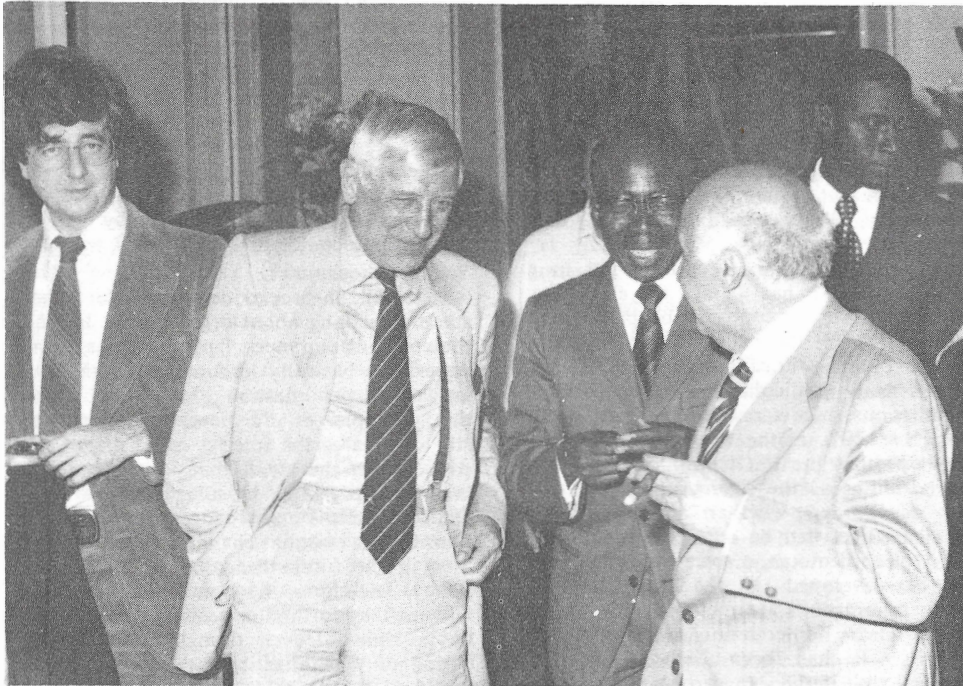


SI BUREAU MEETING: ROME

(Left to right) Emilio Menendez del Valle, Robert Pontillon, President Léopold Senghor, Francisco Lopez Real, Birane Wane



(Left to right) Giampiero Rolandi, Gino Bianco, a PSI official, Pietro Lezzi, Pier Luigi Romita (standing), Aldo Ajello and Enrica Lucarelli



The second Bureau meeting of the Socialist International in 1977 was held in Rome on June 2-3, 1977, at the joint invitation of the Italian Social Democratic Party (PSDI) and the Italian Socialist Party (PSI). Willy Brandt chaired the meeting, which was attended by more than fifty participants (see list below) and a number of guests.

Among the guests were a delegation from Accion Democratica of Venezuela, led by its Chairman, Gonzalo Barrios, and including Enrique Tejera Paris and Marco Tulio Bruni Celli; a delegation from the Partido Revolucionario Institucional of Mexico; Congressman Donald Fraser of the Democratic Party of the United States; representatives of the Movimiento Nacional Revolucionario of El Salvador, and representatives of the Janata Party of India and of the Confederation of Socialist Parties of the European Community.

Three major themes discussed by the meeting were Europe and the Mediterranean area (introduced by the PSI Secretary, Bettino Craxi), Human Rights (introduced by the First Secretary of the French Socialist Party, François Mitterrand), and Chile (introduced by the Chairman of the Chilean Radical Party, Anselmo Sule).

Among the decisions taken by the meeting were the following:

(a) To double the budget of the Socialist International.

(b) To establish a Socialist International Study Group on Multinational Corporations, with Oscar Debunne (Belgium) as chairman.

(c) To establish a Socialist International Committee for Solidarity with Chile, with Alex Kitson (Great Britain) and André van der Louw (Netherlands) as co-chairmen.

(d) To discuss the question of Eurocommunism at a later Bureau meeting.

(e) To send a message, on the eve of Turkey's general election, to Bulent Ecevit, leader of the Republican People's Party. The text of the message was as follows:

"At its meeting in Rome, the Bureau of the Socialist International expressed its strong interest in the Turkish elections. At the same time, it has been stated that we follow with deep concern the acts of violence which accompany the campaign in your country. The members of the Socialist International sincerely wish you and the Republican People's Party a successful election.

With fraternal regards

Willy Brandt

President of the Socialist International".

(f) To postpone until September 2-10, 1977, the Socialist International mission to southern Africa. The mission, which is to be led by Olof Palme, will visit Tanzania, Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia and Angola.

(g) That a Socialist International mission led by Mario Soares (the Portuguese Prime Minister and Socialist Party leader) will visit Latin America on October 17-27, 1977. The countries which the mission will visit are Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela and

the Dominican Republic. The delegation will be composed of the representatives from the Austrian Socialist Party, the British Labour Party, the French Socialist Party, the German Social Democratic Party, the Italian Social Democratic Party, the Italian Socialist Party, the Socialist Party of Senegal, the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), the Swedish Social Democratic Party, the International Union of Socialist Youth and the General Secretary of the Socialist International.

(h) That disarmament will be a main theme at the next meeting of the Bureau of the Socialist International, to be held in Madrid on October 15-16, 1977.

(i) That a Socialist International Conference on Disarmament will be held in Helsinki on April 24-26, 1978, organized jointly by the Finnish Social Democratic Party and the Socialist International.

In addition, the Bureau agreed unanimously on the following text concerning human rights:

"After the report delivered by François Mitterrand, Vice-President of the Socialist International and First Secretary of the French Socialist Party, the Bureau of the Socialist International thought it necessary to continue the discussion on all aspects of the human rights problems. In order to study and analyse the questions involved, Willy Brandt, President of the Socialist International and Chairman of the German Socialist Democratic Party, will convene a small working group being composed of personalities with knowledge and experience in that field.

"Within this framework ways and means will be discussed on how to cooperate with others on that vital question. Bernt Carlsson, the General Secretary of the Socialist International, is to continue the informative and exploratory talks as decided at the Bureau meeting in London on March 30, 1977."

The Bureau also received a report on the preparations for the Conference on Chile to be held in Rotterdam on August 29-31, 1977, jointly organized by the Dutch Labour Party and the Socialist International. Invitations to the conference are being sent to the six parties constituting the Unidad Popular of Chile, to the Chilean Trade Union Confederation (CUT), to the Christian Democratic Party of Chile and to all the full member-parties of the Socialist International. The programme of the conference will centre on discussion of the future Chile, analysing this from four aspects — constitutional problems, economic problems, future foreign policy of a democratic Chile, and the general strategy for achieving these goals. No statements or resolutions are to be adopted by the conference.

Another Socialist International conference which will be held in the near future is a Conference on Energy Policies. It will take place in Marseilles on September 22-23, 1977, jointly organized by the French Socialist Party and the Socialist International.

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