

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE
LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE, February 7, 1968

Present: Professors Glade, Miller and Chaplin; David Sweet, R. Sanchez, Rev. Joseph Brown, and Paul Mattingly and J. Jondrow.

Mr. Glade reported that he had confirmations of participation from Prof. Thesenhusen, who would be responsible for getting someone to represent an opposing point of view on the topic, Food Problems and Agricultural Policy (Reform and/or Productivity). He also reported that Mr. Miller by his presence evidenced his own commitment to participate in the Program.

Mr. Chaplin reported that Prof. Stycos of Cornell has replied that he cannot give a firm commitment to the projected dates, June 11 - 13, until the end of this month. In lieu of this fact Mr. Chaplin confirmed his previous affirmation of the May dates for the Conference. Until we know for certain, what Stycos is able to do, no reply was made to Vailler, who cannot come in May due to previous commitments.

There was a brief discussion of a graduate student of Professor Anderson, a Miss Epstein, who has written a fine paper on Latin American Population problems and was mentioned as a possible participant on the panels concerned with this topic.

There was a substantial discussion of the entire conference as a new alternative for both the University religious centers and academic activity among scholars on the campus. Mr. Mattingly wondered if May and June afforded sufficient time for the participants to prepare adequately for the Conference. Mr. Chaplin said he saw no difficulty, since the stipulation for "original research" had been qualified substantially. He claimed that our reply to Stycos, asking for a "resume of research" had begun a process of "inching" away from "originality." Mr. Mattingly said he hadn't understood that reformulation to be the precedent Mr. Chaplin conceived it to be. He said that he would not hold fast to the literal term, "original", but wished to explain why the term meant something to the two religious centers co-sponsoring the conference. The most important reason was to keep the conference on a rigorous intellectual plane and to avoid drawing professionals to speak at religious centers who would feel, as has been evidenced in the past, that they had to gear their remarks to their "religious" audience. The effect of such a performance has been often a kind of simplified editorializing and unprovoking generalizations. The Conference initially was conceived to be commensurate with the two centers' responsibilities as affiliates of an institution of higher education. Mr. Sweet said he was puzzled by the claim that this conference was a new alternative. Mr. Mattingly claimed there were several considerations which made the Conference new and made the Centers quite sensitive to the precedent they were establishing. 1) the Conference insured a sustained examination of four established topics over a period of days; 2) the event involved invitations to a group of scholars and not, as in the past, most frequently one scholar lecturing or at times two scholars debating. 3) the proceedings of the Conference are to be published and finally 4) the sponsorship for such an event rested upon two religious centers, which have made clear that the examinations involved move on a high academic plane. Such "religious" activity does not demand that the content of the conference be related to "religious" questions as usually conceived (as having to do with "church" questions), the premise being that the results of rigorous intellectual activity concerning serious social and human questions do impinge upon "religious" concerns and responsibilities. (Later Mr. Chaplin added that a conference like the one we are planning has also an unprecedented aspect from the point of view of a professional scholar. The

chance to meet with fellow Latin-American scholars, not of similar disciplines, occurs rather infrequently. The addition of other scholars from outside the University's bounds was a bonus. Furthermore, when gatherings occur in which men from similar fields but different disciplines participate, they do not often permit discussions at a high professional level as a part of the conference's proceedings. It was then mentioned that part of the plans of the conference were to record the discussions and include at least a portion of them in the final publication.)

Mr. Glade suggested that if the topics of the conference were to be clarified and specified further, that separate meetings of each grouping participating in the four programs should be held. However, this was possible only for those programs whose participants were confirmed.

There was some discussion of the agreement with Stycos concerning the publication of the article he has already submitted. He is giving the paper to another conference this January and Mr. Chaplin said he assumed it would also be published elsewhere. Mr. Mattingly asked about the possibility of approaching Stycos with the request that we be permitted to publish the article exclusively. Mr. Chaplin noted that much would hinge on the arrangements for publication at the time the request was made. Since these arrangements would be determined by the amount of money remaining in the budget after expenses for those coming from other universities and would be unclear for a while yet, it was agreed that the next communication with Stycos would explain the minimal form of publication we anticipated, with the qualification that our expectation was for a hardback published by a reputable firm. Some discussion followed concerning our own faculty's contacts with publishers and the possibility of the University of Wisconsin Press. Further consideration was to be given to this matter.

There was some discussion of an editor for publication, but no conclusion was reached.

Mr. Glade suggested that the reader for the Conference might become the responsibility of the Ibero-American Program. This proposal seemed agreeable and was contingent upon a list of suggested articles being prepared by Mr. Chaplin.

Mr. Sanchez explained that he had received a letter from Richard Stpaull, who knew a student at Princeton, Edir Cardoza, who had written a paper pertinent to our conference. It was agreed not to invite him to the conference at this point but rather to simply request him to send his paper for our scrutiny, which was agreed upon.

The next item was a Moderator for the Conference. Father Brown described three characteristics which seemed to him necessary for a scholar to have to fill such a position. His name must have some reputation in the profession; he must be in actuality a good moderator; he must have editorial abilities. Such a chairman could not be selected at this time but was made the responsibility of the academics on the steering committee and will be decided by next meeting. By that time also, under the selected chairman's name, a notice of our conference will have been sent to the Midwestern Latin American Association for their newsletter.

It occurred/^{to}the steering committee that some graduate students at the University of Wisconsin may have done sufficient work in one of the four topics of our Program which would warrant an invitation to them to participate.

The appropriate information was to be requested from David Sweet.

Contacts were to be made with the University Extension service, familiar with the mechanics of such conferences and possibly an invitation to one of the personnel from the Extension would be made to attend our next steering committee meeting. Mr. Mattingly and Father Brown were to deal with this duty.

Father Brown was to write the letter to Msgr. Illych, confirming their telephone call and explaining the program as it is now staged.

The next meeting would be held at Pres House, 12 noon, on Monday, February 19, 1968.

An informal request was made to David Sweet for a copy of the minutes from the previous meeting.

I - Population Control - Atwood, Miller, Arnold Strickson,
Marty McCallister

II - Historical Demography - Cameron - Jerray - Whelan

III - Food Problems and Agricultural Policies (Waters, and/or
Productivity) - Richardson and Layton Fletcher
(Lynn State)

IV - Labor Market and Employment - Miller - Glick - Douglas

V - The Church's Adjustment to Change via the Population
and Family Issues - Latta, Glick, & Richard Gault and
Miss Gardner

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Consultants -- Prof. Charles Anderson - Political Science

Prof. Mulvihill - Spanish

We have agreed on the topic:

"Population Problems, Public Policies, and Development in
Latin America"

- I - Population Control - Stycos, Illich, Arnold Strickon,
Sydney Grenfield
- II - Historical Demography - Denevan - Hervey - Phelan
- III - Food Problems and Agricultural Policies (Reform and/or
Productivity) Thiesenhusen and Layman Fletcher
(Iowa State)
- IV - Labor Market and Employment - Miller - Glade - Chaplin
- V - The Church's Adjustment to Change vis a vis the Popula-
tion Problem in Latin America - Richard Shoul and
Edir Cardoso

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