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Today Congressman John E. Fogarty appeared before the Subcommittee of Health and Safety in support of his HEALTH FOR PEACE bill which he introduced in the House in January of this year and which is similar to the measure he introduced in the closing days of the 85th Congress. The legislation provides for the establishment of a National Institute for International Health and Medical Research to provide for international cooperation in health research, research training and research planning.

Mr. Fogarty said that when he introduced this legislation he considered it to represent the declaration of the first truly international war upon disease through the use of the tremendous, latent potential weapons for world health and peace that lie in medical research.

Congressman Fogarty stated, "The proposed bill is a sound legislative measure because it provides for a scientific program, administered through scientific means, acceptable to and workable within the framework of the international scientific community, and valid as a method of achieving international cooperation in research, research training, research planning and the interchange of research knowledge." This is not an aid program. It is not a welfare program. It is in essence a scientific one, administered on a scientist-to-scientist basis.

Mr. Fogarty said, "We in the United States have a great deal to receive from international research activities as well as a great deal to give."

A similar measure passed the Senate on May 20, 1959, and it is anticipated that favorable Committee consideration will be accorded the Fogarty HEALTH FOR PEACE bill.

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