

Record of the March 22, 1966 Meeting of the Missions Pert Committee, Geneva Room, Fuller Seminary.

Present: Drs. Rees, Hubbard, Engstrom, McGavran, Messrs. Halcomb, Gill, Dayton, Bennett, Smoker, Lundquist.

The Committee assembled at noon and continued in session till after 3:00 p.m.

1. A wide ranging discussion cover^{ed} many aspects of "disciplined planning," and the production of a Pert Chart on the Evangelization of the World for the Berlin conference. Topics such as the following were considered.

Our task is many times bigger than the multi-million construction at Saigon. Who will be at Berlin and how will they react to Pert?

How can we present the plan in such a way as to overcome the built in resistance to whatever appears to substitute for the Holy Spirit or to mechanize missions thus making the Holy Spirit unnecessary?

All we are really doing is to present the events which must take place before the evangelization of the world can take place.

We must be clear that we count heavily on the churches of Afericasia as a major factor in world evangelization. The witness of new Christians, all Christians, the laity of Eurica and Afericasia focussed on persuading men to become disciples of Christ and responsible members of His churches, is most important.

Perhaps our major contribution is to project a large enough view of the task of missions to demand the use of New Tools.

We must depend heavily on heuristics - a form of planning which creates further planning.

Our "Disciplined Planning" will define the problem and prove it can be solved. But it must be clear that the motivation remains unchanged.

That is Calvary. Our job is to show how the missionary mandate of our Lord can be better implemented with today's new tools.

Keep clear that PERT is mobilization, not motivation.

Part of our job is to show how, cultural, linguistic, religious, economic, resistances can be diminished or eliminated.

Quantification of the problem brings great dangers of offending those at Berlin who see this for the first time - particularly those who are not Americans - Europeans, Indians, etc.

We would be seriously remiss if we failed to explore this new technique of disciplined planning and use it as far as we can. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Order. He can use all new techniques. He directed Paul to use Greek, Roman citizenship, sailing vessels, and the philosophy of his times. He directs us to use these new techniques of our times.

Can we enlist those who are going to be at Berlin in reading books about Disciplined Planning? Can we tell them what we are doing and ask their aid so that the Pert Chart will be something on which they have worked?

Let us guess what will happen after we present this at Berlin? Remember opposition will be emotional, hot and strong. On the contrary, might it not be that within ten or five years all missionary societies would be constructing Pert Charts of their mission enterprises?

In all our thinking we must remember that REVIVAL is most necessary event which should take place everywhere.

Proverbs 16:9 "A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."
This might become our banner and chief slogan.