EIGHTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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TOPIC IV. WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION - REGIONAL MATTERS

Program of the UNICEF-WHO-PASB to be developed with UNICEF funds granted to Latin America

BACKGROUND

In the Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, January to June, 1949, Chapter IV, Article 3, Item a., states:

"a. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) -

At the request of the Chairman of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, the Director of the Bureau discussed programs for Latin America to be carried out with UNICEF funds before the Program Committee of UNICEF met in New York City on February 22. Later, a program of projects for Latin America was presented for the consideration of UNICEF and again at the request of the Chairman of the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Director of the Bureau undertook to secure the agreement of the Latin American Republics to this program. (Letters of March 30, 1949, Ref. No. C-SG-1849-49 and May 2, 1949, Ref. No. C-SG-2696-49 to the Ministers and Directors of Health of the American States). This program covered projects for:

(1) The mass treatment of yaws in Haiti and the Dominican Republic;

(2) The increase of the use of DDT as a residual insecticide in the control of malaria and the fly-borne intestinal infections in Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and
British Honduras;

(3) The organization of an anti-typhus campaign based on the use of DDT in Peru and Bolivia; and

(4) The organization of an immunization program against diphtheria and whooping cough in Chile.

Also, it was suggested that some funds be made available for:

(1) A careful study in Brazil of the efficacy of BCG in the control of tuberculosis in tropical America.

(2) The activation of the laboratory and trained personnel already available for the production of BCG in Mexico.

PRESENT STATUS

During the month of September, 1949, the Fund and the Bureau sent communications to the Governments of the countries included in the program, announcing that the plans had entered into a decisive stage, and that Representatives of the UNICEF and the Bureau would visit the countries with regard to requests made by their Governments to the Committee on Programs and to the Executive Board of the Fund, in order that they may be submitted for the final consideration of the meeting to be held in New York on October 10.

The technical direction of the medical programs shall be under the World Health Organization which has established a Joint Committee with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.