

A Focus On Health

The focus of international public health in 1968 is on the World Health Organization, one member of the United Nations family of specialized agencies. For, this is its 20th Anniversary Year.

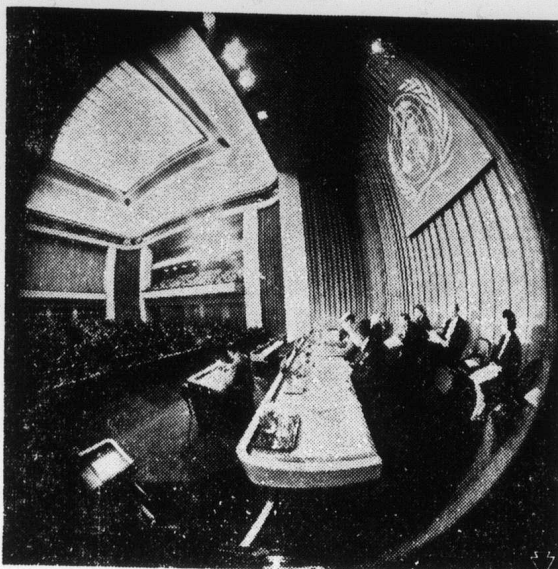
WHO's first year of life in 1948 saw a modest \$5 million budget finance campaigns, waged generally then against age-old scourges as malaria, smallpox, and urban yellow fever.

Today, that figure is up tenfold, to more than \$55 million. And projects range over health's full spectrum — from air pollution to zoonoses, the diseases transmitted between animal and man; and from ancient to modern ills.

Moreover, with some 30,000 public health workers thus far the recipients of fellowships, education and training in the skills national health services need are major programs.

WHO operates world-wide programs through six regional offices, doing so in the Western Hemisphere through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Though it was on April 7 twenty years ago that WHO came into existence, with ratification then of its constitution, official commemoration of that



At World Health Assembly, 129 nations commemorate 20th anniversary year of World Health Organization.

milestone event takes place this year on May 7 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the annual World Health Assembly.

Twenty-six nations were members of WHO when its life began. Now, two decades later,

at a special Twentieth Anniversary Commemorative Session of the global parliament on health, 129 nations — including every one in the Americas — mark the beginning of the third ten years of WHO.

Protection For Algonquin Park

out to the letter.

While the new organization is concerned with all parks, its first objective is to insure that Algonquin Park is not destroyed by commercial exploitation, Mr. Conway said.

"Due to lack of a strong Government policy, Algonquin Park is being cut into small pieces by a major network of commercial roads without regard for sanctuary, solitude or inspirational enjoyment promised by the Lands and Forests Department," Mr. Conway told the conference.

He said that the league, which received its provincial charter last April, intends to make its views known in five areas: commercial logging, pollution, high-powered motor-boats on wilderness lakes, intrusion of permanent construction in wilderness areas and protection of wildlife.

The zoning policy of the

Department of Lands and Forests fits into the objectives of the league, but in practice little is done to translate it into action, Mr. Conway said. A recommendation for the zoning of the park was made last March to the standing committee of the Legislation on natural resources and tourism. It is now intended to press for implementation of this zoning proposal as a league objective.

Mr. Conway said the increasing demand for recreation in natural surroundings will create the pressure from now on.

"We must plan how Algonquin park can cope with the tide of outdoorsmen and their families that is already upon it," he said. "Commercial interests must be phased out. Lumbering, as it is practiced in Algonquin Park today, is not compatible with its future."

CONTROL OF AFFAIRS AIM FOR INDIANS

EDMONTON (CP) — A federal grant of \$288,755 has been made to the Peigan Indian band at Brocket, Alta., 50 miles west of Lethbridge, under a new program designed to give Indians more control over their own affairs, an Indian affairs spokesman said Monday.

Under the band grants program, the Indian affairs department turns the funds over to bands for administration of services in which the department was formerly directly involved.

Ralph Ragan, department regional director for Alberta, called the program "the biggest step in getting Indian people to look after some of their own programs."

"It's just a matter of time before the bands become just like municipalities," he said.

The grant provides money for welfare, some road building, administration of a garbage dump, fire protection and repairs to housing.

Fellowships Honor Doctor King Jr.

PRINCETON, N.J. — The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has announced Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowships for returning Negro veterans.

Mrs. Coretta King is enthusiastic about the program, according to Dr. Benjamin Mays, president emeritus of Morehouse College, who, on behalf of the Foundation, sought Mrs. King's approval in naming the fellowships in honor of her late husband.

The Rockefeller Foundation granted \$200,000 to the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation as seed money to finance fellowships for Negro ex-servicemen in the academic year 1968-69. Dr.

King's assassination that night came before the Foundation could announce its pilot program.

The two-year fellowships will enable returning Negro veterans of outstanding promise to enter graduate or professional schools in preparation for careers of public service. They will provide full tuition and generous living stipends. Among the fields of study open to Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellows will be public administration, education, law, journalism, medicine, the ministry, social work, library science, and similar service fields.

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