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The preliminary Conference program indicated only one Brazilian Plenary session speaker Dom Eugenio Sales, Archbishop of Bahia and President of the Community Action Secretariat of CELAM (Catholic Bishops of Latin America). Since Dom Eugenio cannot attend, the Brazilians are hoping to be asked to nominate another Brazilian. So far they have received no such request. When Argentinean Social Worker Da. Margarita Calvento was in Rio for the BEMFAM Conference on Family Planning, she reported that the National Argentine Committee wanted to invite Dom Helder as a plenary session speaker but the Argentine Foreign Office refused to endorse this request.

Some members of the Rio Grande do Sul delegation plan to go to Chile following the Buenos Aires Conference to see the present work of Paulo Freire. From reports of his recent efforts in alphabetization and basic education they believe his system is the most appropriate to meet the needs of their state.

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