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4th day of November 1968

ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER PARADE REPORT

Organisation: Action Committee of the Anti Imperialist Solidarity Movement Ref: 400/68/228
Date, Duration, Place/Route: 3rd. day of November 1968 from 7pm. to 9.30pm.
Friars Hall, 236 Blackfriars Road, S.E.1.

Source of Information: Advert in Anti Imperialist Solidarity Bulletin

Admission - Private/Public: Public

Police Arrangements: Nil

Subject: 'Foundation of an Action Council for Anti Imperialist Solidarity

Chairman, Speakers, Officials (references; new pars. obtained; descriptions if necessary):

Chairman: Mike SHRAPNELL 402/ Privacy [redacted]
Speakers: Bill BINDING 402/ Privacy [redacted]
Stan CATON mentions in connection with C.D.R.C.U.
Mike BAKER 402/ Privacy [redacted]
David UDO (Coloured Nigerian) is identical with David UDOH mentioned on 371/ Privacy (A)

Officials: -

Attendance: i) Number: 40 dwindling to 20 by the close ii) Groups: Indian Workers Association
iii) Collection: Taken- amount not announced
iv) Individuals Identified: See over (Appendix)

v) Vehicles: -

Incidents:

Banners/Slogans:

Literature: -

(P.T.O.)

Future Activities: None announced

Remarks: SHRAPNELL opened the meeting by announcing the aims of the organisation (see attached leaflets). His conduct of the meeting was very poor and he was continually obtaining guidance from BAKER. It soon became apparent that BAKER was the moving force behind the A.C.A.I.S. and that SHRAPNELL was in the chair in order to give BAKER a free hand as a speaker.

Bill BINDING read his speech. It consisted merely of Marxist/Leninist dogma mixed with a large amount of self congratulation for work done on behalf of 'East London tenants'.

Stan CATON spent his time praising Stalin and calling for Left unity.

BAKER, by far the best speaker, outlined his vision of a united Left marching to glory. He claimed that the I.S./I.M.G./V.S.C. clique had abdicated their leadership of the emerging militant forces. It was quite clear that BAKER thought that he could fill the vacuum.

SHRAPNELL then asked for someone to second the Draft Constitution. ~~It was some five minutes before anyone would do so and eventually~~ Privacy agreed. When it was put to the vote, nobody would vote in favour of the Draft Constitution. In order to overcome this SHRAPNELL asked if anyone was against. Again no hand was raised and so the constitution was adopted.

Nominations for the committee were then called for. None were forthcoming. After some consternation on the platform, it was submitted that the Provisional Committee (apparently the persons on the platform) should be allowed to carry on. Again, nobody voted in favour or against. An unidentified member of the audience then proposed Privacy of the Woolwich Independent Labour Party. Privacy himself asked the person to propose him). Also proposed was Privacy (phoenetic). SHRAPNELL again had to resort to 'reverse voting' in order to get a result.

The meeting then broke up. In the discussion afterwards I obtained the following information:

BAKER had circulated all Leftist organisations with details of the meeting. Only the Indian Workers Association and Black Power ~~organisations~~ sent representatives. (One third of the people present were coloured. All left before the end).

It is the intention of the A.C.A.I.S., after increasing its' following to call for a demonstration in Grosvenor Square in March.

Persons present: D.C.s

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DET. CON. (rank)

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Chief Inspector

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