

SOCIALIST DIARY

Dos Santos

Marcellino Dos Santos, Vice-President of FRELIMO, the African liberation movement fighting in Mozambique, visited the Secretariat of the Socialist International on 21 June, for talks with the General Secretary. Dos Santos said that the meeting was an important step for FRELIMO and that although FRELIMO and Social democratic parties may differ in their approach to certain problems their aim is the same—they are all fighting for freedom. Dos Santos emphasised the important role the Socialist International could play and expressed the hope for continued good relations between the two organisations.

Research Council

The Socialist International Research Council held a seminar in Stockholm from 25–26 June. This was the second seminar of the Research Council since it was established by the Bureau in March 1971, the first having been held in London in January 1972. Twenty-six representatives of research departments and institutes of parties affiliated to the Socialist International took part and continued their discussion on Multinational Companies and Industrial Democracy.

Two main papers were presented to the seminar: the first on Multinational Companies was presented by Bo Elmgren of the Research Department of the Swedish Social Democratic Party, and the second on Industrial Democracy was presented by Per Kleppe of the Research Office of the Labour Movement in Norway.

The seminar elected a drafting committee, composed of Terry Pitt (Research Department, British Labour Party), Jan Olsson (Metal Workers' Union, Sweden) and Sylvain Libert (Emile Vandervelde Institute, Belgium), to prepare a resolution for presentation to the Bureau of the Socialist International on Multinational Companies based on the findings of the Council so far. The resolution concluded:

'We urge the Bureau of the Socialist International to take up the proposal by

the International Metal Workers' Federation and set up a Task Force to prepare specific short and medium term proposals for national action and draw up a comprehensive code of international regulations. It should put special emphasis on the possibilities for socialist parties to follow up politically international trade union action.

'The Task Force should also be a centre for the flow of ideas and information. The Task Force should represent both parties and trade union organisations, and should have adequate resources and staff to draw up a first full report on one year. Meanwhile the Socialist International Research Council will continue its work, and prepare a comprehensive report on the problems arising from multinational companies. The report will be ready, if the Bureau so requests, in time for debate at the Council meeting in Malta in November.'

Bureau

The Bureau meeting on 30 June adopted strong statements condemning the phoney plebiscite held in Greece on 29 July to inaugurate one of the Colonels as Head of State. It also very strongly supported the Government of President Salvador Allende in Chile in the face of new, this time armed, attacks from the Extreme Right. The Bureau further authorised the General Secretary to undertake study trips to Romania and Cyprus and it laid down the agenda for the forthcoming Council Conference of the Socialist International to be held in Malta on 2 and 3 November. The main subjects being the General Secretary's report and Debate on the international situation. The Bureau also heard reports on recent meetings of study groups of the Socialist International dealing with questions of development and environment, of international terrorism and of equality of women. The Bureau also discussed the financial situation of the Socialist International in view of the fact that a substantial number of member parties are in arrears with their affiliation fees. The Bureau finally appointed Hans Janit-

schek to succeed Alan Day as Editor of SOCIALIST AFFAIRS. The Bureau will meet again in London on 29 August.

André Resampa

The General Secretary of the Socialist Union of Madagascar, André Resampa, arrived in London on 11 July for talks with the Socialist International and the British Labour Party. He was received at the Secretariat of the International by the General Secretary, Hans Janitschek and Vera Matthias, Secretary of the International Council of Social Democratic Women. They discussed the political situation in Madagascar and Mr Resampa's recent arrest by the military government, as well as the forthcoming elections in Madagascar, due in August and September, for a 'Consultative Assembly'.

Mario Soares

Dr Mario Soares, the exiled Portuguese socialist leader, visited the Secretariat of the Socialist International on 12 July for talks with the General Secretary. The visit was of added significance firstly, because of the arrival in Britain on 16 July of Prime Minister Caetano of Portugal for a state visit, and secondly because of recent reports carried in *The Times* newspaper of the massacre by Portuguese troops last December of over 400 men, women and children in Mozambique. Hans Janitschek said that the function of the Socialist International was at all times to assist in every possible way its member parties. He added that the Socialist International had great respect for the Portuguese Socialist Party as a formidable force of democratic socialism whose influence goes beyond the confines of Portugal. He expressed the continued support of the Socialist International for the Portuguese Socialist Party.

Mario Soares was an official guest of the British Labour Party during Dr Caetano's visit, the Labour Party having announced that they would boycott all public events connected with the visit.