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CHAIRMAN: Dr. PADUA (Philippines)

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Closing Addresses

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

Copies of the Philippines Medical Directory were distributed to Chief Delegates, by courtesy of Dr. Menez, the author.

The Chairman drew attention to the minutes of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth meetings, which were before the members for approval, and suggested that they deal with the third and fourth, since the French versions of the fifth and sixth were not yet to hand.

Dr. YEO, United Kingdom, requested an amendment in the record of the sixth meeting.

The Regional Director drew attention to the footnote on all provisional minutes, requesting amendments in writing to Mr. J. Andersen within 48 hours of distribution. He said that when minutes had to be prepared in great haste mistakes were unavoidable, and he therefore urged members to submit any amendments they might wish to make in writing to ensure that the final revision should be accurate.

The Philippine delegation proposed that in view of the very short time remaining for discussion the Committee should agree to leave the revision of the minutes and approval of all documents to the Regional Director. Dr. YEO, United Kingdom, seconded this and the motion was approved.

The Chairman explained that the summary report might also be somewhat delayed though it was expected later in the afternoon.

The Committee agreed that the Regional Director should be empowered to sign this summary report on its behalf, and have it sent to delegates later.

Dr. FILIPPI, France, said that the French Territories in the Region were not greatly damaged during the war and that they were not asking for help from WHO. France would however be glad to offer personnel and its teaching facilities to help train WHO fellows.

Dr. KLINE, USA, complimented the Committee on its work and expressed his appreciation at having been invited to participate. He was assured that the USA would always be welcome to send a delegate to future meetings of the Committee.

Dr. YAMAGUCHI, Japan, expressed thanks to the Philippine Government and people for their hospitality and to the Regional Director and his staff, as well as all delegates and others participating for a job well done. He proposed a resolution of thanks which was seconded by Vietnam and further supported by France, and adopted unanimously.

The Philippines delegate complimented the Committee on their work and expressed appreciation of the honour conferred upon his country by the Committee in meeting in Manila.

The Japanese delegate then requested that thanks to the Secretary of Health for the reception that was going to be given that evening should be included in the resolution, and all agreed that this should be done.

The Chairman then introduced the Secretary of Health of the Republic of the Philippines, Dr. Juan Salcedo Jr., who delivered an address.

The Regional Director then made his final remarks, specially requesting Governments represented at the meeting to call upon the Regional Office for any assistance they required, and urging the early completion of formal agreements between Governments and the Organization.

The Chairman then made his closing address and formally declared the Second Session of the Western Pacific Regional Committee closed.