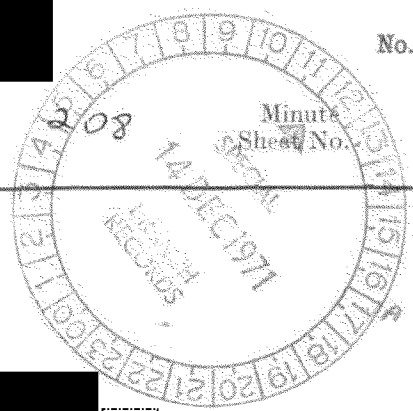


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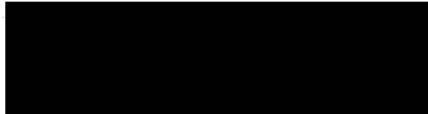
SUBJECT Croydon  
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The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

Reference to Papers

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1. "On Thursday, 2 December 1971, Croydon International Socialists held a branch meeting at Ruskin House, Coombe Road, Croydon. The meeting commenced at 8 pm and terminated at 10.30 pm; eight persons were present.
2. The meeting took the form of a debate on the 'Trotskyist Tendency (Workers Fight)' and the line to be taken at the Special National Conference at Birmingham on 4 December 1971. **Privacy** put forward the IS line and **Privacy** expressed the Trotskyist Tendency viewpoint.
3. **Privacy** gave a short historical account of Trotskyism and stated that in the 1920's Trotsky had thought that the capitulation of capitalism was near. This had not taken place, due mainly to the Second World War and the accompanying 'arms - orientated world economy'. International Socialists had therefore found it necessary to revise Trotskyism in order to make it an effective force in a world Trotsky had been unable to foresee. The Trotskyist Tendency, an orthodox Trotskyist group had joined IS in 1968 since when they had constantly caused disruption and had attacked the leadership of IS. This situation could not be allowed to continue for members of the TT were attempting to win over members of IS and had no serious thoughts of unity.
4. **Privacy** gave a poor unprepared address due to the fact he had replaced **Privacy**, who had been taken ill at the last moment. **Privacy** criticised IS for pursuing weak policies on many major issues including Ireland, the Common Market and Korea. He accused IS of being centrist and explained that although they called themselves a revolutionary party their organisation was such they would be incapable of taking power should the opportunity arise.
5. The meeting then passed a resolution calling for an end to the fusion of the two groups in its present form and the setting up of a committee to examine the possibility of co-operation between the Trotskyist Tendency and International Socialists.



6. Three delegates were then elected to attend the Special National Conference on this subject in Birmingham on Saturday 4 December 1971. These were:- [Privacy] and [Privacy]. A motion was also carried that the delegates should reflect the view of Croydon branch although they would not be bound by the resolution if they found themselves influenced by other arguments put at that Conference.

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

[Privacy]

8. Special Branch references are shown in the attached appendix.

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Detective Constable

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Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT



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APPENDIX

to Special Branch report on a Croydon IS meeting held  
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