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K. Tsurumi, R. Liljeström and I. Wallerstein during the meeting of the Program Committee in Montreal
The first meeting of the Program Committee for the Ninth World Congress of Sociology has just completed its work. The President opened the meeting by providing some historical background and by pointing out that this is the first time that the Committee has met with every member in attendance; the exception was Professor Rutkevich who was engaged in the celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., but he was represented at our meeting by Professor Filatov who attended as observer. The composition of the Program Committee at this meeting was as follows:

Anouar Abdel-Malek (Chairman and Vice-President);
Fernando Cardoso, Brazil;
Jacques Dofny, Canada;
Vladimir Filatov, U.S.S.R.;
Rita Liljestrom, Sweden;
Yogendra Singh, India;
Magdalena Sokolowska, Poland;
Kazuko Tsurumi, Japan;
Immanuel Wallerstein, U.S.A.

This meeting was also attended by Tom Bottomore as President and by Celine Saint-Pierre and Kurt Jonassohn as Secretariat staff. The President also pointed out that this Committee is evidence of the successful efforts that the ISA has been making to broaden participation in its affairs and to make such participation more representative. This is reflected not only in the composition of the Committee itself, but also in the decision of the Executive Committee to establish an Advisory Committee to the Program Committee. This much broader Advisory Committee which will have over 20 members is still being constituted; the names of its members will be published in a later issue of this Newsletter.

The principal work of the Program Committee consisted in defining more precisely the theme of the Congress, within the terms of reference set by the Executive Committee; considering possible plenary sessions and working groups associated with them; suggesting names of chairmen/chairewomen and rapporteurs for these meetings; proposing symposia on subjects not entirely covered by the main theme, but requested by various members and member associations; and considering ways of organizing the Joint meeting of Research Committees that was suggested by the Research Council and approved by the Executive Committee.

In addition, the Program Committee examined the problems of the Congress timetable, but decided to leave the formulation of a preliminary timetable to the Secretariat in consultation with the President, and also discussed briefly some matters concerning the local arrangements for the Congress.

The details on all of these matters will be published in the Newsletter issue of Summer 1976, after the Executive Committee has discussed and approved these arrangements and plans.

It was also decided provisionally that this Secretariat will not correspond with authors about their papers. Instead, authors will be asked to correspond direct with the officers of the session in which they plan to participate. The Newsletter of Summer 1976 will contain the names and addresses of these officers of sessions; it will also include procedural details on participation in the program of the World Congress as decided by the Executive Committee in May 1976.

The Program Committee also discussed the possibilities of obtaining funds for travel grants to some participants. The general economic situation is making it increasingly difficult to obtain such funds. Recommendations to the Executive Committee were prepared concerning a Travel Grants Committee and the possible sources of such funds. However, it was also decided to ask for a much greater effort and on a much wider basis than in the past. Thus, we are asking National associations, academies, institutes and departments to start now to explore sources of possible travel funds and to prepare applications. Many sources of such funds now require much earlier applications. All such organizations are urged to make every effort to find funds for their delegates to the next World Congress.

Let us remind you that the Congress will be held in 1978 in Uppsala, Sweden, and that the tentative dates will be August 14-20, 1978.

Some of the participants at the meeting:
A. Abdel-Malek with Y. Singh, V. Filatov and M. Sokolowska
Above, at the Wine & Cheese Party which was held at the Université du Québec à Montréal to honour our guests.

Below, the Program Committee at work.
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REPORTS FROM SOME OF THE COLLECTIVE MEMBERS

We are presenting here the summaries of reports which were received by the Secretariat from some of the Collective Members.

The Sociological Association of Australia and New Zealand (A)

The following are extracts from the Secretary's report which was presented at the Association's 12th General Meeting on August 25, 1975:

Meetings of the Executive:
The SAANZ Executive for 1974-75 met at Adelaide on 24th August, 1974 after their election at the Eleventh General meeting at the University of New England. One day meetings of the Executive were subsequently held at Monash University on 9th November, 1974, at La Trobe University on 28th February, 1975, and at Monash University on 30th May, 1975.

Membership:
A membership drive was conducted within Colleges of Advanced Education, Institutes of Technology and Teachers' Colleges during 1974-75. This resulted in an increase of approximately 100 members from these institutions. At the beginning of August, the membership of SAANZ totalled approximately 650 compared with 487 in 1974.

Membership Directory:
Mr. Alan Scott undertook the task of editing a Membership Directory for 1974-75. This was the first Directory published since 1971 and contained information on more than 600 members and new feature of the Directory was an Index of members' interests.

The Westermarck Society, Finland (A)

The membership of this Society numbers approximately 1,100, of which 600 are students. The major activities of the past year were the following:

Events (in Finland):
The Sociologists Days, March 30-31, 1974, "Science Policy";

Meeting on the anniversary of Edward Westermarck, November 21, 1974, "Relations between Social and Cultural Sciences";

Seminar December 1, 1974, "The Reform of Examinations and Sociology".

Publications:

International Events:
Seminar between Finnish and Polish sociologists in Poland May 19-22, 1974, "The Theory, Methods and History of Sociology";

Major Activities during this year:
Seminar organised by "The Joint Organization of Democratic Specialists and Researchers" in June, "Environment";
Seminar with Psychologists and Psychiatrists: "The Idea of Society and Man within Mental Health Policy" in September-October;

Association internationale des sociologues de langue française, France (B)

Les activités de l'AISLF pour ces deux dernières années ont consisté principalement pour 1974 en une table ronde et en 1975 dans la réalisation du IXe Colloque:

Du 14 au 16 mai 1974, à l'INSEP de Marly-le-Roi, réunion d'une table ronde sur le thème "Spécialité des sociologies de langue française", les travaux de cette table ronde sont l'objet d'un ouvrage en cours de publication.

Du 12 au 17 mai 1975, réunion du IXe Colloque à Menton, sur le thème "Sociologie du Progrès".
L'Association compte actuellement environ 600 membres.

Indian Sociological Society (A)

The membership of this Society consists of 693 life members. The Society has a very busy schedule for years to come:

The 24th volume of the "Sociological Bulletin" has now been published. The Society has started finalising dates for the "Directory of Sociologists and Social Anthropologists in India". The Managing Committee is being asked to organise the 13th All-India Sociological Conference which is due to take place at the beginning of 1976. As soon as the dates have been fixed, interested persons will be advised.

The Economic and Social Research Institute, Ireland (A)

The Institute has a membership of 62 corporate members and 231 individual members.

The activities include research projects in National Economy and Taxation, the Labour Force and Industrial Relations, Urban Problems, the Family and the Local Community, and Values and Attitudes.
REPORTS FROM SOME OF THE COLLECTIVE MEMBERS (cont'd):

The Netherlands Sociological and Anthropological Association (A)

The following are extracts from the Secretary's report:

Our Association consists of 818 members.

We held a conference on "Function in Sociology" at Rotterdam June 14, 1974, and one on "Sociology and Balance of Power" at Amersfoort, December 20, 1974.

We planned a conference on "Drawing up the Sociological Balance sheet" at Amsterdam, May 16, 1974. Another conference will be held on a report of the Social and Cultural Planning Service, September 15, 1974. Preparations are in progress for a conference on labor market problems, in December 1974. All these conferences are and will be held in the Dutch language.

The Swedish Sociological Association (A)

The Chairman of this Association is Ulf Himmelstrand, who is also Vice-President of the ISA. The Swedish Association has 226 members, 12 of which are institutions.

Major activities during 1974:

The Association has 12 work groups (research committees) which meet several times a year. At annual meetings of the Association, in connection with election of the Board of the Association, a small conference is usually arranged where papers and policies are discussed within these groups, and a plenary session on some salient problem or issue is held.

Together with the other Nordic associations of sociologists we publish one journal in English, "Acta Sociologica". On our own we publish one journal in Swedish, "Sociologisk Forskning", and one newsletter, "Sociolog Nyt". Members receive all three; they are included in the membership fee.

In the last issue of "Sociolog Nyt" for 1974, a qualitative and quantitative study was reported on the content of university sociology courses and the role of sociologists employed in various vocations and professions. This study was initiated by a local association, supported by the national association and financed from public funds.

One of our most important tasks is to respond to various government commissions who request their reports to a large number of associations and organizations. These reports and the responses are often foundations for government bills presented to parliament.

Over the next year we will be engaged in drawing up the outline for a new set of university courses in applied sociology. We will also act as a pressure-group with regard to a number of issues which concern our members. We are a small association but articulated.

Société Suisse de Sociologie (A)

Les activités de la Société suisse de sociologie sont nombreuses. Nous en présentons ici quelques-unes qui rendent compte des orientations de la Société:


La "Revue Suisse de Sociologie" aura lué le sous-pu.

Un effort rigoureux a été tenté pour ordre une série de publications de travaux sociologiques suisses. C'est ainsi qu'a été mise en place la série intitulée "Sociologie en Suisse". En 1974 ont été publiés les Actes du Dernier Congrès de la Société: "Contribution à l'Analyse Sociologique de la Suisse". La Société compte 400 membres.

Institut International de Sociologie, Suisse (B)

Les activités principales de l'IIS de la dernière année sont les suivantes:

- Participation des femmes aux délibérations (Prof. Vianello, Président, Italie);
- Appareil conceptuel de l'autoproduction du développement (Dr. Khalil zamiti, Président, Tunisie);
- Sessions de femmes et enfants des travailleurs migrants (Prof. F. Guoorte, Promoteur, Belgique, et Dr. P.E. Mandl, Directeur d'étude, Suisse).

En outre, la "Revue Internationale de Sociologie" publie régulièrement des articles des membres.

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EXCERPTS FROM ULF HIMMELSTRAND'S REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HIS TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA

The Predicament of the Social Sciences in Latin America

At present the Latin American scene seems to have the following characteristics with regard to the predicament of the social sciences:

1. The undermining of social science training and research at universities by external political intervention as well as through internal political bickering and in-fighting, or both combined.

2. A substantial number of displaced scientists - displaced not only from other Latin American countries than those where they reside, but also within their own countries, as a result of the political interventions and internal political processes of universities mentioned above.

3. A relatively large and probably increasing number of research institutes financed more or less temporarily, and sometimes precariously, from private sources, plus governmental or inter-governamentally supported institutes which, depending on somewhat oddly operating political mechanisms, manage not only to maintain themselves as research havens but also to train some graduates in research operations.

4. A relative decline of political and "philosophical" oratory, and an increasing emphasis on serious theoretical and empirical work among Latin American social scientists - the inevitable political impulse instead being expressed through choice of problems, variables, theoretical frameworks and sometimes methods of research.
A need for regional collaboration between social scientists and research institutes in different Latin American countries (a) to enhance the development of realistic theoretical frameworks adapted to Latin American problems rather than to define preconceived perspectives of social scientists from highly industrialized western countries, (b) to assemble inventories of findings and data from social science research carried out in Latin America, and (c) to train a new generation of Latin American social scientists not abroad but in Latin America, and not in traditional academic institutions because of the already mentioned breakdown of Latin American universities.

More specifically, the following can be said about some of the organizations I contacted:

CLACSO, being a confederation of Latin American research institutes, as one of its foremost aims tries to facilitate communications, meetings and collaboration between Latin American research institutes so as to make it possible to avoid duplication and uncoordinated institute activities. It contains a number of working groups in specific areas which would seem to correspond roughly to the research committees of, for instance, the ISA — even though they are less numerous.

In addition, there is a special committee concerned with the training of researchers at member institutes. CLACSO is presently trying to establish a scholarship program for Latin American social science graduates to facilitate their further training in Latin American countries where advanced and qualitatively acceptable social science courses or other training opportunities are offered.

The General Assembly of CLACSO will meet in Quito, Ecuador, between the 24th-25th November, and immediately after this meeting another meeting will be held to discuss the scholarship program. At this meeting one will also discuss ways and means of evaluating syllabuses, training programs and course content at various research centers in Latin America.

FLACSO, which is one of the many members of CLACSO was created with Unesco support in 1957. Its creation as a "faculty" of social science training, not as a research organization, was a result of a politically expedient but rather unsatisfactory compromise whereby the corresponding Latin American research center was placed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This compromise was necessary to prevent an open conflict between Brazil and Chile. FLACSO was located in Santiago de Chile. The corresponding research center in Brazil is no longer Latin American in character, but has been nationalized by the government of Brazil.

After a little more than ten years of Unesco support FLACSO was reorganized in 1971 through an agreement ratified by Chile, Cuba and Panama.

Recently the statutes of FLACSO have been amended to allow decentralization of the organization. An office is still maintained in Santiago in addition to the new office in Buenos Aires, and in addition branches of FLACSO are about to be created in Mexico and Costa Rica. Naturally the difficult political situation not only in Santiago but also in Buenos Aires has made it necessary to reduce FLACSO activities at both locations; but instead new activities are developing in Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama.

Whereas FLACSO in its early stages of development relied a great deal on visiting scholars from the USA and Europe, its present concentration on a more "Latin American approach" to Latin American problems, and the presently somewhat strained relationships between some Latin American governments and the USA, necessitates the recruitment of Latin American scholars for its training courses. This has led to financial problems since a larger number of relatively permanent rather than visiting scholars must be employed without sufficient financial support, either from outside or from within the Latin American region.

INSTITUTO DI TORQUATO DI TELLA seems to be organized very much like French research centers — that is as an umbrella for a number of individual research workers who carry on their work with a minimum of contacts between each other. However, a branch of the Torquato di Tella Institute like CEUR deviates from this pattern; it consists of a dozen researchers and research assistants working together on joint research projects.

CEDES was formed only a few months ago, and is presently trying to raise funds to assemble inventories of research on society and state in Latin America, and to arrange a meeting of Latin American scholars reporting on current relationships between labour and state in a number of Latin American countries.

Kind of Support Needed

Even at a small, recently formed and probably financially rather poor research center like CEDES it was explicitly emphasized that needs for financial support concerned minor expenses like honoraria for lecturers, secretarial assistance, xerography, intra-Latin American traveling expenses in connection with cross-national meetings and the like rather than for salaries to senior staff (they obviously had other means of livelihood) or for the purposes of comprehensive data collection. The era of large-scale sample survey research financed from big U.S. foundations is gone — and nobody seemed to regret it. More emphasis was placed on the use of archives, secondary analysis of already available data, interviews with key people, combining whatever information is already available from different Latin American countries for comparative purposes etc.

FLACSO with its relatively large number of displaced social scientists from other countries — particularly from Chile — seemed to have more of a problem of finding means for paying salaries to its staff of social scientists. Previously it had a grant from the Ford Foundation that for political reasons even the remainder of this grant can no longer be used. As a stop-gap measure the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) has provided a grant for salaries and some recurrent expenditures, but in the near future FLACSO expects to raise the necessary funds within the region through support from the governments of member countries.

Dr. J.E. Hardoy, commenting on the need for collaboration between social scientists on the Latin American continent, added that much could be gained in his field of urban studies, and urban and regional planning from collaboration with colleagues from developing countries, particularly West Africa. He mentioned that he was expecting an internationally recognized human geographer, Prof. Akin Mabogunje from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria to a meeting in Buenos Aires shortly. He emphasized that financial support should go not only to regional collaboration but also to "inter-regional collaboration between developing countries to break the prevailing metropole-satellite connections and replace them with connections directly between developing countries in different parts of the world with similar urban, rural and economic problems.

As regards CLACSO I have already mentioned the need for financial support to a scholarship program for Latin American social science graduates to study in other Latin American countries than their own, if necessary. So far most scholarship programs have been tied to metropolitan countries in North America or Europe. Apart from contributing to the so-called braindrain such programs often contribute to the alienation of Latin American graduates from Latin American problems, theoretical frameworks and from the research methods most feasible in Latin America. Intra-Latin American scholarship programs must also include funds for travel between Latin American countries.

As a second priority Dr. E. Oteiza at CLACSO mentioned a research fellowship program aimed particularly towards supporting displaced scholars who have been compelled to leave their countries in Latin America because of limitations of academic freedom, political persecution and the like. Most of these scholars lack an institutional and economic base in their countries of residence, and thus are in need of fellowships to be able to subsist and carry out research. Dr. Oteiza pointed out that such a fellowship program would be about US$4,000 per year would be sufficient to maintain someone with a Ph.D. In spite of heavy inflation, living costs are still much lower in most Latin American countries than in North America and Europe. Such a fellowship program would also be an antidote to braindrain.

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September 1976
Regional meeting sponsored jointly by the ISA, the Department of Sociology of the Universidad de la Habana (Cuba) and UNESCO. This will be a small conference organized for sociologists in Latin American countries. The participation will be by invitation only.

The tentative dates are the first week of September. This is to be confirmed.

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