

(d) The continuance, if desired, of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, an endeavour being made to bring the conventions administered by the Bureau into harmony with those administered by the Paris office.

(e) The discontinuance as such of the Health Section of the League, its records, equipment and staff being transferred to the new organisation provided suitable arrangements can be made.

(f) Membership of the Commission and its associated Bureaux would be confined to expert members of the public health services of the countries participating in the organisation, but this would not prevent the employment of other expert advisers.

(g) The method of financing the Commission and its associated Bureaux would require further examination. It could be based either on single contributions from the participating countries to the Commission or perhaps to the Economic and Social Council, or on separate contributions to each Bureau.

4. In the light of this long term policy, we should like to approach the French Government as soon as possible and, in any case, in advance of the meeting of the UNRRA Health Committee on December 5th indicating:

(a) That the proposal that UNRRA should administer the Sanitary Conventions was first mooted in good faith before Paris had been freed, that it is now most difficult to alter these temporary arrangements which have been agreed to in principle by the United Nations, and that it is in any case doubtful whether the conventions could conveniently be administered as yet in Paris, where communications are still difficult, or by the Paris office which has been disorganised by war and has been out of touch with the world for four years.

(b) That we are, nevertheless, anxious to safeguard the future position of the Paris office and that this is, in fact, in the new draft Sanitary Convention.

(c) That, in order to make the position plain, we should be prepared if the French Government would support the temporary administration of the conventions by UNRRA to promise our support for the retention of the Paris office to administer Sanitary Conventions, though we could not, of course, give absolute guarantees as to the precise position which the office would hold in the permanent international set up.

(d) That we should also be prepared to support a suggestion that the International Conference which will be required to create the permanent International Health Organisation should be held in Paris.

(e) That, if agreement on the above lines is reached, we should be glad to resume at once the payment of our contribution to the Paris office in order to enable it to rebuild its organisation.

(f) That we should also be prepared to resume sending to the Paris office epidemiological information in our possession.

5. Before making an approach on the above lines to the French Government, we should welcome an assurance that foregoing proposals meet with the approval of Dominion Governments.