

Office international d'hygiène as the main international agency on health. However, this proposition was discussed and amendments were suggested mainly by the British and the Netherlands representatives. Finally, the Chairman stated that, as a question of principle was involved, he was of the opinion that the Committee was not competent to discuss it, and suggested that the matter be referred to the sub-committee already appointed. This suggestion was agreed upon by the meeting.

5. Dr. Brown attended the meeting of the sub-committee which was held on December 5th at twelve o'clock. He informed me that the meeting went over the various submissions, and, as far as Canada is concerned, everything seemed to be solved satisfactorily. With respect to the French resolution, which is divided into two parts, he reported that the first part, all the "Whereas," will be included as a note in the minutes of the meeting, and the second part, dealing with liaison between UNRRA and the Office internationale d'hygiène, was treated as a technical part which will be included in the other technical submissions to the main committee. He added that everyone seemed to be satisfied with the conclusion reached.

6. Another general meeting of the Standing Committee was held on Saturday afternoon, December 9th, which was attended by Mr. Beaulieu. The sub-committee appointed to prepare final drafts of the Sanitary Conventions reported to the meeting. The sub-committee, after considering the amendments submitted by the various governments, accepted the revisions of the drafts and recommended that the Draft International Sanitary Convention 1944, as modified, and the Draft International Sanitary Convention for Aerial Navigation, as modified, be approved. The meeting unanimously agreed.

7. The sub-committee also reported on the resolution submitted by the French Delegation. A revised resolution was proposed to the Committee, copies of which are enclosed. This text is only an understanding that UNRRA may secure information from the Office internationale d'hygiène if such a step might prove to be useful, but does not in any way place UNRRA before a fait accompli and leaves the future of the Office internationale d'hygiène open for post-war arrangements. The French Delegation declared that this document was acceptable to their government.

8. The Chairman of the Committee stated that it is hoped that the Conventions on Health would be open for signature by the 15th of December, and that all the nations represented would sign them. It was also stated that there will be a meeting of the Central Committee of UNRRA on Monday the 11th to consider the question of making arrangements for some government to be depository for the Conventions. It is expected that the United States will be recommended in view of the central location of Washington.

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