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# Wide-ranging Discussions at Bureau Meeting

The Bureau of the Socialist International met in London on 9-10 December, attended by thirty representatives of fifteen member parties. The following is a summary of the main decisions taken:

● An Extraordinary Bureau Meeting is to be held in Santiago on the invita-

tion of the Radical Party of Chile in the first part of February.

● The Bureau discussed the splits and divisions in the Spanish socialist movement, which have resulted in there being at present three main factions in the movement, in exile and inside Spain. It was agreed that a special committee should be established and meet in Paris at the Party Leaders' Conference to examine this situation and to mediate between the groups. The special committee comprises the Italian Socialist Party (PSI), the Italian Social Democratic Party (PSDI), the Chile Radical Party,

the French Socialist Party and the British Labour Party. This committee subsequently held its first meeting in Paris on 12 January 1973.

● The Bureau considered the political situation in the Malagasy Republic, in which connection it heard a report from André Resampa, Leader of the Malagasy Socialist Union and a former Interior Minister, who attended the Bureau for this item by special invitation. Following this report, the Bureau decided to suspend SI membership of the former ruling party, the Social Democratic Party, and to recommend to the 1973 Council Conference that Resampa's party, the Malagasy Socialist Union, should be admitted as the member in Madagascar, subject to the Social Democratic Party having the right to appeal.

● The Bureau adopted the following statement on Vietnam:

The Socialist International welcomes the moves towards a settlement of the Vietnam war and urges the parties involved not to lose this opportunity of ending the suffering of the Vietnamese people.

The International repeats its belief that a political solution would be greatly facilitated by the immediate cessation of the bombing of Vietnam by the United States, that all foreign military units should be withdrawn from Indo-China and that a coalition government should be established in South Vietnam to organise free elections as soon as possible and that prior to these decisions, all political prisoners should be released.

● The Bureau discussed the question of the levy on Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union, on the basis of an introductory statement by the Israeli Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, who stated that his latest information was that the emigration tax had been firmly reimposed by the Soviet authorities. After detailed consideration of the question, the Bureau decided to reactivate its Study Group on Soviet Jewry (chaired by Robert Pontillon of the French Socialist Party), to produce an up-to-date report on recent developments.

● The Bureau also instructed the General Secretary of the Socialist International to prepare a report on seriously oppressed minority groups in all parts of the world.

● The Bureau also discussed the question of the rise of international terrorism. The Bureau decided to establish a special working party to study the question of international terrorism with Alex Kitson (British Labour Party) as Chairman, with particular reference to co-ordinating international trade union action.