

5. In the meantime I should appreciate an expression of your views on the subject and any information which you can give concerning the attitude of other Governments towards the Sanitary Conventions and the problem of permanent organization. It is understood that the source of the difficulty lies in the unwillingness of the U.S.S.R. representatives to acquiesce in any continuance of the existing Conventions as a basis for the operations of UNRRA.

I have etc.

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DESPATCH 2779

Washington, December 11, 1944

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 1688 of November 27th, 1944, concerning the draft Sanitary Conventions prepared by UNRRA, I have the honour to submit the following notes on the meetings of the standing Technical Committee on Health, which were held in Washington to discuss these drafts.

2. The first meeting was held on December 5th and was attended by Dr. Brown as official Canadian representative. Mr. P. A. Beaulieu¹⁷⁷ also attended the meetings in accordance with your suggestion that a member of the Embassy be present in order to report on questions of policy.

3. After the usual routine matters, comments, received from a certain number of governments on the draft conventions, were brought to the attention of the meetings. Copies of these documents were forwarded to you on December 4th.[†] It was suggested by the Chairman of the Committee that it might be advisable to refer the modifications to a special committee for discussion and report. Professor Lebedenko explained that his suggestion was prompted by the fact that only a few governments would be directly concerned in these modifications. The meeting agreed to the suggestion, and a sub-committee was appointed. The governments which had made suggestions for modifications were invited to attend the meeting of the sub-committee.

4. The French representative then put forward a proposition for a resolution dealing with the relations of UNRRA and the Office international d'hygiène. A copy of the resolution[†] is attached herewith. As you will note, this document was very carefully worded and it implied more or less a recognition of the

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