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Special Report

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1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "An informal meeting of the North West London Committee of Stop the Seventy Tour was held on Wednesday, 15 July, at Friends Meeting House, 120 Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3. It commenced at 7.30 pm and terminated at 10.30 pm. The Chairman was [redacted] Privacy of the African National Congress. There were some 30 persons present.

3. "The following items were on the agenda:-

- 1. South Africa
- 2. Race Relations
- 3. Law and Order.

4. "The meeting opened with a general discussion on the possibility of the renewal of sale of arms to South Africa, and the following suggestions were made as lines of action to be taken by members:-

- a. Infiltrate Trade Unions
- b. Picket Arms Factories.
- c. Bombard the Prime Minister with post cards, calling on the government to refuse the sale of armaments to South Africa.

5. "No plans were made regarding infiltration of trade unions, but Simon HEBDITCH mentioned that at a meeting of the Richmond branch of Anti-Apartheid he was informed by employees of Hawker Siddeley, that their trade union had been infiltrated by supporters of the AA Movement.

6. "The picketing of arms factories was discussed in general terms but no specific plans were made.

7. [redacted] Privacy produced printed post cards, (copies attached), addressed to the Prime Minister, bearing the following:-

'I call on Her Majesty's Government to honour the United Nations Security Council Resolution and refuse the sale of all armaments to apartheid South Africa'.

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Members were issued with these post cards and asked to distribute them to sympathisers with a request that they forward them to the Prime Minister.

8. "They were warned that a policy of non-co-operation with police should be adopted at demonstrations and were advised that on arrest it was not necessary to give one's particulars and one should be cautious with 'friendly policemen' who were anxious to obtain particulars of their political background. Police should not be underestimated at demonstrations, as they were invariably in sufficient strength to deal with any situation which might arise. [Privacy] called for more militant action on the part of the demonstrators.

9. "Simon HESDITCH told the meeting that within ten days he would be in a position to inform members whether or not STST would amalgamate with Anti-Apartheid. In any event the organisation would lose the name STST and it was thought likely that the new name would be Anti Racialist Movement, (ARM).

10. "The following demonstrations were announced:-

- i. Anti Apartheid were planning to demonstrate at Downing Street on Sunday, 19 July, at 2 pm.
- ii. On the day following Sir Alec Douglas Home's announcement on the governments policy re the sale of armaments to South Africa, a demonstration will take place at Downing Street at 6 pm. (providing the government announced the renewal of the sales of arms to South Africa).
- iii. [Privacy] (formerly of Harrow/Wembley STST, now Harrow/Wembley AA) announced that a demonstration organised by AA would take place at the Odeon Cinema, Wembley High Road, at 7 pm on Saturday 25 July, 1970.

11. "The next meeting of North West London STST will be held at Friends Meeting House, 120 Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3, on Wednesday, 29th July, at 7.30 pm.

12. "The following persons were amongst those present at the meeting:-

- [Privacy] Simon HESDITCH.
- [Privacy]
- [Privacy]

13. Special Branch references to persons mentioned in this report are given in the attached appendix.

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