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## Topic 14: EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND

The Directing Council, at its III Meeting, adopted a resolution creating an Emergency Fund to be used by the Bureau to provide immediate relief to Member Countries in cases of unforeseen emergency health problems. The pertinent portion of this resolution follows (Resolution II):

"The Directing Council

### RESOLVES:

1. To create the Emergency Fund from existing surplus at the end of the fiscal year of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, December 31, 1949, the sum of \$50,000 shall be set aside and deposited in dollars (USA) in a bank in Washington, D. C., and this Fund shall be administered by the Director or by his authorized representative. Reimbursement to the Emergency Fund shall be made by refunding through payments from countries that may receive materials for emergency services, or by orders approved by the Executive Committee chargeable to the general funds of the Bureau. The Executive Committee and the Directing Council shall receive reports pertaining to the use of such funds."

In accordance with the provisions of the above resolution, the Director has the honor to present the following report:

Upon the request of the Ministry of Public Health, Nicaragua, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to Managua in August 1957, and again in November 1957, to safeguard the health of those exposed to rabies. A third request for an emergency shipment of rabies vaccine was received from the same Ministry on 19 March 1958. The total cost of the supplies delivered amounts to \$3,903.23.

Upon the request of the Senior Medical Officer, Grenada, B.W.I., emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to St. Georges in September-October 1957 to safeguard the health of those exposed to rabies. The

total cost of the supplies delivered amounted to \$722.56.

Upon the request of the Chief Medical Officer, Jamaica, B.W.I., emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to Kingston in October 1957 for use by travellers as a preventive against cholera. The total cost of the supplies delivered amounted to \$10.67.

Upon the request of the Administrator, British Virgin Islands, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to Tortola in October 1957 to safeguard the health of persons exposed to typhoid. The total cost of the supplies delivered amounted to \$311.47.

The funds for the purchase of the supplies and transportation costs were advanced by the Bureau from the Emergency Revolving Fund, under the authority of the above-quoted resolution. Complying with the provisions governing the Emergency Fund, the Director, on 7 March 1958, communicated with the recipient governments regarding reimbursement to the Emergency Revolving Fund. Partial reimbursement in the amount of \$222.56 has been received from Grenada, B.W.I. Total reimbursement has since been received from the other governments included in this report.