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SUBJECT

International Socialists

Reference to Papers

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1. With reference to Special Branch report of 20.10.71 in which mention is made of the 'Trotskyist Tendency' the following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "The National Committee of IS meeting held on October 9th, resolved by an overwhelming majority to call a special conference to discuss the proposed expulsion from IS of the 'Trotskyist Tendency'. It is believed that the conference will be held in Birmingham on December 9th 1971.

3. The reasons behind the proposed expulsion are threefold:

- (1) the TT has accused the National Committee of undemocratically preventing a conference on the Common Market,
- (2) they have accused the NC of political censorship of the IS Bulletin,
- (3) they have accused the EC of proposing to remove arbitrarily from the NC members elected by the National Conference.

4. The leading figures of the TT have in the past worked together inside a number of organisations - the Irish Workers Group, the Socialist Labour League and the Revolutionary Socialist League - and, being dissatisfied with all these groups they founded a separate organisation (in 1967) with a duplicated paper called 'Workers Fight'. In 1968, in response to the IS call for unity of the left, they agreed to unite with IS.

5. Inside IS they changed the name of their organisation to the Trotskyist Tendency.

6. The National Committee now argue that there has never been a genuine unification, and that the first loyalty of the TT members is to their faction and not to IS. Also that the work of the TT has been damaging to the work and growth of IS.

7. The main spokesman of the TT, Privacy, agrees that the unification has been a failure, but denies the other charges."

8. **Privacy** is the subject of RF **Privacy**. Apart from the mention contained in Special Branch report of 20.10.71 there is no trace in Special Branch records of the Trotskyist Tendency.

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