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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 21st GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

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## COMMUNICATION SEEN AS KEY TO A.A. GROWTH

### Bill's Work Continues

A fitting memorial to our co-founder Bill is that we who remain do our best to keep the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous safe, vital and unified for all those yet to come, Margaret C., Area Delegate Chairman, told delegates to the 21st General Service Conference.

"Our first impulse is to say we need him still, even if it is just to know that his wisdom and knowledge is here," she said, noting that "those of us who have learned to see and to hear with our hearts know that Bill is still present."

Margaret said that those who have had the tremendous privilege to have lived in this first generation of Alcoholics Anonymous and to have known Bill, now have an equally great responsibility to continue the work that he and Dr. Bob started.

### Bern Smith Remembered

At the same time Margaret expressed gratitude for the life of Bernard Smith and noted a deep sense of personal loss at the passing of this beloved, nonalcoholic trustee "who loved the spiritual oneness upon which this Fellowship is based so much that he gave over 25 years of service to help create the structural oneness that will keep us strong."

Don F., West Central Regional Trustee, who delivered the key note speech at the conference, told delegates that we must seek newer more effective means of communications in order to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic.

At the same time Don pointed out that a recent Public Information survey discovered that while A.A. as an organization is held in high regard, 54% of those interviewed thought its membership was composed of weak, unhappy and neurotic people. "Now if that is the image that people have of the membership of A.A., maybe we had better try to correct it if we can," he said.

### GROUPS and MEMBERS

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	Groups	Members
United States . . . .	9,541	167,167
Lone Members . . .		146
Canada . . . . .	1,667	25,957
Lone Members . . .		51
In Hospitals . . . . .	767	18,604
In Prisons . . . . .	925	32,481
Internationalists . .		412
	12,900	244,818
Overseas* . . . . .	3,559	66,632
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,459</b>	<b>311,450</b>

\*1970 count, until Part II of the *World Directory* is published in August 1971.

(including non-reported members, actual membership is estimated at more than 500,000 worldwide.)

"Dr. Bob is gone, Bern is gone and now Bill is gone," Don continued. "And I'm sure all three of these men at sometime or other were faced with the timeless problem of mortality — the comfortable retreat or the arduous advance, without the prospect of personal reward.

"That is the same problem all of us at A.A. must decide today," Don said. "I think I know what the decision will be. That this wonderful fellowship of A.A. — of the drunk, by the drunk and for the drunk shall not perish from this earth."

### IN MEMORIAM

**Bill W.**, Co-founder, died Jan. 24, 1971, Miami Beach, Florida.

**Bernard B. Smith**, non-A.A. trustee since 1944, died July 31, 1970, New York City.

**Bill W.**, Panel 20 delegate, Alberta, Canada.

**Hugh S.**, Panel 19 delegate, Nova Scotia/Nfld./Labr.

### Advisory Actions of '71 Conference

New York, April 24 — Delegates to the 21st Annual General Service Conference which ended here today were guided by the theme: **COMMUNICATION: KEY TO A.A. GROWTH**, in discussing ways and means to more effectively carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic.

Present at the five and one-half day conference at the New Yorker were 90 delegates representing groups from every state and province in the United States and Canada. During this period they attended an almost continuous series of meetings, discussions and workshops at which they explored ways and means of improving communications both within A.A. and with our friends outside.

Delegates, together with alcoholic and non-alcoholic General Service Board Trustees, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors and staff members form the 129-member Conference which acts on behalf of the Fellowship to provide guidance to the Board, G.S.O. and Grapevine. Some Conference highlights:

**GRAPEVINE** — Gave approval to the Grapevine Corporate Board to raise the price of the Grapevine from 35¢ to 50¢ for a single copy, and from \$3.50 to \$5 for a yearly subscription, "if the trend of rising costs indicates that the need is there."

**AGENDA/ADMISSION** — Recommended that the two-year moratorium on applications by the areas for additional delegate representation be terminated.

**INSTITUTIONS** — Recommended support for G.S.O. efforts to establish an Institutions Correspondence Service on an individual basis, similar to the Loner-Sponsor Service.

**POLICY** — Recommended formation of a Conference Committee on Professional Relations to correspond with the Trustees' Committee on Professional Relations. This will make a total of ten Conference committees.

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## Service Coordinator

The services that are provided by G.S.O. could be described as trying to meet the expressed needs of our Fellowship in ways which will best help to carry our message of recovery to the still sick alcoholic. Specific responsibilities of the coordinator include:

1. **Acting as a focal point for communication** between departments; Shipping, Accounting, Records, Clerical/Steno and the Staff.
2. **Box 4-5-9** (bi-monthly G.S.O. bulletin). A collection of material from the staff, from correspondence, from suggestions, from specific requests from members. There is a Spanish and French edition besides the English one.
3. **World Directories—Parts I and II.** Copies are prepared annually and supplied free to each new group. A.A. members, who are identified as such, can buy individual copies.
4. **Guidelines.** There are eight Guidelines distributed at no cost that have been compiled in the light of the 12 Traditions and shared experiences from groups and members.
5. **Tapes and Films.** There are tapes and a tape library available along with several films, and literature in Braille.
6. **Group Services.** When information is received about a new group, a copy of the **Group Handbook** (which is also available in French) is sent, as well as a complementary supply of literature.
7. **Literature Kits.** Numerous Literature Kits are available. Most of these are sent at no charge.
8. **Displays.** "Inside A.A." and Literature displays are sent to all A.A. conferences, conventions, and go out automatically at no charge when information is received.
9. **Service Meetings.** Service meetings are held every other week when the staff reviews a particular service with the staff member responsible for it.

—Ann M.

## A.A. World Services, Inc.

A.A. World Services, Inc. is responsible for the employment of all G.S.O. personnel (currently 42 full-time employees and 12 part-time), for the publishing and distribution of Conference-approved literature, and for the preparation and control of G.S.O.'s operating budget. It is a membership corporation, in effect a wholly owned subsidiary of the G.S.B.

**Publishing:** Sales for the year came to \$529,600, an increase of \$52,600 over 1969. Besides carrying its own costs, A.A.W.S. contributed \$50,000 to the General Fund to help defray costs of other services which voluntary contributions failed to meet. Distribution of all books, pamphlets and miscellaneous items in 1970 totaled 2,565,100 individual units. A.A.W.S. also distributed 195,200 free pieces of literature to service new groups and familiarize the general public with A.A. The free material carried inventory value of \$7,400.

**Accounting:** Supervised by Charlie Columbia, there are six full-time employees and one part-time. During 1970, this de-

partment processed and recorded over 14,920 orders and 19,310 contributions. It also acknowledged 7,000 Convention registrations and 4,220 housing requests.

**Clerical/Steno:** Madeline Whitlock heads up this department; now has 13 full-time and two part-time employees. Eight handle transcriptions, take minutes, cut stencils, type reports and route tapes and films. There are two clerk-typists. The file unit is made up of three girls who also do research on group histories and maintain G.S.O.'s archives. The balance includes our receptionist, and switchboard operator who also helps out with Spanish translations.

**Records:** In 1970 this department processed over 12,000 pieces of mail and from this, set up files on 1,274 groups. In addition, 10,000 other changes were made in our group records. Rose Failla, the manager, has four other employees in her department.

**Shipping:** There are seven full-time employees and nine part-time, including Manager Al Cryan and his assistant, Haywood Hicks. Mail processed last year amounted to 100,290 pieces (incoming) and 69,208 (outgoing mail, First Class). Literature orders accounted for 52,862 packages. —Bob H., president  
A.A. World Services, Inc.

## Staff Coordinator

The staff coordinator is responsible for staff coverage of the office at all times and keeps a calendar on the bulletin board to record A.A. trips, days off, vacations and other staff activities.

There are eight staff members; each one is responsible for group correspondence in one of the eight geographic regions of the United States and Canada. In addition, each staff member has a service assignment.

G.S.O. is a center for sharing A.A. experience worldwide in many ways. We are always so happy to receive letters telling how your group solved a particular problem because your experience can be passed along to another group. But there are other ways of sharing, and the more than 1000 visitors who came to G.S.O. last year contributed much to our A.A. storehouse.

One of the most delightful ways of sharing are the A.A. conventions and gatherings in which staff members are invited to par-

### FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Please remember that the Final Conference Report, due to be published about June 15, will carry a more complete coverage of the 1971 Conference sessions, including Presentations, Workshops, Floor Discussions, Advisory Actions, Ask-It Basket Questions and Rosters.

Additional copies of *this bulletin* can be purchased at 10¢ a copy. Write to G.S.O.

ticipate. Last year the staff participated in 40 of these events. We bring back much A.A. news from each one of these trips.

There are two ways of sharing and communication within the office. The first is the daily circulation folder; each day the carbons of all letters written by each staff member, with the incoming letter attached, are placed in this folder.

The second way of sharing and communication within the office is the biweekly staff meeting. A Grapevine staff member joins the G.S.O. staff for these meetings, and each person reports on her assignment activities. Frequently letters that have difficult or unusual questions are brought to staff meetings for their group-conscience thinking and guidance for reply.

—Midge McF.

## Finance and Budgetary

The financial picture for 1970 was quite similar in net results to that being reported by most of the business corporations throughout the country. Total income was up nicely, but total expenses were up even higher. Net sales for the year increased by \$52,600 over 1969 (11%) and contributions were in excess of 1969 by \$37,500 (9.4%). Total income, comprised of Publishing gross profit, contributions and the net proceeds from the 35th Anniversary Convention, was in excess of 1969 by \$75,800. Total expenses, excluding construction costs related to moving the office, increased by \$81,300. This increase was due to A.A. growth, some non-recurring expenses connected with the move and the higher cost of doing business — generally referred to as inflation.

To sum up the total results of the year's operations, including construction and moving costs, the Group Fund deficit (\$56,900) and the General Fund deficit (\$149,500) was offset in part by A.A. World Services, Inc., net income (\$74,900), leaving a total net deficit in the amount of \$131,400 as compared to a net income of \$8,700 for 1969.

Arthur Miles, Chairman  
Trustees' Finance Committee

## Professional Relations

The trustees decided in January, 1970, to separate A.A.'s relations with professional groups and outside organizations from the Public Information Committee. The staff assignment was created to handle the correspondence and projects of concern to this new committee.

The committee has undertaken to learn something about the programs of other groups and organizations concerned with alcoholics. A mailing went to all affiliates of the N.C.A. and NAAAP with very productive results. A.A. is rated by most of them as the number-one community resource.

The Professional Exhibit was shown at eight national meetings of professional organizations in seven different states.

—Cora Louise B.

## In Memory of Bill

This 21st annual meeting of the General Service Conference is the first at which our beloved Bill is not with us. It is thus a sad and solemn occasion. Yet, it is also one which marks the time when our Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous must truly come of age. We can no longer turn to the physical presence of our co-founder for the guidance which he gave to us in such great measure throughout his lifetime.

To be perfectly honest, I still have not yet come to accept this completely. I do believe in my heart that Bill is here with us at this very moment. He has left us with an integral part of himself in this General Service Conference which makes up the voice of A.A.'s group conscience worldwide. I think that it stands and meets today as one measure of his greatness and vision of the future.

I know that Bill believed that the wisdom of A.A. was to be found in the group conscience—that it came out of church basements and not from the pulpit; that it was directed from the groups up through the delegates and the Conference structure, rather than the other way around. Bill knew that it was not one voice that should be heard, but many thousands of voices: And it was his gift that he was able to listen to them all and out of the noise and confusion discern the group conscience. Then he would say something and all the rest of us would exclaim, "Why, yes, of course, that's it." And what Bill's death means to me now is that all of us—me, the other trustees and staff and delegates—will all have to listen much more carefully than we once did in order to make out of the voice of the group conscience.

I know this is possible, for this was Bill's vision—one that he lived to see fulfilled—to create a channel of communication within the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous that would make it possible for all to be heard—from the individual through the group, to the delegates and to the trustees so that A.A. will always be here to extend a helping hand to the still-suffering drunk who is crying out in the night for help.

Those of us meeting here today are a part of that channel of communication—and have been. Yet I think that it is only now that we can truly begin to grasp the great responsibility that is ours. Now it is we who must listen and act upon the voice of the group conscience. While the responsibility is great, however, I do believe that we can meet it—through the Steps and Traditions and Concepts; through the legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service, and, yes, through the simple slogans we clung to in our own early days of recovery.

We have all of this, but in order to survive and prosper we need but one thing more. And that is the help of God. I ask for it now—that He give us knowledge of His will and the power to carry it out.

In closing, I would like once more to give thanks to God that Bill lived and did so much to make this world a better place for all of us. Bill was a great and good man, and I know that he left some of that greatness and goodness behind in all of us.

John L. Norris, M.D., chairman  
General Service Board

### Conference

Our co-founder, Bill, left us on January 24, 1971, to continue his spiritual journey; since that time there seems to have been some unspoken questions about A.A.'s future. We need have no fear as a resolution offered by Bill and adopted at the Twentieth Anniversary Convention of A.A. in 1955 states: **"This Resolution authorizes the General Service Conference to act for Alcoholics Anonymous and become the successor to its co-founder."** It is important to remember that the purpose of the General Service Conference is to assume the responsibility of leadership for the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Communication begins when G.S.O. receives notice of newly elected delegates, other officers, committee members and G.S.R.'s. All are placed on the mailing list, and appropriate material mailed to them from G.S.O.

The deadline for placing in the *World Directory* new delegates, new chairmen, new G.S.R.'s, new groups, etc., is *December 1* of each year. There are 90 delegates, 78 committee chairmen and 11,208 groups in the United States and Canada that appear in the *World Directory*. These figures should give you some idea of the work involved for the G.S.O. Records Department. Is it possible to schedule your election assemblies and advise G.S.O. early enough to meet the Directory deadline of December 1, so all your current "trusted servants" will properly appear in the Directory?

There are many ways that we can communicate, so let us all use the "key" to unlock the doors that have not as yet been opened.

—Waneta N.

### Public Information

The Annual Report and annual letter on the Anonymity Tradition and the reasons for it were mailed to the news media during the past year. Also, many press releases were mailed in conjunction with A.A.'s 35th Anniversary International Convention. Hundreds of press clippings were received as a result.

The P.I.C. handled all media coverage in connection with Bill's death. Some time ago an obituary for Bill was distributed to the wire services, radio and TV networks. An accompanying letter signed by both Bill and Lois, gave permission for the disclosing of his full name at the time of his death. This obituary was updated periodically. Special telegrams were sent to President Nixon, Premier Trudeau, Gov. Rockefeller and Mayor Lindsay. Lois received condolences from each. Worthy of separate mention was the *New York Times* obituary which was written by John S., an A.A. member.

The total press coverage was most heartwarming, and we are well aware that many of you were responsible for local press coverage. The P.I. Committee also distributed a news release in conjunction with the memorial services held around the world on February 14. More than 1,000 press clippings and articles have been received to date, and we feel more will come. There were also many requests for information about Dr. Bob and this was given to the communications media.

—Eleanor N.

### A.A. IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

A conference of church women was also held at the New Yorker during the General Service Conference and there was considerable confusion for a time as to who met where. A very young couple who were obviously newlyweds or part of the church get-together wandered down one morning and were stopped at the door. "Sorry," they were told "the church meeting is upstairs, this is an A.A. Conference." The young man grinned. "Then, I'm among friends," he said. He was an A.A. member from Kitchener, Ontario, accompanying his wife to the big town for her church meeting. The ticket broker in the lobby was also a member.

### Institutions

We now serve 767 A.A. groups in hospitals and rehabilitation centers with approximately 18,604 members, and 925 groups in correctional facilities. We also have 106 Institutions Committees and 28 institutions sponsors listed at G.S.O.

Many thousands of A.A. members have found sobriety in institutions. Today there are many rehabilitation centers for alcoholics and more and more we see A.A. members coming to us from these facilities. Also, in the past few years there has been great interest developed in municipal court programs and we are beginning to meet many new members who have found their way because they were "sentenced" to A.A.

More communication is needed between the non-A.A.'s working in rehabilitation centers and the A.A. members in the areas where these facilities are located. Many times those centers do not have an A.A. contract for referral, making the alcoholics' transition from the inside to the outside so much more difficult, and sometimes depriving them of A.A. sponsorship. We should be more aware of the alcoholics' needs when leaving these centers so they will find the hand of A.A. waiting for them.

—Mary Ellen U.

### Grapevine

The year 1970 opened with Grapevine circulation at 54,800 and closed with the December issue at 57,700, a growth of 6%. Circulation of the Grapevine has increased at approximately this rate over the last three years. This growth is most gratifying because it has been achieved without undue promotion.

The editors are happy to note that the magazine itself pays its own way, though rapidly rising costs may change that picture in the future. Contributing to the Grapevine's financial picture are several special items we make available. Most notable: the 1971 Calendar order of 15,000 was sold out. The sale of our book, *Best Cartoons from the Grapevine*, has sold nearly 6,000 copies to date, out of a total printing of 20,000 copies. It continues a steady sale of over fifty copies a week. *The Best of Bill* also continues to sell well. On the whole, the Grapevine appears to be very healthy.

—Jack M. & Paula C., Editors

## Literature

The Trustees' Literature Committee reviews all suggestions for new A.A. Conference-approved literature, all suggested revisions to existing material, and approves the contents of any new book or pamphlet. Following is a report of some of our activities during the last year:

1. **Member's-Eye View of Alcoholic Anonymous.** Approved by last year's Conference; now in distribution.
2. **Illustrated Traditions Pamphlet.** Drawings and text have been approved by the Trustees' Committee and forwarded to the Conference Committee for their comments. It should be ready for publishing soon.
3. **A.A. for the Woman.** A suburban housewife's story will be added in the next printing of this pamphlet.
4. **How We Stay Sober.** A first draft of this booklet is now being reviewed by the trustees' Literature Committee.
5. **Came To Believe.** The response to requests for material from A.A.'s has been gradual but heartwarming. It now looks like we have enough shared experience, and it will be distributed soon to both committees for their comments.
6. **Why Alcoholics Anonymous is Anonymous and Problems Other Than Alcohol.** At the suggestion of the 20th Conference, these two Grapevine reprints by Bill have been added to the A.A.W.S. literature order blank.

—Austin MacCormick, Chairman  
Trustees' Literature Committee

## Overseas

Today there are 3,559 groups overseas with a membership of 66,632. Exciting things have developed through the years and since the first World Service Meeting held in October, 1969, A.A. growth has been burgeoning. Here are some of the highlights:

**Asia:** There are about 60 members in South Vietnam, with ten groups reported. A.A.'s there continue to ask for information on how to start groups and how to get started as Loners.

**Australia:** The Australian Service Conference voted unanimously in favor of establishing a G.S.B. in Australia, with a General Service Office to be opened later in Sydney.

**Brazil:** The Literature Distribution Center is located at Sao Paulo, where there is an active committee and office. Last year the Big Book (first 11 chapters) was translated into Portuguese and is now being distributed from the L.D.C.

**El Salvador:** Their G.S.B. is getting underway. We have sent them a suggested proposal for A.A. General Service structure in all of Central America. Currently the G.S.O. in San Salvador is answering all mail forwarded them from G.S.O. in New York.

**England:** An A.A. member in show business in London had his anonymity broken at the public level. We shared the steps taken by our P.I.C. regarding anonymity breaks and they are following the experience here in the U.S. and Canada.

**Finland:** For the first time, their G.S.B. has invited a staff member to attend their Conference.

**Ireland:** An office has been established in Dublin to service A.A. throughout the country; delegates elected from the four provinces. Their G.S. Conference meets twice a year.

**Mexico:** The Big Book in Spanish is being printed and distributed by the Literature Distribution Center in Mexico. The G.S.O. in Mexico is apparently running smoothly.

**Sweden:** The Big Book has been translated; it is in manuscript form, and an initial meeting has been held with regard to helping A.A. in Sweden print and distribute it.

—Beth K.

## Training Program

My training program covered a three-month period and was a comprehensive, on-the-job study of all aspects of G.S.O. and its services. The staff coordinator reviewed incoming mail with me each day for several weeks, illustrating how G.S.O. assists A.A. groups and members by sharing experiences passed along from other groups and members. Within the first few weeks, I visited with each staff member and department head who described his (or her) specific assignment.

Early in my training program, I began to dictate some simple letters acknowledging contributions and records information. By the end of the first month, I had been assigned to correspond with the Southeast Region and was experiencing the joy of receiving letters from many new A.A. friends welcoming me and wishing me well in my new job at G.S.O.

Through the cooperation and encouragement of each staff member and each department head, I learned a great deal about G.S.O. services during my training program. This program ended early in April, but each day is a new beginning, another chance to learn and to serve.

—Valerie S.

### OTHER CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

**LOIS** — One of the most moving moments of the entire 5½ day General Service Conference was when Lois stood before the delegates, trustees and staff members to thank them for the sympathy and strength they had extended to her during recent months.

**IN MEMORIAM CONTRIBUTIONS** — It was reported that these gifts in memory of Bill currently amount to about \$30,000. Disposition of this money will be made by the Board at a later date and reported to the groups.

**1975 CONVENTION** — Delegates selected the following cities in order of preference as their choice for the 1975 A.A. Convention: Denver, Seattle and Detroit.

**1970 CONVENTION** — Reported that 10,700 members attended the 1970 Convention, 300 more than in 1965 at Toronto.

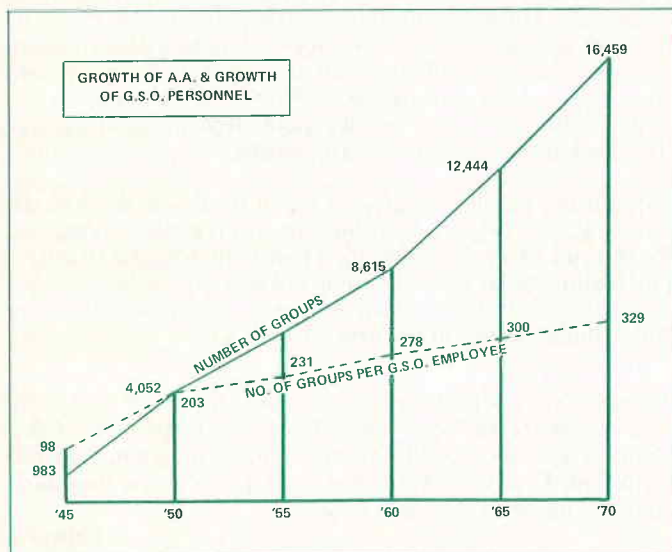
**LONERS and INTERNATIONALISTS** — Reported that there are 450 Loner Members around the world and 407 Internationalists are now registered.

## Growth & Money at G.S.O.

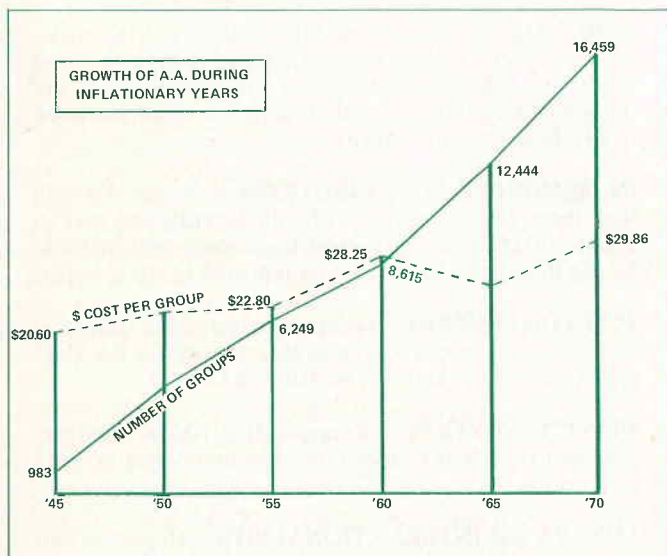
How efficient has been G.S.O.'s growth? In terms of personnel – in 1945 there was one employee for each 98 groups. Today, one employee serves each 329 groups.

During the past twenty five years, the G.S.O. budget has increased from \$20,000 to \$513,800 for services charged to the group contribution account. During that same period, cost of living increased 119%. Adjusting for this change in dollar value, we find that the cost of services per group actually showed a decrease from \$20.60 to \$14.24.

	Groups	Employees	Groups per Employee	\$ Cost per Group	Living Cost
1945	983	10	98	\$20.60	100
1950	4,052	20	202	22.06	139
1955	6,249	27	230	22.81	148
1960	8,615	31	278	28.25	165
1970	16,459	50	329	29.86	219



1. (Above) There are more than 16 times as many groups today as in 1945. The number of services has increased greatly, too, in the same period. Today, however, there are 329 groups for each G.S.O. employee, compared with only 98 in 1945.



2. (Above) During the years 1945 through 1970, the cost of living increased 119 percent. Constant striving for increased efficiency succeeded in keeping G.S.O. service cost per group to \$29.86 in 1970 compared with \$20.60 in 1945, an increase of only 45 percent.

## 1971 G.S.O. Budget

The budget for 1971 Operations of G.S.O. activities – Exclusive of the A.A. Grapevine – is as follows:

BUDGET

### A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC.—PUBLISHING

#### INCOME

Sales	\$565,300*
Less: Cost of Products	<u>232,700</u>
Gross Profit from Sales	332,600

#### TOTAL EXPENSES

<u>252,900</u>	<u>252,900</u>
Excess of Income (Expense)	<u>79,700</u>

\*Based upon the sale of:

- 58,500 Books – “Alcoholics Anonymous”
- 22,500 Books – “12 Steps & 12 Traditions” (Reg.)
- 7,200 Books – “12 Steps & 12 Traditions” (Pocket)
- 7,000 Books – “A.A. Comes of Age”
- 12,000 Books – “As Bill Sees It”
- Pamphlets & Miscellaneous Items

### OFFICE EXPENSES – GROUP SERVICES

#### INCOME

Contributions	\$465,000
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#### TOTAL EXPENSES

<u>513,800**</u>	<u>513,800**</u>
Excess of Income (Expense)	<u>(48,800)</u>

\*\*Includes cost of General Service Conference – \$ 31,300

### GENERAL FUND—TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

#### INCOME

\$ –0–

#### TOTAL EXPENSES

<u>41,400***</u>	<u>41,400</u>
Excess of Income (Expense)	<u>(41,400)</u>

\*\*\*Board Meetings, P.I.C. Expense, Special Projects.

The Publishing activity will contribute \$79,700 to the budgeted deficits.

## 1971 Grapevine Budget

Estimated income from subscription and other sales.....	\$255,000
Estimated Expense.....	254,300
Net income from operations.....	700
Interest from Savings accounts.....	<u>8,000</u>
Net income.....	<u>8,700</u>

# 1970 Group Contributions

U.S.	# Gps. re-ported	# Gps. of Gps. Contrib.	% of Gps. on R.C.P.	# Gps. R.C.P.	% of Gps. on R.C.P.	Amount of Contrib.	Member-ship	Contrib's. per Capita
Alabama	79	47	59.6%	12	25.5%	\$ 2,694.70	1,118	\$ 2.41
Alaska	41	19	46.3	7	36.8	1,447.80	347	4.17
Arizona	146	86	58.9	25	29.1	4,650.71	1,650	2.82
Arkansas	83	53	63.9	14	26.4	2,890.05	1,030	2.80
California	1,389	802	57.7	329	41.0	49,046.03	32,394	1.52
Colorado	141	70	49.7	31	44.2	4,179.35	1,939	2.15
Connecticut	226	130	57.6	38	29.2	9,192.20	3,571	2.57
Delaware	33	25	75.6	11	45.0	1,795.00	489	3.67
Dist. of Columbia	56	39	69.7	19	48.7	4,519.50	1,415	3.19
Florida	331	209	63.1	73	34.9	22,144.40	5,062	4.37
Georgia	176	116	65.9	42	36.2	5,072.16	2,538	2.00
Hawaii	37	19	51.5	5	26.3	722.50	478	1.51
Idaho	43	23	53.6	6	26.0	810.00	440	1.84
Illinois	686	527	76.8	52	9.8	13,843.56	13,900	1.00
Indiana	208	143	68.8	43	30.0	8,285.40	3,057	2.71
Iowa	128	73	57.1	20	27.4	4,492.44	2,403	1.86
Kansas	122	89	72.9	15	16.8	4,170.51	2,227	1.87
Kentucky	124	72	58.0	14	19.4	7,199.35	1,563	4.60
Louisiana	92	58	63.0	16	27.5	3,022.13	1,681	1.79
Maine	48	42	87.6	9	21.4	1,635.50	570	2.86
Maryland	171	118	69.0	37	31.3	7,020.91	2,536	2.77
Massachusetts	290	160	55.1	61	38.1	10,796.62	6,005	1.80
Michigan	382	228	59.6	79	34.6	19,071.29	6,014	3.17
Minnesota	264	180	68.2	33	18.3	9,006.43	6,000	1.50
Mississippi	53	33	62.2	9	27.3	1,372.75	751	1.83
Missouri	199	116	58.3	39	33.6	7,213.98	2,837	2.54
Montana	61	38	62.2	8	21.7	1,588.74	658	2.41
Nebraska	84	49	58.3	12	24.6	2,726.70	985	2.77
Nevada	57	38	66.7	16	44.4	2,245.50	998	2.25
New Hampshire	38	26	68.4	9	34.6	1,645.49	633	2.60
New Jersey	276	201	72.9	76	37.8	15,265.67	4,215	3.62
New Mexico	73	44	60.3	10	22.7	2,266.25	1,077	2.10
New York	646	420	65.0	168	40.0	36,120.83	12,601	2.87
North Carolina	180	120	66.6	35	29.1	7,621.05	2,695	2.83
North Dakota	45	20	44.5	3	15.0	1,096.00	529	2.07
Ohio	498	298	59.9	67	22.5	16,360.36	9,726	1.68
Oklahoma	110	87	79.0	40	45.9	4,540.04	1,619	2.80
Oregon	115	68	59.1	18	26.4	4,026.12	1,194	3.37
Pennsylvania	330	237	71.8	68	28.6	17,990.03	5,314	3.39
Rhode Island	36	28	77.8	11	39.2	2,389.87	448	5.33
South Carolina	79	49	62.0	8	16.3	2,835.95	1,187	2.39
South Dakota	47	27	57.4	2	7.4	1,112.60	761	1.46
Tennessee	86	60	69.7	8	13.3	3,265.76	1,349	2.42
Texas	390	256	65.6	84	32.8	17,640.44	8,236	2.14
Utah	56	33	58.9	13	39.3	1,276.38	742	1.72
Vermont	32	24	76.0	5	20.8	1,828.88	392	4.66
Virginia	161	119	73.9	42	35.2	7,839.43	2,580	3.04
Washington	217	155	71.4	56	36.1	10,856.30	2,553	4.25
West Virginia	61	43	70.5	10	23.2	3,097.17	660	4.69
Wisconsin	252	162	64.3	26	16.1	6,661.81	2,966	2.25
Wyoming	26	16	61.6	1	6.3	607.00	302	2.01
Commonwealth of P.R.	33	28	84.8	5	17.8	1,316.31	641	2.05
Canal Zone	2	2	100.0	1	50.0	400.00	49	8.16
Bahama Islands	2	2	100.0	1	50.0	35.00	42	.83
Virgin Islands of U.S.	2	2	100.0	1	50.0	45.00	32	1.41
<b>Total for U.S.</b>	<b>9,541</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>64.2%</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>30.1%</b>	<b>\$380,995.95</b>	<b>167,167</b>	<b>\$ 2.28</b>

CANADA	# Gps. re-ported	# Gps. Contrib.	% of Gps. Contrib.	# Gps. R.C.P.	% of Gps. on R.C.P.	Amount of Contrib.	Member-ship	Contrib's. per Capita
Alberta	148	78	52.7%	8	10.2%	\$ 3,614.93	1,343	\$ 2.69
Atlantic Prov.								
New Brunswick	55	29	52.7	4	13.7	1,062.15	712	1.49
Newfoundland	20	10	50.	3	30.0	437.26	224	1.95
Nova Scotia	59	38	64.4	5	13.2	1,874.52	693	2.70
Prince Ed. Is.	21	9	42.9	1	11.1	310.46	307	1.01
British Columbia	217	124	57.1	14	11.3	6,111.90	2,654	2.30
Manitoba	83	39	47.0	6	15.3	2,358.02	1,581	1.49
N.W. Territories	5	3	60.0	1	33.3	75.40	31	2.43
Ontario	490	286	58.4	81	28.3	20,839.58	7,168	2.91
Quebec	419	257	61.3	83	32.2	7,280.44	9,536	.76
Saskatchewan	148	83	56.1	3	36.2	3,457.82	1,688	2.05
Yukon Terr.	2	2	100.0	0	- 0 -	12.00	20	.60
<b>TOTAL for CANADA</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>\$ 47,434.48</b>	<b>25,957</b>	<b>\$ 1.83</b>
<b>TOTAL for U.S. and CANADA</b>	<b>11,208</b>	<b>7,087</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>\$428,430.43</b>	<b>193,124</b>	<b>\$ 2.22</b>

FOREIGN & OTHER	# Gps. re-ported	# Gps. Contrib.	% of Gps. Contrib.	# Gps. R.C.P.	% of Gps. on R.C.P.	Amount of Contrib.	Member-ship	Contrib's. per Capita
Foreign						3,350.31		
World Hello						50.53		
International Doctors						218.00		
Hospital Groups						1,783.78		
Prison Groups						192.93		
Internationalists						677.77		
Young People in A.A.						300.00		
International Deaf						3.00		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>\$435,006.75</b>		

### GROUP CONTRIBUTION COMPARISON — 1970 — 1969

	# Gps. re-ported	# Gps. Contrib.	% of Gps. Contrib.	# Gps. R.C.P.	% of Gps. on R.C.P.	Amount of Contrib.	Member-ship	Contrib's. per Capita
U.S.A. 1970	9,541	6,129	64.2%	1,843	30.1%	\$380,995.95	167,167	\$ 2.28
U.S.A. 1969	9,047	5,765	63.7	1,458	25.3	348,196.68	156,817	2.22
<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>\$ 32,799.27</b>	<b>10,350</b>	<b>\$ .06</b>
Canada 1970	1,667	958	57.5%	209	21.8%	\$ 47,434.48	25,957	\$ 1.83
Canada 1969	1,590	875	55.0	128	14.6	44,414.18	22,661	1.96
<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>\$ 3,020.30</b>	<b>3,296</b>	<b>\$ (.13)</b>
U.S. & Canada 1970	11,208	7,087	63.2%	2,052	28.9%	\$428,430.43	193,124	\$ 2.22
U.S. & Canada 1969	10,637	6,640	62.4	1,586	23.9	392,610.86	179,478	2.19
<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>\$ 35,819.57</b>	<b>13,646</b>	<b>\$ .03</b>

# Special Gifts to G.S.O.

ARIZONA		
Area Committee .....	\$ 784.97	
CALIFORNIA		
Bakersfield: 19th Annu. So. Ca. Conv.....	4,655.20	
Annual Women's A.A. Dinner .....	10.00	
Covina: Women's Workshop .....	25.00	
District 80-89, Area 8 .....	26.29	
Riverside: Alano Club Christmas Alcathon .....	17.51	
Riverside: Christmas Alcathon .....	5.66	
All Santa Clara Valley Dist.....	50.00	
DELAWARE		
Gen. Service Assembly .....	25.00	
FLORIDA		
Dist. No. 3 Breakfast.....	15.90	
Miami: Holy Comforter 11th Step Mtg.....	10.80	
GEORGIA		
St. Simons Island Weekend .....	500.00	
ILLINOIS		
Area 14 .....	38.00	
KENTUCKY		
Owensboro: Tri-State Conv. ....	555.14	
MICHIGAN		
Southeast Mich.....	16.00	
		Cent. Mich. Intra-Group Area Council .....
		111.35
		NEBRASKA
		Omaha: All Groups Dinner .....
		10.31
		Omaha: Dinner Meeting .....
		7.16
		Omaha: Intergroup Dinner .....
		10.26
		NORTH CAROLINA
		Raleigh: Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conf. .
		300.00
		TEXAS
		Sonora: Gratitude Supper Party ....
		35.00
		20th S.W. Area Conf. ....
		540.00
		WASHINGTON
		Spokane: E. Wash. Area Assembly ..
		21.95
		Dist. 13, Gratitude Banquet .....
		125.00
		WISCONSIN
		So. Area Conf.....
		150.00
		CANADA
		Prov. Bilingual Conf.....
		990.00
		Ont.: Toronto, Sun. Morn. Men's Mtg.....
		59.10
		Ont.: Hamilton, Dist. Gen. Service ..
		30.00
		Ont.: Christmas & New Year Alkathon.....
		122.26
		Sask.: 12th Prov. Conf.....
		300.00
		Sask.: Prince Albert Gateway Roundup.....
		98.00

## ADVISORY ACTIONS (continued from p. 1)

**FINANCE** — Reconfirmed the principal of the regular Contribution Plan and recommend that it receive the concerted effort of all.

**LITERATURE** — Suggested that "Member's-Eye View," the newest A.A. Conference-approved pamphlet, be noted by all delegates and made available in their areas. Information that the new Illustrated Traditions Pamphlet, is now at the printers, was well received. Also recommended that the "Student's Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous" be accepted for publication with minor revisions.

**TRUSTEES** — Recommended that members of the Conference Committee on Trustees continue to be listed as voting members in the election of regional trustees.

**ANONYMITY** — Agreed that the use of full names and addresses, where indicated, could improve communications within A.A.

**AREA DELEGATES ONLY MEETING** — Resolved to place a gift in the memorial fund in the memory of Bill, Bern Smith, Bill W. and Hugh S. Noted the importance of keeping past delegates informed and involved and recommended that they begin to receive the G.S.O. quarterly report. Elected Bob McA., West Virginia, as 1972 Area Delegates Chairman.

**CLUBS** — Recommended that the subject of clubs be made a major subject on next year's agenda.

**G.S. BOARD** — Nominated a total of nine A.A. and non-A.A. Trustees to replace those who are retiring or rotating from the Board, as well as the late Bernard Smith. The non-A.A.'s are John D. Bealer, M.D., Assistant Medical Director Bethlehem Steel Corp., and Milton A. Maxwell, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies. The new A.A. trustees are: Ralph A., general service trustee; Don A., Southwest regional trustee; Tom G., general service trustee at large for Canada; George G., Pacific regional trustee; Jack M., East Central regional trustee; Tom M., Southeast regional trustee, and Robert R., Eastern Canada regional trustee.

## VOICE OF THE CONFERENCE

Young people — what they can contribute to older members and whether or not there is a generation gap in A.A. — was one subject covered by delegates at the "Voice of the Conference" Session Tuesday night. "They look to us for example and make us realize what we should be like," said one delegate. "They bring us new ideas and enthusiasm," said another. One delegate reported that a younger member told him, "We need and can help each other. We should avoid stereotypes and remember that we all came here because we were powerless over alcohol and our lives were unmanageable." Another young person was reported to have said that we should avoid trying to change the program in any way to suit them. "Most young people want to be part of the movement and not isolated," said another delegate.

## A.A. CALENDAR

### MAY

- 29-30 — *Los Angeles, Ca.* 2nd Hispano Conv. of A.A. Write: Chm., 847 So. Grand Ave., Los Angeles.
- 29-30 — *Oslo, Norway.* A.A. Country Conf. Write: Chm., A.A. Country Conf., Landsekreteriat, Observatoriegaten 10, Oslo.

### JUNE

- 4-6 — *Jackson, Miss.*, State Conv. Write: Chm., Rt. 1, Box 287, Florence.
- 4-6 — *Palm Springs, Ca.* 11th Annu. Desert Roundup. Write: Chm., Desert A.A. Roundup, Box 539, Palm Springs.
- 4-6 — *North Platte, Nebr.* State Reunion. Write: Reunion Chm., Box 491, Laurel, Nebr.
- 5-6 — *Parksville, B.C., Can.* 11th Annu. Rally. Write: Sec'y., Box 15, Nanaimo, B.C., Can.
- 5-6 — *Winchester, Va.* 16th Four-State & D.C. Spring Get-Together. Write: Chm., Box 12011, Seminary Station, Alexandria, Va.
- 11-13 — *Jefferson City, Mo.* Missouri State Roundup and W. Cen. Regional Mtg. Write: Chm., 2928 Mason, Independence, Mo.
- 11-13 — *Charleston, W. Va.* 19th State Conf. Comm. Write: Chm., Box 5265, Charleston.
- 17-20 — *Hollywood, Fla.* 15th State Conv. Write: Chm., Box 6207, Pompano Beach.
- 18-20 — *St. Simons Island, Ga.* 7th Annu. Golden Isles A.A. Family Weekend. Write: Chm., Box 508, Statesboro, Ga.
- 18-20 — *Peterborough, Ont., Can.* 10th Annu. Cen. East District Conf. Write: Chm., 57 Hilliard St., Peterborough.
- 18-20 — *Bowmanville, Ont., Can.* Annu. Conf. Write: Chm., Box 14, Group 15, RR No. 3, Bowmanville.
- 18-20 — *Reno, Nev.* 14th International Young People's Conf. Write: Chm., Box 698, Reno.
- 19-20 — *Leadville, Co.* Summer Reg. Conf. Write: Sec'y., 3236 S. Fairfax, Denver, Co.
- 24-27 — *Fort Worth, Tex.* 22nd Tex. State Conf. Write: Chm., 4224 Galway St., Fort Worth.
- 25-28 — *Akron, Ohio.* 36th Founder's Day. Write: Intergroup office, 41 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

### JULY

- 2-4 — *Seattle, Wash.* 26th Pacific N.W. Conf. — 30th Ann. of A.A. in Northwest. Write: Chm., 3114½ 14th, South Seattle.
- 10-13 — *Salisbury, Rhodesia, South Africa.* Annu. Rhodesian Conv. Write: Red Cross Hall, Box 1857, Salisbury.
- 16-18 — *Baton Rouge, La.* 14th State Conv. Write: Chm., State Conv., 2160 Terrace Ave., Baton Rouge.

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