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Special Report

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SUBJECT

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

References to Papers

2. "The Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), East London Branch, has recently reviewed its structure and the effectiveness of its activities in the area. As a result certain changes have been made within the branch organisation.

Revolutionary Communist Party

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3. Whereas the branch was previously divided into three geographical areas for activities, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Hackney, it has been decided that work in the Newham area will be discontinued, with the possible exception of individual defence cases, and those comrades currently operating in that area shall be allocated to the two remaining areas, Tower Hamlets and Hackney. Furthermore as there is a feeling of frustration with the effectiveness of 'race' work the Hackney Branch will devote its attentions primarily to the Irish question. To enhance the influence of the organisation amongst Irish activists it is intended to make concerted efforts to attract members from East London Troops Out Movement and similar Irish orientated groups.

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4. In connection with these changes it is of interest that [Privacy] has been directed to undertake Irish work with the Hackney caucus. Whilst [Privacy] and the RCP maintain that this is in order to give [Privacy] wider experience with the organisation it is clear that efforts to penetrate the black community have proved disappointing.

5. As a further indication of the changes in priorities it is intended to publish a journal in the near future on the question of "women's rights" and "gay rights".

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6. Whilst work on race issues will obviously continue, the organisational changes indicate that a gradual decline has already started in this field of activity.

References:-

[Privacy]

Troops Out Movement

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