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DEVELOPMENT SPECTRUM

Evangelical Church Development Service: On the 4th Synod Meeting of the Evangelical Church of Germany (EKD) in Bremen between January 3 and 6, 1973, the Church Development Service was one of the topical subjects. President Weeber, the Chairman of the Working Group Evangelical Development Service announced a change in church development work. He stated that the Church will pay more attention to regional development than to individual projects. For 1971 the development contributions from the Evangelical Church amounted to about DM 65 mn.

According to Herr Weeber, development requires apart from economic growth a simultaneous progress towards more social justice and increasing independence of the partner in development policy. Moreover the still lacking integration of the multitude of evangelical work-staffs is very urgent. Nevertheless the coordination existing for two years within the Working-group Evangelical Development Service has proved its worth.

Minister Dr Eppler, a member of the Synod, placed emphasis on the Federal Republic's Church Development Aid, which amounted to 10 p.c. of total public aid.

Catholic Church Development Aid: MISEREOR, the development aid institution of the Roman Catholic Church in Germany, had DM 105.1 mn at its disposal for development aid purposes in 1971, the year reported on. Aid applications, however, amounted to DM 450 mn. The sum applied for thus exceeded the available funds by about 400 p.c. Nevertheless in 1971 almost 1,400 projects amounting to DM 128.1 mn were approved in anticipation of funds available in 1972.

In 1971 the most important focal point of aid was the education and training of people. For this purpose DM 66.3 mn or 52 p.c. of total aid was given. This field of activities includes all measures for vocational and cooperative training, programmes for the teaching of illiterates and the training of man-

agement. Moreover, in the sector of services DM 49.2 mn (38 p.c. of approved funds) were spent to contribute to the improvement of living conditions in developing countries. Hereto belong agricultural aid and consulting services, which advise the farmers and render aid by supplying seed-corn, tools and fertilisers as well as by providing installations for the supply of water and for irrigation or medical services.

Finally DM 11.4 mn or 9 p.c. of the aid granted were spent on the promotion of self-aid organisations.

Capital and Technical Aid in one Hand: In the opinion of Government and Opposition in Bonn the transfer of competence for capital aid from the Federal Ministry of Economics to the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation has provided better prerequisites to a more effective development aid. Beyond that both sides advocated, in a short Bundestag-debate at the end of January, to give future development aid more than hitherto within an international framework. In the opinion of Federal Minister Dr Eppler, the Federal Republic's membership to the United Nations will offer favourable conditions and better prospects of influencing the internationalisation of development aid. Dr Eppler welcomed the Opposition's readiness for cooperation and asked it to support the Government with regard to applications for increased funds in the Bundestag-Committees.

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Distribution of Financial Contributions of the Federal Republic's Most Important Church Development Organisations from 1959 to 1971

(by subjects, by DM mn and in p.c.)

	Projects		Amount	
	Number	p.c.	DM mn	p.c.
Catholic Organisations	10,740	86.7	1,168.7	62.4
Misereor	10,083	81.4	798.8	42.7
Catholic Central Agency for Development Aid	657	5.3	389.9	19.7
Evangelical Organisations	1,646	13.3	703.7	37.6
Bread for the World	1,017	8.2	269.5	14.4
Evangelical Central Agency for Development Aid	457	3.7	314.6	16.8
Church Development Service	188	1.5	119.2	6.4
Total	12,386	100.0	1,872.4	100.0

Sources: Statements of the organisations.