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To the Superiors General  
 To their Delegates for Sedos  
 To the members of all Sedos groups

PLEASE NOTE THE IMPORTANT DATE:

October 21, 1969, at 16.00 at the SVD Generalate:

FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP FOR  
EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE MISSIONS

It would immensely help the whole Sedos venture if your Generalate is also represented. See page 805 for more details.

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Please, also note the following dates:

- October 23, at 10.00 at the Secretariat.  
BRAZIL: open to all Generalates involved in this country.
- October 24, at 16.00 at the Secretariat.  
 FORMATION: the PF draft on the formation of missionaries.

Sincerely yours,

*Benjamin Tonna*

Benjamin Tonna  
 Executive Secretary



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EDUCATIONAL WORK

Invitation to the first meeting

NB. The ad hoc committee on Education met on October 14th, 1969, at 16.00, at the Generalate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools to plan the first meeting of the SEDOS Group for Educational Work in the missions. Present were: Bro. Vincent Gottwald fsc, Sr. Marjorie Keenan rshm, Rev. B. Tomma and Miss AM. Kohler. The following are the conclusions of the meeting:

- 1 - The first meeting of the SEDOS Group for Educational Work in the missions will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, 1969, at 16.00, at the SVD-Generalate, Via dei Verbiti 1, 00154 Rome.
- 2 - To this meeting all members of the SEDOS Generalates interested in educational work are cordially invited. Such members are also asked to invite non Sedos Generalates to send representatives to this meeting. The language(s) which will be used (English, French or Italian) will depend on the composition of the meeting. But all participants will be free to express their thoughts in their own language.
- 3 - The Chairman of the meeting will be Sr. Marjorie Keenan rshm, Secretary General of the Marymount Sisters.
- 4 - The first part of the session will be introduced by Rev. B. Tomma, who will present the answers given by the Generalates to the questionnaire on educational priorities which was distributed in September 1969. He will also offer suggestions for a frame of reference capable of answering the crucial question: How, at the Generalate level, can action be taken to help solve the common problems of educational work in the missions? He will propose three steps in this direction:
  - a) common ways and means of activating the concept of community oriented educational work,
  - b) relation to this concept of each of the priorities defined by the September questionnaire,
  - c) application of a) and b) to each "problem country".



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- 5 - During the second part of the session, Bro. Vincent Gottwald fsc, who has just come back from a long visit of the De La Salle Brothers in Africa, will introduce one such "problem country" (Upper Volta) by attempting to answer the questions:
- a) what has happened?
  - b) what could have been done?

He would then ask the group for suggestions on what the interested Generalates could do now.

- 6 - As a conclusion, the meeting will be asked to select a temporary Secretary, to offer suggestions on procedure, and to propose concrete projects to follow up the day's discussion.

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DEVELOPMENT WORK

Candidates for the II World Food Congress, Hague, 16-30 June 1970

The following is the list of possible participants in the Second World Food Congress, submitted by the SEDOS Generalates to the Director General of FAO through the Secretariat (see SEDOS Documentation 69/777). The deadline for submitting proposals originally given as 30-IX-1969 has now been extended by the FAO. Other names can therefore still be proposed by the Generalates.

Note: 1st line: Surname, Name, Institute, Year of birth  
2nd line: Base, Origin (in brackets), Education (if known)  
3rd line: Present Responsibilities (if known)

BAIASURIYA, Fr. S., omi, born 1924  
Ceylon (Ceylon); BA Economics (London) Hons.  
Asian Chaplain, Pax Romana

BAERT, Fr. A., cism, born 1929  
Philippines (Belgium);  
Director, Agricultural School

BELL, Sr. F.X., osu, born 1927  
Thailand (USA); Sociology  
Director, National Sisters' Formation

BUESER, Bro. S., fsc, born

CHAUVAT, Fr. L., omi, born 1921  
Cameroon (France);  
Director, Catholic Mission, Fignole

COLOMBO, Fr. A., pime, born 1929  
India (Italy);  
Director, Lodi

GEERS, Fr. E., svd, born 1933  
USA (USA); Agriculture  
Associate Ex. Sec. Agricultural Missions Inc.



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KEANEY, Sr. C.M., osu, born 1932  
Indonesia (USA); BA  
Project leader, Community Development

MARIAIMPILLAI, Fr. E., omi, born 1924  
India (India);  
Director, Indian Mission in Madras

McCORMACK, Fr. A., mhm, born

MIGNEAU, Fr. A., c<sub>i</sub>cm, born 1928  
Indonesia (Belgium);  
Director, Transmigration Project

PIRON, Fr. G., c<sub>i</sub>cm, born 1927  
Philippines (Belgium); Natural Sciences, Economics  
Professor and Research Director, St. Louis University

SEBLWISCHE, Fr. , omi, born 1925  
Paraguay (Germany); Anthropology  
Socio-economic project director

VAN DEN DRIES, Fr. J., mhm, born

VAN HUISSELING, Fr. G., c<sub>i</sub>cm, born 1930  
Philippines (Belgium);  
Director, Credit Unions and Cooperatives

VANNESTE, Fr. G., c<sub>i</sub>cm, born 1925  
Congo-Kinshasa (Belgium); Agriculture, Biology  
Professor and Director of Development



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VERRIJT, Sr. E., scmm-m, born 1944  
Indonesia (Netherlands); Degree (Acte N XXI) General Science,  
Agriculture, Horticulture  
Assistant, Community Development Project Nugroho

WATERSCHOOT, Fr. J., cicm, born 1930  
Philippines (Belgium);  
Director, socio-economic project

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ADDITIONAL NAMES, submitted after 15-X-1969:



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VISITORS TO THE SECRETARIAT

Dr. W. Kusters. Tuesday, 7-X-1969

Issues raised:

1. Fr. Tonna informed Dr. Kusters about the outcome of the discussion of his paper by the Assembly. Dr. Kusters explained that the specific function of the socio-religious centre of the Dutch Bishops is now seen, so its Director, as that of producing models for the local (particular) Church of the present and the future. In sociological jargon this means that the research officers are expected to spell out the best subsystem which, when inserted into the global system which is Holland, would serve the religious needs of the population of the latter. If the system is seen as the "whole", then its "parts" would be its roles, its groups and its values.
2. Dr. Kusters thinks that what he is trying to do for the Dutch Church, Sedos could attempt to do for the emerging local (particular) churches of the developing countries (alias, the "missions"). The crucial step, in both cases, is the formulation of a hypothesis of what the local (particular) Church should be. Such a hypothesis could be used as the "objectum formale" through which to study the mass of data available in Sedos about the missions.
3. To begin with the roles, we can immediately focus on two key positions: that of the "pastors" of the local Church and that of its ordinary "religious" individual.
  - a) The role of pastors would take in the different types of individuals dedicated to the direct religious services of the ordinary individuals. It includes catechists, brothers, sisters, militant laymen, besides the Priests and the ordained. It has two poles; the first pulling towards specialization in some particular kind of religious service, the other pulling towards a generalization, in which the Pastor simply tries to be all things to all men by "being good and by doing what is good."
  - b) If the Pastor's role allows for these two poles, the role of the religious individual must allow for the various shades of religiosity which in fact exist, in a continuum moving from the direct, emotional type to the cerebral, indirect type. Obviously the term system would here be used in a very loose way.
4. The point to stress here is that any theoretical model of the religious



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sub system (alias the local Church) must take in both these types of role and, within each, all the different sub types.

5. One way to ensure this principle is to allow for different levels within the local Church, beginning at the bottom with the small, territorial or functional, groups of Christians, through the local Parish or its substitute, to the Bishop's staff or the Episcopal Conference.
6. At each of the selected levels, the model should spell out the kind of groups required or desired and, within each group, the kind of roles which would best ensure the formation of the Christian community.
7. The latter immediately brings us to the third type of "part" of the system: the values. Obviously, the term Christian community is meaningless if it is not presented as a set of values, or objectives worth striving for. This would be the job of the theologians: to draw out from the deposit of Faith, the essentials of the Message.
8. The above is obviously too much for the Sedos plate. We have to select. In terms of roles, we must make up our mind whether to develop our concept of the generalist role on that of the specialist role of our Pastors. In terms of group, we must decide whether it is worth pushing towards the "communautes de base". In terms of values, we should be clear on what the local church - currently accepted as the ultimate objective of missionary work - really is and should be.
9. A start, however, can be made by reading through the 500 odd interviews with missionaries with the above thoughts (=objectum formale) in mind. The outcome could be evaluated by comparing it to the "hard" data of the Sedos documentation section -i.e. official pronouncements, statistics, missionary history. Sedos would then be in a position to provide a platform for the thousands of Pastors and the millions of "religious individuals" who faceless and voiceless lie somewhere between the two extremes of the vocal progressives and the diehard conservatives.
10. This is essential for our endeavour: the local Church of the future simply must contain within it places (=position) for all currents, whether extreme or middle, whether traditional or novel. One way which is being tried in Holland is the formation of mixed pastoral teams a group in which laymen, sisters, brothers, priests with different ideas of parish work take the place of the single handed Parish Priest. For Sedos, an interesting opening would be comparative studies of emerging local Churches like Ceylon and Bolivia.

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VISITORS TO THE SECRETARIAT

FR. H. BERNARD MAITRE SJ, PARIS (24-IX-1969)

Issues raised:

- Research in mission history: are we on the point of making the mistakes of the Malabar rites?
- Review of the Mission Theology Symposium

DR. E. SCHROEDER, DAR-ES-SALAAM/TANZANIA (29-IX-1969)

Issues raised:

- The image of SEDOS: it is not a superorganization of missionary sending institutes trying to defend their rights vis-a-vis the local bishops
- The provision of funds for secretarial services to our missionaries would enhance the latter's performance

REV. DR. J. BENFON RHODES, NEW YORK (1-X-1969)

Executive Secretary of the Agricultural Missions Inc., New York

Issues raised:

- Candidates for SEDOS-MISEREOR scholarships in agriculture for Eastern Africa
- Participation in the 1970 Credit Union planning session

FRT. BARNABAS STEPHAN CMM, WUERZBURG/GERMANY (12-X-1969)

After he finished his research work on Bishop Fleischer in South Africa (Republic), Frt. Barnabas Stephan was on his way back to Germany, where is now completing his studies in Theology.

Issues raised:

- promoting missionary vocations through clubs of mission friends in Germany (priests, brothers, laymissionaries; combined efforts by several missionary sending institutes)
- the situation of the Church in the Republic of South Africa (especially the situation of the missionaries)



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- Sensitivity Training
- Formation of missionaries for the future

FR. CHARLES FERNANDO, omi, CEYLON (13-X-1969)  
at present studying Sociology at Louvain, Leuven/Belgium

Issues raised:

- pastoral research in Ceylon
- the uses of sociology in pastoral work

SR. BELLARMINE ROMUALDEZ, SSpS (ROME) (14-X-1969)

- Inspection of the Documentation Service
- Discussion of the
  - a) Group for Educational Work in the Missions
  - b) The Catechist Questionnaire



VARIA

Report on Evian-Action-Conference. (Geneva 22-23 September 1969)

Immediately following the Evian Conference on Fund-raising in Europe (16-19 June 1969), numerous persons were interviewed and many letters exchanged to evaluate the Conference and to determine what follow-up, if any, should be undertaken.

An ad hoc Committee was constituted with the following members:

- Mr. J. D. Livingstone Booth (English) Charities Aid Fund of the National Council of Social Services - England.
- Mr. James W. Jackson (U.S.) Federation of World Health Foundations - Geneva.
- Mr. Michael Penning, Federation of World Health Foundations - Geneva
- Mr. Renato Slaviero (Italian) Fondazione Giovanni Agnelli - Torino
- Mr. Leopoldo Arranz-Alvarez (Spanish), Fundacion Fomento de Estudios Sociales y de Sociologia Aplicada - Madrid.
- Mr. Laszlo Nagy, Boy Scouts - Geneva
- Mr. Michael Potulicki (Polish) Hon. Secretary ICVA - Geneva
- Mr. Murray Sklar
- Mr. Alexander Squadrilli (U.S.) Secr. Gen. ICVA - Geneva
- Mr. George Sluizer (Dutch) Secr. Gen. Fondation Européenne de la culture Amsterdam.

This Committee met in Geneva on July 25th and agreed that in seven specific areas both immediate and long range action was indicated. It was decided to call an "Action Conference" for September 22-23 in Geneva, inviting all who attended the Evian Conference to be present. Accordingly an agenda was prepared with seven items of discussion.

About 35 persons attended this conference and the seven points proposed for discussion were: 1. Conferences; - 2. Communications; - 3. Management; 4. Foundations; - 5. Training; - 6. Tax problems and Terminology.

Before discussing those points the president informed the participants that the Evian report and Handbook are being edited and translated and will be mailed as soon as they are ready. Hopefully this will occur not later than mid-October. - Moreover two new Foundation Directories will be published during the coming months: the Agnelli Foundation, in cooperation with the Russel Sage Foundation, will publish a Directory



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of European Foundations, and the "Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft" in Essen will publish a Directory of German Foundations.

Moreover the participants were informed that the Conference organizer, James W. Jackson, will devote his services full time to the post-Evian-Conference, such similar conferences, publications and counseling. The ad hoc Committee had decided this because of the interest expressed and generated by the Evian Conference, and the direct request for assistance from several participating organizations.

This means that the ad hoc Committee had come to the conclusion to propose a new permanent counseling enterprise to the Action Conference. - The reasons given for such a new enterprise were: the voluntary agencies have common problems of management, training, practical approach of potential benefactors, public relations, tax problems etc., and so far no specialised agency in this field exists; - much can be done in common that cannot be done by the smaller nonprofit organizations individually; - because of the various difficulties arising from the modern world, the medium and small voluntary agencies risk elimination if they do not work in common. This does not mean fusions of those organizations, but mutual agreements which have the advantages, without the inconveniences, of fusions.

The ad hoc Committee had come to the conclusion that this new enterprise:

- should be guided by the following principle: its activities should cover the needs common to all nonprofit organizations and not enter into the specific activities of individual agencies;
- should offer services to its members in the field of the seven points mentioned above. The Action Conference and the members will have to approach the new enterprise to give information on the possible services to be rendered by it;
- would take the form of a permanent international conference; - its legal form would be an Association sans But Lucratif (ASBL) according to Swiss law. - Any nonprofit organization with a philanthropic social or religious objective may become member of it: the idea is to bring together not only the givers (fund-raising agencies), but the receivers as well.

The Permanent Conference would have an office with a limited staff for giving information - enabling initiatives - coordinating and counseling.

The office and its staff would be started with a financial contribution of a couple of Foundations that have already promised grants (e.g. the Ford Foundation seeks funds for this organization and for its projects.) and they will be maintained with the help of a small contribution of the



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members. - The specific initiatives of the office as e. g., conferences to be held - training programs - tax studies etc. - should be covered by special gifts earmarked by the realization of their objectives.

During the discussion on this general proposal no objection was raised against the creation of a permanent conference as outlined. Some questions were asked e. g. is this permanent conference something similar for Europe as is the Foundation Center in New York for the USA? The answer was: yes. - Can individuals also become members of this Conference? Again the answer was yes, provided they are interested in promoting "charities". A doubt was expressed as to the efficiency of the office if its staff were not large enough. However the decision was maintained to have a limited staff.

After this general discussion followed discussions on the seven headings mentioned above:

- 1) CONFERENCES: - It was first said that a number of participants of the Evian Conference had expressed the criticism that at Evian there had been too much to too many people. Therefore it was proposed to limit future conferences to one or two subjects of discussion such as: European Foundations - Tax study - Fund-raising Management for educational purposes - Corporations engaged in Philanthropy - International nonprofit Organizations (on this subject the Conference would be shared with ICVA) - philosophy of philanthropy - Fund-Raising for charities etc.

It was then discussed how often a general assembly of all members should be held. The proposal was to hold such a conference every second year. - In between other more limited conferences should be organised e. g. of one category of members (charity, Churches etc.) or on a specific subject such as education, health care and others.

- 2) COMMUNICATIONS: - It was first stressed that communication is vital for fund-raising. The usual reasons for failure of a fund-raising campaign are: lack of a well-conceived plan - lack of public -relations' backing - lack of link with the public - bad administration. To make a fund-raising campaign succesful one must create interest with individuals who have the means to donate substantial gifts as well as with the public at large. Credibility of the cause has to be built up by careful planning, by personal relations and publicity; this cannot be done properly without good administration.

Then was discussed the problem of communication inside the standing conference. - It is obviously not sufficient to have a general



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conference every second year to the profit of our mutual experiences and to be of help to one another. - The following items were discussed in this connection:

- a) A Foundation Directory: in order to avoid overlapping the European Directory to be published by the Agnelli Foundation (cf. page 1) was mentioned. - It was then proposed that the Geneva Center would promote publications of Directories for each country and to divide the nonprofit organizations according to categories.
- b) The Geneva Center should be a clearing house for analysis of mutual experiences. This does not mean that there should be a large staff: the Center can make appeal to others rather than to the staff-members.
- c) It was felt indispensable to publish a news-letter on activities of nonprofit organizations. Its periodicity would not be fixed and the nature of its contents would be information on what is going on in this field. - This news-letter would be free of charge for all members of the Conference.
- d) Finally communication would be promoted by limited meetings between the members either informal meetings or organized ones.
- 3) MANAGEMENT: This point has not been discussed ex professo for lack of time. However it was touched upon during the discussions on "Conferences" and the one on "Training". It was proposed that one of the future conferences would be exclusively on this subject and one of the important facets of training is management.
- 4) FOUNDATIONS: It was first pointed out that some distrust is building up with regard to foundations. The cause of this is the abuses committed by certain foundations for tax-avoidance etc. However this is not the case with most of them: they have preserved their original virtues. These are: the idea of service to humanity not influenced by regard to personal advantage and a service that has much more interest for the human person than is possible for a government public service.

In order to improve the moral standard of Foundations and stress the importance of their continuation in the public eye, a reform is necessary along the following lines: the foundations are a means for stimulating human liberty - they should admit a democratic control - they should avoid all discrimination in the allotment of their grants e. g. concerning race, nationality, religion... and finally avoid all rivalry with other institutions of the same nature.

More concrete tasks were mentioned during the discussions: the



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executive committee should make up a model Statute for Foundations-model laws concerning Foundations to be established as a proposal to government. Some felt that the first thing to do was to clear up the picture of the various kinds of Foundations and nonprofit organizations e. g. endowment-foundations and non-endowment ones - a division of nonprofit organizations according to their aim or according to the amount of their turn-over etc. In this context it was mentioned that a study on nonprofit organizations will be published in Germany in the beginning of next year by the so-called Goerdler Committee. This is an ad hoc Committee that has been put up following a conference held in Berlin in 1964 on the legal aspects of Foundations.

- 5) TRAINING: - First the remark was made that the title of the Evian Conference was somewhat misleading. It had "fund-raising" in its title but the problems of the receivers as well as those of the donors were discussed. We have, therefore, to look at the whole field of service and the management of the organizations has to be different according to their objectives.

Moreover the following questions will have to be answered by the Executive Committee and by future seminars:

- what are the precise objectives of the training courses and the seminars?
- which are the fields in which training facilities are desirable, including General Management, Fund-Raising, and Technical areas such as Accountancy, Office management and Personnel Management. - It was mentioned that courses for management of voluntary agencies exist in England and that there will be a workshop on Fund-Raising in the beginning of next year.
- what training facilities do already exist in Europe?
- what additional training facilities that appear desirable will have to be set out by the Standing Conference?
- what information service is necessary to permit maximum use of such facilities, and which specific recommendations to the Standing Conference on Information Services will be formulated?
- what is the rôle of voluntary professional services and consultancy and what are the specific recommendations to the Standing Conference on the Development of Philanthropy?
- how to develop Fund-raising techniques, both by the employment of professional firms or consultants, and by the training of executive staff?

The idea that came out of this discussion was in short that the office in Geneva should be:

- an information-bank to which all members could have recourse for information, advice and counseling;



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- a clearing-house for all problems regarding fund-raising and nonprofit organizations:
- the organizer of seminars with a program for training in fund-raising and appeals.

The question of seminars was discussed at some length on the following questions: - how long should they last, (days, weeks?) - should there be different seminars according to the different objectives of fund-raising? - should they be held on a national or on an international basis? - No conclusion was reached - there was not enough time for that - but a seminar on an international basis as soon as possible was strongly recommended and the Geneva Office received a recommendation accordingly.

- 6) TAX PROBLEMS: It will be recalled that one of the main reasons for the convocation of the Evian Conference was the trend of modern governments to centralise all activities concerning the wellbeing of man into their own hands. Consequently they tend to abolish legislation favouring private initiative in this sector such as tax exemption, tax facilities for philanthropic and Church-related organizations. - That is why two important papers were delivered at that conference: one in German: "Stiften-ein Element der Zukunftsgestaltung" by Ulrich von Pufendorf and another in English: "Draft Project of the tax Treatment of Philanthropic Agencies" by Michael Potulicky.

It was decided that one of the tasks of the Geneva Office would be to form a climate of favour to nonprofit organizations along the principles outlined in Mr. von Pufendorf's paper. - Moreover that a comparative study of tax-policies should be made in order to bring its conclusions to the attention of governments.

The Geneva Office was asked to promote such a study, avoiding however to overlap certain studies that exist already or are going to be published soon e. g. the Goedler study- Moreover the Office should take the initiative of a carefully prepared seminar with the best experts on this subject and bring the conclusions based on facts and under the form of practical proposals to the attention of governments. - The financing of this study will be requested from Foundations: it is practically sure that some Foundations will give the money necessary for this work.

- 7) TERMINOLOGY: As it was felt that a discussion on this subject would be interminable, the following procedure was adopted: the participants were asked to send in on paper the terms for which they sought clarification and/or translation. At the end those words were read in assembly and we were asked to send in later the translation each one in his own language. Here are the words that were read to us: nonprofit; -charity; -charitable;



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-trust; -foundation, endowed and not-endowed; -tax-exemption; -tax-deduction; -capital fund; -philanthropy; -fund-raising; -public appeal; -trustee, board of trustees; -voluntary organization; -non-governmental organization; -covenant; -development; -college; -estate; -will; -bequest; -inheritance; -chairman-president, rector; -Stifterverband.

Outline of the Permanent Conference. It was then decided to create a permanent conference, not a Commission, but a Meeting, a clearing house as had been proposed by the ad hoc Committee. cf. supra.

The official legal name is; in French, "Conférence Internationale Permanente des Organisations à But non-lucratif"; the tentative English version of this name would be: "International Standing Conference on nonprofit Services". However the participants were asked to think over this English version of the name and make proposals if they think this fit. It is understood that the translation from the French does not have to be literal.

Legally the Standing Conference is an "Association sans but lucratif" according to the Swiss law of the Canton de Genève.

The aim of the Standing Conference is to serve the interests of all non-profit organizations.

Consequently its Membership is open to all nonprofit organizations. As active members can join: all nonprofit organizations in all spheres of charitable or social activities; - as associated members can join: moral persons, individuals, corporations, consultants etc., interested in social and charitable activities.

The Standing Conference is governed by an Executive Committee comprising 9 members and 3 alternates. - The names of these are:

members:

- Mr. H. Técoz, president (Switzerland)
- Mr. J. Jackson, vice-president (Switzerland)
- Mr. P. Basset, honorary treasurer, Red Cross (Switzerland)
- Mr. L. Nagy, honorary secretary, Boy Scouts (Switzerland)
- Mr. L. Arranz-Alvarez, Spanish foundation (Spain)
- Mr. J. Huntley, Atlantic Council of USA (England)
- Mr. J. D. Livingstone Booth, Charities Aid Fund, (England)
- Mr. R. Slaviero, Giov. Agnelli Foundation (Italy)
- Mr. G. Sluizer, Fondation Européenne de la Culture (Holland)

Alternates:

- Mr. Klaus Neuhoff, Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft (Germany)
- Mr. R. F. Maurice, Richard Maurice Ltd. (England), or



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- Mr. D. Lack, American Joint Distribution Committee (Switzerland)
  - Mr. M. Potulichy, Honorary Secretary ICVA (Switzerland)
- N.B. The country mentioned between brackets indicates the place where they live, not their nationality.

The Standing Conference has an Office in Geneva, at 52, rue de Moillebeau; -the head of this Office is James Jackson, the vice president of the executive committee.

Finances: Two grants have been obtained from Foundations for the starting of the Standing Conference. - The running costs will be covered partially by the subscription fee and partially by gifts obtained from Foundations. The subscription fee is identical for all members and has been fixed at 20 \$ per year. Although the first year will cover 15 months as it starts on October 1st 1969 and finishes on December 31st 1970, the fee will be 20\$ only. - For specific projects such as conferences, seminars, tax-study etc, grants will be asked for from Foundations.

Conclusion: The member-Institutes of Sedos are invited to decide on their membership of the new Permanent Conference. The idea is that not only Sedos "en bloc", but each Institute individually becomes a member: they could then profit of the services of the Permanent Conference e.g. for limited meetings as described under the title "Conferences" such as seminars or other meetings on specific problems of Missionary or religious Institutes; - they could then send one or more members of their own Institute to training courses on Fund-Raising; - and they would have a more powerful voice in the general assemblies of the Permanent Conference. - Institutes other than Sedos-members might also be interested in becoming members of this Permanent Conference: this should be made known to them. - I hope to receive soon the names of the Institutes wishing to become members.

May I also ask the Sedos-members to send suggestions (e. g. on conferences, seminars, training programs), queries or/and information to be transmitted to the Geneva office of the Permanent Conference?

Thank You;

L. Volker pa

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