

THE ABERFAN DISASTER FUND 67
MAYOR OF MERTHYR TYDFIL'S APPEAL.

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JACK MEADOWS - PRESIDENT,
ST DAVIDS SOCIETY,
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The Mayor of Merthyr Tydfil gratefully acknowledges your ready
willingness in contributing the sum of \$1000⁰⁰ : : d. towards
assisting the many stricken families.

on behalf of
JOSEPH CROSSLAND
(Honorary Treasurer to the Fund).

Date 3/3/67 J.C. Crossland.....



BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL
CLEVELAND (13) OHIO

28 February, 1967.

Dear Mr. Meadows,

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the evening in Youngstown on Sunday. It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and your colleagues on the committee of the St. David's Society, as well as such a large number of your members, and to be able to talk to and with them.

It was also a great privilege to receive from Judge Jenkins the cheque for \$1,000 which was to be forwarded to the Aberfan Disaster Fund.

I have written today to Mr. Stanley Davies, Mayor of Merthyr Tydfil, to tell him about the function on Sunday at Youngstown and to let him know that you were arranging for the cheque to be sent on to him through the normal channels.

I enclose the telegram which I received from Mayor Davies and which contained greetings and thanks to the Youngstown St. David's Society. I have made a copy of this for my file and you might like to have the original to associate with your papers concerning your collection for the Aberfan Disaster Fund.

When I reached home on Sunday evening and opened the package which was presented to me on behalf of the St. David's Society, I was very moved to find such a nice and useful gift. It was, of course, my privilege to be able to go to Youngstown to receive the cheque formally on behalf of Mayor Davies and the Aberfan Disaster Fund. And I really feel rather embarrassed about accepting this gift after all the members of your Society

Mr. Jack Meadows,
St. David's Society,
Southern Blvd.,
Youngstown, OHIO.

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and others from your community had contributed so generously to this Fund which will be for the benefit of my countrymen in Wales. I am, however, very happy to accept the gift which, indeed, will be very useful to me, but I do hope that you and your colleagues will not feel that I am ungracious if I ask you to allow me to associate myself to some small extent with your charitable efforts for the people of Wales. I intend, therefore, to send a small donation to the Welsh Home for Old People in Rocky River. This will, so to speak, square my conscience for permitting myself to accept your gift merely for doing what was by no means a mere call of duty, but a privilege and pleasure.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Redmond C. Carroll

R. C. Carroll
H.M. Consul

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Zion English Baptist Church

— MERTHYR VALE —

Minister : Rev. Kenneth J. Hayes
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received in connection with the recent
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The 36th Annual National Gymanfa Ganu, sponsored by the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association, will be in Toronto, Canada Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 1, 2 and 3, 1967.

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Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Subject - Report - Aberfan Disaster Fund Committee

Dear John,

In September of 1967 - you, as President of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association appointed a committee to properly explore, consider, and recommend to the Board of Trustees the manner in which the monies now held by the Association should be turned over to the Aberfan Disaster Fund. The sum on hand is approximately \$3,500.00.

The first action of the committee was to develop up to date information on the status of the Aberfan Disaster Fund at that time.

Mr. Lewis J. Jones, because of contacts available to him, was assigned this task and he did an excellent job.

The following is a brief summary of the information developed.

The Fund

- (1) The Fund is now a registered charity and is subject to a "Deed of Trust" which means it is subject to Government regulations, and review of it's actions by Charity Commissioners.
- (2) Total contributions on hand 1,750,000 pounds. (Approx. \$5,250,000)
- (3) It is believed that 3,000 pounds (Approx. \$9,000) is accruing in interest every ten days.

Disposition

On September 8, 1967 the Management Committee of the fund took action on disposition of the fund as follows:-

- (1) Each family that lost children in the Aberfan disaster will receive 5,000 pounds (Approx. \$15,000.00).
Estimated total \$2,750,000.00
- (2) A total of 100,000 pounds (Approx. \$300,000.00) has been provided as a provisional sum to take care of the needs of children who were injured, and provision has also been made for disaster widows and their children.
- (3) Next of kin, who were dependent on adult relatives killed in the disaster may also benefit, and a "substantial sum" has been set aside for this purpose.
- (4) The money that is left - about 800,000 pounds (Approx. \$2,400,000.00) will be used for the second objective of the fund, which is to benefit the villagers as a whole. This will be a communal project. Instructions have already been given to the architects to prepare plans for a community center, on the basis that the amount to be spent will be approximately 250,000 pounds (Approximately \$750,000.00). They are going to build a new church in Aberfan, and have already started the building of a new school in the park.

From the above it now appears that the Management Committee have things well under control after many months of bickering, and that the funds are in good hands. The action of the committee has been well received and very favorably reported in the press. (See press cutting attached)

It is readily apparent that the \$3,500.00 now held by the N. G. G. A. is rather insignificant when compared to the total amount being administered.

In reply to our Mr. Jones' request for possible suggestions for the specific use of our \$3,500.00- Mr. Gerald Davis, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund came up with the following:-

- (1) Most donations have been given for General purposes and the actual utilization of the finances by the Management Committee.
- (2) Suggested Educational Scholarships.
- (3) Suggested purchase of Equipment for the Community Center.

Mr. Davis advised, that if we so desire arrangements could be made for the name of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association to be linked with the purpose for which it is donated.

Conclusion and Recommendation

After due consideration the committee unanimously recommends to the National Gymanfa Ganu Association action as follows:-

- (1) That the money (Approx. \$3,500.00 plus accumulated interest) be turned over to the Aberfan Disaster Fund earmarked for Educational Scholarships.
- (2) That the Scholarship Fund be named the N. G. G. A. Scholarship Fund.
- (3) That the recipient or recipients be worthy students attending the Aberfan school system - to be used to help them further their college education.
- (4) That the management committee of the Aberfan Disaster Fund - or it's successor organization be responsible for administering the fund - using their best judgment for the proper utilization of the money - within the purpose intended.
- (5) That this money be turned over to the Aberfan Fund as soon as possible after the committee has reported it's findings to the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Lloyd - Chairman

Lewis J. Jones

Col. E. G. Thomas (ret'd.)

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Note:- Communications to the Aberfan Fund should be addressed as follows -

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Management Committee,
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Mr. Gerald Davis,
Secretary - Treasurer

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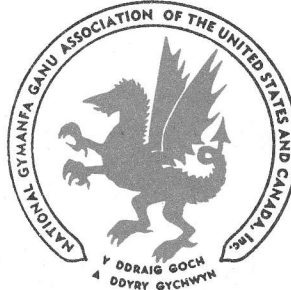
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July 17, 1968

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Copy for Jack Meadows

Aberfan Disaster Fund
 Management Committee
 Oldway House, Castle Street
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Attention: Mr. C. Geoffrey Morgan

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This will acknowledge the several communications making inquiry regarding the moneys collected for the "Aberfan Disaster Fund" by the National Gymanfa Ganu Association of the United States and Canada, Inc.

As you undoubtedly know, many organizations throughout the United States and Canada solicited donations from members and friends and transmitted said moneys directly to the Committee. It occurred to the Executive Committee of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association that there might be a number of individuals who had no opportunity to make a contribution and therefore the Executive Committee of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association made it possible for such persons to send their contribution to the National Gymanfa Ganu Association. The results were gratifying. The funds received were not transmitted heretofore for the reason that there were so many rumors of dissension and disagreement as to how and who should administer the funds. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee after investigation, that any funds received and collected by the National Gymanfa Ganu Association be ear-marked for a Scholarship Fund as a living memorial for those who lost their lives in the tragedy. The check for \$1500 enclosed shall be added to the other Scholarship Funds and shall be administered by the present Trustee or its successor.

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Attention: Mr. C. Geoffrey Morgan

We want to make it perfectly clear that the enclosed check is not from the National Gymanfa Ganu Association but rather from members and many friends of the Association.

We trust that the enclosed sum, when added to other funds, will help some worthy young Welsh person or persons to continue his or her education.

Kindest regards from members and friends of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

Very sincerely,

THE NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES and CANADA

John G. Roberts, President

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