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SI BUREAU MEETING
HAMBURG

Helmut Schmidt, Willy Brandt, Michael Manley
The first Bureau meeting of the Socialist International in 1978 was held in Hamburg on February 9-10, 1978, at the invitation of the German Social Democratic Party. Willy Brandt chaired the meeting which was attended by eighty participants (see list below) and six guests.

The participants included two Vice-Presidents of the Socialist International — Joop den Uyl, Leader of the Dutch Labour Party, and Irene Petry, Chairman of the International Council of Social Democratic Women — and an Honorary President of the Socialist International, Walter Bringolf (Switzerland). Five Prime Ministers participated in the meeting: Anker Joergensen (Denmark), Helmut Schmidt (Federal Germany), Michael Manley (Jamaica), Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (Mauritius) and Odvar Nordli (Norway).

Among the guests were Hans-Ulrich Klose, Mayor of Hamburg, Otto Kersten, General Secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Community and Michael Harrington, National Chairperson of the Democratic Socialist Organising Committee, USA.

A speech of welcome to the Bureau was made by Helmut Schmidt, Federal German Chancellor and Vice-Chairman of the German Social Democratic Party.

The two principal themes of the meeting were “Employment Policies” and “Socialism and Institutions in the Eighties”. Hans Apel, Federal German Finance Minister, and Willy Claes, Belgian Minister for Economic Affairs, opened the discussion on employment policies. Pier Luigi Romita, Secretary of the Italian Social Democratic Party, introduced the subject of Socialism and Institutions in the Eighties.

Michael Manley spoke on the present state of North-South relations and stressed the need for structural changes in the international system of trade.

(The texts of the Apel, Claes, and Manley speeches are published elsewhere in this issue.)

Shimon Peres, Chairman of the Israel
Labour Party, informed the Bureau about the current situation in the Middle East.

Among the decisions taken by the meeting were the following:

(1) To establish a working group to prepare proposals for a new Declaration of Principles of the Socialist International. The members of the group are: (Chairman) Felipe Gonzalez - General Secretary, Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE); Karel van Miert — Co-Chairman, Belgian Socialist Party; Reiulf Steen — Chairman, Norwegian Labour Party; and Bernt Carlsson — General Secretary, Socialist International.

(2) To establish a Socialist International Study Group on employment policies. The members will be the Belgian Socialist Party, British Labour Party, Norwegian Labour Party and the General Secretaries of the Socialist International and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, ICFTU.

(3) To send representatives of the Socialist International to observe the elections in Guatemala in March 1978 and in the Dominican Republic in May 1978.

(4) To adopt unanimously a resolution on the problem of terrorism (see below).

(5) The Socialist International mission to Latin America will visit Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica in March 1978, under the leadership of Mario Soares, Prime Minister of Portugal.

(6) “North-South Relations” will be the main theme of the Socialist International Bureau meeting to be held in Dakar, on May 12-13, 1978.

(7) To recommend to the Socialist International Congress in Vancouver, Canada, in November 1978, that the Democratic Socialist Organising Committee of the United States, at present a consultative member of the Socialist International, be admitted to full membership of the Socialist International.

(8) To adopt the budget of the Socialist International for 1978.

Resolution on the problem of terrorism, as adopted by the Hamburg Bureau on February 9-10, 1978.

We believe that this struggle should be conducted by these means:

(1) We must seek constantly to improve, refine and extend our democratic processes and institutions.

(2) We must fight even harder for social justice, for democratic rights and for peaceful coexistence throughout the world.

(3) We must encourage the mass media to avoid highly-coloured and sensationalised publicity for terrorist groups, and to ensure sober and factual reporting of both the acts of the terrorists and the measures which governments take to combat them.

(4) We must conduct the fight against terrorism without departing from constitutional and democratic principles, without infringing civil liberties, and with the use of only the minimum necessary amount of restraints.

The Socialist International affirms its solidarity with everybody engaged in this struggle.
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