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METROPOLITAN POLICE

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH

12 day of April 1973

SUBJECT
Croydon
Libertarians

Reference to Papers
400/72/241

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

2. "On Friday 6 April 1973 at 11 am in Church Street, Croydon, a demonstration was held which was intended to direct public attention to the need for that particular road to be made into a pedestrian precinct.

3. It was organised and executed exclusively by members of 'Croydon Libertarians' and took the form of a length of chain being suspended across the road and secured at either end by padlocks.

4. In the event the road was closed for little more than five minutes and disruption of traffic was slight. It was not quite clear even to the participants why it failed, especially as the event had not been publicised outside the immediate confines of those involved. The participants did not wait to see the immediate effect of their protest but disappeared, to return a short time later to find the chain no longer in position. It was therefore assumed that either the padlocks had not been securely fastened or that an unsensitive lorry driver had been responsible for sabotaging the event. Police were absolved from blame as they had not been in evidence.

5. The five who took part were:

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6. The persons mentioned in the text of this report together with their references in Special Branch records are listed on the attached appendix.

Submitted:

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Chief Inspector

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Detective Constable

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Chief Superintendent



APPENDIX to Special Branch report of 12 April 1973 concerning a demonstration held by Croydon Libertarians.

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