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No. 477

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1.

SB report - attachment

— 1A/B

Chf Supt 'C' Squad referred, per

If a copy report is sent to Box 500 it must be sent under cover to [redacted] only. (2 copies)

SB 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>75</sub>

*[Handwritten signature]*

2.

- 1. Send copies, as above, of 1A-B to Box 500 please.
- 2. Chief Superintendent 'B' Squad to see please.
- 3. Chief Superintendent 'A' Squad to see please:  
For the Duties Clerk to kindly note TOM public meeting on 12 3 75 at Goldsmiths College. — Not for SB coverage.
- 4. DI [redacted] Room 890 to see please.

5. PA  
SB  
6 3 75  
SPECIAL  
RECORDS

[redacted]  
a/Chief Superintendent.

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[P.T.O.]



1A

S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

**METROPOLITAN POLICE**

Special Report }

**SPECIAL BRANCH**

.....5th.....day of.....March.....19 75.....

**SUBJECT** South .....

East London TOM .....

**Reference to Papers**

400/74/182 .....

1. Attached is a copy of a leaflet which has been sent to all left-wing organisations in the South East London area, advertising a meeting of the South East London Troops Out Movement at 7 30 pm on Wednesday 12.3.75 at Goldsmiths College.

2. The signatory to the letter, Bill KNIGHT, is in fact, Richard CHESSUM.



R. Clark  
Constable

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Date 29/4/75 Initials

Chief Inspector



CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

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234 Burrage Road,  
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February 1975.

Dear Comrade,

The Troops Out Movement (TCM)

The TCM was formed in West London in September 1973, by a group of trades-unionists, housewives, and ex-soldiers. The first major public meeting was held at Fulham Town Hall in the following month. Four hundred people came to hear an impressive list of speakers, and soon afterwards groups were formed in North and South London, in Manchester, Coventry, and Birmingham.

In early December, the TCM called its first London demonstration, pursuing the joint demands - Troops Out Of Ireland Now, and Self-Determination for the Irish People. A thousand people marched in the demonstration, which ended in a mass rally in Hammersmith Town Hall.

A National Conference was held in Coventry in February 1974, attended by members from all over the country. During the election local groups were particularly active, leafletting political meetings and raising the question of Northern Ireland with Labour candidates. A petition was drawn up detailing the demands of the TCM. It achieved considerable success in the areas where it was introduced.

Since then the various local groups have been working actively in their own areas. They have organised public meetings with films and speakers, picketed army recruiting offices, set up market stalls, hold street meetings, and leafletted housing estates.

In May 74, a national labour movement conference was organised by the TCM at which 13 trades councils and 60 trade union branches were represented. Up to 15 new branches of TCM were subsequently formed. A rally was organised in June, and a demonstration in London in October was supported by nearly 6,000 people. A further demonstration was held to commemorate Bloody Sunday. Pickets were also organised to protest at the repressive legislation introduced by Roy Jenkins in the wake of the Birmingham bombings (which the TCM condemned) and, following this legislation, the number of TCM branches grew to 32. TCM is now supported by 12 Labour MP's, including Joan Maynard of the NEC.

Activities planned for the next period include: a national demonstration on April 6th; a national women's conference on May 10th; and an all-delegate labour movement conference on May 24th.

South East London TCM Meeting

On Wednesday, March 12th at 7.30 p.m., a public meeting will be held in Room 327, Goldsmiths College, Lewisham Way, New Cross, to form a local group of the TCM. Your organisation is cordially invited to send a representative. Gary Lawless of the TCM will speak and there will be opportunity for discussion before the group is formed. Matters for discussion will include the activities planned above and local activities in South East London.

Yours fraternally,

Bill Knight

(On Behalf of the  
Troops Out Movement)