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Special Report

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5th day of April 1971

SUBJECT

Dambusters
Mobilising
Committee

Reference to Papers

400/70/10

1. Information has been received concerning a recent meeting of the Dambusters Mobilising Committee at which, amongst other subjects, the annual general meetings of several firms with financial interests in South Africa, were discussed.
2. It was announced that at least 22 people had purchased shares in Barclays Bank Ltd. and would be attending the annual general meeting. Approximately 30 members of the Haslemere Group, who had purchased shares the previous year but owing to an oversight had not registered them in time to attend the A.G.M., were still in possession of these shares. Contact would be made with the shareholders either for them to attend or find a proxy from the D.M.C. who would do so. A meeting to discuss tactics would be held at 7.30pm the evening before the A.G.M. at the Catholic Chaplaincy, 111, Gower Street, W.C.1, at which both the shareholders and other members of the D.M.C. would attend.
3. Enquiries by the Branch are in hand to determine the details of all the shareholders mentioned above. The annual general meeting is due to be held on Monday 26th April 1971 in the Cinema at Barclays Bank Ltd. Head Office, 54, Lombard Street, E.C.4.
4. It is anticipated that any protest by the D.M.C. would be similar to that mounted at the A.G.M. of Barclays Bank D.C.C. in January this year, in that some persons will be present at the meeting to voice their objections to the Bank's involvement with South Africa and others will picket outside the premises. It is possible, from the number of persons holding shares, that on this occasion the protest will be more vociferous than previously.
5. Other A.G.M.s that were discussed by the D.M.C. were the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd; United Transport Co. Ltd. and G.K.N. Co. Ltd. The dates of these meetings were not known but it was disclosed that shares in I.C.I. and United Transport were available for purchase.
6. Enquiries show that the A.G.M. of I.C.I. will be held on 3.5.71 at the Dorchester Hotel, starting at 11.30am. Both the United Transport and the G.K.N. will be held out of London. The G.K.N.'s at their Head Office in Warley, Worcestershire, on 11.5.71 and the United Transport Co. Ltd. will hold their A.G.M., sometime in May, at Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

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7. The Dambusters Mobilising Committee's 'Day of Action', which was to have been held in March this year, is now to be on Friday 14th May 1971. To date there is little information as to what form the 'action' will take.

8. The Haslemere Group is the subject of 400/69/100.

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