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The following information has been received from a secret and reliable source:-

1. On Sunday 15 December 1974 at the Town Hall, Battersea, SW11, the First Party Conference of the Workers Revolutionary Party (WRP) began. It lasted for three days, finally coming to a close at 6 pm on Tuesday 17 December 1974 with an emotional speech from Gary HEALY, the General Secretary of the WRP. Throughout the conference the attendance of about 650 delegates was fairly consistently maintained, although the individuals representing branches did alter in some cases where delegates were unable to attend for the whole of the three-day period. The fact that two of the days on which the conference was held (Monday and Tuesday) were working days, and the fact that the numbers attending on those days did not change noticeably, is indicative of the level of commitment of members of the Party.

2. The conference was an important one for the WRP because apart from being the first since the transformation of the League (Socialist Labour League) to a Party, it took place during a period of deepening economic crisis and therefore vindicated the decision of the leadership to make the transition when they did. Throughout the conference the prevailing mood was one of recognition that this was a period of revolutions, civil war and strife, and all that was needed to prevent the beheading of the working class was the revolutionary leadership. Therefore, it can be more easily understood how every single resolution which was presented by the leadership for approval by conference was greeted with a unanimous vote in favour.

3. The expulsions from the Western Region of the WRP (Oxford and surrounding areas) of Privacy and his clique, punctuated the theme of the conference, but contrary to the way that might have been expected. In all, about 30 members were expelled, including Privacy, Privacy and Privacy, both Central Committee members until then, and Privacy, another leading member. At no time during the conference, or before it, did this question seriously precipitate a split within the Party in terms of pro and anti factions. In fact the reverse was true. The leadership were very conscious from

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the outset [Privacy] resigned from the WRP in September) of the dangers to the Party posed by [Privacy] [Privacy] and insisted that he should remain within the group to fight for his opinions. HEALY suggested to him that he should submit a motion for consideration by conference in which his differences with the leadership were delineated and then, if the differences still remained, fight for recognition as a faction (which is permitted by the Constitution). Even at this point the leadership had decided that [Privacy] was attempting to build a party within a party and not just a faction, and the decision had already been taken to bring him back in order to expose him. Their tactics proved effective for the task at hand. Mike BANDA in the pamphlet 'The Anti-Party Nature of [Privacy]'s Slander Campaign' put it another way - "These methods prompt you to appeal to the anti-authoritarian prejudices of backward workers and middle-class anarchists in order to defy the leading bodies of the party and try to create a dual power within it. This, let us remind you, is not and will never be the tradition of the VI (Fourth International). This tradition consists in the implicit and unconditional subordination of a leader to the party and the recognition of the leading bodies - whilst retaining and fighting for political differences."

4. And so, in order to purge the reformist and revisionist elements from the Party, exemplified by [Privacy], who represented an obstacle in the path of advancement, expansion and the true development of Trotskyism as propounded by the WRP, it was essential that he should be crucified within the branches, before, rather than during the conference. With this objective in mind the [Privacy] document entitled "Correct The Wrong Positions of The Party - Return to The Transitional Programme" was circulated for discussion, together with a draft resolution from the Central Committee (CC) - 'Perspectives for the Workers Revolutionary Party'. Active discussion was initiated, first at a special meeting of London branch secretaries and later at a Sub-District level. At the latter meetings, which were open to all branch officers, the discussion was invariably directed by a Central Committee member to ensure that criticism or doubt could be correctly answered and that a unanimous vote was cast in favour of the action taken by the Political Committee (PC), who had by this time already expelled [Privacy] and others. In the two weeks that followed a thorough - going expose of the allying reformist position was highlighted by two internal bulletins; the first was a lengthy booklet by Mike BANDA entitled 'A Menshevik Unmasked' and the other 'The Anti-Party Nature of [Privacy]'s Slander Campaign'. This lengthy internal branch discussion prior to the conference obviated the necessity to discuss it during the conference itself, and if there was any doubt on this point, in the first hour of its beginning, Gary HEALY gave a report on

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'The Struggle Against Revisionism Within Our Party'. This provided the underlying theme for most of the speeches both from the platform and the floor. In fact at one stage on the second day, after about ten delegates had made their contributions, HEALY intervened and said that members should learn the lessons of the 'Privacy' saga but should not become so preoccupied with it that he gained an importance he did not deserve.

5. Moreover, it can be seen that the schismatic force which 'Privacy' originally represented and which threatened to dissipate the potential growth of the WRP was, by the skilful manipulations of HEALY, used to strengthen the Party in a war-time spirit of brothers in adversity.

6. The conference was held under conditions of extraordinary security, and even the venue was only known by leading members in each area. The official explanation for such extravagant precautions, was that the 'Privacy' group would endeavour to ascertain the location and would demonstrate outside, provoking members to violence and attracting the unwanted attentions of the Police. It subsequently turned out that the 'Privacy' group had made extensive enquiries to find out the location and were outside the Town Hall at the end of the day's meeting, together with a handful of Police Officers. There were no incidents and members followed instructions precisely, refusing either to talk with or accept leaflets from the renegades. Discussion with members showed that most of them had arrived in motor convoys of two or three cars, by a circuitous route which took in most of the sights of London. The pattern was the same, in most cases, with only one individual in each vehicle knowing the final destination, and armed with an A to Z of London they spread the official rumour that the venue was to be different each day; like most rumours this one was also false.

7. On arrival at the hall, delegates were faced with three stewards at the entrance and the leading member in each group was obliged to vouch for each individual separately, apart from each one of them having to produce his or her membership card. Once inside, they joined the queue for delegate registration and branch secretaries, sub-district and area secretaries were urged to have all outstanding monies for their respective areas correctly counted, excluding the money owed for the building fund. Stewards went along the line informing delegates that if this money was not paid they would not be permitted to enter the main hall where the conference was to be held. At first this threat was not taken seriously, and it was not until the first branch secretary was refused admittance because his total was one pound short of the sum required that borrowing and cheque writing began. In addition to the financial qualifications for entrance, delegates who had been members less than three months and who were termed 'candidate delegates' were required to be interviewed by Mike BANDA and received his written authority. When this had been done they were allowed to rejoin the queue for delegate documentation and were issued with a red file containing many of the papers and pamphlets pertaining to the subjects to be discussed; together with a delegate's pass which had to be produced to the stewards who were in attendance at virtually every door in the building. All of the important

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documents were numbered including the pass and every file had to be handed in before leaving the conference hall each evening.

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8. By about 3.15 pm all of the seats had been taken and the audience sat facing Privacy, who was Chairman throughout the day's proceedings, and Gary HEALY, the General Secretary of the Party, who was to give the first major report. Privacy gave a brief welcoming speech in which he spoke of the momentousness of the occasion and outlined the irresolvable crisis of the capitalist system. When he had finished he drew the attention of delegates to the folder they had been given and in particular to a red security card contained therein. This card was numbered and listed points to be noted. These were:-

- (a) There was a possibility that the conference was being 'wired'; therefore when speaking or when referring to others, names and branches of delegates should not be mentioned.
- (b) No one would be allowed to leave the building until all folders, documents and notes had been handed in and found to be in order.
- (c) Telephone calls were not to be made without first obtaining the written permission of the Standing Orders Committee (headed by Privacy).
- (d) Delegates were not to leave the conference while it was in session without first obtaining the written authority of the Standing Orders Committee - meals would be served while delegates remained seated.
- (e) Folders and contents were not to be taken out of the hall during the proceedings and should be deposited with a steward before leaving.
- (f) Passes must be shown to stewards on leaving and entering the hall. (This also applied to all the passageways and other interconnecting doors. A good example of the thorough way in which this was put into practice was when one steward was relieved by another; the outgoing steward walked a matter of yards to pick up his coat from a chair, before returning to go out from the veranda or that only moments before he was guarding. The steward who had only just replaced him, promptly showed him to Privacy's card).

A few minutes elapsed to enable delegates to read the card and then these were all collected.

9. The next item on the agenda was the election of tellers which turned out to be a surprisingly straightforward process. Privacy said that four persons were needed and suggested that one from each corner of the hall would probably be the most convenient.

say. In accordance with his suggestion volunteers stood up (one of these was Privacy) and a unanimous vote in their favour quickly followed.

10. The election of a Panels Committee was the next item and it was their task to collate nominations for the Central Committee from branches, and then, on the basis of interviewing nominators and candidates aided by the personal knowledge that the panel had of the nominees, a list was to be compiled of those recommended for the C.C. alternate members and those not recommended. The panel of three members is always headed by a Central Committee member nominated by the out-going Committee. On this occasion and for the last three years, the C.C. nominee was Privacy. Three other comrades were nominated and accounted for the two remaining positions. When it came to voting for these many members did not know for whom they were voting, in the first place because no names or areas were mentioned and secondly because members rose from their seats to see the individuals concerned and were thwarted by a sea of faces.

11. A slightly different procedure was adopted for the election of the 'Appeals Committee'. Nine comrades were required to constitute this body and after several had been proposed simply by being pointed at, other members lost the inhibitions evoked by the normal nature of election procedures and appeared to nominate themselves. In all, fifteen comrades came forward for selection. They stood side by side at the front of the hall facing the assembly. When the first in line moved sideways apart from the rest and a card vote was taken on that candidate. This was a laborious process necessitating counting each vote to compare it with the others so that the nine gaining the most votes would be selected for the Committee. After the first five had been dealt with in this way Privacy appealed to those remaining to consider standing down so that the business of the conference could proceed in reasonable time. Two members complied with this request. Among the nine finally selected in this way were Corin  
MAGRAVE,  
(founder member), Privacy

12. Privacy then called upon the General Secretary to report on 'The Struggle against Revisionism within our Party' i.e. Privacy. The nature of the charges made against Privacy and the BLICK/JERLING group previously were essentially the same. Privacy in his motion circulated to the conference in the "Transitional Programme" by Leon Trotsky to "workers' control" were demands to be made within the structure of bourgeois society which were in effect reformist demands. HEALY summed up the differences between the policies of the Party and the renegades by quoting Trotsky - "Classical Social Democracy, functioning in an epoch of progressive capitalism, divided its programme in two parts: independent

of each other; the minimum programme which limited itself to reforms within the framework of bourgeois society, and the maximum programme which promised substitution of socialism for capitalism in the indefinite future. Between the minimum and the maximum programme no bridge existed. And indeed Social Democracy has no need of such a bridge, since the word socialism is used only for holiday speechifying." HEALY spoke on this theme for one and a half hours and returned time and again to the notion that the 'Stalinists and the revisionists are attempting to head off the working class at every turn, in response to bourgeois pressure'.

13. In order to clarify the point, he drew attention of delegates to a copy of a letter from our Privacy Privacy who was a member of the HEALY group in 1959, to Privacy who is supposedly, currently a member of the WRP. In the letter, Privacy expressed a desire for the WRP to return to the group's pre-1959 position. HEALY summarized this as 'a deep longing to return to that point in history before the 'Young Socialist' (Y.S.) split with the Labour Party; before the world's first daily Trotskyist newspaper; before we became a Party and before we began to mobilise the working class. In short, like Privacy and the 'BLICK/JACKSON' renegades, he wants to cut off the vanguard of the working class and make us into a cosy little discussion group.' There was no explanation given how this document came in the hands of the Party, but the inference was that Privacy, loyal to the Party and conscious of Privacy's betrayal, had come forward with the document. soon after, fascicles of correspondence from Privacy to Privacy and the replies were collected in. A long line of delegates formed to speak in the discussion which followed and more than twenty comrades finally contributed to it. Most of them chose to select one small point that HEALY had made and then elaborated it. All of them urged the conference to endorse the report unanimously and when the vote was eventually taken this request was enthusiastically complied with.

14. After the break that followed, HEALY and Privacy were joined on the platform by the three man Control Commission headed by Comrade Privacy. This body was originally called into being to investigate the treatment received by Privacy Privacy in his interview at the Centre on Tuesday October 1st. When the Control Commission was set-up the terms of reference were amended to read 'investigate the circumstances surrounding the above mentioned work as carried out by Privacy and comrades Privacy Privacy'. Privacy reminded delegates that they had the 'Control Commission' report before them (a numbered booklet containing about 70 pages complete with appendices) to refer to during his speech. His report was brief and uninformative and at the

end of it he was questioned about a reference made by Privacy to an incident involving Privacy at the Factory gates (Gosley) on 17 September. Privacy whether intentionally or otherwise, explained this point very badly and it appeared that the comrade asking the question was none the wiser after Privacy reply. On the whole the verbal report seemed to consist of a criticism of the Privacy clique purely on the grounds that they would not co-operate fully with the instructions of the Commission.

15. At this point Privacy, the deputy General Secretary, made the collection appeal which raised in the region of £300, a surprisingly large sum considering the exhortations for money which had preceded it. The numbered Control Commission reports were collected and HEALY replied to the discussion. This was followed by a vote on the reports which were carried unanimously.

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16. The second day of the conference began with a clean sheet in so far as the suggestion of a diversion in the perspectives of the Party was concerned. The leadership had met the challenge posed by the Privacy clique on the first day and with the unqualified acceptance of 'The struggle against revisionism within our Party' report and the Central Commission report, there was not much likelihood of there being anything more than superficial discussion over what was to follow.

17. The day's business got off to a slow start, brought about in large measure by the deviating routes followed by delegates through rush-hour traffic. Eventually the meeting was brought to order, and the Chairman for the day-Garin HEDGRAFT, called upon Privacy to report on the Party Perspectives. Privacy remained faithful to the draft resolution and said that the world economic crisis and its revolutionary implications were not abstract questions, but the centre of the perspectives for their work. The forces coming forward in every apparently economic struggle over wages and jobs were the forces of the revolution itself. They could not be regarded as just another example of militancy, or part of a gradual process of unionisation of the masses. They were the entry on to the historical scene of the forces who would fight the decisive battles with capitalism. They were forced to take up the struggle for the most basic essentials of life and for the existence of their class as a class, precisely at the point where capitalism was forced to deny these things. The greatest lapse of historical responsibility by the revolutionary movement at this stage would be to fail to turn to these new forces, win from them, learn from them, build from them, develop through them, lead them in what would immediately become political and revolutionary struggle for power. This economic crisis would bring a series of revolutionary convulsions. The great danger to the working class and the revolutionary party at this moment was that the actuality of the revolution was ignored, millions of white-collar and low-paid workers entering the struggle were not seen as the forces of revolution, the

indispensable foundations of the building of the revolutionary party. To miss that responsibility would mean to prepare a situation where the first shock-wave of revolutionary struggles brought severe reverses to the immature working class forces, and where the revolutionary party could do no more than wisely draw the lessons afterwards and look forward to the next opportunity. The WFP by fighting for this programme of transitional demands, therefore fought for the building of the membership and resources of the Party itself, and the training in Marxism of thousands of new members from the working class, as their central task.

18. A long line of members formed to take part in the ensuing discussion, but as in the case when HEALY spoke, nothing dramatically new was added to the discussion and all were in support of the resolution. The only interesting divergence occurred when Mike BANDA was adding his contribution. Corin HEDGRAVE was restricting speakers to two or three minutes each and HEALY, after conferring with Privacy, indicated to the Chairman that BANDA's speech should be brought to a close. At first sight this suggested that there was 'bad blood' between HEALY and BANDA because one would have expected a member of BANDA's standing to be given a little longer than other delegates. But information received subsequent to the conference suggests that if any 'bad blood' existed at all it was between Privacy and other members of the Political Committee because it had been with him that 'difficulties' have arisen. Perhaps it was HEALY's way of demonstrating his objectiveness and appeasing Privacy at one and the same time. The discussion on the 'Party Perspectives' continued in the afternoon and was followed by the reply from Privacy and the inevitable vote in favour, carried unanimously.

19. It had originally been intended that this should be followed by a report on 'Trade Union Work' but without explanation the report was put back to the last day and instead Privacy, the National Youth Secretary, gave a report on the 'Youth Work' of the Party.

20. She spoke of the important role that youth had played in building the Party and the still greater part to be played in the future; of how they formed the foundation stone upon which the WFP rested and how they incorporated the essence of the revolutionary spirit, ready to be nurtured within the working class. She criticized branches for failing to inject the necessary zeal into their efforts on the youth front and said that comrades must recognize that an extra drive was needed to win them away from the bourgeois ideology upon which they had been weaned. During her lengthy speech she made a passing reference to "organising the Youth in the new year". This was not elaborated on but could have meant some form of unified action, such as a march and demonstration. Privacy finally concluded her report the attendant speeches were favourably directed and preceded the now familiar unanimous vote.

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21. The whole of the morning session was given over to a report on 'Trade Union Work' proposed by Mike BANDA; the consequent discussion and reply to the points raised; and finally the unanimous acceptance of the report by conference. In common with the 'Youth Work' report, there were no documents directly pertaining to the Trade Union Work of the Party for delegates to peruse.

22. BANDA spoke in very general terms about the progress that had allegedly been made within the Trade Unions and was at pains to emphasize that contrary to what [Privacy] had said, the Union work of the Party did not revolve around him nor would it collapse as the result of his betrayal. "In fact", he continued, "in Cowley, the bed of his corrupting influence, the reverse has been the case. He has only served to impress upon us that the Party cannot and will not bend its theory and practice to the capriciousness of Trade Unionists. If they are not prepared to subordinate themselves to the needs of the Party, then the Party will not tolerate them within its ranks".

23. Immediately after the lunch-break, fraternal greetings were extended to delegates from representatives of the Portuguese, West German, Greek and Irish sections of the 'Fourth International' (FI). They gave brief speeches in which they outlined the problems they faced in their own countries and without exception referred to the betrayals of the Stalinists. In exchange, they received rapturous applause which in every case continued until they were again re-seated in the body of the conference hall.

24. Following these greetings came a report from the Chairman of the newly-elected Appeals Committee. He said that a meeting with the appellants had taken place at Oxford the previous day but they had refused to confer with the Committee other than as a group. "While the Appeals Committee made every effort to accommodate them" he said, "the anti-Party nature of their contributions, demands that their expulsions be upheld by conference". Delegates apparently agreed with the advice they had been given because they subsequently voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the CC to expel the [Privacy] clique.

25. The next item on the agenda was an amendment to the Constitution of the Party proposed by the Central Committee in the person of [Privacy], which read as follows:

Clause 9 Insert after paragraph

- (b) The Central Committee and Local Committee have power to protect the Party by conducting whatever investigations are necessary, and may suspend members for up to 60 days pending such investigation. After this, members affected must be either further charged under rule or restored to party membership.

(Old paragraphs (b); (c); (d) and (e) become (c); (d); (e) and (f).

**Privacy** said that it was imperative that the amendment should be passed in the light of the Party's experience with **Privacy**. It would enable the Central Committee to take action as soon as the need arose and would prevent the divisive slanders by **Privacy** and his kind whose only purpose was to smash the Party. As the economic crisis deepened there would be other attempts to destroy the Party, and when that time came the Central Committee must be in a position to prevent this. It was at this point that the first note of discord was sounded, albeit in a minor and unobtrusive fashion. A comrade came forward and said that he could not see why the additional powers were needed because the Central Committee had dealt with the **Privacy** clique in a satisfactory manner. **Privacy** appeared to be flustered by the question and furtively glanced towards Gery HEALY for assistance. None was forthcoming, and he reiterated what he had previously said, and the amendment was voted into the Constitution.

26. After the successful inclusion of this new rule, Corin REDGRAVE, the Chairman, perfunctorily asked if there were any further amendments to be proposed and was surprised to see a member from the Exeter area come forward and present for consideration an amendment to rule 6. The wording of this original amendment was related to conference by REDGRAVE and resulted in confusion, largely because he did not clarify what had been said. **Privacy** took the microphone to comment on the proposal but was unsure of himself and again glanced furtively in the direction of HEALY, presumably to judge whether he was in favour of it. But again he got no response and he began to speak in its favour. At this point HEALY walked from the stage, which confused **Privacy** all the more, only to return a moment later to begin a dialogue with **Privacy** which could not be heard from the hall. **Privacy** returned to the microphone more confidently this time and began to say "it has been suggested that the amendment will result ....." and at this point he returned to his dialogue with HEALY. A rush of amendments to the amendment were shouted from the front of the hall and **Privacy** returned to his seat looking as confused as everybody else. Finally the proposer of the amendment accepted alterations to it and rule 6, with the insertion being underlined and the deletion in parenthesis, now reads as follows:-

#### Clause 6 Area Committee

Area Committee shall be elected at annual area conference at which all branches are represented (consist of two or more representatives from each branch in the given area), and shall be responsible for the overall political development of the work in the area and for the co-ordination of the work of the branches. Full time organisers in the area work with the Area Secretary as an organising sub-committee of the Area Committee. In large areas, such as London, sub-districts should be organised.

27. This means that, in future, Area Committees will not necessarily be truly representative of branches. Moreover, it could foreshadow a time when an Area Committee is completely dominated by members from one branch. The argument put forward in support of this proposal by the Exeter comrade was that the Constitution in its original form produced an anomalous situation so far as some leading members were concerned. In some cases it excluded them from Area Committees purely on the grounds that there were more than two leading members in their branch, whilst in other less active branches relatively inexperienced comrades were obliged to participate in the work of the Committee in order to satisfy their branches' quota requirement.

28. When the institutional amendments had finally been dealt with, tellers distributed numbered lists of nominees for the Central Committee which had been compiled by the Panels Committee. The report took the form of 31 candidates who were recommended for the CC; a much smaller list (about 6) who were recommended as alternate members and the remainder who were not recommended. Privacy headed the Panels Committee and she went through the list explaining why each candidate had been either recommended or otherwise. The recommendations were voted on and carried in their entirety, without dissent. However, this was the first conference at which this had occurred. Normally the recommendations provoked much argument but on this occasion there were several factors which worked in accordance with the wishes of the leadership, as no one wished to create difficulties which might lead to division. Another principal factor was that a large number of the delegates had been members for less than a year and were not competent to speak on the abilities of most of those nominated. This meant that even though there were individual candidates who were known to them, they were still not in a position to make effective comparisons with those who were not, and therefore relied much more heavily on the good judgment and experience of the Panels Committee than had been the case in previous years. Insofar as the members of long standing were concerned, by the nature of the massive increase in membership, they had invariably taken on positions of leadership themselves and were in consequence under more pressure to subordinate themselves to the needs of the Party at that time. The following are among those selected for the Central Committee, either as full, or alternate members:-

Privacy, Gary HEALY, Mike BANDA, Privacy

Privacy

Cornie MURPHY;

Privacy

Privacy

(alternates). While the numbered

lists of nominees were being collected the Chairman called for nominations for the Control Commission. Before anyone else got an opportunity to speak, Bill HUNTER, a founder member now out of favour with the leadership, suggested that the present three man Commission headed by Comrade

Privacy should continue to serve in that capacity. His nomination was seconded and accepted unopposed.

29. There was a stillness in the hall as Gary HEALY approached the microphone to give the close of conference speech. For a moment he seemed lost for words, pausing and averting his gaze from the audience. He spoke very slowly, carefully controlling his speech. He said "The conference has been a very gratifying occasion for me, when the seeds have finally taken root and the fruits have appeared for the first time. This is certainly the best conference that we've ever had. The challenge posed to the Party by Privacy is not a new phenomenon. It has occurred many times before. I was the one that brought him in to the movement as I did Privacy and I was the one who moved that he should be expelled. I didn't want to do that, but it had to be done. I was the one that pushed for the split with Privacy and for the expulsion of Privacy from the Fourth International. Privacy brought me in to the movement and I was fond of him. (He audibly choked on these words). But we expelled him. It was necessary. I didn't want it to happen but it had to be done to maintain our integrity. The blood of Social Democrats flows through all our veins and it is only by constant vigilance that we can resist the betrayal of the working class which is inextricably embodied in it. History does not wait; least of all in revolutionary times. Trotskyism does not possess a licence granted by historical inevitability. The period we are in quickly discredits Stalinists and centrists, and provides conditions where many thousands will seek a revolutionary road. The Workers Revolutionary Party has won out of the crisis, has exposed the reformists, Stalinists and centrists, has built its daily paper and carried through the transformation of the Socialist Labour League into the revolutionary party. The perspectives around which these decisions were taken and carried out have proved a thousand times correct. Now the working class in struggle needs the leadership promised and prepared for by these decisions. The building of the party must now be carried out by members of the Workers Revolutionary Party strengthened by thousands of new members. The next conference we hold might be under circumstances and in surroundings very different from these. I might not be with you because times are changing rapidly. You must leave this conference with a determination to expand the Party as we have never done before. The will and the spirit of the Party must prevail to prevent the beheading of the working class."

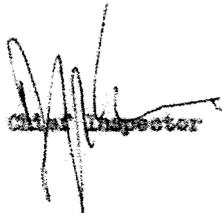
30. He received a tremendous ovation and many comrades understood from his closing remarks that he referred to a situation where from necessity he would go in to hiding to prevent his arrest. There is no doubt that this was partly intended but information received after the conference put a slightly different interpretation on this point, or rather added other possibilities to it. It is almost certain that within the year ahead HEALY will resign as the General Secretary of the WRP to be replaced by Mike BANDA. Whether this is solely on the grounds of the pressure of responsibility adversely affecting his health or whether his intention is to direct operations from the background during a worsening

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economic situation, is not clear, but a realistic assessment would be a combination of the two.

31. After HEALY had left the stage but before the Internationals, Corin REDGRAVE announced that two of the lists of Central Committee nominees had not yet been returned and said that delegates would not be permitted to leave until they were. Thorough searches of clothing, folders and handbags finally produced them after about five minutes and the names of the comrades responsible for the carelessness were noted, presumably for the information of the Central Commission.

32. Delegates rose from their seats and the conference finally came to an end with the Internationals and the raised fist salute of solidarity and defiance".

  
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List of Appendices to Special Branch report of 10.1.75  
concerning the Workers Revolutionary Party.

- 'A' - Persons present at the conference
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- 'F' - 'Workers Revolutionary Party Constitution'
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APPENDIX 'A'

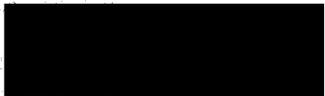
Persons attending WRP conference of 17.12.74

Privacy

Mike BANSA

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Gerry H ALFI

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Bill HUNTER

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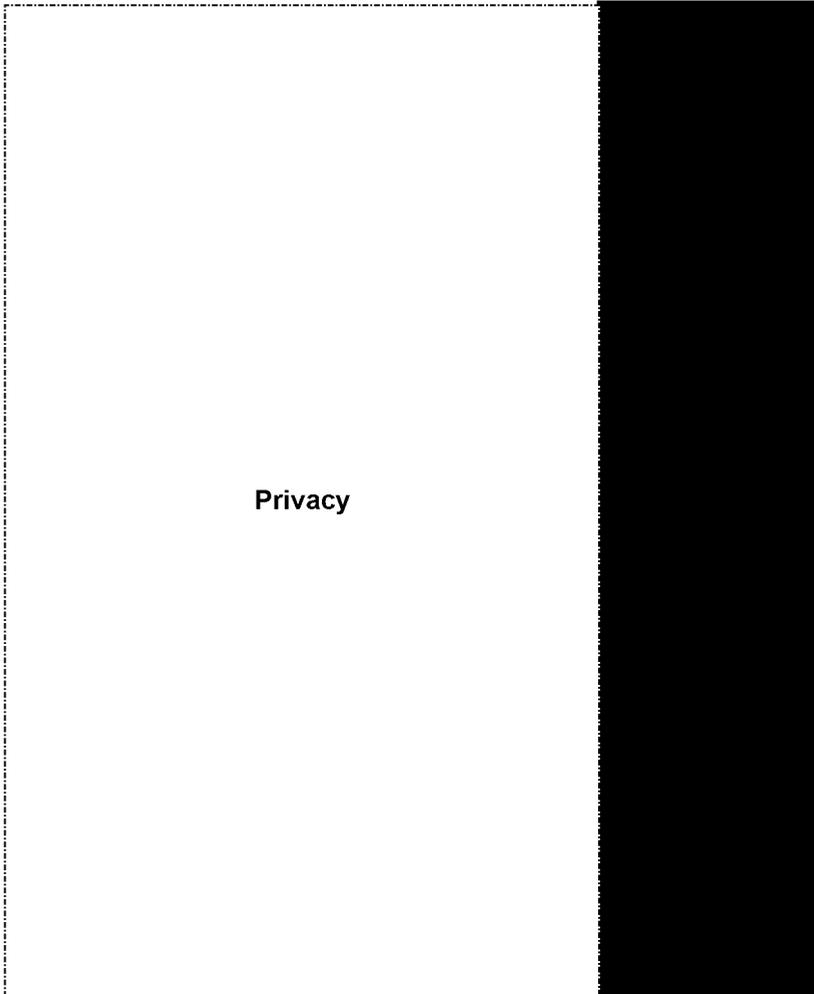
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Privacy



APPENDIX 'B'

Persons mentioned in the report or in the Appendices, although not present at the conference.



Privacy

