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Topic 37: SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE XVI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE, XIV MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

Article 7 of the Rules for Technical Discussions at meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and of the Directing Council provides:

"The Conference or the Council, as the case may be, shall each year select the topic or topics for the Technical Discussions to be held during the ensuing meeting of either of these two Governing Bodies. The Member Governments and the Director of the Bureau may propose topics prior to those meetings or in the course of them. The Conference or the Council may delegate the selection of topics to the Executive Committee."

The XIII Meeting of the Directing Council will therefore have to decide on the topic for the Technical Discussions during the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1962.

In addition, in conformity with Article 4-D of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization:

"The Conference shall serve as a forum for the interchange of information and ideas relating to the prevention of disease, the promotion, preservation, and restoration of mental and physical health, and the advancement of socio-medical measures and facilities for the prevention and treatment of physical and mental diseases in the Western Hemisphere."

And Article 1 of the Rules for Technical Discussions states that the purpose of the Discussions is:

".....to deal with matters of regional interest related to the activities of the Pan American Health Organization and of the national public health administrations, the study of which may produce immediate and practical results."

In considering the subject of the Technical Discussions at the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference the Director, after a review of outstanding current problems confronting the Region, considered the following topic one of the most important and timely that might be selected, unless the Council should decide otherwise:

"Study of the present status of medical care in the Americas in terms of its incorporation as a basic service in integrated health programs."

For the information of the Council, the attached list shows the topics selected from 1953 to date for Technical Discussions during meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization.

SUBJECTS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
Pan American Health Organization

1953 - Directing Council

Nutrition Programs in Public Health Services

1954 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

1. Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs
2. Control of Infant Diarrheas in the Light of Recent Scientific Progress
3. Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America

1955 - Directing Council

1. Methods of Improving the Education of Public Health Personnel
2. Medical Care in Rural Areas

1956 - Directing Council

Methods for the Preparation of National Public Health Plans

1957 - Directing Council

Bases and Methods for the Evaluation of Health Programs

1958 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

The Prevention of Accidents in Childhood

1959 - Directing Council

Technical, Financial and Administrative Aspects of Water Supply in the Urban Environment in the Americas

1960 - Directing Council

Technical, Administrative, Legal, and Financial Aspects of Garbage and Refuse Disposal

1961 - Directing Council

1. Methods of Evaluation of the Contribution of Health Programs to Economic Development