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May I draw your attention to the dangerous constitutional implications of these activities by the Staff Federation of Inland Revenue, setting themselves up as governmental authority, usurping parliamentary and governmental power.

As you will see, they make statements on a parliamentary select committee report which should be made only by Chairmen and Ministers.

It is worth noting that the Union is entirely Communist controlled.

Apart from the dues it exacts from its unwilling members, allowing it strong staffs, - its activities are also financed to the extent of £1.1000,000 annually from the Exchequer under the absurd Whitely Council agreement by which the taxpayer has to finance disruption and subversion, to the extent of paying wages and salaries for part and full-time trade union officials on the job, in their case, 8 full, 15 more than 50% time, and 1997 less than 50%, together with telephone and other expenses.

For your knowledge, they give confidential information to left wingers in conflict with employers.

Net tightens on the 'tax ghosts'

By CHARLES LAURENCE

TAX inspectors have discovered the existence of "tax ghosts," who have never paid tax or appeared on Inland Revenue records.

Tax investigators have been carrying out an experimental inquiry since January last year into the "black economy," which they believe to be worth at least £3,000 million a year in lost revenue.

They are to report to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee next month.

They have unearthed three main areas of tax fraud in the black economy: The "ghosts" who do not exist on taxmen's books; People paying PAYE but failing to declare earnings from "moonlighting"; and self-employed workers who under-declare their earnings.

A spokesman for the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, the taxman's union, said yesterday: "Our men have found 'ghosts' in all parts of the country. They tend to be in specific trades, the sort which can keep a low profile. People who go around the country making drive-ways, living in caravans, are an example."

Specific trades

The tax investigators have developed two principle techniques for unearthing the "ghosts."

They have searched through local newspaper service advertisements, posing as members of the public to make contact with the suspects and then later checking out the advertisers.

And they have checked tax records against lists of licensed operators held at town halls.

The taxmen have also been checking planning applications at the town halls. They say they have found house-owners planning expensive work when they are either unemployed or not registered at all on tax files.

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