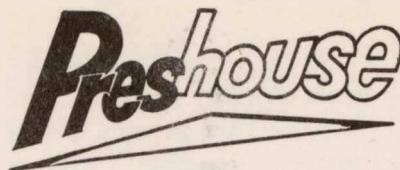


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Msgr. Ivan Illich
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Dear Msgr. Illich:

This will confirm and supplement our telephone conversation of February 21. In this envelope you will find:

- (1) Program lineup for the Latin American Conference.
- (2) Parts of the preliminary report prepared by The Rev. Rafael Sanchez.
- (3) Minutes of the February 7 Steering Committee meeting.
- (4) Draft of the Stycos paper.

Most of the pertinent information can be found therein.

The conference dates of May 3 and 4 appear to be firm, but we have not absolutely rejected an alternate date of June 11-13. That June date depends upon Professor Stycos, who will not know whether he will be in this country during June until the end of February. The advantage of the June date is that it would allow the participation of Professor Vallier.

The participants are listed in the enclosed materials. Preliminary contacts have been made, and in most instances are firm. All of the participants are academic experts. Plans for publication of the proceedings are in progress and we are working out detailed arrangements in the Steering Committee. It is the desire of the Steering Committee to distribute the conference papers prior to the meeting. We hope to have the papers early in April. Our intent is that you make a formal presentation in the area of "Population Control", and react to the other presentations.

We can report high interest and cooperation from the University faculty here. There are over thirty-five ranking Latin Americanists.

Last September 19 I received a letter from Margaret Flory, Secretary for Student World Relations of our Presbyterian Board of Christian Missions and Relations. She asked about the possibilities of organizing a major event focusing on our own continent. Margaret was a member of the Latin American Task Force of the University Christian Movement.

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After some preliminary conversations with Jandroes I contacted Father Joseph Brown, a Catholic priest who has been teaching in the Department of Latin American Studies. This is the first attempt to bring them together on a professional and defined basis. The religious centered sponsorship of such a conference is one of its most significant features.

I am directing a separate inquiry to your secretary in Cuernavaca for the materials which failed to reach Madison.

We agreed that such a conference should meet certain minimum standards:

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Brown
Fr. Joseph Brown

1. The quality of the lecturers and participants should meet the same academic standards as the departments in the university. The lectures should be available, but small group discussions will be held with graduate students.
2. We will urge the lecturers to present material that can be published in a monograph, not only to try to establish a high reputation on such events, but also to make available the best conference to our boards, to COMBAR, to UCM, and to the faculty, graduate students and departments who may be interested in the topic.
3. We should try to solicit the co-sponsorship of the initiating groups, the Ibero-American Program at the University, and the new Latin American Association on the campus.

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I met with Professors David Chaplin of the Sociology Department, William Uffels, Commerce-Economics, and Thomas Skidmore of History. They indicated a strong interest in the conference, made some recommendations about lecturers whom they felt should be invited, and agreed to come to a lunch meeting with Father Brown, Jandroes, Paul Hellingly (also of St. Paul's), and myself.

At this meeting we elaborated further on the topic and speakers, and tentatively set the date for May 3-4. It was recommended that we look at the main topic from the perspectives of employment-unemployment, labor force and population; food problems, public policy and population, and religious attitudes and implications. The faculty suggested the possibility of inviting Professor J. Eugene Snyone, chairman of the Sociology Department at Cornell University and the authority on Latin American demography, Ivan Illich of the Centre Intercontinental de Documentation de Cuernavaca, Mexico, Prof. Richard Shaul of Princeton Theological Seminary, and several members of our own faculty, including William Demovel of Geography, Charles Anderson of Political Science, David Chaplin and Maurice Battle of Sociology.

I have had a response from Professor Snyone. His honorarium will be \$600.00 plus expenses, and he is willing to present original material suitable for publication if we are willing to find the means to publish it. I have shared this information with Margaret Flory and she has been very encouraging regarding publication of the material.