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Rome, February 6th, 1970

To all Superiors General
 To their Delegates for SEDOS
 To all Members of the SEDOS groups

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We would also like to inform you that Sr. Jane Gates scmm-m, Superior General, will be travelling in Pakistan from February 12th, to March 19th, 1970.

Kindly note the following dates:

- 10-II-1970, 16.00, Executive Committee Meeting (Secretariat)
 12-II-1970, 16.00, Social Communications Working Group (Secretariat)
 13-II-1970, 18.00, Mass for the late Sr. Theresina scmm-t, celebrated by Fr. H. Mondé sma, at the Generalate of the Sisters of Charity (Tilburg). All SEDOS members are invited. Please, inform the Secretariat if you intend to participate.
 16-II-1970, 16.00, Development Working Group (Secretariat)
 18-II-1970, 16.00, Catechists Group (leaders only, at Propaganda Fide)
 19-II-1970, 16.00, Formation of Missionaries (Secretariat)
 23-II-1970, 16.00, Education in the Missions (Secretariat)

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Tonna, Executive Secretary.

SEDOS GROUP ON CATECHISTS

A meeting of the SEDOS Group on Catechists was held on January 26th, 1970, at 4.00 pm, at Propaganda Fide. The following were present:

Blanes, Fr. Juan msc, Assistant General, Rome
 Bucher, Rev. Hubert, sec. priest, Rome (previously S-Africa)
 Dooley, Mgr. John, San Colombano, Rome
 Fecher, Fr. Vincent svd, Assistant General, Rome
 Frings, Mr. Hans, OFM, Aachen/Germany
 Gantly, Fr. Patrick sma, Assistant General, Rome
 Gelot, Fr. Joseph pa, IPA, Rome
 Gottwald, Bro. Vincent F. fsc, Assistant General, Rome
 Grosskortenhause, Fr. Wilhelm pa, Assistant General, Rome
 Hellinger, Fr. Suithbert cmm, Rector, Formation Centre Würzburg/
 Germany (previously S.A. Republic)
 Iazzorotto, Fr. Angelo pime, Assistant General, Rome
 Magee, Fr. John, Congr. of Propaganda Fide, Rome
 Mesters, Fr. Gondulpus ocarm, Assistant General, Rome
 Mondé, Fr. Henry sma, Superior General, Rome
 Pionkowski, Sr. Agnetta ssps, Rome
 Renk, Fr. Marianus cmm, Procurator General, Rome
 Romualdez, Sr. Bellarmine ssps, Assistant General, Rome
 (Citizen of the Philippines)
 Rudloff, Fr. Pius cmm, Assistant General, Rome
 Ryan, Sr. Edith snd-d, Assistant General, Rome
 Smith, Sr. Gerarda ssps, Missionary from Ghana/W-Africa
 Vroom, Sr. Theresia scmm-t, Assistant General, Rome
 Walsh, Sr. Marie-Thérèse osu, Assistant General, Rome
 Walsh, Fr. Thomas mm, Procurator General, Rome
 in the chair: Mgr. Jan Van Cauwelaert cism
 from the Secretariat: Rev. Benjamin Tonna

- 1) Mgr. Jan Van Cauwelaert cism introduced the draft for a statement of Church policy on Catechists. He noted that, in its present form, it contained other elements besides those concerned with policy. During the discussion which followed it was agreed that:

- 2) it was opportune that the Catechist Commission would base its conclusions and recommendations to the Plenaria of the PF on the answers of the Bishops to the PF-questionnaire on Catechists and on similar documentation, preferably coming from the field.
- 3) it was not opportune that the Commission recommended any exhaustive statement (history etc.) on Catechists or any specific rules on their promotion.
- 4) it would be very useful if the Commission recommended a broad statement of policy on Catechists (by local Bishops) which PF would support - morally and financially.
- 5) the Commission could itself prepare the draft for such a statement, focussing in particular on what appeared to be the key issue: the role of the Catechists of the future.
- 6) the SEDOS group itself thought that such a role should be operationally defined as "a person placed in charge by the competent Church authorities of a community or of catechetical work". As such, the role should be opened to include:
 - a) men and women
 - b) the single and the married
 - c) the ordained (e.g. deacons)
 - d) the animators of the local or functional (e.g. work place) communities, entrusted with a maximum of pastoral ministries.
- 7) the SEDOS group thought that the outcome of the analysis of the Bishops' responses to the questionnaire (about 50 % had answered) should be circulated among all Bishops.
- 8) Mgr. Van Cauwelaert then introduced the second part of the session: how to collaborate with the PF Catechist Commission in conducting this analysis. He presented three forms (A for the Role, B for the Schooling, C for the support of Catechists) which could be used as common instruments in analyzing the response from each diocese.

9) A time table was then established as follows:

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| 09-II-1970 | each member of the Group would complete his/her analysis of the dioceses assigned to him/her. |
| 12-II-1970 | members to meet by regional groups to attempt a complete analysis. |
| 16-II-1970 | if necessary, a meeting of all the groups. |

10) The work was divided as follows:

a) French speaking Africa

Cameroon, Dahomey, Gabon:	J. Gelot pa
Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal,	
Rwanda-Burundi:	W. Grosskortenhau pa
Madagascar:	V. Gottwald fsc
Congo-K, Congo-B, Central African Rep.:	J. Van Cauwelaert cism
Cote d'Ivoire:	P. Gantly sma
Tchad:	J. Goots sj

b) English speaking Africa

Ghana, Nigeria:	P. Gantly sma
Malawi, Uganda:	W. Grosskortenhau pa
Kenya, Lesotho, Swaziland:	J. Van Cauwelaert cism
Rhodesia, Zambia:	II. Renk cmm
South Africa:	H. Bucher
Sudan:	O. Sina

c) Far East

- India:	V. Fecher svd
Ceylon:	V. Gottwald fsc
Pakistan:	A. Lazzorotto pime
- Indonesia:	T. Vroom scmm-t
- Japan:	V. Fecher svd
- Cambodia, Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia:	J. Dooley(S.Colom.)
Thailand:	J. vanDun osu

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| - Philippines: | B. Romualdez ssps |
| - Solomon Islands, Gilbert Islands,
New Caledonia: | J. Blanes msc |
| Papua, Tonga, New Guinea: | V. Fecher svd |

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30-I-1970

Benjamin Tonna, Executive Secretary.

This report was circulated:

- among all SEDOS Generalates by way of the weekly bulletin
- Propaganda Fide (Mgr. S. Pignedoli) through Fr. John Magee
- all participants of the meeting of 26-I-1970
- all other persons and institutions collaborating with SEDOS regarding Catechists

ASSEMBLY OF SUPERIORS GENERAL

Minutes of the 25th Assembly of Superiors General, held at the Oblates' of Mary Immaculate International Scholasticate, Rome, on December 16th, 1969, at 4.00 pm

Present were the following Fathers, Brothers, Mothers and Sisters:

Arrupe Pedro sj	Machado Maria de Lourdes rscm
Baldwin Mary Luke ssnd (obs.)	Mertens Victor sj
Barnett Thérèse Mary scmm-t	Mesters Gondulf ocarm.
Biskoping Reginarda ssps	More Thomas cfx
Buttimer Charles Henry fsc	O'Brien Mary Th. M. smsm (obs.)
Conway Margaret fmm	ofVlistingen Clementinus ofm.cap.
Demey Suzanne icm	Pastoor Felicia osu
deMoraes Anna Maria crsa	Power John sma
deVreede Annemaria scmm-m	Romualdez Bellarmine ssps
Duarte Marie fmm	Ryan Edith snd-n
Fecher Vincent svd	Schnepp Gerald sm
Fernandez, Mlle Antoinette	Schotte John cicm
Gonthier Cécile sfb	Staab Giles ofm.cap.
Goossens William cicm	Thompson Mary P. smsm (obs.)
Gottwald Vincent fsc	vanAsten, Th. pa
Grosskortenhause Wilhelm pa	Walsh Marie-Therese osu
Hoffer P. sm	Walsh Thomas S. mm (Frs. & Srs.)
Keenan Marjorie rscm	Westhoff Francis G. msc
Keyes Michael Marie scmm-t	Wiethaler M. Victoria ssnd (obs.)
Lautenschlager Georg cmn	
Lazzarotto Angelo pime	<u>excused:</u> S. Colombano, mep,
Lietz Monica sds	mhm, sa.

President: Sr. Jane Gates scmm-m

Moderator: Fr. Fred Sackett omi

from the Secretariat: Rev. Benjamin Tonna, Miss Annamarie B. Kohler

- 1) Sr. Jane Gates scmm-m, Vice-President of SEDOS, opened the Assembly and explained that Fr. H. Mondé, SEDOS President, was due back from Nigeria later in the day. She then presented Fr. Fred Sackett omi as Moderator of the Assembly.

- 2) The minutes of the 24th Assembly, distributed on 10-X-1969, were taken as read and approved. The motion was presented by Bro. Charles Henry Buttmer and seconded by Fr. Th. vanAsten.
- 3) The application of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to join SEDOS was unanimously accepted.
- 4) Fr. Sackett read the report of SEDOS activities for 1969. Bro. Vincent Gottwald produced a report on the SEDOS-MISEREOR Personnel Development Fund and announced that two candidates from the Congo-K had been definitively approved. Fr. J. Power reported that work on his book on Mission Theology for missionaries had reached an advanced stage, with four chapters completed. A plea was then made for an expansion rather than (as hinted by the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive) a reduction of the SEDOS activities listed under "representation". Another plea was made for more detailed reporting of the SEDOS representations at the various seminars and meetings.
- 5) Bro. Thomas More introduced the discussion on the terms of reference of the SEDOS Working Groups, by highlighting the need to examine the Working Group concept by breaking it down into the five "sub"-concepts of function, relationship with the Secretariat, objective, and terms of reference, as well as role of the work group secretary. The discussion on this point was conducted later in three language groups (see reports below).
- 6) Fr. Th. vanAsten presented a proposal which would make the objectives of both Working Groups and Secretariat more specific and more real.

His proposal was the result of his continuing contacts with the Pontifical Missionary Works of the German Bishops. In a series of letters, the need for German Funds for mission work in Africa and Asia had been stressed and eventually recognized by the German Bishops. About 26 million D-Marks were earmarked for pastoral projects in these two continents for 1970.

In distributing these funds, the German Bishops would be seeking advice as regards priorities and would be prepared to shoulder the costs of such advisory services.

During a recent meeting of Mgr. Wissing, the Director of the German Pontifical Missionary Works, with a group of Superiors General (Fr. W. Goossens cism, Fr Th. vanAsten, Fr. V. Mertens sj, K. Müller svd, Fr. Schulte omi) the possibility of SEDOS providing such advisory services, perhaps through its Working Groups, was considered.

Consequently, Fr. vanAsten proposed that SEDOS considers the desirability and feasibility of offering the German Bishops advisory services on pastoral projects for Africa and Asia.

During the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- a) The Funds would be destined to "cover" the categories not reached by MISEREOR, by ADVENIAT, or by the German contribution to Propaganda Fide.
- b) The funds would thus cover such neglected aspects as pastoral planning, scholarships for pastoral experts, etc.
- c) Applications would be forwarded direct to the German Bishops, who would consider them twice a year and who would take the final decision. The advice of SEDOS would be sought some time between the receipt of the application and the final decision.
- d) The German Bishops were conscious of the limitation as well as the potential of SEDOS. They were particularly interested in the pool of experts and resource persons already "sur place" at the various Generalates in Rome.
- e) A steering committee could be formed within SEDOS to direct the proposed advisory services. The Secretariat would need more staff - especially on the French speaking side.

It was agreed to ask the Executive Committee to consider the proposal, possibly in view forwarding a preliminary feasibility study to the German Bishops before their meeting of January 15th, 1970. The discussion groups were asked to consider this proposal in their subsequent sessions (see point VI in the reports below - "Van Asten proposal")

- 7) The responsibilities of the Secretariat were then reviewed in terms of the reorganization scheme proposed by the Executive Committee. It was remarked that the scheme itself seemed to tidy. The question to raise would then be: did it respond to a felt need. The Secretariat was then thanked for its work on the scheme and it was agreed to ensure flexibility at all stages in order to use such opportunities as the proposal of Fr. vanAsten as a test for the worth of the scheme. Fr. Tonna made a plea for suggestions about possible candidates for the two vacant jobs proposed in the scheme (Secretary to the Work Groups and Documentalist).
- 8) Bro. Gerald Schnepf presented the financial report for 1969 and the budget for 1970. He noted that SEDOS had actually underspent. But it was pointed out that at the end of 1970 there would still be a debt of over \$ 5000.--. The items were then examined.

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Bro. Thomas More moved that the item "Geneva representation" - (\$ 4410.--) be deleted from the 1970 budget. It was noted that, while the idea of having a representative in Geneva was commendable, SEDOS really could not afford it, at least at the present stage. Fr. VanAsten referred to the difficulties faced by Fr. Volker because of the precariousness of his situation as SEDOS representative during 1969, underlining that he thought that more could be done if such uncertainty was removed. Fr. Tonna was asked whether a report on Fr. Volker's activities had been received - as requested by the last General Assembly. Fr. Tonna reported that he had seen Fr. Volker two days before in Geneva. No report was available, but Fr. Volker had told him that he was still waiting for instructions from SEDOS as regards his last report (prior to last Assembly). A vote was then taken and the motion was carried by 19 votes in favour, 2 against and 5 abstentions.

The budget was then approved, nem.con.

The White Fathers were thanked for helping SEDOS regarding carrying the dept, and the SVD-Fathers were thanked for continuing to offer SEDOS office space.

- 9) It was agreed to held the 1970 Assemblies on the following days:
March 10th, June 9th, September 15th, and December 15th, 1970.

Benjamin Tonna, Executive Secretary.

The Assembly then broke into three groups (1 French, 2 English) to discuss the Terms of Reference of the SEDOS Working Groups. Bro. Thomas More .cfx had prepared a paper with the main points, taken from the SEDOS Documentation (no. 39/1969). The following were the points:

- I. Function of Working Groups within SEDOS (69/924, Doc. 4/11,5)
- II. Relationship between Working Groups and Secretariat (69/932, Doc.4/9, 30)
- III. Objectives of Working Groups (69/932, Doc. 4/9, 28 and 29)
- IV. Terms of Reference of the Working Groups (69/920, Doc. 3/1)
- V. The Work Group Secretary (69/936, Doc. 4/13, I.-IV.)
- VI. "VanAsten proposal". This point was not on the prepared outline, but during the Assembly it was moved to add it as further point for the Discussions in the Language Groups.

The following are the reports which were presented to the reunited Assmebly after supper:

REPORT OF THE ENGLISH DISCUSSION GROUP I

An English discussion group of SEDOS members assembled under the leadership of Brother Charles Henry Buttmer, Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Schools. The topic of group discussion was the "Terms of reference of the SEDOS working groups".

Each member received a mimeographed copy describing the proposed organization and operation of working groups in their specific objective of indicative planning for cooperation at the Generalate level. After a study of the document the group expressed satisfaction with it and found its direction to be positive and very practical.

Working groups were discussed and it was generally agreed that they should have clear goals and operate with considerable flexibility. They should be action-oriented and continuity should exist in each group.

It was felt that the Superiors General should take responsibility to provide projects for working groups. They should also supply a list of competent people capable of serving on the various committees to avoid the small, volunteer representation that has existed so far.

The Executive Committee should put these working groups into action. This committee would screen proposed projects and instruct the Secretariat on how the working group is to proceed. From the list of people the Executive Committee will invite the people to serve, keeping in mind that a person with initiative be chosen as president or moderator of the working group. There must be a lead and coordination in these groups, i.e. those who contact people and activate the meetings. Up to now the Executive Committee has met every month, but it would seem good to meet every week to see if it is necessary that often because it will depend upon the work the Superiors General bring in. Actually it was agreed that the Executive Committee should give lead and be the policy making group for SEDOS.

The working groups are guided by the Secretariat whose duties involve detailed drafting and constant work.

Recommendations

A portion of each General Assembly could be set aside for consideration of possible projects for working group action. These could be suggested by individual Superiors General; they could also be proposed by the Executive Committee itself so that it could act as the organ of the full assembly in initiating a working group.

Regarding Father Van Asten's (Superior General of the White Fathers) urgent request for approval from SEDOS to submit projects to assist the German Episcopal Conference in the use of available funds for the benefit of pastoral projects for Africa and Asia, this discussion group felt the Executive Committee could act as the clearing house for projects received on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. The Executive Committee will then request the Superiors General to assign specialists in the area to act as an "Ad Hoc" committee of evaluation.

The discussion group concluded its session at 7:00 P.M. and a summary was given to the General Assembly at 8:30.

Sr. Monica Lietz sds
Discussion Group Secretary

REPORT OF THE ENGLISH DISCUSSION GROUP II

Chairman: Fr. Fred Sackett omi

Theme: Terms of Reference of SEDOS Working Groups:
Basis for the discussion was the two-page hectographed outline, prepared for the discussion groups by Brother Thomas More cfx.

I. No particular comment.

II. As for relationship of Working Groups with the Secretariate, the example of the thriving Medical Group was cited. Here, a core group of certain members takes care of much work that would otherwise fall to the secretariate, as well as some matters requiring a particular competence in the field of medicine.

- III. Regarding objectives of the WG's, the importance of having a specific concrete goal was stressed.
- III.1 This point was interpreted to mean, that the Executive Committee would assign a certain field or broad problem to the WG, which would then work out its own goal.
- III.2 on recruiting resource persons from the Generalates: it was suggested that the WG's be presented with a list of the types of resource persons wanted, and that their suggestions be called to the attention of the Generalates to make such persons available.
- III.3 concerns the selection of a chairman. Here two opinions emerged in the discussion: one held that the WG should freely elect its own chairman; and the other wanted the Executive Committee to appoint the chairman, possibly from a list suggested by the WG, in order to insure having a live and efficient leader in each WG.

Added to the outline were two points:

- (a) That non-SEDOS members might on principle be accepted as members of the WG, as the Medical Group has done, and as is also the case with the Catechist Group.
- (b) That once the membership of the WG's has been determined, all members of all groups should be called together to a mass meeting wherein their objectives, terms of reference, etc. should be explained to them. Such an explanation could be based on Bro. Thomas More's outline for the present discussion.

IV. No particular comment.

- V. Regarding the job description for the Work Group Secretary, two important points were added:
- (a) In the first place she must have professional qualifications as a secretary.
 - (b) Secondly, she should also be fluent in French, for reasons which were stated by Fr. Mertens sj in the General Assembly.

- VI. which was not on the outline prepared by Bro. Thomas More since it came up during the Assembly only, was the "Van Asten Proposal" about the offer of the German Bishops. The discussion group unanimously voted that it should be accepted in principle; in practice, it favored setting up a commission to structure our participation (and study such aspects as office space, secretarial help, etc.); a steering committee should do the actual evaluation or find experts to consult. It was stressed that there should be women on both groups.

Fr. Vincent Fecher svd
Discussion Group Secretary

GROUPE DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE

Président: Père W. Goossens CICM

N.B. Les numéros se rapportent aux numéros correspondants du plan de discussion.

Remarque d'ordre général

En tout ce qui concerne les groupes de travail et l'organisation du secrétariat, le groupe recommande beaucoup de souplesse et de flexibilité.

I. Fonction des groupes de travail

- Ces groupes doivent répondre à un besoin réel et étudier un problème spécifique.
- Pour cette raison, ils seront plutôt ad hoc et travailleront aussi longtemps que le problème proposé nécessite une étude.
- A la fin de chaque année, les groupes de travail restent sujets à révision par le comité exécutif.

II. Rapports entre les groupes de travail et le secrétariat

Qu'il y ait beaucoup de souplesse en ce qui concerne la formation des groupes de travail (II,1) et la participation d'experts dans ce travail (II,2)

III. Objectifs des groupes de travail

- L'objectif spécifique des groupes de travail semblerait être plutôt: Etudier des problèmes communs pour éclairer les généralats et éventuellement faire du planning et préparer à l'action.
- Chaque groupe de travail doit avoir un noyau stable pour assurer la bonne marche du travail.

IV. Délimitation du travail

- Le travail serait à délimiter en vue de la fonction d'un groupe de travail (voir ci-dessus).
- La question à étudier pourrait être proposé soit par le comité exécutif lui-même soit par le groupe de travail avec l'approbation du comité exécutif.

V. Secrétaire pour les groupes de travail

Après V,2 ajouter "avant la réunion suivante".

VI. Coopération entre SEDOS et la Conférence épiscopale d'Allemagne

- En principe, le groupe était favorable à cette proposition à condition qu'après étude le projet soit approuvé par le comité exécutif ou éventuellement par un comité formé à cet effet.
- Le groupe recommande que la Conférence épiscopale d'Allemagne présente cette demande par écrit.

Sr. Marjorie Keenan rscm
Secrétaire de le groupe de discussion

FRENCH LANGUAGE GROUP (Translation)

Chairman: Fr. W. Goossens CICM

N.B. The numbers refer to the corresponding numbers on the discussion outline.

General remark

The group recommends great flexibility in all that pertains to the organization of working groups and the secretariat.

I. Function of Working Groups

- These groups should answer a real need and study a specific problem.
- They should therefore be considered ad hoc and work only as long as a question requires study.
- At the end of each year, the working groups should be subject to review.

II. Relationship between Working Groups and Secretariat

The group recommends flexibility in the formation of working groups (II,1) and in the extending of invitations to experts to participate in the work (II,2).

III. Objectives of Working Groups

- The specific objective of the Working Groups would seem more to be: The study of common problems in order to inform the generalates and possibly to draw up plans and prepare for action.
- Each group should have a stable core to insure efficiency in the work undertaken.

IV. Terms of Reference of the Working Groups

- The terms of reference should be drawn up in the light of the function of a working group (see above).
- The question to be studied could be proposed either by the executive committee or by the group itself with the approval of the executive committee.

V. The Work Group Secretary

After V, 2, "before the next meeting" should be added.

VI. Cooperation between SEDOS and the German Episcopal Conference

- The group was in favor of the proposition provided that, after further study, the project was approved by the executive committee or possibly by a special committee formed for this purpose.
- The group recommends that the German Episcopal Conference be asked to present this request in writing.

Sr. Marjorie Keenan rscm
Discussion Group Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on December 18th, 1969, at 15.30, at the Generalate of the Medical Mission Sisters. Present were:

Buttimer, Bro. Charles Henry fsc, Superior General
Gates, Sr. Jane scmm-m, Superior General
Keenan, Sr. Marjorie rscm, Assistant General
Pastoors, Mo. Felicia osu, Superior General
Sackett, Fr. Fred omi, Assistant General
Walsh, Mo. Marie-Thérèse osu, Assistant General

in the chair: Fr. H. Mondé sma, Superior General
from the Secretariat: Rev. Benjamin Tonna, Executive Secretary
Miss AM. B. Kohler (for item 1) only)

- 1) A letter by Miss Kohler was distributed to the Committee. The request that her trial period be extended until Easter was granted.
- 2) Fr. Tonna was questioned about the secretariat staff. He reported that the overload of work was the probable explanation of Miss Kohler's opinion that some things could be done more professionally. He hoped that the vacant posts of documentalist and secretary to the working groups would soon be filled (see also 4) below).
- 3) The Committee then discussed the main item of the agenda - namely the Assembly's mandate to the Executive to follow up its resolution on Fr. Van Asten's proposal on cooperation with the German Bishops on their pastoral projects for Africa and Asia. The following points, which Fr. Tonna was asked to present in a letter to Mgr. Wissing of the PWG, were made:

- .1 A formal request in writing from the German Bishops for Sedos services ought to be made before Sedos committed itself to any form of cooperation. This was essential in view of its impact on the Bishops of missionary countries.
 - .2 The agreement in principle of the Assembly of Sedos to cooperate should be immediately communicated to the German Bishops.
 - .3 An essential condition of such agreement was the information given to the Assembly that Sedos would be reimbursed for any extra costs which ongoing collaboration would involve.
 - .4 Such costs would probably be limited to the expansion of the present staff by two full time secretaries, one French and one English speaking, i.e. about \$ 15.000 for the first year, equipment and running expenses included.
 - .5 Mgr. Wissing and the PWG could be given further specifications in a feasibility study, possibly before the next meeting of the German Bishops.
 - .6 In general, Sedos would be prepared (as Mgr. Wissing requested) to screen and evaluate the more difficult projects for the German Bishops - through the services of small ad hoc groups composed of resource persons from the member Generalates. The groups would be guided by a Steering Committee and serviced by the two secretaries.
- 4) Fr. Tonna then presented the candidature of Miss. A. Fernandez, a French lay missionary who had worked for the White Fathers in Mali, for the post of documentalist. Because of her insufficient knowledge of English, he was asked to propose to her the eventual post of French speaking secretary to the PWG project. If this did not come through, her candidature for documentalist could be reconsidered.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Executive Committee of SEDOS was held at the Secretariat on January 14th, 1970, at 4.00 pm. Present were:

Basterrechea, Bro. Pablo fsc, Vicar General
 Keenan, Sr. Marjorie rscm, Assistant General
 Sackett, Fr. Fred omi, Assistant General
 Walsh, Mo. Marie Thérèse osu, Assistant General
 Furthermore: Fr. Léo Volker pa

in the chair: Sr. Jane Gates scmm-m, Superior General
 from the Secretariat: Rev. Benjamin Tonna, Executive Secretary

- 1) The letter of resignation of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour as member of Sedos was read and accepted. It was agreed that it was not opportune to make constant demands on members who are not heavily involved in the mission.
- 2) A proposal by Fr. Tonna to employ Mrs. Ludovisi as secretary for the Working Groups was approved. It was agreed to begin with a trial period of three months and to try to obtain some kind of guarantee as regards her insurance. (Mrs.L. later told us that she accepted another job.)
- 3) The Committee then assured Fr. L. Volker that it was only the financial difficulties of SEDOS which had led the Assembly to decide against continuing its permanent representation in Geneva. Fr. L. Volker asked whether such financial problems would have been solved by the end of 1970 in such a way as to make possible SEDOS representation in Geneva in 1971. It was agreed that it was not possible now to decide on this point. It was noted, however, that the combination of the Geneva representation with the current debt of SEDOS would make a positive decision on this point most unlikely at least at the end of 1970. In the circumstances, it was felt that it would help if Fr. L. Volker extends his stay in Rome in view of going deeper into the matter. The fact was that member Generalates were expecting to receive more services from the Secretariat and that all available funds had to be used to strengthen it.

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- 4) The Committee paid tribute to Sr. Theresina scmm-t, who died on January 8, 1970. She had given sterling services to the missionary cause through her generous work at the Secretariat.

SEDOS Secretariat
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Benjamin Tonna,
Executive Secretary

THE SEDOS WORKING GROUPS FOR 1970

The following list shows how the SEDOS Working Groups have been formed for 1970. They are not exclusive: interested members of the SEDOS Generalates are always welcome at the meetings of the Groups. Such meetings are usually held at 16.00 at the SEDOS Secretariat and are regularly announced on the front page of the weekly bulletin (which is sent to all members of all Working Groups). This bulletin is also the channel for the circulation of working papers and reports of the meetings.

CATECHISTS

Fr. J. Blanes msc
Fr. Chevillard pa
Fr. P. Conneally, S.Col.
Fr. Douau sma
Fr. Gantly sma
Bro. Vincent Gottwald fsc
Fr. S. Hellinger cmm
Fr. G. Kuckartz omi
Fr. J. Maertens cicm
Sr. B. Romualdez ssps
Sr. Th. Vroom scmm-t
Mo. M.-Th. Walsh osu/Mo. M.-J. vanDun osu

NEXT MEETING OF THIS GROUP

Wednesday, February 18th, 1970,
at Propaganda Fide (16.00 h)
(for group leaders only)

DEVELOPMENT

Sr. L.M. Bankes snd-n
Sr. Th.M. Barnett scmm-t
Fr. J. Biggane sma
Fr. J. Blanes msc
Bro. H. Boyle cfx
Mo. M.X. Echaniz osu
Fr. V. Fecher svd
Fr. V. Gaudet omi/Fr. A. Hubenig omi/C. Conti Guglia omi (french)
Bro. V. Gottwald fsc
Sr. C. Humbert fmm
Fr. F. Ivern sj

NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP:

Monday, February 16th, 1970,
at the SEDOS Secretariat (4.00 pm)

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DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Sr. M. Linscott snd-n
 Sr. M. de Lourdes Machado rscm
 Sr. A.M. deMoraes crsa
 Sr. M. Panevska scmm-m
 Bro. G. Schnepf sm
 Fr. J. Schotte ciom
 Mo. M.-J. vanDun osu
 Mo. M-Th. Walsh osu

EDUCATION IN THE MISSIONS

Sr. L.M. Bankes snd-n
 Fr. J. Blewett sj
 Fr. A. Bundervoet msc
 Bro. A. Carmody fsc
 Sr. E. Dugan osu
 Sr. B. Flanagan sfb
 Sr. J. Gates scmm-m
 Sr. C. Gerritse scmm-t
 Sr. M. Keenan rscm/Sr. P. Greene rscm
 Fr. S. Hellinger cmm
 Fr. G. Lautenschlager cmm
 Bro. Thomas More cfx
 Sr. I. Pereira-Leite crsa
 Fr. Y. Périgny omi
 Sr. B. Romualdez ssps
 Sr. E. Ryan snd-n
 Mo. M.-Th. Walsh osu
 Fr. J.R. Urquia sm

FORMATION OF MISSIONARIES

Bro. J.P. Basterrechea fsc
 Sr. J. Bland snd-n
 Fr. J. Bukovsky svd
 Sr. M.A. Daniellou osu
 Mo. M.-J. van Dun osu
 Sr. A. de la Bouillierie fmm
 Bro. J. Devadder cfx
 Sr. A. deVreede scmm-m
 P. Elia ofm.cap.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP:

Monday, February 23rd, 1970,
 at the Secretariat (16.00 h)

NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP:

Thursday, February 19th, 1970,
 at the Secretariat (16.00 h)

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FORMATION OF MISSIONARIES (cont.)

Sr. B. Flanagan sfb

Sr. P. Greene rscm
Fr. S. Hellinger cmm
Sr. M. Hussey osu
Fr. L. Kaufmann pa
Fr. J. King omi
Fr. G. Lautenschlager cmm
Fr. V. Mertens sj
Fr. T. O'Driscoll, S.Col.
P. G. Pavan ofm.cap.
Sr. B. Romualdez ssps
Fr. F. Sackett omi
Sr. F. Schellemans scmm-t
Fr. A. Taché omi
Fr. R. Valebek ocarm.
Mo. M.-Th. Walsh osu

CONTACT GROUP FOR HEALTH SERVICES
(SEDOS members only)

Sr. M. Duarte fmm
Sr. A. deVreede scmm-m
Sr. Eugenia ssps/Sr. B. Romualdez ssps
Sr. C. Gonthier sfb
Sr. M.M. Keyes scmm-t

NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP:

Monday, March 23rd, 1970,
at the Secretariat (15.30 h)

SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Fr. S. Bamberger sj
Sr. M.A. della Valle fmm (french)
Fr. F.-J. Eilers svd
Fr. J. Drouart omi/Fr. Y. Périgny omi
Fr. P. Kelkermans cicm
Fr. A. Mills sj
Sr. A. Oosschot scmm-m
Sr. F. Pemberton sfb/Sr. Jacquelin Dumont sfb
Fr. M. Reuver ocarm.
Sr. E. Ryan snd-n
Mo. M.-Th. Walsh osu/M. M.-J. van Dun osu

NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP:

Thursday, February 12th, 1970,
at the Secretariat (16.00 h)

MEETINGS BY COUNTRY

AFRICA: all groups:

Congo-K

Fr. T. Dooley pa, Fr. V. Mertens sj

Bro. J. Devadder cfx, Fr. J. Drouart omi,
Fr. J. Maertens cicm, Fr. W. Neven pa,
Fr. A. Verschuur svd

East: Kenya, Malawi,
Tanzania, Uganda,
Zambia

Bro. H. Boyle cfx, Sr. P. Greene rscm,
Fr. W. Grosskortenhuis pa, Fr. F.
Moody pa

Rhodesia

Sr. L.M. Bankes snd-n, Sr. P. Greene rscm
Fr. A. Nagle ocarm.

South

Sr. L.M. Bankes snd-n, Fr. P.
Peters omi, Fr. P. Rudloff cmm

other countries listed were:

Burundi, Ghana, Cameroon, Mada-
gascar, Rwanda, Mozambique, Mali,
Senegal

ASIA: all groups:

Fr. H. Dargan sj

Indonesia:

Fr. Denis ofm.cap., Fr. G. Linssen cicm,
Fr. G. Mesters ocarm., Fr. A. Ver-
schuur svd, Fr. J. Woelfel svd, Mo.
M.-J. van Dun osu

Philippines:

Fr. J. Drouart omi, Fr. V. Fecher svd,
Fr. G. Linssen cicm, Sr. L. Martinez fmm,
Fr. E. MacCarthy omi, Sr. B. Romual-
dez ssps, Mo. M.-J. van Dun osu

other countries listed were:

HongKong, India, Japan, Korea,
Malaysia, Mainland China, Pakistan,
Surinam, Taiwan, Thailand

LATIN AMERICA: all groups:

Fr. Th. Stanley sm, Fr. V. Gaudet omi

Brazil:

Mo. M.X. Echaniz osu, Sr. M.L.
Machado rscm, Fr. G. Mesters ocarm.,
Fr. J.B. Peters cicm

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other countries listed were:
Argentina, Caribbean Islands,
Venezuela

OTHER COUNTRIES LISTED FOR MEETINGS BY COUNTRY:

Alaska

New Guinea

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Rev. Benjamin Toma,
Executive Secretary.

NEWS FROM THE GENERALATES

In memory of Joan Overboss
Concelebration at the Ursulines

A Mass was concelebrated at the Generalate of the Ursulines on January 15, 1970, for the repose of the soul of Miss Joan Overboss. Over a hundred were present. The following prayers sum up the mood of the occasion:

Prayer of the Faithful

INTRODUCTION: In a spirit of confidence and gratitude, at the heart of this Eucharistic celebration, we offer you, Father, these prayers:

- That the Church throughout the world may shine as a Light to all nations, constantly revealing to men the mystery of God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
- That SEDOS may continue to serve more and more effectively as a center for study and coordination of missionary activities, let us pray to the Lord.
- In gratitude for the living Christian witness Joan has given by her dedication and zeal in the service of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- That more people may respond in every way possible to the ever increasing needs of their brothers in the developing countries, let us pray to the Lord.
- That those of us gathered around the altar today may learn from Joan's example what it means to live and die in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

CONCLUSION: Heavenly Father, please accept our prayers. In peace and gratitude we offer them to you in union with all your children scattered throughout the world. Draw us closer together in loving unity, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.