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HEALTH ORGANISATION

MALARIA COMMISSION

The Secretary of the Malaria Commission has the honour to communicate herewith to the Members of the Commission the Resolutions concerning malaria, adopted by the Health Committee of the League of Nations during its XXVI session, after discussion of the Report of the Acting President of the Commission.

The annex mentioned in the following resolutions is the attached report, Document C.H.1282 (CH/Malaria/248).

The Secretary would be very grateful to the members of the Malaria Commission if they would kindly send him any remarks which a perusal of the report might suggest to them.

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MALARIA

1. Fourth General Report of the Commission.

The Fourth General Report of the Malaria Commission entitled "The Treatment of Malaria" has been drawn up by the Drafting Committee composed of Prof. SERGENT (France) (Chairman), Dr. L. W. HACKETT (United States of America), Prof. G. PITTALUGA (Spain) and Lieut.-Col. J.A. SINTON (United Kingdom).\* This report, in the form of a draft, was communicated to the Members of the Malaria Commission for their observations,

"The Health Committee,

Takes note of the Fourth General Report of the Malaria Commission entitled "The Treatment of Malaria",

Requests the Director of the Health Section to publish the Report as early as possible and to transmit it officially to the Health Administrations and to communicate its conclusions to the medical journals in order that it may receive all necessary publicity."

2. Programme of the Work of the Commission.

In drawing up its three-year plan of work, the Health Committee, at its twenty-fifth session, formulated a number of suggestions concerning the studies to be carried out in the field of malaria, and decided to consult the Malaria Commission regarding the final programme to be drawn up.

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\* Prof. G. Bastianelli, a member of the Committee, did not participate in the Committee's work.

The Reporting Committee of the Malaria Commission therefore met from October 27th to 29th, 1937, and submitted proposals which will be found annexed.

"The Health Committee,

Requests the Director of the Health Section to submit the programme of work of the Malaria Commission to all its members in order to obtain their observations as soon as possible,

Agrees with the statement of the Reporting Committee which lays stress on the danger of the great malaria pandemics which break out suddenly in a given region,

Draws the attention of Health Administrations of all countries where such danger exists to the urgent necessity for carrying out research on this subject not only during the epidemic, but also prior to its outbreak,

Considers it advisable to maintain the co-operation established in 1933 between the Horton Laboratory and the various Roumanian laboratories with a view to continuing the studies on the biology of certain strains of Plasmodium, and on the relative immunity to different species and strains,

Approves the proposal that Dr. HACKETT, with the assistance of a malariologist from the East, should draft a report on the so-called naturalistic methods of malaria control,

And requests the Director of the Health Section to give effect to the preceding decisions."

3. Standardisation of the Terminology employed in Malariology.

"The Health Committee,

Approves the constitution of a sub-committee composed of Sir Rickard CHRISTOPHERS (Chairman), and of Drs. HACKETT, SCHUFFNER and SERGENT for the preparation of a draft Report on the standardisation of the nomenclature employed in malariology."

4. International Malariology Courses.

"The Health Committee,

Approves the conclusions of the Reporting Committee (see Annex ...);

and requests the Director of the Health Section to ensure their execution."

5. Collective Study Tour.

"The Health Committee,

Approves the recommendation of the Reporting Committee on the advisability of organising a collective study tour in certain countries of the Mediterranean Basin (see Annex .....).

The object of such a tour would be:

(a) to collect information regarding the effects of the anti-malarial campaigns which have been carried out in these regions, with special reference to anti-mosquito measures,

(b) to collect data on the various subjects of interest in the Commission's programme of work,

Requests the Director of the Health Section to consider the possibility of organising this tour and to make arrangements for a Report on its results".

6. Intergovernmental Conference on anti-malarial drugs.

In adopting its three-year plan of work at its twenty-fifth session, the Health Committee decided to envisage the preparation of an Intergovernmental Conference on anti-Malarial Drugs. It requested the Malaria Commission to study a possible programme and also to indicate the requisite preparatory studies.

The Reporting Committee has formulated its recommendations on this subject. (see Annex ).

"The Health Committee,

Considers that it is now in a position to give detailed suggestions for the programme of such a Conference,

Requests the Council to consult the interested Governments regarding the desirability of such a Conference".

7. Recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference of Far Eastern countries on rural hygiene concerning malaria. (Bandoeng, August 3rd to 13th, 1937).

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"The Health Committee,

Having consulted the Reporting Committee of the Malaria Commission,

Shares the opinion of the Conference and of the Reporting Committee on the advisability of organising annually at Singapore, if possible, a Round Table Conference in which members of the Malaria Commission resident in the East might usefully take part,

Draws attention to the importance of including in the plans of the general health surveys suggested by the Conference, the study of the following questions:

- (a) Morbidity due to malaria,
- (b) The influence of malaria on general mortality,
- (c) The economic and social effects of malaria on the population,

And recommends that the carrying out of certain experimental studies on clinical prophylaxis in the field be considered in conformity with the research programme drawn up by the Reporting Committee".

8. Preparation for the Conference of American Countries on Rural Hygiene.

"The Health Committee,

Approves the proposals of the Reporting Committee regarding the place to be allotted to malaria in the preparatory work of the Conference. (see Annex.....)".

9. Third International Malaria Congress  
(Amsterdam, September 28th-30th, 1938).

"The Health Committee,

Considers that it would be advisable to take the opportunity presented by the meeting of the Third International Malaria Congress to convene the members of the Commission as well as those of the Reporting Committee who will be attending the Congress".