

--The ACC held to a council idea..a group of churches expressing opinion judicially derived; while the NAE projected a "fellowship" with the idea that the churches would work together for certain projects and ends in a cooperative way.

--The ACC held for a more polemical stance and a confrontation theology while the NAE opted for a more "constructive" and progressive approach. This sounds more mild in form than it actually improved in life.

These were not the only differences but they seem to be the major ones in time. You can easily see that the two bodies could not work together although there were some initial overtures in that direction. The ACC soon identified the NAE as compromisers and the NAE promptly dubbed the ACC obscurantists and "fighters". The NAE activities consequently took on a more constructive aura due to the aims we have just mentioned. It became particularly active in

Christian Education

- Overseas ministry
- Health and welfare programs
- Evangelism

and not active at all in confrontational theological affairs or in strong protest to liberal ideas and aspirations.

It is hard to assess this body as well and I will try to do so in class..orally..one does not have to be so precise that way! The body is currently called the National Association of Evangelicals in the United States of America. Its chief publication is UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION, and its early history is written in the book, COOPERATION WITHOUT COMPROMISE by James D. Murch.

b. The World's Evangelical Fellowship

The original foundation is in 1846 with the title the World's Evangelical Fellowship. The struggles were many and finance was the biggest. In 1942 this became, practically, the World's Evangelical Alliance and the present title was adopted somewhat afterwards...I have mislaid the date. It is not a continuous organization but a continuing ideal with just a few gaps in the organizational line. It is represented on all continents today and has as a rallying point the assembling of Christian leaders of evangelical spirit. Finance is still a big problem...some ethnic and national problems have bothered it as well. Today as it attempts to speak to world issues it has divisions of opinion on what to say, etc. So...the concept of a fellowship is giving place to a concept of an action body but the transition is not easy and for this group has not proved comfortable. Assessment will likely be oral...you know why!