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RESOLUTIONS BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ALKALOIDS CONCERNING THE ENQUIRY INTO QUININE REQUIREMENTS.

The Sub-Committee has noted with satisfaction the exactitude of the information furnished by certain Sanitary Administrations of Malarial countries.

Bearing in mind the necessity for adopting a uniform criterion for estimating the quinine requirements of different countries, the sub-Committee realises that the information given by most Governments does not lend itself to the adoption of such a method, and that the information represents more or less all it has been possible to learn regarding the actual prevalence of malaria and the quinine requirements.

The sub-Committee suggests the utility of adding to the text, at a time that the Health Section deems it opportune, a map showing graphically the data received concerning the prevalence of malaria or the number of cases treated.

Once again the sub-Committee draws attention to the discrepancy existing between the "actual consumption" of quinine, the "theoretical requirements" of the drug as shown in this documentation or according to the hypotheses recorded in the text (see page 10) and the "actual production" which is however, less than the producing power of the existing plantations.

Further, the sub-Committee considers that the criterion of "capacity for utilisation" of quinine (depending upon the organisation of health services, registration of cases,

financial means, etc., i.e. the ability to use the drug) should be adopted during the future conference on quinine which should also suggest the method of distributing supplies of the drug according to the real needs of the countries, after consulting the sanitary administrations concerning this capacity.

The question of extension of the use of synthetic drugs should also be considered when this conference meets.

The sub-Committee submits the present document to the Malaria Commission with the recommendation to publish it, in spite of the fact that the information relating to certain malaria countries (to which several reminders have been sent) is still lacking. An addendum will be published at a later date concerning the additional information which may have been received.