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Special Report

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SUBJECT

Privacy

Reference to Papers

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1. [redacted] Box 500 letter, [redacted], dated 3 July 1974 referred to the election of [redacted] as an AUEW shop steward at [redacted] [redacted] **Privacy** plant, as reported by Special Branch on 20.7.74 and asked for clarification of the term 'sleeping' WRP members.

2. [redacted] has been the practice amongst WRP North London members, who are in employments which do not contain sufficient WRP comrades to form a 'cell', to maintain a 'low profile' in their industrial actions especially where they are likely to be faced with communist opposition.

However, their interpretations

situation and the uncompromising often place them in positions backing when union elections

[redacted] of the political attitudes adopted by them of eligibility for 'shop-floor' are in the offing.

4. This has led to members being short-listed for union posts without them actually revealing their membership of the WRP until the last moment, if at all.

5. [redacted] **Privacy** has endorsed this course of action since 1973 in all areas where there was a likelihood of gaining a union post, in the hospital and teachers disputes last year.

6. Although not a wide-spread practice, now due to WRP's internal industrial schisms which have led to actions mainly aimed at membership gains in industry, it is undoubtedly still the case where members are in an isolated or Stalinist dominated employment.

7. The WRP's action at [redacted] **Privacy** was prompted by [redacted] **Privac**'s precipitate actions and it appears that just such a 'low profile' member was used to oppose him.

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