Topic 27: SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE
XIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL, XIII MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

In considering the subject of the Technical Discussions at the XIII Meeting of the Directing Council, the Government of Cuba has proposed the topic:

"Present Status of the Provision of Medical Care in the Americas"

including under this not only the biologic and administrative aspects but also the relationship of medical care services to the broad field of social security.

After a review of outstanding current problems confronting the region, the Director is in agreement that the topic suggested by the Government of Cuba is one of the most important. In addition, however, in order to provide the Council with possible alternatives, the following topics are also suggested:

1. Training of Public Health Officers in Administration and Management

2. Standards for Determining Needs for Health Services Personnel

For the information of the Council, a list is attached of the topics selected for Technical Discussions both at the World Health Assembly and at meetings of the Pan American Health Organization Governing Bodies.

Annex: Subjects of Technical Discussions
SUBJECTS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Pan American Health Organization

1953 - Directing Council

Nutrition Programs in Public Health Services

1954 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

1. Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs

2. Control of Infant Diarrheas in the Light of Recent Scientific Progress

3. Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America

1955 - Directing Council

1. Methods of Improving the Education of Public Health Personnel

2. Medical Care in Rural Areas

1956 - Directing Council

Methods for the Preparation of National Public Health Plans

1957 - Directing Council

Bases and Methods for the Evaluation of Health Programs

1958 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

The Prevention of Accidents in Childhood

1959 - Directing Council

Technical, Financial and Administrative Aspects of Water Supply in the Urban Environment in the Americas

1960 - Directing Council

Technical, Administrative, Legal, and Financial Aspects of Garbage and Refuse Disposal
World Health Assembly

1951 - The Education and Training of Medical and Public Health Personnel

1952 - 1. The Economic Value of Preventive Medicine

2. The Methodology of Health Protection for Local Areas

1953 - Syphilis

Tuberculosis

Typhoid

1954 - Public Health Problems in Rural Areas

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1956 - Nurses: their Education and their Role in Health Programmes

1957 - The Role of the Hospital in the Public Health Programme

1959 - Health Education of the Public

1960 - The Role of Immunization in Communicable Diseases Control

1961 - "Recent Advances in Tuberculosis Control"