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METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

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8th day of July 19 83

SUBJECT

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

2. "On Tuesday 5th July 1983 the branch committee of Wood Green branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) met to discuss merging with the Enfield branch to form a new Tottenham branch. The merger had been proposed by Paul HOLBOROW, the SWP London Organiser, who was present at the meeting. Creating a larger branch by adding Enfield's fifteen members to Wood Green's twenty-eight was well received by branch committee members.

3. One of the main reasons for the merger is to 're-activate' the Enfield members who presently enjoy a close social relationship but do little for the Party's benefit. [Redacted] the branch secretary, (who is often the SWP representative at North London Branch Committee meetings) will, however, advise them against offering too much resistance to the proposal as examination of their activity to justify maintaining their present status could prove embarrassing.

4. Another feature of the merger is the new focus on activity in colleges. At present Enfield branch has made no attempt to assist student SWP members at Middlesex Polytechnic with either paper sales or meetings but it is hoped that this will be corrected after the Tottenham branch is formed.

5. HOLBOROW suggested that the SWP's influence in polytechnics and colleges could be improved by the nearest geographical branch to the college taking responsibility for the activities of SWP and Socialist Worker Student Organisation (SWSO) members. Student members would, in future, be directed to attend that branch rather than, at present, the one nearest to their home address. (There may be exceptions where there are several members at any particular college in which case they will be distributed amongst local branches). The reasoning behind this manoeuvre, HOLBOROW explained, stems from the result of the general election. With the prospect of four or five years under a Conservative administration there is no immediate expectation of an increase in workers' struggle and more attention ought to be given to colleges where receptive audiences for the theory of revolutionary politics could

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Reference to Papers
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still to found and developed."

6. The persons and organisation mentioned in this report are the subjects of the following Special Branch references:-

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Paul HOLBOROW

SWSC

- Mentions [REDACTED]

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- Mentions [REDACTED]

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