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UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTS CHAIRMAN, OTHER OFFICERS FOR 1966

Canada's Deputy Minister of Welfare, Dr. Joseph Willard, Elected Chairman;
Turkish Child-Care Expert, Dr. Ihsan Dogramaci, Elected Program Chairman

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., February 21, 1966--The 30-nation Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund today elected unanimously its new chairman, Dr. Joseph W. Willard, Canada's Deputy Minister of National Welfare. Dr. Willard, who succeeds Mrs. Zena Harman of Israel, will serve as chairman through July, 1967.

Other officers elected by the Board today were: Dr. Ihsan Dogramaci of Turkey, Chairman of the Programme Committee; Dr. Clemente S. Gatmaitan of the Philippines, Chairman of the Committee on Administrative Budget; Mr. Nils Thedin of Sweden, First Vice-Chairman; Dr. Boguslaw Kozusznik of Poland, Second Vice-Chairman; Mr. Yohannes Tseghe of Ethiopia, Third Vice-Chairman; and Dr. Hugo Jativa of Ecuador, Fourth Vice-Chairman.

The Swedish government announced to the Board that it was recommending to Parliament a raise in Sweden's contribution to UNICEF from \$1 million to 1½ million. The Parliament's approval is expected shortly.

UNICEF's new Executive Board chairman, Dr. Willard, is known as an expert in administering public health and welfare programs. He has played a leading role in implementing Canada's health and welfare programs since 1947, and has been Deputy Minister of National Welfare since 1960. Willard was awarded the 1964 Gold Medal of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada for his achievements in public service. As a consultant, he has helped the governments of Costa Rica, Jamaica and Puerto Rico improve their health services. For the past two years, Dr. Willard has been chairman of UNICEF's Programme Committee. Ontario-born, he holds two Master's degrees from Harvard University in economics and in public administration and a Ph.D in economics.

Mrs. Zena Harman, outgoing Board chairman, was commended by many Board members for her "remarkable, impartial and statesman-like performance." Mr. Henry Labouisse, UNICEF Executive Director, cited the "vital part she has played in the

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development of UNICEF policies," as well as her record of over 14 years of service on the Executive Board. Mrs. Harman will continue as Israel's representative on the Board.

Chairman of the Programme Committee, Dr. Ihsan Dogramaci of Turkey, is Chancellor of Ankara University and Director of the Ankara Research Institute of Child Health. An authority on child care, he earned his M.D. degree at the University of Istanbul, doing postgraduate work in pediatrics at the Harvard Graduate School of Medicine and the Washington University School of Medicine. Author of two books on child care and a member of six pediatric societies, Dr. Dogramaci was instrumental in creating Ankara's Hacettepe Science Center. Last year, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Nebraska in recognition of his leadership as "physician, teacher, writer, planner, builder and organizer."

Dr. Clemente S. Gatmaitan, re-elected chairman of UNICEF's Committee on Administrative Budget, has been Philippine Undersecretary of Health since 1962, and a leader in Philippine public health work for the past twenty-five years. He has directed his country's environmental sanitation work and has been Assistant Professor at Far Eastern University in Social and Preventive Medicine from 1954-1961. Holder of a Master's degree in Public Health from Harvard University and an M.D. degree from the University of the Philippines, Dr. Gatmaitan was awarded a Diploma of Merit by the Surgeon-General of the United States.

Mr. Nils Thedin, elected First Vice-Chairman, is Deputy Secretary General of the Swedish Cooperative Union, and Chairman of the Swedish National Committee for UNICEF and First Vice-Chairman of the Swedish Save the Children Fund. A journalist, teacher and active worker in the Swedish cooperative movement, Mr. Thedin was editor of Vi, the weekly cooperative movement magazine. He has been Sweden's representative to UNICEF's Executive Board since 1961.

Dr. Boguslaw Kozusznik of Poland, re-elected Second Vice-Chairman of the Board, 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.

