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Special Report

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

25 day of January 1972.

SUBJECT International Socialists.

Reference to Papers 400/71/288

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1. On Thursday 20 January 1972, Croydon International Socialists held a branch meeting at Ruskin House, Coombe Road, Croydon. The meeting commenced at 8 pm and terminated at 10 pm; 11 persons were present.

2. The meeting was opened by the chairman, Peter MARTIN, who stated that he had received a letter from the Executive Committee of International Socialists appealing to I.S. branches to raise a total of £5,000. This money was urgently required to pay for full time organisers needed to act in current industrial disputes such as the Fisher-Bendix occupation and the Miners strike. It was proposed to raise this money by imposing a £2 levy on each member. This did not mean that each member would have to pay £2, but that each branch was expected to raise a sum equivalent to £2 for each of its members.

3. Privacy thought that the Executive Committee had no right to take this decision without prior reference to their National Committee. A long argument then followed and a resolution was finally passed calling on the Executive Committee to explain its action.

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4. Privacy next gave a report on the progress made towards the unemployment meeting due to be held at Stanley Halls, Norwood, SE25 on 24 February 1972 in conjunction with the Women's Equal Rights Group and Suburban Press. She distributed the attached leaflet produced by Privacy of Suburban Press. It was generally agreed that this was not suitable for I.S. purposes and Privacy said he would print some leaflets dealing more specifically with unemployment for distribution at local factories.

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5. The following persons were present at the meeting:-

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6. Special Branch references to the names mentioned in this report as shown on the attached Appendix.

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Appendix to Special Branch report dated 24 January 1972
re International Socialists.

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Suburban Press	Mentioned on Croydon Claimants Union report of 7.1.72
Women's Equal Rights Group	Mentioned on Croydon Claimants Union report of 7.1.72

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DEMAND DON'T BEG

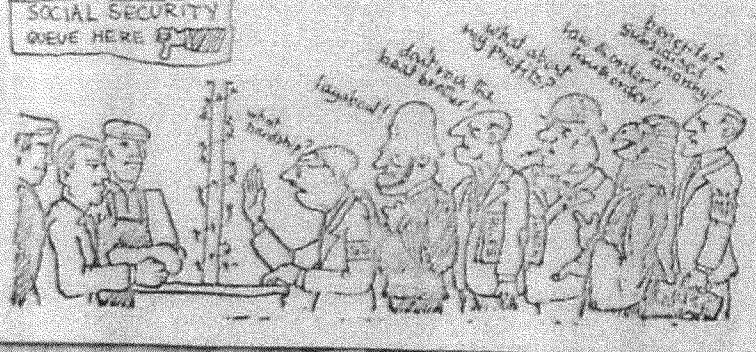
SOCIAL SECURITY IS YOUR RIGHT

FORM A CLAIMANTS UNION

SOCIAL SECURITY ISN'T A CHARITY. IT IS YOURS BY RIGHT. IF THEY GIVE YOU A FEW QUID DON'T BE TOO GRATEFUL YOU ARE PROBABLY ENTITLED TO MORE.IT'S YOUR MONEY THEY ARE GIVING AWAY.FIND OUT WHAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO.ASK FOR AN ASSESMENT FORM.JOIN A CLAIMANTS UNION.THE WHOLE PROCESS OF CLAIMING SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS IS DEGRADING.YOU ARE ISOLATED,AND BY YOURSELF YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS.JUST CONTINUAL WAITING AND FORM SIGNING.GET TO KNOW YOUR RIGHTS BY JOINING A CLAIMANTS UNION.THE GOVERNMENT HAS A DELIBERATE POLICY TO KEEP PEOPLE IN POVERTY IN ORDER TO FORCE THE UNEMPLOYED INTO LOW PAID AND UNSUITABLE JOBS.YOU ARE POWERLESS ALONE,JOIN A CLAIMANTS UNION.

CLAIMANTS UNION MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24 8p.m.
STANLEY HALLS
SOUTH NORWOOD HILL(NR NORWOOD JUNCTION)

NEVER MEET THE SOCIAL SECURITY ALONE!



THEY NEVER MEET YOU ALONE

P.T.O.

HE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY TURNS CLAIMING A FEW QUID INTO A MAJOR ORDEAL. YOU HAVE TO SIT FOR HOURS IN THEIR DIRTY,STUFFY,UNCOMFORTABLE OFFICES,BORED TO TEARS,BEFORE YOU EVEN GET THROUGH TO RECEPTION.THEN YOU HAVE TO WAITAT HOME FOR WEEKS UNTIL THEY DECIDE TO LET YOU HAVE A VISIT.THE INSPECTOR THEN ASSESSES YOU AND YOUR HOME,AND DECIDES WHAT YOU ARE WORTH.THE WHOLE PROCESS OF CLAIMING SOCIAL SECURITY IS DEGRADING,YOU ARE MADE TO BEG.

(CLAIMANTS UNION)

IF SO MANY MEN DID NOT HAVE TO WORK SO MUCH OVERTIME TO GET A DECENT WAGE, JOBS WOULD NOT BE SO SCARCE.TRADE UNIONISTS MUST WORK FOR THE BANNING OF OVER-TIME,FOR A LIVING BASIC WAGE WITH A 35HOUR WEEK.NO PRODUCTIVITY DEALS SHOULD BE SIGNED THAT INVOLVE A CUT IN THE WORK FORCE.UNEMPLOYMENT IS DESIGNED TO DEMORALIZE AND INTIMIDATE.IF THE SYSTEM CANNOT GUARANTEE US A JOB,IT MUST GUARANTEE US A LIVING.ALL WHO CANNOT WORK MUST FIGHT TOGETHER TO GET THE BEN-EFITS THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.

(INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS)

HEN YOU ARE OUT OF WORK YOU HAVE NOBODY TO REPRESENT YOU.YOUR RIGHT TO DEMAND E TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU AS SOON AS YOU BECOME UNEMPLOYED,YOU BECOME ISOLATED OT ONLY FROM THOSE STILL WORKING BUT FROM THE REST OF THE UNEMPLOYED AS WELL. T BACK AND MAKE YOUR DEMANDS KNOWN,ONLY THEN WILL CLAIMANTS GET A FAIR AND.

(SUBURBAN PRESS)

CLAIMANT IS ANYONE EITHER RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY OR WHO IS ENTITLED TO T BUT DOES NOT.APART FROM UNEMPLOYED;PENSIONERS,UNSUPPORTED MOTHERS AND SINGLE OMEN WHO HAVE NEVER WORKED BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO NURSE A SICK OR AGED RELATIVE, RE ENTITLED TO SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT.ALL PEOPLE,MEN AND WOMEN,ARE ENTITLED TO DECENT WAGE WHETHER FROM A JOB OR SOCIAL SECURITY.

(WOMENS EQUAL RIGHTS)

N ACTING AS A UNION FOR CLAIMANTS WE FIGHT FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL CLAIMANTS T COLLECTIVE ACTION.WE REVEAL THE GOVERNMENTS DELIBERATE POLICY OF KEEPING EOPLE IN POVERTY IN ORDER TO FORCE THE UNEMPLOYED INTO LOW PAID AND UNSUITABLE OBS.

(CLAIMANTS UNION)

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APART FROM IN LONDON,THERE ARE CLAIMANTS UNIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A CLAIMANTS UNION,RUN BY THE CLAIMANTS THEMSELVES,IS FORMED IN CROYDON.
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ERE WILL BE A MEETING AT STANLEY HALLS,SOUTH NORWOOD HILL,(NR NORWOOD RUTION)ON UNEMPLOYMENT-AND HOW TO FIGHT IT,AND ON FORMING A CLAIMANTS ION IN CROYDON: THURSDAY 24 FEBUARY 8p.m.

YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO FORM A CLAIMANTS AND UNEMPLOYED WORKERS ION PLEASE CONTACT-

Privacy

(TEMPORARY ADDRESS ONLY)

HIS MEETING WAS CALLED BY CROYDON INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS,WOME N'S EQUAL IGHTS AND SUBURBAN PRESS.