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XIV Regional Committee Meeting



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ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU, AND
NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
FOR THE AMERICAS

In conformity with Articles 4-E and 21-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization "The Bureau shall have a Director elected at the Conference by the vote of a majority of the Governments of the Organization. The Director shall hold office for a period of four years."

On the other hand, Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization provides that "the Regional Director shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 49 and 52 of the World Health Organization Constitution." (These Articles read: Article 49, "Regional committees shall adopt their own rules of procedure."; Article 52, "The head of the regional office shall be the Regional Director appointed by the Board in agreement with the regional committee.").

The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference (San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1958) elected the present Director for the term of office commencing 1 February 1959 and ending 31 January 1963.



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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF SMALLPOX ERADICATION IN THE AMERICAS

I - Background

The Governing Bodies of PAHO/WHO have expressed their interest in, and concern with, smallpox in the Americas and its eradication in a series of resolutions which are set out chronologically below:

- a) May 1949, VII Meeting of the Executive Committee, Washington, D. C.- Resolution XIII approved a proposal of the Director of the Bureau which recommended that the American countries cooperate in the execution of programs aimed primarily at the eradication of smallpox in the Americas; authorized the Director to discuss this problem with the Member Governments and to offer them the cooperation of PASB.
- b) October 1950, XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: -Resolution XIX recommended to the countries the development of systematic programs of smallpox vaccination and revaccination with a view to eradicating the disease; resolved to develop these programs under the auspices of the PASB, which in agreement with the interested countries would take the necessary measures to solve the problems that might arise in the control of smallpox, whether they be sanitary, economic or legal.
- c) September 1951, V Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, III Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee, Washington, D. C. - Resolution XXXII called the attention of Governments to the WHA4 recommendation on raising the level of protection against smallpox.
- d) September 1952, VI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, IV Meeting of WHO Regional Committee, La Havana, Cuba: - Resolution IV-1-C approved the sum of \$75,000 in the Working Capital Fund for the initiation of a program against smallpox. Resolution XXIII authorized the Executive Committee to include the supplementary program against smallpox in the inter-country programs of the 1954 PAHO Budget and to assign an amount sufficient to insure its continuity.