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REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

The eleventh session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific was held in Manila, from 12-17 August 1960, in the WHO Conference Hall.

The meeting was attended by representatives of all Member States in the Region, except Cambodia and Laos, and of Member States responsible for territories in the Region. Representatives of the United Nations, UNICEF, the Technical Assistance Board, the South Pacific Commission, the Rockefeller Foundation, the International Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy and of fifteen non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO were also present. Dr. P. Dorolle, the Deputy Director-General, attended the meeting.

The Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman : Dr. R.K.C. Lee (United States of America)

Vice-Chairman : Dr. Ten Yoon Fong (Malaya)

Rapporteurs

in English : Dr. O.J.M. Kranendonk (Netherlands)

in French : Dr. J.P. Martins (Portugal)

Formal statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations, UNICEF, the Technical Assistance Board, the South Pacific Commission, and nine non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO.

The agenda is given in Annex 1 and the list of participants in Annex 2.

Dr. I.C. Fang was renominated Regional Director for the period 1 July 1961 to 30 June 1966. (See resolution WP/RCl1.R1.)

At its first plenary session the Committee established its Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget, composed of representatives from the following countries: Australia, France, Korea, Netherlands, Portugal and the United States of America. The Sub-Committee held two meetings, following which it submitted a report to the main Committee. Further details are given in Part II and Annex 3 of this report.

The twelfth session of the Regional Committee will be held in Wellington, New Zealand. The Committee expressed its appreciation of the invitation of the Government of Korea to hold its thirteenth session in Korea but decided to defer making a decision until the twelfth session of the Committee. (See resolution WP/RCl1.R13.)

In the course of five plenary sessions the Committee adopted fifteen resolutions, which are set out in Part V.

#### PART I. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Committee examined in detail the tenth Annual Report of the Regional Director (document WP/RCl1/3).

The Committee noted that encouraging progress had been made in the strengthening of national health administrations and that the need for better co-ordination and careful planning had received increased recognition. Activities in connection with the development of comprehensive rural health services, with maternal and child health as an integral component, had continued and there was every indication that rapid expansion would take place in the year to come. The education and training of national personnel of all categories still remained a need of fundamental importance but newer regional training facilities were planned for the future.

Experience had shown that training within the Region was relatively more economical than training elsewhere, thus permitting the award of a greater number of fellowships with the funds available. It was also often more useful to the fellows concerned, as it was carried out in an environment with similar conditions and problems.

In the field of nursing, the year's work had been encouraging. The need for increasing the number of nursing personnel and improving the quality of nursing services was being more generally recognized.

Assistance to governments in combatting the communicable diseases had continued to receive priority. The year had seen the intensification of antimalaria activities throughout the Region and the concepts of eradication was now accepted by most governments. The results of the mass yaws campaigns and subsequent surveys had been most satisfactory. There had been an increase in the number of countries planning to undertake public health programmes for tuberculosis control or to expand existing ones. Smallpox had continued to decline in the endemic countries and the Governments of Cambodia, Korea and Viet Nam were vigorously pursuing mass vaccination campaigns.

In the field of environmental sanitation the utilization of municipal refuse and night-soil to produce a hygienic end-product for use on growing crops, by means of composting, had shown an encouraging growth.

There had been increased joint planning with other agencies working in the field of health and a much closer relationship had been developed with the South Pacific Commission.

During the discussions emphasis was placed on the importance of studying the socio-economic conditions and potential resources of the countries

concerned as a basis for the planning and establishment of long-term public health programmes. It was also pointed out that health programmes should be co-ordinated with national economic development programmes. The importance of integration being planned from the start of a programme was again stressed.

The Committee noted with satisfaction that increasing interest was being shown in vital and health statistics. It was pointed out that advisory services in connection with the establishment or development of such services should be sufficiently flexible to permit their adaptation to the stage of development of the country or territory concerned.

Attention was paid to the need for good planning in the establishment or development of hospitals and the importance of the number of beds being commensurate with the population to be covered was emphasized.

The importance of the development of nutrition programmes was underlined and the Regional Director was requested to assist governments to carry out more extensive studies to determine the social and economic factors leading to nutrition problems. He was also asked to distribute to governments material collected on measurements relative to nutrition in people living in countries with similar problems.

The value of educational inter-country programmes was again mentioned as they had been found to have been of much benefit and to have had considerable influence on the development of national programmes.

The proposed establishment of an environmental sanitation project to provide a supply of piped water to rural and island communities was noted with interest and the Regional Director was requested to provide interested

governments with information on the progress made.

The Committee noted that in the field of leprosy control there had been reluctance in some quarters to bring legislation into line with scientific advances. It recognized that there was a need for wider appreciation by all peoples of the world of advances in the treatment and control of leprosy, and that health administrations might sometimes be reluctant to adopt policies in conformity with these advances in knowledge, because of the slowness with which the general public, also professional and political groups, could be convinced of the modern viewpoint regarding this disease. It recommended that the World Health Organization should intensify its global public information and educational activities in an endeavour to change age-old attitudes to leprosy and to gain acceptance of modern concepts and suggested that leprosy should be an early subject for a World Health Day. (See resolution WP/RC11.R3.)

The Committee noted with satisfaction the inclusion in the report of short evaluation summaries on completed projects and the opinion was expressed that these provided useful information.

The Committee unanimously adopted resolution WP/RC11.R2.

## PART II. PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1962

The Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget (established in accordance with resolution WP/RC7.R7 adopted by the Committee at its seventh session) held two meetings, during which it made a detailed examination of the proposed programme and budget estimates in the Western Pacific Region.

The discussion was broken down into (1) review of the regular programme and budget for 1961 in the light of present budgetary adjustments and consideration of amendments proposed by Member countries; (2) proposed programme and budget estimates for 1962 - regular programme; (3) Malaria Eradication Special Account; (4) supplementary list of projects; and (5) Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

The report of the Sub-Committee, which is contained in Annex 3, was considered and accepted by the main Committee. (See resolutions WP/RC11.R4 to WP/RC11.R7 inclusive.)

### PART III. OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Proposed programme of work for a specific period (documents WP/RC11/6 and Corr.1)

The Committee considered a proposed second general programme of work for a specific period presented by the Regional Director. It decided to extend by one year the first general programme of work, and adopted the second general programme of work for the specific period 1962-1965. (See resolution WP/RC11.R8.) The text of the second general programme will be found in Annex 4.

2. Malaria eradication (document WP/RC11/8)

The Committee considered the report of the Regional Director on the malaria eradication programme in the Region. It noted that antimalaria activities were in progress in practically all the malarious countries in the Region and that the regional training facilities had been improved by the holding of courses at Tala, Rizal, Philippines. It also noted that

two trials with medicated salt were now in operation in the Region. The serious financial situation facing malaria eradication operations was discussed and the Committee called on Member governments, particularly those countries with no malaria problem, to contribute generously to the financing of the world-wide malaria eradication programme.

A resolution was adopted urging Member governments to give first priority to malaria eradication programmes even when the incidence of the disease had been reduced to a low level, and to ensure that money, personnel and materials were made available to support the programme. The Regional Director was requested to continue to extend and improve the facilities for the training of malaria staff in the Region and to ask the South-East Asia Regional Office to approach the government concerned with a view to intensifying the malaria operations in Kalimantan and obtaining, as soon as possible, information on the progress of the campaign. (See resolution WP/RCLL.R9.)

3. Resolutions of regional interest adopted by the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Executive Board and the Thirteenth World Health Assembly (document WP/RCLL/7)

The Committee noted the resolutions adopted by the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Executive Board and the Thirteenth World Health Assembly on (1) the Malaria Eradication Special Account, (2) the Development of the Malaria Eradication Programme, (3) Smallpox Eradication, (4) Radiation Health, including Protection of Mankind from Ionizing Radiation Hazards, (5) the Third General Programme of Work covering a Specific Period 1962-1965 inclusive, (6) WHO/UNICEF Jointly Assisted Activities, (7) World

Health Year, (9) WHO Participation in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. (See resolution WP/RC11.R10.)

PART IV. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Progress reports from governments on health activities

The Chairman acknowledged the following progress reports which had been transmitted to the Regional Director:

- (1) AUSTRALIA - Report of the Forty-Ninth Session of the National Health and Medical Research Council, and the Report of the Director-General of Health for the period 1 July 1956-30 June 1958
- (2) BRUNEI - Report on the progress of health activities during 1960
- (3) CHINA (TAIWAN) - Report on the progress of health activities during the fiscal year 1960
- (4) FIJI - Report on the progress of health activities
- (5) GUAM - Report on the progress of health activities for the fiscal year 1960
- (6) HONG KONG - Report on the progress of health activities during 1959/1960
- (7) JAPAN - A brief report on public health administration in Japan, 1960
- (8) MACAO - Report on the progress of health activities
- (9) MALAYA - Report on the progress of health activities during 1959/1960
- (10) NETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA - Report on the progress of health activities during 1959

- (11) NORTH BORNEO - Report on the progress of health activities during 1959
- (12) TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA - Report on the progress of health activities (31 July 1959-30 June 1960)
- (13) PHILIPPINES - Report on the progress of health activities for the fiscal year 1 July 1959 - 30 June 1960
- (14) SINGAPORE - Report on the progress of health activities during 1959/1960
- (15) TIMOR - Report on the progress of health activities during the fiscal year 1959-1960
- (16) TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS - Report on the progress of health activities during the fiscal year 1960
- (17) VIET NAM - Report on the progress of health activities

## 2. Technical Discussions

Technical discussions were held on "The Organization and Administration of Rural Health Services". This subject was dealt with under two headings, viz. "Planning and Assessment of Health Services" and "Organization and Administration".

Both topics were presented by a panel after which there was an open discussion. Three discussion groups then considered the subject on the basis of pre-established guide-lines.

The Committee selected "Dental Health" for the Technical Discussions

in 1961. It was also agreed that it would be very useful to appoint the Chairman of the Technical Discussions well in advance of each session and the Committee decided that selection should be made by the Regional Director in consultation with the Chairman. (See resolution WP/RC11.R11.)

The report on the Technical Discussions appears in Annex 5.

3. Other

Referring to the recent emergency which had arisen in the Philippines as a result of the considerable damage caused by floods, the representative from the United States of America suggested that a resolution should be adopted transmitting to the Government the sympathy of the Committee, and expressing the hope that conditions would very soon return to normal. This was unanimously agreed. (See resolution WP/RC11.R12.)

## PART V. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

## WP/RC11.R1 NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Regional Committee,

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee,

RECOMMENDS to the Executive Board the extension of the term of office of Dr. I.C. Fang for a further period of five years from 1 July 1961 to 30 June 1966.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 6.3

First meeting, 12 August 1960

## WP/RC11.R2 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Annual Report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Western Pacific Region during the period 1 July 1959 to 30 June 1960,

1. EMPHASIZES the importance of:

- (1) studying the socio-economic conditions and potential resources of the countries concerned as a basis for the planning and establishment of public health programmes on a long-term basis;
- (2) the co-ordination of health programmes with national economic development programmes;
- (3) the development of vital and health statistics, particular attention being made to the adaptation of such services in accordance with the development of the country or territory concerned;

- (4) good planning in the development of hospitals so that the number of beds is commensurate with the population to be covered;
  - (5) integration being part of the planning of all health programmes;
  - (6) the development of nutrition programmes;
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (1) to assist governments to carry out more extensive studies to determine the social and economic factors leading to nutrition problems and to distribute to governments material collected on measurements relative to nutrition in people living in countries with similar problems;
  - (2) to increase the number of educational inter-country programmes which have been found to have been of considerable benefit to and to have had influence on the development of national programmes;
  - (3) to provide to interested governments information on pilot projects for the supply of piped water to rural and island communities;
3. NOTES with satisfaction the evaluation of completed projects and the fact that the public health administrations concerned are continuing the activities;
4. CONGRATULATES the Regional Director and his staff on the preparation of a comprehensive and detailed report;
5. ADOPTS unanimously the report.

## WP/RCLL.R3      LEPROSY CONTROL

The Regional Committee,

Recognizing the need for wider appreciation by all peoples of the world of advances in the treatment and control of leprosy;

Realizing that health administrations may sometimes be reluctant to adopt policies in conformity with these advances in knowledge because of the slowness with which the general public, also professional and political groups, can be convinced of the modern viewpoint regarding this disease,

1. RECOMMENDS that the World Health Organization should intensify its global public information and educational activities in the endeavour to change age-old attitudes to leprosy and to gain acceptance of modern concepts; and
2. SUGGESTS that leprosy should be an early subject for a World Health Day.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 1.2.2 (1)

Third meeting, 16 August 1960

## WP/RCLL.R4      MODIFICATIONS TO THE 1961 REGULAR PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

The Regional Committee

1. NOTES the modifications made in the regular programme and budget for 1961; and
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director implement the programme as amended.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 3.1.2

Third meeting, 16 August 1960

## WP/RCLL.R5      1962 REGULAR PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES

The Regional Committee,

Having examined the regular programme and budget estimates

proposed for the Western Pacific Region in 1962 and the report of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget,

1. CONSIDERS that the programme is well conceived and that a satisfactory balance has been maintained among subject headings;
2. NOTES the programmes proposed for implementation under the Malaria Eradication Special Account;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to transmit the proposals to the Director-General for his consideration for inclusion in his proposed programmes for 1962, the implementation of which is subject to the necessary funds being voted by the World Health Assembly.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 3.1.1 (10)

Third meeting, 16 August 1960

WP/RCLL.R6 SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF PROJECTS

The Regional Committee,

Having, as part of its consideration of the proposed programme and budget estimates for 1962, reviewed the supplementary list of projects which were requested by governments, including those brought forward during the meeting which could not be accommodated within the regional allocations for 1961 and 1962,

1. BELIEVES that the projects in the supplementary list should be considered part of the regional programme and should therefore be forwarded to the Director-General for submission to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly;
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to implement as many of the projects in the supplementary list as possible and that in so doing he should take into consideration not only the general priorities recommended by the Regional Committee at its ninth

session but also those recommended by the World Health Assembly and that assistance should be given to developing rather than developed countries.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 3.1.3

Third meeting, 16 August 1960

WP/RCLL.R7 1961 AND 1962 PROGRAMME AND COST ESTIMATES UNDER  
THE EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Regional Committee

1. NOTES the projects proposed by governments in the Western Pacific Region for implementation under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
2. REITERATES its previous opinion that much benefit can be derived from inter-country programmes; and

Considering that the following projects can best be carried out on an inter-country basis:

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| 1961: | Nursing administration seminar<br>Seminar on acute rheumatism |
| 1962: | Seminar on rural health services<br>Food sanitation seminar,  |

3. EXPRESSES the hope that these projects will be approved by the Technical Assistance Board and Technical Assistance Committee.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 4.2.5

Third meeting, 16 August 1960

WP/RCLL.R8 SECOND GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK COVERING A  
SPECIFIC PERIOD, 1962-1965 INCLUSIVE

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the draft suggested by the Regional Director for the second general programme of work;

Recalling that the first general programme of work was adopted by the Regional Committee for the three-year period, 1957-1960,

1. DECIDES to extend by one year the first general programme of work; and
2. ADOPTS the proposed second general programme of work, as amended, for the specific period, 1962-1965.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 1.1.3 (2)

Third meeting, 16 August 1960

WP/RC11.R9 MALARIA ERADICATION

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the malaria eradication programme in the Western Pacific Region,<sup>1</sup>

1. NOTES

(1) the continued progress of and extension of antimalaria operations to practically all the malarious countries in the Region;

(2) the serious financial situation facing malaria eradication operations;

(3) that the training facilities in the Region have been improved by the holding of courses at Tala, Rizal, Philippines in both the English and French languages;

(4) that two trials with medicated salt are now in operation in the Region;

2. URGES Member governments:

(1) to continue to give first priority to malaria eradication programmes even when the incidence of the disease has been reduced to a low level;

<sup>1</sup> Unpublished document WP/RC11/8

- (2) to ensure that money, personnel and materials are made available to support the programme;
3. CALLS on Member governments, particularly those countries with no malaria problem, to contribute generously to the financing of the world-wide malaria eradication programme;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (1) to continue to extend and improve the facilities for the training of malaria staff in the Region;
  - (2) to ask the South-East Asia Regional Office to approach the government concerned with a view to intensifying the malaria operations in Kalimantan and obtaining, as soon as possible, information on the progress of the campaign.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 1.2.1 (3)

Fourth meeting, 17 August 1960

WP/RCLL.R10 RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-FIFTH AND TWENTY-SIXTH SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE THIRTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The Regional Committee

NOTES the resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the Thirteenth World Health Assembly on the Malaria Eradication Special Account, the Development of the Malaria Eradication Programme, Smallpox Eradication, Radiation Health, including Protection of Mankind from Ionizing Radiation Hazards, the Third General Programme of Work covering a Specific Period 1962-1965 inclusive, WHO/UNICEF Jointly Assisted Activities, World Health Year, WHO Participation in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

WPR Handb.R s., 2nd ed., 5.2

Fourth meeting, 17 August 1960

## WP/RC11.R11 TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Regional Committee

1. NOTES the report on the Technical Discussions;
2. DECIDES that the subject of the Technical Discussions in 1961 should be "Dental Health";
3. CONSIDERS that the appointment of a Chairman for the Technical Discussions well in advance of the meeting would greatly enhance the value of the discussions; and
4. RECOMMENDS that the chairman of future technical discussions should be selected by the Regional Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Regional Committee.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 5.5.2 (8)

Fourth meeting, 17 August 1960

## WP/RC11.R12 NATIONAL DISASTER

The Regional Committee,

Being aware of the recent emergency which has arisen in the Philippines as a result of the considerable damage caused by floods,

1. REQUESTS the Regional Director to transmit to the Government its sympathy; and
2. SINCERELY HOPES that conditions will very soon return to normal.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 12.1

Fourth meeting, 17 August 1960

## WP/RC11.R13 TIME, PLACE AND DURATION OF THE TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the time,

date and place of the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Regional Committee,<sup>1</sup>

1. REAFFIRMS the decision taken at its previous session that the twelfth session of the Committee should be held in New Zealand in 1961;
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation for the invitation made by the Government of Korea that the thirteenth session of the Committee should be held in Korea in 1962; but
3. DECIDES to defer action on this invitation until the twelfth session of the Regional Committee.

WPR Handb.Res., 2nd ed., 5.3.2 (11)

Fourth meeting, 17 August 1960

WP/RC11.R14 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The Regional Committee

EXPRESSES its appreciation and thanks to:

- (1) His Excellency, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, for the arrangements made to receive the representatives and members of the Secretariat;
- (2) the Secretary of Health and other persons for the hospitality offered;
- (3) the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Rapporteurs and the Chairman of the Technical Discussions;
- (4) the representatives of the United Nations, the Technical Assistance Board, UNICEF, the South Pacific Commission and of the non-governmental organizations who made statements;

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<sup>1</sup>Unpublished document WP/RC11/9

(5) the Regional Director and the Secretariat for their work in connection with the organization of the session.

Fifth meeting, 17 August 1960

WP/RC11.R15      ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The Regional Committee

1. NOTES the report on the eleventh session of the Committee;
- and
2. ADOPTS the report.

Fifth meeting, 17 August 1960

ANNEX 1  
(WP/RCLL/1 Rev.1)

## AGENDA

- 1 Opening of the eleventh session of the Regional Committee  
Address by retiring Chairman
- 2 Address by the Director-General
- 3 Election of new officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteurs
- 4 Address by incoming Chairman
- 5 Adoption of the provisional agenda WP/RCLL/1 Rev.1
- 6 Technical Discussions  
6.1 Designation of Chairman  
6.2 Acceptance of the Programme for Technical Discussions WP/RCLL/TD2 Rev.1
- 7 Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget
- 8 Acknowledgement by the Chairman of brief reports received from governments on the progress of their health activities
- 9 Election of the Regional Director WP/RCLL/2
- 10 Report of the Regional Director WP/RCLL/3
- 11 Review of the proposed programme and budget for 1961 in the light of present budgetary adjustments and consideration of amendments proposed by Member countries WP/RCLL/4
- 12 Proposed programme and budget estimates for the financial year 1 January-31 December 1962 WP/RCLL/5  
WP/RCLL/5 Add.1  
WP/RCLL/5 Corr.1
- 13 Proposed programme of work for a specific period WP/RCLL/6  
WP/RCLL/6 Corr.1
- 14 Resolutions of regional interest adopted by the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Executive Board and the Thirteenth World Health Assembly WP/RCLL/7

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| 15 | Malaria eradication  | WP/RC11/8 |
| 16 | Consideration of the report presented by the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget |           |
| 17 | Consideration of the report presented by the Technical Discussion Group            |           |
| 18 | Time, place and duration of twelfth and thirteenth sessions                        | WP/RC11/9 |
| 19 | Other business   |           |
| 20 | Adoption of the draft report of the Committee                                      |           |
| 21 | Adjournment  |           |