

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

4th day of January 1979

SUBJECT

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

Reference to Papers

2. "On Saturday 2 December 1978, at 7.30pm, at the Co-op Hall, 129 Seven Sisters Road, N4, the Revolutionary Communist League of Britain (RCLB) and the Communist Workers Movement (CWM) held a joint public meeting. This was the second in a series of three and was entitled 'The Third World, The Main Force opposing the Two Superpowers'. Approximately 55 persons attended.

3. The chairman was Comrade 'Peter' of the RCLB and the meeting was addressed by Elidir Jonathan KING (RCLB) and Comrade 'Keith' of the Communist Workers' Movement.

Revolutionary Communist League of Britain (M-L) and the Communist Workers Movement

4. Nothing of particular interest emerged from the speeches, although the subsequent debate revealed the deep rifts that still exist within the Marxist-Leninist movement in this country. These soon became apparent following contributions from Albert MANCHANDA and Diana LANGFORD of the Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Communist League of Britain (RMLCL), from Godfrey CHEPPE of the Association of Communist Workers and from Ivor KENNA, who appeared to be speaking purely on behalf of himself and (It should be said that the enmity between these parties appears to have been aggravated by the publication of a letter in the RCLB's theoretical journal, 'Revolution' (Vol 3, No 4), which attacked the policy of the Workers' Party of Scotland (Marxist-Leninist) and the RMLCL on the question of Marxist-Leninist unity - as discussed at a Marxist-Leninist consultative meeting held on 9-10 September 1978. According to MANCHANDA, because a joint statement on unity could not be agreed at the time, all participating organisations at the latter event had decided on an embargo of the proceedings until another similar meeting had taken place: an undertaking which the RCLB had clearly broken with the publication of the letter in 'Revolution'.)

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5. With regard to the present meeting, CHEPPE's differences seemed to be purely ideological, whilst KENNA's complaint, albeit valid, concerned the orchestration of the evening by the RCLB speakers and supporters.

6. The meeting closed at 10pm. A collection was taken at the door for the RCLB's Kibabwa solidarity campaign."

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7. Persons identified as being present:-

Elidir Jonathon KING	Privacy
Comrade 'Peter' (RCLB) Member of AUEW	Spoke at RCLB meeting held at Conway Hall on 25.9.78.
Comrade 'Keith' (CWM)	Unable to identify
Albert MARCHANDA	RF 402/53/274
Diana LANGFORD	RF 402/69/250
Godfrey CRUMER	RF 402/74/731
Ivor KENNA	RF 402/56/322

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8. References to organisations:-

Revolutionary Communist League of Britain (RCLB)	400/77/173
Communist Workers' Movement (CWM)	Mentions
Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Communist League of Britain (RMLCL)	400/68/340
Association of Communist Workers (ACW)	400/71/181

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