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Special Report }

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28 day of February 19 72

SUBJECT
International
Socialists

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

2. "A public meeting organised by the International Socialists was held on 23.2.72 at Friends Meeting House, Guston Road, from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm. It was attended by some 160 people. The subject was 'Is China Socialist'; the speaker was Tony CLIFF.

Reference to Papers

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3. CLIFF who spoke for over an hour, tried to show that China was not a socialist country controlled by the workers. Quite a large part of his talk, however, dealt with the relationship between Russia and China. He also condemned Soviet foreign policy towards Europe during the '30s, '40s and '50s. His final message was that Chairman Mao had replaced one Capitalist system with another.

4. There then followed a discussion period. The first contributor, an unidentified male member of the Association of Communist Workers, spoke for some twenty minutes. He read off a series of statistics and factual information in an effort to disprove CLIFF's arguments but only succeeded in boring the audience.

5. The next contribution was from Privacy who also attacked CLIFF's and IS policy towards China. This was followed by two further contributions, both from IS members.

6. When the meeting proper had finished a Privacy who described himself as a striker from Privacy, Plymouth, told of the strikers' financial problems and appealed for comrades to buy tickets for a concert to be held at Camden Town Hall on 12.3.72 (previously reported).

7. The following were among those present:

Privacy

8. Special Branch references are given in the attached



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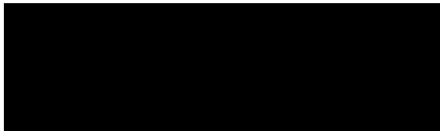
Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT





APPENDIX to Special Branch report on an IS meeting held on
23.2.72.

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