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15th day of July 1977

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

2. "On Wednesday 6 July 1977, from 8.15 pm to 10.30 pm, at the Rose and Crown Public House, Hoe Street, E17, the Walthamstow Branch of the Socialist Workers Party held its regular weekly meeting. About 30 persons were present.

3. The main item on the agenda was a report on the more important decisions taken at the Party's recently held annual conference by Privacy, one of the District delegates, and Privacy, the 'Womens Voice' delegate.

4. The chief points raised were:

i) When contacts were already inside a workplace, whether waite collar or manual, the 'Socialist Worker' and/or a rank and file bulletin should contain articles of particular interest to the work force at that establishment in an attempt to establish a periphery of sympathisers, some of whom might be recruited into the SWP.

ii) The campaign to gain support for the 'Right to Work' march in September would concentrate on the dole queues, punk rock gigs and youth work, and local trade unions.

iii) The work of the various 'Womens Voice' groups would centre on local issues, such as the closure of maternity hospitals and abortion, and at factories with a high proportion of female staff.

iv) With regard to united work with the Communist Party of Great Britain, the SWP was to take the initiative at trade union and rank and file levels. Attempts would be made to involve CPGB members at all levels, including the AUEW presidential campaign, racism and the Grunwicks dispute. This did not extend to work at elections (the SWP would field 50 to 60 candidates at the next general election at an estimated cost of £50,000).

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v) Sales of the 'Socialist Worker' were not increasing in proportion to the increase in membership. More effort was called for, especially from new members, and all members were required to do one public sale as well as work-place sales each week.

vi) Education, training and the development of Party life were extremely important because of the inexperience of most members. Generally, it was considered, the SWP was no longer just on the fringe of society and therefore the politics had to be transmitted in more than the traditional ways, more imagination was needed. This would be done at a district level by the establishment of three new district committees, a) Education and Training, b) Entertainments and Social and c) Film.

vii) More articles of an international flavour would be published in both the 'Socialist Worker' and in bulletins. Particular care would be exercised in relation to the accuracy of maps published as in the past this had left a lot to be desired.

viii) The SWP restated its support for the Provisional IRA but remained critical of that organisation's policy of random bombing of working class people.

ix) It was necessary for black members to have their own caucus within the movement because they had different problems to their white comrades, apart from the continual class struggle. There were now about 120 black members of the SWP.

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5. Following this, it was announced that there would be a District Aggregate on Monday 18 July 1977 at Forest Gate School, Forest Lane, E7 to discuss the Outer East London District and its problems, and elect the District Committee, the Education and Training Committee, the Entertainments and Social Committee, the Film Committee and the Women's Committee.

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6. Finally, Privacy appealed for those uncommitted members of the audience to join the SWP."

7. References of persons identified as having been present:-

Privacy

'Madeleine' Privacy

Privacy

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1 G.T.M. Craft [redacted]

Chief Inspector

2 Roy Creamer

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