

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

First Biennial Meeting of the Executive Committee

Washington, D.C., April 28 to May 3, 1947

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization which was attended by representatives of the following countries: Argentina - Dr. Alberto Zwanck; Brazil - Dr. Heitor Froes; Cuba - Dr. Pedro Nogueira; Chile - Dr. Nacianceno Romero; United States - Drs. Thomas H. Parran, James A. Doull (alternate), and L. L. Williams, Jr. (alternate); Mexico - Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante.

The Republic of Costa Rica had no representation, since no representative or alternate was appointed.

Dr. Thomas H. Parran was elected Chairman of the Committee; Dr. Alberto Zwanck, Vice Chairman; and Dr. Fred L. Soper, Secretary.

Eight plenary sessions were held in addition to the opening and closing sessions.

The Executive Committee studied carefully the report presented by the Director which described the work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and its financial position. In order to study in detail the various subjects, two sub-committees were appointed as follows: Sub-Committee on Finance - Members: Dr. Heitor Froes and Dr. Pedro Nogueira; Advisor: Dr. Fred L. Soper. Sub-Committee on Constitution - Members: Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Dr. Nacianceno Romero, and Dr. James A. Doull (alternate); Advisor: Dr. John R. Murdock.

These Sub-Committees held several meetings after which their reports were presented to the plenary sessions for discussion. A draft of a new Constitution (see Annex 1), and a financial report (see Annex 2), which contemplates three alternative budgets, were approved.

It was decided that as soon as the editing of the reports is completed, they would be sent within a period of one month by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to each of the representatives forming the Executive Committee with a request that they return them with all pertinent observations as soon as possible. They will then be edited and distributed to the Member Governments of the Organization. To permit time for study they should be sent sufficiently in advance of the meeting of the Directing Council which will take place in September, 1947.

After due consideration the Committee adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Committee, after having discussed and considered the various topics, resolves:

"1) To recommend to the Member Governments that they authorize ^{CEIR} their respective delegates to the meeting of the Directing Council to be held in September, 1947, to formulate and sign the Constitution and to approve an increase in the basic quota from the present rate of forty cents to one dollar per thousand inhabitants, at that meeting. CE1.R1

"2) To approve the report presented by the Sub Committee on Finance, ^{CEIR} which demonstrates the practical impossibility for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to continue operating with the present budget, and to recommend the adoption of Budget No. 2 of said report, which is based on an increase of the contributions from the present rate of forty cents to one dollar per thousand inhabitants, in order that the present program of the Bureau may be stimulated and reinforced and also that additional activities may be undertaken. To obtain additional funds, it is recommended further that Budget No. 3 be considered by the Directing Council. This budget would permit a broader development of the Bureau. The Committee further recognizes the need for voluntary contributions to be negotiated between the Director and Member Govern- CE1.R2

ments.

- CE1.R3 "3) To recommend that the problem of quarters be given immediate attention. (The Committee recognized the immediate need of the Bureau for new quarters which would enhance its activities, and visited several prospective sites).
- CE1.R4 "4) To entrust to the Director the preparation of the program for the September meeting of the Directing Council, including the relations with the World Health Organization and the consideration of the Pan American Sanitary Code.
- CE1.R5 "5) To designate Buenos Aires as the site for the next meeting of the Directing Council as proposed by the delegate from Brazil and fixing the date for the latter half of September 1947. A note of thanks and appreciation will be sent to the Minister of Health of Argentina for his approval and offer of hospitality in the matter.
- CE1.R6 "6) To invite Canada to send a representative to the meeting of the Directing Council to be held in September 1947 in Buenos Aires.
- CE1.R7 "7) That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held immediately before the meeting of the Directing Council in Buenos Aires.
- CE1.R8 "8) To send a vote of appreciation to the Rockefeller Foundation for its cooperation in paying the salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau until the Bureau is able to provide funds for this purpose.
- CE1.R9 "9) To approve a change in the name of the "Pan American Sanitary Organization" to "Pan American Health Organization", and a change in the name "Pan American Sanitary Conference" to "Pan American Health Conference", but to retain the name Pan American Sanitary Bureau".

In witness whereof this report is signed in Washington, D. C., this third day of May of the year of nineteen hundred and forty-seven:

For Argentina:

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For Brazil:

Leopoldo Guevora

For Chile:

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For Cuba:

Dr. Pedro Riquiera

For Mexico:

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For the United States: