

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

2nd day of APRIL 1982

SUBJECT

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

Reference to Papers

2. "On Thursday, 25th March 1982, the Hounslow branch of the Anti-Nazi League (ANL) held a public meeting at Hounslow Manor School, Prince Regent Road, Hounslow, Middlesex. Approximately 70 persons attended.

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3. The meeting commenced at 7.45pm and was chaired by Peter BURNS, a Labour Party member. BURNS briefly outlined the history of the ANL and admitted that it had not been active for some time. He stated that the meeting had been called to rally support for a plan to convert the youth of Hounslow towards the views of the ANL and away from those of the extreme right. Having made this introduction the plan was not referred to again during the course of the meeting.

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4. BURNS then introduced the main speaker, Faric ALI. ALI gave an eloquent speech which ultimately had little to do with the announced title 'The Fight Against Racism'. ALI tried to relate racism to unemployment and ultimately to Marxist ideals. He stated that last year's riots were basically the working people rioting against the State. He gleefully spoke of rumours of more riots in Brixton this April, and, whilst not directly encouraging them, gave the impression that there would be no alternative. He continued by claiming that Sir David McNFL was retiring as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to make way for Sir Kenneth NEWMAN who had completed his 'training in the suppression of riots' in Ulster.

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5. The next speaker was Peter ALEXANDER of [redacted] (although this was not made clear to the audience). ALEXANDER took a similar line to ALI on most points, and moved the argument away from racism towards unemployment and the workers' struggle. ALEXANDER spoke of the success of the ANL in reducing the support of the National Front and British Movement since 1977/1978. He made no reference to future ANL activities but urged support for the 'Bradford 12' picket in Leeds on 26th April and for the current dispute at Heathrow Airport. ALEXANDER also referred to the riots of last year and boasted of having been 'on the streets' himself during the disturbances.

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6. The next speaker was Chris X. MOORE (phonetic) a correspondent for the New Musical Express and a member of the Socialist Workers Party. MOORE's claim to fame is that he had Andrew BRONS of the National Front as a lecturer at Harrogate College. MOORE gave an entertaining speech concerning 'confronting the fascists' and urged those present to physically assault them - so long as the 'fascists' were sufficiently outnumbered.

7. The final speaker was Solly OSMOND (male) of the Hounslow Law Centre who berated all previous speakers claiming that the National Front and British Movement were an irrelevance that could be removed at any time. OSMOND stated that the real enemy was the State regardless of the Party in power. He likened the immigration laws of this country to those of South Africa and proceeded to recite numerous sections of the Immigration and Nationality Acts.

8. In conclusion the meeting appeared to have been called by the SWP and Labour Party with a view to making new 'contacts' and recruiting new members. No future activities were announced for the ANL, the SWP representatives present being satisfied with about 40 names and addresses obtained from the audience.

9. The following persons were identified as being present at the meeting:-

Tariq ALI

Pete ALEXANDER

Chris X. MOORE

Solly OSMOND

Peter BURN

10. References to other persons and organisations mentioned in this report:-

Andrew BRONS

SWP

IMG

Labour Party

Nigel Short

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT