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REPORT ON SKVIRA, BELOTZERKOV UYESD, KIEV GUBERNIA

LND R-52.
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The \$100. received from the Skvira landsmanschaft, as per LND R-52, was distributed in the following order:

120 poods of Matzo flour was purchased by the representative of the J. D. C. in consultation with several representative citizens and distributed same among 79 needy families.

The balance of 1.500 million roubles (about \$30) was given to the children homes for repair and purchase of inventory for their workrooms.

List of beneficiaries and signatures of recipients for flour distributed are attached hereto.

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Skvira was formerly an Uyesd centre, but the centre has now been removed to Belotzerkov.

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| The number of the population | | | |
| before the pogroms was | | 25,000 | now 20,000 |
| Jewish before the pogroms | | 15,000 | " 10,000 |
| Shops | " " " | 350 | |
| Houses | " " " | 1,000 | " 950 |

Fifty houses were sold to peasants by Jews who escaped from town at the time of pogroms.

Before the pogroms Skvira was quite a commercial and industrial centre. It had 8 mills, 8 oil churns and 6 sugar factories in and near the town.

Skvira has suffered of 8 pogroms, the worst of which took place in autumn of 1919 by the Tutunik bands.

The total of Jews killed in the pogroms is 608, wounded 392 and violated about 350. The entire population was robbed, pillaged and economically ruined.

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AT PRESENT THERE ARE

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| Jewish Widows..... | 250 |
| Orphans | 256 |
| Half-Orphans | 350 |
| Individuals who lost their working ability | 130 |

Among the population there are also 80 refugee families from the following neighbouring towns.

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| Borchagovka | 10 families |
| Kornin | 5 " |
| Tetiev | 10 " |
| Volodarka | 10 " |
| Novo-Fastou and other places | 45 " |

The population is chiefly engaged in small trade and small industry, yet the greater part of the artisans are unemployed and have to earn their scanty living in small trade.

Owing to the removal of the Uyesd from Skvira, the number of unemployed intellectual workers has increased considerably.

INSTITUTIONS IN SKVIRA

- Skvira has two Orphan's Homes for 72 children (59 full orphans and 13 half orphans)
- I. Public School for 140 children
- I House for aged with 19 inmates
- I Bath-House totally destroyed
- I Hospital
- I dispensary and
- I clinical institute which is for use for members of trade unions only.

The Children Homes are supported by the Narodnaya (Commissariat for Education) and subsidized, through the Evobkom, by the J. D. C. with food, clothing, shoes, fuel and cash for house repairs and additional equipment.

The apartment of Children's Home No. 2 is in very bad state and should be removed to other quarters but cannot be accomplished through lack of funds. The house where children home is located needs only small repairs.

The Children Homes are poorly supplied with household inventory, underwear, clothing and shoes.

The public school apartments are also very much in need of repairs. The course of studies in the school are frequently being interrupted through lack of school appliances.

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The Home for Aged is in need of capital repairs. The commodities supplied by the "Sobez" (Commissariat for Social Relief) is very insufficient. The inmates were half starved. The food supplied by

the J. D. C. relieved the situation temporarily.

The Bath-House is now being repaired by the Comkhoz (Municipality). In order to enable the needy Jews of the town to use it free of charge, a subsidy must be given to the Municipality.

The Hospital and Dispensary are supplied with very little means and medicine and do not issue any medicines free of charge. The needy population is, therefore, deprived of any medical assistance.

In 1921 an agricultural cooperation has been organized in Skvira consisting of 17 refugee families from the neighbouring pogorized places. The cooperation received 10 dessiatin of land from the Zemotdel (Commissariat for Agriculture).

In spite of the very difficult working conditions, without agricultural implements and other supplies, the cooperation accomplishes its harvest quite successful. But, not having any means of transportation, 500-600 poods of grain have been stolen from them.

In March 1923 the J. D. C. has issued to the cooperation through ORT: 1 Harrow, 30 poods of oats, 50 poods of potatoes and vegetable seeds for 1/2 dessiatin of land.

The J. D. C. distributed to the neediest of the population in Skvira out of its own fund: 55 food remittance packages and 660 pieces of underwear.

B U D G E T

One time Monthly
Subvention Maintenance

I. For outstanding needs of Skvira:

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| a) Repairs to 2 Children Homes | \$150. | |
| b) Additional equipment of kitchen and dining utensils, furniture and school appliances \$50. for each Home | \$100. | |
| c) Additional bed linen, underwear clothing and shoes | \$700. | |
| d) To enlarge capacity of work-rooms and install two additional branches | \$100. | |
| e) Feeding of 72 children in both Homes - at \$2. per child monthly | \$ 50. | \$144. |
| f) To repair public school apartment | \$ 50. | |

2. To enlarge the capacity of the Home for Aged from 19 to 50 inmates.

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| Repair and additional equipments | \$200. | |
| Monthly subvention for feeding | | \$100. |

| | <u>One time</u> <u>Subvention</u> | <u>Monthly</u> <u>Maintenance</u> |
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| 3. Subvention for repair of Bath | \$100. | |
| 4. <u>To organize a Home for 150 children.</u> | | |
| a) Repair and equipment of house | \$750. | |
| b) Monthly maintenance | | \$300. |
| 5. To provide free medical assistance to needy population through dispensary - monthly | | \$ 50. |
| 6. Subvention to Loan-Kassa now being chartered..... | \$1000. | |
| 7. Individual relief | \$150. | |
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| | TOTAL: \$3.350. | \$594. |
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