



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Sedos was held at the Sedos Secretariat on Thursday, March 25 at 9.00 a.m.

The following were present: Sr. Jane Gates scmm-m  
 Bro. Gerald Schnepf sm  
 Sr. Brigid Flanagan sfb  
 Fr. William Goossens cicm  
 Bro. Pablo Basterrechea fsc

In the chair : Fr. Theo Van Asten pa, President

Executive Secretary : Fr. Benjamin Tonna

Present for the first item  
 of the Agenda : Fr. Vincent Fecher svd, Chairman of the Working  
 Group for Development.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and approved. The President proposed that the last item of the agenda be dealt with first, and all agreed.
2. Fr. Fecher reported on the conclusions of his Working Group on the desirability of publishing a pamphlet on Population to be written by Fr. A. McCormack. While the group had agreed in principle, the author (who is a member of the same group) had subsequently spoken and written to Fr. Fecher suggesting that the time was not opportune. It was agreed that Fr. Fecher should ask Fr. McCormack to produce the final text and eventually to state whether he agreed to its publication if the Sedos Executive Committee seemed it opportune. Such a text would be circulated among the members of the Working Group for Development and for Health Services and among the members of the Executive Committee. Fr. Fecher was also asked to solicit the views of the Working Group for Development on this final text. Such views could be presented in writing to the Executive Committee meeting in May, depending on whether Fr. McCormack produced the text in time.
3. It was agreed that while the Working Groups were free to submit their ideas and suggestions to the Executive Committee, whenever such proposals were made directly to the Executive Secretary, he would bring them to the Executive Committee, who would then consider asking the Working Group for their advice on such proposals. This would presumably avoid the by-passing of interested Working Groups as had happened, in this case with the Health Services Working Group.

4. It was agreed to accept the Justitia et Pax invitation to send a representative of Sedos for the Consultation on ecumenic cooperation in the development field, convened by the Division of International Church Aid and Refugee World Service of the World Council of Churches in Geneva in April. It was also agreed that Fr. Van Asten would represent sedos for this Consultation. The role of Sedos would be that of presenting our views on the ecumenic sharing of personnel, namely, that the needs in terms of personnel for a particular Church should be expressed by this Church, (in practice by the Bishops Conference) and transmitted by that same Church to the Missionary and Personnel Agencies. Sedos would be less interested in the technical aspects of such sharing than in the basic issues involved; the Church is easing itself out of the substitute functions in the secular fields of schools, health, and social welfare, and promoting the self-reliance, (especially through structures linked to the Bishops' Conferences) of the local Christian Churches. Sr. Jane promised to supply Fr. Van Asten with documentation about Catholic Agencies interested in sharing Health personnel.
5. Sr. Jane Gates reported to the Committee on the present situation as regards negotiations for the creation of a fully integrated Christian Medical Commission (i.e. with Protestants and Roman Catholics on an equal footing). Roman Catholic Health personnel represented two-fifths of the total Christian personnel in the Health Services of the Third World. The present proposals, already agreed on by the two interested divisions of the WCC (DWME and DICARWS), and by the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian unity, would ensure two fifths representation of Catholics in the Commission. At present the conclusions of the Exploratory Committee had reached the Secretariat of State, which had suggested further study. Given the continuing interest of Sedos since the inception of these negotiations and indeed of the present Christian Medical Commission, it was agreed that this question required a full discussion by the Executive Committee. The Health Service Working Group would be asked for its views on the matter and would be invited to submit its conclusions during the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
6. Fr. Tonna reported on the Geneva meeting (March 23, 1971) of the sponsors of the Rome conference on Missionaries and Credit Unions (1970). The report of the meeting is attached (Appendix A). It was agreed that the views of the Working Group for Development on the proposal for the presence of Sedos among the conveners and participants of the Working Group for the promotion and Development of Credit Unions be solicited and submitted to the Executive Committee before a decision is made on the subject.

7. Fr. Goossens submitted a proposal, forwarded to him by Fr. Mondé, that Sedos through a liaison person helped by a panel, assist the Dutch "Central Agency for Development and Missionary Projects" to assess projects forwarded to it by Propaganda Fide. Such a proposal had been submitted during a meeting of Dutch speaking Superior Generals and other Superiors in Rome on the occasion of the visit of the Delegation from the agency. (See memo to Fr. Van Asten attached - Appendix B). It was agreed that the proposal should be studied further in view of producing other alternatives besides that of this evaluating panel. For example it was suggested that Sedos could help by suggesting 3 persons who could act on behalf of Propaganda Fide in the capacity of Evaluators for the Dutch Agency. Fr. Goossens agreed to discuss the matter further with Fr. Mondé and other interested persons, and to submit other alternatives to the Executive Committee.
  
8. Bro. Schnepf submitted the Financial Report for the first 2 months of 1971. The following points emerged:
  - a) the monthly report on finances submitted to the Executive Committee would be that of the previous month.
  - b) the Burser of the White Fathers be consulted on the possibility of investing the Sedos funds whenever there is an excess of income over expenditure.
  - c) given the positive balance, the Spiritus account should be immediately settled.
  - d) during the trial period of the new Assistants, salaries would be based on the lower side of the approved scales.
  - e) the funds allotted to the Adveniat project on the Latin American Who's Who in Catholic Social Communication be paid in two installments: the first on the signing of the agreement and the second on the production of the manuscript.
  
9. The rotation system was briefly discussed. It was agreed to take up the discussion later, when all the interested members of the Committee were present. In the meantime, Bro. Schnepf suggested that a system for selecting the councillor with the one year term could be: each of the four councillors would draw a ballott from 4, three of which would be blank. The one who draws the written ballott would serve for one year. The same system would help in selecting the councillor who would serve for two years.

Appendices A - "Report of Geneva Meeting - 23 March 1971."

B - "Memo to President Fr. Van Asten re-visit from Dutch Central Funding Agencies - 9 March 1971."

MISSIONARIES AND THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT

## Appendix A

Representatives of the sponsors of the Rome Conference on Credit Unions (1970) met in Geneva at the Ecumenical Centre at 10.00 on March 23, 1971, six months after its conclusion, to review progress.

Present were: Mr. A. A. Bailey for the World Council of Credit Unions, Mr. B. Fitzimmons for Agricultural Missions, Mr. R. Quinlan for Catholic Relief Services and for CIDSE, Rev. B. Tonna for SEDOS, Rev. J. Brossard omi for Catholic Rural Life.

In the chair: Mr. R. Quinlan

Secretary: Rev. B. Tonna

Observers: Mr. Ulte of the World Federate  
Fr. Roch wf, SEDOS delegate in Geneva

The Agenda: 1. Status of the meeting.  
2. Appointment of the implementors.  
3. Job descriptions of the implementors.  
4. The next step.  
5. Regional conferences.  
6. Training facilities.  
7. Other matters.

1. It was agreed that the following proposal be made by the participants of this meeting to each of the sponsors of the Rome conference:

"that a working group be formed to promote an ecumenic programme for development through credit unions as suggested at the Rome Conference." The group would be called "The Ecumenic Working Group for Development through Credit Unions". Its convenors would hopefully be the sponsors of the Rome Conference but its membership would be open to all interested parties (including UN Agencies and Freedom from Hunger Committees). Its Executive would be the chief implementor.

2. It was announced that the Catholic Relief Services was providing funds to cover, for one year, the Chief implementor and the regional implementors for Africa and Asia. Agricultural Missions had received funding for the Latin American implementor through the United Church of Canada. The proposed working group could discuss funding sources for 1972 during one of its meetings.

The implementors would be responsible for the "worth" or "soundness" of what they recommend to the missionaries. But in this, they would draw on the technical know-how of the WCCU. Their reports would include "checks" on the objectives of the programmes approved by the proposed Working Group.

Above all, the implementors should be very flexible, so as to exploit all the openings offered by the local situations. While not identifying themselves with the WCCU Agency here, they should develop practical ways of cooperating fully -- especially in terms of mobilizing the missionary personnel for its programmes. They should work with, rather than for this agency.

Finally, the role of the implementors should be considered as temporary. They are only there to cover a passing phase in credit union development.

4. It was agreed that Fr. van den Dries, following the conclusions of the organizers of the Rome Conference, would circulate a questionnaire among the participants, now that six months had almost passed. Fr. Tonna presented a similar questionnaire distributed among the SEDOS Generalates and reported on the outcome: the majority had stated that their interest in the potential of missionary involvement in the credit union movement had been aroused and that they would help by "spreading the word". Fr. Tonna also presented the pamphlet on the Credit Unions as a Missionary Tool, issued and circulated by SEDOS.
5. It was agreed that regional conferences for missionaries interested in credit unions could be one of the goals of the proposed Working Group, and of the Regional implementors. They could be linked to already scheduled regional conferences on development topics. It was thought that the best opportunity to organize the first one -- perhaps next year -- would be provided by Africa.
6. It was agreed that priority should be given to recruiting possible candidates for training in credit union techniques -- especially in terms of applicants for scholarships for the Antigonish Institute. Among the criteria should be that of some assurance of employment (in the credit union movement) after training. This could mean that persons already employed as such be given priority.

7. At the request of Fr. Brossard; it was agreed:
- a) to suggest to the ACOSCA Executive Committee to establish relationships with Freedom from Hunger Committees in its countries and with the sister committees in developing countries, and that -- as an experiment -- a DAPC (Development of Agriculture through the Promotion of Credit) type of project be presented to a local Freedom from Hunger Committee for transmission to a sister committee in Europe.
  - b) that ACOSCA be advised that the ECLOF committees in its countries would consider agricultural programmes and that a request for a DAPC type of project from a member of ACOSCA could be given sympathetic consideration by such ECLOF Committees.

Fr. Benjamin TONNA

Rome, 26-3-'71

MEMO

Re: Visit to SEDOS by the Representatives of  
the Dutch Missionary Funding Agencies  
(Central Agency for Joint Financing Develop-  
ment Programmes) March 9, 1971

To: Fr. Théo van Asten, President

From: Fr. Benjamin Tonna, Executive Secretary

Date: 15 March 1971

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1. The Delegation consisted of Dr. J. Cals (a former Premier), Mr. J. van Gennip, Mgr. Schoenmakers and Mgr. Damen, and represented 3 Dutch Agencies: the Pontifical Missionary Works, the Central Mission Commissariat, and the Dutch Government Fund for Development Agencies.
2. The delegates explained that their agencies were currently concluding the experimental phase of distributing Development aid to Missions. They suggested that SEDOS could help them in inserting themselves fully into the contemporary Missionary mainstream of the Catholic Church. This was their present concern. They did not want to move on lines that did not converge with the total Missionary effort.
3. Another concern was that of insuring a continuing exchange of information on the projects presented; accepted and rejected with Propaganda Fide in Rome. They were aware that this could only be done through a Liaison Officer and would like SEDOS to help them draw up a short list of candidates for the post. They asked whether SEDOS would agree to be mentioned when they make the proposal to Propaganda Fide and Fr. Mondé said SEDOS would not object.
4. It was agreed that a mutual exchange of information between the Dutch Agencies and SEDOS would be of common benefit: SEDOS agreed to forward regularly its Bulletin and would receive reports from them.
5. A list of projects financed by the Central Government Fund was given to SEDOS. This fund would be available for projects proposed by Missionaries which are connected with Development. Such Development focus, however, would also include projects aimed at training and supporting animators of Development, including seminars, training courses, etc.



DEVELOPMENT

A meeting of the Development Working Group took place on 12th March, 1971 at 4 p.m. at the Sedos Secretariat.

The following were present:

Fr. E. Biggane sma	Fr. V. Fecher svd
Fr. J. Blanes msc	Fr. P. Moody pa
Bro. H. Boyle cfx	Sr. G. Samson sa
Fr. J. Brossard om1	Bro. G. Schnepf sm
Sr. A. Cottaar scmm-t	

From Sedos Secretariat: Fr. B. Tonna and Miss Capes

Fr. V. Fecher was in the Chair.

1. Brief Reports on Old Business

A) Fr. McCormack's Pamphlet

There was some hesitancy on the part of Fr. McCormack and this group about going ahead with the publication of the pamphlet at this time. Fr. McCormack had been unable to attend the meeting today, but the group felt that when Fr. Fecher presented this project to the Executive Committee on 25th March, he should have with him a statement from Fr. McCormack as well as giving the views of the DWG.

B) Round Table and Justice & Peace

Preparation of the Document for the Synod

Concerning the desirability of having the women's institutes in Sedos exert some kind of influence, through some channel, on this document, the following was agreed upon:

that Sr. Genevieve would draw up a letter from this working group addressed to the Executive Council of the UISG asking them to submit a list of sisters in Sedos congregations who were experts in this field and that they be consulted, through the UISG, regarding this document while it is still in draft form. Fr. Fecher would then present this letter to the Sedos Executive Committee asking them to send it in their name to the Executive Council of the UISG.

C) Battelle Project

Fr. Stanley, who had contacted the Battelle Project Authorities recently in Geneva but was unable to attend the meeting today, had sent a written report with Brother Schnepf. A summing up of his recommendations was as follows:-

"that Sedos give serious consideration to entering the project as a sponsor provided that some other Church body contribute the 50,000 Swiss Francs needed. If no contribution was forthcoming, Sedos should decline the offer to become a sponsor."

The group felt that this project should be discussed further at the next meeting with Fr. Stanley present, and that in the meantime Fr. Stanley's report be circulated to all the WGD members, and this was agreed upon.

D) Follow-up of Brother Gottwald's recommendations regarding the follow-up on contacts with FAO representatives.

The Chairman urged that we should try to follow up Brother Vincent's ideas (see Sedos Bulletin 71/214 to 216), in a concrete manner.

1. With regard to sending out information on Sedos, Agrimissio, FAO and other work groups; on their activities and conclusions of Round Tables etc:-

Fr. Brossard already had 3 documents to be forwarded to the missionaries:

- a. A new Agrimissio leaflet giving an expanded explanation of their objectives.
- b. The one-page information sheet on the FFHC (Freedom From Hunger Campaign) which is incorporated in the second issue of Joint Venture to be released at the end of March
- c. A list (one page) of addresses of the FFHC Committees all over the world

Fr. Tonna had received the first ten copies in English of the Final Report on the Credit Union Seminar - including the papers distributed at the Credit Union Seminar, the conclusions and a summary of the discussions. It was jointly published by Sedos and the World Council of Credit Unions in Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A. The French edition would be coming later. Fr. Tonna appealed to the Generalates to advise him how many copies they would need in both languages (including copies to send to their missionaries) when he would order them from Wisconsin.

2. With regard to provoking jointly FAO-Agrimissio-Sedos reactions of better cooperation and planning in the field:

a) Fr. Brossard mentioned that the FAO representatives from all over the world were at present in Rome attending a Seminar run by Dr. Hartmans, an Agrimissio man, who was putting over the message that "the missionaries are ready to work with them."

b) Alerting the FAO field men and missionaries of impending visits. Appointments should be arranged not only through the FAO but also by our congregations.

Brother Gottwald was now preparing his trip to Asia and FAO was sending out letters to their field representatives announcing the dates he would be visiting their various countries, and advising them that Brother Gottwald would be visiting them accompanied by representatives of the Conferences of Religious and Bishop' Conferences, to ensure that when he leaves these countries there will be somebody from the congregations on the spot to follow things up.

c) Coordination of these visits to the field

It was suggested that these visits should be coordinated, and Fr. Brossard agreed to keep on file at the Agrimissio office the visits which were made in each country of the Third World, by whom, who they saw and when. Brief reports on these meetings would also be kept on file. This would be very useful from the point of view of:

- a. Briefing religious going out to visit these countries and making contacts there with the FAO representatives
- b. To avoid repetition.

d) It was suggested that a report might appear in Joint Venture now and again regarding these activities.

e) A comment made here was that we should be careful to send people who were experienced in making contacts and who were well informed in this field.

f) Fr. Brossard reported that an International Walk for Development was being organized by FAO to take place on 9th May, 1971. He had a release from the FAO giving information about this, which was distributed to WGD members at the meeting. About 45 countries in the world were participating. Offers to walk and to sponsor the walks were needed. Each sponsor would agree to pay so much per kilometre walked. The aims of The Walk were both educational and financial.

FAO was most anxious that all the religious congregations and training institutions should participate. The Walk, which had religious implications, would finish up with an ecumenical religious service.

The question was:- how to make the presence of the missionary institutes felt in this?

Members of the WGD agreed to inform their respective congregations about this and that those who were interested should contact the Secretariat of The Walk at the General House of the Comboniani Fathers Tel. No. 59.17.935, when a team of volunteers would come along, upon invitation, to give them all the details.

It was suggested, and agreed, that Fr. Lazzarotto of pime, who was experienced in organizing this type of activity, should be invited to the next WGD meeting for further planning.

## 2. Concrete Steps towards summarizing articles

The Chairman informed the group that one of the most valuable things found in the Sedos documentation centre was the Catalogue of documents published by the World Council of Churches. Each member of the group had a list of articles extracted from it, and the Chairman invited each of them to choose an article which they'd be willing to summarize. This having been done, it was then decided how to try to get hold of these articles.

It was suggested that the type of article they should summarize should be wide in scope - not too specialized.

The Chairman called the attention of the group to the 34-page WCC Bibliography and Index. The WCC seemed to be doing exactly what we were now going to do on a smaller scale. The World Council had a documentation service on development which was here at Sedos, and articles that they had summarized could go straight into the Bulletin when we deemed them to be suitable.

Our aim was to present to the Generals in a digestible form articles that otherwise they would not have time to read, and to give them in the Sedos bulletin each week a maximum of 2 pages, over the next 2 months. We should give them the most significant information on the latest trends.

3. Development Business and Trip to Geneva:

- (a) Credit Union follow-up
- (b) Our Man in Geneva.

A follow-up meeting of the sponsors of the Credit Union Seminar of Sept.-Oct., 1970 - to take place in Geneva on 23rd March - had been announced by the chief implementer and coordinator, Fr. Van den Dries, who insisted that a representative from Sedos should attend and that if possible, also Fr. Brossard should be there. The President of Sedos had agreed that the DWG should decide who was to go, and it was then agreed that Fr. Tonna would represent Sedos at this meeting. Fr. Brossard would also be there representing Mons. Ligutti.

While in Geneva Father Tonna would meet our man in Geneva, Fr. Roch, and could give him the thought of the WGD as to what we are interested in. The General Assembly would like him to produce at least trend reports. These would be published in the Sedos bulletin and could be fused with the documentation service we are now planning.

4. Date of the next meeting: 16th April, 1971 at Sedos Secretariat at 4 p.m.

AGENDA for 16th April meeting:

Working Group Development

- I Reports on old business:
  - a) Fr. McCormack's population pamphlet.
  - b) Sisters on Synod document
  - c) our summarizing service
- II International Walk for Development
- III Credit Union follow-up.

Audrey M. CAPES

DEVELOPMENTSpotlights on Dark Corners - No. 6:

ENTWICKLUNGSPOLITIK 1/71

(Frankfurt, 7 January 1971, 29 pages, German)

In this issue, special attention is paid to the involvement of German industry in colonial and racist regimes in Africa. Two articles (pages 4 to 12) outline policies of South Africa to introduce Apartheid into Southwest Africa by the creation of so-called "homelands" into which members of the respective tribes will be "resettled", thus rejecting the old claims of the UN on the mandatory territory which was integrated into the Republic of South Africa in 1969.

Presently, several German firms and the Deutsche Bank are interested in mining the uranium deposits in Namibia together with the British Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation. The project would need a governmental guarantee of approximately 70 million German Marks. Even though the ministry of science is somewhat in favor of the project, arguing that the uranium supply will not meet the demands of the German market after 1975, the Minister for Economic Cooperation, Dr. Eppier, has taken a very clear stand against the project.

Dossier also contains a critical article about the military aid which Germany is granting Portugal as part of its NATO commitments, as well as in the article on the apartheid politics of Rhodesia.

A PROFILE OF PAIGC - Guiné and Cabo Verde

(World Council of Churches, Geneva, December 1970, 11 pages, English)

The dossier contains a short informative note on the historical background of the present situation, referring especially to the first movements which tried to mobilize the people of Guinea to fight colonial rule and out of which grew the Partido Africano da Independencia da Guiné and Cabo Verde. It is made clear that the PAIGC only resorted to armed struggle after all other means of gaining independence had been rendered futile. Over and over again, PAIGC has shown its willingness to negotiate with the Portuguese. Portugal, however, which maintains 35,000 troops there (the total population of Guinea is only 800,000), is very firm in not withdrawing since "withdrawal would have deleterious effect on the morale of troops in Angola and Mozambique, where the economic stake is much bigger".

NEW DOCUMENTS

Available at SEDOS for consultation

1. "TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"  
Fr. P. Arrupe sj has addressed on March 7, 1971 a 10 page letter to Jesuits in the United States, focusing five guidelines for renewal on teaching in secondary schools.
2. "1970 CATALOGUE of Social and Ecumenical Development Research Institutes and Programmes", by countries and international organisations, edited by the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
3. "THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS CALENDAR 1971-1985", published by International Associations, 1970, listing international congresses, conferences, meetings, symposia, sponsored or organized by international organizations in 1971 and subsequent years.
4. "DIRECTORY OF PERIODICALS PUBLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS", published by the Union of International Associations, 1, rue aux Laines, Brussels 1, Belgium. (3rd edition). 240 pp.

DIARY

Monday, March 29, 1971

Fr. Tonna discusses SEDOS with the CSSp Council at the CSSp Generalate and explores the documentation centre.

Tuesday, March 30, 1971

Fr. Pannam CSSp, Bro. J. Devadder cfx and Fr. Tonna participate in a study session directed by Rev. H. Daniels, head of the Urban and Industrial Mission of the WCC in Geneva, at the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

Meeting of the Aventino group of Generals at the SVD Generalate, at 16.00.

Wednesday, March 31, 1971

Meeting of the WG for Education in the Missions. Topics: Uganda and Rhodesia. Guests: Sr. McLoughlin rscj, Provincial Superior in Uganda, and Bro. Clinch, O. Carm., just back from Rhodesia.

Miss Capes resigns as Secretary of the English speaking groups. Miss A.N. Ashford takes over.

Thursday, April 1st, 1971

Fr. Joblin sj, of the ILO (Geneva), visits the Secretariat. Issues raised: ways and means of collaboration with the Bishops' Conferences.