



THIRD INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

BANGKOK (THAILAND) DECEMBER, 1965

The International Y.C.W. Council is held every four years; the first one was in Rome in 1957 and the second in Rio in 1961.

At the Council, an Executive and the full time workers are elected to carry on the work of the next four years. Each Council reviews the work of the previous four years and plans the general direction for the next four years.

The full time workers are a man and a girl for Presidency; a man and a girl for Secretary, and a man for Treasurer.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

Points on the proposed programme

The whole 3rd International Council covers 3 main points:

- I. REVIEW
Based on the world report and review of points on the 2nd 4-Year Plan.
- II. STUDY SESSIONS FOR DISCUSSION
- III. PLANNING OF FUTURE WORK
The 3rd 4-Year Plan, elections, regional meetings and chaplains' meetings.

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PART I: REVIEW

- I. World report on the action of the International YCW

A report will be drawn up presenting: the extension of the movement throughout the world, the current situation of the International YCW, aims of action of International YCW, characteristics of the six regions of the world (Asia, Africa, North and South America, Europe, Oceania), the efforts of the YCW to become more authentic and missionary, facts on most outstanding action of some YCW.

2. Work Enquiry

- A resume of the final report on the enquiry carried out in all the countries will be presented (the delegates will be provided with the complete report).
- A draft of a Manifesto will be submitted to the Council. The Manifesto will be conclusions based on the report in which the YCW will be setting out the main situations on which representative action could possibly be carried out.
- Workshops will meet to make a more thorough study of the points of the report on the work enquiry, and they will draw up a plan of action to be carried out after the Council. There will be two types of workshops:
 - a) workshops, to work on the final report on the enquiry;
 - b) workshops, to work on the future action to be taken, based on the results of the world "Work" enquiry.

3. World Action: Large Cities (One of the points of the 4-Year Plan from Rio was to enquire into the problems in large cities and try to develop the Y.C.W. there.)

- A resume of the final report will be presented (the delegates will be provided with the complete report). It will consist of an explanation on why the large cities action, actions taken, summary and conclusions.
- Workshops on the three principal aspects of the final report:
 - . the YCW in different environments and different types of occupations;
 - . the training of leaders in large cities;
 - . organisation and structure of the YCW in large cities;
 - . workshops for resolutions.

The workshops will use reports of individual cities for the basis of their discussions.

- Make a summary of the final decisions on future action in large cities. The decisions are based on the results of workshop discussions.

4. Representative Action and working with other organisations

- A resume of the final report will be presented (delegates will be provided with the complete report).

- The Workshops will study the following points:
 - a) Representative action and leaders
 - b) Representative action in the movement at all levels:
 - . local
 - . diocesan
 - . national
 - c) Representative action on international level
 - d) Workshops for resolutions concerning representative action in the YCW.

5. International Service. (This Service was established after the Rio Council to look after International extension workers, to provide mutual help between countries and to study co-operatives, community development schemes, services.)

- Resume of the general report (delegates will be provided with this).
- Workshops on the following topics:
 - a) extension workers
 - b) technical cooperation teams (parties of e.g. carpenters etc. going to a particular country to give their skills).
 - c) YCW services and community development
 - d) International training schools (e.g. Bill Hebb from Perth attended one in 1964).
 - e) Future plans for the Service.

6. Finances

- Financial report, with general view of the role of finances in the movement:
 - . receipts which finance International YCW activities
 - . International Solidarity Fund (this Fund was established before the Rio Council so that countries could help one another financially; Ellen Mills' support coming from Australia).
- Workshops to study future financial projects
 - . Budget 1966-1969
 - . Resolution, summarizing decisions on finances of the International YCW.

The review and reports of items on the 2nd 4-Year Plan will be based on the decisions taken at the 2nd International Council in 1961.

PART II: STUDY SESSIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Fundamental subject on the YCW.

(At each Council some fundamental point on the YCW is studied. At Rio it was the apostolic character of the Y.C.W. For this year, one day will be set aside to study the worker character of the YCW.)

This topic has been chosen so that all YCWs may answer the problems in the lives of the young workers today.

However, for this it is necessary to know what exactly we are talking about when we speak of: life; young workers - who are they?

This topic will be introduced to the International Council by a document enabling discussion.

This is intended to get National YCWs everywhere to examine the question of adapting the movement to the lives of the young workers today.

Method of work at the International Council

There will be an introduction to the session and delegates will work in groups. Practical decisions will be included in the next four year plan.

2. Study sessions for discussion

A second day at the Council is foreseen to enable the delegates present to study and discuss questions which particularly concern and affect them.

The following topics are proposed for the various workshops:

- . spirit and missionary action of the local YCW
- . YCW/YCWG collaboration at local level
- . YCW action and work with youth of other beliefs
- . action amongst youth doing their military service
- . International Day

PART III: PLANS OF FUTURE WORK

1. Third Four-Year Plan

Note: After reviewing past work and a thorough review of the

movement during the study on the "Worker Character of the YCW", the third part of the International Council will be dedicated to drawing up a programme of work for the four years ahead, i.e. "the third four Year Plan: 1965-1969".

This plan will include: a) a world enquiry
b) specific actions on international level

a) World Enquiry 1965-1969. Before giving proposals for a definite topic, let's call to mind the purpose of the enquiry campaign in the YCW:

1. The YCW method is based on enquiry:

- they young workers should themselves realize the problems which they have to face up to and which they meet in their daily lives - SEE
- they should discover the meaning and value of these problems in the light of faith and their divine dignity - JUDGE
- they assume their responsibilities to transform their own life, that of their friends as well as their surroundings - ACT

2. This See - Judge - Act method should be applied at all levels of the movement. It is the basis of all transformation and action in the YCW.

This includes meetings, contacts, campaigns, representative action and publications.

Thus, through the enquiry method, the movement is in constant contact with concrete situations in the life of youth and their surroundings:

- the enquiry method should form a conscientious christian amongst workers, religion becoming a part of our lives
- the enquiry method should develop a sense of responsibility and an apostolic and missionary action.

After studying the reports on the comments and research, the Executive Committee decided that the topic for the next enquiry would be:

"Free Time of the Young Worker"

By means of this world enquiry, YCWs of all countries should discover the situation of the working youth and how they use their free time, paying special attention to the cultural riches of their countries, their peoples and the whole world, in order to attain an individual and collective advancement. The International Council should specify the international aims.

- b) Action and special study: 2 topics have been proposed by several national YCWs:
- 1) Continue the action to develop YCW in big cities;
 - 2) Action with young migrants.

After this study, the Executive Committee specified two points and decided to retain the following set up:

- 1) Special action: "Big Cities"
Several YCWs have recommended continuing efforts with "Big Cities" action, particularly in view of introducing and making the YCW known to the young workers in big cities and getting them to take action. Because of this, the Executive Committee decided to leave this point on the next plan. The workshops still have to study definite aspects to be followed up.
- 2) Migration.
We will also keep this point in the next plan in order to achieve an effective, missionary action with all the young people affected by internal and external migration, considering further the benefits and the positive aspects of the movement of peoples in the world today.

2. Work at the International Council

Points on the 4-Year Plan will be discussed in workshops and the decisions will be made in the Council session.

3. Other Points on the Programme

1. Elections. Members of the Executive hold office from the end of one Council to the next. Elections will be held at the conclusion of the Council. This Executive will meet every year and the full time workers will work from Brussels.
2. Regional Meetings. After the International Council, meetings of delegates of the various regions are planned in order to discuss the decisions taken during the Council and their application in view of the special situation in various parts of the world.

Oceania Region includes: Australia, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea and the islands of the Pacific.

New Zealand is an Associate member of the International YCW, and will be attending the Council as observers.

3. Meeting of Chaplains

The Chaplains will have a meeting to discuss the work of Chaplains in the movement.

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B. Method of work at the International Council

In general, the method of work covering the different points on the agenda will take the following form:

- Presentation of the report or working document, in general session. Having given the length of these reports, the analysis of the different points, only a resume will be given. The delegates to the Council should study the complete report prior to the meeting.
- Work in the workshops. The workshops will then discuss more thoroughly the points on the report or the working documents, which will be sometimes based on particular groups or cities. Resolutions, recommendations, amendments will be put forth. These commissions will be bi-lingual; there may be several commissions for one point.
- Results will be given in general session. The method of work will of course also depend on each subject; it will be adapted according to the needs and for maximum efficiency. A document explaining the rules of procedure at the Council will be sent to all YCWs, giving more details about the method of work at the International Council.

C. Timetable for the meeting

The date planned for the 3rd International Council is November 30 to December 14, not including travel time.

Thirteen days have been set aside for the Council itself. December 5 and 10 are holidays in Thailand and are therefore not included. The following schedule has been set up:

OFFICIAL OPENING

(One Evening)

1. Review

- World Report 1 day
- Work Enquiry "
- Big Cities "
- Representative Action "
- International Service "
- Finances 1 / 2 days

II. Study sessions for discussion

- Fundamental aspect:
"Worker Character of the YCW" 1 day
- study and discussion workshops
on special points 1 day

III. Plan of Future Work

- 3rd Four-Year Plan 2 days
- Election of the presidency
and members of the Executive
Committee 1 / 2 days
- Regional meetings 2 days
- Chaplains' meeting

This plan should be considered in the overall preparation of the International Council, taking into account suggestions or proposals of supplementary subjects made by national YCWs.