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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

RF 746

6th day of August, 1969

SUBJECT

International  
Marxist Group

Reference to Papers

400/69/135

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

2. "The International Marxist Group held its annual summer camp at Ardgarten Camp Site, Arrochar, Dumbartonshire, from Saturday, July 26th 1969 to Saturday, August 2nd 1969. The persons attending the camp varied from day to day, the maximum number at any one time being forty-two.

3. While the camp had a semblance of a holiday atmosphere, in fact the mornings, afternoons and often the evenings were devoted to lectures and education classes. The subjects discussed ranged from 'Nationalism', 'International Politics' and 'Women's Rights' to future trends in political developments throughout the world as seen from a Marxist point of view.

4. The curriculum was varied and at times two parallel discussions were being conducted.

5. On the Sunday, an Italian member of the 'Fourth International', 'Comrade Cirio' from Milan, gave a lecture on 'Bureaucracy' or 'Rule by a Political Elite'. Cirio arrived at the camp on Sunday morning after flying to Glasgow from Helsinki. He apparently left Rome on the Saturday morning to attend a Trotskyist conference in Helsinki.

6. During Monday there were lectures by Pete GOWAN and [redacted] Privacy about Ireland. GOWAN devoted himself to the 'History of Ireland' from the mid 17th century to date and [redacted] Privacy to current affairs.

7. The subjects for discussion on Tuesday were 'Europe' by Pat JORDAN and 'Youth' by Tony SOUTHALL. JORDAN spoke of the need for international co-operation by the trade unions to defeat exploitation of workers by international capitalism. SOUTHALL said that the object of the Group with regard to Youth organisations was to win the leadership and thereby control of large bodies of young idealists.

8. Bob PURDIE spoke on 'Scottish Nationalism' during Wednesday's debate. He said that the main cause of Scottish nationalism was discontent with the [redacted] central government from Whitehall. He believed that the Scottish people felt that this had caused the economic depression that was effecting the living standards of the workers.

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9. On Thursday, [REDACTED] Privacy and [REDACTED] Privacy spoke on the subject of 'Women' and how important it was to mobilise this enormous latent power. They said that it was to the advantage of men that they should support the demand for equal pay for women, since with the division of labour, work had become less skilful and manufacturers were employing women at lower rates for jobs that had been traditionally done by men.

10. Friday morning was spent discussing general affairs; the afternoon was occupied by Pat JORDAN's summing up of the effectiveness of the camp. The camp ended with a social culminating in the singing of the 'Internationale'."

11. The whole tenor of the discussions during the week was based upon the need of the Group to recruit members with suitable political qualifications and to indoctrinate them with the I.M.G. creed. The Group seem intent on devoting all of their energies to this programme; there were no discussions or proposals on plans for overt action by the Group in the future.

12. The names and particulars, where available, of persons who attended the camp are listed in the attached appendix.

13. A separate appendix showing photographs of the camp inmates is also submitted.

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Detective Constable

Submitted:

*Jamies*  
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Appendix to Special Branch report dated 6th August, 1969,  
concerning the International Marxist Group summer camp held 26.7.69  
to 2.8.69.

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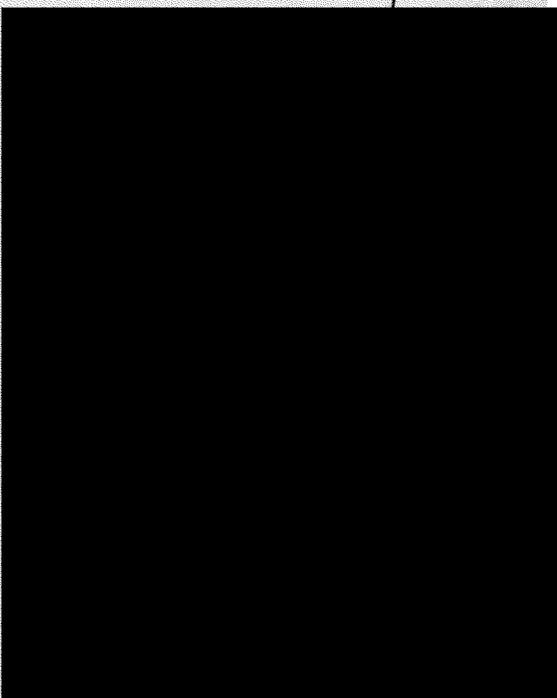
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**Pete GOWAN**

(Student at Birmingham University, working at HOLLIS, flooring contractors, Holborn, E.C.1, as a driver during the summer vacation.)

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**Pat JORDAN**

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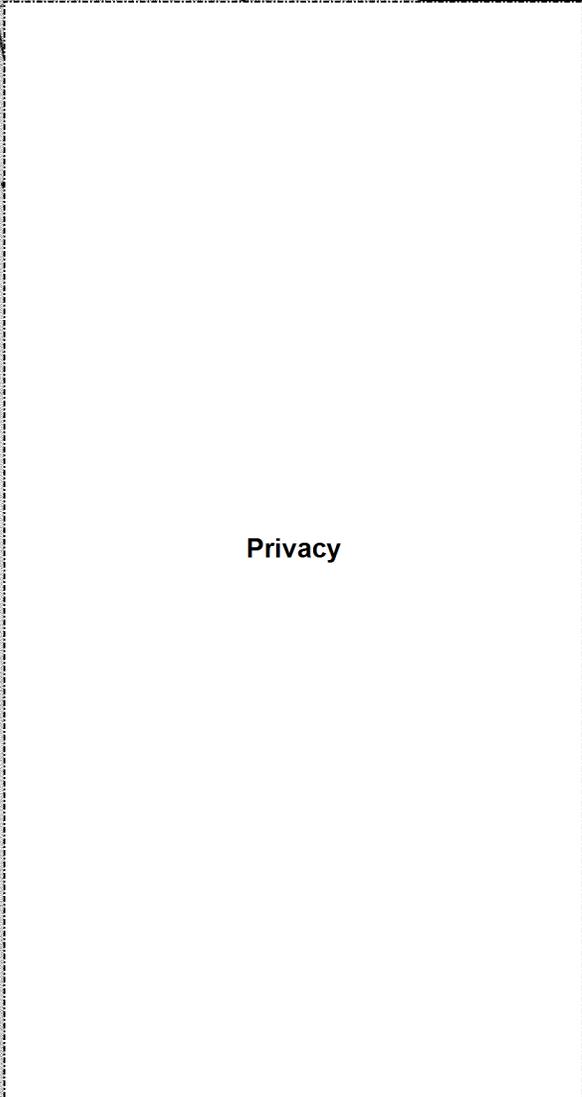
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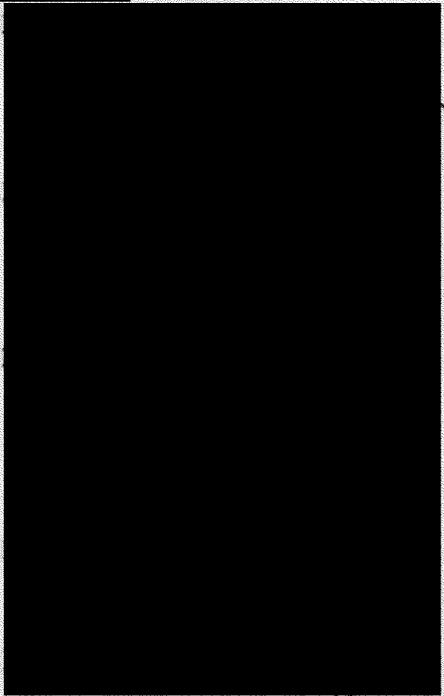
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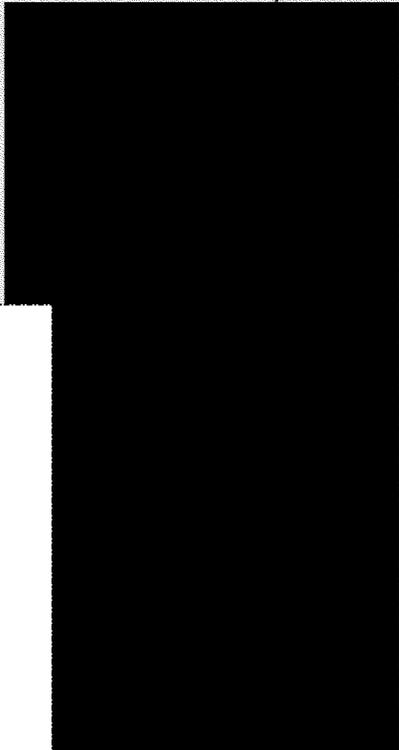
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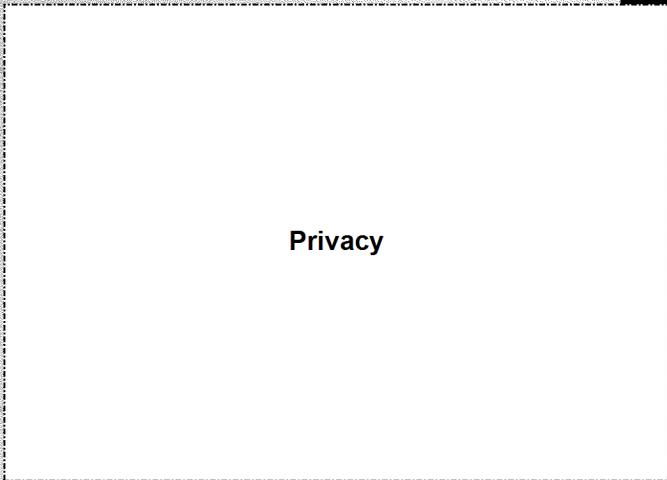
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