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Special Report }

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6 day of January 1972

International  
SUBJECT

Socialists

SF 703

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Reference to Papers

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

2. The Executive Committee of International Socialists has recommended that IS branches should become involved in Tenants work to oppose the Tory Fair Rents Plan. The following points have been put forward to assist branches in this field:

- a. All branches should distribute the national leaflet being prepared on the topic which will be available by the end of January 1972.
- b. Where no tenants' movement exists the IS branch should follow-up the national leaflet by a local leaflet dealing with the local situation and call a protest meeting on a specific date. Where the branch has tenant members they should be used together with contacts to form a Tenants' Action Committee which will issue the leaflet. If no members or contacts are council tenants then a meeting should be called by IS, although only as a last resort.
- c. At the protest meeting, presented by the Tenants' Action Committee, representatives should be elected from each area or estate, and these should include some IS members and contacts.
3. The tenants organisations can then use all or some of the following methods to build a campaign:-
  - a. Calling of mass protest meetings in every area on the subject of rent rises.
  - b. A series of leaflets or broadsheets issued regularly to every tenant to keep them in touch.
  - c. A mass petition to tenants pledging them to withhold rent increases.
  - d. A declaration from all tenants that they will refuse to pay the rent increases.

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1. An involvement from the outset of the local trade union movement in the Tenants campaign with the aim of their supporting the tenants with their industrial strength.

2. The slogans which IS will advocate within the tenants organisations are 'No Fair Rents Under Capitalism' - 'A Rent Rise is a Wage Cut' - 'Freeze your own rents with a Rent Strike'. Local IS branches will offer help directly and indirectly to such organisations in such matters as printing, duplicating, leafleting, picketing, etc.

3. The Tenants movement is regarded as extremely important by International Socialists. Rent increases are expected to affect over five million council tenants and through their involvement IS hope to gain credibility in the working class movement and to make many new contacts among workers, particularly women who are not normally met in industrial work."

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