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Special Report

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SUBJECT
Socialist Workers
Party

Reference to Papers
L00/77/177

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

2. "The National Conference of the Socialist Workers Party held earlier this year decided that, in re-launching the National Rank and File movement, maximum importance must be placed on enlarging it, if necessary to the exclusion of other subjects.

3. With the above in mind, the Party's Central Committee has taken the decision that it is prepared to have two types of membership. In addition to the present membership, the new type will allow potential comrades in industry to join the Socialist Workers Party without having to make the commitment of either attending regular meetings or taking a full part in the Party's activities. The idea of this is to speed up the formation of factory cells and factories with a broad based Rank and File membership. These members will be required to pay 50p subscription each week to the Party and to sell the paper 'Socialist Worker' within their workplaces. It is further hoped that many of these recruits will later become full-time members.

4. The Party is aware of the danger that, if this is not properly controlled, membership could follow the pattern of the Communist Party of Great Britain, ie having around 23,000 members, of whom only 3,000 or 4,000 are active. It is considered, however, that this risk is worth taking in order to speed up the recruitment of Rank and File supporters."

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Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERVISOR