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PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

Sixth Session

Held on Tuesday, 2~~4~~ October 1951, at 4:30 p. m.

Present:

Dr. Nacianceno Romero, Chairman of the Council	Chile
Dr. Leonardo Somarriba, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Nicaragua
Dr. Hugo Peña, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Paraguay
Dr. Carlos Alberto Errecart, Alternate	Argentina
Dr. H. Van Zile Hyde Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Almir Castro, Representative	Brazil
Dr. Carlos L. González, Representative	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

(This Summary Record is provisional and the Representatives are therefore requested to notify the Secretary within 48 hours of any corrections they wish made in the text).

After the session was called to order by the Chairman, the Secretary observed that the General Commission should determine the Agenda for the closing session of the Directing Council, which is to be held on Wednesday, 3 October 1951, as well as to indicate the time at which the subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee is to take place. The Secretary also called attention to the fact that no decision had yet been made on the votes of thanks to persons and institutions in connection with the V Meeting of the Directing Council.

It was then decided that the meeting of the Executive Committee should take place in the morning of 3 October 1951, following the closing session of the Directing Council, and in the event that time did not permit of this arrangement, it would be held at 2:30 p.m. on the day mentioned.

The Meeting was then informed that the Observer of the World Federation for Mental Health desired to address briefly the Directing Council regarding the forthcoming Congress on Mental Health which will be held at Mexico City from 8 to 18 December 1951. It was agreed that the Observer of the World Federation for Mental Health would be heard at the closing session.

Attention was called to the fact that when Resolution XXVI had been approved, on the previous day, compliance had not been given to point 4, whereby three Representatives were to be appointed to draft the Protocole referred to in point 2 of this Resolution.

A debate followed in which the Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, United States and Venezuela took part, and it was agreed that this matter would be set down as point 1 of the Agenda of the Closing Session. It was further decided that the three Representatives to be appointed should be from Member States forming part of the Executive Committee, which Body would be entrusted with the drafting and details connected with the Protocol.

The Directing Council agreed that the Executive Committee should fix the date of its 15th Meeting in April 1952, bearing in mind that Holy Week extends from the 6th to the 13th day of April.

It was established that the following points would also be included in the Agenda for the Closing Session:

Address by the Observer of the World Federation of Mental Hygiene.

Votes of thanks to the following:

President of the United States of America
Secretary of State
President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs
Director of the Public Health Service of the
United States
President of the Delegation of the United States to
the Directing Council
Director, Officers and Staff of the Pan American
Sanitary Bureau

Attention was called to the fact that the Representative of Ecuador will propose a vote of thanks to Dr. John R. Murdock, past Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, a motion which was left for the Closing Session at the request of the Representative of the Dominican Republic.

The Representative of Venezuela desired to be informed if the Report of the Directing Council to the Member States was going to be examined at the meeting on the following day.

The Secretary remarked on the technical difficulties which were always encountered in the drafting of this Report, required by the Constitution, and stated that the Meeting had appointed a Committee of four members (Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti and the United States) and that the Representative of Guatemala, Dr. Luis F. Galich, had been entrusted with the drafting of this Report and hoped to be able to submit it to the Directing Council at the Closing Session.

The Representative of Argentina stated that if the procedure at present applied presented difficulties, it would be necessary to replace it by another one, and the Representative of the United States suggested that the Final Report, embodying the Resolutions of the Directing Council, together with the Director's Report could constitute the Report of the Directing Council to the Member Governments. This motion was seconded by the Representative of Brazil.

The session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.