

In 1974 he was elected chairman of the Venice Biennale, an office which he held until 1979; he remained a member of the council until 1982.

From 1979 to 1980 he was in charge of international relations at the PSI.

In 1979 he was elected a Member of the European Parliament for the north-east constituency. In Parliament he concentrated on the general topics of European integration and was a member of both the Political Affairs and Transport Committees. In that capacity he was rapporteur on the problems of the countries of the Horn of Africa and on air transport safety.

He was a founder member of the CROCODILE CLUB. As a member of the joint committee consisting of representatives from the European Parliament, the United States Congress and the Canadian Parliament he studied in particular the problems arising from the economic expansion of the Pacific countries. He has made various journeys and fact-finding trips to Afghanistan. In 1984 he was entrusted by the Political Affairs Committee of the European Parliament with a mission to Pakistan where he visited Afghan refugees.

In 1983 he became president of the ICEPS (Institute for International Economic Cooperation and Development Problems).

6.1.1985. - Member of the Commission of the European Communities.

Publications

- Un viaggio in Viet-Nam (A voyage to Vietnam), 1956.
- Dedicato a Raymond Roussel e alle sue "impressioni d'Africa" (A tribute to Raymond Roussel and his "Impressions of Africa"), 1965.
- Il governo audiovisivo (Audiovisual Government), 1973.

Carlo RIPA DI MEANA

Born 15 August 1929 at Marina di Pietrasanta (Lucca).

Journalist, married to Marina PUNTURIERI.

President of the Fernando SANTI Institute.

President of the Federazione Unitaria della Stampa Italiana all'Estero (FUSIE - Unitary Federation of the Italian Press Abroad).

Vice-Chairman of the International Committee for Solidarity with the Afghan People.

Represents the PSI (Italian Socialist Party) in the leadership of the Union of European Socialist Parties.

Member of the National Assembly of the Italian Socialist Party.
Former Member of the European Parliament (1979-1984).

From 1950 to 1953 he was editor, first of IL LAVORO, the national weekly newspaper of the CGIL (Italian General Confederation of Labour) then of the foreign department of UNITA, the Italian Communist Party daily newspaper.

From 1953 to the end of 1956 he represented Italy on the International Student Union (UIE), the headquarters of which is in Prague, and the Secretary-General of which was Jiri PELIKAN. On his return to Italy he launched the weekly NUOVA GENERAZIONE with Saverio TUTINO and Luciana CASTELLINA.

In 1957, after having left the PCI (Italian Communist Party), he launched the magazine PASSATO E PRESENTE with GIOLITTI, CAFAGNA, CALVINO, PIZZORNO, GUIDUCCI and MOMIGLIANO and became its chief editor.

In 1958 he joined the PSI (Italian Socialist Party). Until 1966 he worked in publishing, in particular for the publishers FELTRINELLI and RIZZOLI.

In 1967 he became Secretary-General of the CLUB TURATI in Milan, a post he held until 1976.

In the first regional elections, which were held in 1970, he was elected a councillor for Lombardy.

As chairman of the Constitutional Committee he was in charge of the proceedings to prepare the first constitution of an Italian region. Over the same period he was member of the Board of the Scala Theatre, Milan.

He was subsequently appointed leader of the PSI Group on the regional council.