

Liaison file

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1. On 11 March I visited SDS. After discussions with Dave Short we went to the Barley Mow in Horseferry Road. [HN68] is away on a six week course at Hendon. I met Martin Gray, who at the moment is processing SDS reports (some "agents" are meticulous in their work and Martin only has to put them into the system, some only scribble notes and have to be personally debriefed), but will shortly move to the administrative desk which is responsible for fixing cover and other SDS logistics. [HN80] was there (presumably [HN80]) winding down after his period in SWP.

2. I updated with Dave Short our list of his assets:

[HN356] and [HN80] have been withdrawn.

[HN155] is additionally involved with the RTWC at SWP HQ.

[HN96] is SWP Clapton but now more fully involved in TOM.

[HN65] is CND not IMG. His MPSEB number is RF 402/81/157.

[HN19] is RF 402/81/158.

[HN106] is RCP/ELWAR/IFM

3. Short's plans are

- i) to penetrate RCG from a North London address. I promised a brief for our next meeting.
- ii) Penetrate the [redacted], a new venture presenting the SDS with some new problems.
- iii) Deploy in April a man into SWP in South London.
- iv) Replace one of the Anarchists later in the year.

4. I handed the attached briefs to Dave Short. He later rang to say that [HN80] had covered all the ground on N.W. District (SWP) with [redacted]. (F7 [redacted] will now debrief her before we ask for more.) I returned with copies of 6 March "Freedom and Freedom Anarchist Review" (sent to F7 [redacted]).

5. Over a drink we had a wide-ranging discussion about running SDS and as an individual officer floating ideas I said that SDS type experience would be invaluable for our graduate entry early in their careers. Dave Short commented that from his earlier contacts with [redacted] he felt that too many of our younger officers appeared naive and only in touch with paper. At the working level his only reservations were

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over discipline, at the policy level we agreed that there would be major bureaucratic obstacles. His "establishment" is twelve "agents".

6. This proved to be a very open and friendly meeting. Dave Short is very relaxed and there seemed to be no inhibitions about talking freely. We agreed to meet again in about three weeks time.

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15 March 1982

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Socialist Workers' Party (SWP)  
North West London District

Although coverage of NW London remained fairly constant throughout 1981, it did fall into two distinct areas, the first continuing the themes of 1980's coverage with an emphasis on the District Committee (DC), and the second providing a more general view of the District's membership.

2. Utilising both of these themes, it would be interesting to learn more of the workings and scope of a DC. Areas of particular value would include:-

- i) Election to the DC and the allocation of posts (both District and Branch) within that Committee.
- ii) The relations between DC and District, and between DC and National Office, particularly over the adoption of policies, ie the local as opposed to national perspectives.
- iii) The District's financing.
- iv) Relations with other political parties and campaigns - in this context it would be useful to have clarification of the uses and composition of the District's Contact List.
- v) The use of SWP front organisations as a medium for intervention, and recruitment, especially the RTP Campaign.

3. The latter type of reporting remains an invaluable source of information about the District's structure and membership. The renewed activity in Paddington/Kensal Rise and Fulham has been reported, and further information on these branches, if only numbers, would be welcome. [REDACTED] branch also seems to have had some success in recruiting amongst the young and unemployed, and information on this would also be interesting.

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Paddington Socialist Workers Party

Thank you for your interesting reports on Paddington SWP, it might interest you to know something of the background to this branch.

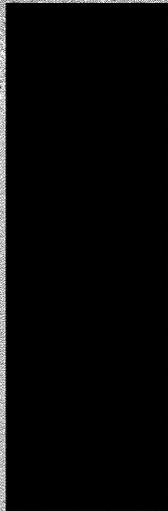
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3. We would be grateful for information on

- i) the physical establishment of the branch and its 'vital statistics' (eg numbers, officials, relations with the rest of the District).
- ii) the areas/campaigns through which the branch is trying to recruit - of particular interest in this context would be the branch's links with students and, by association, organisation amongst students in Central London.

we would also be interested in any information on the National Council, either now or in the future (para 4 of your report 2 February 1982 refers).

Name



Involved with Paddington SWP