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Rome, 21 May 1971

To all Superiors General  
To all their delegates for SEDOS  
To all members of the SEDOS group

A tous les Supérieurs Généraux  
A tous leurs délégués  
A tous les membres de SEDOS

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COMING EVENTSPROCHAINES REUNIONS

AFRICANISATION DES STRUCTURES DE L'EGLISE - en français  
24-V-71 - 16.00 SEDOS Secretariate, Via dei Verbiti 1  
HEALTH CONTACT GROUP GROUPE MEDICAL  
25-V-71 - 15.30 White Sisters, Via XXX Aprile 15  
ASSISTANTS FOR EAST ASIA ASSISTANTS POUR L'EXTREME ORIENT  
26-V-71 - 16.00 SJ Curia

Yours sincerely,  
P. Leonzio Bano, fsci

Invitation à tous les membres de SEDOS à participer à la réunion qui aura lieu au  
Secrétariat de SEDOS (via dei Verbiti, 1) le 24 mai 1971 à 16h. sur le thème de la  
pastorale: "Africanisation des structures de l'Eglise locale".



ASSEMBLY OF GENERALS

Convocation of the 31st Assembly

The 31st Assembly of Superiors General associated in SEDOS will be held JUNE 15, 1971 at 1600 at the OMI International Scholasticate, 78A Via Finella Sacchetti, with the following agenda:

1. Minutes of the 30th Assembly.
2. Application for membership of
  - a) The Congregation of the Mission (CM)
  - b) The Sisters of the Divine Savior (SDS)
3. Progress report on the informal meetings by neighborhood of Member Institutes.
4. Position on SEDOS cooperation with the Christian Medical Commission (Geneva).
5. Position on the issue of Justice in the World (to be discussed by the Synod).

Benjamin Tonna  
Executive Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Minutes of Meeting, May 13, 1971

A meeting of the Executive Committee of SEDOS was held at the SEDOS Secretariat on Thursday, May 13, 1971 at 9.00 a.m.

The following were present: Bro. Ch. H. Buttmer fsc  
 Sr. Annemarie de Vreede scmm-m  
 Sr. B. Flanagan sfb  
 Fr. W. Goossens clem  
 Bro. G. Schnepf sm

(Absent: Sr. Jane Gates scmm-m, Vice President)

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

Executive Secretary : Fr. Benjamin Tonna

From the Working Groups : Fr. V. Fecher svd (Development)

1. The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of April 16, 1971, circulated in SEDOS 71/303 - 305, were taken as read and approved after the following change to Item 4B, second line -- change "to offer" into "for".

2. The June Assembly.

It was agreed to put the following items on the Agenda of the June Assembly:

- A) The request for membership from the Congregation of the Mission and the Sisters of the Divine Savior.
- B) Progress report about the meetings of Member Institutes by neighborhood conducted by the President and Vice President. The draft of the consolidated report had been circulated to the Members of the Executive Committee. Meanwhile, some of the more clearly expressed needs would be taken care of in a series of ad hoc meetings scheduled by the Secretariate (see 71/360). Fr. Van Asten will report verbally to the Assembly on the situation.
- C) The Assembly would also be informed about the situation as regards SEDOS cooperation with the CMC (Geneva). It would be very useful to inform all the members, including those not engaged in medical work, clearly and succinctly about the developments in this field, so as to help them discover links with other aspects of Missionary involvement with the International Agencies, and eventually to inspire suggestions for action. It would also be useful to outline briefly why the Executive Committee would propose a unified Catholic Medical Commission.
- D) The issue of Justice in the World, to be studied by the Synod later this year: Bro. Thomas More could be invited -- as the liaison person between USG and UISG for this study -- in order to inform the Assembly about the

Missionary issues raised by the debate. The Members of the Assembly could eventually react by highlighting aspects which were not sufficiently stressed.

- E) It was agreed to ask the Assembly if it would like to break into groups to study the proposed items. The Moderator would also make it clear that the Assembly could adjourn as soon as the discussion was exhausted. It was not considered useful at this point to take votes on suggestions offered. These suggestions could be studied by the various groups of SEDOS who could report back to the Assembly on their findings. Another issue which was considered worth pursuing was that of the contacts of the individual member Generalates with International Agencies. This was a very important side of our total cooperative effort.
- F) Finally, it was thought useful to allow for a longer tea break so as to provide more opportunity for those present in the Assembly to socialize.

### 3. Health Services

- A) The mandate of the Liaison person between CMC and SEDOS (see Appendix "A") was studied and approved as appended. Sr. Annemarie de Vreede was asked to continue to serve in this capacity and she accepted.
  - B) The position of SEDOS vis-a-vis the CMC was reaffirmed: SEDOS would continue to cooperate closely with the Christian Medical Commission and do its best to help it secure the necessary funds from Catholic Aid Agencies.
  - C) It was agreed that in response to the invitation of Dr. McGilvray, Director of the CMC, to a meeting of his Board with the Executive Committee of SEDOS on June 8, 1971, all of the members of the Executive Committee would attend and meet the Catholic Consultant Members about one hour before the meeting with the CMC Board during and after lunch. During this meeting, the Executive Committee would re-state its policy vis-a-vis the CMC, and what SEDOS could do as regards helping it secure the necessary funds.
4. Fr. Fecher SVD reported on the conclusions of the Development Working Group on the participation of SEDOS in the proposed Working Group for Development Through Credit Unions. The Working Group considered it useful for SEDOS to participate both as a convener and as a member of the group. The new Working Group for Development Through Credit Unions would be primarily concerned with linking Missionaries to the Credit Union Movement.
  5. The report of Bro. Thomas More (see Appendix "B") was circulated and it was agreed to study it during the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
  6. The financial statement for the preceding month was distributed by Bro. Schnepf and accepted by the Committee. Fr. Van Asten reported on the outcome of his discussion with Fr. Van den Linden and Fr. van Hoften as regards the proposal of drawing interest on SEDOS credit. It was agreed

the best way would be to make a separate investment of about \$10,000. Bro. Schnepf will make the necessary arrangements. This procedure would not complicate the bookkeeping now being done by the White Fathers.

7. Fr. Van Asten reported on his talks with the Central Dutch Development Agency as regards its proposal to establish closer links with Propaganda Fide. It emerged that the Agency would like the liaison person to begin by spending about 2 or 3 months in its offices in Holland. This would practically exclude the members of the short list proposed by SEDOS, most of whom are Assistants General. A possibility would be to propose a new man who would not be an Assistant. This could be explored further. It was agreed that -- in any case -- the official liaison man should be assisted by a panel, the members of whom could be drawn from the short list already provided by SEDOS.
8. A letter from the Holy Ghost Generalate to Fr. Tonna was circulated and accepted by the Executive Committee (see 71/370). It was agreed to call a meeting of the Mission Secretaries of the various Generalates to study the proposal made by the Provincials of the Holy Ghost Missionaries.

Benjamin Tonna  
Executive Secretary

(SEE APPENDICES "A", "B" and "C")

A P P E N D I X    "A"

(To Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting  
of May 13, 1971)

Mandate for the Liaison Person Between CMC/SEDOS

The Executive Committee of SEDOS, in its meeting of April 16, 1971, decided to continue the co-operation with the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches on the same lines as this was carried out in the past two years, as no further developments seem possible at the moment.

It was decided that a member of one of the SEDOS Institutes will continue to serve as liaison between CMC and SEDOS for as long as this seems desirable. The mandate of this member would be as follows:

1. The person is to be nominated for this post by the Health Contact Group for appointment by the Executive Committee of SEDOS.
2. The appointment will be 'ad nutum' and can be discontinued on request by CMC, SEDOS, or the person concerned after mutual agreement.
3. The person provides an official link between the Christian Medical Commission (CMC) of the World Council of Churches and SEDOS, but will seek to also include in the activities non-SEDOS Institutes engaged in Health Services in developing countries.
4. The main task of this person will be:
  - a. to keep the channels of communication open between CMC and RC religious engaged in Health Care.

- b. to provide CMC with pertinent information from SEDOS and to communicate to SEDOS and other religious Institutes in Rome new trends and developments in Health Care, survey findings, reports, policies, etc. made available by CMC.
  - c. to help arouse awareness among Generalate Staff for the need in the developing countries for co-operation in Health Services among our own Institutes as well as with all other Christians and Government.
- 5. This person will attend the meetings of CMC by mutual agreement between CMC and SEDOS.
- 6. SEDOS guarantees this person the travel and administration expenses (postage, etc.) involved in this appointment, but the services will be on a part-time, voluntary basis.

REPORT TO THE SEDOS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES / ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ROUND-TABLE ON SERVICE  
AND DEVELOPMENT. GENEVA

20 April (2:00 p.m.) - 22 April (12:30 p.m.) 1971

Presented by Brother Thomas MORE, C.F.X.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Dr. J. Schutte svd, Fr. J. Herpols, Dr. Chullikal, Fr. B. Mocking,  
Mr. G. W. Flour, Dr. O. Rink, Mr. J.J. Chenard, Mr. B. McKeown, Dr. T. Stark,  
Dr. E. Winkler, Dr. P. Hoffacker, Bro. T. More, cfx.

World Council of Churches

Rev. A.A. Brash, Capt. J. Orner, Rev. K. Baker, Mr. J. Fischer, Mrs. R. Kornelis,  
Mr. Y. Thiam Hien, Pastor H. Otto Hahn, Mrs. A.E.A. Went-van der Vring,  
Mr.C.I. Itty, Dr. Baldwin Sjollema, Mr. Luiz Carlos Weil, Dr. L. Vischer,  
Miss M. van Vredenburg, Fr. C. Von Wachter, Miss C. Held.

SUMMARY REPORT

I. Nature and Purpose of the Meeting

Rev. Alan Brash, who chaired the opening session, explained that the purpose of this round-table was twofold:

- 1 - to share what we are currently doing with hopes of doing it better
- 2 - to be alert to newer areas of possible cooperation

Out of the round-table would come no new structures, no decisions, no legislation, but hopefully it would enlarge the vision of the participants for seeking new forms of further collaboration.

The agenda indicates that the participants would speak on six different topics. Each speaker would give a brief summary of views, a discussion would follow, and then it would be possible to list the points of common concern.

A final report would be sent to the Joint Committee and to each group represented.



## II. General Summary of Meeting

Since a more detailed report of the discussions and of the recommendations will be sent at a later date to SEDOS, I will not list them here.

Most of the discussion and the major recommendations refer to further collaboration between Caritas Internationalis and DICARWS in disaster emergencies; between DICARWS and CIDSE in project registration; and between national ecumenical groups for the preparation of socio-economic development projects. There was a lengthy discussion on SODEPAX's request for increasing cooperation between SODEPAX and those responsible for project support, with the hope that funding agencies would give financial support to SODEPAX's second phase program in education for development. The round-table also agreed that the possibilities of ecumenical cooperation on the international level should be explored in the field of UN operational system for development, and encouraged national and international committees to take up collaboration with national governments.

### III. Follow-up

The final decision, after a lengthy discussion on this topic, was that, since the round-table is an on-going ad hoc body held under the initiative of the two church bodies of WCC and the Roman Catholic Church, the convening bodies be encouraged to determine the date and the content of the next meeting.

A report in the form of an aide-memoire will be sent to the members of the round-table to indicate that the meeting was an ad hoc one. The hope was expressed that there be informal meetings between the various groups before the next meeting.

## IV. Evaluation

The discussions were so broad that the specific topic in which SEDOS may have been particularly interested was hardly touched upon. This is understandable, since the major bodies represented large international organizations.

It was interesting to note the gentle and diplomatic manner in which the WCC Development office and SODEPAX tried to get the funding agencies to enlarge their vision of the newer understandings taking place in the field of development. This is why it is so important that meetings of this nature be continued, for it would be most unfortunate if the funding agencies lagged behind the churches in a rapidly changing world.

Further meetings may hopefully explore in greater detail and with clearer precision the next steps to be taken to encourage ecumenical cooperation in the field of socio-economic development.

V. Recommendation to SEDOS

1. That SEDOS continue its participation in both future meetings of this kind and inter-session meetings if the occasion calls for them.
2. That someone in SEDOS be asked to keep himself (or herself) acquainted with all the literature on the round-table, that this person make brief and succinct reports about on-going programs to the executive committee, and that this person represent SEDOS at the next round-table meeting. This would ensure continuity.

Bro. Thomas MORE, cfx

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Commission on the Churches' participation on development, with 3 appendixes:  
a) List of members b) Revised report of WG II. c) Criteria of development programmes and projects.
2. Cooperation between the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee Service and CIDSE.
3. Report of SODEPAX activities during 1970 and publications.
4. Presentation for a Round-Table discussion of Service and Development, Bro. T. More.
5. ACTS 1970 - Advisory Committee on Technical Services.
6. National correspondents for personnel recruitment.
7. North African Venture "People in Development": Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Budgets.
8. Openings for personnel - No. 39.
9. DICARWS procedures for handling requests for personnel. (With forms).
10. Summary of patterns of co-operation in the Netherlands.
11. Report 1969-'70 - Commission of the Churches on international affairs, WCC.
12. WHO CARES? Service '69 - A report of what the Churches accomplished together in 1969.
13. ICMC = International Catholic Migration Commission.
14. Background paper submitted by the International Catholic Migration Commission.

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CONGREGAZIONE DELLO SPIRITO SANTO

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May 10th, 1971

Rev. B. Tonna,  
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Dear Father Tonna,

Following our telephone conversation I am sending on the text of the resolutions passed during the Provincials' Meeting held at the General House-CSSP, April 18th to 25th, 1971.

re Information Service:

Resolution IX -

"That this assembly wishes the General Council to collaborate with other Generalates towards organising a common service for general mission news and documentation."

Resolution X -

"That this assembly requests the General Council to send a copy of motion no. IX to other Generalates and to SEDOS."

We should like you to communicate this decision of the Provincials' Meeting to the Executive Committee of SEDOS with a view to circulating it among the Generalates and stimulating discussion.

We shall be only too glad to cooperate in any way in furthering the dialogue.

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

/s/  
Gerard Tannam, C.S.Sp.  
Information Secretary

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Agenda pour la réunion du 24.5.71 qui aura lieu à 4h à SEDOS

PASTORALE: "AFRICANISATION DES STRUCTURES DE L'EGLISE LOCALE"

1. Utilité ou nécessité

Il y a des problèmes qui touchent profondément la pastorale missionnaire, problèmes communs et généraux, qui mettent les missionnaires en difficulté et même de temps en temps en crise.

Ces problèmes exigent quelque orientation. Il me semble que ce ne sont seulement les évêques qui peuvent fournir cette orientation, car il s'agit de problèmes qui doivent être résolus en dialogue et pas mal de missionnaires se sentent peu préparés à ce dialogue. Pour cela, ils demandent des orientations aux supérieurs concernés.

Mais parce qu'il s'agit d'un problème commun ou presque commun, une orientation plus ou moins pareille sera très importante.

SEDOS ne peut-il pas fournir une contribution ?

Divers problèmes, par ex: l'Africanisation ou l'indigénisation et les Communautés de base.

2. L'AFRICANISATION OU L'INDIGENISATION

- Problème qui se présente dans beaucoup de jeunes Eglises qui se rendent conscientes de leur propre responsabilité : en Afrique  
en Amérique Latine  
en Asie
- Problèmes qui touchent la pastorale dans diverses dimensions:
  - personnel
  - finances
  - conception de l'Eglise locale ou particulière; stratégie pratique  
"quant à l'intégration des éléments de la culture locale, quant aussi au désengagement", accessé missionnaire, etc...

- objectif :--inventorier les données des diverses régions missionnaires quant à l'évolution de l'indigénisation, quant aux problèmes concrets qui se posent, etc...
- étudier ces données et ces problèmes à la lumière de la théologie de l'Eglise particulière
- donner des orientations aux Gouvernements Généraux dans une ligne d'une stratégie commune.

### 3. Différenciation provisoire des problèmes pastoraux

- problèmes humains      -- les prêtres africains exigent sans dialogue préalable, les postes clés et les paroisses les plus importantes.  
Problèmes humains surtout pour les plus âgés; comment les aider et leur donner une perspective?
- il y a une sensibilité des deux côtés: comment équilibrer?
- problèmes financiers   -- les africains veulent disposer de leurs finances--cfr Mgr Zoa.  
comment garder quelque garantie pour les étrangers ?
- les étrangers ont construit beaucoup, comment les africains peuvent-ils le maintenir ?  
comment arriver à une stratégie pour moins investir dans les constructions et plus dans la formation des cadres ?
- problèmes du rythme    -- Les étrangers et surtout les jeunes cherchent une pastorale plus intégrée dans la réalité du pays, par ex: une intégration du mariage coutumier dans la pastorale ou l'ordination d'hommes mariés. Mais la hiérarchie africaine n'est pas d'accord.  
Comment sensibiliser ces missionnaires à rester quand même et à continuer ?



--les missionnaires étrangers sont d'avis qu'il faut suivre une pastorale incarnée, c'est à dire: par exemple au Brésil, une pastorale de promotion humaine.

L'Evêque n'est pas d'accord.

Comment orienter ces missionnaires ?

Quelles orientations générales à donner ?

- problèmes de blocs --au Brésil les missionnaires étrangers sont très nombreux et on parle du danger d'empêcher l'Eglise d'arriver à sa propre existence.  
Comment éviter les blocs nationaux ou congrégationnels?

- problèmes de personnel -- il y a des régions aussi en Afrique, où l'on n'a que très peu de prêtres africains.  
Danger que l'on rentre trop ou trop tard dans le mouvement de l'africanisation avec les éventuelles conséquences négatives.  
Que faut-il faire pour éviter dès maintenant ce danger, par ex: au point de vue, cadre ? continuer les séminaires ? ou donner plus d'accent à la formation des chefs laïcs de la Communauté ?

-- il y a une baisse de vocations en Europe et en Amérique peut-être aussi dans les jeunes Eglises.  
Le Travail pastoral augmente. Comment faire la même quantité de travail avec un nombre plus petit de prêtres ?  
Comment chercher et stimuler de nouvelles structures ?

- problèmes de stratégie dynamique --l'indigénisation implique que les missionnaires étrangers se libèrent pour la première évangélisation ou pour des régions plus délaissées et négligées.  
Comment sensibiliser nos missionnaires dans un tel sens ? - Comment financer ces nouvelles oeuvres ?

- problèmes d'aide spécialisée

- l'indigénisation oblige à ce que l'on cherche l'aide des missionnaires étrangers au plan de pastorale spécialisée.  
Comment répondre aux exigences et aux besoins?  
Comment arriver à un échange ?

- problème d'attitude de service

- l'indigénisation amène que les missionnaires étrangers prennent la deuxième place; cela est valable pour les missionnaires spécialisés et pour les autres.  
Comment stimuler cette attitude de service?

- problème d'échange des valeurs

- l'indigénisation implique que les jeunes Eglises offrent de leur côté leurs valeurs religieuses et humaines aux Eglises qui envoient leurs missionnaires. Comment propager cet échange ?

Le Père HOUDIJK, K cssp.

DEVELOPMENTSPOTLIGHTS ON DARK CORNERS No. 11

## THE ASIAN CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAMME REPORT 1970

In Vientiane, Teresita Miranda from the Philippines typed and duplicated a report which reached SEDOS by way of the WCC Library in Geneva. It is a document of historical, social and spiritual value. From being an almost one-man show, she says, Asian Christian Service has become a 74-person organisation covering Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. More than half the operatives are local, and it is impressive to find Indians, Japanese, Indonesians and Singalese working with volunteers from Hong Kong and the Philippines, with the very few from New Zealand, Australia, and only one from England and one, an honorary director, from France.

Trends: from direct action it is gearing its work to complement that of national organisations, from relief it is turning largely to welfare and development - "the socio-economic reconstruction of a destroyed social structure and the rehabilitation of people within the social organisation, so that they not only regain their personal dignity and worth but also develop into responsible members of a dynamic society"; "meeting the felt needs of the people".

## Examples:

1. A shoeshine boys' centre under three social workers grouping 50 boys and giving them a "semblance of family life", education (formal and vocational), medical care and sports facilities.
2. An Nhon village 10 kms northeast of Saigon where a priest bought 18 acres of land and is now settling north Vietnamese refugee families on 80 sq.m. plots which they buy at 20 \$U.S. a month over three years.
3. Vinh Nghiem Dispensary which treats 2,000 medical and 200 dental patients monthly. Initiated by Buddhists, staffed by two University Professors and two medical students and a government laboratory technician as volunteers.  
A.C.S. provides a full-time nurse and x-ray technician and annually 130,000 \$U.S.
4. A feeding programme that cost over 69 million \$ V.N. and gave rice, canned meat, dried fish and fresh vegetables to 210 orphanages, day-care centres and schools.

5. A community project which used the evangelical church as <sup>a</sup> sewing room to give classes to twenty-five girls aged 12-20 years who dropped out of school for economic reasons. The Women's Social Welfare Committee carried the expense of furniture and materials.

Among other activities of social medical care there were film programmes on immunisation with the help of the Japanese Embassy, information and training on prevention and treatment of Vd (in one area 90% of expectant mothers examined showed some symptoms).

There were schemes of poultry breeding, pig-breeding, and improved-crop production, kitchen-garden instruction and explanation of methods of pest-control, fertilisation and so on.

Relief operations included free milk (which was sometimes mixed with porridge flour to avoid resale and make sure it reached the children) subsidized eggs, reduced-price soap (with free distribution for those in dire straits), extra food, blankets and mats.

One of the saddest notes in Miss Miranda's report came at the end: "there is little value in adding to these supplies while channels for distribution are inadequate." One has to think of the refugee families who have continually been driven out of their resettlement homes, of the crops produced with so much sweat and hope that are destroyed by the passing armies, of the lives blighted by that never-ending war.

It is a story of human misery countered by human sympathy, human generosity, human energy, and as the foreword says "motivated by Christian love and concern for those in need."

SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Report of WG meeting at the OMI Generalate on May 14 at 4.p.m.

The following were present:-

Fr. R. Aguilò sj	Fr. S. MacCarthy sma
Sr. Frieda Avonts sa	Sr. H. McCarron fmm
Fr. S. Bamberger sj	Fr. B. Meyer pb
Fr. Basterrechea fsc	Sr. C. Oliver rscj
Sr. A. Cottaar scmm-t	Sr. A. Oosnot scmm-m
Sr. R. Clijsters scmm-t	Fr. Y. Périgny omi
Sr. M. J. van Dun osu	Fr. G. Tannam cssp
Fr. F. J. Eilers svd	Sr. G. de Thélín fscj

In the Chair: Fr. Yves Périgny

From SEDOS: Fr. B. Tonna and Miss Ashford

1. The meeting opened with a report by Fr. Basterrechea on the Meeting of Superiors General and their Curias on the importance of mass media - April 21, 1971. (See Appendix A.)

Fr. Basterrechea pointed out that this was the first meeting of its kind, and it was too soon to expect practical decisions. In conclusion it was agreed that the panel had made their point with the Superiors General and it was felt that there would be more opportunity to develop this point in the future.

2. Briefing by Fr. Bamberger on the project of a course on religious information.

Fr. Bamberger began by mentioning that special courses had already been set up eg. for Indian students. At present enquiries had been sent to each Generalate in the form of questionnaires. There were two types of course planned:

- a) a month's practical course on bulletin production for Generalate Personnel
- b) a seminar for opinion leaders in the Generalates.

The first course in project had been followed up and had taken the form of an intensive course on how to produce an internal bulletin for one's institute. (See Appendix B.) Instead of being spread over one month as initially planned, it had now been suggested to hold the course at NEMI for four consecutive days ( November 15-19 ). Tentative bookings for 25 people had already been made at Nemi at 3.500 lire full board and room per day plus 10.000 fee for the course.

The importance of such a course was outlined by the fact that people got elected to carry out social communications work and received no formal training. The curriculum was briefly studied and the need for a handbook as a complement to the course was stressed. The proposed course met with the approval of all present who saw the great advantage to be derived from the fact that they would all be together during the course and have their instructors on hand.



It was not decided at this point to call a numerus clausus. The potential candidates would be known in June. One important point brought up was that this course would be in English and not allow for translation facilities. There was to be a second course in French along similar lines though not identical during the first half of December, or failing that during the second half of January.

3. Report by Sr. Dolorina on the preparations for the Vienna Congress (June 14-19) on the "Image of Woman in the mass media".

Sr. Dolorina began by pointing out that the congress was not associated in any way with the Women's Liberation Movement. The Congress was a first step towards future research work. It aimed at making the people involved more familiar with the "milieux" and at enabling them to undertake some form of action.

As a preparation for the conference, some groups in France had carried out a test by means of questionnaires. Though rather superficial this pilot study was an honest effort and its results were to be computerized and later studied in Vienna. Sr. Dolorina had sent copies of the questionnaire in Italian to different congregations but there had been hardly any response. This could be partly due to the postal strike, or, indicative of something else - namely, that the sisters felt incompetent to carry out a hasty study of this kind. (Copies of the questionnaires are available at the SEDOS Secretariat.)

Sr. Dolorina had had some response from other areas:-

- a) Dr. Barbieri who is at present conducting a course on evaluation, appraisal and appreciation of radio and TV as judged by the audience.
- b) Università Pro Deo.
- c) St. Louis University, where research had been done on the Faces of Eve in films.

The following suggestions had been received:-

- i) to write to RAI for information on women in TV.
- ii) to contact CIP Ufficio Studi, where there is a survey on this subject being carried out right now.
- iii) to contact the Milan Institute where they are doing research on the image of woman in comic books.

The following three questions were then put to Sr. Dolorina:

- a) Isn't the answer just obvious? - Woman is nothing but a sex symbol?  
- She answered that the Congress intended to explore this point.
- b) It was suggested that the lack of response to the questionnaires she had sent out was due to their unscientific nature. It was a question of devoting 1/2 a day or 1/2 a year to answer - there was no half measure.  
Sister answered that the aim of the survey was to sensitize rather than be scientific.

- c) What kind of people were going to attend the Congress?  
 - Sister answered that there would be European Committees of Women's Groups and experts. Hopefully some members of the Eastern Churches would be attending. The Congress was open to both men and women, and to people of different denominations.

4. Fr. Tonna reporting on requests of interest to the group.

Fr. Tonna informed the group that the first action of the new Executive Committee had been to hold a series of small meetings by neighbourhood to sound out the generalates and find out what they wanted doing. As regards Social Communications there was a very general request for more information and orientation. "Ad hoc" meetings have been scheduled to answer the following "felt" (and expressed) needs:

1. Internal Communications - 3-VI-71
2. Common Information and Documentation Services - 16-VI-71
3. Mobilizing Mass Media for the Mission - 28-VI-71

Fr. Tonna explained that these meetings were intended as "feelers" and would serve to present the various topics to the Superiors General and their staffs. It involved spelling out the implications of the "felt" needs.

5. Fr. Bambergcr reporting on the 3-day seminar on mass media.

In addition to the practical course a), already mentioned in point 2., there was a course being planned in the form of a seminar for the opinion leaders in the generalates. The relationship between mass media and contemporary man was prominent. It was essential to know the history of the psychological, technical, economic and pastoral problems of media. An outline of the course would be ready in June along the following lines:

- a. Inventory of the media world today - basic substantial facts were too superficial.
- b. Reflections of this data - the media world tomorrow.
- c. Response of the religious institutes to the present and coming situation - build up elements of future policy.

6. Conclusion of Meeting. It is intended to call another meeting before the end of June.

"APPENDIX - A"

SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting of the Superiors General and their Curias about the Instruments of Social Communications.

- As formerly, with the Superiors General of Women's Congregations (9.12.70, cf. Documentation Sedos 70/922), the Social Communications Working Group organised a meeting of the Superiors General, members of U.S.G. and their curias.
- This meeting was held on April 21st 1971, at the Scholasticate of the OMI (Pineta Sacchetti, 78A). The meeting was presided over by Rev. Fr. Tarcisio Agostoni of the Verona Fathers.
- During the first series of short discussions, the following topics were developed: -
  - "The Communications World" by Rev. Fr. I. Périgny, OMI.
  - "All our work is communication" by Mrs Nora Armando, expert on Social Communications, F.A.O.
  - "Internal Communications in the Religious Congregations" by Rev. Fr. Marco Reuver, Carmelite, Secretary of the "Justitia et Pax" Commission.
  - "Training for Social Communications" by Rev. Fr. Anthony Mills, S.J.
- Two short films, "The Puzzle" and "Misscommunications" demonstrated more emphatically the qualities and requirements of good communications.
- In a second series of short talks, the same experts addressed to the members of the assembly their ideas on the following subjects: -
  - "Concrete opportunities" Fr. Périgny
  - "Collaboration with other organisations" Mrs Armando
  - "The Instruments of internal communications" Fr. Reuver
  - "Themes for social communications" Fr. Mills.
- Afterwards, the Superiors present split up into linguistic groups: English, French, Spanish-Italian. After an hour of discussion, the secretary of each group presented to the whole assembly the ideas discussed.

The subject which was given most prominence was "The need for communication within the congregations". Everyone agreed that these internal communications were not up to date, nor were they as speedy or as comprehensive as they should be.

The importance of training those in charge of internal communications was also underlined and such persons should be given direct access to all meetings of their curia in order that they would not receive their information at second hand.

Generally speaking, the bulletins of information needed to be brought up to date.

In two of the three linguistic groups attention was focussed on the formation of an inter-congregation organisation in order to ensure better information.

For the Spanish-Italian group this was also an interesting point but they felt it would need a preliminary period of preparation.

The French group outlined the different stages by which it was possible to put this into effect immediately: -

It would necessitate making a list of -

- facilities already existing
- those projects which can be put into effect immediately
- the religious who could be of assistance in making this organisation more efficacious

It was generally agreed that there was a great 'Roman' fault in the lack of circulation of information.

On their part, and beginning by perfecting their own methods, the General Curias must make every effort to improve the ideas of their work.

Briefly, it was an interesting meeting which, of itself, showed real progress in the bettering of social communications - the subject and purpose of this assembly.

Bro. J. Pablo Basterrechea, fsc

APPENDIX B

MEDIA-AGE BULLETIN - a basic course in bulletin production for Generalate personnel, sponsored by Multimedia International with the collaboration of SEDOS.

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COURSE OUTLINE:

DURATION: Four consecutive days (November 15-19) at NEMI

CURRICULUM:

1. The Communication Process (1 Theory)  
Communicator - message - medium - recipient  
Instructor: Franz-Josef Eilers
2. The Media (1 Theory)  
Graphic Art (design and photo) - Discs - Newspapers and magazines - Sound slides - Tapes - Radio - Television - Film - Video-cassette - Satellites.  
Brief exposé on their technique and their audience impact.  
Global Culture.  
Instructor: Various (Stefan Bamberger, Andy Mills et al.)
3. Publishing: (1 Theory)  
(2 Practice)
  - a) Content:  
Sources of material: correspondents; prints; manuscripts; correspondence received at Generalate.  
What is news? Choice; timing; immediacy.  
Drafting the news: Ad intra and ad extra service - Tone and style.  
Feature: Technique of the interview.  
Illustration: Photo (function, use, layout).  
Laying out your bulletin.  
How to get feedback.  
Instructor: Fr. Hubenig



- b) Set-up: (1 Theory)  
(with exhibition of material and (1 Practice)  
visit to centres)

Local facilities: postal regulations; mailing;  
Vatican City and Italy.

Format: size, general presentation, paper.

Printing system used:

Frequency and circulation:

Installation: typewriter; addressograph; press;  
sorting machine; franking machine.

Documentation service: subscription and exchange;  
others. Analysis and classification for  
retrieval.

Basic library:

Translation: local facilities; personnel.

Budgeting:

Instructor: Yves Périgny and Annemarie Oosschot.

4. Relations with the Press and Legal Problems (1 Theory)

Relations with press agencies and newspapers

Borrowing from other publications; copyrights

Rights and Duties of journalists

Right of the religious individual to information

What to publish and what not to publish

Statutes defining relations with authority of your  
institute.

Instructor: Mark Reuver and Franz-Josef Eilers.

N.B. Lecturers to give succinct bibliography; key books should  
preferably be brought to the lecture room for display.

Lecturers should be free to alternate theory and practice during  
lectures.

Draft of this Outline  
Yves Périgny, OMI

P.S. During the meeting on May 13, it was thought better not to extend  
the course over the period of a month but to concentrate it over  
four consecutive days at NEMI.

NEW DOCUMENTS

Available at SEDOS for consultation.

1. DE UTILITATIBUS PANTJASILAE INDONESIA PRO ACTIVITATE MISSIONALI,  
by V. Djebarus, SVD. "Via indigenisationis doctrinae christianae". 140 pp.  
1971. Steyler Verlag.  
  
A study on the "bridge" for bringing Christianity into Hindu and Moslem  
Indonesia, by accepting the five links of the State formula: "Faith in  
one God, love of country and people, democracy, humanity and social  
justice". Pantjasila.
2. VOLUNTARISM IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, by Mary L. McDonald. April 1971.  
Duplicated 9 pp. A study on Missionaries and Lay volunteers mainly in  
Latin America.
3. NYERERE SPEECHES - The FSC have photocopied the two speeches of President  
Nyerere to the United Nations and to the Maryknoll Generalate in New York  
on 15-16 October 1970 published by the Tanzania Ministry of Information.  
The speech to the Maryknoll Missionaries has also been printed in SERVICE,  
of the Pastoral Research Institute of Tanzania.
4. CO-RESPONSIBILITY - "Human Relationships" No. 2 of the SA Secretariat for  
Information, May 1971. A 27 pp. study of co-responsibility in its several  
aspects from a practical point of view.
5. PICKING UP THE PIECES - Report of a SODEPAX Conference on the Churches in  
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND ACTION, Limuru, Kenya, January 1971. pp. 77.
6. A PROPOS DU SAINT-SIEGE ET DE LA CHINE - A 28 pp. information service on  
mainland China, from MEP EPIPHANIE Mars 1971, by Léon TRIVIERE, mep.
7. THAILANDE - Three MEP studies on different aspects of mission work in  
Thailand (over 20 pp. each).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. SVD - Brother Vinzenz von Holzen, one of the bookkeepers at the Generalate, was appointed Assistant to the Generalate on matters concerning Brothers on April 7. This appointment, which lasts until the next General Chapter fulfills the wish expressed last year by the General Assembly in Nemi of appointing a Brother to assist the Father who is directly responsible for coordinating and promoting all efforts and activities regarding Brothers throughout the Society. Brother Vinzenz will concern himself with questions regarding recruiting vocations, formation, types of activity to be undertaken by Brothers, and the image of the Brother of the future.
2. LA TOURETTE - a) UNIVERSITE D'ETE 1971 - Cinq Sessions Internationales d'Etude Théologique: 20-27 juillet, 29 juillet 5 août, 7-14 août, 16-23 août, 25 août au 1er septembre.  
b) STAGE THEOLOGIQUE D'HIVER, 4 octobre - 18 décembre 1971.  
Pour renseignements: CENTRE SAINT DOMINIQUE "La Tourette",  
Eveux par L'ARBRESLE - 69 (Tél. 195, à L'Arbresle).