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25 day of March 1976

SUBJECT

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Reference to Papers
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1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:
2. "The London Co-Ordinating Committee of the Troops Out Movement met at the University of London Union, Malet Street, WC2 on Friday 12 March 1976 from 7.45 pm until 10.30 pm. The chairman was Privacy and twenty persons were present.
3. Following the acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes Rick GIBSON and Gery LAWLESS reported on the activities of the Secretariat. In the main, this dealt with the recommendation that two members of the Secretariat be replaced every three months, as laid down in the constitution of the Troops Out Movement. LAWLESS recommended that Privacy be relieved of his post on the grounds of inactivity (he had never attended a Secretariat meeting) and that he (LAWLESS) should be allowed to temporarily stand down as his wife was expecting a baby in April. This also created a vacancy for a National Officer of TOM as LAWLESS held the position of Convenor of the Secretariat. It was eventually agreed that the Secretariat replacements be chosen from Privacy and Privacy but that a final decision should be delayed until it was known whether Privacy wished to be considered. GIBSON was chosen to fill the post of Convenor and Privacy to take over from GIBSON as the TOM London Organiser.
4. A discussion then took place on the TOM labour movement delegation to Ireland and the proposed rally preceding it. It had been agreed at the previous week's National Co-ordinating Committee Conference that a rally should be held in central London during the week before or the week after Easter and that the speakers should include a number of MPs, prominent trade unionists and, if possible, Peter HAIN. The final arrangements were left to the Secretariat. As far as the delegation was concerned, Privacy reported that Privacy had left that day for Belfast in order to establish contacts in Northern Ireland.
5. The final item on the agenda renewed the sectarianism that was at one time rampant in the Troops Out Movement. This was a motion from the East London Branch criticising LAWLESS for an unprovoked verbal sexist attack on Privacy following a meeting of the TOM London Co-ordinating Committee

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some weeks previously. The South East London TOM delegates attempted to get this motion withdrawn but it was agreed to proceed with the matter following an allegation by Privacy Privacy that Privacy had threatened physical violence against both him and LAWLESS as a result of the original statement. In the event the East London motion was heavily defeated".

6. References of persons present:

Privacy		
Gery LAWLESS ✓	(N London)	335/57/430

Privacy

Rick GIBSON ✓	(SE London)	405/75/202
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Privacy

7. References of other persons mentioned in this report.

Privacy

Peter HAIN	405/69/702A
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Privacy

G.T.M. Craft

Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT