You or your representative are cordially invited to attend the 15th Biennial National Convention of Women's American ORT, which will take place September 21st through the 24th in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

More than 1,000 delegates representing 55,000 members organized into 400 chapters in 25 states will attend. Women's American ORT is the American Women's Arm of the World ORT Union, a voluntary agency conducting a vocational rehabilitation program of technical training and education in more than 600 training units in 20 countries, for the displaced, refugee, and indigent Jewish people.

On Monday evening the Convention will officially open with a dinner at which Ambassadors and Embassy representatives from the twenty countries in which there are ORT installations will be honored guests as tribute to their respective governments for their moral and material support of the ORT program. The featured speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Senator from Minnesota. Tuesday morning, the opening session will hear an address by Drew Pearson.

The issues of the Convention and the Convention goals will focus on the need for accelerating support to the expanding program of World ORT Union incident to the rapid industrialization of nations, particularly in Europe and in the underdeveloped countries where ORT has its main network- and also in relation to the expansion of all the phases of ORT work for its participation in the program for the World Refugee Year.

The background for these goals is the pace of industrialization, with attendant favorable employment opportunities, in many areas which have

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precipitated a tremendous increase in ORT student enrollment, particularly in the ORT Vocational High Schools. Enrollment jumped from 17,000 in 1955 to 36,000 in 1958 - with the heartache of growing waiting lists of qualified applicants, which are greater than ORT can accommodate.

A resolution destined to have far-reaching effect upon ORT's social and economic role both in Jewish life and the communities in which it operates will be brought before the Convention by recommendation of the National Board. While the major installations of ORT are of a high school and junior college level (3/4 of the students in ORT Centers attend 3 and 4 year high school courses), Women's American ORT has called for a rapid expansion of the short term apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, which provide accelerated training in rapid stages to large layers of populations which while they do not have the qualifications for the higher levels of education, are an untapped, rich reservoir for communities with a need for semi-skilled manpower. And, while filling this manpower need, the living standards of tens of thousands of the most underprivileged and impoverished people will be systematically raised.

The Convention will prepare to extend all of the facilities of Women's American ORT in the light of the World Refugee Year, and also in relation to ORT's responsibility as the agency for the U. S. Government in all the vocational training aspects of the United States Escapee Program in Germany and in Austria. In Austria a special ORT program organized immediately after the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, has provided vocational training to over 6,000 Jewish refugees who fled Hungary, and today is still providing training to some 2,000 Hungarian refugees who have remained in Vienna. In Poland, in 20 cities, more than 4,000 repatriated Jews from behind the Iron Curtain are receiving training in the skills essential to their emigration to other countries.

Because of the importance of Women's American ORT participation in the program of World ORT Union, many of the International ORT leaders will be present, among them Dr. William Haber, President of the Central Board of World ORT Union; Mr. Max M. Braude, Director General of World ORT Union; Mr. F. Schrager, Director of the ORT Program in France; Mr. J. Oleiski, Director of the ORT Program in Israel, and Mr. B. Wand-Polak, Director of the ORT Program in Morocco.

Plans and perspectives for the accelerated development and growth of Women's American ORT will be presented to the Convention delegates through three separate reports. The first, a report by Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, National President, entitled "New Horizons" will outline the new goals,

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including an extensive campaign of public education in the meaning and the work of ORT, and a plan for the inauguration of a national leadership training school. The second, a "Stewardship" report, presented by Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, Chairman of the National Executive Committee, will cover a two-year evaluation of the work and achievements of the organization. This assessment will, in effect, measure the present range and capacity of the organization for the new undertakings, posed in the challenge of the necessity for expanding ORT facilities. A report on organizational perspectives focusing upon a campaign of membership growth and expansion of the chapters and regions of the organization will be presented by Mr. Nathan Gould, National Executive Director. These three reports will provide the basis for discussion in some twenty separate departmental workshops as well as the plenary sessions of the Convention.

For your convenience we are enclosing a list of Convention Highlights which we believe will be timely and newsworthy for the press. We look forward to the pleasure of meeting you at Convention Time.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Albert E. Smith
National Publicity Director

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Tuesday Morning, Sept. 22- Featured Speaker, - Mr. Drew Pearson

Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl, National President Women's American ORT - Convention Keynote Address-"New Horizons"

Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, Chairman National Executive Committee - "Stewardship Report"

Treasurer's Report - Budget Report

Luncheon - First Showing of the 1960 Collection of ORT Fashions from the ORT Schools of Dressmaking and Design of Paris, Vienna, Tunis, Morocco, Iran and Israel

Membership awards

Afternoon - Plenary Session - Address - "The Situation in Israel, and the ORT Program" by Mr. Jacob Oleiski, Director of Israeli ORT

Workshops of various projects and departments

Evening - Informal Discussion Sessions - ORT in Western Europe - ORT in Israel - ORT in North Africa - World ORT Union. A series of intimate sessions with the ORT program directors of these areas.

Wednesday Morning, Sept. 24- Workshops of various projects and departments

Luncheon - Address - Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Executive Vice-Chairman of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

France and the ORT Program, by Mr. F. Schragar
Director of ORT Program in France

Tel Aviv Award

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HIGHLIGHTS OF WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT CONVENTION (continued)

- Wednesday Afternoon, Sept. 23 - Plenary Session opened by Mr. Wand-Polak, Director of ORT Morocco, "North Africa and the ORT Program"
- "Perspectives" - Mr. Nathan Gould, National Executive Director Women's American ORT
- Constitution Committee Report
- Recommendations of Commissions for "New Horizons", "Organization"
- Evening - Informal Discussion Sessions - ORT in Western Europe - ORT in Israel - ORT in North Africa - World ORT Union. A series of intimate sessions with the ORT program directors of these areas.
- Thursday Morning, Sept. 24 - Reports of Resolution Committee, Workshops, Nominating Committee
- Election of Officers and National Board Members
- Luncheon - Address - Dr. William Haber, Chairman of the Central Board of World ORT Union, President of American ORT Federation, Special Consultant to the U.S. Secretary of Labor, for 7 years Chairman of the Federal Advisory Council of Employment and Security, at present a member of Council, since 1936 Professor of Economics at University of Michigan
- Installation of newly elected officers and National Board, by Dr. William Haber
- Citations to outgoing presidents of regions and chapters-at-large.

Program

Fifteenth Biennial National Convention

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

IN ORDER TO BE ACCREDITED FOR VOTING,
ALL DELEGATES INCLUDING NATIONAL
BOARD MEMBERS MUST REGISTER BEFORE
THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMIT-
TEE IS MADE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd,
AT 9:30 A.M.



SEPTEMBER 21-24, 1959
MAYFLOWER HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

"IN THE SKILLS OF WORK REST THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND THE WEALTH OF NATIONS"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1959

Registration.....Promenade.....10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Pre-Convention Full Meetings of Committees and Commissions
National Executive Committee ..11:00 A.M.....North Rm., Promenade....Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg
Chairman
Constitution Committee 7:30 P.M.....East Room, Promenade.....Mrs. Samuel Krevit
Chairman



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1959

Registration.....Promenade.....9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.
Pre-Convention Full Meetings of Committees and Commissions
Constitution Committee11:00 A.M.....Virginia Room, 2nd floor....Mrs. Samuel Krevit
Chairman
Nominating Committee11:00 A.M.....East Room, Promenade....Mrs. Alexander Konoff
Chairman
Commission on New Horizons11:00 A.M.....State Room, Promenade.....Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
Chairman
Resolutions Committee 2:00 P.M.....Maryland Room, 2nd floor.....Mrs. Hyman Hilf
Chairman
Commission on Organization 2:00 P.M.....Jefferson Rm., low. lev.....Mrs. Monroe Rosenthal
Chairman



Public Exhibition —
“THE WORKS OF THE ORT SCHOOLS”.....Pan American Room, Promenade.....6:30 P.M.



AMBASSADORIAL DINNER — 7:00 P.M. — GRAND BALLROOM

MRS. MAX M. ROSENBERG, Presiding
Chairman, 15th Biennial Convention

Presentation of Honored Guests
National Anthem
Invocation.....Rabbi Balfour Brickner
Temple Sinai, Washington, D. C.
Opening of Convention.....Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg
Greeting from Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States.....Mr. Leonard J. Saccio
Deputy Director, International Cooperation Administration
Greetings in the name of the “ORT Country” Embassies.....His Excellency Hervé Alphand
Ambassador of France
Presentation of W.A.O. Citation for Distinguished Humanitarian Service by Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
National President, Women's American ORT
Response.....Dr. William Haber
President, American ORT Federation
World ORT Union Report.....Mr. Max A. Braude
Director-General, World ORT Union
Greeting from Izhak Ben-Zvi, President of the State of Israel.....The Honorable Yaacov Herzog
Minister Plenipotentiary
Salute to Honored Guest.....Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
ADDRESS.....The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
United States Senator from Minnesota



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1959

Registration.....Promenade8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Everything being wrong - must be doing alright! Budget!

AFTERNOON SESSION — 2:30 P.M. — EAST AND STATE ROOMS

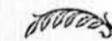
MRS. LOUIS CESSINE, Presiding
Past President, Long Island Region

“NORTH AFRICA AND THE ORT PROGRAM”.....Mr. Bernard Wand-Polak
Director, ORT-Morocco
Report of Constitution Committee.....Mrs. Samuel Krevit
National Constitution and By-Laws Chairman
PERSPECTIVES.....Mr. Nathan Gould
National Executive Director
Recommendations of Commissions
New Horizons.....Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
Organization.....Mrs. Monroe Rosenthal



INFORMAL EVENING SESSION — 9:00 P.M.

Buffet Supper.....State Room, Promenade.....6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Informal question and discussion meeting led by overseas directors from 9:00 P.M.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1959

MORNING SESSION — 9:30 A.M. — EAST AND STATE ROOMS

MRS. HARRY SHEPHERD, Presiding
Past President, Chicago Coordinating Council

Reports and Recommendations of Workshops
Report of Resolutions Committee.....Mrs. Hyman Hilf
Report of Nominating Committee.....Mrs. Alexander Konoff
Election of National Officers and National Board
The report of the Nominating Committee with the proposed slate will be posted on Wednesday
on the official Women's American ORT Bulletin Board to be found at the entrance to the State
and East Rooms.



LUNCHEON SESSION — 1:00 P.M. — GRAND BALLROOM

MRS. MATHILDA LURIE, Presiding
Past President, Southern California Coordinating Council

Invocation.....Mrs. Joseph Datlof
Past President, Delaware Valley Region
“VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, OVERSEAS SERVICES,
OBJECTIVES, RELATIONSHIPS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS”.....Mr. Ugo Carusi
Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid
Address.....Dr. William Haber
President, Central Board of World ORT Union
President, American ORT Federation
Citations to Outgoing Presidents.....Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
Installation of National Officers.....Dr. William Haber



ADJOURNMENT OF CONVENTION

The Newly elected National Board will convene following adjournment of Convention for a brief
session in the Virginia Room, second floor.
Conference of Presidents of Regions and Chapters-at-Large will begin Thursday evening and
continue on Friday, September 25th in the Virginia Room, second floor.

MORNING SESSION — 9:30 A.M. — EAST AND STATE ROOMS

MRS. JOSEPH GLICK, *Presiding*
Past President, Pittsburgh Region

ADDRESS.....	Mr. Drew Pearson <i>Columnist, Publicist, Author</i>
Welcome from Hostess Region.....	Mrs. Jack C. Oppenheimer <i>President, Washington Region</i>
National Board Seating.....	Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
Organization of Convention.....	Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg
Report of Credentials Committee.....	Mrs. Irving Roth <i>Chairman, Convention Credentials Committee</i>
KEYNOTE ADDRESS.....	Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl
Report: TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS.....	Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg <i>Chairman, National Executive Committee</i>
TREASURER'S REPORT.....	Mrs. Alexander Konoff <i>National Treasurer</i>
BUDGET REPORT.....	Mrs. Meyer Klatsky <i>National Budget Chairman</i>
General Questions and Discussion	



LUNCHEON — 12:30 P.M. — GRAND BALLROOM

MRS. NATHAN DAVIDMAN, *Presiding*
Past President, Bronx Region

Invocation.....	Mrs. David Dawn <i>Westchester Region</i>
Greeting.....	Mr. Geoffrey Thornett <i>Secretary, District of Columbia Board of Commissioners</i>
Membership Awards.....	Mrs. Irving Roth <i>National Membership Chairman</i>
ORT Fashion Show — "SHE WALKS IN BEAUTY"	
Commentator.....	Mrs. Oscar Chapman
Arrangements.....	Mrs. Jerome Myerson, <i>National Program Chairman</i> Mrs. Murray Goldenstein Miss Joyce Kaplan Mrs. Samuel Gendleman, <i>Washington Region</i>
Models.....	Washington Region
Pianist.....	Mrs. Samuel Bressler



AFTERNOON SESSION — 2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. — ADDRESS AND WORKSHOPS

MRS. CHARLES FEINSON, *Presiding*
Past President, Eastern Massachusetts Region

Delegates will remain at tables in Grand Ballroom for the beginning of the afternoon session.

"ISRAEL AND THE ORT PROGRAM"	Mr. Jacob Oleiski <i>Director, ORT-Israel</i>
WORKSHOPS (Plenary Session adjourns for meetings of separate workshops)	
Bulletin.....	Jefferson Room, lower level Mrs. George Klein <i>National Bulletin Chairman</i>
Education.....	Cabinet Room, Promenade Mrs. Ferdinand Kaufmann <i>National Education Coordinator</i>
Membership.....	State Room, Promenade Mrs. Irving Roth <i>National Membership Chairman</i>
Organization & Structure.....	East Room, Promenade Mrs. Monroe Rosenthal <i>National Chairman of Organization & Structure</i>

Program.....	North Room, Promenade Mrs. Jerome Myerson <i>National Program Chairman</i>
Scholarship.....	Virginia Room, 2nd floor Mrs. Milton Herman <i>National Scholarship Chairman</i>
Tel Aviv.....	Chinese Room, Promenade Mrs. Sidney Senzer <i>National Tel Aviv Project Chairman</i>
Thrift Shop.....	Maryland Room, 2nd floor Mrs. Abraham Brodner <i>National Thrift Shop Chairman</i>



INFORMAL EVENING SESSION — 9:00 P.M.

On Tuesday and again on Wednesday beginning at 9:00 P.M. a close-up view of the overseas programs with the ORT country directors will be held in four separate and simultaneous sessions, as follows:

Mr. Max A. Braude <i>Director-General, World ORT Union</i>	Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl Chairing
Mr. Jacob Oleiski <i>Director, ORT-Israel</i>	Mrs. Sidney Senzer Chairing
Mr. F. Schrager <i>Director, ORT-France</i>	Mrs. William Robinson Chairing
Mr. Bernard Wand-Polak <i>Director, ORT-Morocco</i>	Mrs. Leon Bader Chairing

To facilitate maximum participation of the delegates through productive, informal questions and discussion, the Convention will be divided so that no more than 1/4 of the delegates are present at any of the four sessions at one time. Admission cards have been made available to the head of each area delegation for distribution. Please attend the sessions indicated on your invitation card.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1959

MORNING SESSION — 9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon — WORKSHOPS

Community Relations, U.J.A., B.I.G.....	Maryland Room, 2nd floor Mrs. William Robinson <i>National U.J.A. Chairman</i>
Expansion.....	North Room, Promenade Mrs. George Abrams <i>Eastern Expansion Chairman</i>
Guardianship.....	Chinese Room, Promenade Mrs. Leon Bader <i>National Guardianship Chairman</i>
Honor Roll.....	Cabinet Room, Promenade Mrs. Murray Goldenstein <i>National Honor Roll Chairman</i>
M. O. T.....	State Room, Promenade Mrs. Arnold Loth <i>National M. O. T. Chairman</i>
ORT Student Health.....	Virginia Room, 2nd floor Mrs. A. Duey Stahl <i>National Health Chairman</i>
Publicity.....	Jefferson Room, lower level Mrs. Heyman Zimel <i>National Publicity Chairman</i>
Special Projects.....	East Room, Promenade Mrs. David Saxe <i>National Special Projects Chairman</i>



LUNCHEON — 12:30 P.M. — GRAND BALLROOM

MRS. MILTON HEIMAN, *Presiding*
Past President, Seattle Chapter-at-Large

Invocation.....	Mrs. Richard Klaus <i>Past President, Cleveland Region</i>
"FRANCE AND THE ORT PROGRAM".....	Mr. F. Schrager <i>Director, ORT-France</i>
Tel Aviv Awards.....	Mrs. Sidney Senzer <i>National Tel Aviv Project Chairman</i>
Greetings from Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.....	Mr. Albert E. Arent <i>President</i>
THE WORLD REFUGEE YEAR.....	Mr. Moses A. Leavitt <i>Executive Vice-President, American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee</i>

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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National President

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Bulletin

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Program

MRS. JEROME MYERSON

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