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

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Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Tonna

**Executive Secretary** 







#### MEETINGS BY COUNTRY

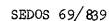
A meeting on Brazil was held at the Sedos Secretariat on October 23, 1969 at 10.00. Present were: Sr. Agnetta ssps, Bro. José Pablo Basterrechea fsc, Bro. Francisco Celesto fsc, Sr. Marie Xavier Echaniz osu, Sr. Michael Marie Keyes scmm-t, Sr. M. Gerhilde Linkholt osb, Sr. Maria de Lourdes Machado rscm, Fr. G. Mesters ocarm, Sr. Inês Pereira Leite crsa, Sr. Stella Pessoa rscm, Sr. Tabitha vanDeursen scmm-t, Sr. M. Victoria ssnd; from the Secretariat: Fr. B. Tonna. In the chair: Sr. A. M. de Morais crsa.

- 1. Sr. de Morais described the purpose of the meeting as the exchange of information, among the Generalates, about the current problems facing their personnel in Brazil. Such problems could be classed under such headings as politics, theology, pastoral, educational and medical work, formation. It was agreed to start with politics and to invite the most recent arrivals to start off the discussion
- 2. Politics: In February 1969, the Bishops of Brazil had issued a statement to the effect that human dignity was being threatened by the government forces. The regime was sending many citizens underground a dangerous situation. It was sustained by the capitalist oligarchy who refused to accept the call of Vatican II to face the social poverty of the masses. The Bishops' analysis, which drew a parallel with the pre-war situation in Nazi Germany and the condemnations of Pius XI and the German Bishops, was considered as more realistic in October 69, with the appointment of a new President. Overseas observers should try to pierce behind the facade of democracy erected by Government propaganda.

It was suggested, however, that the situation could not be much worse than that existing in other countries (e.g. there are Priests in US prisons). One should not rule out the good intentions of the current leaders.

It was recalled, however, that the real root of the uneasy situation was the weakness of the Government to resist the capitalist hegemony In any case, constant reference should be made to what the Brazilians themselves think of the situation.

It was clear, for example, that religious were being watched because they are suspected of deviating from the Government line. Their







schools were coming under subtle pressures from the economic side of Government policy. In some cases, freedom was denied to them in such strictly spiritual matters as liturgical texts.

In general religious are left alone only if they stick to their convents. As soon as they go out to fight for the poor, they are considered as subversive.

It seems that the first thing to do is to change this situation. Tradition points out that religious were often the vanguard of **structura**: changes in society.

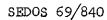
It was also pointed out that the situation is very ambiguous. The military Government attempts to use a traditional Church to ensure order. The people are confused: on the one side they see a living Church interested in them while on the other side they see an established Church interested in order. Historically, of course, order always depended on the army and the Church. What must be made clear is that the army is being used by the oligarchy (and by the US). Should the Church be "used" in the same manner?

There is also confusion among our religious. The above option does not appear so clear cut to our "men on the spot", largely because of the local economic and social pressures. They are asked, for example, to sign forms against Communism, only to discover, later, that the forms have made them members of a movement which defends the (pre Conciliar, if not medieval) Church through the slogan of Tradition, Family and Property.

#### 3. Educational work

The political problem, then, can be formulated as follows: What can the Church do? "Military" action was excluded because in a revolution a leftist dictator would certainly take over, 80% of the masses being passive. But the Church can patiently pursue its educational mission: to make the masses conscious of their call, through small groups, challenging the mentality of the oligarchy (which sees promocion human only under its own terms). Rather than bolstering our schools, we should go all out to "re-educate our educators."

4. Formation: It would be wise not to use the term missionary for our personnel in Brazil. Whatever we call them, they must be asked to aid rather than to replace the local people. At the Generalate level, our function could be that of helping them to see clearly through the current confusion — in terms of the option proposed under 2 above.







We should aim at change in their ideas, in their mentality. We should do our best to form the local people to assume responsibility - including that of manning our institutions. Consequently, overseas personnel seconded to Brazil must be asked not to attempt to impose their "home" mentality.

It would be wrong, even theologically, to think that the Brazilion church would, one day, be totally self supporting. Brazil is currently in a mood of nationalism, mostly because of the extreme paternalism of the developed countries. But Brazil will be a true church and a true church will be a community which gives what it has (to the churches which do not have it) and which receives what it has not (from the churches which have it). The process could be accelerated if the various "parts" of the Brazilian microcosm are encouraged to exchange their "demands" and their "supplies".

In any case, it is important to affirm that all aid which can help the self promotion of the country is welcome while, conversely, all aid which inhibits self promotion is most unwelcome.

At the Generalate level, and through Sedos, we could help by encouraging a more effective organization of our human and material resources. Why should our men have to travel on bad roads for days when we could get together to set up an air service? Why should we let the health of our men suffer when we could decide that they must spend an annual holiday in the city – to help them spiritually and corporally?

Deeper still, we must work on the very concept of mission. The Church is essentially missionary — which means that even the Church of the Third World has to "go out" and help the "poor" of the other two worlds. The Church is a church of the poor and, as such, she needs the help of others — even if she is brace in these two worlds. The ideal is to make the universal Church a community of local Churches, in which each of these local Churches receives from, and gives to, the other local Churches.

It was noted that the time for such a movement could be ripe in Africa and Asia. But it seems that Brazil currently needs a more specific approach after four centuries of "paternalism", in which imported philosophies have "corrupted" local thinking, a gap has developed between the religiosity of the people and the imported theology. This process must be radically reversed. Rather than encourage it by continuing to send overseas personnel, we could give the local people an opportunity to build their own Church, simply by refusing to send more





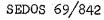
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overseas personnel. Brazilians simply, do not seem to need more Rahner's and Schillebeeckx's. What they need is the feeling that they have to assume responsibility for the future of their Church. We have to be drastic. Otherwise, Brazilians will continue to live on the "let the others do it" attitude.

It was agreed to distribute the report on the meeting and to call another meeting only if reaction to the report is forth coming.

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#### DEVELOPMENT WORK

### FAO: World Food Congress, The Hague, 1970

A meeting of the Round Table was held on October 15, at 16.00, at Caritas Internationalis.

#### Present were:

Mr. Giovanni B. Crispolti (ICRA), Miss Virginia Formichi (CRS), Miss Maria Groothuisen (P.O. of the Holy See), Fr. Philips Land (Justitia et Pax), Mrs. Eelanore McAdoo (WUCWO), Bro. Thomas More (USG), Fr. Cthmar F. Rink (Caritas Internationalis), Mr. Angiolo Salvidio (Caritas Internationalis), Mr. Bruno Vota (U.M.E.C.).
In the chair: Mgr. Silvio Luoni, Secretariat of State of the Holy See

Secretaries: Fr. B. Tonna, Miss A. M. Kohler, of Sedos.

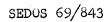
1. The Chairman was introduced by Fr. O. Rink.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Continuity Committee of the Round Table were read by Miss A. M. Kohler.

Answering Fr. Land, Fr. Rink recalled the history of the Round Table, showing that it was a response to a request of the Roman Catholic international organizations rather than to an invitation of FAO. As such it was autonomous.

- 2. It was agreed to ask the Continuity Committee to ask FAO, through Fr. O. Rink, that each member of the Round Table be put on its mailing list. Such a procedure would ensure that each member is informed of developments at FAO. An exception was made for the USG, which already receive FAO information through the Permanent Observers of the Holy See at the FAO.
- 3. The Round Table was informed that religious candidates for the II World Food Congress, of the category of the 18 submitted by Sedos to the Round Table (see annexe) should be proposed to the Director General of FAO by the same Permanent Observers. Other categories of candidates could be proposed by the Catholic international bodies recognized by FAO.

The Round Table was also informed that FAO would not be paying the expenses of the candidates whom it will eventually select. Sedos





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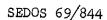
expressed serious reservations on this point: its candidates were missionaries and they would simply not have the money required to attend the Congress unless there was a guarantee that funds would be forthcoming, Sedos would think twice before proposing its candidates. The Chairman noted that unless some provision was made in this matter the Congress would never be a World Congress: only the rich and the Europeans would be able to attent.

During the discussion, it emerged that FAO would like the Congress to represent all the categories of the "people" (as opposed to the "experts". In this sense, it would open its doors not only to the "people" of the Third World but also to the "people" of the First and Second Worlds at work in and for the Third World. Particular mention was made of the categories of the young and of the non Government local leaders. Bro.

T: More suggested that the Continuity Committee specify the criteria for attending and investigate about sources for securing travelling expenses for the participants.

- 4. It was agreed that the members of the Round Table should encourage and eventually help the convocation of local and national Food Congresses, as a preparation for the World Congress. The problem now posed to the Round Table was: how can this be done.

  The suggestions offered were:
  - a) the Round Table could draw up a list of such local and regional Congresses already scheduled. Such information could be collected from the participants of the FAO meetings in Rome in November. It could then be circulated among the "constituencies" of the members of the Round Table in order to stimulate their initiatives and action in the countries where no such Congresses have as yet been scheduled
  - b) The Round Table could also circulate among the same constituencies study guides for action which have already been published. A good example was the series of the French FHC booklets (82 rue de Lille, Paris 7<sup>e</sup>).
  - c) The World Food Congress would be put on the agenda of the next world Congress of Catholic Teachers.
  - d) The participants of the Round Table could ask Fr. O. Rink to acquire a complete set of the FAO literature on the Congress. They would then inform the FAO, again through him, about the number of copies they would distribute among their constituencies.
  - In general, it was agreed that the essential contribution of the members







of the Round Table would be the passing down of the key ideas of the World Congress to their constituencies and, through these, to the various categories of the "people" at large. In this respect, the circulation of a bulletin of information or of press releases on the activities of the Round Table among such constituencies could be usefully considered.

It was pointed out by Fr. O. Rink that the Round Table should continue to be a round table, where information is exchanged among the members. It should attempt to render more specific services only when these are expressly demanded. Even information should be considered as one such service.

Still, it was thought, the II World Food Congress was a test case for the potential of the Round Table. The members of the latter could attempt to coordinate their activities at the World Congress and, perhaps, those of the Catholics at this Congress. In this respect the provision of a lounge, where Catholics could feel at home and invite friends, near the halls of the Congress, was considered useful and desirable. Fr. Rink was asked to make the necessary provisions. The Round Table also agreed that, in general, the activities of Catholics would be directed at the giving the right spirit to the activities for development proposed at the Congress.







#### DOCUMENTATION

1. Available at the Secretariat is the ANBAR documentation service for management. During the course of many interviews by Fr. Tonna and the late Miss Overboss, it emerged that many of the common problems of the Generalates were somehow connected with the management or "government" of the Institute. "Manageme t", after all, is the specific role of a Generalate. Such a documentation service will certainly be found useful when post Chapter re-organization is taken in hand at the Generalates.

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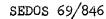
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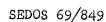
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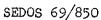
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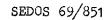
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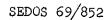
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Topic 14 will be issued in the next bulletin. One copy of the whole booklet is available at the Secretariat. Among the writers of the outlines: Fr. A. Hastings, Sr. Dr. M. Garnett, A. D. Mdachi J. G. Mutayoba, Bishop Blomjous, Fr. J. Brouwer, Pastor Lloyd Swantz.

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