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TRAVEL STUDY TOUR

Reference to this subject is made in item 12.2.1 of the Agenda,
WP/RC4/1

The Third Session of the Regional Committee considered a somewhat similar proposal described in WP/RC3/7. The narrative description for the proposal was as follows :-

" The success of public health activities depends to a very large measure on the standard of public health administration. This standard varies considerably in the different countries of the Region. It is a matter of concern not only to the countries themselves, but to neighbouring territories.

It is proposed to organize in 1954 a public health administration conference and group study tour for experienced public health administrators from countries within the Region, preferably those actually at the head of their administrations, who will continue to serve their countries for a reasonable period of time.

The conference will enable the participants to exchange experiences and will have outstanding public health administrators brought in as consultants to speak on their various specialties.

The group study tour will cover a number of selected countries and places where the participants can study each others' problems. It is believed that through informal discussions on what is being done and what could be done, a common viewpoint can be obtained and the understanding of the various aspects of the problems can be advanced. "

As explained in the introduction of the proposed programme and budget estimates for 1955 (WP/RC4/7), it was necessary to omit several items from the programme in 1954 because it seemed likely that less Technical Assistance funds will be available during that year than were originally anticipated.

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Therefore, the Committee might be interested to know of the relative costs of the proposed Western Pacific Conference and Study Tour and a travelling study group proposed for the European Region in 1954. The European Region has estimated that for \$17,300 it would be possible to award twenty fellowships for participants in the study group which would visit several countries within that Region. However, in the estimates made for the Western Pacific Conference and Study Tour, it was found that to award fifteen fellowships the cost would be at least \$45,000.