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METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

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SPECIAL BRANCH

17th day of February 1971.

SUBJECT YOUNG
SOCIALISTS

Reference to Papers
400/68/224

1. On Sunday 14 February 1971, in company with D.C. **HN345**, I attended a Rally which was held by the Socialist Labour League Young Socialists at the Great Hall, Alexandra Palace, N22, from 11 am until 5.45 pm. Admission was by ticket, cost £1, which were available at the entrance to the hall. The purpose of the Rally, which was advertised in Workers Press and Keep Left, was to form a campaign to defeat the Industrial Relations Bill and make the Conservative Government resign. The hall was booked by **Privacy** a member of the Young Socialists.

2. The Rally was attended by approximately 2000 persons, who came from various parts of the country. Many of the participants arrived by coach and a list of the areas where they are based is given in appendix 'B'. As the people queued to enter the hall, about 20 persons from various extreme left-wing groups stood outside the hall offering their publications for sale.

3. Inside the hall, two pictures of Trotsky, approximately 20' high had been placed on the stage and on the rostrum there was a large banner which read 'Make The Tories Resign'. There were three bookstalls at various positions in the hall which had a large display of Marxist and Trotskyist literature for sale. Photographs, which had been taken by the Socialist Labour League at various demonstrations were on display. Only two banners were displayed by any particular group of the Young Socialists, one was a large banner which read 'The Liverpool Central Branch of the Young Socialists' and the other was 'The National Union of Mineworkers, Lancashire Division'.

4. There were approximately 100 stewards on duty. The chief steward was **Privacy** member of the Socialist Labour League.

5. Due to the length of time that people took to enter the hall, the Rally was delayed in starting and the occupants of the hall were entertained by a coloured 'pop' group called Porcelain Frogg and the Skull. At 11.45 am, Roger SMITH introduced himself, as chairman of the Rally, stating that he was a member of the Socialist Labour League, which he said, was the only true revolutionary party. SMITH then stated that he had produced a play entitled '200 years of Labour History'. He said that the actors had all taken part voluntarily and many had given up other engagements to take part. A programme is attached.

6. The play which started at 11.50 am, consisted of nine acts,



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outlining the history of the Chartist Movement, the formation of the Labour Party and Trade Unions, and the 'working class' struggle. The play ended at 2 pm. Nothing of an actionable nature took place. The Rally then broke for lunch until 3 pm.

7. During the lunch-break a film was shown in a small cinema, set-up in a room behind the stage. The film showed the printing methods used to print the Workers Press; narrative was given by Gerry HEALY, Secretary of the Socialist Labour League.

8. At 3 pm all persons were seated in the hall and Roger SMITH introduced the first speaker Alan WILKINS, a member of the National Committee of the All Trades Union Alliance. WILKINS said that the Industrial Relations Bill was a step back for the workers and the Bill should be stopped and the Tory Government made to resign. The next speaker Pete MARSHALL, P.T.U. convenor, I.C.I. North-East coast, said that this type of Bill and productivity deals were typical of the Tory Government and that they must be forced out of power. May HOBBS, a militant of the T. & G.W.U., womens cleaners section, then spoke although very incoherently, and said that women should not sit at home and expect the men to fight but should fight for better conditions themselves.

9. Gerry CAUGHEY was then introduced by Roger SMITH as being concerned with the Pilkington dispute. He said that what had happened at Pilkington's would happen at every factory if the Tories were allowed to introduce this Bill. Then a man who introduced himself as a Ford Shop Steward; height 5' 8", approximately 40 years of age, thick set, grey eyes, black hair brushed back, thinning on top, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and black shoes, said that he could only agree with the other speakers and that this Bill must be stopped. Aileen JENNINGS, National Committee member of Young Socialists, editor of Keep Left, then said that the Socialist Labour League was the only organisation to state that the Tory Party must be forced to resign and the Bill stopped.

10. Gerry HEALY, Secretary of the Socialist Labour League, then spoke. He said that the International Socialists and the Communist Party were doing nothing to stop the Tories, that the Socialist Labour League was the only true revolutionary party, the only one capable of taking power. "This can be done", he said "by ousting the Tories, bringing the Labour Party to power and controlling them through the Unions and eventually taking power". SMITH then introduced Sheila TORRANCE, member of the National Committee of the Socialist Labour League, who requested everyone to support the 11th Annual Conference of the Socialist Labour League in April, as part of the campaign to make the Tory Government resign. A leaflet is attached. The Rally ended with the whole audience singing the Internationale. Everyone then dispersed quietly at 5.45 pm.



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11. A list of vehicles used by persons attending the Rally is given on appendix 'B' attached. Details of the registered owners will be submitted in due course.

12. The persons mentioned in this report have been searched in Special Branch Records and the results are contained on appendix 'A'.

YOUNG
SOCIALISTS



Detective Constable

400/68/224

Submitted:



Chief Inspector



CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT



Appendix 'A'

Privacy

May be identical with **Privacy** who has several mentions regarding various demonstrations and sit-ins held at the L.S.E. She also attended the Y.S. National Conference held on 6.4.68 (400/66/170 (29b))

Has several mentions regarding the publication 'Peace News' also mentioned in 'Morning Star' 346/68/29A(64a)

Has several mentions regarding his participation in meetings organised by the newspaper 'Workers Press'. He has also been mentioned in the text of 'News Letter' 347/69/1 (15a)

Peter MARSHALL ✓

Attended the Y.S. National Conference held on 6.4.68. 400/66/170 (29a)

Privacy

May be identical with person of same name who is a member of the Y.C.L. She attended a Festival of Socialism in July/August 1962. 346/62/2(7g)

several mentions in the magazine 'Keep Left'. 347/67/11 (39a).

Two mentions 346/63/1 (30a) wrote a postcard to the Prime Minister whilst participating in the Aldermaston march. 347/65/11(7a) refers to a mention in the text of the publication Freedom.

Attended the Y.S. Conference held on 6.4.68. 400/66/170 (29a)

May HOBBS ✓

Aileen JENNINGS ✓

Privacy

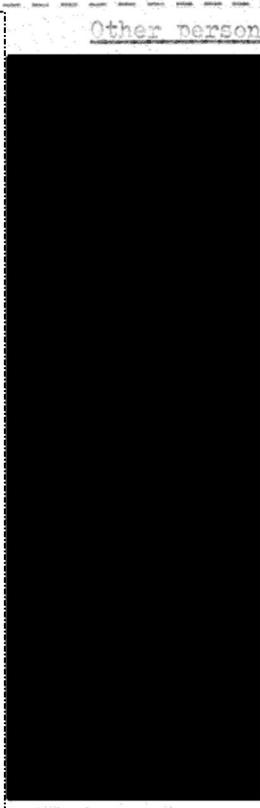
Gerry CAUGHEY ✓

Gerry HEALY ✓

Sheila TORRANCE ✓

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Other persons identified

involvement in the



Appendix 'A'

Privacy

APPENDIX 'B'

Motor Vehicles seen in the vicinity of Alexandra Palace
during Anti-Tory Rally organised by the
Young Socialists on 14.2.71.

Make

Index No.

Make

Index No.

Ford

Austin

Mini

V.W.

Mini

Ford

V.W.

Ford

Morris

Triumph

Austin

V.W.

Ford

Ford

Wolseley

Triumph

Ford

Triumph

Ford

Ford

Fleetwood

Hillman

Triumph

Hillman

Ford

Austin

Austin

Rover

Austin

Austin

Privacy

Privacy

V.W.

Hillman

Austin

V.W.

Austin

Austin

Morris

Fiat

Ford

Triumph

Ford

Alvis

Mini van

Ford

Wolseley

Austin

Ford

Lotus

Mini

Hillman

Marquis

Renault

Ford

Ford

Ford

Wolseley

Ford

Renault

Ford

Fiat

Riley

Hillman

Motor Vehicles continued

Make

Index No.

Make

Index No.

Morris

Austin

Morris

Ford

Citreon

Morris

Ford

W.S.U.

Hillman

Mini

Privacy

Austin

Morris

Morris

Ford

Ford

Triumph

Rover

Hillman

Ford

Privacy

Motor Coaches

Orford

Hoddesdon

Rugby

Gorebridge, Scotland

Loanhead, Scotland

Cambridge

Southampton

Balham

Newcastle

Harlow, Essex

Nottingham

Loughborough

Bexleyheath

Swindon, Wilts

Eristol

Southsea

Stroud, Kent

Sutton on Hull

DANCE TO THE EQUATORS

and another TOP LINE GROUP

SATURDAY APRIL 3
The Spa ballroom
Scarborough 8 p.m.

Last year, one thousand five hundred delegates attended our conference. It was a great success! This year we expect even more. Come along and decide policies to defeat the Tory government. Build mass Young Socialist branches and federations everywhere!

A WEEKEND AT SCARBOROUGH!



YOUR WEEKEND TIMETABLE APRIL 3/4

FRIDAY 10 p.m.—TRAVEL overnight to Scarborough from a social or discotheque in your local area, in luxury coaches on the motorways.

SATURDAY 8 a.m.—ARRIVAL in Scarborough, leave your luggage in the hotel and look around.

SATURDAY 2.30 p.m.—ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Young Socialists to discuss socialist policies to defeat the Tories and expand the All Trades Unions Alliance and the 'Workers Press'.

SATURDAY 8.00 p.m.—CIVIC RECEPTION by the Mayor and free buffet at the Spa Ballroom. Dancing

SATURDAY NIGHT—Bed and breakfast in Scarborough's comfortable hotels.

SUNDAY 9.30 a.m.—CONFERENCE re-assembles to discuss world youth struggles and the organization of an international youth movement. Foreign delegates to attend.

SUNDAY 5.00 p.m.—RETURN by coach. Build a mass Young Socialist movement to make the Tories resign in 1971 and elect a Labour government pledged to socialist policies.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS



***MAKE THE TORY GOVERNMENT RESIGN!
DEFEAT THE ANTI-UNION LAWS!***

**11th Annual Conference at Scarborough
Saturday and Sunday April 3 and 4 1971
The Grand Hall, The Spa, Scarborough**

Coaches leaving from all areas. Cost approximately £4 including bed & breakfast, fare, conference and the dance on Saturday evening

Complete form and send to : J. SIMMANCE, 186a Clapham High Street, London, SW4.
I would like to come to the Conference/join the Young Socialists
Deposit enclosed £.....
NAME
ADDRESS

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MAKE THE TORY GOVERNMENT
RESIGN CAMPAIGN*National
Anti-Tory
Rally**Speakers will include:*

- PETE MARSHALL PTU convenor, ICI North-East coast.
TONY SWEENEY Chairman N Kensington G&MWU
council workers' committee.
JOHN HOPKINS Yorkshire Imperial Metals convenor
(in a personal capacity).
MAY HOBBS T&GWU women cleaners' section.
ALAN THORNETT Deputy senior steward Morris Motors,
Cowley.
AILEEN JENNINGS Young Socialists National Committee,
Editor 'Keep Left'.
G. HEALY Secretary, Socialist Labour League.

ALEXANDRA PALACE

FEBRUARY 14, 1971

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No. 728 (Unruled)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Reference to papers { C.O. Muswell Hill STATION 'Y' DIVN.
 Divnl.
 Registry Folio No. 4 February, 19 71

Re. POLITICAL MEETING

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Chief Superintendent

With reference to the attached report, I have now obtained further details of this function.

The Great Hall at Alexandra Palace, N.22, has been booked by the Young Socialists National Committee for a Rally and Meeting on Sunday 14 February, 1971. The person booking the Hall is

Privacy

It is anticipated that some 4,000 persons will attend. From 9.30am., 60 coaches will start to arrive from different parts of the country and after discharging their passengers they will all park in the racecourse road. The organisers are providing car park attendants.

The following is the programme for the day:-

- 10am. Doors open and persons attending enter the Hall from the South entrance and go to their seats. Music is being provided by a Pop Group playing on the stage.
- 11am. The Rally begins by announcement of the days proceedings from the stage.
- 11.30am. A Band and Choir with 25 - 30 unknown actors will perform on the stage.
- 1pm to 3pm. Lunch.
- 3pm. Speeches by Trade Union Speakers at present unknown.
- 6pm. Rally ends.

The organisers will have 250 Stewards on duty. Admission is by ticket and also payment can be made at the door. The Chief Steward is a man named **Privacy** no further particulars.

First aid facilities will be available and a Doctor will be on duty.

The licensed bars will NOT be open and the only refreshments available will be from the Cafeteria.

I have obtained the above information from [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] he does not anticipate any trouble.

This event appears to be no different from others that are regularly held at Alexandra Palace, except that this one is of a political nature. I consider that no special arrangements are necessary and the event can adequately be Policed from within the

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/within the

Sub-Division, and all that is required is casual observation being kept. I will be on duty on this day.

Special Branch have been informed by me of this event, and a copy of this report is attached for them in confirmation.

Submitted for information.

[Redacted signature]

Inspector

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Special Branch.

Forwarded for your information.

[Redacted signature]

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[Redacted] Dr. [Redacted] vs note.

[Redacted] 10.2.71.

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cc. [Redacted] to submit with report.