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ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Summary of information transmitted by the Government of Denmark^{1/}
(Supplementary statistics)

On 6 and 27 June, the permanent delegation of Denmark to the United Nations forwarded information transmitted by the Government of Denmark under Article 73 e in respect of Greenland.

: In accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of General Assembly resolution 218 (III), the Secretary-General has prepared the following summary showing such changes in statistics and such other appreciable changes as have occurred in the year under review, together with relevant statistics for previous years. The summary supplements the full summary of information transmitted during 1949, which is contained in Chapter III of Volume II of the Summaries and Analyses of Information transmitted to the Secretary-General during 1949.^{2/}

The period covered in the information transmitted is the fiscal year which ended 31 March 1949. Where in the following summary a year is mentioned without qualification, it refers to the twelve months ending 31 March in the year given.

^{1/} This summary is also submitted to the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter.

^{2/} United Nations: Non-Self-Governing Territories. Summaries and Analyses of Information transmitted to the Secretary-General during 1949. Last Success, 1950.

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GREENLAND

Area

2,182,000 sq. kilometres

Population

1948: 22,148 inhabitants

Vital statistics

	<u>West Greenland</u>		<u>East Greenland</u>	
	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
(a) Deaths	470	511	20	25
Rate per 1,000	23	24.7	14.1	17.1
(b) Births	892	824	63	66
Rate per 1,000	43.7	39.8	44.4	45.3

Medical staff and hospitals

In 1947, there were 16 doctors, 3 dentists, 24 nurses, and 114 midwives. Hospital facilities consisted of 15 medical stations, 118 medical depots, and a total of 410 hospital beds. In 1949, the number of trained nurses increased. The cost of training Greenland midwives in Denmark amounted to Kr. 6,252^{1/} in 1949; Kr. 9,000 in 1950; and Kr. 12,000 for 1951. A new modern hospital accommodating 40 patients will open in 1950. During 1949, X-ray equipment was installed in most of the medical stations. The Society in Aid of Greenland Children opened its third sanitorium and is planning to construct a fourth. It is proposed to establish a new dental clinic in 1950.

Anti-tuberculosis work has increased. Eight Red Cross nurses were sent to Greenland in 1949 to assist medical officers in this field. Most persons under twenty years of age in Greenland were examined for tuberculosis. Epidemics during 1949 included whooping cough and pneumonia. Many infants and young children died. About fifty cases of trichinosis were reported. In collaboration with the Department of Public Health, a detailed investigation into the nutritive value of various Greenland foods has begun.

Housing programmes

Town planning for larger settlements is in preparation. Private artisans are being trained to build houses of timber, with modern insulation, by standard plans. The special problems related to building activities are the scarcity of suitable building sites, the particular nature of the terrain with the attendant

^{1/} Kr. 4.79 = \$1.00 = 5s. sterling.

/difficulties

difficulties of water and power supply, and the severe winters. In town planning, emphasis will be placed on the towns becoming centres of supply, production and trade as well as of cultural life and recreation for the surrounding district.

The administration of Greenland will organize all building activities and construct houses to the order of the individual or, at suitable places, build a number of dwelling houses which will be offered for sale.

Building loans in 1947 totalled Kr. 461,330; in 1949, Kr. 698,579.

Welfare and relief

	<u>West Greenland</u>		
	<u>1947</u> Kr.	<u>1948</u> Kr.	<u>1949</u> Kr.
Municipal funds			
Poor relief	1,928	1,730	1,744
Support	11,592	13,114	16,519
District funds			
Invalidity relief	18,819	23,992	28,181
Extraordinary old-age pensions	8,654	2,019	2,981
Government funds			
Old-age pensions	<u>75,791</u>	<u>138,401</u>	<u>149,779</u>
Total	116,784	179,256	198,204

Crime statistics

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
Offences against person	175	227	181
Offences against property	23	32	41
Other	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>44</u>
Total	227	289	266

Education

Compulsory for children between seven and fourteen years.

Statistics:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of school children</u>	<u>Expenditure per pupil</u> Kr.
1924	2,917	96.98
1948	4,214	333.59

/Type of school

<u>Type of school</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Occupations followed after training</u>
7-year elementary	At all settlements	Hunters, fishermen and unskilled labourers.
2-year post-primary	4 at 3 settlements	Artisans' apprentices, male and female assistant-catechists, nurse apprentices, midwives, sheep-farming apprentices, trading and office apprentices.
2-year catechist	1	Catechists
2-year high school	1	Pupil radio operators' school, office and trading apprentices, catechists, advanced education in Denmark, skilled labourers.
2-year seminary	1	Catechists, head-catechists, teachers, advanced education in Denmark.
4-year technical	1	Artisans (all crafts, clerks), advanced education in Denmark.

<u>Teaching staff</u>	<u>1930</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1947</u>
<u>Danish</u>			
Clergymen	5	6	7
Male teachers	4	6	13
Female teachers	-	3	8
<u>Greenlandic</u>			
Clergymen	12	13	16
Teachers with special training	3	4	2
Seminary-trained catechists	68	69	86
Catechists with other training	56	78	83
Catechists without training	46	45	45
Total	194	224	260

Higher education

A two-year course for catechists (teachers) is provided by the Seminary whose graduates may be admitted to a two-to-three year study programme in Denmark. In 1949, the Danish Parliament Greenland Fund was created with a basic capital of Kr. 750,000.00 to assist students in Denmark, regardless of their intention to enter Government or private service. This fund is in addition to the education programme subsidized by the Government.

/Greenlanders

Greenlanders trained in Denmark in 1948 and 1949:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Men</u>		<u>Women</u>	
	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
General	10	7	2	7
Advanced education	24	21	18	20
Handicrafts	29	11	11	11
Commercial and clerical work	3	4	2	2
Shipping and fishery	8	14	-	-
Agriculture	2	1	-	-
Domestic service	-	-	63	71
Total	76	96	96	111

Livestock

<u>Type</u>	<u>Estimated number as of 1 November</u>	
	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Sheep	22,238	11,253
Goats	40	35
Milch-cows and heifers	60	44
Bulls over 1 year	9	7
Calves less than 1 year	29	11
Horses	112	98
Sheep-dogs	148	126
Hens	1,700	2,024
Geese	24	15
Pigeons	-	29
Livestock sold:		
Live lambs	9,919	9,436
Sheep	575	764
Livestock products:		
Lamb's meat and mutton	133,821 kg.	143,114 kg.
Mutton tallow	7,952 kg.	12,385 kg.
Casings	5,733 bdls.	5,826 bdls.
Canned goods	18,086 tins	14,544 tins
Wool	12,089 kg.	13,924 kg.
Fleece	44,828 kg.	52,888 kg.

/Goods purchased

Goods purchased in Greenland by the Trading Company in 1949 included the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u> Kr.
Shrimps	kg.	53,991
Halibut	kg.	228,287
Codfish	kg.	11,842,886
Blubber and oil	kg.	827,060
Shark liver	kg.	457,212
Cod liver	kg.	409,378
Fox furs, blue	ea.	2,379
Fox furs, white	ea.	1,129
Seal	ea.	20,891
Walrus hides	ea.	28,491
Wolf-fish skins	ea.	124,541
Shark skins	ea.	1,635

Sample wage rates

<u>Annual rate, 1946</u> Kr.	<u>Increments</u> <u>every three years</u>	<u>Categories of civil</u> <u>servants</u>
2,040 - 3,000	240	Storekeepers, assistants, foremen (1st grade), master artisans.
1,560 - 2,040	120	Foremen (2nd grade), artisans and trading clerks trained in Denmark.
1,320 - 1,800	120	Locally trained artisans (1st grade), boatmen, loading hands.
960 - 1,440	120	Locally trained artisans (2nd grade) trading clerks, seamen, skilled labourers.
600 - 960	90	Unskilled labourers.
<u>Annual rate, 1949</u> Kr.	<u>Increments</u> <u>every three years</u>	<u>Categories of civil</u> <u>servants</u>
2,310 - 2,910	300	Trading post managers, assistants, foremen (1st class) master artisans, chief catechists (1st class).
2,220 - 3,300	270	Foremen and chief catechists (2nd class)

Sample wage rates (continued)

<u>Annual rate, 1949</u> Kr.	<u>Increments</u> <u>every three years</u>	<u>Categories of civil</u> <u>servants</u>
2,400 - 2,850	150	Artisans and trading clerks trained in Denmark, artisans and trading clerks (1st class) trained in Greenland, and midwives (1st class)
1,950 - 2,400	150	Artisans and trading clerks (2nd class) trained in Greenland, able seamen.
1,530 - 1,800	90	Labourers, catechists, not belonging to any of the foregoing classes.
1,050 - 1,320	90	Assistant midwives and housekeepers, (1st class).
780 - 1,050	90	Assistant midwives, housekeepers and sicknurses (2nd class).

Industry

In 1949, power plants to supply electricity to public and private consumers were completed at four of the leading settlements. Four tank plants to distribute fuel oil for boats were completed. There are 1 abbatoir, 1 sausage factory, 1 shrimp cannery, 9 large and 11 small refineries at which cod liver is made medicinal, and 79 Administration fishery stations and 2 private Danish concerns which produce salted codfish.

Cost of living

	<u>1950</u> Kr.
Barley flour	0.75 per kg.
Raw coffee	4.50 per kg.
Overalls	10. ea.
Flannel shirts	5.25 ea.

Public finance

	<u>1947</u> Kr.	<u>1948</u> Kr.	<u>1949</u> Kr.
Expenditure	13,212,213	18,490,320	23,594,367
Revenue	8,158,000	14,806,473	17,448,586
Deficit	5,054,213	3,683,847	6,145,781

Medical expenditure

	<u>1949</u> Kr.	<u>1950</u> Kr.	<u>1951 (estimated)</u> Kr.
Total expenditure (including capital investment)	2,918,908	3,156,775	2,781,087

/Educational

Educational expenditure

	<u>1948</u> Kr.	<u>1949</u> Kr.	<u>1950</u> Kr.
Total expenditure (including capital investment)	1,727,483	1,880,460	2,353,893

Imports and exports

Sales of imports in Greenland shops totalled Kr. 7,017,606 in 1948, and Kr. 10,207,715 in 1949. Principal items of merchandise were:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>1948</u> Kr.	<u>1949</u> Kr.
Groceries	2,736,977.39	4,223,820
Textiles	1,336,316.29	1,524,470
Hardware	232,882.73	324,403
Tobacco	825,527.78	1,158,496
Fuel etc.	776,613.34	931,184
Footwear	142,758.36	311,151
Greenland products on sale	182,228.75	225,524

Principal exports from Greenland were:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Blubber	tons	908.7	647.1
Blue fox furs	ea.	2,106	2,606
White fox furs	ea.	1,451	1,316
Bear	ea.	32	68
Seal skins	ea.	8,293	6,550
Salted fish	tons	6,207.5	5,681.3
Dried fish	tons	126	95
Wool	tons	13.3	14.4
Cod liver oil	tons	2.9	2.8
Sperm oil	tons	16.6	6.9

Other statistics

In 1949, the privately operated cryolite company exported 17,750 metric tons to the United States, and 28,240 to Copenhagen; the total value of which was \$3,500,000.

As of 1 January 1949, there were 288 motorboats owned by Greenlanders (one for ever eight fishermen).

Government loans to tradesmen and sheep farmers were:

	<u>1947</u> Kr.	<u>1948</u> Kr.	<u>1949</u> Kr.
Tradesmen	38,342	48,240	48,907
Sheep farmers	19,518	9,584	18,479