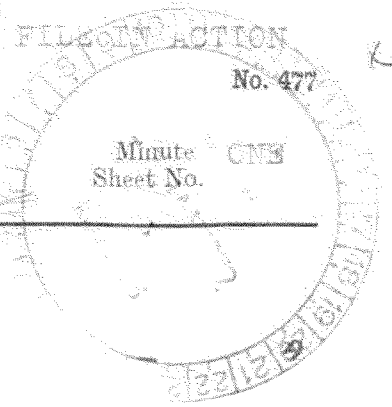


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The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

Reference to Papers
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1. Croydon International Socialists held a branch meeting on Thursday 9 December 1971 at Ruskin House, Coombe Road, Croydon. The meeting commenced at 8 00 pm and terminated at 10 30 pm; eight persons were present.

2. [redacted] Privacy, opened the meeting by introducing Privacy and Privacy both new members. He then discussed with other members possible subjects for future public meetings.

3. The next item was a campaign against unemployment by the Croydon branch. It was decided that all members engaged in paper sales should also attempt to sell the recently printed 'Unemployment' pamphlet, and that efforts should also be made to sell this publication outside Croydon Employment Exchange. Discussion then ensued on the formation of a Claimants' Union locally in co-operation with other interested parties. Privacy stated that Privacy of the Croydon Women's Equality Rights Group, the editor of the 'Southern Press' and members of the 'Red Fist' (an organisation involved in the Free Angela Davies campaign) were also interested in forming such an organisation. However, it was generally felt that any such union should be primarily used for the promotion of International Socialist politics.

4. Privacy branch secretary, then gave a report on the Special National Conference, held in Birmingham on 4 December 1971. He stated that the fusion between the Trotskyist Tendency (Workers Fight Group) and International Socialists had been ended by a vote of 205 to 120 and that members had 28 days in which to choose between the two organisations. Privacy did not expect the split to affect more than fifty members and thought that the Manchester and Teeside branches would be the hardest hit as the Trotskyist Tendency appeared to have control of those areas.

5. The following were known to have been present at the meeting:-

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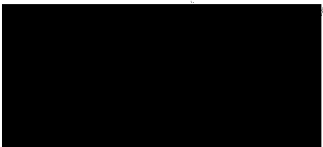


6. Special Branch references are given in the attached appendix.

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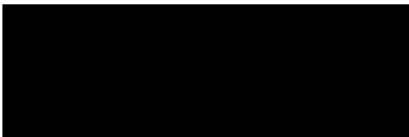
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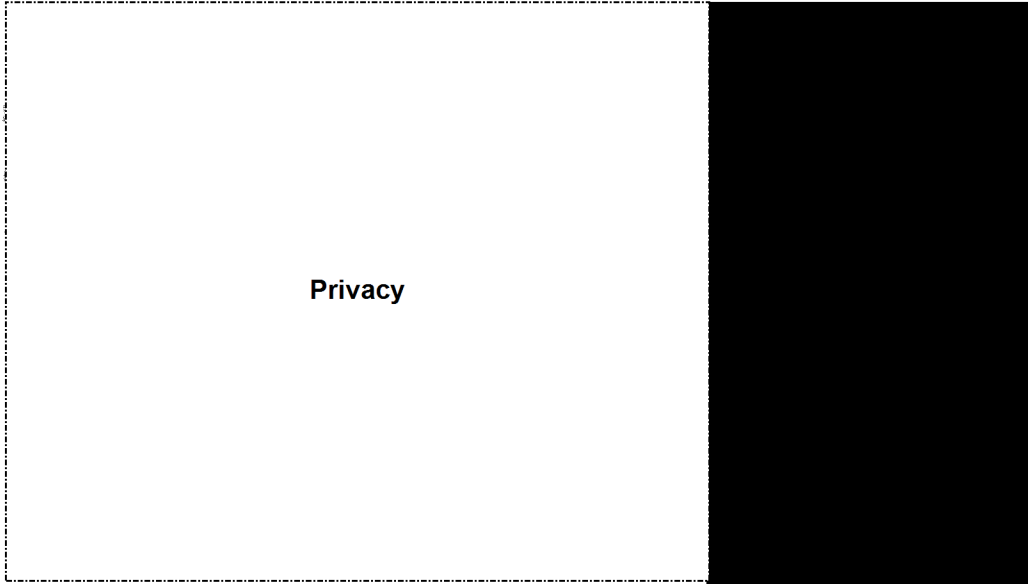


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APPENDIX



Claimants' Union

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'Red Fist'

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Trotskyist Tendency

Dealt with on 400/71/208

'Southern Press'

No trace

Croydon Women's Equal
Rights Campaign

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