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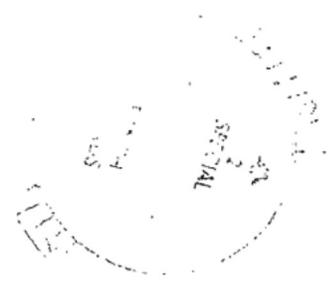
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Date 7/8/75 Initials

5 day of June 1975

SUBJECT

Troops Out

Movement

Reference to Papers

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

2. "The South East London branch of the Troops Out Movement held their first public meeting on Wednesday 21 May 1975 at Charlton House, Charlton Village, SE7. The meeting which was entitled 'The Labour Movement and Ireland' attracted an audience of 45 persons, and began at 8 pm ending at about 9.45 pm.

3. Compared with recent public meetings held by both South and North London branches of TOM, which in terms of numbers were both disasters, this particular meeting was generally regarded as being an unqualified success, mainly because of good local publicity. Much of the credit for this must go to both Richard CHESSUM and Rick GIBSON who spent a considerable time in publicising the meeting in the local area and large numbers of the Labour Movement, albeit members of IS and IMG, were present in the audience.

4. The meeting was chaired by Rick GIBSON who confined his opening remarks to giving a short history of the Troops Out Movement in general, and the activities of the recently formed South East London branch. He then introduced the first speaker Paddy PRENDIVILLE, who spoke for some 25 minutes on the history of Ireland and the necessity for the immediate withdrawal of troops. Anticipating questions before they arose, he dealt in length with the argument normally put forward against withdrawal, that of the ensuing 'bloodbath' which many believed would inevitably follow troop withdrawal. He concluded by saying that TOM had grown into a large organisation and the way forward now was to combat the natural chauvinistic tendencies of the Labour Movement towards Ireland and the influence exerted by both the Communist Party and the militant group on the left wing of the Labour Party, both of whom were opposed to TOM. He hoped that the views expressed at the forthcoming Labour Movement Conference would be taken back by delegates to their Trade Union branches and Trades Councils resulting in a greater swing to the perspectives of TOM.

5. Steve PARKER, the second and final speaker, reiterated to a large extent the words of PRENDIVILLE, but orientated his speech more towards the local branch of TOM, the reasons

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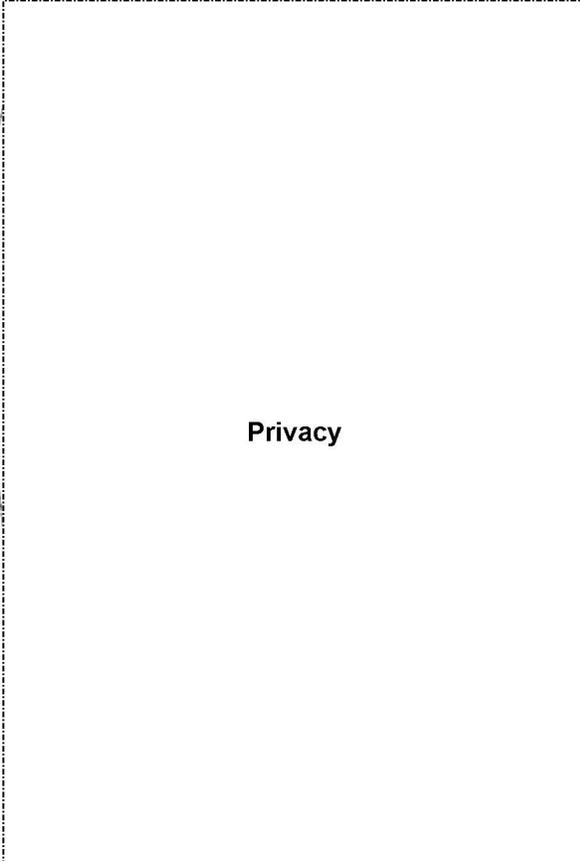
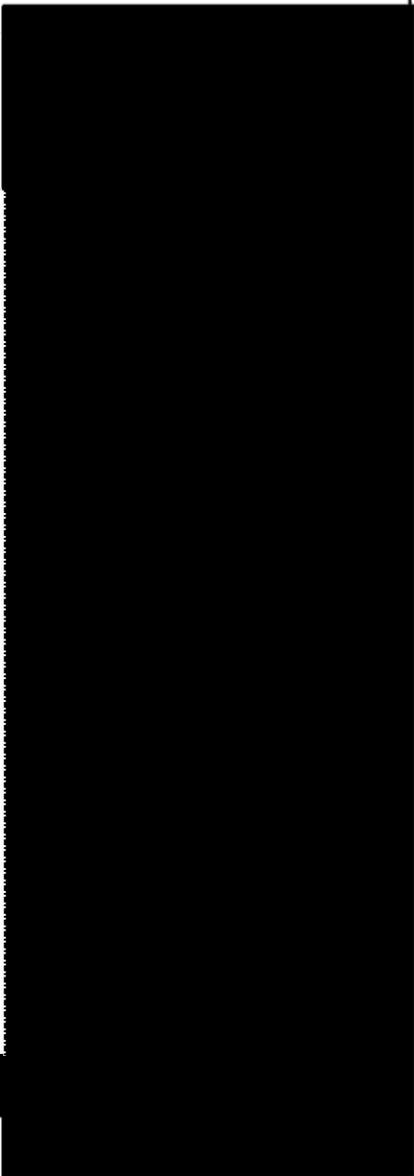


for its formation and their activities. He announced that following the Labour Movement Conference there would be a report back public meeting on June 11 at Charlton House when those who had attended both as observers and delegates could discuss the conference.

6. A number of questions were then raised by the audience which helped to clear up a number of anomalies concerning the Troops Out Movement and its position. Richard CHESSUM wound up the proceedings with a speech from the floor outlining in detail the past and present activities of the local branch. A collection was taken which realised £5. In addition, sales of the Alternative White Paper, badges and pens realised another £1.65p.

7. The following persons were identified as having been present:-

- ~~Paddy PRENDIVILLE~~ (IS & TOM)
- ~~Steve PARKER~~ (RCG & TOM)
- ~~Nick GIBSON~~ (TOM)
- ~~Richard CHESSUM~~ (TOM)



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