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Special Report

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SUBJECT

1. The following assessment, dealing with the new West and North-West London District of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), has been received from a secret and reliable source:-

Reference to Papers

2. "The West and North-West London District of the SWP boasts a membership of 100-120 persons. The full-time District Organiser is Privacy, the District Secretary is his girlfriend, Privacy, and the District Treasurer is Privacy.

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

3. The branches and activities of the District are summarised as follows:-

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Acton SWP

The Acton SWP has always been an unreliable branch, consistent with many of the groups which meet in public houses, as their drinking activities often outweigh their political achievements. The branch meets every Wednesday evening at the Rocket Public House, Churchfield Road, London, W3, and its membership includes Privacy.

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Baling/Southall SWP

This branch meets every Wednesday evening at the Kings Arms, Public House, Uxbridge Road, Hanwell, Middlesex. If and when the branch increases in size it will bifurcate. The leading members are Privacy.

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Hammersmith/Fulham SWP

Hammersmith/Fulham SWP meets every Wednesday evening at Bishop Creighton House, 378 Lillie Road, London, SW6. Fulham SWP originally amalgamated with the North Kensington branch but has since joined Hammersmith for geographical reasons. The membership includes Privacy.

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Harlesden SWP

This is the largest branch in the District and meets every Wednesday evening at the Green Man Public House, High Street, London, NW10. The branch is split into a politically active group and a socially active 'jet-set'. The latter finds the discussion of left-wing politics more desirable over a bottle of good wine at one of their regular dinner parties rather than donning their anoraks and badges and arguing their politics on the street corner or shop floor. This discontent in the branch has been noticeable for the past twelve months and has resulted in an average of less than ten members being present at recent meetings. The branch membership includes [REDACTED] Privacy

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Kilburn SWP

Kilburn SWP meets every Wednesday evening at the West Hampstead Community Centre, Mill Lane, London, NW6. The branch revolves around [REDACTED] Privacy; the Secretary, without whose presence it would surely fold-up. Other activists include [REDACTED] Privacy

[REDACTED] Privacy

North Kensington SWP

North Kensington SWP currently meets every Wednesday evening at the Workers Music Association, All Saints Road, London, W11, but is negotiating a move in the near future to the Venture Centre, Wornington Road, London, W10. [REDACTED] Privacy

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[REDACTED] Privacy are the leading members.

Paddington SWP

Paddington SWP was for a short period known as Kensal Rise SWP. Its current name was chosen with a view to attracting members from the now defunct Central London SWP branch. This has totally failed and without exception the membership comprises of members taken from the former Kilburn/Cricklewood SWP area. It was hoped that members of the Polytechnic of Central London (PCL) SWP would stop playing at student politics and join their nearest geographical branch (i.e., Paddington) but this they have refused to do, feeling more secure within the college boundaries. [REDACTED] Privacy is the only PCL student in Paddington SWP but he merely transferred there from Kilburn/Cricklewood SWP at the end of last year.



Paddington SWP has regularly leafletted the local housing estates and held numerous 'Socialist Worker' newspaper sales in the area with a view to recruiting from the locality but there has been a failure to attract any new members by this method. Several branch meetings have been held at members homes but the last few meetings have taken place on Wednesday evenings at the regular venue of the Resident's Association Club, Lisson Green Housing Estate, London, NW8. This is a highly unsuitable meeting place and is unlikely to attract any new members to the already dwindling membership. Although the branch boasts a total of 14-16 members on paper, meetings of 5-8 stalwarts are more common. The membership of Paddington SWP includes:

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Paul GRAY, [Redacted] Privacy and Dan THODEL.  
[Redacted] Privacy is the branch secretary, [Redacted] Privacy the treasurer, and [Redacted] Privacy the 'Socialist Worker' newspaper organiser.

4. The District Committee meets every other Monday evening at the Rocket Public House, Churchfield, Road, London W3, and comprises the following persons:-

[Redacted] Privacy

- Kilburn SWP
- Paddington SWP
- Acton SWP
- Harlesden SWP
- Hammersmith/Fulham SWP
- Ealing/Southall SWP
- Kilburn SWP
- Action SWP
- North Kensington SWP
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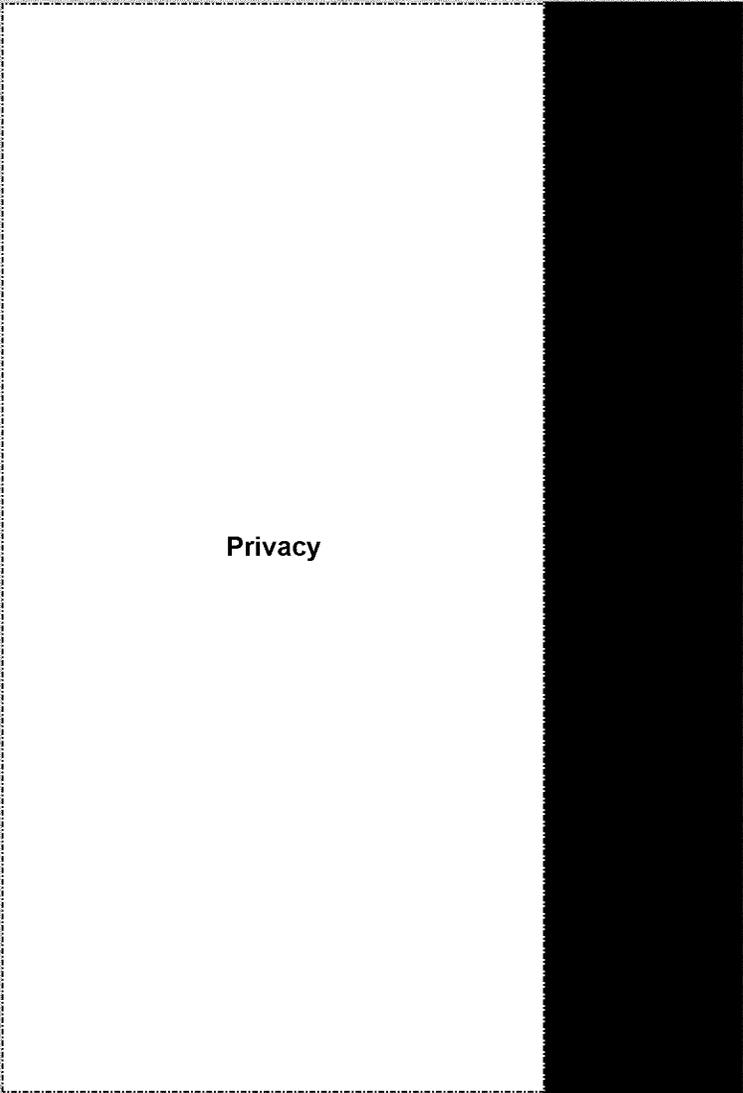
5. Anti-Nazi League

There are no active ANL branches in the North-West London area, although North Kensington SWP under the ANL

banner occasionally continues its battle with the local League of St George branch. However, a meeting has been arranged by Faling/Southall SWP, under the guise of 'Hounslow ANL' to be held in Hounslow on 25.3.82.

6. It is SWP policy for members of branches to enter local Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Anti-Nuclear Campaign, Troops Out Movement, National Abortion Campaign and more recently, Pares Fight Campaign groups and this has been successfully done by many members. They attempt to influence the politics of the meetings and where possible, to recruit new members to the SWP.

7. References of persons and organisations mentioned in this report are as follows:-



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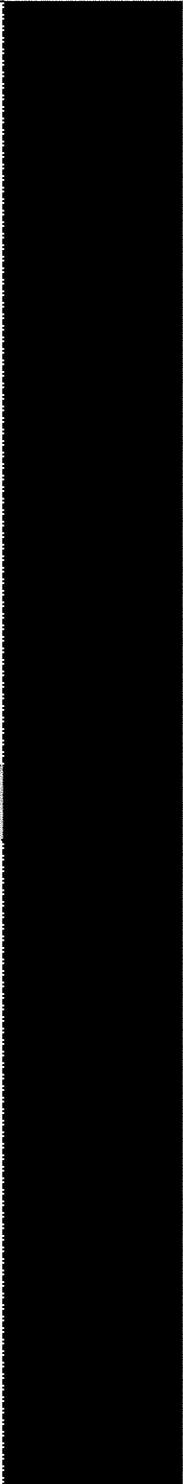


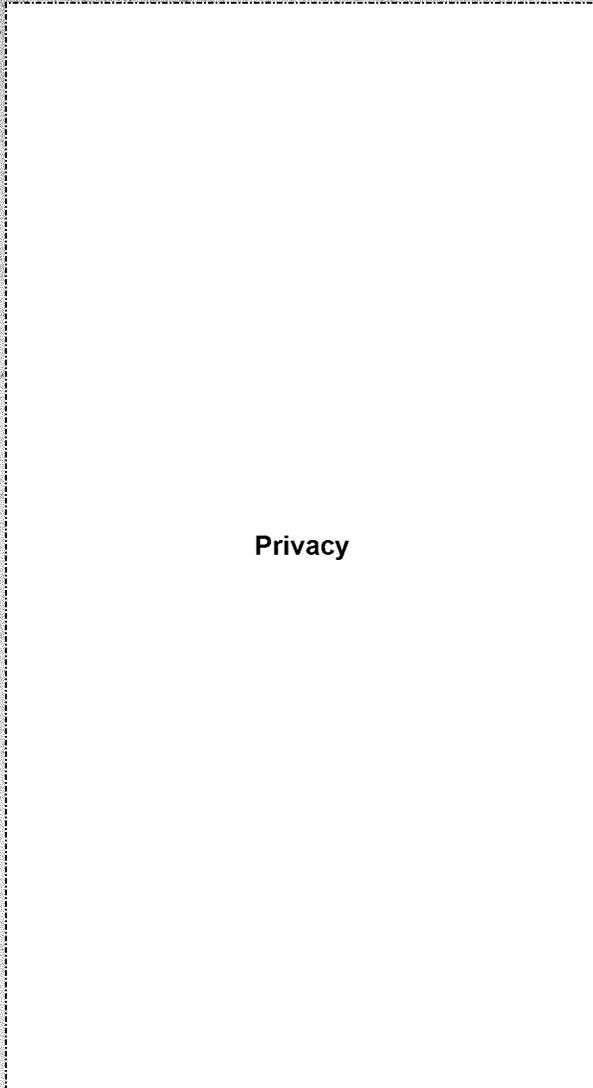
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- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament 400/81/183
- Anti-Nuclear Campaign 400/79/184
- Troops Out Movement 400/82/17



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National Abortion Campaign

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Fares Fight Campaign

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