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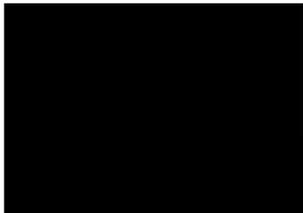
1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

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2. "Submitted herewith is a copy of a statement by the Independent Labour Party and the New Socialists to a meeting of the National Convention of the Left, which was held on Saturday, 11 April 1970. The statement was drawn up by Privacy and Privacy who both attended the meeting."

3. Special Branch references are contained in the attached appendix.



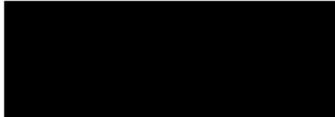
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STATEMENT BY I. L. P. AND NEW SOCIALISTS
TO NATIONAL CONVENTION OF LEFT.

At the time draws nearer when the Labour Government must go the people to obtain a renewal of its mandate or get out, we see all the old, weary arguments again being trotted out for breathing new life into the rotting corpse.

Throughout its period of office, the Wilson regime has been castigated, trounced and exposed from almost every section of the Left - and rightly so. Yet, now these charlatans and mountebanks seem destined for the ignominious defeat they so justly merit, the old cry goes out once more; rally behind Labour, don't let the Tories back! Once more we are beseeched to seek shelter under the skirts of this decaying old harlot.

Let us then examine the argument presented, Oldest and heaviest of all is "the lesser of two evils". While we might reply that our Socialist integrity demands that we shun all compromise with evil no matter from whence it may emanate, yet we could equally challenge the advocates of support for Labour to justify their claim that theirs is "the lesser evil".

One of these advocates has said that while the Labour Government has "chastised with Whips, the Tories will chastise with Scorpions". But when one compares the record of Harold Wilson and his crew with that of their predecessors during the famous "thirteen years of Tory misrule" - one might well ponder, who wields the Whip, and who the Scorpions?

The more conscious and clear-sighted capitalists may well look with approval at the sorry spectacle of so much of the Left once again rallying to the support of Transport House for it has been well said that Harold Wilson is the best Prime Minister the Tories have.

Those on the Left wing who would pretend that there is any but the most superficial difference between the two major parties of capitalism, are doing the gravest dis-service to the Socialist Movement.

Whichever of the two is returned to power, we may expect very much the same policies. Is there then, no fundamental issue before the British Electorate? Yes, but only in those few - tragically, very few - Constituencies where candidates of Socialist parties will be standing. Here the same fundamental issue will be posed as has been for the past hundred years. Are we to continue to support the rotten system of capitalism and its alienation and inequality, its corruption and exploitation at home and its murderous aggression abroad; or are we, at long last to take a bold step forward towards the emancipation of man to the age of Freedom and Fraternity to the age of Socialism.