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Propositions

1. Most of the dominant political debates taking place in Europe during late 1970s and early 1980s, strongly influenced the political thought among the Chilean exiles in that continent.

2. Personal contact with major European political leaders facilitated the absorption of ideas by Chilean exiles due to the human dimension provided by the contact.

3. The final destination of the political exile (Eastern or Western Europe) was decisive in the impact and direction of the political reflections among the exiles.

4. Chilean political leaders in exile were quite selective in filtering the type and the amount of influence they absorbed, according to their own political needs.

5. The great impact the Chilean military coup exerted on the Dutch political class and public opinion in general, was directly related to the huge support already existing for the Allende government previous to the military takeover.

6. The phenomenon of coalition building in Dutch politics in which parties with different political and doctrinaire orientations work together, had an important impact in the way Chilean political leaders in exile, visualized the advantages of joining forces in order to recuperate democracy in the country.

7. The fact that traditional Chilean political system operated with similar doctrinaire streams than in Europe (Socialists, Social Democrats, Christian Democrats, etc.) strongly facilitated the integration and understanding between local political parties and Chilean political parties in exile.

8. Think tanks like Chile America in Rome, the Institute for the New Chile in Rotterdam, Casa Chile in Mexico, were extremely determinant in the building of a broad political coalition, which finally resulted in the constitution of the Concertación de Partidos por la Democracia.

9. Western Europeans politicians and Chilean exiles influenced each other because they were facing similar and parallel processes regarding the debate about the relation between socialism and democracy.

10. The Institute for a New Chile in Rotterdam, played a central role in the Renovation process in the Chilean socialist movement.