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With the approval of the French Government and in co-operation with the American Red Cross, the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation will put its services at the disposal of France for assistance in the control of tuberculosis.

It is expected that the work which, at present, is being done for tuberculous soldiers will be extended to include a comprehensive plan looking to the control of tuberculosis throughout France.

The work will be carried on under the supervision of a French central committee and local committees, which are being organized throughout provincial France. Aside from a small group of Americans who will be sent out at an early date to France, the personnel of the organization will be French.

The International Health Board has been fortunate in securing as the Director of this work, Dr. Livingston Farrand, President of the University of Colorado, and formerly for many years Secretary of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Dr. Farrand has been granted a year's leave of absence from the University of Colorado. With possibly one or two assistants, he expects to sail for France within the next few weeks.
The present plans include:

a. the maintenance of a central organization which will have general supervision of the work. This organization will be under the French Government and will combine the special interests in anti-tuberculosis work. It is expected that the Central Committee will, among other things, undertake the preparation of literature and exhibit material and will carry out a comprehensive plan of education for the control of tuberculosis.

b. the organization of four (4) mobile units which, moving from place to place, will carry on a campaign of education and publicity.

c. demonstration of dispensary methods and organization of local committees under whose auspices permanent dispensaries will be established.

d. the establishment of at least four (4) centers for the training of nurses and others who will have charge of the dispensary work.

The Rockefeller Foundation has made an initial appropriation of One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) with which the preliminary work of central organization, the equipping of mobile units, and the publication of literature will be cared for. It is the intention of the Foundation to provide, for a time at least, for administrative expenses of all kinds so that direct aid for the support of dispensaries, the employment of nurses, provision of supplies, etc., may be devoted, without deduction for administrative expenses, to the actual work of education and relief.

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