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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 presented to the 31st Meeting of the Executive Committee a report containing all available information on the utilization of the Emergency Revolving Fund up to the time of the preparation of the report. In order to present a comprehensive report on this subject to the Directing Council, there follows a recapitulation of the information submitted to the 31st Meeting of the Executive Committee, as well as details on subsequent developments.

Following a serious outbreak of rabies in Costa Rica during January 1957, the Director General of Health, in order to safeguard the health of the people exposed, requested certain emergency supplies, which were purchased and shipped to that country. The total cost of the emergency supplies delivered to San José was \$1,003.76.

Upon the request of the Director of Medical Services, British West Indies, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to Kingston in May 1957 in order to render urgently needed treatment to the people who had contracted polio. The total cost of the supplies delivered to Kingston amounted to \$6,793.85.

Upon the request of the Under-Secretary of Public Health of Argentina, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to the Government of that country in June 1957 in order to safeguard the health of the people exposed to a serious outbreak of botulism. The total cost of the supplies delivered to Argentina amounted to \$9,814.92.

Upon the request of the Minister of Public Health of Nicaragua, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to the Government of that country in July 1957 in order to safeguard the health of the people exposed to a serious outbreak of rabies. The total cost of the supplies delivered to Nicaragua amounted to \$947.23.

The funds for the purchase and shipment of the supplies were advanced by the Bureau from the Emergency Revolving Fund under the authority of the above quoted resolution. Up to the date of preparation of this document reimbursement to the Emergency Revolving Fund in the amounts of \$1,003.76 and \$6,793.85 has been received from Costa Rica and Jamaica, respectively.