

- Armando mentioned the difficulties they are having with money for this 2nd Conference.

THERE WAS A SHORT RECESS, MEETING RESUMED AT 10:55

The matter of the Toxicômanos Anônimos book continued to be discussed: how it would be distributed.

- Roberto offered his availability and that of the National TA Service Committee (i.e., its members).

It was suggested by Roberto that the GSRs hold an election to approve or disapprove the creation of a Service Office.

George of the WSO was asked what would be suitable for service in Brazil, and he suggested that the Committee continue, because we still don't have the infrastructure for a Service Office. He explained that the servant structure is:

- . President
- . Vice President
- . Secretary
- . Treasurer

- Roberto asked that whoever wanted to offer themselves for service on this committee should introduce themselves and that the GSRs should take these names to the groups present for selection of these servants.

- Constança mentioned that very few groups were present and that the GSR represented the group through the group conscience of these groups.

- Walter raised the question of the name of the Fellowship. Should it be NA, or remain TA. He showed a newspaper clipping from 1971 from the time of the founding of the First Group in the Church of Consolation by Donald and Sonia. In São Paulo. It was assumed that since at that time there already existed AA and Neurotics Anonymous (NA) groups, they translated the fellowship as Toxicômanos Anônimos instead of Narcóticos Anônimos, which would have had the same initials as Neurotics Anonymous and therefore could be confusing.

From the moment he read the letter of response he was "reminded of the Sixth Tradition and if in Portugal, country of our mother tongue, it is Narcóticos Anônimos, why should we persist in an error of translation? The literature we have is not approved. Or would it be approved by the World Conference? It is reasonable that it not be approved with the name TA. The NA seal of approval is lacking."

He added that the Pilar Group is already affiliated with NA since January 2, 1988, sending a letter with the order form and registration form. "The Pilar group understood that to use the Steps and the Traditions and all the literature of NA without violating the Fourth Tradition, they would have to be affiliated following the Sixth Tradition. NA does not lend its name to any outside or related entity. Who is interested in having the fellowship remain TA?"

- George said that there have been difficulties and problems in various countries with the translation of the name of the Fellowship. In the work of translating the literature, they had to be very careful.

- "The name that you use does not necessarily mean that NA is a different program." And he (George) does not have the authority to say...

"The decision is yours and the responsibility that comes with it."

They (George, Cris, Biel [Bill]) were here solely to learn about our work, and if we (TA) wanted to become part of Narcotics Anonymous in the world. He (George) didn't see any great problem with the name we choose - "It is important to know that the work is done in the whole world and whether this work can be helpful in Brazil." "If you decide to use the name Toxicômanos Anônimos, what the World Service Office will ask that you also use the name Narcóticos Anônimos."

"And you ought to think about Portugal."

"We have learned quite a bit more with respect to your program, culture and roots. You must communicate to Narcotics Anonymous what is best for you, and from there together we will discover the best solution for everyone."

"Therefore in all the problems and difficulties we are facing now, we must look for the answers in the 12 Traditions and 12 Steps. And remember the First Tradition; it may help us to resolve our problem."

AFTERNOON MEETING

The meeting started at 2:13 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Roberto requested the floor to state his position on whether to be NA or TA. He said that "we don't have to make any radical change."

Rosalice, GSR of the Pioneer Group, Salvador, mentioned the difficulty Narcotics Anonymous members have when they come to Brazil, not knowing that here the Fellowship is called Toxicômanos Anônimos. Salvador, her city, is visited very frequently by tourists all year round, especially in this carnival time, and these members do not know where the groups are. "If we were NA, we would be affiliated with the WSO and we would be in the directory."

Several members expressed a wide variety of opinions and observations on the change of the initials.

It was requested that the GSRs raise their hands so we could count how many votes there would be in all.

Three proposals were then suggested to be put to a vote by the assembled group conscience: