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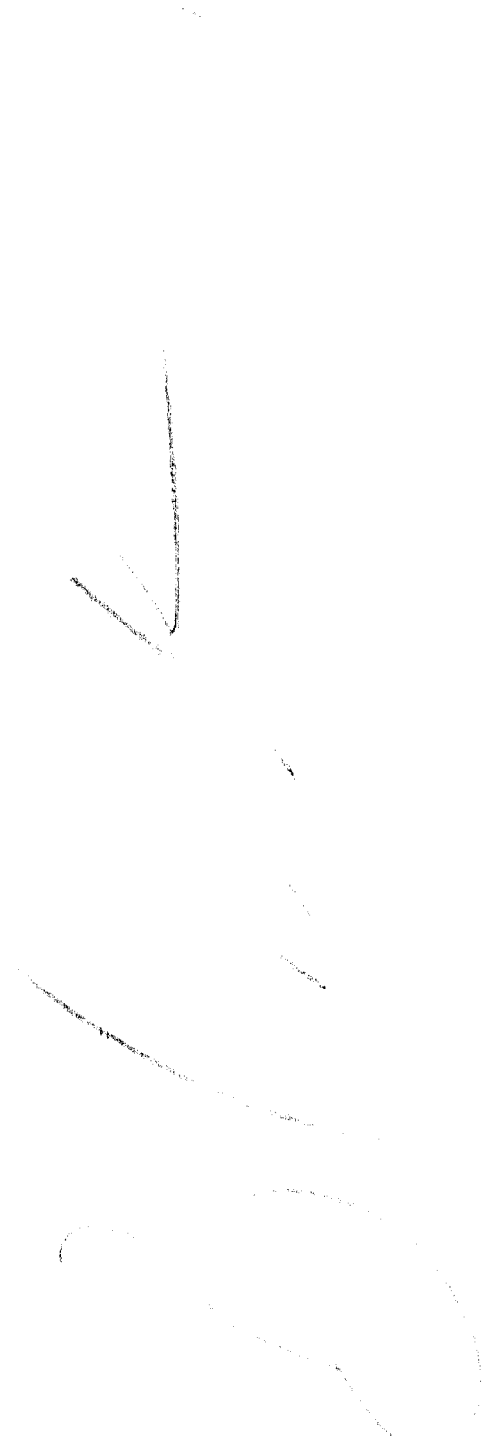
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REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON ITS
108-110TH MEETINGS HELD 5-6 JUNE 1950

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ATTENDANCE

1. The programme Committee met in the Manhattan Building, New York, on 5-6 June 1950 with the following attendance:

CHAIRMAN: Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (Canada)
Mr. K.C.O. Shann (Australia)
Mr. P.Y. Tsao (China)
Mr. J. A. Correa (Ecuador)*
Mr. G. Amanrich (France)
Mr. R. Pestalozzi (Switzerland)*
Mr. R. Ledward (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).
Miss M. Leuroot (United States)

Mr. W. B. Butch, Acting Chairman also attended. Miss M. MacKenzie represented the U. N. Department of Social Affairs; Miss M. Scott represented FAO; Dr. M. Ingalls and Dr. I. Laurie, WHO; and Mr. C. Patton, UNESCO.

AGENDA

2. The agenda of the session as adopted, consisted of the following substantive items: (a) Reports of Executive Director; (b) Recommendations of Executive Director regarding Unused Allocations; (c) Recommendations of Executive Director Regarding Allocations and Apportionments; (d) Reports of Medical Sub-Committee; (e) Report of Fourth Session of the Joint UNICEF-WHO Committee on Health Policy; and (f) Annual Plan of Expenditure of UNICEF Allocations to International Children's Center, Paris.

3. The committee agreed not to include a provisional agenda item on "Continuing Needs of Children" on the ground that it was preferable for this to be considered directly by the Board.

* Mr. G. Aguirre represented Ecuador for a portion of the 108th and 109th meetings; Mr. J. Aguilera represented Switzerland for a portion of the 108th meeting.

UNICEF REPORT TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

During the course of the discussion which resulted in the decision not to place "Continuing Needs of Children" on the Committee's agenda, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Board that the UNICEF Report to the Eleventh Session of the Council include a summary review of UNICEF policies, activities, and methods of collaboration with other agencies. This could be done either through a special section in the usual Board Report to the Council; through a separate supplementary report by the Board; or through requesting the Administration to present a special report to the Council. This latter procedure had been followed for the Ninth Council session held in Geneva in July 1949 (E/1406). The Executive Director stated his willingness to prepare draft sections for presentation to the Board which might form the basis of a report under any of these possibilities.

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Committee had before it the General Progress Report of the Executive Director (E/ICEF/R.67) analyzing the financial position of the Fund and summarizing major developments during the past three months. It also had before it the following special reports:

Summary of Status of UNICEF Assisted Programmes
in Latin America as of 1 May 1950. E/ICEF/146

Summary of Status of UNICEF Assisted Programmes
in Asia as of 22 May 1950. E/ICEF/147

Interim Progress Report on Joint UNICEF/WHO
Malaria Control Demonstrations in Asia. E/ICEF/R.34
and Corr.1

UNICEF Feeding Plans of Europe and the Middle
East (April - June 1950). E/ICEF/114/
Add.3

Approved Plans of Operations for Asia and the
Far East. E/ICEF/132/
Rev.1/Add.1

/Progress Report

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Progress Report on Milk Conservation Project.

E/ICEF/148
and Corr.1

Use of UNICEF Raw Materials in Europe for
Children's Shoes, Clothing, and Institutional
Supplies.

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FINANCIAL SITUATION

The Executive Director reported that in the last three months, UNICEF resources had increased by \$3,158,000 (U.S. equivalent) largely as a result of new contributions and pledges from twelve governments plus United States matching. In the past twelve months total resources had increased by more than \$29,000,000. Contributions and pledges to UNICEF are now sufficient, when fully documented, to more than draw down the \$75,000,000 United States matching contribution. Legislation has passed both Houses of the U.S. Congress authorizing an additional \$15,000,000 which might be contributed to the United Nations for international children's welfare work (E/ICEF/R.67).

NEW AND REVISED PLANS OF OPERATIONS

In connection with new and revised plans of operations the Executive Director reported that during the period April-June 1950 6,100,000 children and mothers would be receiving UNICEF food in programmes in eight European countries and Israel and that in addition 440,000 Palestine refugee mothers and children would be assisted (E/ICEF/114/Add.3).

The Executive Director informed the Committee that since the last Board session plans of operations for twelve countries or territories in Asia had been approved to the value of \$2,286,000. These approvals have been given by the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Programme Committee, and the Executive Director under authority delegated to them by the Executive Board. Approval of these plans of operations brought the total of approved plans for Asia to \$6,392,000 (E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1).

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Approval by the Programme Committee was sought by the Executive Director on a number of plans of operations in the field of tuberculosis control work submitted by the Government of India (E/ICEF/R.48), in view of the fact the Programme Committee was currently in session. These plans developed by the Government with the advice of WHO, and having the formal technical approval of WHO, provide:

- (a) for the development of three tuberculosis control centres which will serve as bases for the training of local personnel and will facilitate the expansion of tuberculosis control work in India. The aid will amount to approximately \$357,000 and the Indian Government will provide the equivalent of \$423,000;
 - (b) a special research project in tuberculosis including BCG vaccination. The purpose of this project is to study closely tuberculosis control measures in a typical Indian rural population. This project will be operated by the Government of India and have the cooperation of the WHO Tuberculosis Research Office. The Indian Government will contribute \$60,300, the WHO Research Office \$35,600, and UNICEF \$5,000.
- d). The Programme Committee approved these two plans of operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING UNUSED ALLOCATIONS

1) Romania

The Executive Director recommended that the remainder of the allocation to Romania currently held in suspense be returned to the Fund's unallocated resources. For purposes of re-allocation this can be taken as \$2,750,000 which should be within \$30,000 of the final accounting figure (E/ICEF/R.55). The Executive Director reported that the need for food, for which the UNICEF allocation had been made, had considerably lessened as a result of an improvement in food production within Romania. He reported that no finality had been achieved in the

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communications with the Romanian Government following the Programme Committee's recommendation in December 1949 that the Romanian allocation be placed in suspense.

1. The Programme Committee recommends approval of the Executive Director's proposal.

() Eastern Zone of Germany

1. The Executive Director recommended that an unused balance of \$120,000 in the Eastern German Zone allocation be returned to the Fund's unallocated resources since it has not been possible, to date, to complete an agreement with the East German Government. If the East German Zone authorities were to request UNICEF aid for that area, he would present the request at that time to the Programme Committee and the Executive Board.

2. The Executive Director also recommended that the remaining \$30,000 of the Eastern German Zone allocation be used for a raw materials programme in the Soviet Sector of Berlin. He pointed out that, at present, there is planned a distribution programme for clothing and shoes made with UNICEF raw materials in Berlin. The four sectors of Berlin can be regarded as one unit and it would be difficult to exclude any one sector of the city from a general distribution project. UNICEF mission staff can visit the Soviet sector of the city and are able to make satisfactory arrangements for distribution with the local authorities handling this matter.

3. The Programme Committee recommends approval of these proposals

() Albania

1. The Executive Director stated that there will continue to be for some time to come a serious shortage of protective foods for children in Albania. He was hopeful that it would be possible to arrive at a solution of the difficulties which had resulted in the suspension of the Albanian allocation and he, therefore, did

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It recommend any change.

The Programme Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Director.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS

) Allocations

The unallocated resources of UNICEF total \$3,100,000. If the recommendations of the Programme Committee for the return of existing allocations (Romania \$750,000 and Eastern Zone of Germany \$120,000) are approved, the total unallocated resources would amount to \$5,970,000. The following new allocations are recommended to the Board for programmes described in paragraphs 21 - 50 below.

Recommendations for New Allocations

Dry Salted Cod Fish	\$ 546,000
Fish Liver Oil	400,000
Palestine Refugees	900,000
European Feeding	330,000
European Medical Projects, including Handicapped Children	525,000
Iraq Bejel/Syphilis Project	150,000
Israel	120,000
Freight	1,000,000
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	\$3,971,000

Taking account of these allocation recommendations, the financial situation of the Fund would be as follows:

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/Total resources

Total resources		\$ 118,500,000
Total allocations to date		<u>115,400,000</u>
Unallocated resources		\$ 3,100,000
Recommended return of existing allocations to unallocated resources		
Germany		120,000
Romania		<u>2,750,000</u>
Total unallocated resources		\$ 5,970,000
Proposed Allocations	\$ 3,971,000	
Recommendation for Additional Administration Expenses*	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>5,271,000</u>
Remaining Unallocated Reserve		\$ 699,000

(b) Apportionments

20. Apportionment recommendations out of existing area allocations for programmes described in paragraphs 51 - 132 below are summarized as follows:

* This is being recommended by the Committee on Administrative Budget to the Programme Committee.

• Reserve for Japan and Korea	\$450,000
Less: Japan	<u>40,000</u>
Balance in Reserve for Japan and Korea	<u>\$410,000</u>
• Reserve for Asia, excluding China, Japan and Korea	\$3,910,000
Less: India-Calcutta Center	930,000
M.C.M.	332,000
Indonesia	729,000
Pakistan	251,000
Philippines	35,000
Thailand	89,000
U.K. Territories (BOG in Singapore and Malaya)	<u>65,000</u>
Balance in Reserve for Asia, excluding China, Japan and Korea	<u>\$1,479,000</u>
• Reserve for all Asia	\$2,500,000
Less: Programme in Formosa	<u>110,000</u>
Balance in Reserve for all Asia	<u>\$2,390,000</u>
• Reserve for Malaria	\$80,000
Less: Apportionment for Thailand and Pakistan	<u>16,000</u>
Balance in Reserve for Malaria	<u>\$64,000</u>
• Reserve for Latin America	\$995,000
Less: Bolivia	105,000
British Honduras	12,000
Chile	125,000
Paraguay	100,000
Peru	<u>200,000</u>
Balance in Reserve for Latin America	<u>\$453,000</u>
• Reserve for Milk Conservation in Europe	\$35,000
Less: Apportionments to Greece and Czechoslovakia	<u>35,000</u>
Balance in Milk Conservation Reserve for Europe	<u> </u>

ALLOCATIONS

(a) Dry Salted Cod Fish

21. The Executive Board was notified on 12 April 1950 (E/ICEF/R.36) that UNICEF would be receiving a contribution of \$550,000 (U.S.) from Canada. This was to be used for the purchase of dry salted cod fish in Canada and it was explained that owing to the perishable nature of the fish, immediate procurement and shipping action would have to be taken by the Fund to insure the earliest delivery and consumption in advance of allocation by the Board.

22. The Administration reported that it had made a complete canvass in every country where UNICEF is assisting supplementary feeding. On the basis of the requests received from countries in Europe, Asia, and Latin America, the following allocations of this product were made. Deliveries are now completed.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Amount Allocated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Europe</u>		
Bulgaria	320,000 pounds	\$ 40,000
Greece	896,000 pounds	113,000
Italy	1,456,000 pounds	184,000
Yugoslavia	1,615,592 pounds	206,000
<u>Latin America</u>		
Ecuador	<u>5,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	4,322,592 pounds	\$546,000

23. The Administration recommended that additional allocations to cover the cost of the fish be approved to each of the countries that received the dried salted cod fish according to the amounts shown in the above table.

24. The Programme Committee recommends that the above allocations be approved.

/(b) Fish Liver Oil

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5. During the winter of 1949-1950 in Europe about 5,000,000 children received fish liver oils containing Vitamin A and D in the form of cod liver oil, and concentrated fish liver oil capsules, for the prevention of rickets.

6. At the present time the Fund has a stockpile of about one hundred million capsules valued at \$320,000. In addition the Administration is proposing to spend an additional \$80,000 of contributions received from New Zealand for additional capsules since requests totalling \$400,000 for additional fish liver oils have been received, and the procurement of this product in New Zealand represents a good purchase.

7. Every country that has used fish liver oil has requested the Fund to continue this assistance in the coming winter period. The consumption of fish liver oil capsules, as proposed, will be less than the total consumed during the winter of 1949-1950. The Administration proposals, taking into account existing UNICEF stocks within the countries, are given in detail in E/ICEF/R.39. In summary, the proposed new allocations are as follows:

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FISH LIVER OIL CAPSULES

Bulgaria	\$24,200
Czechoslovakia	37,200
Germany	55,800
Greece	90,500 <u>a/</u>
Italy	71,400
Poland	49,600
Yugoslavia	53,300
Israel	18,000

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8. In addition Greece will be able to feed a further 150,000 children cod liver oil under a separate allocation of \$60,000. (See paragraph 34)

. The Programme Committee recommends that all above allocations be approved.

) Palestine Refugee Mothers and Children

. The Administration recommends that UNICEF continue to provide food rations from October 1 to December 31, 1950 for 40,000 infants and 400,000 children aged 15 and pregnant and nursing women Palestine refugees. The supplies to be provided would be mainly milk, fats, and sugar with the addition of other foods that may be contributed to the Fund in kind, such as grains, dried fruits, etc. For economy of distribution all UNICEF's supplies other than milk will be pooled with the UNRWA's supplies, but whole and skim milk will be handled separately and issued only for beneficiaries in UNICEF categories. UNRWA plans to provide 500 calories daily to all refugees under its care. With the extra milk, beneficiaries in UNICEF categories will be receiving 1,650 calories daily. Taking UNICEF foods, including milk, as a separate ration UNICEF would be providing approximately 330 to 350 calories daily for mothers and children, (E/ICEF/R.45).

. In addition, the Administration recommends \$400,000 for cotton textiles intended to assist in the desperate clothing situation which confronts the refugees. Subject to the approval of the Executive Board the Administration has, therefore, worked out an agreement with UNRWA to provide 1,200,000 meters of cotton textiles to be processed in Czechoslovakia at the expense of the Czech contribution to UNICEF, out of raw cotton which will be provided by UNRWA. UNRWA will also pay transport charges. The UNRWA's contribution to the project will cost approximately \$150,000 and the processing costs for UNICEF will be \$400,000 to be paid for out of Czechoslovakia's contribution to the Fund. It is planned to distribute these piece goods in the approximate proportion of two-thirds to

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children and women and one-third to other adult groups, this share corresponding to the contributions of UNICEF and UNRWA. The refugees themselves will make garments from the piece goods as a works relief project. In view of the urgent need for delivery of the textiles, the Czech Government has under examination whether it is possible to advance piece goods in exchange for the equivalent quantity of raw cotton. The supplies to fulfill these recommendations, plus an additional amount for emergency medical supplies are shown in the following table:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Milk, dry skim	2,100,000 pounds	\$ 63,000
Milk, dry whole	400,000 pounds	102,000
Fats	265,000 pounds	50,000
Sugar	530,000 pounds	32,000
Other Foods and Medical Contingencies		253,000
Cotton textiles		<u>400,000</u>
		\$900,000

31. The Programme Committee recommends that these allocations be approved.

(d) Food Supplies to European Countries

32. In considering the need for possible further assistance to European countries for additional food supplies, the Administration has taken into consideration certain reports from FAO, ECE, and information provided by UNICEF missions in European recipient countries. In addition to this assessment of need the Administration has also taken into account the effect of supplies already provided and to be provided to European countries from existing allocations.

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3. On the basis of this information the Administration believes that of the UNICEF receiving countries in Europe four countries or regions had relatively greater food needs: Albania, Northern Greece, Southern Italy, Southern Yugoslavia.

4. The situation with regard to Albania is dealt with in paragraph 16 above. With regard to Greece, Italy and Yugoslavia, only Greece and Yugoslavia are being recommended for additional allocations since Italy will be able, out of existing allocations, to obtain sufficient food supplies from UNICEF to carry on existing milk and fat feeding projects in southern areas to the end of 1950. The needs for continuing food assistance to these countries, and the situation with regard to other UNICEF assisted countries in Europe, was presented to the Committee in Document E/ICEF/R.44. The Administration recommendation for new allocations for Greece and Yugoslavia amounted to \$330,000 as follows:

Greece

<u>Item</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Value</u>
Milk, dry whole	165,000	\$ 42,000
Sugar	720,000	43,000
Fish liver oil	19,000,000 (capsules)	<u>60,000</u>
	Allocation Required	\$145,000

Yugoslavia

Milk, dry whole	396,000	\$101,000
Fats	285,000	51,000
Milk, dry skim	1,100,000	<u>33,000</u>
	Allocation Required	\$185,000

35. The Programme Committee recommends approval of this allocation.

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1) Medical Supplies, and Assistance to Handicapped Children for European Countries.

2 . The Programme Committee had before it a recommendation by the Executive
3 Director for additional medical supplies required to complete child health pro-
4 grammes initiated in European countries in the last three years with UNICEF assist-
5 ance (E/ICEF/R.54). In addition, the Executive Director recommended allocations
6 European countries for assistance to handicapped children. In this connection
7 the Acting Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Social Affairs had
8 pointed out that it would be highly desirable for UNICEF to meet requests of Govern-
9 ments for supplies and equipment for dealing with handicapped children. The proposal
10 commended by the Executive Director had been developed with the assistance of the
11 child welfare consultant of the U.N. Department of Social Affairs assigned to the
12 UNICEF Regional Office in Paris.

13 . The Executive Director recommended that not less than \$160,000 be allocated
14 European countries for the specific purpose of providing assistance to handicapped
15 children. He pointed out that further discussion is necessary before drawing up
16 final plans of operations on the various governmental applications. The Administra-
17 tion is actively working together with U.N. Department of Social Affairs, WHO, and
18 ESCO to ensure that their contributions of fellowships and advice will be coordin-
19 ed with UNICEF aid which will be largely in the form of supplies. The allocations
20 proposed are minimum figures when compared with the needs of handicapped children,
21 but are sufficient in each case to make a significant contribution to a particular
22 problem.

23 . On the basis of plans reported in E/ICEF/R.54, the allocations shown below
24 for medical supplies and assistance to handicapped children were proposed by the
25 Executive Director.

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Proposed Allocations for Medical Supplies and Assistance
to Handicapped Children

(in thousands)

Country	Description of Programme (1)	Medical Supplies (2)	Aid to Handicapped Children ^{a/} (3)	Total (4)
		\$	\$	\$
Austria			15	15
Bulgaria	Anti-Tuberculosis Handicapped Children	60	20	80
Czechoslovakia	Tuberculosis Institute Handicapped Children	80	15	95
Denmark	Mother and Child Health Handicapped Children	15	10	25
Greece	Mobile Clinics Handicapped Children	15	25	40
Italy	Anti-Trachoma Handicapped Children	35	25	60
Poland	Anti-venereal disease Anti-tuberculosis (laboratory supplies, film, etc.) Handicapped Children	80	25	105
Yugoslavia	Anti-venereal disease Vaccine production, etc. Handicapped Children	50 30	25	105
TOTAL		\$ 365	\$ 160	\$ 525

a/ The usual flexibility would be left to governments in agreement with the Administration for the development of plans of operations, with the understanding that not less than the amounts shown would be used for handicapped children.

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. The Committee recommends approval of the above allocations, with the above condition.

1) Iraq Bejel/Syphilis Project

. The Committee had before it a request from the Government of Iraq, developed in collaboration with WHO, for UNICEF assistance in the problem of Bejel and Syphilis. The Executive Director recommended an allocation of \$150,000 to the Government of Iraq for a campaign against Bejel/Syphilis, subject to the following conditions:

- a) That aid to a campaign against bejel be approved in principle and the Administration be authorized to proceed with procurement on a limited basis.
- b) That discussions with the Iraq Government and WHO be undertaken to analyze the possibilities of extending this programme on a two-year basis to include a mass attack against this disease. This would necessitate, at an early stage, the formation of a larger number of teams completely staffed with personnel provided by the Iraq Government. The present plans contemplate the serological testing of only some 18,000 cases in the first year of operation.
- c) That the research aspects of the present project be reviewed, in the light of UNICEF policy, with the Government of Iraq and WHO. A large part of the present personnel requirements are requested for detailed examination of some 3,000 persons serologically tested.
- d) A review to be made with the Iraq Government and WHO of the international personnel requirements in light of the above recommendations, these discussions to include examination of local availability of technical personnel required, and provision of local understudies.

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e) On the basis of the above, a detailed plan of operations to be developed by the Administration with the Government of Iraq, subject, of course, to the technical approval of WHO.

f) The results of the above discussions will be reported to the next session of the Programme Committee.

The Committee expressed the hope that in developing the detailed plan there would be assurance that all international personnel provided would be employed full-time on the project and that there would be an examination of the possibilities of using local personnel to meet some of the requirements.

The Programme Committee recommends approval of the Executive Director's proposal on the understanding that in the development of a more detailed and revised plan of operations, no continuing commitment is implied.

() Israel

The Committee had before it a recommendation from the Executive Director to allocate \$120,000 to Israel for an extended feeding programme to the end of the year for 175,000 children and nursing mothers through infant welfare centres, children's homes, day nurseries and immigrant camps (\$75,000); woolen materials and leather for fabrication into shoes and winter garments by teen age children in immigrant camps as part of an occupational training programme (\$40,000); and medical supplies for epidemic control among the immigrant children in camps (\$15,000) (ICEF/R.46).

The Programme Committee recommends approval of this allocation.

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/(h) Freight

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. The Executive Director recommended an allocation of \$1,000,000 toward an estimated deficit of \$1,200,000 for freight for allocations previously made, and for new allocations currently being proposed (E/ICEF/R.62).

1. The Programme Committee recommends approval of this allocation.

) Allocation Proposal of Representative of Ecuador

. The representative of Ecuador proposed that the allocation to Latin America be increased by \$1,000,000, \$600,000 to come out of general reserves and \$400,000 out of the proposed allocation for freight. He pointed out that both the General Assembly and the Social Commission had approved an increase of the Fund's activities outside Europe. It was his view that the proposed allocations did not conform with the wishes expressed by these bodies. He pointed out that of the \$5,970,000 available for allocation, Europe would receive \$1,782,000, the Middle East \$1,188,000 and Latin America only \$1,000. The Area Reserve for Latin America of \$400,000 was insignificant compared to the Asia Reserve of over \$4,000,000 excluding an \$7,000,000 allocation to China where operations are now in suspense. He reminded the Committee that allocations have totalled \$88,000,000 for Europe, to date, and \$22,000,000 for Asia. Latin America has received only \$3,840,000. Part of this latter allocation, which had been made at the previous session of the Programme Committee and the Board, had been the subject of considerable debate.

3. During the course of the ensuing discussion, members of the Programme Committee shared in principle the concern of the representative of Ecuador. However, it was pointed out by various members that in view of the fact that the general reserves are currently at a low level, it would not be wise at the present time to make an additional allocation. It was also pointed out that a sum of \$453,000 still remains unapportioned out of the total allocations to Latin America; that the trend was

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Executive Board allocations to diminish for Europe and to expand in Asia and Latin America; that if the activities of the Fund continued the trend for expansion in Asia and Latin America would also continue.

The Executive Director stated that requests for surveys of need had been received from several countries and territories in the Middle East and Africa. He pointed out that the Programme Committee should bear in mind the possibility of greater UNICEF assistance to this part of the world in planning expenditure of its resources.

The representative of Ecuador, in view of the opinions expressed, did not press for a vote. He appreciated the expressions of good will, but under the circumstances he thought it necessary to reserve the position of his Delegation to raise the matter again before the Executive Board. He explained that he would have to abstain from voting on any new allocations proposed by the Administration because due regard had not been paid to all the regions of the world.

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APPORTIONMENTS) Asia(1) Programme in Formosa

In response to a recent request the Administration sent a consultant to Formosa to obtain information about the needs of children there. The consultant's report (excerpted in E/ICEF/R.69, Annex I) suggested a number of projects which appear practical and in need of international aid. These include a TB control project including BCG vaccination campaign to reach all elementary school children; supplies for "refresher" or supplementary training programmes for nurses, midwives and doctors connected with child health programmes; supplies for trachoma control programme; and supplies for selected maternal and child health centers. The equipment, supplies and technical aid which it is suggested might be needed initially from UNICEF for these projects would cost approximately \$110,000.

2. Although these proposals are described in general terms, the relevant detailed plans of operations have not yet been developed.

3. In view of the foregoing, the Programme Committee recommends to the Executive Board for approval an apportionment of \$110,000 from the Asian reserve for a programme in Formosa, subject to:

a) the satisfactory development of detailed plans of operations for the use of this allocation for the approval of the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Chairman of the Programme Committee; and

b) the approval of technical medical aspects of these plans by the WHO.

(2) India

4. Up to the present the Executive Board has allocated to India \$885,000 including a share of \$135,000 from the Asia regional allocation for malaria)

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and funds for BCG vaccination, all of which has been committed for the following programmes:

BCG Vaccination Against Tuberculosis
Malaria Control Demonstrations
Feeding (evaporated milk, skim milk)
Fellowships
Health Education
Poliomyelitis Control
Tuberculosis Control

as shown in E/ICEF/132/Rev.1, E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1, and paragraphs above.

(i) Maternal and Child Health

55. The Government of India is requesting UNICEF aid for maternal and child health services in the Delhi area (E/ICEF/R.49). The plans of operation have been developed by the Government with the advice from WHO, and they were discussed jointly by the Government officials, WHO advisers, and the Executive Director and Director of FEMQ of the Fund. Formal technical approval is presently expected from WHO.

56. The Administration recommends that an apportionment be made to the following extent:

(a) Training field in maternal and child health in Delhi area international personnel for 2 years instead of 5. Including travel this would cost \$66,000 instead of \$164,000 requested. It is considered that the possibility of national staff taking over from the international staff within two years should be further explored	\$66,000
Transport, as requested	36,000
Equipment and supplies for children's wards in Delhi hospitals, as requested	38,000
50 portable dental units and three vehicles, as requested, and on understanding that 50 full time dentists would be assigned by India for this project	<u>30,000</u>
	\$170,000

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/b) Equipment

Brought Forward		\$170,000
b) Equipment and supplies for 100 rural MCH centers. Equipment, instruments, enamel ware, as requested	\$26,000	
50 doctors obstetric bags, 300 domiciliary midwifery bags, etc., as requested.	23,000	
Drugs and diet supplements. This reduced tentative list should be further reviewed by the Government, WHO, and UNICEF in the field	<u>50,000</u>	
		\$99,000
c) Equipment for pediatric training centers in Madras, Bombay, and Patna, as requested		17,000
d) Reserve for unforeseen items		<u>14,000</u>
		\$300,000

57 The Programme Committee recommends that the above proposals be approved by the Board.

ii) Fellowships

58 The Government of India is also requesting some additional fellowships (E/CONF/R.49/Add.1). In view of the fact that the fields of study are closely related to the maternal and child health projects recommended above, the Programme Committee recommends Board approval for \$32,000 to be apportioned to India from the reserve for the WHO area for a further eight fellowships to cost not more than the specified amount.

59 The Administration pointed out that it will in the future, in ordinary circumstances, recommend fellowships for study outside the country only when required as one element of a country programme for which UNICEF is providing supplies.

60 The Programme Committee recommends approval of this apportionment.

/(iii) Training

(i) Training Scheme for Child Health Workers (Calcutta Center)

61. It will be recalled that a proposal to assist the Government of India in the establishment of a scheme for training child health workers in the Asian region was discussed among representatives of the Indian Government, UNICEF and WHO beginning in Geneva in July 1949. Details of the scheme were subsequently developed in India with the Indian Government, the WHO Regional Office and the UNICEF Mission participating.

62. At its March 1950 session the Board approved the development of a Training Center in India for Child Health Workers as outlined in the proposals submitted to the Board (E/ICEF/R.21, pages 11-27) with the understanding that it was to be a national center, nationally administered, available for international training programmes within the region; the center to be financed on the basis of equal participation in total cost by the Government of India and UNICEF, providing that satisfactory arrangements could be made with regard to:

- (1) consultation with other Governments in the region and the appropriate agencies of the United Nations;
- (2) scholarships and
- (3) per caput training costs;

the contribution from UNICEF not to exceed \$1,000,000 (E/ICEF/145, paragraph 54).

63. The Board authorized the Administration to proceed with negotiations with the Government of India and the WHO and report on these negotiations to the Programme Committee and the Executive Board at their next respective sessions.

64. During the recent visit of the Executive Director to India the Administration has undertaken further discussion and negotiation in accordance with the decision of the Board at its March Session. With regard to (1) above it has been agreed:

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"That under the Chairmanship of the Director of the Institute there will be held in the premises of the Institute in Calcutta a meeting, at least once a year, to which representatives of interested Governments will be invited as well as representatives of UNICEF, WHO, the U.N. Department of Social Affairs, and eventually other interested Specialized Agencies of the U.N. The purpose of these meetings will be to exchange views and encourage practical suggestions to bring about the maximum benefit of the courses to students from within India and from countries outside of India." (E/ICEF/R.47, page 7, paragraph 12B).

65. With regard to (2) inquiry showed that many of the people benefitting from the training scheme would be employed in health services in India and other countries of the region. In many such cases the Government would continue to pay salary during the training course, and also transport. It was recognized that there might be a need for scholarships for students not so provided for which might be requested from various sources including UNICEF, WHO, Department of Social Affairs, etc., but the number was hard to foresee at the present.

66. With regard to (3) in the original proposal places equivalent to 150 "student years" were to be offered to non-Indian students. This number has been increased to 250.

67. The procedures in effect for approval by the Director-General of WHO of plans of operations in the health field for programmes receiving UNICEF assistance are appropriate for approving this proposal without re-submission to the JCHP. However, in view of the importance of the subject, the plans of operations of the scheme were submitted to the Joint Committee for its information and for any views which it might wish to have conveyed to the Executive Board (E/ICEF/R.47 formerly issued as JC4/UNICEF-WHO/12). The Joint Committee during its Fourth Session held in Geneva 30-31 May, 1950, approved the scheme unanimously (E/ICEF/152 paragraph 6).

68. After examining the correspondence and agreements contained in E/ICEF/R.47 and E/ICEF/R.47/Add.1 the Committee recommends approval of the apportionment to

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India of \$930,000 from the reserve for the FEHQ area for the training scheme defined in the exchange of correspondence between the Hon. Minister of Health of India and the Executive Director on 1st, 19th, and 25th May, 1950, with the understanding that the Administration will report to the Board concerning the problem of continuing responsibility in relation to international funds, including appropriate provisions in the event of the establishment of a successor agency to UNICEF.

69. If the above proposals are approved by the Executive Board the total allocation to India will be \$2,147,000, plus funds for BCG.

(3) Indonesia

70. The present allocations of \$1,221,000 to Indonesia has been completely taken up by approved programmes including especially a programme for combatting yaws and syphilis. These programmes are described in E/ICEF/132/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1.

71. The total funds required for the anti-yaws campaign amount to approximately \$1,500,000 (see E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1). In order to expedite the implementation of this project, the Chairmen of the Executive Board and the Programme Committee approved the project within the limits of the unprogrammed balance of the existing country allocation. It was understood that at a later meeting of the Executive Board the further requirements for this project would be presented for an additional allocation. To permit the full implementation of the plan for the areas at present included in the plan an additional \$100,000 is needed.

72. Further requests for UNICEF aid to Indonesia have now been put forward by the Government of Indonesia (E/ICEF/R.42) as follows:

Child feeding

Midwifery training and equipment for maternal and child health centers.

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73. The proposed supplementary child feeding programme would extend the present programme to about 180,000 under-nourished infants and children and nursing and pregnant mothers through schools, maternal and child health centers, maternity and children's wards in hospitals, institutions, etc.

74. The maternal and child health programme would restore some of the training facilities and some of the war-time destruction of maternal and child health facilities which the recent stabilization of local conditions now makes possible. It would also enable the Government to initiate broad plans for the expansion of its maternal and child health programme in terms of increased services combined with local training of child care personnel. The sum requested is an initial amount only and further requests, including the full plan of operations, will be presented to the next session of the Programme Committee and Executive Board.

75. The Administration estimated that the following amounts would be needed for projects sufficiently advanced for apportionment at the present session:

\$100,000	for yaws control
\$129,000	for supplementary foods for children
\$500,000	for equipment for midwifery training and for
_____	maternal and child health centers
\$729,000	

This would carry the total apportionment to Indonesia to \$1,950,000. Plans of operations would be approved by the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Programme Committee, and in their medical aspects by WHO.

76. The Programme Committee recommends approval of an apportionment of \$729,000 to Indonesia from the reserve from the FEHQ area.

/(4) Japan

(4) Japan

77. The Executive Board has allocated the sum of \$500,000 to Japan (E/ICEF/128, paragraph 18). This allocation has been completely taken up by the approved feeding and clothing programmes which are described in document E/ICEF/132/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1.

78. The authorities in Japan have requested further UNICEF assistance for the expansion of the previously approved clothing programme. UNICEF has in its possession approximately \$40,000 of cotton which is uncommitted at the moment.

79. Provision of a further \$40,000 worth of raw cotton would permit the manufacture of clothing for another 60,000 children of indigent families which have not so far participated in the UNICEF programme. It is understood that the Japanese Government will provide the processing cost for this cotton and ultimate beneficiaries will receive the garments free of charge.

80. The Programme Committee recommends for approval by the Executive Board that out of the reserves for Japan and Korea a further \$40,000 be apportioned to Japan for the provision of raw cotton.

81. If this is approved by the Executive Board the total allocation to Japan will be \$540,000.

(5) Pakistan

82. Up to the present the Executive Board has allocated \$302,000 to Pakistan, (including \$52,000 for malaria control from the special regional anti-malaria allocation) plus funds for BCG vaccination. All of this allocation has now been taken up by approved plans of operations for milk and soap (primarily for refugees), malaria control fellowships and BCG (E/ICEF/132/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/Rev.1/Add.1).

83. The Government of Pakistan has requested further UNICEF assistance for programmes of maternal and child health (\$135,000) and tuberculosis control

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(\$1,000) totalling \$250,000.

84. The plans of operations presented in Annexes I and II of E/ICEF/R.38 have been developed by the Government with the assistance from WHO. The plan for Tuberculosis Control and Maternal and Child Health has the technical approval of WHO.

85. The Programme Committee approves the plans of operations contained in Annexes I and II of E/ICEF/R.38 and recommends that the sum of \$250,000 be apportioned to Pakistan out of reserves for FEHQ area.

86. If this is approved the total allocation to Pakistan will be \$552,000, plus BCG funds.

(6) Philippines

87. To date, \$530,000 has been allocated to the Philippines. This entire sum has been committed for the approved plans of operations described in documents E/ICEF/132/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1.

88. The Government of the Philippines has now requested further UNICEF aid for the provision of certain items of equipment to over 200 maternal and child health centres (Puericulture Centres). The extensive work of these Centres, of which over 500 are in existence, is outlined in the Government's proposal (E/ICEF/R.68, Annex I).

89. The Government of the Philippines has currently budgeted over \$650,000 for the operation of maternal and child health centres in 1950-51.

90. The proposal has been given a preliminary review by WHO Advisors at the UNICEF FEHQ, and has been submitted to the WHO Regional Office in New Delhi for technical approval.

91. The Programme Committee recommends that a further \$35,000 be apportioned to the Philippines from the reserve for the FEHQ area for items requested subject to

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technical approval by WHO and a further review of the supply list.

92. If this is approved the total allocation to Philippines will be \$565,000.

(7) Thailand

93. Up to the present the Executive Board has allocated to Thailand \$152,000 plus \$33,000 share in regional malaria control allocation for the programmes described in E/ICEF/132/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1.

94. Additional UNICEF assistance is requested by the Thai Government for supplementary child feeding, to the amount of \$34,000 (E/ICEF/R.43). It is proposed to distribute milk supplies through existing distribution channels primarily in children's and maternity wards of hospitals, children's institutions, pre- and post-natal clinics.

95. Plans of operations for the maternal and child health and tuberculosis control programmes are currently being developed by the Government with the assistance of WHO advisors. Final requests from the Government have not yet been developed. However, an initial allocation of \$40,000 for maternal and child health is recommended by the Administration to permit an early inauguration of procurement. The list of supplies and equipment and final plan of operations will be submitted to WHO for technical approval. In general, equipment and supplies will be for schools of nursing, children's and maternity wards of hospitals, a school dental programme, and a pre- and post-natal syphilis control programme.

96. A tuberculosis control programme likewise is being developed by the government with the assistance of WHO advisors, and is not yet ready for final submission for an allocation. However, the Administration recommended that an initial allocation of \$15,000 be made for some laboratory equipment. A further request is expected for the next session.

97. In view of the needs for

Maternal and child health	\$40,000
Tuberculosis control	\$15,000
Additional milk	<u>\$34,000</u>
	\$89,000

the committee recommends an apportionment of \$89,000 to Thailand from the reserve for the FEHQ area.

(8) Thailand and Pakistan Malaria Control Demonstrations - Second Year's Supplies.

98. In a separate document "Interim Progress Report on Joint UNICEF/WHO Malaria Control Demonstration in Asia" (E/ICEF/R.34) there is presented information on the status of the malaria control demonstrations which have been established against apportionments approved by the Executive Board from the Far East regional anti-malarial allocation of \$300,000 (E/901, para. 52). As reported in E/ICEF/R.34 six malaria control demonstrations are now being conducted, of which five are financed by apportionments from the regional anti-malaria allocation. The status of the approved budgets for these programmes, as described in E/ICEF/132/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/132/Rev.1/Add.1, is as follows:

Pakistan - One demonstration	\$ 52,000
Thailand - One demonstration	33,000
India - Three demonstrations	<u>135,000</u>
	\$220,000

(A fourth demonstration in India is charged to the country allocation to India).

Thus the balance remaining in the Far-East regional anti-malaria allocation is \$80,000.

99. In document E/ICEF/R.34, paragraph 5, reference is made to additional needs of these demonstrations. The public health nurse attached to each demonstration is handicapped by the lack of drugs and some simple equipment.

100. Except in the case of Thailand, UNICEF has provided supplies and equipment

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for a two-year demonstration. The demonstration in Thailand was undertaken in an area about which relatively little information was available, and the first year, therefore, was largely taken up with a study of the area. This study indicates that the usual two-year demonstration can be conducted successfully. The personnel and local finances are available, and supplies for the second year are therefore required, to the value of \$12,000.

10. Accordingly, the Programme Committee recommends the following apportionments from the regional anti-malaria reserve:

- (a) \$2,000 for supplies and equipment for the public health nurse on the malaria team in Pakistan;
- (b) \$14,000 for supplies and equipment for the second year's operation of the malaria control demonstration in Thailand including supplies for the public health nurses.

Consolidation of Area Reserves for Asia

102 In the interest of simplicity, the Administration recommended that the various reserves for Asia be consolidated into one reserve for all UNICEF-assisted countries in Asia. It would be understood that in the future individual country requests for any type of programme will be reviewed in the usual manner on their merits for apportionment out of the reserve for all Asia.

103 If all the apportionment recommendations of the Programme Committee are accepted, the area reserve for Asia would amount to \$4,343,000 through the consolidation of the following special reserves:

Reserve for all Asia	\$2,390,000
Reserve for Asia, excluding China, Japan and Korea	1,479,000
Reserve for Japan and Korea	410,000
Malaria control reserve for Asia	<u>64,000</u>

104 The Programme Committee recommends approval of this proposal.

(b) Latin America

(1) Bolivia

105 The present UNICEF allocation to Bolivia is \$65,000 for an anti-typhus campaign in the mountain areas adjacent to Peru. E/ICEF/146. The Government has now submitted a request to UNICEF for an additional apportionment for a supplemental feeding programme and for medical supplies and equipment for a children's hospital in La Paz (E/ICEF/R.52).

106 Hospital facilities in Bolivia for children are extremely inadequate, as there are no hospital beds in the entire country for infants and only 160 for school and pre-school children. In the capital city of La Paz, with a population of 400,000, there are now only eighteen beds for sick children in hospitals.

107 The building for a 200-bed children's hospital is now nearing completion, and the Government's requests for UNICEF assistance in providing medical supplies and equipment for this hospital, cost \$150,000. It is the plan of the Government to use this hospital as a foundation for expansion of its child health services in the future.

108 The Government agrees to allocate the necessary additional funds to finish the children's hospital in La Paz and to appoint the necessary full-time directing personnel before its completion so that training and organization of staff can be started.

109 A complete study of the requirements for the hospital has not yet been made and it is, therefore, not possible to estimate accurately, at this time, the total cost of the equipment requested. However, in order to permit essential procurement to proceed, it is recommended that an initial apportionment of \$75,000 be made.

The plan of operations and list of supplies has been submitted to WHO/PASB for

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technical approval in accordance with normal procedure. At the next session of the Executive Board a complete report of the requirements will be in hand and an additional apportionment will be recommended at that time, if necessary.

110. Children of Bolivia suffer from an acute lack of animal protein, particularly in the cities. In recognition of this problem, the Government of Bolivia has been making efforts to alleviate the need through a school breakfast programme, including some milk, in a few cities. The pre-school age group, however, do not receive any such supplement. The Government is requesting UNICEF assistance for \$30,000 for dried skim milk and cod liver oil for pre-school children and pregnant and nursing mothers. It is estimated that these funds will provide supplies for approximately 25,000 recipients for a one-year period. The Government of Bolivia, in addition to the providing the local expenses incident to the distribution of these supplies, will provide additional foods for as many of the pre-school children as possible.

111. The Programme Committee recommends that an apportionment of \$105,000 from the Latin American reserve be made to Bolivia for:

(a) Children's hospital in La Paz (subject to later expansion, if required).	\$75,000
(b) Skim milk and cod liver oil	<u>30,000</u>
	\$105,000

112. If this is approved, the total allocation to Bolivia will be \$170,000.

(2) British Honduras

113. The present apportionment for British Honduras is \$22,000 for insect control. The Government is now requesting an additional apportionment for a feeding programme (E/ICEF/R.50). The Government request calls for a UNICEF contribution of \$15,000, however, because of price reductions it is possible to provide the requested items for \$2,000. This would provide dry skim milk, fats, and fish liver oil for 4,000

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school children and whole milk and fish liver oil for 500 infants for one year in British Honduras, enabling extension of feeding programmes among especially vulnerable groups. The Government matching contribution will be made up of an increased budget for feeding purposes of \$14,700.

114 WHO/PASB and FAO will cooperate in providing technical advice concerning this programme through the Institute of Nutrition for Central America and Panama.

115 The Programme Committee recommends an apportionment to British Honduras of \$12,000 from the Latin American reserve.

(3) Chile

116 The present apportionment to Chile is \$82,000 for whooping cough and diphtheria immunization supplies (E/ICEF/116).

117 The Government of Chile is now requesting an additional apportionment of \$12,000 for medical equipment and vehicles to strengthen and expand urban and rural maternal and child health services (E/ICEF/R.70). The proposed equipment would serve the purpose of extending maternal and child health services into large rural areas surrounding existing health centers in two areas and strengthening and expanding the child health services in Valparaiso and Copiapo with particular emphasis on care of the pre-school for whom services are now lacking. A plan of operations, including detailed supply and equipment requirements will be reviewed with the Government and WHO, and procurement will be initiated after securing the technical approval of WHO.

118 The Government agrees to contribute 8,500,000 pesos, calculated to be equivalent to over \$100,000, for the payment of new full-time doctors, nurses, and midwives, additional part-time personnel, as well as other local supplies and expenses.

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119 The Programme Committee recommends that \$125,000 be apportioned to Chile
from the Latin American reserve.

120 If this is approved by the Board the total allocation to Chile will be
\$20 ,000.

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(4) Paraguay

121. No previous allocation has been made by the Executive Board to Paraguay.

122. The Government of Paraguay is now requesting an apportionment of \$100,000 for the following purposes: (E/ICEF/R.50)

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| a) For the equipping of a central clinic in Asuncion, to provide special services for children and mothers such as X-ray; laboratory; eye, ear, nose and throat care; dental service, etc. | \$20,000 |
| b) Supplies and equipment to expand maternity and children's wards in the three regional hospitals in this area and equipment for fifteen maternal and child health centres. This programme will provide increased local child care training facilities as well as expanded services. | 40,000 |
| c) Skim milk for maternal and child feeding programmes in Asuncion through established MCH channels, for 25,000 mothers and children for one year. | 25,000 |
| d) For unforeseen items in above projects. | <u>15,000</u> |
| Total | \$ 100,000 |

123. Paraguay's matching contribution with regard to the equipment will include salaries and expenses for two full time pediatricians, two full time visiting nurses, and two full time obstetricians to supervise and train workers in the rural centres. In addition the Government plans to increase the number of part-time personnel in the centres as well as the time spent at work by the present part time personnel.

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12 The Government will provide matching foods to go with the UNICEF milk
in the feeding through schools and MCH centres in Asuncion.

12 This request has been submitted to WHO/PASB for formal technical approval.

12 The Programme Committee recommends that \$100,000 be apportioned from the
Latin American reserve to Paraguay for the above purposes.

Peru

12 The present UNICEF apportionment to Peru is \$95,000 for an anti-typhus
campaign in the mountainous areas in the south adjacent to Bolivia and Chile
(E/ICEF/146).

12 The Government of Peru now requests an additional apportionment of
\$200,000 for a general maternal and child health programme in two rural areas of
the country (E/ICEF/R.53).

12 The Government agrees to appropriate 1,200,000 soles for 1951 and 1952
plus approximately 200,000 soles for the balance of 1950 as its matching contribu-
tion for the payment of salaries of full-time personnel, travel expenses, vehicle
maintenance, etc. (At the present rate of exchange \$1.00 equals 15 soles). In
addition, the Government intends to establish several new maternal and child health
centres in the zone of operations and to build a new building as headquarters for
the health education programme.

12 The request was reviewed in general with officers of WHO/PASB prior to
discussion with the Government. The request as contained in E/ICEF/R.53 has been
submitted to WHO/PASB for formal technical approval.

12 The Programme Committee recommends that \$200,000 be apportioned to Peru
from the Latin American reserve for the projects as outlined in E/ICEF/R.53.

12 If this is approved by the Board the total allocation to Peru will be
\$ 5,000.

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REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

13 . The Programme Committee took note of the reports of the Medical Sub-Committee held on 18 March 1950, Paris (E/ICEF/R.29) and 6 May 1950, Paris (E/ICEF/R.29/Add.1) together with Annexes which include progress notes on UNICEF medical supply assistance in Europe, January-March 1950.

14 . The Committee accepted the revised terms of reference proposed by the Medical Sub-Committee as follows:

"The Medical Sub-Committee shall continue its present responsibilities in relation to all BCG campaigns conducted by the Joint Enterprise and shall, in addition, be at the disposal of other organs of UNICEF for such advice with regard to other medical programmes as they may be called upon from time to time to provide." (E/ICEF/R.29, para. 42)

15 . These terms of reference were accepted in the light of a letter by the Chairman of the Medical Sub-Committee to the Chairman of the Programme Committee (E/ICEF/R.72) clarifying the meaning of the phrase relating to questions which might be referred to the Medical Sub-Committee by "other organs of UNICEF". The Chairman of the Medical Sub-Committee stated that it was the sole intention of this phrase to make it possible for the Programme Committee or the Executive Board on some matter not now foreseen to seek the advice of the Medical Sub-Committee. If such an event does not occur this clause would not be operative.

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REPORT OF JOINT UNICEF/WHO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

1 . The Committee noted the report of the fourth session of the Joint Committee on Health Policy held in Geneva 30,31 May 1950 (E/ICEF/152).

1 . It was the interpretation of the Committee that this would not necessarily constitute approval of specific proposals within the health policies approved from a technical point of view by the JCHP. Each specific proposal would still require a decision by the UNICEF Board on its own merits.

1 . The Programme Committee noted the report of the Executive Board of the International Children's Centre to the Executive Board of UNICEF (E/ICEF/R.35) and the action taken by the Joint Committee on Health Policy on the medical aspects of this report (E/ICEF/152, para. 5).

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