

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

SUBJECT

International Socialists

Reference to Papers 400/74/198

... day of January 1975.

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

2. "On Thursday 9 January 1975 at the YMCA hostel, High Road, Tottenham, the Tottenham Branch of the International Socialists held an educational meeting. It commenced at 8 pm and finished promptly at 10 pm. Nineteen persons attended.

3. Privacy chaired the meeting for the evening with the assistance of Privacy who had a rough draft of the educational programme decided by the branch committee for the months ahead. The main business of the evening centred around the appointment of a 'Womens Voice' organiser for the branch. Privacy eventually being nominated and accepting the post.

4. Privacy then made an impassioned plea to all members to attend the new lobby of Parliament in protest against the jailing of the 'Shrewsbury Two' on Tuesday 14 January 1975. The march, he said, would start from Euston Station at 1 pm.

5. Privacy, in discussing the week's events, remarked that Harold Wilson in his attack on the Cowley car workers to drum up public support had confirmed everybody's expectation that the Labour Government would be forced to lurch to the right and now was the time to convince Labour Party supporters that their leaders had the same interests at heart as the Tories.

6. Privacy then urged all members and close contacts to attend the half-day school on Cliff's new book and allied matters on Saturday 11 January 1975 at the Earls School, Broad Lane, N5.

7. The last three-quarters of an hour were devoted to Privacy talk on the growth of Scottish nationalism in the wake of the discovery of oil in the North Sea. He considered that the SNP could not be regarded by socialists as a nationalistic group striving to realise its cultural aspirations

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under an imperialistic oppressor in the same light, for example, as Vietnam or some African nations, because it was apparent that the SNP had imperialistic aspirations with regard to the Orkneys and Shetlands. [REDACTED] Privacy no doubt influenced by events in Africa, considered that there must be a blanket acceptance of the SNP's policy made by revolutionary socialists, which showed her comrades her limited knowledge of Lenin. However, Privacy brought the discussion down to earth by saying that the real acid test was whether or not the SNP had pressed for the withdrawal of Scottish troops from Northern Ireland, which to his knowledge they had not, so as far as he was concerned the SNP had no anti-imperialist grass roots base whatever.

8. The meeting concluded with all repairing to the Red Lion public house for refreshment and further discussion".

9. The following persons were identified as having attended the meeting:- [REDACTED] Privacy

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Privacy

Chief Inspector

Privacy [REDACTED]

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

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