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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 has the honor to present the following report:

Upon the request of the Ministry of Public Health, Nicaragua, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to Managua in August, 1957, and again in November, 1957, as a safeguard for the health of those exposed to rabies. The total cost of the supplies delivered to Managua amounted to \$2,925.08, of which \$1,458.25 has been reimbursed to date. A third request for an emergency shipment of rabies vaccine was received from the Ministry of Public Health, Nicaragua, on 19 March 1958. As of the preparation of this report, partial shipment has been made. The approximate total cost of the supplies delivered to Managua will amount to \$980.00.

Upon the request of the Senior Medical Officer, Grenada, B.W.I., emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to St. Georges in September-October 1957 as a safeguard for the health of those exposed to rabies. The total cost of the supplies delivered to St. Georges amounted to \$722.56.

Upon the request of the Chief Medical Officer, Jamaica, B.W.I., emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to Kingston in October 1957 for use by travellers as a preventive against cholera. The total cost of the supplies delivered to Kingston amounted to \$10.67.

Upon the request of the Administrator, British Virgin Islands, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to Tortola in October 1957 to safeguard the health of persons exposed to typhoid. The total cost of the supplies delivered to Tortola amounted to \$311.47. Of this total, the Ministry paid \$120.00 direct to supplier and has sent \$185.49 to the PASB in partial reimbursement to date.

The funds for the purchase of the supplies and the transportation were advanced by the Bureau from the Emergency Revolving Fund, under the authority of the above-quoted resolution. Complying with the provisions governing the Emergency Fund, the Director, on date of 7 March 1958, communicated with the recipient Governments regarding reimbursement to the Emergency Revolving Fund. When total cost factors are known relative to the third emergency order placed in behalf of Nicaragua, the Director will communicate with that Government regarding reimbursement for this expenditure as well.