

Special Report

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5th day of August

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SUBJECT

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Big

Flame

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

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Reference to Papers

400/75/215

2. As a general policy of attempting to erode some form of resistance to the leadership (i.e. Lawless clique) within the Troops Out Movement, Big Flame have decided to re-vamp their London Ireland Commission which was suspended some months ago. It was felt that the previous series of meetings had got somewhat out of hand and were at the end in no way controlled by Big Flame. On this occasion, however, it was decided that these present meetings would be called and controlled by Big Flame and that independent elements invited should be under no illusion about that fact.

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3. Such a meeting was held on Sunday 25th July 1976 at 62 Peckham Road, SE5, the home of Rick GIBSON. Eight persons (five of whom were members of Big Flame) attended the meeting which was chaired by [redacted]. The proceedings lasted from 6pm until 9.45pm.

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4. [redacted] introduced the meeting as outlined in paragraph 2 and then went on to give an account of the current situation in Ireland. His long introduction was based on an article written by Steve SKAITH (B.F. Liverpool) which was to go forward to the Big Flame National Conference. [redacted] attempted to deal with the article concisely but it was clear that he was uncertain of his ground on many points and he was constantly questioned. The general feeling was that because of the gradual 'Ulsterisation' of the North the minority struggle would be a protracted affair.

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5. This immediately led on to the position of Trotskyists in Troops Out Movement and general criticism of their tactics. [redacted] intimated that an anti-Trotskyist grouping within the Troops Out Movement, which would encompass most independent elements, could defeat the present leadership but, seeing the opposition to this suggestion of possibly forming a breakaway TOM, his ideas became somewhat watered down. Those present, however, were very critical of the leadership especially since independent elements tended to work hard at projects which they did not fully agree with. On the other hand, although work around such issues and the Prevention of Terrorism Act and Anti-recruiting was part of TOM policy, the Trotskyists had refused to assist.

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It was, therefore, agreed to call a meeting of all non-Trotskyists in TOM for August 27 to see if some agreement could be reached on TOM policy following the delegation to Ireland.

6. Those present were:-

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[Redacted]

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Mentioned: Steve SKAITH

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G.T.M. Craft

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[Signature]
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

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