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	Miss WITTEVEEN	Netherlands
	Mr. SUTCH	New Zealand
	Mr. NORD	Norway
	Mr. WOLLIN	Sweden
	Mr. LINDT	Switzerland
	Mr. FOURIE	Union of South Africa
	Mr. KOBUSHKO	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Mr. LEDWARD	United Kingdom
	Mr. HYDE	United States of America
	Mr. LEVI	Yugoslavia
<u>UNICEF Staff:</u>	Mr. PATE	Executive Director
	Mr. DAVIDSON	Director of the European Headquarters
	Mr. BORDERS	Executive Officer
	Mr. SROKA	Comptroller
	Mr. BIRCKHEAD	Administrative Officer
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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTARY FUND RAISING

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee on Voluntary Fund Raising should consist of seven members.

Agreed.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Kyrrou (Greece) and Mr. Fourie (Union of South Africa) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of votes obtained:

Australia	17
China	17
Colombia	17
Czechoslovakia	17
New Zealand	17
Norway	17
United States of America	16
United Kingdom	1

Australia, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, Norway and the United States of America were elected members of the Committee on Voluntary Fund Raising.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET (E/ICEF/90, E/ICEF/98)

Mr. SUTCH (New Zealand) introduced the report of the Executive Director to the fourth meeting of the Committee on Administrative Budget (E/ICEF/90) and the report by the Chairman and Rapporteur to the Executive Board of the fourth meeting of the Committee on Administrative Budget (E/ICEF/98). The former had been studied in detail by the Committee on Administrative Budget. At one meeting the external and internal auditors, representatives of European offices and members of the New York administration had been present. The budget had been reviewed mission by mission and operation by operation. It had been felt that the Administration had done all in its power to carry out the work assigned to it by the

/Executive Board

Executive Board and that the moneys had been spent as intended. The auditors had been of the same opinion.

He pointed out the difficulties of the task, to a large extent due to the number of countries and to the fact that goods were supplied from all parts of the world.

The past three months especially had shown a considerable increase in costs mainly because of extensions in the administrative and medical programmes. The complexity of the work had added to costs. Some missions, for example the Chinese mission, had been difficult to administer for geographical reasons and the costs involved had been higher than in some other areas, for example in Europe.

In South-East Asia headquarters had been established to serve countries ranging from the borders of China to Eastern Pakistan and including, in the southern sector, Indonesia and the Philippines. Travel costs in that vast area had increased administrative expenses.

The Committee had not requested any reductions in the 1949 estimates because past experience had shown that money had been spent carefully and there was every reason for believing the same practice would continue in the future.

Not only supply problems but also the training and BCG programmes had contributed to the operational difficulties.

He pointed out that a new item "Operational services expenditures (1948-1949)" had been included. Previously it had been possible to evolve a supply programme for any given country as far as administrative costs were concerned, but a new type of activity had arisen: a service applicable to all countries, for example the training programme in Sweden. At the last meeting of the Executive Board it had been recommended that such activities should be entered as a separate item. He suggested that the Board might first consider approving the principle of that step and the estimated ceiling costs, and then proceed to review the various items individually.

Mr. KYROU (Greece) congratulated the Committee on Administrative Budget on its energetic and efficient work.

Mr. HYDE (United States of America) said that the material presented was extremely detailed and would prove of great use to his Government. He noted that administrative costs had been kept low and that, in the case of the field missions, they might even be considered too economical.

On the other hand, the number of personnel on the Chinese mission (24) seemed excessive in comparison with the number at European headquarters (27).

/He considered

He considered the system of local matching, according to which a country receiving aid supplied from its own resources an amount of aid equivalent to that afforded by UNICEF, to be a good one and noted that periodic reports on local matching had been requested.

He requested some clarification of the nature of the "UNRRA liaison section".

In view of the complexity of the statistics, he wondered whether it might not be possible for documents like the one under discussion to be supplied sooner so that governments could have more time to study them.

Miss WITTEVEEN (Netherlands) also thanked the Committee on Administrative Budget for its careful work. Admittedly administrative costs had risen, but paragraph 6 of document E/ICEF/98 specified the reasons therefor.

It was a good idea to fix a ceiling in the case of operational services expenditures, and the assignment should be adequate to cover all the items for which it was intended.

Mr. LEVI (Yugoslavia) read the first sentence of paragraph 28 and paragraphs 38 and 39 of document E/ICEF/98. With regard to paragraph 38, he asked whether the expenditure mentioned in the first sentence of paragraph 28 had been included in the administrative budget.

He further requested some clarification of the second sentence of paragraph 35, recalling that a staff assessment plan had been worked out at the last session of the General Assembly.

Mr. SUTCH (New Zealand) replied that the costs of administering the Chinese health programme had not been included in the proposed administrative budget. The monies for that programme came from a special account not chargeable to the various countries. The item had been included as a service rather than as an administrative item. In Northern China it was intended to initiate a training programme for relief, according to which medical personnel would be sent to train Chinese students and others undertaking relief work. When the Committee was considering that item, it had wondered whether it should be added to the allocation for the China programme and had decided that it should not interpret a policy of the Executive Board. \$500,000 had been allocated for relief work in North China and the Chinese authorities had recommended that a portion thereof should be spent on training. The Committee had therefore suggested that the item should be considered as part of the programme and not of administrative costs. The Chinese authorities had agreed to that suggestion.

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With regard to the question of taxation raised by the Yugoslav representative, he replied that the Committee had been assured that the staff of UNICEF would be treated in the same way as that of the United Nations. The budget therefore included costs based on national income taxation. Naturally, if the Canadian and United States Governments compensated their nationals for taxes levied, the item would fall out.

Mr. BORDERS (Executive Officer) stated in reply to the United States representative's remark concerning the number of persons employed on the China Mission that only 19 of the 24 established posts were filled at present. Sixteen of those posts came under the South China programme; of the 3 persons employed on the North China programme, one was paid by WHO. The whole question of staffing, which was greatly affected by changing conditions in China, was under review.

As regards UNRRA liaison, only one official and one secretary, working in Washington, were engaged on it. The work consisted mainly in collecting outstanding UNRRA claims against shippers for the benefit of UNICEF.

Replying to a further question by Mr. HYDE (United States of America), Mr. Borders explained that all UNICEF personnel were required to belong to the United Nations Staff Pension Fund and were also subject to all other United Nations staff benefits.

The report of the Committee on Administrative Budget and the Recommendations contained therein were adopted.

Mr. PATE (Executive Director) expressed his appreciation of the confidence in the Administration shown by the Committee and the Executive Board.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON ITS 75TH AND 76TH MEETINGS
(E/ICEF/97/Add.1).

Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada), Chairman of the Programme Committee, expressed that Committee's confidence in the work of the Administration.

Presenting the Programme Committee's Report on its 75th and 76th meetings, Mrs. Sinclair stated that the Chinese programme as a whole would come up for consideration by the Executive Board in March 1949. The present recommendations were in the nature of an interim measure proposed in view of the need for urgent action by the Executive Board before its March session.

Mr. HYDE (United States of America) moved the approval of the recommendations relating to the Chinese programme contained in paragraph 5 of the report.

These recommendations were adopted.

/Mr. WU (China)

Mr. WU (China) thanked the Board for having approved additional amounts for the China programme.

Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada), Chairman of the Programme Committee, then presented the recommendations contained in paragraph 9 of the report, namely that the Board add Israel and the Administration of Tangiers to the approved list of countries in which a BCG campaign would be carried out by the Joint Enterprise, and that in response to requests from the Governments of Ecuador and Bolivia, those countries should also be added to the list, subject to the approval of the Medical Sub-Committee.

Those recommendations were approved.

The recommendations contained in paragraph 10 were approved.

Mr. DAVIDSON (Director of the European Headquarters, UNICEF) suggested a drafting change in the last sentence of paragraph 12. It was not WHO but the national health services, which carried responsibility for the implementation of insect-malaria control plans; WHO was responsible for technical advice only.

The CHAIRMAN agreed that a drafting change should be made in paragraph 12.

The report was adopted.

Mr. KOBUSHKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) recalled that at the meeting of the Programme Committee held on 21 January 1949, the Executive Director had reported receipt of an application for assistance to Japanese children. At that time, the USSR delegation had reserved its right to state its position later. Mr. Kobushko now wished it to be put on record that his delegation supported the application, but considered that it should have emanated from the Allied Command in Japan rather than from the United States Department of the Army.

He also wished it to be recorded that the USSR delegation supported the proposal for assistance to colonial countries, which demonstrated the failure of metropolitan powers to carry out fully their responsibilities in respect of those countries.

APPOINTMENT OF A DRAFTING COMMITTEE

The CHAIRMAN appointed a drafting committee composed of the representatives of Australia and Switzerland.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES TO THE JOINT UNICEF AND WHO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Joint UNICEF and WHO Committee
/on Health Policy

on Health Policy had been unable to hold its meeting scheduled for January because of the absence from Geneva of the required number of UNICEF representatives. It was necessary to appoint three more alternates to serve on that Committee. He suggested that the representatives of Switzerland and Denmark and the United States representative on the Sub-Committee on Medical Projects should be designated.

Mr. LINDT (Switzerland) stated that he would have to ask his Government for approval before accepting the appointment.

Dr. SCHÖBER (Czechoslovakia) stated that, in view of the fact that a United States representative from WHO was already a member of the Joint Committee, he wished to reserve his delegation's position on the appointment of another United States representative from UNICEF.

It was decided to postpone the decision on that matter until the special meeting of the Executive Board to be held on the problem of UNAC.

It was decided that the next regular meeting of the Executive Board would be held on 9 March 1949.

The CHAIRMAN expressed the appreciation of the Board for the work of the Executive Director and his staff at Headquarters in New York, in the European Headquarters in Paris and the missions in the field.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.
