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Special Report

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TOTTENHAM BRANCH OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

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SPECIAL BRANCH

1st day of April 1980.

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

2. "On Wednesday 6th February 1980, at 8pm, at [redacted] (the home of [redacted]) the Tottenham Branch of the Socialist Workers Party held a regular weekly business meeting. The chairman for the evening was [redacted], the Lea Valley District Secretary. Some thirteen persons were present.

3. The first part of the evening was taken up with a discussion on local branch activities concerning paper sales, finance and 'contact-visiting'. When these topics had been exhausted, [redacted] introduced Chris HARMAN, a member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Workers Party with a specific responsibility for 'Education and Training', to speak on the subject of 'The General Strike'.

4. Predictably, HARMAN recounted the historicalaspects leading up to the 'General Strike' earlier this century and attempted to equate the political feeling rampant amongst the working class at that time with the present undercurrent of militant activity being developed by revolutionary socialist groups within the trades union movement, in particular the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation. Indeed, it appeared that his principal objective was to generate an optimistic feeling amongst members of the party and its periphery in the rank and file trades union membership that it would be feasible in the near future to bring the present government to its knees by a carefully formulated campaign of industrial militancy culminating in a 'general strike situation by mid-summer'.

5. The speech was intentionally of short duration in order to create a viable discussion period and allow the members present to develop the theories and ideas themselves, rather than listen to a party 'hack' expounding revolutionary theory. Needless to say, there were several contributions on the theme in question, all of which were totally predictable when considering the topic under debate and need no further explanation. The meeting was terminated promptly at 10pm."

6. The following persons were present at the meeting:-

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TO [redacted]
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Chris HARMAN RF 405/63/6

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7. Submitted with this report is a copy of the weekly information sheet (and enclosures), dated 5th February 1980, which was circulated on a restricted basis to all Branch/ District Secretaries, Fractions, National Council members and full-time party organisers by the Central Committee of the Socialist Workers Party.

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