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METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH

15 MAY 1969

TO: [redacted] 14th day of May, 1969

REF: 8746

SUBJECT
International
Marxist Group
(London
Branch)

Reference to Papers
588, JNREG/751

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

"On Sunday, 11th May, 1969, between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.2, the London Branch of the International Marxist Group held a private meeting to hear a report by Connie HARRIS, branch secretary, on the group's activities during the past eight months. [redacted] acted as Chairman and there were 30 persons present including Tariq ALI.

Privacy

HARRIS started her report with a reference to the October 27th demonstration. She said that the authorities had been appalled at the size of the demonstration and they had been forced to recognise that there were large forces of dissension in the country.

She made reference to the fact that about six months ago there was a serious faction fight within the party; after much discussion and compromise the gap between the executive and the dissidents widened into deep political differences and resulted in eleven members, including Alec RICHARDSON, being expelled.

The membership of the London branch now stood at 28, with the likelihood of three new members in the near future. She said they had been fortunate in recruiting people who already had useful political experience in either the trade unions or the student movement. Over the past few months there had been a considerable wastage of members and she thought that this was because the party had not devoted enough time to the education of these mostly young people. HARRIS promised that in future there would be more discussion classes to raise the political level of all the members.

HARRIS then announced that since the beginning of May the I.M.G. had been recognised by the United Secretariat of the 4th International as the official British section.

With regard to the financial state of the party, HARRIS regretted that the I.M.G. was now £40 in debt. She suggested that since the I.M.G. now had to contribute financially to the 4th International, members increase their pledges.

The report was then thrown open for discussion.

Privacy proposed that they went on to elect a new branch executive committee. The nominations for the seven man committee were: Bob PURDIE, Tony ROBERTS, Privacy, Connie HARRIS, Privacy and Privacy. All were elected unanimously.

Privacy was re-elected as the branch secretary and organiser. "

Persons identified as being present at the meeting are listed in the attached appendix.

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Workers Group
(London)
(London)

Reference to Papers
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Appendix to Special Branch Report dated 14.5.69
concerning a meeting of the London Branch of the
I.M.G.

Persons identified as being present at the meeting

Privacy	Privacy
Connie HARRIS	RF.402/58/1279
Tariq ALI	RF.402 Privacy
Pat JORDAN	RF.402/60/182
Privacy	Privacy
Bob PURDIE	RF.402/65/175
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Privacy	Privacy
Privacy	Privacy
Tony ROBERTS	RF.402 Privacy
Privacy	Privacy

Alec RICHARDSON RF.405/68/532

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