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BRITISH SOCIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL.

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Secretary of said

£10,000,000 E.A. DEVELOPMENT LOAN.  
FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

Submit that a definite percentage of the capital expended in each area in E.A. should be allocated for medical and scientific services, in accordance with the primary medical needs of the area concerned.

Previous Paper

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It is not the Treasury have insisted that loan money used for research shall be confined to capital expenditure. That has been the idea since the proposal was first put before the office by the Far East Department. As I have said before, I am personally averse of spending anything like £500,000 on strictly capital services in connection with research. It should be reduced to something small enough to erect which we could not afford to maintain.

I should deprecate the adoption of the Council's proposal as it stands, as it is bad economy to pay for a time out of loan funds for services which will be permanently required, and it simply becomes a matter of labelling part of our ordinary expenditure as loan expenditure when there is no special justification for such a description.

*Amnd. - 21.12.25*

Subsequent Paper

*See 2/2427/26 Ea (Jan Amnd) for head of services  
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I think the best arrangement for avoiding  
at the same time grandiosity in capital provision for  
research as <sup>the type of loan</sup> ~~lending~~ loan money on services which are  
not of a special and temporary character is to treat  
the words "capital" and "research" with a good deal of  
latitude while maintaining the special and temporary  
character of the services to be included. <sup>This may mean that</sup>  
<sup>some of the services which are not strictly capital in character should not be included</sup>  
The Commission for dealing with typhoid  
fly, cholera, pneumonia, or any other particular disease  
of major extent is in the nature of capital service,  
and I think might properly be financed from loan funds.  
In the case of a continuing service like the Grand  
Institute, the initial expenditure may certainly be  
regarded as capital expenditure on research, but unless  
the necessity arises, it would seem undesirable to charge  
any of the recurrent expenditures, though largely on  
research, against the loan, but even in this case  
there may be special or temporary investigations at  
certain times, or at certain places, which would be admissible  
against the loan.

But the first instance of a loan, is in the  
first instance a matter for the Committee, and perhaps  
the Commission should be let the unofficial  
Committee of the Council start as a reply until it  
is clear that the Commission will be in the near  
future, and doubtful whether it will be worth while  
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As it will be  
some time before  
the whole question  
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think we could  
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I don't remember that we are the least committed to spending a fixed percentage of the 1,000,000 on research. At an early stage we spoke of "say 5%", but as far as I remember this has now been turned into "a percentage" or "a certain percentage". This will be fulfilled whatever the sum devoted to research is, because it will always be a percentage of the amount devoted to communications.

The question of what can properly be called "capital expenditure" will I think be dealt with by the Sub-Committee -

17/12/55

I think a further letter should be sent to the Social Hygiene Council pointing out that the whole question as to how

the loan is to be expended is under

consideration and that it may be some time before Mr Ramsey can come to a decision as to what percentage can be devoted to research work, and that in the meantime he doubts if it would be worth while the Council sending

a deputation and that it is sufficient for him to know the

means as expressed in the  
letter under reply.

I agree with Mr Bottomley that  
any special mission such  
as one for enquiring into  
the etiology of plural pneumonia  
might properly be paid for  
out of the main fund, but I think  
any research work paid for  
from the loan should be of  
a "special & temporary"  
character and should not  
entail a permanent and constant  
burden on the loan. It is necessary to a  
large recurrent expenditure  
which will have to be paid  
out of annual revenues.

This paper should be made an  
one of those to be brought before  
the Schuster Committee.

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11th December, 1928.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in the subject of the application for a grant of a pension available under the provisions of the West African Colonies Act, 1925.

The Secretary in charge of the Department in London is at the present time in the country of the Colonies, and his attention has been directed to your letter which will be placed before him upon his return.

Yours very truly,

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The Right Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, Colonial Office, Downing Street, S.W.1.

10th December 1928.

Dear Mr. Amery,

You will recall that I raised with you verbally that the British Social Hygiene Council are deeply interested in the conditions, in as far as they may affect Public Health, that may be attached to the Guaranteed Development Loan for the East African Colonies and Protectorates.

My Council are deeply impressed with the seriousness of the Public Health conditions in certain of these Colonies and Protectorates; the fact that venereal and other diseases are resulting in a decrease of the native populations on which the development of the country depends renders this an economic as well as a social question.

We understand that a certain percentage of the Development Grants to be made under the Loan is to be devoted to scientific research. We are aware of the importance of increasing the efficiency of the existing research establishments and of securing coordination of effort in research on the East Coast comparable with that already established on the West Coast, but we venture to submit that the provision of adequate medical services in these areas is of paramount importance, and it seems to us essential that in any Development works undertaken in East Africa the Public Health position must be considered by the Imperial Government.

We understand that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury take the view that capital expenditure only can be incurred on the percentage allocated for social purposes.

The Right Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., (con.)

purposes from the Loan. We recognise that it is not within the province of this Council to express an opinion on technical economic points, but might we submit the suggestion that a definite percentage of the capital expended in each area should be allocated for medical and scientific purposes, that sum to be regarded as a capital sum and not recurrent, but that the method of its expenditure should be in accordance with the primary medical needs of the area concerned. It appears to us essential - both in the Imperial and local interests - that important medical problems should have primary claim on any financial provision facilitated by this Government. This is particularly true with regard to Venereal Disease, as its dissemination will inevitably be increased unless adequate measures are taken not only among the native population but also among the Europeans engaged on the Development Works, and therefore the Imperial Government becomes directly responsible for providing medical assistance.

If desired, my Council would gladly put their ideas before you more fully through a deputation from their Parliamentary Committee if you would be willing to discuss the matter with them.

Yours sincerely,

*W. G. ...*

Chairman of Parliamentary Committee.

- Mr. Clapp 26.1.26
- Mr. Allen 76/1/26
- Mr. Bottomley 26
- Mr. H. A. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. J. ...
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Sir

James Lord Esq,  
K.C., M.P.  
Social Hygiene Council

I am so to refer to  
your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
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available under the  
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of the loan is to be  
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Minister of Health  
Social Hygiene Council

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your letter under

Downing Street,

27 January, 1936.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to refer to your letter of the 19th of December regarding the utilisation of funds available under the Guaranteed Development Loan for the East African Colonies and Protectorates and to inform you that the whole question of the amount to which the loan is to be devoted is at present under consideration but that some time must necessarily elapse before Mr. Amery can come to a decision as to what percentage of the funds can be devoted to research work. In the meantime no doubts whether or no useful purpose would be served by his receiving a report from the Council on the matter; and he is satisfied that he will sufficiently inform

LEWIS LORD ESQ., K.C., M.P.,

FISH SOCIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL.