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FINAL REPORT

The 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held in Mexico, D.F., on 11 September 1964, as convoked by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. At its single plenary session the following members of the Committee, Observers, and Bureau staff were present:

Members:

Dr. Manoel José Ferreira	BRAZIL
Mr. Carlos A. Moreno Velázquez	COSTA RICA
Dr. Charles L. Williams	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Dr. Charles C. Wedderburn	JAMAICA
Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	MEXICO
Dr. Guillermo Rojas	PANAMA
Dr. Juan Motezuma	VENEZUELA

Member and Secretary ex officio of
the Committee:

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
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Observer:

Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas	Representative from Peru
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NEW MEMBERS

The meeting was opened by Dr. Carlos Quirós (Peru), who, as Chairman of the Committee, welcomed the Representatives of Jamaica, Panama, and Venezuela, the Members elected by the XV Meeting of the Directing Council to fill the vacancies that occurred on the expiry of the term of office of Nicaragua, Peru, and Paraguay.

OFFICERS

The Committee then proceeded to elect its Chairman in accordance with Article 18 of the Constitution and Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure. On the proposal of Dr. Wedderburn, the Representative of Jamaica, seconded by the Representatives of Mexico and Brazil, Dr. Charles L. Williams, Representative of the United States of America, was elected by acclamation. Also on the proposal of the Representative of Jamaica, supported by the Representative of Mexico, Dr. Manoel José Ferreira, the Representative of Brazil, was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Dr. Bustamante (Mexico) commended the outgoing Chairman, Dr. Quirós on the efficient way in which he had discharged his duties.

Dr. Quirós (Peru) thanked the Members of the Executive Committee for their collaboration during his term of office, and congratulated the Representatives of the United States and Brazil on their election.

Dr. Williams (Representative of the United States) took the Chair and expressed his thanks for having been elected.

Dr. Ferreira (Brazil) expressed thanks, on behalf of his Government and himself, for the honor of having been elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

AGENDA

The agenda contained in Document AG/1 was approved.

ITEMS DEALT WITH

The following items were dealt with during the 51st Meeting:

1. Review of the Items referred to the Committee by the Directing Council

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) reviewed the resolutions approved by the Directing Council that specifically called for action by the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 5 of the operative part of Resolution VII (Provisional Draft of the Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1966) recommended to the Director that, in submitting the Proposed Program and Budget for PAHO for 1966 to the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, he take into account both the actual and the anticipated budgetary income in the distribution of projects in accordance with priorities. That item might well be the most significant one before the next meeting of the Executive Committee; the budget would have to include \$200,000 to stabilize the finances of the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP).

With regard to Resolution XII (Payment of Arrears) the Bureau had just received \$157,017.53 from the Government of Argentina, in addition to what he had reported to the Directing Council. The matter of arrears would be examined at the 52nd Meeting of the Committee. By then the countries that were more than two years in arrears would, he hoped, be up to date in the payment of their contributions.

Resolution XX (Financing of Malaria Eradication Program) requested the Director of the Bureau to consult with the Director-General of the World Health Organization with a view to finding an appropriate method of assuring the financing of the program. Dr. Horwitz stated that he would fulfill that task before the next Meeting of the Executive Committee in April 1965; he had taken advantage of the presence of the Director of the World Health Organization at the Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAHO to hold preliminary discussions on the subject.

In paragraph 1 of the operative part of Resolution XXV (Planning of Hospitals and Other Facilities), the Director of the Bureau was requested to study, through an advisory committee, the planning aspects of hospitals and health facilities within the national health planning process and to submit a report to the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council on how the Bureau could best participate in the planning of the construction and operation of integrated hospitals and related health facilities designed to cope with community needs in the various countries. The report in question would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

He then turned to Resolution XXXIX (Organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference). In order to facilitate the work of the Executive Committee, and enable it to submit to the Directing Council the report the Council had entrusted to it, the Bureau would prepare a detailed background paper for the April meeting.

The Director referred to paragraph 3 of the operative part of Resolution XL (Study of the Relationship between Social Security Medical Programs and those of Ministries of Health or other Official Health Agencies) recommended that he convene a Study Group to present to the Organization a report containing its views regarding the promotion of better coordination between the public health services and the medical care programs provided by social security agencies and other organizations, and that he transmit that report to the Governments in due course.

He stated that he would do his best to fulfill the resolution, but that in view of the complexity of the subject and the fact that the data would have to be collected in the countries themselves he could not be sure that the report would be ready in time for the Executive Committee to examine it before it was submitted to the Governments.

He then referred to the proposal made during the Directing Council discussions by various representatives, including the Representative of the United States of America and the Representative of Peru, as recorded in the corresponding minutes, to the effect that

in the future the Annual Report of the Director, the Proposed Program and Budget, and the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor should be considered together and in detail. The intention was to include that item in the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Committee; the relevant working document would include the minutes of discussions and all other information that might facilitate the examination of the problem.

Dr. Bustamante (Mexico) stated that, in addition to the matter of water supply in urban and rural areas, there was the increasingly grave question of pollution, which was related to the growth of new industrial areas. In due course the Government of Mexico would propose to the Executive Committee that a study of water pollution should be made; that study might possibly be extended to include air pollution, which was rather harmful to health.

Dr. Wedderburn (Jamaica) stated that he was pleased that Dr. Bustamante had brought up that subject, because it was a source of deep concern in Jamaica. The Government of his country had already written to the Bureau requesting aid in that regard. Another source of concern was aquatic fauna, and possibly that too might be included in the study.

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) thanked Dr. Bustamante for indicating the subjects on which the Government of Mexico would like to see a study made. In the latter part of 1962, \$400,000 had been granted by the Special Fund of the United Nations, through the Regional Office of the WHO and in collaboration with the Government of Chile, for

the organization of an Institute of Occupational Health which would study the problem of air pollution. The Institute was already providing certain services: it had recently provided the State of Sao Paulo with advice on air pollution problems caused by the great industrial development of that State. The Institute was envisaged as a training, advisory, and research institute. Further, under an agreement with the United States Public Health Services, some countries were co-operating through the Bureau, in a study of the radioactive contamination of milk and air. An examination of the question and of the experience of the cooperating countries might possibly lead to a wider adoption of the procedure.

2. Time and Place of the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) stated that it was customary for the meeting to be held in April, and that he himself would consider it preferable to hold it from 12 to 16 April. Nevertheless, circumstances might arise that would make it advisable to hold the meeting at a different time and he therefore suggested that the Chairman should be authorized to fix the dates in agreement with the Director of the Bureau.

It was unanimously agreed to authorize the Chairman of the Executive Committee, to fix the time of the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee in agreement with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

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3. Organization of the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, XVII Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) reminded the Executive Committee that, in the course of the discussions on the Headquarters buildings and installations, he had taken the liberty of predicting that, except for some totally unforeseen circumstances, the building would be ready for occupancy in June or July, so that the next meeting of the Directing Council could be held in the new Headquarters.

It would seem logical, in view of the significance of the event, that the first meeting of the Pan American Health Organization and the Regional Office for the Americas in their own building should be commemorated in some special way, and there could be none better than to devote the meeting to analyzing the problems that most afflict the peoples of the Americas. Therefore Dr. Horwitz urged that the possibility be considered of organizing a meeting at a very high level, comparable to the meeting of the Task Force on Health in April 1963, and devoted to the study of specific problems, many of which had been the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Directing Council just held.

He stressed the need to obtain funds for the event, and he suggested that, at its meeting in April 1965, the Executive Committee might take up the matter when it established the agenda for the Meeting of the Directing Council.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Horwitz and stated that he considered the plans highly interesting, and would be very pleased to offer his assistance in the interim to help prepare that meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman of the Committee and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Secretary ex officio, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Mexico, D. F., this eleventh day of September, nineteen hundred and sixty four. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and shall send copies to the Governments of the Organization.

Chairman of the Executive Committee
Representative of the United States
of America

Director of the Pan American Sanitary
Bureau and Secretary ex officio of
the Executive Committee

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