

Since we are anxious that you have the enclosed information, we are sending it on and will forward the audited accounts as soon as they are received at headquarters.

EFFIE J. TAYLOR.

#### DECISIONS.

DECISIONS (Made by the President in consultation with the Treasurer and with the members of the Board of Directors residing in the United States and Canada):

1. That Temporary Headquarters shall continue to be financed during the year 1941 as in the past year, that is, from I.C.N. dues deposited by the American Nurses' Association for the year 1940. (Approved by the Board of Directors of the A.N.A.)

2. That the dues of the member associations payable to the International Council of Nurses for the year 1941 be held in abeyance.

3. That Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, be appointed deputy for the elected Treasurer, Dame Ellen Musson, in the event of illness or any other incapacitating emergency. (On recommendation of the Treasurer.)

#### LONDON OFFICES:

A recent letter from Dame Ellen Musson informed us that the Council offices in London were no longer habitable, and for this reason the lease has been terminated. The Council is, therefore, not now responsible for the rent of the former offices of the I.C.N. which were located at 51, Palace Street, London, S.W.1, England.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

The members of the Board of Directors will be pleased to know that the Clara Dutton Noyes Scholarship given by the American Red Cross has been granted to Miss Anna Schwarzenberg for study at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, U.S.A. The Executive Secretary arrived in this country on January 1st, 1941.

The Board members will recall that it was suggested at the 1939 London meeting that we should make an effort, as soon as possible, to bring up to date the History of the I.C.N. completed to 1925 by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and the late Miss Margaret Breay.

It has been possible to arrange with Miss Schwarzenberg to compile the material and begin the writing of the I.C.N. History from 1925 to the present date while she is studying at Teachers' College. The President and the Treasurer have agreed to set aside the sum of \$25 monthly in the form of a subsidy for this purpose.

#### ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

As no doubt the member countries will understand, the work at Temporary Headquarters has considerably lessened during the past few months and will more than likely continue to do so for some time to come. For this reason we at Headquarters feel that the Council work under the present circumstances will not demand the full time of the Acting Executive Secretary. We also feel that because of the many deterrent factors, the work of the office has become for the most part almost entirely a clerical position and is not sufficiently challenging. In order, therefore, to bring fresh impetus to our work and also to conserve the funds of the Association, Miss Banwarth has accepted a position as Staff Nurse with the New Haven Visiting Nurse Association and will give only part of her time to the work of the Council until the demands of the I.C.N. increase sufficiently to require the services of a full-time Executive Secretary. This plan will become effective as from June 1st, 1941.

Temporary Headquarters will still be maintained in Miss Banwarth's apartment, for which office the I.C.N. will continue to pay a monthly rental of \$30. Miss Ban-

warth will retain her appointment as Acting Executive Secretary, keep up whatever work is necessary for the Council, and will remain the responsible custodian for all the records and files of the organisation.

The enclosed budget indicates that by this plan a considerable sum of money is saved for the Council. In addition, our Acting Executive Secretary will bring new interest and enthusiasm into the work at Headquarters and at the same time she will be obtaining valuable experience in the field of Public Health Nursing.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

In addition to the regular work, the President and the Acting Executive Secretary have presented the work of the Council at a number of state meetings of the American Nurses' Association and the National League of Nursing Education. We believe that the interest of the nurses in the U.S.A. has been increased through these personal contacts.

The International Council of Nurses was invited by the President of the League of Red Cross Societies to send a representative to the Fourth Pan-American Red Cross Conference held in Santiago de Chile in December, 1940. Miss E. M. Lawler, retired Superintendent of Nurses of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, who was planning a trip to Chile at that time, represented the I.C.N. and gave a report of the year's work at one of the general sessions. Miss Lawler brought back an interesting account of the Conference and of the nursing in Chile. These records are on file and will be available to the members of the Board at a later date.

During the past year the I.C.N. Headquarters has received visitors from China, Japan, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Brazil, as well as several from Canada and the United States.

#### TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

January 1st, 1941-January 1st, 1942.

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| Salaries: Acting Executive Secretary                                | ... *\$1,371.65 |
| Rent  | ... 360.00      |
| Office Equipment  | ... 35.00       |
| Stationery  | ... 35.00       |
| Translations  | ... 15.00       |
| Postage   | ... 75.00       |
| Telephone: Monthly Rental, Cables, Telegrams, etc.                  | ... 70.00       |
| Publications: Mimeographing, Clerical Help if necessary             | ... 100.00      |
| Travelling Expenses   | ... 100.00      |
| Miscellaneous   | ... 60.00       |
| Subsidy for the Preparation of the History of the I.C.N., 1925-1941 | ... 300.00      |
| Total   | ... \$2,521.65  |

#### \*NOTE:

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| January to June, five months at \$183.33 | ... \$916.65   |
| June to January, seven months at \$65.00 | ... 455.00     |
|  | ... \$1,371.65 |

#### MISSION TO LEPERS.

The Mission to Lepers has completed 66 years' ministry and is working at over 100 stations in 20 different countries. In its own homes and hospitals there are nearly 10,000 lepers and 1,000 healthy children of leper parentage. It is also largely aiding other homes under Christian auspices in which there are over 7,000 lepers and children.

The need for this ministry is as great as ever, for in India, Africa, and China there are hosts of lepers as yet unrelieved.

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