SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC .... THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the Regional Committee was held in Saigon from 25th September to 1st October 1952.

Representatives were welcomed to Saigon by His Excellency Nguyen-Van-Tam, President of the Government, and His Excellency Le-Van-Hoach.

Following a speech by the retiring Chairman, Dr. Regino G. Padua, the election of officers was held. Dr. H. Marcel (Viet-Nam) was elected Chairman and Dr. J. B. Mathieson (Australia) was elected Vice-Chairman. Dr. Blin (France) and Dr. T. H. Wang (China) were elected Rapporteurs.

The draft Agenda was adopted.

In the course of six plenary meetings the Regional Committee adopted the following Resolutions:

WP/RC3/R1 STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON HEALTH PROBLEMS AND PROGRESS OF HEALTH-ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES

The Regional Committee

NOTES the written and oral reports on health activities in their respective countries as presented by Members of the Committee.

WP/RC3/R2 THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

NOTES the statement made concerning the progress relating to Resolution WP/RC2/R3.

WP/RC3/R3 LONG TERM PROGRAMME FOR APPROXIMATELY A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

"The Regional Committee;

RE-ITERATES the necessity of the development for the Region of a long-term programme which can be recommended to the Director-General and which will serve as a guide for the preparation of the detailed yearly programmes;

REALIZES the difficulty of the preparation of such a draft long-term programme without adequate data and information furnished by Member States;

CALLS for the co-operation of all Member States in submitting such data and information, and

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to consult further with as many Member States of the Region as possible and prepare a long-term programme for discussion and consideration by the Regional Committee at its next session."

WP/RC3/R4 ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES IN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The Regional Committee

NOTES the statement made by the Secretary.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1951 TO AUGUST 1952

The Regional Committee

AFTER careful study by a Sub-Committee composed of Representatives of Japan, Netherlands, and Portugal,

ACCEPTS the Second Report of the Regional Director covering the period September 1951 to August 1952.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1954

and

THE REVIEW OF THE APPROVED REGIONAL PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1953

and

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Regional Committee

AFTER careful study by a Sub-Committee composed of Representatives of Australia, Cambodia, China, Korea, Philippines, and the United Kingdom,

APPROVES the proposed Programme and Budget for 1954, as amended, together with the revised estimates for 1953;

AUTHORIZES the Regional Director to establish, if necessary, priorities in the implementation of projects, and that in the event of this being necessary, then, in establishing the priorities he should take into consideration the following:

1. The value of the project to more than one country or to the Region as a whole;

2. The place of the project in the long term health plans of the Government and the Government's other intentions as regards the particular problem;

3. The association in the project of more than one international health organization;

4. The incidence of disease, the total amount of assistance being received from WHO and the availability of other sources of assistance.

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to prepare and submit future Programme and Budget documents in time to reach the Governments not later than three weeks before the opening of the Regional Committee Meeting, and suggests in general no additions should be allowable after that submission, except that the Regional Director should be given a certain discretion in this respect in very exceptional circumstances; Further

CALLS ON Member Governments to forward their requests early enough for inclusion in said document, and urges Member Governments to include in all requests the estimated value in each relevant year of the Government's participation in each project, it being understood that the publication of such figures in no way commits the Government;

REQUESTS the Regional Director to forward the approved Regional Programme and Budget to the Director-General for inclusion in his Programme and Budget which will be submitted to the Eleventh Session of the Executive Board and to the Sixth World Health Assembly.
approved stamps for certificates of immunization

The Regional Committee

Notes the actions taken by the Director-General.

establishment of better cooperation among the member countries in this region in the field of public health: exchange of information and intra-regional fellowships

The Regional Committee

Recognizes the fact that there are a great many problems that need to be solved in the field of public health among the Member Countries of this Region; and that cooperation among the Member Countries by way of an exchange of information, both technical and administrative, will contribute greatly to the solution of these problems;

Recommends that the attention of the health administrations of all Member Countries and the Regional Director for the Western Pacific be called to this particular point;

and further

Recommends that a special study be made of the possibility of establishing a clearing centre in the Office of the Regional Director for the collection and distribution of such information among Member Countries, and also on the possibility of encouraging more grants of intra-regional fellowships to qualified persons and providing for more intra-regional seminars in order that they may acquire fuller information on the various aspects of public health administration in countries within the Region.

The Rotation of the Place of the Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific

The Regional Committee

Considers that the place of Regional Meetings should be the site of the Regional Headquarters unless Member Governments issue invitations in good time, and the Secretary is authorized to make detailed arrangements with the host government.

General Programme of Work for Specific Period

The Regional Committee

Notes Resolution A5/R/25 of the Fifth World Health Assembly covering the general programme of work for a specific period;

Recommends that Member Countries of the Region see to it that their annual programmes be so planned as to secure adequate integration of such programmes in the approved general programme of the Organization; and

Reiterates the previous recommendation contained in its Resolution WP/RC2/R7 that Member Countries of the Region make full use of the consulting service available from the Regional Office and keep the Regional Office informed of their desire for assistance of this type.
TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT TWO SESSIONS

The Regional Committee

DECIDES that the Meetings in both 1953 and 1954 will be held in Manila unless in good time invitations are received to hold them elsewhere, and

THAT the Meetings will be held in either the second or third week of September.

GREETINGS TO THE AMERICAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee

on the occasion of the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Pan-American Sanitary Organization (The American Region)

DECIDES to transmit the following cable:

"THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMITTEE CONGRATULATES THE AMERICAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON ITS PROUD RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION DURING THE LAST FIFTY YEARS AND EXTENDS BEST WISHES FOR FURTHER OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES."

RURAL MALARIA CONTROL CONFERENCE

The Regional Committee

KNOWING that malaria is one of the most important public health problems in many countries in this Region, particularly in rural areas where it also constitutes a great deterrent factor in economic development;

REALIZING the need for an interchange of observations and experience among malaria control workers in this Region, as well as workers in other regions, as regards the most effective and economical method of controlling malaria in rural areas;

REQUESTS the Regional Director to communicate to WHO Headquarters the desire of the Regional to hold an inter-regional Rural Malaria Control Conference in the Western Pacific Region in 1954, to which leading malaria control workers from this Region, as well as from other regions, will participate.

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

WHEREAS the Technical Discussions of the Third Session of the Regional Committee have been an excellent means for the exchange of information among the Representatives of the Member Countries of the Region;

WHEREAS such discussions should take place on other technical subjects about which the Representatives need to exchange their views;
WHEREAS such exchange of information should be a permanent feature of the Meetings of Representatives of Member Countries;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Committee that Technical Discussions be a part of the Agenda in future sessions of the Regional Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Regional Committee

HAVING been the recipient of so many favours, courtesies, facilities, and the entertainments in Viet-Nam;

COGNIZANT of the high honour bestowed upon it by the presence of his Excellency, the President of the Government of Viet-Nam, and the Members of his Cabinet and other ranking officials in the Government;

RESOLVES to express, as it does hereby express, its appreciation and gratitude:

(1) To His Excellency, the President of the Government of Viet-Nam, for his inspiring welcome address at the opening of the session and the cocktail party tendered by him in honour of the delegates and observers;

(2) To His excellency, the Minister of Health, for his speech at the inaugural ceremonies and the dinner given by him, likewise, in honour of the delegates and observers;

(3) To His excellency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, for his kind attention and interest in this Third Session and the cocktail party he had offered;

(4) To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for having facilitated transportation for the delegates and observers during the period of the session;

(5) To the Director of Health for Southern Viet-Nam and the "Corps Medical du Viet-Nam" for having organized a dinner and an entertaining programme;

(6) To the management of the Air Viet-Nam for having conducted the members of the Committee to and from Nhatrang to visit various institutions;

(7) To the Director of the Institute Oceanographic and the Director of the Institute Pasteur for having shown to us their studies, collections, and laboratories;

(8) To the heads of the Hôpital Psychiatrique; the Maternité Tu-Du; Polyclinique de Cholon; Hôpital Nam-Viet; to the Cité Nguyen-Tri Phuong, for their kindness in demonstrating the cases and problems of the representatives and observers;

(9) To the people of Viet-Nam for their sympathetic and affectionate attitude and the cordial hospitality they have shown to the representatives and observers;
(10) To the Regional Director and the Members of his Secretariat, including the interpreters, stenographers, and clerks, for their generous help and cooperation which made the present session a complete success.

REQUESTS the Regional Director to furnish the interested parties with copies of this resolution.

(Not included in this list of decisions and resolutions are the three Technical Discussion Resolutions attached to the Summary Report entitled "Technical Discussions on Education and Training of Medical and Public Health Personnel").