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

2. "A pre-conference meeting for all London members of the International Harmiet Group (I K 2) took place on Sunday 16 April 1972, from tpm to 7.30pm at Toynbes Hall, Commercial Street, London, St. The meeting was chaired by Privacy and 49 other members attended.

Reference to Papers
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- 3. The meeting began with a very long speech from Privacy on 180 ideology and policies. An excellent and articulate speaker, having a very good command of the English language Privacy is one of I.R G's leading theoreticians on this occasion he held the complete attention of all.
- 4. He said the fundamental feature which divided revolutionary
  \*arxise from Social Democratic and Stalinist reformism was the conception
  of the epoch. By the twentieth cuntury, capitalism had finished its work
  of developing the productive forces and spacequently the benegacists no
  longer had a progressive role to play. The main social and economic content
  of this epoch was that capitalism was incapable of meeting even the
  immediate needs of the masses and that the development of the productive
  forces was completely held back by the boundaries of the nation state.
- 5. None these features flowed the theory of personent revolution, the rejection of the Popular Front, the impossibility of Socialism in one country, and all the other basic theories of revolutionary Marxiss. The economic expression of these tendencies was expressed in the theory of imperialism, and its main political content was summed up in the factuality of the revolution.
- 6. The reformist Social Democratic and Stalinist theories that the so called national capitalist class of colonial countries would lead a struggle against imperialism, that the bourgeoisise would fight against fascism and therefore it was correct to form Popular Fronts, their failure to understand that even bourgeois democracy was being undermined and their ridiculous belief that "we are going forward gradually" all flowed from their demial of the conception of the epoch.

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- 7. Privacy continued expounding at length to an almost spellbound sudience on Trotskyist theories and ideology despite their having heard/rec herly before.
- 8. The next speaker was Consic RERIS, a fairly good speaker albeit not up to the standard of Privacy She tended to stray from the main theme and iddaing by the various inter-ections, some of the content of her speech did not meet with the full approval of many present.
- P. She devoted much of her speech to socialist women's work and she criticised the women's groups in I K ? for not having sufficiently clear cut policies on everyda, women's problems such as abortion, controppion sto. I K ? women's groups were completely sectarism and tolded to be too obscure to have any effectiveness.

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10. The expressed her our concepts of Trotskyist ideology which obviously differed from those of many present. Although she spoke at some length much that she said was of no particular interest and eventually the chairman, with the approval of the majority, forced her to terminate her speech earlier than she had anticipated.

11. Relatively shorter speeches by Privacy Privacy and Privacy on the work of socielists women's groups followed but nothing of interest emerged.

12. Privacy them dealt with the N U S conference which had been held at Birmingham during Saster and with other student.

\*\*\*That terms\*\*. He described how I N G members at the conference had tried to throw off "the suffocating strait—jacket! which had been imposed upon the N U S for a long period by the Communist Party, although in the event these efforts by I R 3 were largely unauccessful. He mentioned some of the I R C work which was being carried out at various universities and colleges such as the London School of Economics, Aston, Canterbury, Keels, and Reading and at the North London Polytechnic.

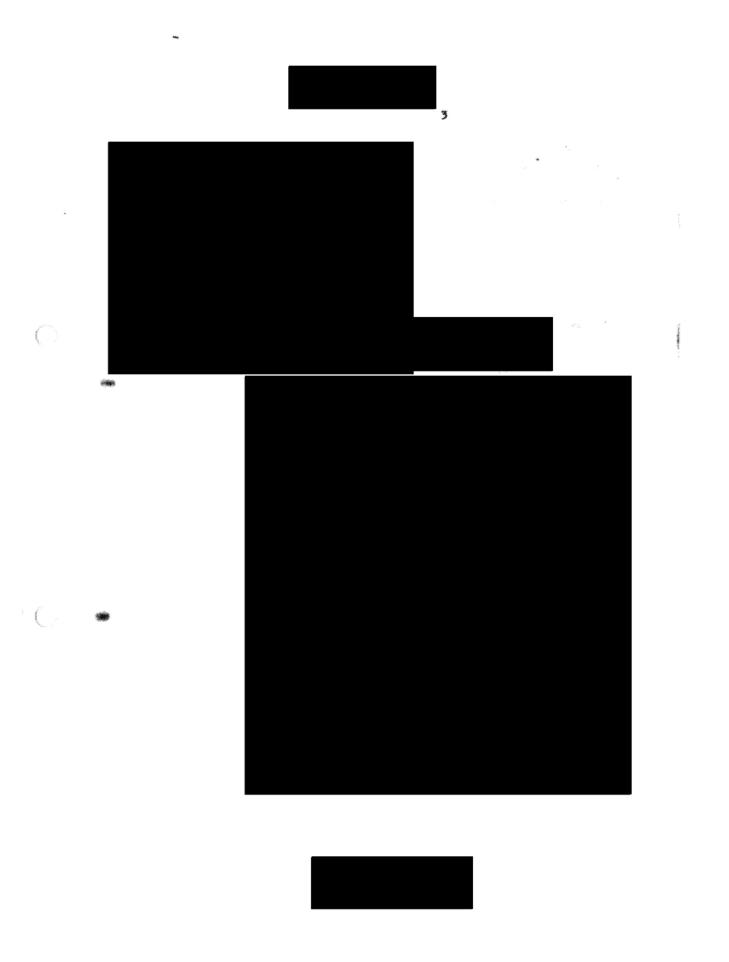
13. After this Peter GOVAN spoke on the question of Ireland and I H C's attitude towards the situation there. He said the political committee of I H G intended changing their official slogan on Ireland from 'Victory to the I H A's to 'Solidarity with the I H A's This measure was being taken as it was felt the former slogen was ambiguous.

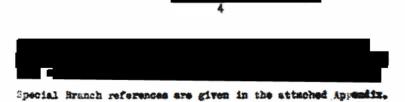
14. This topic was discussed at length with various septers saking susstions which Privacy and Peter SOVEN endeavoured to answer.

15. The meeting closed with a summary of the day's proceedings by Privacy who placed his own interpretations and answers on the various points raised by members.

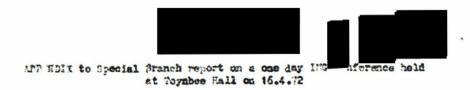
The following 50 members were present:-

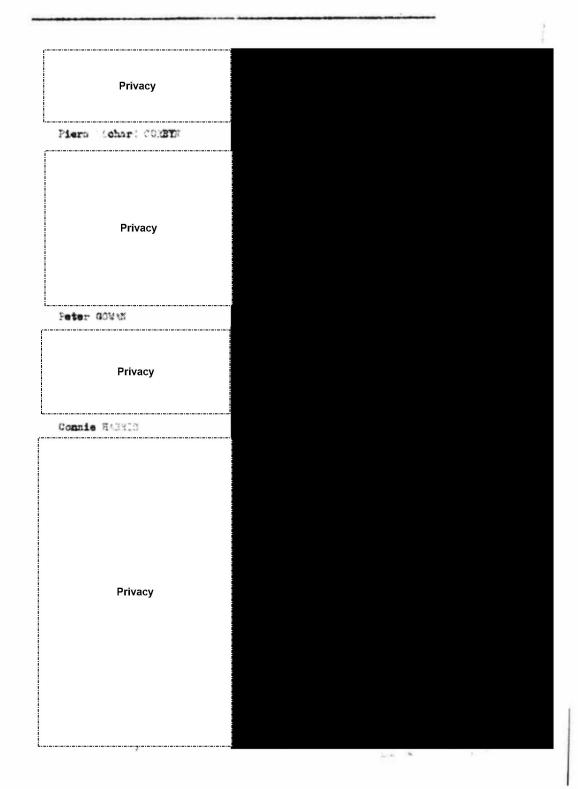


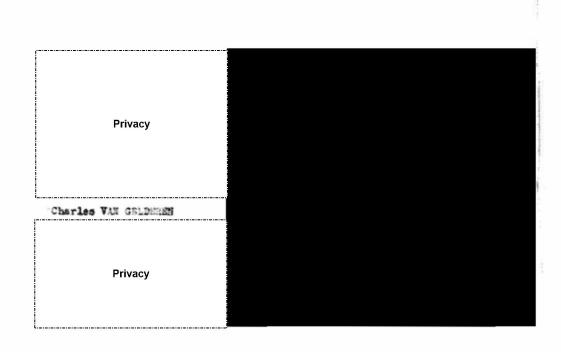












None of the remainder can be identified in Special Branch records.

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