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Title: **Globalise Resistance activity (Groundhog Day)**

Intelligence:

The South London branch of Globalise Resistance (GR) met at The Telegraph public house on Brixton Hill on Tuesday 18th September 2001, at 7.30pm. The meeting was chaired by Privacy, a leading member of South London GR.

Inevitably, the discussion was dominated by the terrorist attacks that occurred in New York a week ago. Whilst everyone present regretted the loss of life, particularly those persons who were manual or general service workers, the consensus of opinion was that America 'had it coming' and the tragic events were the natural consequence of America's disastrous and insular foreign policy – particularly that pertaining to The Middle East. Of course, the threat of war is also uppermost in their minds and it is certain that GR would be bitterly opposed to any overt military intervention in Pakistan, Afghanistan or indeed the entire region.

The meeting agreed that the recent events would have a bearing on future GR activities and it is likely that upcoming events will have a more 'anti-war' theme than would have been the case. In addition there will be a number of events either proposed or supported by GR that will be purely 'anti-war' in nature.

Some way into the meeting three Italian males arrived. They were clearly expected and it was apparent that they represented the GSF (Genoa Social Forum). They had been invited so that they could add some perspective to the current situation in Genoa / Italy some weeks after the G8 protests but events in America had obviously subverted this aim.

The arrival of this group disrupted the meeting to a significant degree. They had obviously not been to a GR meeting before and seemed to expect a much more aggressive stance than was being taken. They proposed symbolic attacks on visibly American premises in London and in particular ones which would be relevant to The Middle East. The GR members present were against this at this juncture, but after a



lengthy and heated debate about both the merits of NVDA (non-violent direct action) and other tactics the two factions agreed to disagree.

The three GSF members are described as:

Male, dark-skinned European, spoke fluent Italian, early 20s, 5' 10" tall, slim build, very short cropped hair, mentioned that he and at least one other member of the group hails from Bologna. Carried a pink cardboard binder stuffed full of media clippings and printed material downloaded from the Internet. Showed a good knowledge of the Palestinian situation.

Male, dark-skinned European, also an Italian speaker, early 20s, 5' 11" tall, pencil thin, long lank slightly curly black hair worn in hippy style centre parting (long to beneath his shoulders). Wore a distinctive blue coloured Lycra athletics vest bearing word, 'Reebok' in white capital letters over a white polo shirt. Carried a white coloured open-face crash helmet. Claimed to be a web-designer.

Male, dark-skinned European possibly mixed with Arab, early 20s, 6' 0" tall, again very thin, long face, dark eyes, curly black hair worn in untidy loose centre parting fashion, collar length. Constantly smoked roll up cigarettes to which he would add small amounts of cannabis resin. Wore wooden beaded necklace. Claimed to have served for three years in the Israeli army – rabidly anti-American, easily the most militant of the three. He was clearly familiar with military nomenclature and spoke accurately in some detail about various weapons.

The group used the names **Privacy** and **Privacy** between themselves but in an inter-changeable fashion! All three, at one time or other were addressed as **Privacy** or **Privacy** by each other. They probably hadn't got their false names sorted out properly before coming in. At one stage their conversation suggested that all three share accommodation, seemingly a Brixton squat. The group took tickets for the counter-conference planned for 29th September. The three were not short of cash.

The meeting concluded at 11pm.

The following forthcoming events were advertised:

Friday 21st September 2001, 7pm, Friends Meeting House on the Euston Road – a stop the war meeting and rally – speakers booked include George Monbiot, Bruce Kent, Liz Davies, Tariq Ali and Jeremy Corbyn MP.

Saturday 22nd September 2001, 11.30am, 'stop the war' leafleting outside Brixton tube by members of South London GR.

Saturday 22nd September 2001, 2pm, shoulder to shoulder peace rally in Whitehall opposite Downing Street (no banners, no chanting, no slogans etc.....)

Thursday 27th September 2001, 7.30pm, Walworth Methodist Centre, 54 Camberwell Road, SE5 – a stop the war peace rally – speakers booked include Bruce Kent (vice president CND) and Lindsey German (editor Socialist Review).





Source Comment:

It is obvious that GR sees both opportunity and danger in the present climate. An opportunity to get more of the general public thinking politically and hopefully then engaged in political struggle but also a danger of draconian new anti-terrorist legislation being introduced both here and in the United States. As ever GR is thinking globally.

Special Branch References:

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