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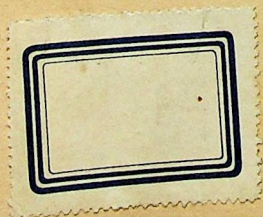
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DESIGNATION OF MEXICO AS SEAT OF THE SEVENTH
PAN AMERICAN CHILD CONGRESS 1/

"After approving the preceding votes, [the Executive Committee of the Congress] proceeded to elect the seat of the next Pan American Child Congress. Miss Katharine Lenroot, Chairman of the Delegation of the United States, asked to be recognized and proposed that Mexico City be designated as such. This proposal was accepted by acclamation. The words of Miss Lenroot were the following:

"It is a great honor for me to propose as seat of the Seventh Pan American Child Congress a country which has accomplished so much in the field of child welfare, which has maintained on a high level the culture of the mother country, Spain, and which has shown diligent efforts toward the development of Indian culture. It is of particular satisfaction to me to propose this republic as seat of the next Congress, this nation being that which has been summoned to be the focal point linking the Latin and Anglo-Saxon civilizations.... As Chairman of the Delegation of the United States of America, I take great pleasure in proposing as seat of the Seventh Congress our nearest neighbor, the beautiful nation of the United Mexican States."

"The Chairman, after proclaiming Mexico City as the seat of the Seventh Pan American Child Congress, requested the Chairmen of the various delegations to appoint the members of the Organizing Committee for that Congress. The following persons were named to serve on the Committee: the Chief of the Department of Public Health; the Permanent Secretary of the National Academy of Medicine of Mexico; and Dr. Isidro Espinosa de los Reyes; special Delegate of Mexico."
[Translation]

1/ Taken from the (Final Act of the Sixth Pan American Child Congress, Lima, July 4, 1930 (Boletín del Instituto Internacional Americano de Protección a la Infancia -- Tomo 4, pág. 359).

DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS
AUTHORIZED TO CONVOKE THE
SEVENTH PAN AMERICAN CHILD CONGRESS

United Mexican States, President of the Republic

To the Department of Public Health:

In order to carry out the decision taken by the Sixth Pan American Child Congress, in which it was agreed that the next Congress in this series would be held in Mexico City, the Department of Public Health is authorized to convoke the Congress, which shall meet during the period October 12 through 19 of this year.

This same Department is authorized to name the persons who will serve on the Organizing Committee of the Congress, and in so doing shall bear in mind those designations which have been made in the past.

"Effective suffrage! No re-election!" — National Palace, January 11, 1935.— The President of the Republic, Gen. Lázaro Cárdenas (S).— The Chief of the Department of Public Health, Dr. Abraham Ayala González (S).

FIRST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Abraham Ayala González
<u>First Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Aquilino Villanueva
<u>Second Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón
<u>Secretary General:</u>	Dr. Alfonso Pruneda
<u>Assistant Secretary General:</u>	Dr. Francisco de P. Miranda

Members

<u>Medical Pediatrics:</u>	Dr. Isidro Espinosa de los Reyes Dr. Mario A. Torroella
<u>Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics:</u>	Dr. Pablo Mendizábal Dr. Juan Farill
<u>Child Hygiene:</u>	Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón Dr. Rigoberto Aguilar P.
<u>Social Service and Welfare:</u>	Dr. Federico Gómez Dr. José F. Franco
<u>Legislation:</u>	Mr. Antonio Médiz Bolio Mr. Manuel Rueda Magro
<u>Education:</u>	Dr. Gaudencio González Garza Professor Rosaura Zapata

FINAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

<u>Chairman:</u>	Gen. José Siurob
<u>First Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Jesús Díaz Barriga
<u>Second Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón
<u>Secretary General:</u>	Dr. Alfonso Pruneda
<u>Assistant Secretary General:</u>	Dr. Manuel Martínez Báez

Members

Dr. Isidro Espinosa de los Reyes
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Dr. Juan Farill
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Dr. Rigoberto Aguilar P.
Dr. Federico Gómez
Dr. José F. Franco
Dr. Lauro Ortega
Mr. Florencio Padilla
Professor Rosaura Zapata

CONVOCACTION AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONGRESS

Whereas the Sixth Pan American Child Congress, held in Lima, Peru, designated Mexico City as seat of the Seventh Congress, the President of the Republic of Mexico has agreed that the Congress be held in the capital from October 12 to 19 of the present year and that the governments of the American nations be invited to send delegates to this assembly. The following persons were named to serve on the Organizing Committee of the Seventh Pan American Child Congress:^{1/}

Chairman: Dr. Abraham Ayala González

First Vice-Chairman: Dr. Aquilino Villanueva

Second Vice-Chairman: Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón

Secretary General: Dr. Alfonso Pruneda

Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Francisco de P. Miranda

Members

First Section: Dr. Isidro Espinosa de los Reyes and Dr. Mario A. Torroella

Second Section: Dr. Pablo Mendizábal and Dr. Juan Farill

Third Section: Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón and Dr. Rigoberto Aguilar P.

Fourth Section: Dr. Federico Gómez and Dr. José F. Franco

Fifth Section: Mr. Antonio Médiz Bolio and Mr. Manuel Rueda Magro

Sixth Section: Dr. Gaudencio González Garza and Professor Rosaura Zapata

Doctors, lawyers, midwives, nurses, teachers, family leaders, and, in general, all American people who are interested in child welfare, as well as those institutions in the Continent which are so concerned, are hereby convoked to take an active part in the Congress, which will proceed in accordance with the following

^{1/} The Organizing Committee was later changed, as indicated by the list on page 3.

REGULATIONS

ORGANIZATION

Article 1. The Congress shall be divided into the following sections:

- I. Medical Pediatrics;
- II. Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics;
- III. Child Hygiene;
- IV. Social Service and Welfare;
- V. Legislation; and
- VI. Education.

Article 2. The Organizing Committee shall be charged with the preparatory work of the Congress. The members of the Committee shall be especially entrusted with the organization of each of the sections.

Article 3. The official languages of the Congress shall be Spanish, English, French, and Portuguese.

Article 4. The members of the Congress shall be classified under three heads: honorary, official, and regular.

Article 5. Honorary members shall be those appointed at the Preliminary Session by the official delegates of the governments represented at the assembly.

Article 6. Official members shall be the delegates of the countries represented at the Congress, the members of the Organizing Committee, and the secretaries of the sections.

Article 7. Regular members shall be those persons who have registered in advance, and who are concerned with questions relating to childhood.

Article 8. The following persons may be registered as regular members of the Congress: legally recognized doctors, lawyers, midwives, nurses, and teachers, as well as any person interested in matters relating to childhood who, without meeting the legal requirements, may be accepted by the General Secretariat of the Organizing Committee. Regular members shall contribute as a registration fee the amount of \$10.00 (ten pesos), Mexican national currency. For designated representatives and members of organizations which have presented at least 10 papers, the fee shall be \$5.00 (five pesos).

Article 9. Registration of regular members shall be closed one week before the opening date of the Congress, and registration of papers to be presented, two weeks before.

Article 10. All members of the Congress shall have the right to attend the various sessions, the only exception being the closed sessions, which shall be attended only by members of the Organizing Committee and official delegates of the governments.

Article 11. Regular members shall be registered by the section to which they wish to belong, and they shall have the right to present one paper.

SESSIONS

Article 12. There shall be four kinds of sessions: formal sessions, plenary sessions, closed sessions, and section meetings.

Article 13. The formal sessions shall be the Inaugural Session and the Closing Session. The plenary sessions shall be those attended by all members of the Congress, in which the papers presented by official delegates shall be read and discussed. Closed sessions shall be those held by the Organizing Committee and the official delegates of the governments. Section meetings shall be those held with the attendance of the registered section members in order to read and discuss the papers presented; section votes and resolutions shall be submitted to the Congress meeting in closed session.

Article 14. There shall be two closed sessions: the preliminary session and the final session. The votes and resolutions of the Congress shall be examined and approved at the final session.

The preliminary closed session shall:

- (a) introduce visiting delegates, after revision of their respective credentials;
- (b) designate one delegate from each official delegation to serve on the Executive Committee;
- (c) install the Executive Committee of the Congress;
- (d) elect the chairmen, vice-chairmen, and secretaries of the various sections; and
- (e) name the Honorary Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

Article 15. The President of the Republic, or his Representative, and the Executive Committee shall preside over the formal Inaugural Session. At this session, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who shall also serve as President of the Congress, shall deliver the address welcoming the delegates; and the Secretary General shall report on the organizing of the Congress. The official delegates shall greet the Congress in the name of their respective governments. The Congress shall be opened by the President of the Republic, or his Representative.

Article 16. The President of the Congress, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside over the closed and plenary sessions. Section meetings shall be presided over by the respective Chairmen, who may concede the Chair to official delegates.

Article 17. Papers read in the sections may not exceed 20 minutes of reading time; they must be original; preferably, they shall deal with one of the topics assigned to the sections; they shall have conclusions, and these conclusions shall be accompanied by a translation into two of the other languages (English, French, and Spanish, as the case may be 1/).

Article 18. Papers shall be presented to the General Secretariat of the Congress eight days before the Inaugural Session of the Congress.

Article 19. Members of the Congress may discuss papers presented by the sections, no member being allowed to have the floor more than once, nor for more than five minutes; the author of the paper in question shall close the discussion, but he may not speak for more than 10 minutes. Those members who wish to discuss papers presented must register in advance with the secretariats of the respective sections, and no more than three members may be registered for each paper. There shall be no minutes of the sessions; the secretaries shall merely take note of the papers that are read, of the persons who participate in the discussions, and of the proposals which are formulated as a result. These proposals, if such should result, as well as the conclusions reached in the papers, shall then be submitted to the section's Committee on Resolutions, for its study and consideration. The Committee on Resolutions shall present its opinion at the last meeting of the section, at the same time proposing votes and resolutions which must be voted upon, without discussion, at the same meeting by the members in attendance. The votes and resolutions approved shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Congress, for its final consideration.

TOPICS OF THE CONGRESS

Article 20. The official topics, which shall be dealt with in the plenary sessions by the delegates of the various countries, are the following:

First Section: Medical Pediatrics

1. Rickets
2. Allergies of infancy
3. Hemorrhagic mucous colitis in children

Second Section: Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics

1. Focal infections in children
2. Medical, surgical, and orthopedic treatment of paralysis in children
3. Treatment of tuberculous osteoarthritis in children

Third Section: Child Hygiene

1. How to attain the provision of pure cow's milk for the nutrition of children

1/ Sic, but see Article 3.

2. Prophylaxis of intestinal parasitism
3. The influence of hospitalization on the mental condition of the child

Fourth Section: Social Service and Welfare

1. Aid and protection for invalid children
2. Minimum preparatory program for visiting nurses and social workers
3. Suggestions for the medical, educational, and social organization of the typical foundling home

Fifth Section: Legislation

1. Obligations of the State regarding the protection of children. Relative legislation. The Children's Code
2. Human, legal, and social bases of the rights of mothers
3. Legislation dealing with juvenile delinquency

Sixth Section: Education

1. Education of abnormal children
2. Education of pre-school children
3. Student classification: Its protection of the child and its educational advantages

Article 21. The following topics are recommended by the [Organizing] Committee for study in the various sections:

First Section: Medical Pediatrics

1. Tuberculosis in the early stages of childhood
2. Bronchial pneumonia and its treatment in early childhood
3. Hemotherapeutics in pediatry
4. Care of premature children
5. Classification of gastrointestinal suffering in early childhood
6. The problem of rehydration in pediatrics
7. Endocrinous syndromes most common in early childhood
8. Deficiency diseases most common to children
9. Appendicitis in children
10. Treatment of congenital syphilis

Second Section: Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics

1. Surgical treatment of idiopathic epilepsy
2. Surgical treatment of chronic pleurisy
3. Treatment of scoliosis
4. Transfusion in surgical pediatrics

5. Treatment of osteomyelitis
6. Surgical treatment of paraplegia in tuberculous spondylitis
7. Treatment of osteomastoiditis
8. Sudden death of children who have recently undergone surgery
9. Surgical treatment of tuberculous peritonitis
10. Heliotherapy in surgical tuberculosis

Third Section: Child Hygiene

1. Premature weaning as a factor in infant mortality
2. Minimum nourishment in cases of gastrointestinal affections in children
3. Vitamins in the child's diet
4. Prophylaxis of bronchial pneumonia
5. The value of vaccines for the prophylaxis of whooping-cough
6. The Schick reaction and the vaccination against diphtheria
7. Prophylaxis of measles through use of convalescent serum
8. Prophylaxis of myopia in children due to scholastic work
9. Prophylaxis of ringworm in the schools
10. Vaccination with BCG

Subsection on Prenatal Hygiene

1. Insufficient or inadequate nutrition during pregnancy
2. Alcoholism and pregnancy
3. Treatment of pregnant cardiopaths
4. Calcium therapy for expectant mothers
5. Attempt at abortion and its connection with teratogenesis
6. Prevention and treatment of purulent ophthalmia
7. Prophylaxis of umbilical infections
8. Duty of the midwife in cases of manifest death of the newborn child
9. Feeding of the newborn child during the first three days
10. Puericulture of the premature child

Fourth Section: Social Service and Welfare

1. Organization and operation of welfare institutions
2. Homes in the country and at the seashore for convalescent and undernourished children
3. Coordination and development of projects to prepare mothers for the proper care of their children
4. The Red Cross and its continuous cooperation in child-welfare work
5. Organization and operation of neuropsychiatric clinics for children
6. Cooperation of medical associations in child-welfare work
7. Protection of children in rural communities
8. Protection of children who work in circuses, theaters, side-shows, and similar places .. .

9. The training of nurses specialized in child care
10. The Child Welfare Institute, coordinator of these activities in each country

Fifth Section: Legislation

1. Investigation of paternity, so that all children may know who their parents are
2. Protection of illegitimate children
3. Legal means for incorporating children born out of wedlock into the family
4. Social-security laws on maternity
5. Adequate legislation for the benefit of orphans, abandoned children, foundlings, and children of delinquents
6. Complementary legislation for the prevention of juvenile delinquency, and for the adaptation and redemption of juvenile delinquents
7. Legislative reforms to promote and facilitate adoption
8. Compulsory pre-marital examination
9. Legislative reforms to facilitate registration of births in the Civil Registry
10. Adequate legislation to facilitate the creation of foundling and maternity homes, orphanages, etc., by private initiative

Sixth Section: Education

1. Adequate recreation facilities for children
2. The children's theater as a factor in education
3. Bases for formulating physical-education programs for children
4. Importance of equipment and educational material in kindergarten
5. Scientific bases for setting up scholastic schedules
6. Progressive education
7. Collaboration of the family and school for the benefit of the child
8. Vocational orientation in the primary school
9. The teaching of puericulture in post-elementary schools
10. Schools for physical and mental recuperation. Organization and results

VISITS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Article 22. During the week, in addition to holding its sessions, the Congress shall visit the official child-welfare institutions (hospitals, orphanages, foundling homes, schools, school clinics, boarding schools, child-hygiene centers, milk-service centers, etc.).

Article 23. During the week there shall also be various social events, organized by the Department of Public Health, the Department of Education, the Federal District Department, and the Public Welfare Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 24. The Executive Committee, the members of which are elected at the preliminary closed session, shall resolve all questions not foreseen in these Regulations.

The offices of the Organizing Committee of the Seventh Pan American Child Congress shall be located in the building of the Department of Public Health (at the corner of Paseo de la Reforma and Lieja Street, Mexico, D.F.). All correspondence addressed to the Congress should be forwarded to these offices.

Mexico, D.F., April 22, 1935

Dr. ABRAHAM AYALA GONZALEZ,
Chairman of the Organizing Committee

Dr. ALFONSO PRUNEDA,
Secretary General of the Congress

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Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.)

Dr. Francisco de P. Miranda

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE CONGRESS

Meeting Places of the Congress

Offices of the Congress: National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate", Calle de Justo Sierra, No. 19. Daily, Oct. 11-19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Exhibition of Scientific Publications: National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate". Daily, Oct. 14-19, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Plenary Sessions: Palace of Fine Arts, Concert and Conference Hall

Meetings of the Sections on Medical Pediatrics, Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics, and Child Hygiene: Palace of Fine Arts, Concert and Conference Hall and first floor salon (east side)

Meetings of the Sections on Legislation and on Social Service and Welfare: National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate", Calle de Justo Sierra, No. 19

Meetings of the Section on Education: Orientation Hall of the Department of Public Education (entrance on Calle González Obregón and on Avenida República Argentina)

Saturday, October 12

9:00 a.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts, first floor salon (east side): Closed session, to be attended only by delegates of the governments of the countries represented at the Congress and by members of the Organizing Committee

11:00 a.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts, Auditorium: Formal Inaugural Session (special program)

8:30 p.m. -- Auditorium of the School of Medical and Biological Sciences (Avenida Brasil, No. 33): Program held in honor of the Congress by the "Sociedad Mexicana de Eugenesia" (special program)

Sunday, October 13

10:00 a.m. -- Lira Park, Tacubaya: Demonstration of the activities carried out at the kindergartens maintained by the Department of Public Education, and of the activities which comprise the child-education program of these institutions. The organization of this program is in charge of the Kindergarten Section of the Department of Primary and Normal Education.

The kindergartens which are taking part in this program are the following: Brígida Alfaro, José María Morelos, Ricardo Bell, López Velarde, J.J. Rousseau, Anderson, Vanegas Arroyo, Amado Nervo, 5-24, M.G. Nájera, Lauro Aguirre, Rébsamen, J.M. Vigil, Fray P. de Gante, 4-5, 5-4, Angel de Campo, Icazbalceta,

Benito Juárez, Froebel, Pestalozzi, Justo Sierra, M.M. Aveleyra, Spencer, M. Ocampo, 3-7, Comenio, 3-9, Xochitlquetzalli, Cervantes Imaz, María Enriqueta, R. Manterola, Galación Gómez, Virgilio Uribe, Zaragoza, Dolores Guerrero, Carlos Alcalde, Josefa Murillo, and 2-10.

At the close of the program, the members of the Congress will visit the Medical-Pedagogical Institute, located in Lira Park.

Monday, October 14

10:00 a.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts, Concert and Conference Hall: First Plenary Session:

1. Address in recognition of the work of Dr. Luis Morquio, founder of the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood, by Dr. Alfonso Pruneda, Secretary General of the Organizing Committee of the Seventh Child Congress

2. Address by Dr. Gabriel González Danrée, Delegate of Uruguay

3. "Rickets": Dr. Rafael Carrillo, Delegate of Mexico

4. "Rickets Research in the American Countries": Dr. Roberto Berro, Director of the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood

5. "The Children That Will Make up the Population of America, and Their Racial Selection": Dr. Carlos Enrique Paz Soldán, Delegate of Peru

6. "Allergic Stages of Childhood with Relation to Endocrine and Neurovegetative Equilibrium": Dr. Francisco de P. Miranda, Delegate of Costa Rica and Chile

7. Presentation of the book El Niño mexicano ante la caridad y el Estado /The Mexican Child before Charity and the State/, published by the Public Welfare Board of the Federal District on the occasion of the Seventh Child Congress

12:30 p.m. -- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Avenida Juárez, No. 109): Mr. José Angel Cenicerós, Assistant Secretary in charge of the Office of Foreign Affairs, will receive the delegates of the governments of the countries represented at the Congress

5:00 p.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts: Meeting of the Sections on Medical Pediatrics, Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics, and Child Hygiene:

1. "Cases of Rickets in Mexico": Dr. Demófilo González Calzada and Dr. Rafael Soto, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Rickets and Tuberculosis. Vitamin D. Calcium and Phosphorus": Dr. Alfredo Ramos Espinosa, of Mexico, D.F.

3. "Rickets -- General Concepts": Dr. Gonzalo Moraza and Dr. Gustavo García A., of Santiago, Chile

4. "The Bitôt Syndrome (Ocular Avitaminosis)": Dr. Magín Puig Solanes, of Mexico, D.F.

5. "Nutritional Disturbances in Early Infancy": Dr. Anastasio Vergara, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "Contributions to the Study of Hypotropia in Children": Dr. Antonio Gómez, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "The Problem of Rehydration in Pediatrics": Dr. Félix Hurtado, of Havana, Cuba

8. "Colibacilluria in Children": Dr. Salvador Pacheco Marroquín, of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

9. "Colibacilluria in Children": Dr. Guillermo Alvarado, of Mexico, D.F.

10. "Hemorrhagic Mucous Colitis in Children": Dr. Valdés Díaz, of Havana, Cuba

11. "Cases of Appendicitis in Mexico": Dr. Adrián Correa, of Mexico, D.F.

12. "Abortive and Abnormal Forms of Typhoid Fever in Early Childhood": Dr. Francisco Lino Osegueda, of El Salvador

13. "The Frequency of Intestinal Lambliasis in Children in Mexico": Dr. Alberto Lezama Gutiérrez, of Mexico, D.F.

5:00 p.m. -- National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate": Meeting of the Sections on Social Service and Welfare and on Legislation:

1. "Organization and Operation of Welfare Institutions": Dr. Pedro Cantonet, of Montevideo, Uruguay

2. "Coordination and Development of Projects to Prepare Mothers for the Proper Care of Their Children": Mrs. Enelda Fox, of Mexico, D.F.

3. "Coordination and Development of the Instruction of Mothers in the Care of Their Children": Miss Marie E. Murphy, of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

4. "Training for Better Parenthood": Miss Elizabeth L. Woods, of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

5. "Public Schools for Mothers": Dr. José A. Berutti and Miss María E. Zurano, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

6. "Outline for a Typical Domestic Science School for Mothers": Professor Guadalupe Núñez y Parra, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "The Organization of Psychiatric Clinics for Children": Dr. H. E. Chamberlain, of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

8. "Organization and Operation of Neuropsychiatric Clinics for Children": Dr. Enrique Salgado Palacios, of Mexico, D.F.

9. "Notes on the Operation of the Child Psychiatric Department in the Public-Welfare Insane Asylum": Dr. Alfonso Millán and Dr. Matilde Rodríguez Cabo, of Mexico, D.F.

5:00 p.m. -- Orientation Hall of the Department of Public Education:
Meeting of the Section on Education:

1. "Adequate Recreation Facilities for Children": Professor María Elena Chanes, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Adequate Recreation Facilities for Children": Professor Elisa Osorio Bolio, of Mexico, D.F.

3. "Adequate Recreation Facilities for Children": Professor María Luisa G. de Aburto and Miss Ofelia Pacheco Anaya, of Mexico, D.F.

4. "Adequate Recreation Facilities for Children": Mrs Aurora Herrera Nóbregas, of Mexico, D.F.

5. "Children's Movies as a Means for Education and Recreation": Mrs. Esperanza Peña Monterrubio, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "The Children's Theater": Professor Refugio Soní, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "The Children's Theater as a Factor in Education": Professor Julia Nava de Ruisánchez, of Mexico, D.F.

8. "The Children's Theater": Mr. Germán Lizt Arzubide

9. "Bases for Formulating Physical-Education Programs for Children": Dr. Ramón Luis Chacón Ch., of Costa Rica

10. "Sports in the Schools Should Be Eliminated, for Reasons of Public Health": Mr. Félix F. Palavicini, of Mexico, D.F.

Tuesday, October 15

10:00 a.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts, Concert and Conference Hall: Second Plenary Session:

1. "How to Attain the Provision of Pure Cow's Milk for the Nutrition of Children": Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón, Delegate of Mexico

2. "The Juvenile Court and a Collective Program for the Treatment and Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency": Miss Grace Abbott, Chairman of the Delegation of the United States of America

3. "Obligations of the State regarding the Protection of Children. Relative Legislation. The Children's Code". Dr. Aquilino Villanueva, Delegate of Mexico

4. "Presentation of the Children's Code of Uruguay": Dr. Gabriel González Danrée, Delegate of Uruguay

5. "Contributions to the Study of the Problems of Infant Mortality and Child Protection in Guatemala": Dr. Luis Gaitán, Delegate of Guatemala

6. "Children's Rights. Draft Children's Code": Dr. Ildefonso S. Ballón, Delegate of Peru

5:00 p.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts: Meeting of the Sections on Medical Pediatrics, Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics, and Child Hygiene:

1. "Premature Weaning as a Factor in Infant Mortality": Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Premature Weaning and Infant Mortality": Dr. Alfonso Ruiz Escalona, of Hidalgo del Parral, Mexico

3. "Feeding of the Newborn Child during the First Three Days": Dr. J.R. Abdalá, Dr. J. C. Pellerano, and Dr. J. Schere, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

4. "Feeding of Children, from the Time of Birth, with Milk Containing Lemon Juice": Dr. Juan M. González, of Mexico, D.F.

5. "Chick-Pea Meal in the Diet of Infants": Dr. Rigoberto Aguilar P., and Dr. Gabriel Araújo Valdivia, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "Training the Suckling to Take Meal": Dr. Rafael Soto, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "Purification of Milk by the Stassano Method: Dr. Vicente Flores Barrueta, of Mexico, D.F.

8. "Milk Sanitation in Mexico": Dr. Agustín Navarro Hidalgo, Mexico, D.F.

9. "Suggestions for the Fixing of Milk Standards in Mexico": Dr. Carlos F. Villar, of Mexico, D.F.

10. "Psychoanalytic Principles of the Personality of the Suckling": Dr. Carlos F. Krundick, of Lima, Peru

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11. "Child Psychological Complexes in the Adult Mind": Dr. Marín Ramos Contreras, of Mexico, D.F.

12. "Problems of Adolescence and Their Importance to the Pediatrician": Dr. W. Palmer Lucas, of San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

13. "The Influence of Hospitalization on the Mental Condition of the Child": Dr. Ernesto Rodríguez, of Pueblo Nuevo, Chiapas, Mexico

5:00 p.m. -- National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate": Meeting of the Sections on Social Service and Welfare and on Legislation:

1. "Investigation of Paternity as a Means of Child Protection": Miss Ofelia Domínguez Navarro, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Protection of Illegitimate Children": Dr. Anastasio Sáenz Trejo, of Chacaltianguis, Veracruz, Mexico

3. "Adequate Legislation for the Benefit of Orphans, Abandoned Children, Foundlings, and Children of Delinquents": Mr. Bernabé Ballesteros, of Mexico, D.F.

4. "Compulsory and Restricted Adoption as the Maximum Legal Means for the Protection of Abandoned, Illegitimate, or Natural-Born Children": Dr. P. Fed Coral Luzzi, of Salto, Uruguay

5. "Complementary Legislation for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency, and for the Adaptation and Redemption of Juvenile Delinquents": Dr. Rafael Santamarina, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "Complementary Legislation for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency": Professor Lucía Navarro de Pérez C., of Mexico, D.F.

7. "Juvenile Delinquency -- Towards a New Program": Mr. Rafael Mella Suárez, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

8. Present Status of Legislation on Juvenile Courts in Mexico": Mr. Fernando Ortega, of Mexico, D.F.

9. "Legislative Reforms to Promote and Facilitate Adoption": Mr. Florencio Padilla, of Mexico, D.F.

10. "Social-Security Laws on Maternity": Mr. Ricardo Retana Méndez, of Mexico, D.F.

11. "Protection for the Unwed Mother": Dr. Fernando Quevedo L., of Lima, Peru

12. "Compulsory Social Security for Mothers": Dr. Luis J. Mange, of Lima, Peru

5:00 p.m. -- Orientation Hall of the Department of Public Education:
Meeting of the Section on Education:

1. "Importance of Equipment and Educational Material in Kindergartens": Professor María de la Luz Rivera de Isunza, of Mexico, D.F.
2. "Drawing Stages during Childhood": Professor Josefina Ramos, of Mexico, D.F.
3. "The Musical Education of the Child": Professor Luisa Rolón de Martínez Sotomayor, of Mexico, D.F.
4. "Musical Auditions for Children": Professor Ismaela Navarro, of Montevideo, Uruguay
5. "Cooperation of the Home and the School for the Benefit of the Child": Mrs. Josefina Velázquez Peña, of Mexico, D.F.
6. "Cooperation of the Home and the School for the Benefit of the Child": Mrs. Elena González de Simbeck, of Mexico, D.F.
7. "Cooperation of the Home and the School for the Benefit of the Child": Professor Judith Rivera de Rangel, of Mexico, D.F.
8. "The Need for Creating an International Committee of Parents' Associations": Col. Enrique López Araiza, of Mexico, D.F.
9. "Vocational Orientation in the Primary School": Professor Leopoldo Mata and Professor María Teresa Stirparo, of Buenos Aires, Argentina
10. "Professional Orientation during Childhood": Dr. Donato Boccia, of Buenos Aires, Argentina
11. "Professional Orientation in the Primary School": Professor Eulalia Guzmán
12. "Professional Orientation in Military Schools": Gen. Cristóbal Rodríguez, of Mexico, D.F.

Wednesday, October 16

9:00 a.m. -- Visits to various institutions (busses leave from 1ª calle de Justo Sierra):

- 9:10 a.m. -- Visit to the Child Hygiene Service Maternity Home, Lomas de Chapultepec (Chapala Sur extended)
- 10:15 a.m. -- Milk Service of the Department of Public Health, Calzada de México-Tacuba, No. 88
- 10:45 a.m. -- Children's Home No. 2, Calzada México-Tacuba (next door to the Milk Service)

11:15 a.m. -- Children's Home No. 9, at the Corner of Yunque and Martillo (Colonia Morelos)

11:45 a.m. -- Child Hygiene Center "Luis E. Ruiz", Calzada de Balbuena, 6 kilometers

Tour leaders: Dr. Cayetano F. Quintanilla and Dr. Carlos S. Jiménez

(Important: Members of the Congress who wish to make these tours should register in advance in the Offices of the Congress in order to reserve seats on the busses.)

1:00 p.m. -- Independence Monument, Paseo de la Reforma: Commemorative ceremony in honor of the Mexican heroes, by the delegates and members of the Congress

2:00 p.m. -- Luncheon given by Gen. José Siurob, Chief of the Department of Public Health, at San Angel Inn

5:00 p.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts: Meeting of the Sections on Medical Pediatrics, Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics, and Child Hygiene:

1. "Intracranial Hemorrhages in the Newborn Child": Dr. Guillermo Christy, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Amaurotic Family Idiocy in Mexico": Dr. Lino Vergara, of Mexico, D.F.

3. "Mental Weakness in Children and Hereditary Alcoholism": Dr. J. Muñoz Turnbull, of Mexico, D.F.

4. "Cases of Acute Diffused Meningoencephalitis in a Child Having Melitococcosis Shown by an Extremely Positive Reaction to the Burnet Test": Dr. Juan Pérez Carranza, of Lima, Peru

5. "Contributions to the Study of the Reflexes. A New Theory of Catatonia and the Resulting Passivity": Dr. René Ardití Rocha, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

6. "Paranoia -- Contributions to Its Study": Dr. René Ardití and Dr. Wacław Radecki, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

7. "Ulcerous-Caseous Tuberculosis in the Suckling": Dr. Teodosio Valledor, of Havana, Cuba

8. "Tuberculothelaphy in Pediatrics": Dr. Manuel Adriano Vilanova, of El Salvador

9. "Bronchial Ectasis in Children and Its Bronchographic Diagnosis": Dr. Jorge Muñoz Turnbull, of Mexico, D.F.

10. "Acute Hepatorenal Syndrome Resulting from Diphtheria": Dr. Salvador García Téllez, of Mexico, D.F.

11. "Cutaneous Maladies Most Common in Childhood": Dr. Luis Herrera Tejeda, of Mexico, D.F.

12. "Congenital Myxedema": Dr. Aquiles Gareiso, Dr. Samuel Schere, and Dr. Juan C. Perellano, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

13. "Mild Hyperthermia in Sucklings Recently Operated on": Dr. Agustín Inostrosa, of Santiago, Chile

14. "Contributions to the Study of Tropical Edema in the Child": Dr. Odán Goens Rosales, of El Salvador

5:00 p.m. -- National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate": Meeting of the Sections on Social Service and Welfare and on Legislation:

1. "The Red Cross and Its Continuous Cooperation in Child-Welfare Work": Dr. Alfonso Priani, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Children's Work for Children. The American Junior Red Cross": Miss Ruth Evelyn Henderson, of Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

3. "The Junior Red Cross of the 'República Argentina' School": Professor Lupe Jiménez Posadas, of Mexico, D.F.

4. "Organization of Rural Child-Hygiene Services": Dr. Felix Underwood, of Mississippi, U.S.A.

5. "Protection of Children in Rural Communities": Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, of Mexico, D. F.

6. "Protection of Children in Rural Communities": Dr. Luis Mazzotti, of Tula, Hidalgo, Mexico

7. "Protection of Children in Rural Communities": Professor Isidro Castillo, of Mexico, D.F.

8. "Protection of Children in Rural Communities": Dr. Olinto de Oliveira, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

9. "The Importance, to the American Countries, of Having Groups of Visiting Child-Hygiene Workers": Dr. Manuel Salcedo F., of Lima, Peru

10. "The Child-Welfare Work Accomplished in the Refectories of the 'Asociación Uruguaya de Protección a la Infancia'": Dr. Alfredo Rodríguez Castro, of Montevideo, Uruguay

11. "The Operation of a Nutrition Clinic for Pre-School Children, of the 'Asociación Uruguaya de Protección a la Infancia'": Dr. María Luisa Saldún de Rodríguez, of Montevideo, Uruguay

12. "Inspectors for the Medical, Educational, and Social Organization of the Typical Foundling Home": Dr. Julio A. Bauzá, of Montevideo, Uruguay

5:00 p.m. -- Orientation Hall of the Department of Public Education:
Meeting of the Section on Education:

1. "Social Service in the Schools": Mr. Jacob Kepecs, of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

2. "Clinical Service for Problem Children at Public Schools": Mr. H. T. Manuel, of Austin, Texas, U.S.A.

3. "Social Service for Pre-School Children": Dr. J. Ernesto Ego Aguirre, of Lima, Peru

4. "School Medical and Dental Service": Dr. Roberto Alvarez Boettiger, of Mexico, D.F.

5. "Importance of Oral and Dental Hygiene for Children": Dr. Yuri Kutler, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "The Partially Deaf Child in the School": Dr. Federico Reinking, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "The Cenotypical Record in Schools": Dr. Arturo Rossi and Dr. Vicente A. Franco, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

8. "Complete Education of Children from the Working Class": Dr. Felipe Ferrer Baynón, of Mexico, D.F.

9. "The Indian Child and the Child from the Working Class": Professor León Díaz Cárdenas, of Mexico, D.F.

10. "Protection for Indian Children": Professor Ramón C. Robles, of Guadalajara, Mexico

11. "The Inferiority Complex in Poor Children, and Its Relation with Education Problems": Dr. Raúl González Enríquez, of Mexico, D.F.

8:30 p.m. -- Theater of the Department of Public Education (the former Teatro Hidalgo, Calle de Regina): Concert of Mexican music and dances, sponsored by the Department of Public Education (special program)

Thursday, October 17

9:00 a.m. -- Visits to various institutions (busses leave from 1ª calle de Justo Sierra):

9:30 a.m. -- Foundling Home, Coyoacán, Avda. Hidalgo, No.67

1. Address by the Director

2. Tour of the institution
3. Tour of the adjacent kindergarten

10:30 a.m. -- Children's Home, Calzada de San Antonio Abad,
No. 332

1. Address by the Director
2. Tour of the institution
3. Gymnastic demonstration by the children,
accompanied by the Home's orchestra

Tour leader: Dr. José Felipe Franco

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5:00 p.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts: Meeting of the Sections on Medical Pediatrics, Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics, and Child Hygiene:

1. "The Use of von Pirquet's Cutireaction in Mexico City": Dr. Hermilo Castañeda, of Mexico, D.F.
2. "Evaluation of Tuberculosis Infestation in Guatemala by Means of Tuberculin Reactions": Dr. Ernesto Cofiño and Dr. Arturo Carrillo, of Guatemala
3. "Antituberculosis Vaccination of the Newborn Child, BCG and Its Practical Application": Dr. Pedro Cantonet and Dr. Héctor Cantonet, of Montevideo, Uruguay
4. "Children Who Will Undoubtedly Become Lepers": Dr. Jesús González Urueña, of Mexico, D.F.
5. "Smallpox Immunity Achieved by Means of Intradermal Inoculation": Dr. José Felipe Franco, of Mexico, D.F.
6. "Preventive Measures against Measles": Dr. Cayetano Andrade, of Mexico, D.F.
7. "Prophylaxis of Ringworm in the Schools": Dr. Fernando Latapí, of Mexico, D.F.
8. "Prophylaxis of Myopia Due to Scholastic Work": Dr. Manuel Morán Calderón, of Mexico, D.F.
9. "Prevention of Bacillary Dysentery": Dr. George M. Lyon, of Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

10. "Prophylaxis of Intestinal Parasitism": Dr. Francisco Cabanilla Cevallos, of Guayaquil, Ecuador

11. "Prophylaxis of Intestinal Parasitism": Dr. Demófilo González Calzada, of Mexico, D.F.

12. "Mortality of Children with Intestinal Parasites": Dr. Horacio Rubio, of Pachuca, Mexico

13. "The Use of Tetrachlorethylene in Uncinariasis": Dr. Agustín Hernández Mejía, of Mexico, D.F.

14. "Protection of Children versus Child Mortality": Mr. Francisco A. Benavides, of Mexico, D.F.

5:00 p.m. -- National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate": Meeting of the Sections on Legislation and on Social Service and Welfare:

1. "Compulsory Pre-Marital Examination": Mr. Juan C. Corráez, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Compulsory Pre-Marital Examination": Dr. Susana Solano, of Lima, Peru

3. "Legislative Reforms to Facilitate Registration of Births in the Civil Registry": Mr. Julio R. Luengas, of Mexico, D.F.

4. "Legislative Reforms to Facilitate Registration of Births in the Civil Registry": Mr. Ernesto Aznar Preciat, of Mexico, D.F.

5. "Consideration of Abortion as a Crime": Mr. Roberto M. Aristi, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "Adequate Legislation to Facilitate the Creation of Foundling and Maternity Homes, Orphanages, etc., by Private Initiative": Mr. Fernando Suárez Gómez, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "Social Security for Maternity Cases": Mr. Gilberto Loyo and Mr. Adolfo Zamora, of Mexico, D.F.

8. "The Minimum Working Age and the Education Problem": Dr. Dardo A. Rietti, of Córdoba, Argentina

9. "Child Welfare: Its Medical, Social, and Juridical Aspects": Dr. Jesús T. Cano, of Tampico, Mexico

10. "Mothers' and Children's Code for the Republic of Argentina": Dr. Mercedes Rodríguez de Ginocchio, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

11. "Fundamental Bases of the Children's Code": Dr. Carlos A. Bambaren, of Lima, Peru

12. "Children's Rights": Dr. Caudencio González Garza, of Mexico, D.F.

13. "Obligations of the State regarding the Protection of Children. The Children's Code": Dr. Pedro de Alcántara, of São Paulo, Brazil

14. "The Child Welfare Institute, Coordinator of All Child-Welfare Activities in Each Country, as a Means for Over-all Protection of Childhood": Dr. Luis A. Suárez, of Lima, Peru

15. "The American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood at the Seventh International Conference of American States": Miss Sophonisba B. Breckinridge, of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

16. "Child-Welfare Work and the First Mexican Child Congresses": Dr. Alfredo M. Saavedra, of Mexico, D.F.

17. "Sanitation Work in the Americas for the Protection of Childhood": Dr. Aristides A. Moll, of Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

18. "Suggestions for the Medical, Educational, and Social Organization of the Typical Foundling Home": Dr. Federico Ortiz and Dr. Pedro Pérez Grovas, of Mexico, D.F.

5:00 p.m. -- Orientation Hall of the Department of Public Education: Meeting of the Section on Education:

1. "General Rules for the Sexual Examination of Children": Dr. Raúl González Enríquez, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Observations on the Early Sexual Experiences of Girls from the Working Class": Dr. Ester Chapa, of Mexico, D.F.

3. "Pre-School Sex Education": Dr. Juan L. Soto, of Mexico, D.F.

4. "The Teaching of Puericulture in Primary and Post-Primary Schools for Adults of Both Sexes": Professor María del Carmen R. del Castillo, of Mexico, D.F.

5. "The Teaching of Hygiene, in General, and Puericulture in Particular, in Primary and Post-Primary Schools": Dr. Manuel García Mesa, of Valle de Bravo, Mexico

6. "Student Classification: Its Protection of the Child and Its Educational Advantages": Professor Miguel Huerta, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "Student Classification: Its Protection of the Child and Its Educational Advantages": Professor Leonor Hourticon, of Montevideo, Uruguay

8. "Student Classification: Its Protection of the Child and Its Educational Advantages": Miss María Marta Villalba O., of Lima, Peru

8. "Medical, Surgical, and Orthopedic Treatment of Paralysis in Children": Dr. Inclán and Dr. Gómez del Río, of Havana, Cuba

9. "Visical Lithiasis in Children from the Working Class": Dr. Leonardo Silva, of Mexico, D.F.

10. "Safety Support for Drainage Tubes in Cases of Purulent Pleurisy": Dr. Antonio Sordo Noriega, of Mexico, D.F.

11. "The Bathing of the Pleura with a Solution of Optochin in Cases of Pneumococcal Purulent Pleurisy": Dr. Salvador García Téllez, of Mexico, D.F.

12. "The Treatment of Strabismus in Children": Dr. Antonio Torres Estrada, of Mexico, D.F.

13. "Treatment of Epilepsy by the Resettling (asentamiento) of the Cerebrum": Dr. Pablo Mendizábal, of Mexico, D.F.

14. "Amygdalectomy of the Child": Dr. Gustavo Pérez Tablada, of Nicaragua

5:00 p.m. -- National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate": Meeting of the Sections on Social Service and Welfare and on Legislation:

1. "Protection of Children Who Work in Circuses, Theaters, Side-shows, and Similar Places": Dr. Enrique A. Meyer, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Plans for Regulating the Attendance of Minors at Public Exhibitions": Dr. Abelardo González Garza, of Mexico, D.F.

3. "Social Investigation of Children by the Juvenile Court": Mr. José Rodolfo Acedo of Mexico, D.F.

4. "How the Psychology Section of the Juvenile Court Operates": Dr. Ernesto González Tejeda, of Mexico, D.F.

5. "Compulsory Child-Welfare and Domestic-Hygiene Service": Professor Elena Torres, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "Social Work as the Redeemer of Society": Professor Marisabel Simmonds, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "Professional Education of Workers in the Child-Welfare Service": Miss Sphonisba P. Breckinridge, of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

8. "Minimum Preparatory Program for Visiting Nurses and Social Workers": Mr. Jenaro V. Vásquez and Mr. Gilberto Loyo

9. "Need for Unifying Child-Welfare Work in Mexico in the Social and Sanitary Fields": Dr. José Lamberto Amor and Dr. Anastasio Vergara, of Mexico, D.F.

10. "Parks and Kindergartens at Elementary Schools and in Working-Class and Workers' Communities": Mr. Ricardo de la Vega, Mr. David Ferriz Montes, and Professor Narcisa Ascanio, of Mexico, D.F.

11. "Homes in the Country and at the Seashore for Convalescent and Undernourished Children": Dr. Carlos Hernández Mijares and Dr. Gertrudis Aguilera, of Havana, Cuba

12. "Homes in the Country and at the Seashore for Convalescent and Undernourished Children": Dr. Enrique A. Meyer, of Mexico, D.F.

13. "The Ideas Followed by the City of Buenos Aires in Their Work on Recreation Facilities for Children": Dr. Eduardo J. Ursini, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

14. "The Social Value of the Camp": Miss Guadalupe Ramírez, of Mexico, D.F.

15. "Assistance to, and Protection of, Invalid Children": Dr. Juan Farill, of Mexico, D.F.

16. "Campaign against Hereditary Syphilis": Dr. Angel Cifuentes, of Nicaragua

17. "National and International Services in Behalf of American Children": Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, of Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

5:00 p.m. -- Orientation Hall of the Department of Public Education: Meeting of the Section on Education:

1. "General Principles for the Preliminary Instruction of Child Criminology": Dr. Antonio Monzón, of Mexico, D.F.

2. "Tests for Picking Out Abnormal Children" (Medidas eliminatorias en los anormales): Dr. Matilde Rodríguez Cabo, of Mexico, D.F.

3. "The Problem of Education of Abnormal Children. Report on the Medical-Pedagogical Institute": Dr. Roberto Solís Quiroga, of Mexico, D.F.

4. "Education of Abnormal Children": Dr. Rodolfo Volpe, of Buenos Aires, Argentina

5. "Practical Principles, Methods, and Procedures for the Education of Mentally Deficient Children": Professor Lucía Pérez, of Mexico, D.F.

6. "The School for Physical Recuperation and Its Results": Dr. Moisés Reyes Acosta, of Mexico, D.F.

7. "Education of Pre-School Children": Professor Emilia Fournié, of Montevideo, Uruguay

Saturday, October 19

10:00 a.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts: Meeting of the Section on Child Hygiene and the Subsection on Prenatal Hygiene:

1. "Metabolism of Calcium during Pregnancy and after Childbirth": Dr. Juan A. S. Bartolomé, of Lima, Peru
2. "How to Correct Insufficient or Inadequate Nutrition during Pregnancy": Dr. Ambrosio Vargas Valencia, of Mexico, D.F.
3. "Insufficient or Inadequate Nutrition during Pregnancy": Miss Margarita Lozano Garza, of Mexico, D.F.
4. "Syphilis in the Pregnant Woman and in the Newborn Child": Dr. José Rábago, of Mexico, D.F.
5. "Mortality among Prematurely Born Infants": Dr. Ethel C. Dunham, of Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
6. "The Follicular Hormone in the Treatment of Premature Children": Dr. Ernesto Ego Aguirre, of Lima, Peru
7. "Prevention of Purulent Ophthalmia in the Newborn Child": Miss Felipa Ramírez, of Mexico, D.F.
8. "The Problem of the Empirical Midwife in Rural Communities": Dr. J. Pilar Hernández Lira, of Xochimilco, Mexico, D.F.
9. "Nursing Rooms": Dr. E. González Ancira, of Mexico, D.F.

12:00 a.m. -- Cereemonial. Hall of the Department of Public Health: Final closed session, to be attended only by the Executive Committee of the Congress

5:00 p.m. -- Palace of Fine Arts, Concert and Conference Hall: Closing Session of the Congress, presided over by the Secretary of Public Education:

1. Reading of the Final Act of the Congress
2. Address by Dr. Tulio M. Cestero, Chief of the Delegation of the Dominican Republic, speaking on behalf of the official delegates
3. Closing of the Congress, by the Secretary of Public Education

Sunday, October 20

10:00 a.m. -- History festival in the archaeological zone of Teotihuacán, presented by the Department of the Federal District (special program)

FINAL ACT OF THE
SEVENTH PAN AMERICAN CHILD CONGRESS

In accordance with the resolution of the Sixth Pan American Child Congress, held in Lima in 1930, and wishing to carry out its decision, the Chief of the Department of Public Health of Mexico requested of Gen. Lázaro Cárdenas, President of the United Mexican States, that he be authorized to convoke the Congress. On January 11, 1935, the President made the following pronouncement:

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.-- TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:
"In order to carry out the decision taken by the Sixth Pan American Child Congress, in which it was agreed that the next Congress in this series would be held in Mexico City, the Department of Public Health is authorized to convoke the Congress, which shall meet during the period October 12 through 19 of this year. This same Department is authorized to name the persons who will serve on the Organizing Committee of the Congress, and in so doing shall bear in mind those designations which have been made in the past." "Effective suffrage! No re-election!" -- National Palace, January 11, 1935. -- The President of the Republic, Gen. Lázaro Cárdenas (S). -- The Chief of the Department of Public Health, Dr. Abraham Ayala González(S).

In accordance with this decision, the members of the Organizing Committee of the Congress were appointed; owing to various changes in membership from the time of its installation to the present, the Committee was finally made up of the following people:

Chairman:

Gen. José Siurob

First Vice-Chairman:

Dr. Jesús Díaz Barriga

Second Vice-Chairman:

Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón

Secretary General:

Dr. Alfonso Pruneda

Assistant Secretary General:

Dr. Manuel Martínez Báez

Members:

Dr. Isidro Espinosa de los Reyes

Dr. Mario A. Torroella

Dr. Pablo Mendizábal

Dr. Juan Farill

Dr. Alfonso G. Alarcón

Dr. Rigoberto Aguilar P.

Dr. Federico Gómez

Dr. José F. Franco

Mr. Florencio Padilla

Dr. Lauro Ortega

Professor Rosaura Zapata

The Committee began its work by drafting the Regulations (using those of the preceding Congress as a model) and widely distributing notices of convocation of the Congress among doctors, nurses, midwives, dental surgeons, social workers, lawyers, children's educators, and primary-education teachers in the American countries. Notices of convocation were also sent to the principal organizations on the Continent which deal with matters relating to childhood; these organizations were specially invited to participate in the assembly in the manner in which they saw fit. The convocation was published in the most important specialized magazines of the Continent, who generously lent their cooperation. In order to best publicize the Congress, the Organizing Committee issued the "Boletín del VII Congreso Panamericano del Niño", which was also widely distributed and in which appeared the more interesting items concerning the organization of the Congress.

As a result of this publicity and of the invitations distributed, the organizations named their representatives, which are listed in Appendix 1.^{1/}

The executive offices of the President, the autonomous departments of Mexico, as well as the state governments, were also invited to send their representatives, which, for the most part, did so.

At the suggestion of the Organizing Committee and with the express agreement of the President of the Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent official invitations to the governments of the American states, among which only Bolivia, Brazil, and Ecuador did not name delegates to the Congress, for reasons which they later declared. The list of the official delegations of the American governments appears in Appendix 2 ^{2/}; it is worthy of note that the Delegates of Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, the United States of America, and Uruguay, were sent by their respective countries with the express purpose of attending the Congress.

The total number of members registered at the Congress was 470, of which 26 were honorary members, 67 official members, and 377 regular members. Several institutions also registered as regular members and joined in the work of the Congress.

The last act of the Organizing Committee was the outlining of the general program of the Congress. The most important information therein contained was as follows:

The Congress had the following places at its disposal: a hall in the National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate", for the offices of the Congress; the Concert and Conference Hall of the Palace of Fine Arts, for the plenary sessions and for the meetings of the Sections on Medical Pediatrics, Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics, and Child Hygiene; the Ceremonial Hall of the National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate" and of the "Sociedad Mexicana de Geografía y Estadística", for the meetings of the Sections on Social Service

^{1/} Not included in the present publication, but see page 16.

^{2/} Not included in the present publication, but see page 13.

and Welfare and on Legislation; the Orientation Hall of the Department of Public Education and a room in the Department of Labor, for the Section on Education. In order to make it easier for persons interested in related subjects to attend all the section meetings, the sections were arranged in three groups: the first group was made up of the Sections on Medical Pediatrics, Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics, and Child Hygiene; the second, of the Sections on Social Service and Welfare and on Legislation; and the third, of the Section on Education. The plenary sessions were held the mornings of October 14, 15, and 18; the section meetings were held the afternoons and evenings of October 14 [15,16,17,] and 18, and this morning [19]; the formal Inaugural Session was held in the Auditorium of the Palace of Fine Arts, and the Closing Session is now being held in the Concert and Conference Hall of the Palace. Tours were organized to various institutions under the Department of Public Health and the Public Welfare Board of the Federal District, all of which took place during the mornings of October 16 and 17. There were two closed sessions -- the preliminary session and the final session -- which were held, respectively, the mornings of October 12 and 19. Finally, with the modesty that circumstances required, an exhibition of publications relating to childhood was organized to show the important contributions made by American institutions.

As an interesting complement to the program, the following events were held: the morning of October 13 -- a demonstration, in Lira Park, Tacubaya, of the activities carried out at the kindergartens maintained by the Department of Public Education; at 12:30 p.m., October 14 -- a reception for the official delegates of the governments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; at 1:00 p.m., October 16 -- a commemorative ceremony at the Independence Monument, with the official delegates and members of the Congress attending; at 2:00 p.m., October 16 -- a luncheon given by Gen. José Siurob, Chief of the Department of Public Health; the night of October 16 -- a concert of Mexican music and dances, sponsored by the Department of Public Education; and tomorrow, Sunday, October 20, the history festival of Teotihuacán will be presented by the Department of the Federal District.

The preliminary closed session, presided over by Mr. José Angel Ceniceros, Assistant Secretary in charge of the Office of Foreign Affairs, and attended by official delegates and members of the Organizing Committee, dealt with the following matters: (1) Election of Gen. José Siurob, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, as President of the Congress; (2) Election of Dr. Alfonso Pruneda, Secretary General of the Committee, as Secretary General of the Congress; (3) Confirmation of the officers of the various sections, as appointed by the Organizing Committee; (4) Designation of the chiefs of the delegations of the countries represented at the Congress as Vice-Presidents of the Congress; (5) Designation, by acclamation, of Gen. Lázaro Cárdenas, President of the United Mexican States, as patron of the Congress; (6) Designation of the Presidents of the various nations represented at the Congress as Honorary Presidents of the Congress; (7) Appointment of the persons listed in Appendix 4 ^{1/} as honorary members of the Congress; and (8) Designation of the Executive Committee, composed of the chiefs of the official delegations and the President and Secretary General of the Congress.

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The final closed sessions dealt with the following matters: (1) Examination and approval of the resolutions and votes passed by the various sections of the Congress; (2) Presentation and approval of the votes and resolutions drafted by members of the Executive Committee; and (3) Designation, by unanimous decision, of the city of Managua, Nicaragua, as seat of the Eighth Pan American Child Congress, to be held in 1938 on the date fixed by the appropriate Executive Organizing? Committee.

The formal Inaugural Session was presided over by Gen. José Siurob, Chief of the Department of Public Health and President of the Congress, acting as representative of the President of the Republic, who had asked to be excused from attending, as he would have liked, for reasons of indisposition. The President of the Congress delivered an address in which he pointed out the objectives of the assembly, spoke of what Mexico had done in the field of child-welfare work, and welcomed the delegates and members of the Congress. The following persons spoke in the name of their respective governments: Dr. José Arce, of Argentina; Dr. Eugenio Cienfuegos Bravo, of Chile; Dr. Fabio Lozano y Lozano, of Colombia; Dr. R. Luis Chacón, of Costa Rica; Dr. Francisco Lino Osegueda, of El Salvador; Dr. Luis Gaitán, of Guatemala; Dr. Salvador García Téllez, of Haiti; Dr. Rodolfo Espinosa, of Nicaragua; Dr. Bernardo Zetina, of Panama; Dr. Tomás G. Perrín, of Paraguay; Miss Grace Abbott, of the United States of America; Dr. Gabriel González Danrée, of Uruguay; and Mr. Eudoro Urdaneta, of Venezuela. The Secretary General of the Congress read a salutatory message from Dr. Edgardo Valenzuela, of Honduras, and a cablegram from Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan American Union. Dr. Angel Cifuentes, of Nicaragua, recited two sonnets, dedicated to the Congress and to Mexico. Students from the "República Argentina" School sang six songs from various American countries; the Staff Band from the Department of the Army and Navy completed the program with a musical selection; and the session ended with the Mexican National Anthem, after which the President of the Congress, in the name of the President of the Republic, formally declared the opening of the Congress.

The Closing Session of the Congress, which is now taking place in this room, has the following program: (1) Reading of this Final Act; (2) Message of Dr. Tulio M. Cestero, Chief of the Delegation of the Dominican Republic, speaking on behalf of the official delegates of the governments represented at the Congress; and (3) Closing address by Mr. Gonzalo Vázquez Vela, Secretary of Public Education. The little Miss Fanny Besproskany, of Russia, has been in charge of the musical portion of the program, thereby showing the participation of European children in the work accomplished by the Congress in benefit of the children of the Columbian Continent.

In accordance with the printed and widely distributed program prepared in advance. (which it was necessary to change daily, in order to include various papers given to the Secretariat after the printing of the program), 194 papers were submitted to the Congress through the medium of the various sections, including: 40 papers in the Sections on Medical Pediatrics and on Surgical Pediatrics and Orthopedics; 37, in the Section on Child Hygiene; 41, in the Section on Social Service and Welfare; 27, in the Section on Legislation; and 49, in the Section on Education. In addition, 13 official proposals were presented in the plenary sessions -- 3 on the subject of pediatrics, 1 on child hygiene, 6 on social service and welfare, 1 on legislation, and 2 on education. The total number of studies which constituted the technical work of the Congress came to 207. These studies, together with other related documents, will be

published in the Memoria del VII Congreso Panamericano del Niño, which will be published by the Department of Public Health.

In accordance with the invitation extended by the Organizing Committee of the Congress to the International Federation of Eugenics Societies, the Federation was able to hold its preliminary meeting in this city on October 18, with the attendance of the delegates from the Eugenics Societies of Argentina, Peru, and Mexico; with the consent of the Eugenics Societies of Brazil, Belgium, France, Italy, and Switzerland; and with the presence of the official delegates of the countries represented at the Seventh Pan American Child Congress. At the meeting, the following decisions were taken: (1) considering the importance of the studies and problems related to eugenics, that eugenics societies be created in the Latin American countries, which will later unite to form the International Federation of Eugenics Societies; (2) that the Congress of the International Federation of Eugenics Societies will take place in Paris, France, in 1937, at the time of the World Exposition; (3) that the Organizing Committee shall be made up of the President of the Federation and the Presidents of the eugenics societies which belong to the Federation (It was recommended that this Committee begin its work immediately.); and (4) that copies of the final act of the meeting be sent to the societies belonging to the Federation, and also to those which might later become associated with it.

The importance of the work of the Seventh Pan American Child Congress is shown by the votes and recommendations approved by the Executive Committee in today's meeting, in accordance with those drafted by the respective sections and the Committee itself.

Resolutions and Votes

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RESOLVES:

To extend a vote of thanks to the Government of the United Mexican States for the generous way in which it has given its cooperation and hospitality to the Congress, and for the courtesies which have been accorded to it;

EXPRESSES:

Its gratitude to Gen. José Siurob, President of the Congress, for his continual manifestations of benevolence directed toward the Congress; and

AFFIRMS:

The recognition that Dr. Alfonso Pruneda, Secretary General of the Congress, merits for his skill in organizing and directing the technical work of the assembly and of the sections, and extends this acknowledgment to include the work done in Mexico by the Organizing Committee of the Seventh Pan American Child Congress.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RESOLVES:

To extend an enthusiastic vote of applause to the Government of the Republic of Uruguay for the declaration of its Children's Code; and

RECOMMENDS:

That the American governments imitate this noble and effective way of benefiting the children of America.

The Congress also extends its applause to include American countries which have passed some kind of child-welfare legislation.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

After hearing the paper on children's camps, presented by the Delegate of Peru, Dr. Carlos Enrique Paz Soldán,

RESOLVES:

To extend a vote of applause to Mrs. Francisca Benavides de Benavides, First Lady of Peru, for the work she has accomplished in Lima.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

Seconding the vote of the delegation from the "Federación de Agrupaciones de Padres de Familia del Distrito Federal",

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate Professor Rosaura Zapata, Delegate of Mexico to this Congress and Inspector General of the kindergartens maintained by the Department of Public Education, for her important paper entitled, "Education of Pre-School Children", which she read at the Third Plenary Session.

2. To congratulate the Government of the Republic of Mexico for its aim to augment, beginning next year, its activities in this field of education, and, in so doing, increase its beneficial work in rural and urban areas.

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RESOLVES:

To express its satisfaction with the draft Children's Code presented for its examination by the Delegate of Peru, Dr. Ildefonso Ballón, whose fundamental principles it approves.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RESOLVES:

To extend a vote of thanks to the National Academy of Sciences "Antonio Alzate" and to the "Sociedad Mexicana de Geografía y Estadística", for the valuable cooperation they have given to the Congress.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RESOLVES:

To express its interest in the work that the International Society for Crippled Children has done throughout the world.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RESOLVES:

To request of the governments of the American nations that, as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Luis Morquio, of Montevideo, Uruguay, they give his name to some institution concerned with child welfare in each country.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

REQUESTS:

That the American nations which for some reason have not yet become members of the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood, do so as soon as possible.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the countries represented at the Congress give their most active support to the Childhood Institute, as was agreed at the Pan American Child Congress held in Lima, Peru, in 1930.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

Similar recommendations made by former Child Congresses,

SUGGESTS:

That the countries which do not already have similar agencies of this kind, organize autonomous Children's Bureaus or Associations for the Protection of Childhood and, in so doing, establish a central office with sufficient funds to direct and coordinate the activities of all official and private associations concerned with child welfare, in order to obtain a general, scientific, and administrative orientation.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

SECONDS:

The motion of the "Sociedad Mexicana de Eugenesia"; and

RECOMMENDS:

That the countries represented at the Congress which do not have them, organize eugenics societies, because of the important relationship between biological and social studies and the problems concerning child welfare, especially in Latin America.

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RECOMMENDS:

That each country send annually, to the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood, whose seat is in Montevideo, Uruguay, a report on the work accomplished in the field of child welfare, and particularly on the manner in which the recommendations and resolutions of the Child Congresses are being carried out, in order that the Institute can, at the proper time, provide the Organizing Committee of each Congress with a summary of these activities, so that they may be made known to the Congress.

In order that the work of the Pan American Child Congresses may become more efficacious than it has been in the past, and in order that the Congresses may primarily consider problems of interest to the participating countries,

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RECOMMENDS:

That, beginning with the Eighth Congress, the respective Organizing Committees observe the following general rules:

1. Four official topics will be chosen in due time, to be treated by rapporteurs appointed by the Organizing Committee of the Congress from among the American specialists. A rapporteur shall be chosen for each of the sections -- on Medicine, Child Hygiene, Social Service and Welfare, Legislation, and Education -- and their reports shall be used as a basis for discussion in the plenary sessions. Notwithstanding the appointments made by the Organizing Committee, each participating country may select its own rapporteur and notify the Committee of its choice.

2. Sufficiently in advance of the time of the Congress, the Organizing Committee shall try to arrange for a national congress, to be held at the same time as the Pan American Congress, in which the members and official delegates of the latter shall participate, within the limitations of the Regulations. The topics of the national congress shall be announced sufficiently in advance of the meeting, and each member of the Pan American Congress shall contribute what he believes to be of most importance, with the same spirit displayed at the Child Congresses.

3. The official topics of the Pan American Congress and those of the national congress shall constitute one agenda, with no difference except for the special manner in which the topics are discussed in each congress.

4. In both congresses, the subject of nepiology shall be included in the work of the Section on Medicine.

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Having followed with interest the work of the First Mexican Congress on Children from the Working Class,

RECOMMENDS:

That, at the Eighth Pan American Child Congress, the problem of the physical, moral, and intellectual protection of poor children be given special importance among the official topics assigned to the Sections on Child Hygiene, Social Service and Welfare, Legislation, and Education.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

REQUESTS:

That the American governments, their Red Cross associations, and other welfare institutions which can give their cooperation, provide some sort of aid for the Paraguayan and Bolivian children orphaned as a result of the Chaco War.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the American nations organize competent institutions to study the special nutrition problems of each country.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

As a good preventive measure in child hygiene, that the American countries increase the number of their child-hygiene centers which are supplied with the necessary means to adequately provide for the nutrition and normal development of children.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the countries represented at the Congress establish nursing stations at manufacturing centers, for the protection of nursing mothers who work.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

To the American countries, the advisability of devoting particular attention to studying the prophylaxis of tuberculosis in children, by creating institutes to carry out the thorough experimentation necessary for the testing of methods previously recommended.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

CONSIDERS:

That, when this measure is justified, the creation of special schools for children with scurvy is advantageous as a means for preventing this disease.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the American countries establish agencies for the purpose of maintaining permanent blood-transfusion services for children.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the number of children's hospitals in the American republics be increased.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That, in every possible way, the American countries promote an active campaign to prevent avitaminosis in children and to favor the proper nutrition of children.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

1. To the American governments which have not yet done so, the adoption of the tuberculin test for the selection of cows to be used for the production of certified milk.

2. The adoption of strict regulations which require the use of purification measures for certified milk, measures which should bear in mind the processes of absolute sterilization, pasteurization, the Stassano method, etc., all duly controlled by sanitation authorities.

In view of the number of abortive cases and bacilli-carriers of typhoid fever among children,

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the American countries initiate the use of compulsory vaccinations against typhoid fever when this disease is found to be endemic in a community and it is not possible to eliminate the unsanitary conditions present.

WHEREAS:

Premature weaning is a leading cause of infant mortality,

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RECOMMENDS:

That the American countries increase their propaganda in favor of maternal nursing.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the American nations organize hospitalization services for sucklings in such a way that the infants are kept close to their mothers, thus avoiding hospitalization which results in unfortunate psychological repercussions in the child and allowing the mother to learn the principles of child care.

WHEREAS:

The rheumatic infection is a serious cause of child morbidity and mortality, having grave repercussions in later life; and

Our knowledge of this malady still leaves much to be desired,

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

SUGGESTS:

To the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood, the advisability of awarding an international prize for the best study published between the time of this Congress and the next on the etiology and treatment of rheumatic infections.

In the interest of protecting, in all places and in the best way possible, the rights of the child to open air, sun, nourishment, and health education,

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That children's camps be established for the purpose of providing these benefits to all children, especially to those who may be deprived of them because of a lack of means; and

ADVISES:

That the mothers who have such means unite to aid in this crusade for the improvement of biological, human, and social benefits.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the necessary measures be taken, within the corresponding labor laws, to duly protect the normal, physical, and mental development, the health, and the education of children who work in circuses, theaters, sideshows, fairs, and similar places.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the governments of the countries represented at the Congress establish institutes for the prevention of invalidism and for the treatment, education, and training of crippled children, in order that these children may learn to provide for themselves.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That neuropsychiatric clinics be established where the problems of child behavior may be studied and resolved by a psychiatrist, a psychologist, and a social worker who is specially trained in psychiatry.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

SUGGESTS:

The advisability of establishing, in the principal communities of the American countries, a "Children's City" where, in addition to having adequate recreation facilities, children would learn the basic principles necessary for their education and protection, and where services similar to those provided for workers at their civic, social, and sports centers would be available to children.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the governments of the countries represented at the Congress, when such a provision has not already been made, include in their respective laws the obligation of doctors and midwives to give detailed birth reports, thereby permitting births to be registered without summoning the parents or witnesses.

Repeating the recommendation of former Congresses,

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That, as soon as possible, the American countries adopt their respective Children's Codes.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the countries participating in the Congress which have not yet done so, devote particular attention to the regulation of work done by women and children, keeping in mind the biological, economic, and social conditions of the individuals concerned.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

The inadvisability of placing orphans in institutions,

RECOMMENDS:

1. To the governments and private welfare organizations, the practice of placing such children in homes.

2. To the governments, the introduction in their respective laws of the best measures for facilitating adoption; and

SUGGESTS:

That, in either of these practices, a thorough investigation be made to prove the competence of the family to receive the child into its home, and that a probationary period before final adoption be established.

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

RECOMMENDS:

That the governments of the American Continent in whose nations still exist Indians who are not duly civilized, pass a law as soon as possible to establish a system whereby everything necessary to educate these people in the best way possible would be provided, in accordance with their respective educational systems, so that they may be assimilated into civilization.

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

The importance and the results of educating children of pre-school age,

BELIEVES:

That it is advisable for the countries represented at the Congress to keep in mind the following recommendations:

1. That laws be passed to make education compulsory for children of pre-school age;
2. That kindergartens, when needed, be established (preference as to their location being given to the poorer urban communities and to rural areas);
3. That the course of study be the same for normal-school teachers and kindergarten teachers, a course which includes the techniques of teaching in primary schools and kindergartens;
4. That, in order to achieve the best results in teaching, normal schools for teachers be provided with experimental laboratories corresponding to the various subjects;
5. That an endeavor be made to prevent any appreciable lack of continuity between the kindergarten and the primary school, so that they form a continuous educational cycle with similar postulates, even though the application of these principles may be different in the two types of institutions;

6. That social work in kindergartens be increased and, in that respect, that visiting social workers figure among the personnel of such institutions;

7. That closer relations be established between the kindergartens and the children's homes, in order to aid the former in their work for the better education of mothers; and

8. That an endeavor be made to establish adequate courses in post-primary schools to prepare students for work in the home, especially with regard to educating pre-school children.

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

That there are four professional fields whose members should take an active part in educational programs -- education, medicine, psychology, and social service;

That an endeavor should be made to establish a close collaboration among them, particularly if the school is to provide a more extensive service to society; and

That it is necessary to have a definite goal among teachers, doctors, psychologists, and social workers to cooperate in the building of "the new school on the old",

SUGGESTS:

To the governments of the countries represented at the Congress, that social service, in all its aspects, be organized -- in kindergartens as well as in primary schools -- so that the social work of these institutions can be expanded as much as it is necessary.

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

Mindful of the existing need for adequate recreation facilities for children,

SUBMITS:

The following recommendations to the governments of the countries participating in the Congress, for their consideration:

1. Recreation for children should be planned with knowledge of child psychology and of the results desired for individual and social development;

2. The homes, the schools, the municipal authorities, the various social-welfare agencies, and the community in general, should participate in this drive for recreation facilities for children;

3. It is desirable, for recreation purposes, to make use of well-equipped playgrounds, an appropriate children's theater, well-organized excursions, movies adapted to the children's needs and demands, and games and toys designed to develop the child's personality and his social well-being;

4. It is important not to overlook adequate recreation of an artistic nature necessary for the psychological development of the child, and it is desirable that all activities to provide appropriate children's literature be promoted, not only from the point of view of those who will make use of it, but also from that of the characteristics of contemporary society; and

5. It is desirable to study, in particular, the value of the possibilities of the children's theater, its organization, the aims it should pursue, the type of plays which should be performed, the way in which to facilitate its development, and, in general, everything which would satisfactorily contribute to the education of children and to better preparing them for their future social life.

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

The importance of school hygiene, in its various aspects, in kindergartens as well as in primary schools,

RECOMMENDS:

That, in the American countries participating in the Congress, the practice of giving due importance to school hygiene be continued, therein included everything which serves to protect and stimulate the growth and development of children, and that hygiene education for children be given the attention it deserves, for their personal improvement and for their effective cooperation in the improvement of community health and hygiene.

The Congress particularly suggests that the necessary attention be given to the teeth and the sense organs, in order to prevent or remedy the correlative defects.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

The advantages in the publication of facts concerning hygiene and puericulture,

SUBMITS:

The following suggestions to the governments of the countries participating in the Congress, for their consideration:

1. That general hygiene facts, and practices related thereto, be taught in all primary schools, and that an attempt be made to form the most important hygiene habits in the kindergartens;
2. That, in the last year of secondary schools for girls, appropriate courses on child hygiene and puericulture be given;
3. That in night primary schools for adults of both sexes, as well as in workers' centers, puericulture classes be given to men and women, and that lectures be given on this subject to mothers who attend child-hygiene centers and similar centers; and
4. That cooperation of the press and radio stations be obtained to publicize facts concerning puericulture and child hygiene to all social groups.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

The advantages of a close cooperation between physicians and teachers, especially in rural areas,

SUGGESTS:

To the school authorities of the countries represented at the Congress, the advisability that teachers in rural schools cooperate with physicians and sanitation authorities in the publication and practice of hygiene.

The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

Indorsing decisions taken at former Child Congresses,

REQUESTS:

That the governments of the countries represented at the Congress give sex education the importance it merits within contemporary education, and that this education be organized in the most appropriate way to meet the needs and exigencies of students in primary, secondary, and professional schools.

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress,

CONSIDERING:

The importance of drawing as a means of expression and of education for children,

RECOMMENDS:

That systematic research be carried out to determine the application and results of drawing, especially with respect to its contributions toward the development of the child; and

SUGGESTS:

That in every American country a committee composed of child educators and primary-school teachers, and under the supervision of the respective scholastic authorities, be created to organize and establish the exchange of children's drawings, in order to coordinate, as far as possible, ideas of educators and foster mutual understanding among the children of America.

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The Seventh Pan American Child Congress

CONSIDERS:

That the "musical auditions for children" are an effective means for completing education provided by the schools in singing classes and in children's orchestras;

RECOMMENDS:

That these auditions be systematically organized by the scholastic authorities of the countries represented at the Congress which have not already done so; and

REQUESTS:

That the countries sponsor the publication of musical literature representing the programs which should be given each year at these musical auditions.

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CONSIDERS:

That scholastic classification is an educational method necessary for an adequate scholastic organization, and that it should be considered as a psycho-pedagogical means for achieving the proper arrangement of students in scholastic groups.

The Congress also considers that scholastic classification, if well organized, can achieve the following results:

1. Facilitate teaching;
2. Improve teaching by avoiding failures in many cases;
3. Select with a scientific certainty the retarded and the more gifted students;
4. Establish bases for setting up the "model school";
5. Permit, on a scientific basis, the formation of scholastic courses where there would be rapid promotion, in order to do away with the growing number of retarded students;
6. Avoid the empirical distribution of students in scholastic groups; and
7. Bring about the specialization of persons in the field of education.

Finally, the Congress considers it advisable for scholastic classification, being a psycho-pedagogical method, to remain in the hands of the teachers, as long as they are well trained in the use of methods employed to measure mental aptness and in the corresponding techniques.

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CONSIDERING:

The urgency that a close cooperation be effected between the home and the school,

SUBMITS:

The following suggestions to the governments of the countries represented at the Congress, for their consideration:

1. Education of the child should begin from the cradle, and, to accomplish this, it is absolutely necessary that mothers have the training needed;

2. It is necessary to obtain, through as many ways as possible, family security and ability to carry out social obligations;

3. Education given in the home should be in accordance with that given in the school, and parents should cooperate with their children's teachers in all matters that require such cooperation;

4. It is desirable that study plans of secondary schools provide for the proper training of students, in order that they may later become responsible heads of families and may be capable of directing the education of their children and of cooperating in an efficient and rational manner in the education their children receive at the schools they attend; and

5. It is also desirable that, in girls' schools, special classes be organized for mothers and future mothers, and that, by means of radio stations, lectures be given to point out to women their possibilities and responsibilities with regard to their children's education and to the well-being and success of their families.

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Seconding related decisions of former Congresses,

SUBMITS:

The following suggestions to the governments of the countries represented at the Congress, for their consideration:

1. That, in each of these countries, investigations be carried out to determine the extent of the problem of mentally abnormal children who can be educated, particularly with regard to the Indian population when a special problem exists because of ethnological and social conditions;

2. That teachers specialized in the education of abnormal persons be trained, and introductory courses on psychology and on the teaching of abnormal persons be given at teachers' schools;

3. That special institutes for abnormal persons who can be educated, be established in those countries where they do not already exist;

4. That special education for mentally deficient persons be provided as much as possible, and that the number of trade schools where classes are held for adults as well as mentally deficient persons be increased;

5. That a active campaign for the prevention of mental deficiency be carried out, bearing in mind the most frequent causes;

6. That a clinical service for the diagnosis and treatment of children having personality or adjustment problems worthy of special attention, be established in the schools, and, also, that "conduct" clinics or mental-hygiene dispensaries be established for the study and solution of problems of this nature;

7. That careful attention be given to discovering and watching the particular needs, interests, and individual abilities of students, and that, for this purpose, the methods of psychological and educational tests and specialized instruction, among others, be used; and

8. That the creation of Mental Hygiene Leagues dealing with these and related matters be encouraged, and that the practice of teaching mental hygiene in schools be adopted.

As a record of the work of the Seventh Pan American Child Congress, the present Final Act has been drafted and signed by the President and the Secretary General of the Congress, who are also members of its Executive Committee; an authorized copy of this same Final Act shall be given to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Public Health of Mexico, and to the Chief of every official delegation of the governments of the countries represented at the Congress.

Mexico, D.F., October 19, 1935

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Dr. ALFONSO PRUNEDA,
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