



ASSEMBLY OF GENERALS

Minutes of the 29th Assembly of Superiors General associated in Sedos held on Tuesday, December 15, 1970 at 16.00 at the OMI International Scholasticate, 78A via della Pineta Sacchetti, Roma.

Present were:

Sr. M.L. Baldwin ssnd;	Fr. M. Hoffer sm;
Fr. L. Bano fscj;	Sr. B. Katigbak fmm;
Bro. P. Basterrechea fsc;	Sr. M. Keenan rscm;
Fr. J. Blanes msc;	Fr. G. Lautenschlager cmm;
Sr. M.V. Bliss smsm;	Fr. A. Lazzarotto pime;
Sr. D. Boland rscj;	Sr. M. Linscott snd;
Sr. M. Chantal snd-n;	Sr. MA. Loughlin fmm;
Fr. R. Chaput pa;	Sr. Margaret Jean shcj;
Sr. A. Coccaar scmm-t;	Fr. A. McCormack mhm;
Mo. A. Cornely pncj;	Fr. G. Mesters o. carm.;
Fr. G. Cussac mep;	Fr. J. Musinsky svd;
Fr. Denis ofm cap;	Sr. M. Panevska scmm-m;
Sr. G. de Th��lin rscj;	Sr. I. Pereira Leite crsa;
Fr. J. Devadder cfx;	Fr. V. Poggi sj;
Sr. AM. de Vreede scmm-m;	Sr. B. Romualdez ssps;
Sr. M.J. Dor sa;	Sr. E. Ryan snd-n;
Mo. X. Echaniz osu;	Fr. C. Saulfield cp;
Fr. V. Fecher svd;	Sr. F. Schelleman scmm-t;
Sr. B. Flanagan sfb;	Bro. G. Schnepp sm;
Sr. J. Gates scmm-m;	Sr. M.G. Segner ssnd;
Sr. A. Gates sa;	Fr. J.P. Schotte cicm;
Sr. M.M. Gon��alves rscm;	Fr. O. Sina fscj;
Fr. K. Healy o. carm.;	Mo. Th. Walsh osu;
Sr. M.H. Hoene ssnd;	Fr. J. Westhoff msc.

In the chair: Fr. H. Mond  , sma  
 Moderator : Fr. F. Sackett, omi  
 Secretary : Fr. B. Tonna

1. Fr. H. Mond  , sma President of Sedos
  - invited the Assembly to prayer;
  - welcomed the observers of the Passionists, Holy Ghest Missionaries Sisters of the Holy Child, Marianist Sisters;
  - introduced Fr. Sackett, omi, as Moderator.

2. The minutes were taken as read and approved.
3. The Executive Secretary highlighted his annual report (1970) by stressing that creativity, in the Sedos group, had - and should continue to - originate in the member Generalates. During the discussion which followed, the following points were made:
  - a) The links established by the frame of reference adopted by the report was valid and gave a clear picture of the connections between the various directions taken by the manifold activities of Sedos.
  - b) Insufficient time and attention had been given to the efforts to bring Superiors General together to reflect on common problems. The Assemblies had often been rushed. Perhaps they could be expanded to one day.
  - c) The idea of cooperating to explore new openings for mission must be followed up.
  - d) To promote creativity, it could be useful to consider the possibility of commissioning experts - not necessarily full timers - to offer the Sedos group new ideas. This group would then react to such ideas.
  - e) Generalates should be encouraged to invite one or more of their staff to go through and explore the immense store of data being built at the Secretariat.
  - f) Following a statement that PWG (Aachen) would not continue the joint PWG-Sedos programme after March '71, it was noted that there had been gaps in the communication systems and that the matter should be investigated.
  - g) Sr. M.A. Panevska, Chairman of the Development Working Group reported on the outcome of the questionnaire distributed to evaluate one of the major activity of the year - the Credit Union Seminar. She stated that answering Generalates had considered the initiative as good and positive - in the sense that they could encourage their missionaries to become involved in this form of activity by communicating the information generated by the Seminar.
  - h) She also proposed a vote of congratulations to Fr. P.F. Moody, wf, the editor of the new Sedos quarterly "Joint Venture".

She suggested that the quarterly be sent to Conferences of Major Superiors, of Bishops, to Press Agencies and that the Executive Committee develop the initiative. It was noted that future numbers should not refer to the pages of the weekly bulletin.

It was agreed to explore further the idea of longer and more relaxed sessions geared to reflection and to frank exchange of views.

4. The Moderator introduced the next item of the agenda - concerned with amendments to the Statutes in view of the next elections of the Sedos officers. During the discussion the following motions were carried:

- that the possibility of re-election be specified further by inserting: "second consecutive term" (Fr. Denis)
- that at least the President and Vice Presidents be Superiors General (Fr. Schotte)
- that each of the four Councillors be elected by the Assembly at large (Fr. Fecher)

It was also agreed:

- that the other officers (Treasurer, four Councillors) be also open to non Superiors General with responsibilities in the Generalate
- that a rotation be built into the membership of the Executive Committee by the candidates stating the number of years for which they would be available
- that a Nominations Committee - formed by 2 Superiors General members of the present Executive and by 2 others be formed to prepare a list of candidates for the next elections.

5. Bro. G. Schnepf sm, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report and the budget for 1971. (70/900 ff). During the discussion which followed, the following points emerged.

- Provision should be made for the new publication (Joint Venture) in two languages (English and French).
- The salaries of the Secretariat personnel seemed low by current standard - with the result that the clerical staff tended to be inadequate to the real needs.

- A personnel policy for the Sedos Secretariat be formulated.
- A depreciation fund could be usefully introduced now, that the deficit had been eliminated.
- The full PWG contribution would appear on the income side.

It was agreed to adopt the budget for three months, pending the incorporation of the suggestions recorded above.

6. Bro. P. Basterrechea reported on the briefing session held at the FSC Generalate before the departure of Bro. Ch. H. Buttmer for a visit to French Speaking West Africa. He highlighted the point made, during the session, that such visits could help the full integration of the members of the Institutes in the "pastorale d'ensemble" of the respective countries.

It was agreed that this kind of sessions were very useful and that the Executive Committee should promote them whenever the occasion offers.

7. It was agreed to ask Fr. Roch wf, to report periodically, in the Sedos bulletin, on development of missionary relevance in the international agencies based in Geneva - as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Fr. Roch would also be asked, on an "ad hoc" basis, to explore the development of Sedos relations with international agencies - as indicated by Sedos.

8. It was agreed that the 1971 Assemblies be held on February 16, June 15, September 28, and December 14.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Sedos Executive Committee held on 18-12-'70 at 09.00 at the Secretariate.

Present were: Sr. J. Gates scmm-m; Sr. M. Keenan rscm; Sr. M. Panevska scmm-m; Fr. F. Sackett omi; Bro. G. Schnepp sm; Mo Walsh osu.

In the chair: Fr. H. Mondé, sma

Secretary : Fr. B. Tonna

1. The minutes were taken as read. It was agreed to call the meeting of the Chairmen of the Working Groups after the 18th January. It was also agreed to consider "formation" always as "on going formation". In this sense, meetings between young people, within their own Institutes and with other groups, could be encouraged.
2. It would be useful to establish a number of criteria for the editing of the two bulletins. The Working Groups could give some thought to this issue. Such criteria would not mean tight control on the respective editors. The weekly bulletin should continue to be considered as a very important channel of promoting the basic Sedos objective of cooperation for the mission.
3. The Executive Secretary then read the assessments of the trial period for the re-organization of the Secretariate. These were prepared by the members of the Staff and stressed the importance of working as a team. The following points emerged during the discussion:
  - a) The trial period should be extended, at least until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
  - b) Each member of the Staff would be asked to prepare descriptions of the jobs they were doing.
  - c) The editing and production of the new quarterly bulletin was a new job.
  - d) The Staff should learn how to refuse jobs which they cannot handle.
  - e) Priority should be given to French speaking groups during 1971.
  - f) The bi-weekly Staff meetings should be given priority: the work should be distributed at this point.

4. It was agreed to invite the Editor of the quarterly bulletin, Fr. P. F. Moody, for the next meeting of the Executive in order to discuss the first issue. Meanwhile a letter should be written to him to ask for his programme and ideas. It was agreed that the quarterly should present, briefly but clearly, the activities of Sedos. A short note on Sedos should always appear on the last page. The Executive, de facto, would act as an Editorial Board. A list of those who receive the bulletin would eventually be circulated in the weekly bulletin.
5. Pending the definitive approval of the budget, Bro Schnepf, Treasurer, proposed a thorough revision of personnel policy - including salary scales. It was agreed to prepare a draft for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
6. It was agreed to contact each Superior General by letter to announce the February elections and to find out who would be willing to stand for elections. The latter would include non-Superiors General. A nominations committee, formed of Father H. Mondé, Bro P. Basterrechea, Sister J. Gates and Mo Walsh would meet on the 11th January to study the outcome and, eventually, contact Superior Generals by 'phone.
7. It was agreed to invite PWG to send a representative to the next meeting of the Executive Committee in order to sort out the difficulties which arose during the experimental year of collaboration (March '70 - March '71).
8. It was agreed to investigate further the matter of cooperation with the Battelle Institute. Sedos could not become involved if it had to contribute funds.
9. It was agreed to ask the next Assembly for a constitutional committee to clarify eventual difficulties in interpreting the Statutes.
10. Fr. H. Mondé reported on his participation in the CIDSE meeting. He noted that the missionaries were hardly mentioned before his intervention. It was agreed that Sedos representatives should have a message to deliver at such meetings.
11. Such a message could be developed through more frequent meetings, of Superiors General. These meetings should be strengthened by experts. To this end, it would be useful to address a request, to each Superior General, on the issues which were currently worrying him or her.

DEVELOPMENT

A meeting of the Development Working Group took place on Friday 18th December, 1970 at 4 p.m. at the SMA Generalate.

The following were present:

Bro G. Schnepf, s.m.	Sr. J. Clysters, scmm-t
Fr. J. Blanes, msc	Fr. E. Biggane, sma
Fr. A. McCormack, mhm and J.P.	Fr. P. F. Moody, pa
Sr. G. Samson, sa	Fr. J. P. Schotte, cicm
Sr. M. Panevska, scmm-m	Fr. Th. Stanley, sm
Fr. J. Brossard, omi	

From Sedos: Fr. B. Tonna  
Miss A. Capes

1. Report of the Justice & Peace Round Table Meeting 8-10 December, 1970.

Sr. Panevska mentioned that from our Development WG Sr. Th. Barnett had been there for the UISG, Frs. Schotte cicm and Ivern sj for the USG, apart from the Sedos group which comprised of Fr. Mondé sma; Fr. Th. Stanley sm (WGD) and Fr. Tonna.

Fr. Stanley was then asked to give a short report on this meeting:-

POLICY STATEMENTS

The meeting began with a presentation of all the policy statements that the various groups offered in response to the questions that Fr. Schütte had posed to the different organizations prior to the Round Table meeting.

A few of the comments were as follows:

A. CIDSE

1. According to the CIDSE policy statement they wanted specific objectives for the meetings. They proposed that an Agenda Committee be formed each time to draw up what the specific objectives would be for the meeting coming up.
2. They also wanted a very wide content in the meetings, that is, they wanted the discussion not just development as an economic thing but also pastoral etc.



3. They wanted Third World representation and that this shouldn't be just Bishops but also laymen. They were against an imposed agenda. They wanted freedom to add whatever the different organizations might want to put in. They were against repeating at the Round Table what has already been discussed by the organizations in other coordinating meetings that are going on around the world.

B. CARITAS

1. One of the main points of their presentation was that they were seeking, at the Round Table, to find out the real situation in the different countries which they explained was the uncovering of where the greatest needs were.
2. There were many objections to this proposal - CIDSE pointed out that an inventory of these really needy places would take forever. Others pointed out that there would always be confusion of objective and subjective needs, causing confusion between the two. And, Propaganda Fide said that reports from the field are always very unreliable because they are always trying to protect what they are getting in order to get more.

C. SECRETARIAT OF STATE

The policy statement indicated that they wanted in a Round Table the discussion of concrete projects of various kinds. In fact they had one ready: - "the Mali experience" and they even started to discuss it - their proposal was not backed up.

D. THE MIGRATION ORGANIZATION

The Migration Organization wanted each organization in the Round Table to report on what they were doing in the area of development at these meetings at the Round Table, and then this could be a basis for discussion coordination. Their idea was welcomed and I think we intend to do this in the future.

E. SEDOS

The Sedos proposal, with which you are already familiar (see Sedos bulletin n.70/854-856), there was no special reaction, but it was felt that the eventual result of the meeting was more or less an acceptance of what we had put down.

F. JUSTICE & PEACE

Justice & Peace didn't make any particular presentation of a policy statement, but throughout the discussion Fr. Schütte was pressing for regional Round Tables. Nobody took this up, and it appeared to be dropped.

G. GUIDELINES

The main fruit of the meeting was the formulation of Guidelines for the Round Table.

After much discussion of the different policy statements the final agreement was that these Guidelines would be experimental and after 3 years be revised in the light of experience. These guidelines highlighted, the definition of development, or rather, gave a description of development in such a way as to indicate the activities that could fall underneath such a title. It was concerned to keep the thing wide enough, development touching so many aspects of man. Also it was concerned to conserve its autonomy - that is to insist that development is a process with its own laws that have to be respected. The guidelines note it was made clear in the discussions that Development as AID has become a dirty word, and development is now seen as liberation. AID from the different countries is seen as an instrument of oppression since it supports the structures of the establishment, ie. corrupt governments and unfair international trade arrangements, etc. which keep the Third World at a disadvantage and therefore this aid is to be rejected.

Then, the Guidelines make clear the objectives of the Round Table:

1. Exchange of Information.
2. Harmonizing of Policy, with a view to arriving at agreements for priorities.
3. It was agreed that the Round Table is not registered as a consultative body, its members are always autonomous.
4. That the Round Table seeks consensus on various things and this consensus when arrived at would be expressed in various recommendations.
5. The Guidelines defined International Catholic Bodies (and you can read their definition there).
6. The Third World Representation is also mentioned in the Guidelines. This was the hardest point on which to gain consensus. The people there wanted representation from the Third World but they didn't want to identify it as representation from the Third World, because they felt it would be putting two different

groups in the Round Table, which wouldn't give them equal status at the table. They finally agreed that there would be two delegates from each Continent, this way nobody would be identified as the Third World. Of these two delegates one should be a layman. And also this representation would be achieved by having the different organizations, like SEDOS, try and get in their delegation one or perhaps two persons from the Third World.

The travel expenses of these Third World people would be financed by funding organizations but in such a way that there would be no stigma attached to them.

H. PERMANENT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ROUND TABLE

Justice and Peace agreed to act as the Permanent Secretariat for the Round Table when it is not in session. This provoked a discussion with regard to the Round Table's relation to the Secretariat of State and the Vatican, and it was clarified to some extent. Fr. Schütte indicated that they have to come under the Secretariat of State and can have their moves cancelled or controlled but we, Sedos, are independent and can take what comes out of the Round Table and handle it the way we want to.

I. AGENDA COMMITTEE

Finally, the guidelines indicated that an Agenda Committee should be set up for the meetings and there was one picked for the next meeting that consisted of :

Sr. Th.M. Barnett, scmm-t  
Fr. J.Schotte, cicm  
Mr. Vanistandael, CIDSE

J. STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Another point which was discussed at this meeting was a proposal which I presented that there ought to be formulated a strategy for the second development decade. This was only briefly discussed. The impression was that there was a favourable reaction generally. Only Justice & Peace was against it.

K. POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

There was consideration of the proposal that came from the World Council of Churches that there be a discussion of a possible coopera-

tion between the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church :-

1. in the areas of disaster response;
2. refugees;
3. development;
4. establishment of a brokerage - which would handle matters with the United Nations for both the WCC and the Catholic Church.

They propose that this discussion of cooperation take place at Naples in the Spring (1971) with Italian representatives from the WCC and from the Roman Catholic Church. Eventually my suggestion was that the meeting be held April 20, 21, and 23.

CIDSE was not enthusiastic about this proposal. They claimed that much of this cooperation discussion was already going on by the various agencies in the Protestant and Catholic Churches and therefore this would be simply repetition. However, Fr. Schütte pushed it through and said that we would be sending representatives. He wants one from Sedos.

It was also indicated that while we had discussed the first three areas - disaster, refugees, development - the brokerage item needs more clarification to find out what they're talking about before we can discuss it.

#### L. THE SYNOD CALL

The Synod of Bishops wishes to issue a call with regard to development. The text of this call is still being prepared and the confidential copy of the text, with some comments, was passed round at our meeting.

There are two points to this :

1. Animation, that is the education of the Catholic faithful as to what development is all about, and the urgency of the matter.
2. Money - which they presented as a sharing of the Catholic people with the developing countries. The sharing of money would be by way of collections, penance and so forth.

We came to a consensus on the following points :

1. that the Round Table welcomes this message, and the Round Table notes that it should be pointed out to the Synod that development efforts are already under way in the Church, and that this call does not represent starting from the beginning. The Round Table will give the Synod people a report on what all the

organizations in the Round Table are doing in Development. There was consensus that the Round Table urges the Synod to undertake a broad consultation concerning this statement before they publish it. The Round Table agreed that they were willing to collaborate with the Synod as a consultative body, and to give them whatever kind of support they could.

Finally there was consensus that the Synod should honour the principle of subsidiarity and not try to do everything at that level.

A note concerning "money": The Synodal call was inspired to some extent by some talks for the establishment of a World Fund, which the Church would set up. There was resistance in the Round Table to this idea. They saw this as a kind of political football - everybody would be trying to take control of the fund. The Round Table proposed instead of a World Fund rather coordination of existing funds and they wanted that written into the statement.

M. NEXT ROUND TABLE MEETING

Finally, it was agreed that the next Round Table meeting would be in the last week of October, 1971, unless something would come up - i.e. if the Synod would want to consult the Round Table - then there could be a special meeting called - and Sr. Th. M. Barnett was named the Chairman of the next meeting. Fr. Stanley's report ended here.

Discussion of the Report.

1. The group was then informed that Justice and Peace was going to produce a summary of the Minutes to be sent to all the participants, plus a final text of the recommendations and guidelines that were agreed upon.
2. Fr. Schotte added that the Round Table was composed of different agencies, mainly of three areas :
  - i) The Curia Bodies
  - ii) International Catholic Agencies
  - iii) Local Churches
3. It was also mentioned that the position paper of the men's Union was more or less along the same lines as that of Sedos, having agreed in advance to present the same topics.

4. What had been noticed at a number of these meetings was that, for instance, the Curia Bodies, the Propaganda Fide, Council of the Laity, the Secretariat of State, (at one meeting the Eastern Churches were also represented), were there at the beginning; they gave one statement, but when the time came to come to an agreement and approve some kind of recommendation or resolutions, they are not there, and afterwards when they saw the text written they protested against various points. It would seem to be advisable that in the guidelines an agreement be arrived at that everybody is on a foot of equality there and that the recommendations express a consensus of these different bodies, and to be recommended that they sit and discuss on this level of equality to arrive at common agreements. At this last meeting when the resolutions were discussed, not a single one of the Curia bodies was left there to express an opinion.
5. In regard to the joint meeting with the WCC. It was thought that it was still in the stage of being a proposal by the WCC but what Fr. Schütte is going to do now is to answer that we are agreeable.
6. The question was then put to the group as to whether or not there should be a representative from Sedos, and that we as a working group make a recommendation to the Executive Committee (when the invitation comes through). Justice and Peace together with the Protestant counterpart will first discuss what people are to be invited.
7. A Proposal was made to the group that the nearest Working Group Development meeting to October give very considerable time for discussion to the Round Table October 1971 meeting. What was significant was that the Sedos members were the biggest block there and it might be very well to discuss the issues of great concern to us, beforehand.
8. Criticism of the Round Table of the last three years was summed up by one of the members of the group in these words : - They are all the time worrying about structures and constitutions. They never discuss the content and Fr. Stanley's proposal had been welcomed by a number of people at the meeting. The Round Table was first started with the idea of having a real dialogue between the missions and the sending societies. Let's keep a bit to our perspectives that we had when we started and that's where Sedos can have quite a lot to say. It is hoped that the next meeting will be about content, and Justice and Peace are supposed to be the secretariat.

9. A very important point that perhaps needs more clarification than it was given by us at the meeting was this idea that AID was to be rejected. This was not a consensus of the meeting, it was something that was said by a participant. AID for development itself is absolutely essential, what we want is purified and better aid.

10. It was proposed that the WGD Justice and Peace Task Force have a meeting to discuss the Round Table follow-up before the next WGD meeting, if possible. Fr. Schotte said he would contact the various members of the Task Force in this regard.

## 2. Report on the Evaluation Sheets on the Credit Union Seminar

This is the summary of responses to the questionnaire - 46 replies were received from 20 institutes (out of total Sedos 30).

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| 1. Did you attend for any part of the Conference?  | 26 YES   | 20 NO           |
| If yes, which part   |          |                 |
| Briefing sessions  | 4 once   | 14 twice        |
| Plenary sessions   | 4 once   | 7 twice 14 more |
| Study groups   | 3 once   | 11 more         |
| If no, did you read the conclusions in the Weekly bulletin   | 22 YES   | 8 NO            |
| 2. Did you receive a verbal report about the Conference  | 22 YES   | 13 NO           |
| If yes, from whom  | -----    |                 |
| was it formal or informal  | 4 formal | 14 informal     |
| 3. Did the Conference give you any fresh insights on :   |          |                 |
| a) what credit unions are all about  | 28 YES   | 3 NO            |
| b) how missionaries could become involved in them  | 27 YES   | 5 NO            |
| c) what credit unions could do for development   | 28 YES   | 3 NO            |
| d) how the Generalates could cooperate in this field   | 15 YES   | 12 NO           |
| e) other aspects   | 9 YES    | 5 NO            |
| 4. Do you think that, at the Generalate level, you could take any action to follow up such insights? | 16 YES   | 11 NO           |
| If yes, please specify :   |          |                 |

Comments given below :

- communication of information
- distribute reports on results of seminar and indicate where further information may be gotten -- to those in the field
- inform provincials
- information, education
- information
- creation of a 'bureau', gathering small projects from the field. But this could be better established at the Sedos WG Development level
- to arrange for missionaries to join special courses on credit unions
- en avoir conscience, pousser la formation des missionnaires dans ce sens
- encourage young missionaries to study Credit Union. Give bursaries to enable nationals to study Credit Union in Africa
- encourage some brothers
- send some missionaries to study credit unions
- encouragement -- in our letters and bulletins etc. Contact with Bishops and missionaries
- through newsletters, bulletins and other information channels, give information
- publish information in news bulletin
- by encouraging interest in this
- only if we have the possibility of occasional contacts with a man really able to discuss with us about plans of action
- a) by sending material to the provinces;
- b) by talks about credit unions during visitations
- by communication to other levels of congregation
- I wrote to our four Sisters who are graduates of Coady Institute - Antigonish

5. Do you think that you could take any action to promote  
follow up of your insights in the field                      15 YES      7 NO  
If yes, please specify :  
Comments given below :

- communication of information
- speak to the Sisters during visits
- a travers mes contacts directs ou par correspondance, je pourrais éveiller les soeurs et les responsables
- information, education
- promote small projects with evaluation
- inform missionaries in the field about credit unions and preparation of leaders in the credit union field



- encourage Sisters to work part-time at Credit Union
- encourage some brothers
- encouragement in our letters, bulletins, etc. Contact with bishops and missionaries
- stimulate interest through newsletters, bulletins and other information channels also stimulate provincial administrations
- encourage missionaries to initiate or support Credit Union in their own areas
- going back to New Britain I intend to interest my archbishop and my confreres
- further education at grass roots
- there is the possibility of sending local people for training in Credit Unions and Development. Since we now have native African SVD Brothers and Seminarians in training, they also could become interested in this kind of work if it can be shown how much this is needed in their country and its relevancy to the entire message which we as a missionary organization are trying to bring to our people
- through personal contacts in visits to the missions
- by communication to other levels of congregation
- send more Sisters or encourage more to take the summer course at Coady Institute, Antigonish

6. Do you think that the Conference was useful in

a) informing the public of the missionaries' involvement in development	17 YES	4 NO
b) promoting cooperation among the Institutes	16 YES	5 NO
c) promoting cooperation of Institutes with other agencies	21 YES	2 NO
d) other ways (specified below)	2 YES	1 NO

- awoke attention to this interesting missionary field
- the contacts with experienced pioneers from all over the world
- getting more personal contacts

7. Do you think the effort put into it by Sedos was worth while

19 YES 1 NO

8. Other remarks :

- now concrete realizations must follow this first important step
- I was expecting from the conclusions of study groups more practical and technical points
- it seems to me that this was generally more geared to mens' missionary work than to that of women
- really appalled by the fact that it cost 32.000 US \$

- Sedos did an excellent job in preparing for and running the Seminar - will the Institutes follow up? They may do a little - but if there was some way that Sedos could carry on the 'follow up' - then it would be sure of being done!

Similarly re co-operation between the Institutes and other agencies - or between the Institutes - they will do a certain amount especially if someone else takes the initiative - e.g. Sedos...! Otherwise I fear we will have to depend on the enthusiasm of the men who attended the Seminar and who went away full of zeal to carry on the good work in the field.

We are now waiting for the final report to be produced by CUNA, which they assure us will be printed as soon as possible.

One of the group asked for news regarding the Progress Chaser who is to undertake the follow-up on the Conference. The meeting was informed that Fr. v. den Dries had been proposed, and it was understood that this had been accepted by CRS, CUNA, by Agricultural Missions and by Sedos. It was on the WGD agenda that six months after the Seminar we hoped an evaluation questionnaire would be sent out to all participants to find out their reactions six months later. Fr. v. den Dries would be asked to circulate this questionnaire and get a summary of the responses back to us.

### 3. Report on the Battelle Research Institute by Sr.Panevska

This had been only briefly discussed at the previous meeting. **Battelle** is a research institute in Geneva, and there was some question in our minds as to :

- i) why this research was being done;
- ii) who these people are who are doing it;
- iii) what the connection is with Mr.Lodygensky, who is promoting Sedos involvement as sponsor of the project.

Fr.Stanley had drawn up a report on this project which Sr.Panevska had presented on 18 December to the Executive Committee.

1. As such it seems to be a worthwhile research project;
2. for the value to Sedos it is not worth our putting \$10.000 into it for the results we would get;
3. there are several variations of the proposal : that if instead of 50.000 Swiss francs we only paid 30.000 then we, Sedos, would provide some type of research servicing, but we feel this is not a good arrangement, that it would be better to pay the full amount, get the full benefits, letting them handle all the research.

Fr. Stanley proposed that if Justice and Peace, who were originally contacted, were willing to put up the money, and if they (J & P) asked us to be the organizational front for the Church, then perhaps Sedos could put its name forward as the formal sponsoring Catholic group. The reaction of the Executive Committee to this was :

It's not clear how involved this would make us, and we hadn't been able to contact Fr. Schütte yet to find out if Justice and Peace was interested in putting up this money. Providing Justice and Peace were willing to put up the money and asked Sedos to give its name and providing they were very certain of all the still unanswered questions, then possibly the Executive Committee would be agreeable to Sedos putting its name forward.

The Chairman asked the group what they thought about this. Fr. Stanley said that another matter to be checked out was: - who were the other sponsors? He felt that a visit by a Sedos representative to the Battelle office in Geneva was desirable.

The WGD, after discussion, felt that it was necessary to have a member of the group take over this project and undertake further investigation. Fr. Stanley agreed to do this. It was felt that the first move would be to contact Fr. Schütte directly to understand exactly what his position was before proceeding further. In the case that Justice and Peace were willing to put up the money, then Fr. Stanley would write ~~to~~ Battelle directly and ask them for the terms of the proposal, and then draw up an evaluation on the basis of his findings.

4. The population Problem- report by Fr. McCormack, mhm

1. Father McCormack gave background information on the Population Problem and the Church's role this far in this aspect of world development.
2. He felt that discussing this problem was in keeping with a suggestion made at the Round Table, the feeling voiced being that an awful lot is devoted to structures and even to constitutions and not enough to content.
3. Fr. McCormack said: "in 1938 when I started writing about population the subject was tied to economics, there was no such thing as demography. At that time we were warned by the experts of the dangers of depopulation in the world. The situation is obviously different now. At that time - like most economists then - I was convinced that the world could not only feed its people but could give it all the amenities of life. There were huge areas that could be made fertile - indeed

there still are - and we were very much inclined to be theoretical - the Sahara desert could be made fertile with the amount of money that was spent for one month of the last war!"

4. "In 1958 the rate of increase of the population - although very much accelerated - was not absolutely alarming. The world population was going to double in 50 years. India's population was going to double in slightly more than that, and in the whole of Asia there were only about four countries above a 2% increase. In Africa, I cannot remember any country that was over 2%, except perhaps in Egypt. So it did seem more reasonable then to be stressing the bounty of God and the possibilities of coping with any foreseeable increase in population. But today we are faced with a very different picture and a very serious problem".

Fr. McCormack mentioned that his second book had just been published entitled "The Population Problem", and it would be available at the Justice and Peace Commission in a month or two, and also in the Rome bookshops. He added that the population problem is a very emotional subject, obviously, but that in his book he'd tried to present just the facts and let them speak for themselves.

5. After his talk, Fr. McCormack said if we wanted he thought he could write a pamphlet concerning the Population Problem for free distribution to the Generalates and all the missionaries who wanted it. But, as this was a difficult subject the WGD would want to discuss the matter before making any proposal to the Executive Committee. Fr. McCormack volunteered to supply members of the group with a background paper written by him on this subject. (Note: this was sent to WGD members a few days later) so that they could read the material prior to the discussion on this matter, which was put on the Agenda for the next WGD meeting.

## 5. Election of Chairman of WGD

a. Procedures to be decided :

- i) type of structure;
- ii) task forces;
- iii) length of tenure of office

After discussion, the group agreed to keep the structure of Chairman and two vice-chairmen, as well as the Task Forces.

It was also agreed that the term of office should remain as before, that of a one-year period.

b. Election of Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen by the January 14th meeting.

Sr. Panevska described the coordinating function of the Chairman (apart from other duties) to make sure that the Task Forces are meeting and doing what they are supposed to do and reminding them before the Development meeting to have a report ready. Another important duty is reporting to the Executive Committee on whatever's going on.

The Chairman then asked who would be available for election. The following members of the WGD have been contacted and indicate their availability to serve on the coordinating team of the WGD.

Available as vice-chairmen :

F. Moody, pa  
E. Biggane, sma  
J. Blanez, msc  
J. Schotte, cicm  
J. Brossard, omi

Available as chairman :

T. Stanley, sm  
(only until July 71)  
V. Fecher, svd

The following have indicated that they are not available for the WGD coordinating team :

M. Panevska, scmm-m  
G. Samson, sa  
G. Schnepf, sm  
A. McCormack, mhm  
J. Clysters, scmm-t  
A. Hubenig omi  
M. Th. Walsh osu

Other members of this Working Group have not yet been reached but possibly would be available.

Next Meeting: It was agreed that in the future the WGD would hold its meetings on the Friday before the date of the meeting of the Executive Committee. The next meeting of the WGD would take place on Thursday, 14th January, 1971 at the Congregation of the White Fathers at 4 p.m., with the following AGENDA :

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairmen
2. Discussion of possible pamphlet concerning Population Problem (see background paper of Fr. McCormack given to WGD members - please bring these to the meeting).
3. Justice and Peace - report on any recent interchange.
4. FAC - report of Task Force
5. Battelle - report on any developments

NOUVEAUX DOCUMENTS

A. Développement et Jeunes Eglises d'Afrique Noire.

Activité et organisation ecclésiastique interpellées par le Développement.

par J. Vankrunkelsven, p.b.

Pro manuscripto, 2 Tomes: I - XI+171 pp.; II - 10 dossiers

27 tableaux.

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En décembre 1970, SPIRITUS (no.43, pp. 383-403) faisait paraître une réflexion théologique de Jan Vankrunkelsven p.b., sur "Mission et Eglises locales en Afrique Noire." L'auteur part des problèmes concrets liés à la Mission pour ré-évaluer, à la lumière de quelques principes de théologie missionnaire, l'activité missionnaire et le rôle des instituts missionnaires dans la collaboration inter-Eglises, le développement et la mission universelle.

L'article de SPIRITUS livre les conclusions essentielles d'un long travail de recherche que l'auteur avait entrepris pour son mémoire de licence à l'Institut d'Etudes Sociales de Paris. Mais pour des missionnaires (pères, frères, soeurs) qui travaillent personnellement dans le développement et réfléchissent sur la question des rapports entre développement et Eglise, il y a intérêt à suivre l'auteur dans le détail de ses analyses. C'est pour eux que la thèse a été ronéotypée à 100 exemplaires français. Elle pourra leur ouvrir des pistes pour une recherche personnelle ou stimuler leur réflexion à partir d'expériences analogues.

Le travail a été retouché par l'auteur en sorte qu'il puisse connaître une audience plus large. L'allure générale, reste cependant celle d'une thèse, c'est-à-dire que les conclusions ne veulent jamais dépasser les premières rassemblées avec beaucoup de soin et de méthode. La lecture en est agréable, le style clair et l'ensemble de l'ouvrage est bien fait pour susciter une réflexion sur ces problèmes d'actualité.

On a rassemblé dans un second tome les dix dossiers qui constituent la documentation de base qui provient principalement de trois de l'Afrique Noire: le Burundi, la Haute-Volta et le Rwanda.

Les grandes lignes du plan sont les suivantes:

( Tome I ) Chap.1. A l'écoute de l'Afrique.

Chap.2. Action temporelle de l'Eglise in Afrique Noire

a) L'enseignement catholique

b) Les activités socio-économiques.

Chap.3. Organisation interne des Eglises d'Afrique Noire

a) Le personnel sacerdotal

b) Questions financières

c) Problèmes de pastorale. (organisation, catéchèse, théologie africaine, liturgie et sacrements, action catholique et chrétienne.)

Conclusions générales: les relations Eglise-Etat

pour une Eglise africaine, un choix ecclésiologique,

l'Eglise au service du Développement.

L'auteur est théologien et il veut que sa réflexion ecclésiologique se fasse sur un donné concret systématiquement inventorié, d'où les dix dossiers présentés de manière claire et, dans la plus grande mesure du possible, mis à jour. A propos de chaque réalité analysée, des conclusions sont tirées, de lignes de convergence sont dégagées, des perspectives pastorales sont données. Une préoccupation dominante apparaît: comment les jeunes Eglises d'Afrique noire peuvent-elles remplir actuellement leur mission dans les pays en voie de développement? L'ecclésiologie qui inspire l'ensemble de la réflexion est très fidèle à Vatican II et l'ouvrage est un bel exemple de synthèse entre une étude sérieuse de la réalité et une réflexion théologique au service de la pastorale.

W.N . et L.K.

B . The Divine Word Missionary in a Time of Change. 4. (1970)

Number 4 of series with same title. Three others sent previously.

Booklet 12 x 18 cm. 25 pages. Two copies furnished SEDOS, English. Same also exists in German and Spanish versions. Written for S.V.D.

This circular letter, fourth in the series, is on prayer.

Subdivided: Prayer and World Involvement - Example of Christ - Task of our Society - Present situation with regard to Prayer in the SVD - Analysis of reasons behind the problem (i.e. new attitudes) - Evaluation of these - Conclusion.

Date of issue: 1st December 1970.

Actually going out: about 15th January 1971.

C. Fr. Blewett sj, has presented to SEDOS the following documents, which are available for consultation at the secretariat:

- 1) INFORMATION ET COOPERATION DANS LA FORMATION AU DEVELOPPEMENT EN AFRIQUE, Seminaire des Centres Sociaux Africains, Congo-Kinshasa, 18-22 décembre 1970.
  - a) Rapport sur le Centre d'Etudes Economiques et Sociales de l'Afrique Occidentale (CESAO).
  - b) Rapport du Centre d'Etudes pour l'Action Sociale (Kinshasa) CEPAS et CADICEC.
  - c) Institut Social Africain, BUKAVU.
  - d) Qu'est-ce que l'Institut Africain pour le Développement Economique et Social (INADES), (Relais Cameroun).
  - e) Rapport du Centre d'Etude et de Formation pour le Développement (CEFOD), Fort-Lamy (Tchad).
  - f) Rapport du Centre d'Etude pour le Développement Culturel et Economique (Madagascar).
  - g) Rapport du Centre de Recherches Socio-Religieuses (C.E.R.E.S.), BUJUMBURA (Burundi).
- 2) UNIVERSITE LOVANIUM: CENTRE UNIVERSITAIRE POUR LA FORMATION AU DEVELOPPEMENT, (C.U.F.D.) Kinshasa.
- 3) SILVEIRA HOUSE: Leadership and Development Centre, (with courses and syllabus outlines), CHISHAWASHA, SALISBURY, RHODESIA.

D. OMI COMMUNICATIONS of January 25, 1971, presents "The Missionary Outlook of Today's Oblate", drawn from the report of the 1970 conference of the OMI Missions held in Rome, and which is offered as a working document for the next chapter. This document is available at the SEDOS Secretariat in English and French.

E. A GOSPEL FOR MISSIONARIES

The Istituto S. Gaetano (I.S.G.) of Vicenza, Italy, has produced the English and Spanish translation ("The Gospel of Jesus" and "El Evangelo de Jesus") of the "Vangelo di Gesù" edited under the direction of Mons. E. Galbiati by MIMEP, Pessano, Milan, Italy.



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The Gospel text has been coordinated from the four evangelists into one narrative. The book is profusely illustrated with 500 sketches and 150 illustrations, all in colour. Copies can be obtained from SEDOS at one dollar per copy. This normal edition (12 x 17) can be supplied to missionaries in boxes of 250 copies at the price of Lit. 350 per copy, packing included (exclusive of postage).

A Portuguese edition can be obtained from "Figlie del Cuore Immacolato di Maria, Parva Domus Mariae, 00133 Roma - Torre Gaia".

A pocket edition (10,5 x 15) is in preparation and available for missionaries at Lit. 150 per copy.

- F. "AID TO EDUCATION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" by OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation Development) 1970, record of work in the past two years, in French and English editions of nearly 300 pp. is available at SEDOS.

DIARY

Monday 18, 1971

Sr. M. Louise, sc, of Ruanda, visits the Secretariat to discuss her project for a popular weekly.

Sr. M.A. Loughlin, fmm, visits the Secretariat to discuss the organization of a Communications Secretariat at the Generalate.

Fr. Tonna addresses students and superiors of the Capranica Major Seminary on Ecumenism and the Mission.

Tuesday 19, 1971

Mgr. Charles Van Melckebeke, cicm, Visitor for the Far East, visits the Secretariat, with Fr. Maertens, to discuss China.

Staff meeting: planning the weekly bulletin for February and organizing the Friday meeting in Formation of Missionary Priests.

Wednesday 20, 1971

Meeting of the Executive Committee.