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of the Meeting of the sub-Committee on Malaria
of the Health Committee of the League of
Nations, June 6th 1923

In accordance with a Resolution adopted at the 6th
Session of the Health Committee, the Chairman appointed a sub-
Committee on Malaria consisting of:

Dr. Lutrario, Chairman,
Sir George Buchanan
Professor Léon Bernard.

The first Meeting of this sub-Committee was held on
June 6th at the League of Nations office in Paris.

Present:

Dr. Lutrario,
Sir George Buchanan,

Secretariat:

Mr. Sydenstricker,
Mr. Duffield.

Mr. Sydenstricker pointed out that two matters had been
referred by the Health Committee to the Sub-Committee for consi-
deration, viz:

- 1) a note by Sir George Buchanan to the Chairman on the
"choice of effective and economic methods of combating
malaria according to the circumstances of the country
concerned and the particular epidemiological conside-
rations involved", to which was appended a memorandum
by Colonel James of the British Ministry of Health
addressed to Sir George Buchanan as Vice-Chairman of
the Health Committee.
- 2) a note from the Secretary-General of the League of
Nations transmitting a letter from M. Blinishti, Direc-
tor of the Permanent Secretariat of Albania, attached to
the League of Nations, requesting that the Health
Committee consider the possibility of a study of malaria
in Albania, and suggesting that the Health Committee
prepare a plan for an antimalaria campaign in that country.

On the first question DR.Lutrario suggested that a
questionnaire be prepared which could be sent to the
various Health Services. He made some suggestions for
this questionnaire.

Sir George Buchanan suggested that a group of
malarialogists

be chosen to advise the Sub-Committee and the Health Section in making this enquiry, and to afford advice to such countries as might desire expert opinion on anti-malarial work. He suggested that Colonel James of the Ministry of Health might be chosen as one of the malariologists and that Dr. Lutrario should name another from Italy and Professor Bernard a third from France.

After some discussion the following preliminary steps were agreed upon:-

- (1) that the three malariologists be chosen as soon as possible in accordance with Sir George Buchanan's suggestion.
- (2) that the questionnaire be drafted for preliminary enquiry on the malaria situation and on various phases of anti-malaria work in Europe according to the following procedure:-
 - (a) that Mr. Sydenstricker should confer with Dr. Lutrario on a preliminary draft of the questionnaire
 - (b) that Mr. Sydenstricker should prepare a draft of a covering note for the questionnaire explaining the work of the Sub-Committee and of the experts and the purposes of the enquiry.
 - (c) that the draft questionnaire, note and preliminary plans for the enquiry be discussed by the three malariologists with representatives of the Health Section at a meeting to be convened as soon as possible.
 - (d) that the revised draft etc. and suggestions be submitted first by letter to members of the Sub-Committee for their consideration.

It was further agreed to leave the following questions for further consideration by the Committee of experts and the Health Section: a review of recent literature on malaria incidence and prophylaxis, etc., examination of available mortality and morbidity statistics, and methods of obtaining more complete data on the incidence of malaria, as a possible basis for constructing a malaria map of Europe in accordance with Dr. Chodzo's suggestion.

On the second question, it was the opinion of the Sub-Committee that it was advisable first to obtain as complete and accurate information as possible on the malaria situation in Albania, and that a suggestion should be made to the Medical Director that Dr. Haigh should make a preliminary survey of the situation in Albania for the information of the Health Section and of the Sub-Committee. Such a preliminary visit by Dr. Haigh, it was thought, might be undertaken for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information on the prevalence of malaria in different parts of Albania, and on the practical possibility of prophylactic measures. It was felt that, without such information and recommendations, the Committee would not be in a position to advise the Albanian Government or to take other steps in accordance with that Government's request.