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Special Report

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SUBJECT

12th day of May 1977

Workers League

Reference to Papers

400/76/199

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

2. "On Tuesday, 26 April, 1977, at [Privacy] the South London Branch of the Workers League group of Trotskyists held a meeting on the subject of 'transitional politics'. The meeting began at 8.10 pm and ended at 9.55 pm. Seven people were present.

3. [Privacy] acting as chairman, introduced [Privacy] as the speaker and the latter then gave a 'LIVING' speech, constantly referring to Trotsky's transitional programme of 1938. He pointed out, however, that Trotsky's theories should not be treated as 'gospel' - a common mistake made by various groups of the Left - but should instead be interpreted with regard to the particular conditions existing at the time.

4. Before the meeting closed some discussion took place, from which it emerged that those present were in general agreement with the contents of [Privacy] speech, although [Privacy] thought that in certain circumstances it would be possible for revolutionaries to seize power by using democratic machinery, as opposed to forming 'Soviets'."

5. Special Branch references to persons identified as being present:-

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT