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The following paragraph should be added to the end of the Report
(Page 14):

"In conclusion I wish publicly to thank the other Members of the Committee for their help during the 65th and 66th Meetings and to express my appreciation to the Secretariat for their skillful assistance in facilitating the important task entrusted to me."

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(Presented by Dr. Rogelio Valladares, Representative of Venezuela)

In my capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee and pursuant to Article 14 of its Rules of Procedure I am pleased to present to the XX Meeting of the Directing Council the report covering the activities performed by the Executive Committee from October 1970 to date, during which it held its 65th and 66th Meetings.

65TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 65th Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 8 October 1970 in the Headquarters Building of the Organization, following the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference. The following Committee Members and Observers attended:

Members

Dr. Victorio V. Olgún	ARGENTINA
Dr. Alfredo Rabinovich	
Dr. Alfredo N. Bica	BRAZIL
Dr. Edgar Mohs	COSTA RICA
Dr. Robert L. S. Baird	GUYANA
Dr. Carlos A. Pineda	HONDURAS
Dr. Ramón Alvarez Gutiérrez	MEXICO
Dr. Gregorio Martínez Narváez	
Dr. Guillermo Gerdau	PERU
Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Dr. Robert de Caires	
Mr. Edward B. Rosenthal	
Dr. Rogelio Valladares	VENEZUELA
Dr. Daniel Orellana	

Observers

Dr. H. E. Th. E. Mathon
 Dr. Mervyn U. Henry
 Mrs. Alzora Eldridge

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Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Dr. Victorio V. Olguín, Representative of Argentina, opened the meeting and called for the election of the officers of the new Executive Committee. The following were elected: Dr. Rogelio Valladares, Representative of Venezuela, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr., Representative of the United States of America, Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Ramón Alvarez Gutiérrez, Representative of Mexico, Rapporteur.

The Executive Committee approved the Agenda and immediately went on to discuss the resolutions of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, of interest to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, made a revision of these resolutions, particularly stressing Resolution XIII, Country Reports on Health Conditions, in which the Executive Committee is requested, in collaboration with the staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the governments, to study machinery to permit and facilitate presentation and examination of the governments' reports with a view to taking advantage of the experience acquired.

He also indicated that, with respect to Resolution XV, (Selection of the Topic of the Technical Discussions to be held during the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas), an analysis would be made of the background documentation and the necessary information compiled.

Paragraph 4 of the operative part of Resolution XVI, wherein it is recommended that the Director and Executive Committee analyze the problem of arrears of more than two years in the payment of quotas and promote compliance with Article 6-B of the Constitution, taking into account the comments and suggestions of the delegates. Thus, in the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee the statement would be presented on collection of these quotas and such observations as they wished to make to the Committee.

The Director indicated that Resolution XVIII (PAHO Award for Administration), will be properly fulfilled, endeavoring to assure in its 66th Meeting that the Committee Members are able to study the candidacies presented by the countries.

He also made an analysis of paragraph 5 of the operative part of Resolution XXII (Appropriations for the Pan American Health Organization for 1971), wherein an increase is approved in the US\$15,237,331 level of appropriations, by an amount which is to be determined by the Executive Committee, but may not exceed US\$300,000.

The Director observed that the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee would be devoted chiefly to reexamining the Provisional Draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972, pursuant to Resolution XXVII, voicing such indications as it may deem advisable, for consideration by the XX Meeting of the Directing Council.

He also called their attention to the operative part of Resolution XLIII on the status of Aedes aegypti eradication in the Americas, in which the Director is requested to present at the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on the status of the project for the cost-benefit study, which would be done in accordance with the background material it had been possible to assemble up to that time. The Executive Committee took note of the information supplied by the Director of PASB and agreed to approve the methods suggested for fulfilling the resolutions of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, and, in particular, that pertaining to the program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972.

The Executive Committee next heard a report from Mr. Lannon, Chief of Administration, PASB, on supplies to the governments. After analyzing the financial procedures currently employed, adoption was recommended of the system used by the World Health Organization in similar circumstances, i.e., that in utilizing the services of supplies of the Organization, the governments pay by means of checks or bank drafts. The Members of the Executive Committee made several comments on the topic and agreed to adopt a resolution recommending payment by means of checks or bank drafts in favor of PAHO payable at sight, but making the reservation that in the event any country's legal-administrative regulations do not permit utilization of the procedure indicated, the Organization will handle the requests in accordance with that country's administrative possibilities.

It was decided that the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee would begin on 6 July 1971, and last for seven or eight days as proved necessary.

66TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held in Washington, D.C., in the Headquarters Building of the Organization, from 6 to 16 July 1971, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The following Members of the Committee, Observers and officials of the Bureau attended the meeting:

Members

Dr. Victorio V. Olguín	ARGENTINA
Dr. José Fonseca da Cunha	BRAZIL
Mr. Claudio Cabussu Tourinho	
Mr. Sebastião do Rego Barros	
Eng. Edison Rivera Castaing	COSTA RICA
Dr. Robert L. Baird	GUYANA
Dr. Héctor Alfonso Pineda López	HONDURAS
Dr. Renaldo Guzmán Orozco	MEXICO
Dr. Héctor Acuña Monteverde	
Dr. Baltasar Caravedo Carranza	PERU
Dr. Andrés Bello Escribens	
Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Dr. P. F. Robert de Caires	
Mr. John L. Hagan	
Mr. Joseph Powers	
Mr. Simon N. Wilson	
Dr. Rogelio Valladares	VENEZUELA
Dr. Daniel Orellana	

Secretary ex officio

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
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Observers

Mr. Marcel Cadieux	CANADA
Mr. Kenneth B. Williamson	
Mrs. Alcira Birchenall	COLOMBIA
Mr. C. W. J. Jonckheer	KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
Mr. E. Th. E. Mathon	
Dr. Orontes Avilés	NICARAGUA
Dr. Marcos Martínez Mendieta	PARAGUAY

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Organization of American States

Dr. Jesse D. Perkinson	
Mr. O. Howard Salzman	

Inter-American Development Bank

Mr. Carlos Martínez Sánchez	
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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Hospital Federation

Dr. José González

Advisors to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr., Deputy Director
Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán, Assistant Director
Mr. E. R. Lannon, Chief of Administration
Dr. Pedro N. Acha, Chief, Department of Human and Animal Health
Dr. Philip I. Boyd, Acting Chief, Department of Evaluation
Miss Mary H. Burke, Chief, Department of Health Statistics
Dr. Alfredo L. Bravo, Chief, Department of Medical Care Administration
Mr. Earl D. Brooks, Chief, Department of Management and Personnel
Dr. Héctor A. Coll, Chief, Office of Liaison and Public Relations
Dr. Carlos Díaz Coller, Chief, Department of Scientific Communications
Dr. Abraham Drobny, Chief, Department of Health Services
Dr. José Luis García Gutiérrez, Chief, Department of Special Technical Services
Dr. Guzmán García Martín, Chief, Department of Malaria Eradication
Dr. Mark D. Hollis, Chief, Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering
Dr. Mauricio Martins da Silva, Chief, Department of Research Development and Coordination
Mr. Clarence H. Moore, Chief, Department of Budget and Finance
Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Chief, Department of Health and Population Dynamics
Dr. Bichat de A. Rodrigues, Acting Chief, Department of Communicable Diseases
Dr. Ramón Villarreal, Chief, Department of Human Resources Development

Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center

Dr. Mario V. Fernandes, Director

Pan American Zoonoses Center

Dr. Boris Szyfres, Director

Regional Library of Medicine

Dr. Amador R. Neghme, Director

Chief, Secretariat Services

Mr. Luis Larrea Alba, Jr., Chief, Personnel and Conference Section

Dr. Rogelio Valladares, Representative of Venezuela, acted as Chairman, and Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr., Representative of the United States of America, acted as Vice-Chairman. In the absence of the Rapporteur appointed in the previous meeting, Dr. Ramón Alvarez Gutiérrez, Dr. Renaldo Guzmán Orozco, Representative of Mexico, was appointed Rapporteur pro tempore; he served during the first week of the meeting, subsequently being replaced by Dr. Héctor Acuña Monteverde, also of Mexico.

During its 66th Meeting, the Executive Committee held 17 plenary meetings and a Closing Session, devoting 15 plenary sessions to the detailed examination of the proposed program and budget of the Organization, prepared by the Director in fulfillment of Article 14-C of the Constitution.

In its first plenary session, held on 6 July, the Executive Committee approved the Agenda prepared by the Secretariat.

Admission of Canada to Membership of the Pan American Health Organization

The first item considered was that referring to the admission of Canada to membership of the Pan American Health Organization. The Chairman of the Executive Committee expressed in his own name and that of all the other representatives, his satisfaction over the application officially presented by the Government of Canada for admission as a Member of the Pan American Health Organization. These same words were echoed by the other Members of the Executive Committee, and the Ambassador of Canada, Mr. Marcel Cadieux, who was present, expressed his country's desire to collaborate actively as a Member of the Pan American Health Organization. The Executive Committee approved Resolution I, ratifying the Organization's satisfaction over Canada's admission and recommending to the XX Meeting of the Directing Council acceptance and admission without delay of Canada to membership in the Organization.

Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1970

The Executive Committee next heard and considered the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1970. It was emphasized that although the Organization's financial position is sound, thanks to the prudent management of the funds, the countries' delay in payment of their quotas has necessitated maximum use of the Working Capital Fund to cover the debts incurred, which has brought the Fund to a lower ebb than desirable. The Members of the Executive Committee made several comments on the topic and were in agreement on the difficulties and problems as a result of delayed payments of the quotas. They therefore resolved to thank the Director for the care and prudence with which he has managed the expenses and on the other hand urged the governments to pay their quotas as promptly as possible during the year.

Supplementary Appropriation to the PAHO Budget for 1971

Taking into account the formal application of Canada for admission to membership of the Pan American Health Organization, presented by the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, the Honorable Mitchell Sharp, and that pursuant to Article 5.8 of the Financial Regulations new Members shall pay a quota for the year in which they are admitted as Members, which shall be computed in accordance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code, on the same basis or proportion on which the expenses of the Organization of American States are prorated, the Director proposed, in Official Document No. 107, a supplementary appropriation to the budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971, for the amount of US\$982,992, which should be the sum Canada would be required to pay for the present year. In considering this item, the Executive Committee heard His Excellency the Ambassador of Canada, Mr. Marcel Cadieux, express and ratify once again his country's desire to become a Member of the Pan American Health Organization as quickly as possible, and indicate however, that unfortunately in his country's budget for the current year, there were only funds for paying half the quota for the current year. He therefore requested the Executive Committee to recommend to the Directing Council that it accept Canada's admission on payment of only half the quota for the present year. The matter was debated at length, with all the Members of the Executive Committee participating in the discussion. The Director of PASB explained the attitude adopted by the Organization which is tightly bound to the current regulations and rules, appealing to the Government of Canada through His Excellency the Ambassador to reconsider its position and contribute the entire quota for the year for application to public health programs of great utility to the peoples of the Continent. The Executive Committee adopted Resolution III, wherein on the one hand it reaffirms the desire for Canada's admission to membership in the Organization without delay and, on the other, recommends to the Directing Council that it accept Canada's admission on the financial conditions noted above but simultaneously requests the Government of Canada to restudy the possibility of contributing the entire quota for 1971, in view of the importance of the health programs for which it is allotted.

Multinational Centers

Pursuant to Resolution XIX of the 64th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Directors of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Centers, presented in this meeting the reports on their activities, both in the service of the countries and in the research they are conducting in search of new methods for solving existing problems. The Executive Committee welcomed with satisfaction the scope of the work performed by the two Centers, which in the past five years have expanded their working program by supplying increasingly greater and completer technical advisory services to the countries and thus facilitating execution of the multinational programs for control of the animal diseases that affect human health. The Executive

Committee therefore resolved to extend its approval and thanks to the directors and personnel of the Centers for the scope and caliber of the work performed, recommending to the Director that he continue his efforts to secure greater resources for these Centers to enable them to meet the increasing number of requests by the Member Countries. It was also agreed that in the 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held in 1972, the reports would be received on the activities of the Pan American Health Planning Center, with headquarters in Santiago, Chile, and the Pan American Center of Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences, with headquarters in Lima, Peru.

Aedes aegypti

Pursuant to Resolution XLIII of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Director entered into contacts with a number of firms for the purpose of executing cost-benefit studies on the prevention of Aedes aegypti-borne diseases. The most reasonable proposal and the one offering most favorable prospects was that submitted by the firm of Arthur D. Little, Inc., of Boston, Massachusetts, for a sum of US\$100,000 and a six-month period for execution. In order not to increase the budget, communications were sent to all the countries inviting them to contribute toward payment of these studies. The Government of the United States of America has reported its decision to contribute the sum of US\$100,000, which will suffice to defray the studies in question. If other contributions were received, the possibility of expanding them would be considered. The Executive Committee noted with satisfaction the information supplied by the Director and indicated its concern for having the studies executed without thereby reducing the efforts made by the countries of the Americas to eradicate the insect from its territory or prevent reinfestation after completion of the eradication.

Public Health Laboratories

Upon reviewing the Organization's programs, the Executive Committee made a special analysis of the situation of the diagnostic laboratories of the countries of the Americas, highlighting their importance in the improvement and extension of health services to the populations. The Members of the Committee suggested that study be given to the desirability of applying the progress made in modern technology in said laboratories, provided they were in conformity with each country's needs and capabilities. It was recommended that the Director continue to devote special attention to this topic and collaborate with the governments in their efforts to improve the laboratories. It was also requested that within the budgetary limitations, a study should be executed on the utility of auto-analyzers in the national diagnostic laboratories including information on the type, capacity and advantages obtainable with their use. The Executive Committee laid special emphasis on the need of studying the problems posed by maintenance of the laboratory equipment.

Regional Library of Medicine

The Executive Committee heard a report from Dr. Neghme, Director of the Regional Library of Medicine of the Pan American Health Organization, describing its development and the services it renders both to Brazil and other Latin American countries. The Executive Committee deemed the efforts made to establish a Pan American network of biomedical communications under the coordination of the Regional Library to be of special interest. Emphasis was placed on the training activities conducted in the Library and the educational programs designed to raise the level of medical librarianship in Latin America. In discussing so important a topic, the Members of the Executive Committee recognized with appreciation the great interest and contribution of the Government of Brazil, as well as of the United States National Library of Medicine, and the Commonwealth Fund, which have enabled the Regional Library to reach its present level of development. It was emphasized, however, that new financial resources which are currently not available were essential for further expansion of the services of the Regional Library. The Executive Committee therefore resolved on one hand to thank the Director of the Regional Library of Medicine for the information supplied and also to thank the Government of Brazil, the United States National Library of Medicine, and the Commonwealth Fund for their contributions and support to the Regional Library and further request the Director to continue efforts to secure additional funds permitting greater and more rapid development of the Regional Library's services.

Evaluation of Programs and Projects. Analysis of Cost-Benefit and Cost-Effectiveness Analyses

In several meetings, the Director has reported on the efforts made to achieve a better evaluation of the programs and projects in which the Organization is collaborating with the Governments. The XIX Meeting of the Directing Council, in Resolution XXVI, recommended to the Director that he continue study of this matter and report in due course on the results achieved. In Document CE66/16, the Director presented a report on the evaluation of the Organization's programs in collaboration with the governments, wherein he described the steps taken heretofore to improve the systems of evaluation and those it is expected to take in the immediate future. Also indicated were the difficulties inherent in application of the methods of cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis in the health programs, as a result of which the Executive Committee, after considerable discussion, recommended that the Director continue his efforts to improve the procedures of evaluation of the Organization's programs, and endeavor to insure that the governments apply similar measures in evaluating their own health programs. It was simultaneously recommended that efforts be made to select one or more specific projects to which the techniques of cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis could be applied, reporting in due course to the Directorship on the results achieved in this connection.

Financing of the Textbook Program

The Governing Bodies of the Organization have considered of greatest interest and given fullest approval to the program for the provision of textbooks for students of the health sciences. On this occasion the Director reported, on one hand, the substantial execution of the program and, on the other, the loan granted by the Inter-American Development Bank to the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF), for the purpose of financing broad development of the Textbook Program. The Director pointed out that this loan is the result of long years of negotiations with the Inter-American Development Bank and that it was the first loan of this nature granted by a bank financing agency. The Executive Committee expressed its keen gratification with the outcome of the negotiations and agreed to express the appreciation of the Organization to the Inter-American Development Bank and to the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF) for their cooperation with the Pan American Health Organization in the development of so important a program.

Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972

As noted at the beginning of this report, the Executive Committee devoted 15 plenary sessions to detailed and thoroughgoing study of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972. All the chapters in the document prepared by the Director (Official Document No. 107) were painstakingly reviewed, and additional fuller information requested and given by the Bureau officials responsible for these programs. It was taken into account that these are the result of consultations held with and studies executed with the governments. Cognizance was taken of the recommendation made by the IV Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture held in Lima in April of this year, and also the admission of Canada to membership in the Pan American Health Organization. It was therefore resolved to recommend to the Directing Council that it approve, in its XX Meeting the proposed program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization, in the amount of US\$17,821,855.

Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1973

Simultaneously with the study of the Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972, the Executive Committee revised the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1973. In the course of analysis of the programs, stress was laid on the Members' concern over the reduction in recent years of the rate of increase in the budget of WHO allotted to the Region of the Americas. The Executive Committee resolved to approve the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1973, requesting the Regional Director, who transmits it to the Director General of the Organization, to take it into account in preparation of the budget of the World Health Organization for 1973. The Director General

was requested to give favorable consideration in the preparation of said Proposed Budget to the desirability of increasing the percentage of funds allotted to the Region of the Americas.

Provisional Draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1973

The revision of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972 also included the study of the programs and budgets that will serve as a basis for preparation of the Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1973, which will be submitted to the consideration of the Executive Committee in its 68th Meeting and of the Directing Council in its XXI Meeting. It was recognized that the public health programs included in the proposed program and budget correspond to the countries' actual needs, defined jointly with the national authorities and, accordingly, it was recommended to the Directing Council to take note of the proposed program and budget and request the Director to utilize it as a basis for preparing the final program and budget for 1973, after new and fuller consultations with the governments, with a view to determining their needs in relation to the health priorities of the countries.

Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Executive Committee studied the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and approved their effectiveness as of January 1, 1971, with the exception of Rules 230.4, 235.1, and 730.3, which took effect July 1, 1971.

Salaries of the Deputy Director and the Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Executive Committee approved the proposal of the Director to fix the salary of the Deputy Director at \$26,132 per annum and the salary of the Assistant Director at \$25,132 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1971, simultaneously making a revision of the post adjustment, also to become effective on the same date.

PAHO Award for Administration

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, pursuant to the regulations and standards approved by the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, designated the Representatives of Argentina, the United States of America and Peru to constitute the Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration. Dr. Victorio V. Olguín of Argentina, Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr., of the United States of America and Dr. Baltasar Caravedo of Peru, held a number of meetings during which they studied the credentials of the candidates presented by the countries in the light of the criteria and procedure for making the award. After lengthy deliberation, the Committee submitted a report to the Executive Committee, declaring the Award for Administration annulled and recommending, at the same time, that the criteria and procedures in force for the Award be revised to make them clearer and more explicit. The Executive

Committee, after hearing the Committee Members arguments and reasons, resolved to transmit its report to the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, simultaneously recommending that it approve the changes proposed by the Award Committee.

Report on Collection of Quotas

The Executive Committee devoted particular attention to this important topic, appointing a Working Group composed of Dr. Victorio V. Olguín of Argentina, Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr., of the United States of America and Dr. Héctor Acuña of Mexico, who submitted a painstaking report on the situation to the full Executive Committee, which resolved to thank the governments that had paid their quotas in the year and request the Director to send the governments with quotas in arrears for two or more years a letter requesting them to take the necessary steps to pay the balance of their quotas in arrears before the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, in order to obviate application of the provisions of Article 6-B of the Constitution, with regard to the vote of the countries. It also recommended that the XX Directing Council designate a working group to study the situation of the countries in arrears and report immediately on the application of Article 6-B of the Constitution.

IV Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and other Zoonoses

The Executive Committee considered the Final Report of the Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level on the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and other Zoonoses, in which are stressed the importance and future projection of the programs the governments are executing with the financial aid of international credit institutions for control of foot-and-mouth and other animal diseases affecting human health. It therefore resolved to recommend that the Directing Council adopt a resolution reaffirming its support to the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Centers and the programs they are carrying out for control of the animal diseases affecting the health and economy of the peoples of the Hemisphere.

Representation of the Executive Committee at the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas

The Executive Committee resolved to designate as Alternate Representative to the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and Representative of the United States of America.

Arrangements for the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The Executive Committee expressed its regret at the fact that the Government of Venezuela had been obliged to defer its invitation to the Directing Council to hold its next meeting in Venezuelan territory and in consideration of Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council agreed that the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas be held at Headquarters from September 27 to October 8 of the current year.

Provisional Agenda of the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The Executive Committee was informed of the items comprising the provisional agenda prepared by the Director for the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas. It was emphasized that owing to the fact that in many resolutions of the Governing Bodies the Director is requested to report on execution of the programs, the number of topics that must be included in the meetings of those Bodies becomes increasingly numerous, which prevents their being studied with sufficient thoroughness, to which it must be added that the time that has elapsed does not always permit significant changes to occur or to obtain important results as a consequence, which deserve to be reported to the Governing Bodies. The Executive Committee accordingly resolved, in view of the inadvisability of extending the meeting of the Directing Council beyond the scheduled weeks, to recommend to the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, that the provisional agenda prepared by the Director be approved and that it postpone for a later time consideration of topics: 31. Progress Report on the Preparation of the General Program of Work; 32. Establishment of an Office for the Receipt and Transmittal of Information about Smoking and Health; 33. Long-Term Planning and Evaluation; 34. Within-Country Fellowships; 35. Report on the Progress Made by the Countries of the Americas in Organizing and Administering Integrated Health Services; 36. Nutrition Program in the Americas; 37. Nursing.

Meeting of Ministers of Health

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau indicated that 10 years have elapsed since the promulgation of the Charter of Punta del Este which established the goals to be achieved by the health sector in the 1961-1970 decade; he emphasized that in his opinion these goals have signified an invaluable stimulus to the health actions taken by the governments of the Americas and that a revision should be made in the goals originally set, to adapt them to the shifting conditions of the economic and social development of the Americas. After exchange of a wide variety of views on the topic, the members of the Executive Committee decided to request the Director to contact the Ministers of Health of the Hemisphere urging the desirability of revising

and updating the health goals for the 1971-1980 decade, in the light of past experience. It also recommended that the Directing Council give favorable consideration to convoking a new Meeting of Ministers of Health, for the purpose of considering and proposing new health goals consonant with the economic and social development of the Continent.

Country Reports on Health Conditions

Pursuant to Resolution XIII of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Director of the Bureau presented a report describing the actions and measures recommended by the various Governing Bodies of the Organization since 1950 regarding the presentations the governments make to the Pan American Sanitary Conferences. This document also included a number of alternatives for study by the Executive Committee and transmission to the governments to learn their opinion or how to best make use of the countries' presentations. The Members of the Executive Committee discussed the various alternatives presented in the documents and recommended that the Director transmit it to the health authorities of the countries to ascertain their opinion and be in a position to discuss this topic again in the 68th Meeting, with a view to presenting to the Directing Council the recommendation it deems most appropriate.

Closing Session

The Executive Committee closed the sessions of its 66th Meeting, on July 16, 1971, after approving 23 resolutions on whose background and content I have taken the liberty of informing the Directing Council. I consider the work performed to have been fruitful for the lofty aims of our Organization and that it has been possible to carry them out thanks to the substantial degree to which all the Members of the Executive Committee share ideals in behalf of the health of the Americas.