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To member parties, consultative
parties, fraternal and
associated organizations

IN ENGLISH ONLY

Dear comrades,

Please find attached a summary of the decisions of the
Bureau meetings held in Vancouver, Canada, on November
2 and 5, 1978.

Fraternally yours,

Bernt Carlsson

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General Secretary

MEETINGS OF THE BUREAU OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL

November 2 and November 5, 1978

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

1. The Bureau unanimously agreed to recommend to member parties proposals on action for solidarity with Nicaragua presented by the National Liberation Party of Costa Rica (see attached).
2. The General Secretary was asked to investigate the possibilities for cooperation with groups in Greece interested in relations with the Socialist International.
3. Bernt Carlsson, Robert Pontillon and one representative each of the Israel Labour Party and of the German Social Democratic Party were asked to consult with representatives of the Jewish Labor Bund, concerning increased cooperation between the Socialist International and the Jewish Labor Bund.
4. It was agreed unanimously that applications for membership of the Socialist International should be presented to the Bureau only when all the necessary documentation had been received by the secretariat. Furthermore, it was unanimously agreed that the General Secretary should have authority to decide, when necessary and in consultation with the President, which membership applications should be put before the Bureau.
5. The Bureau agreed on the text of the Draft Resolutions to be put before the Congress.

6. The Bureau agreed that proposals regarding the Honorary Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Socialist International should be put to the Congress as follows :

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

Trygve Bratteli, Norway
Walter Bringolf, Switzerland
Tage Erlander, Sweden
Jos van Eynde, Belgium
David Lewis, Canada
Sicco Mansholt, Netherlands
Daniel Mayer, France
Golda Meir, Israel
Alfred Nau, Federal Germany
Pietro Nenni, Italy
Rafael Paasio, Finland
Bruno Pittermann, Austria
Giuseppe Saragat, Italy
Eki Sone, Japan

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Ichio Asukata, Japan
Gonzalo Barrios, Venezuela
Edward Broadbent, Canada
Bettino Craxi, Italy
Felipe Gonzalez, Spain
Bruno Kreisky, Austria
Michael Manley, Jamaica
Ian Mikardo, Great Britain
François Mitterrand, France
Daniel Oduber, Costa Rica
Olof Palme, Sweden
Shimon Peres, Israel
Irène Pétry, International Council of Social Democratic Women
William Rowling, New Zealand
Léopold S. Senghor, Senegal
Mario Soares, Portugal
Reiulf Steen, Norway
Anselmo Sule, Chile
Joop den Uyl, Netherlands

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PROPOSALS ON ACTION FOR SOLIDARITY WITH NICARAGUA

1. Financial aid, to maintain cadres in Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua. This costs US dollars 50,000 (at the exchange rate prevailing on October 27, 1978) monthly only in food for 1600 cadres in total.)
 2. Aid in clothes, blankets, shoes (boots) and tents.
 3. Medicines, antibiotics (especially for open wounds), multivitamins, antiofidic serum, plasma and emergency surgical equipment.
 4. Specific fund for orphans in Nicaragua (war orphans).
 5. Fund for scholarships for university and secondary school students in Costa Rica and Panama, as an indirect aid for Nicaraguan cadres.
 6. Political training for Nicaraguans in Costa Rica, through CEDAL and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. This includes printing of pamphlets, booklets, etc., with political significance inside Nicaragua.
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