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27 day of January 1978

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1. [redacted] The following information has been received from a reliable source:- Privacy

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2. [redacted] "On Monday, 16 January, 1978, between 8pm and 10.30pm, at the Eagle and Child Public House, Woodgrange Road, E7, the Outer East London District of the Socialist Workers Party held an aggregate meeting. About one hundred persons attended. [redacted] Privacy Privacy

3. [redacted] Privacy as chairperson, introduced Tony CLIFF, who gave a talk and led the discussion on Zionism. He referred frequently to his youth in Palestine and his numerous clashes with traditional Jews and 'Brownshirts'. However, he avoided mentioning the more current issues, such as the peace initiatives of President Sadat of Egypt, and it was left to Privacy to broaden the discussion, which eventually ended with some comrades admitting to their [redacted] and describing the problems this brought to the revolutionary socialist.

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4. [redacted] The question of whether or not to stand a candidate at the forthcoming Ilford North bye-election was then raised. This was introduced by Ilford Branch, who themselves were split over the matter (initially it had been decided that a candidate would stand, but the decision had later been reversed). CLIFF stated that the Central Committee would back whatever the aggregate might decide and, after a short, but heated discussion, a vote was taken which clearly endorsed that latest decision that no candidate should, in fact, stand. However, strong activity was called for against the National Front, who are expected to put forward a candidate of their own.

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5. [redacted] The proposals to divide the District, in order to share the work load of the District Committee (our report of 20.1.78 refers), led to involved exchanges, particularly between Privacy Privacy and John BOYLE, but a vote was pushed through and the proposals were accepted. In consequence, two new District Committees are now required and nominations for these are to be put forward shortly."

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6. References to persons identified as being present:-

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