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UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTS CHAIRMAN, OTHER OFFICERS FOR 1965

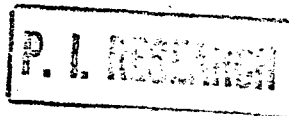
U.N., N.Y., February 2, 1965...Seven distinguished public servants from seven nations were elected to special positions on UNICEF's Executive Board today. They are: Mrs. Zena Harman of Israel, Chairman of the Board; Dr. Joseph W. Willard of Canada, Program Committee Chairman; Dr. Clemente S. Gatmaitan of the Philippines, Chairman of the Committee on Administrative Budget. Dr. Ihsan Dogramaci of Turkey, Dr. Boguslaw Kozusznik of Poland, Mr. Nils Thedin of Sweden, and Miss Leonora Kracht of Chile, vice-chairmen.

All seven have had many years of service in improving the health and welfare of children in their respective countries.

Mrs. Zena Harman of Israel was re-elected Chairman of UNICEF's Executive Board for a second year. Mrs. Harman began her long years of service to children as head of Jerusalem's Children Department, Social Welfare section, in 1940. Later, she helped provide educational and welfare services for immigrant children to Palestine through the organization known as Youth Aliya. Her work for UNICEF began in 1952. She served on the UNICEF Executive Board for over ten years, including five as Chairman of the Program Committee. Wife of Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Mrs. Harman studied at the London School of Economics. She is herself the mother of three children.

Re-elected as Chairman of the Programme Committee is Dr. Joseph W. Willard, Deputy Minister of Welfare in Canada's Department of National Health and Welfare. Dr. Willard served as chairman of the United Nations Social Commission in 1962 and represented his country at numerous international conferences on welfare and social security. Trained in economics and political science, Dr. Willard holds five degrees: a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Toronto; an M.P.A. (Master of Public Administration) and an A.M. and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University where he was Littauer Fellow for two years. A frequent consultant to the World Health Organization, Dr. Willard has assisted the governments of Puerto Rico and Costa Rica in improving their health services. Married, Dr. Willard is the father of two children.

Dr. Clemente S. Gatmaitan, Undersecretary of Health for the Philippines became Chairman of the Committee on Administrative Budget for UNICEF. Dr. Gatmaitan has worked in Philippines public health work for the past twenty-five years serving as



Chief of the Environmental Sanitation Division of the Bureau of Public Health from 1951-1959 and as Project Director in charge of Over-All Technical Assistance on Health and Sanitation in 1959. Holder of a medical degree from the University of the Philippines and a Master's degree in Public Health from Harvard University, Dr. Gatmaitan has been Assistant Professor at Far Eastern University. He was awarded a Diploma of Merit by the Surgeon General of the U.S., and has been his government's representative on UNICEF's Executive Board since 1963.

Dr. Ihsan Dogramaci of Turkey, elected First Vice-Chairman, has represented Turkey on UNICEF's Executive Board since 1960. He is chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Ankara University and Director of the Research Institute of Child Health there. After earning his M.D. degree from the University of Istanbul, Dr. Dogramaci did post-graduate work in pediatrics at the Harvard Graduate School of Medicine and the Washington University School of Medicine. Author of two books on child care, Dr. Dogramaci is an honorary fellow of three pediatric societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Elected as Second Vice-Chairman of the Board is Dr. Boguslaw Kozusznik of Poland. He has represented Poland on the Board since 1956, and is chairman of the Polish National Committee for UNICEF. Trained in medicine at the Charles University in Prague, Dr. Kozusznik has served as Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health and as Chief Sanitary Inspector of his country. Formerly a member of the Polish Parliament, Dr. Kozusznik has headed the Polish delegation to the World Health Organization's Assembly for many years. He has been decorated by several governments for his work.

Mr. Nils Thedin of Sweden, elected Third Vice-Chairman, is also the Chairman of the Swedish National Committee for UNICEF and First Vice-Chairman of Save the Children Fund. A journalist, teacher and active worker in the Swedish cooperative movement, Mr. Thedin has been editor of "Vi," the weekly cooperative movement magazine and chief of public relations for the Swedish Cooperatives. He has been Sweden's representative to UNICEF's Executive Board since 1961.

Re-elected as Fourth Vice-Chairman is Miss Leonora Kracht of Chile, who has served her country's foreign service for 16 years. Miss Kracht holds a law degree from the University of Chile, Santiago. She represented Chile as its alternate delegate to the UN Commission on Human Rights last year, and as delegate to the UNICEF Executive Board.

Two new nations - Sudan and Yugoslavia - were elected to UNICEF's Program Committee, bringing its membership to 16 nations. In addition, Ecuador and USSR were elected to the Administrative Budget Committee, composed of ten member nations.

At the close of the meeting, the Swedish delegation announced to the Executive Board that its government will recommend that Sweden's annual contribution to UNICEF be raised from \$752,000 to \$1,000,000.

*Lucio (July 1965)*