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1 day of December 1971

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SUBJECT

Croydon IS

Reference to Papers

400/71/208

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-
2. "On Thursday 24 November 1971, Croydon International Socialists held a public meeting on 'The Politics of Poverty' at Ruskin House, Coombe Road, Croydon, which commenced at 8 pm, ended at 10 pm and was attended by 20 persons.
3. An address on the history of imperialism was given by an unannounced speaker. He stated that at the turn of the century the world had been divided up and colonised by the major industrial powers in order to supply raw materials or to provide greater profits by the use of slave labour. Although many of these colonies were now independent their economies still relied on the supply of raw materials to international big business at dictated prices.
4. Many people in this country were under the illusion that the countries of 'the third world' were poor simply because they were inferior beings capable only of slow development or even no development at all. This was a false view for development and economics had to be thought of on a world wide basis for the good of all and not merely as a means of increased wealth for the industrialised nations to expand capitalism and raise profits.
5. In the coming months International Socialists intended to direct a great deal of effort towards the education of immigrants from the Indian sub-continent so that both here and in their home country they might become more aware of imperialism and more able to take a revolutionary socialist stand.
6. A description of the speaker was:-
Aged approx 28 years, 6'1", short dark brown hair, fresh complexion, brown eyes, large hooked nose, goatee beard and moustache, wears horn-rimmed spectacles. Dressed in a brown check jacket, light brown roll neck sweater, brown trousers, black shoes, generally untidy in appearance.
7. The following were known to have been present at the meeting:-

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8. Special Branch references are shown in the attached appendix.

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Detective Constable

Submitted:

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Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a Croydon IS meeting held
on 24.11.71.

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