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ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER PARADE REPORT

Organisation: South west - Spartacus League. ✓

Ref: 400/71/132.

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 29th day of July 19 71 from 7.30pm to 11pm.

Clapham Public Swimming Baths - Committee room - Clapham Manor Road, Clapham S.W.4.
and later at:-
Manor Arms Public House, Clapham Manor Street, Clapham S.W.4.

Source of Information: Leaflets supplied via 'LM'.

Admission - Private/Public: Public.

Police Arrangements: None.

Subject: Unemployment.

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Chairman, Speakers, Officials (references; new pars. obtained; descriptions if necessary):

Chairman: not known. Aged about 25 years, height 5'10", medium length fair hair, blue eyes, proportionate build, moustache, well spoken.
Speakers: GROGAN, Brian RF.402/ Privacy [redacted]
SEEL, Nigel one mention - travelled as a member of I.M.G. contingent which left Dover for Dunkirk on 21.11.70, 400/70/240 1B,11 refers. [redacted]

Officials: SHIMELD, Phil RF.402/ Privacy [redacted]

Attendance: i) Number: 18.

ii) Groups:

iii) Collection: £1.07

iv) Individuals Identified:

Privacy

no trace.

v) Vehicles:

none.

Incidents:

none.

Banners/Slogans:

none.

Literature: none.

Future Activities: Meeting - 7.30pm Thursday 5.8.71 at (Private dwelling house.)

Privacy

Remarks:

1. The meeting eventually began at 7.55pm, after a short delay to await the arrival of late comers. The chairman apologised for the absence of Bob PENNINGTON and explained that he had cancelled the appointment due to his attendance at an I.M.G. meeting at St.Alhans. He warmly welcomed Brian GROGAN, a member of both I.M.G. and the Spartacus League, who was to speak in his place. He then introduced Nigel SEEL.
2. SEEL began by giving a brief resume of the 1944 Education Act and the divisions into which respective students were placed, namely Universities, Grammar schools, comprehensives and Secondary schools. He condemned the system as a class system and said that the most the children of the working classes could hope for, would be 'a wooden seat in a sub-standard secondary school'.
3. The chairman then introduced the guest speaker, Brian GROGAN who discussed at some length the unemployment problems of the U.K. He then went on by expanding on the issue of redundancy and in particular the problems of The Upper Clyde Shipbuilders. He said the possibilities that might emanate from workers' occupation of U.C.S., were tremendous. He envisaged that the supply of electricity and water would be cut by the authorities which in turn would have a snow ball effect, if the C.P. shop stewards in the power unions were to 'play their cards right'. At this stage the meeting was adjourned to the Manor Arms, Public House across the road.
4. The meeting then re-assembled into small informal discussion groups and I engaged GROGAN in conversation. He said that the I.M.G. had particularly good contacts with the shop stewards at the British Oxygen factory at Rainham, Essex, which had come about due to I.M.G.'s efforts in the formation of a claimants' union in the area. They hoped to continue this close liason by a series of 'Red Circle' meetings in the Dagenham area, due to begin on the 15th August. Privacy a prominent local union official will be present at some of these meetings and GROGAN said that they hoped that a branch of I.M.G. would be formed in the area.
5. He was quite excited at the prospect of the 'Revolutionary Training Camp' which I.M.G had set up in the New Forest. He said the idea of the camp, which was to start on Sunday 1st August, was to give all participants a good background in revolutionary thinking. The training will include such subjects as public speaking, theoretical teaching and instruction in the erection of barricades. The course was scheduled to end on 7.8.71 and would be under canvas.

Officers Present:

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Chief Inspector

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Continuation of meeting report on South West Spartacus League, held on 29.7.71 at Clapham Public Swimming Baths - Committee room - Clapham Manor Street, Clapham S.W.4.

6. GROGAN alleged that the Argentinian section of the Fourth International were responsible for the recent kidnappings in that country and said that the biennial conference of the Fourth International, due to be convened in the summer of 1972, would discuss the relevance of guerilla war-fare in the U.K.

7. In the course of our conversation he invited me to attend a meeting of the I.M.G. to be held at his home, [Privacy] at 8pm Monday 2nd August 1971. At 'closing time' the meeting was concluded.

8. I am unable to identify [Privacy] in Special Branch records.

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