U.S.A. Delegation

The U.S.A. Delegation certainly provided much of the great power leadership at the 26th session of ECOSOC. It had considerable success, even though sometimes affected by internal divisions. In the Coordination Committee, for example, with good personnel and in cooperation with the Netherlands Delegation, it was able to achieve many of its and the West's objectives.

Latin American Delegations

Mexico was probably the best of the Latin American Delegations, frequently taking useful and constructive positions. In the Social Committee the Delegation of Chile played a useful role but created great difficulties for Canada and other friendly delegations in the Economic Committee. Frequently the Latin American Delegations were sharply divided. Some of them, Chile and Brazil in particular, were outspoken and bitter in their criticisms of the U.S.A.

U.S.S.R. Delegation

At the 26th session the U.S.S.R. submitted a large number of resolutions but apparently without any expectation that they would be adopted and without any intention of pushing them hard to a final decision. The U.S.S.R. was described as "playing for very small stakes". While the U.S.S.R. had a large delegation and prepared many of its resolutions and texts in advance, its members did not really make much use of ECOSOC and certainly seemed unable to participate in a constructive manner in its discussions. Soviet initiatives appeared designed for home consumption or intended to establish positions for use later in the General Assembly or in the Regional Economic Commissions.

Netherlands Delegation

The Netherlands had an impressive delegation headed by its Foreign Minister and was active in every discussion which the Council held, assuming influence in the Council second only to that of the U.S.A. and the U.K. The Netherlands, however, was frequently stubborn and sometimes selfish in its desire to gain political credit, (for example in its stand on SUNFED), at the expense of other Western delegations. Some of the Netherlands ideas were good; others proved difficult and unrealistic. The Netherlands Government has taken a decision to participate actively in the work of ECOSOC, even at the expense of its participation in other U.N. organs.

The Sudan

The Sudan Delegation was an interesting, active and sensible delegation. It took a moderate middle power position. The Sudan also made conscious efforts to speak for the African and the under-developed countries in opposition to what it sometimes regarded as negative Western positions. Its personnel, however, were friendly and cooperative and the delegation as a whole worked well with the Canadian Delegation.

Pakistan Delegation

The Pakistan Delegation was a responsible and friendly delegation.

Yugoslav Delegation

The Yugoslav Delegation was less active at this session of the Council than at previous sessions but nevertheless played an informed and important role in the work of the Council, providing a good Chairman for the Coordination Committee. The Yugoslav Delegation also clearly indicated its independence of the U.S.S.R. and of Poland and was one of the most helpful delegations in negotiating generally acceptable resolutions.