

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH

26th day of April, 1969

SUBJECT West
Ham Anarchist
Group

The following information has been received from a reliable source concerning the West Ham Anarchist Group:

Reference to Papers

29/6/77

"The Group is poorly supported and in recent months has had no regular meetings or activities. It has no more than 12 members and consists mainly of students, and young people who have recently left school. When some local issue prompts a meeting, this usually takes place at the home of the secretary,

Privacy

or at "Durning Hall", Earlham Grove, E.7, a church hall, accommodation which is provided free of charge.

The leading figures in the Group are:-

Privacy

Various members of the Group have taken part in demonstrations against the Vietnam War and in other well-publicised protest marches. The members are all aged about 20 years, scruffy, long-haired, student types, none of whom apparently knows a great deal concerning the political theory of Anarchy, but are more concerned with rebelling against 'the State and "Fascist" Police.' Many walls and hoardings in the Forest Gate area are daubed with various left-wing slogans, the majority of which can be attributed to be West Ham Anarchists. They have also committed minor acts of malicious damage against the local offices of the Conservative and Labour Party.

The most active member of the group is [Privacy], who has numerous contacts with other Anarchist and Trotskyist groups and with Freedom Press. He is on friendly terms with

[Privacy], [Privacy] and [Privacy]. The set Ham Anarchist Group is linked with the London Federation of Anarchists and has contacts with the Ilford Branch of the International Socialist Group and with the East London Libertarian. On major demonstrations, members of the Group join with other Anarchist Groups and do their best to foment trouble and cause damage, their actions usually being spontaneous.

[Privacy] has, in recent months, had a waning interest in Anarchy and has not been on any demonstrations since that at Rhodesia House on 12.1.69, when he led a breakaway faction which caused minor malicious damage in the Charing Cross Road area. [Privacy] has a good friend on the reporting staff of the "Kensham Recorder", [Privacy] who is only too willing to give full publicity to any suggestion [Privacy] comes up with. [Privacy] often boasts and makes extravagant claims concerning the set Ham Anarchists, with the result that a false picture of a situation is often given in the local Press. He is not well liked by other members of the group and has been warned not to make exaggerated claims to the Press without consulting the other members.

[Privacy], the mother of [Privacy] [Privacy] recently stated that she was no longer an Anarchist, but had been led to a more Christian view of life by her second husband, the [Privacy]. [Privacy]

Members of the Group meet socially most Friday evenings at 8 p.m. at the "Railway Tavern" Public House, Windmill Lane, E.15 and they also frequent the "Golden Horse" Public House, Forest Lane, E.15. On Sunday evenings members of the Group often go to the "Metropolitan" Public House, Farringdon Road, E.C.4, where there is usually an "Anarchist" meeting, but they are not sufficiently interested to attend and merely sit in the bar downstairs talking and drinking.

It is alleged that members of the Group take the drug cannabis and at weekends they get together at various members' houses to smoke or take the drug."

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of R.F.400/66/70.

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report dated 26th April, 1969,
concerning the West Ham Anarchist Group:-

Members of the West Ham Anarchist Group

Privacy

Privacy aged 15
years, 5'7", heavy
build, fat and flabby,
wears glasses, fair hair.

[Redacted]

Privacy

[Redacted]