

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

13th day of August 1974

SUBJECT

Young Liberals Movement.

Reference to Papers

400/72/84

1. The 'Young Liberal Movement' held a Council meeting in Birmingham on 22 and 23 June 1974. Amongst the various resolutions passed were two arising from the demonstration in Red Lion Square on 15.6.74.

2. The following is the agreed text of the resolutions:

(1)

This Council notes with deep regret the death of Warwick student Kevin Gately during the demonstration against fascism in Red Lion Square on Saturday June 15th.

It condemns the vicious and unnecessary attack on the left-wing demonstrators by the police and the blatant bias shown by the police in favour of the march organised by the National Front.

It calls on the Home Secretary to set up an independent public inquiry into:

- (a) the circumstances surrounding Kevin Gately's death,
- (b) the activities of the Metropolitan Police Force on the day of the demonstration,
- (c) the specification of the different sections of police involved,

and demands the immediate disbandment of the police "Special Patrol Group".

The Executive is mandated to write to the Home Secretary informing him of the Council's demand.

(2)

The following motion was passed without amendment:

While unreservedly condemning the violent tactics used by certain members of last Saturday's demonstration against the National Front, this Council expresses its grave concern at what it considers to be the over-reaction of the police in dealing with the situation.

Further it instructs the Chairman to:

- (a) write to the Home Secretary calling for an independent public enquiry into the whole handling of the demonstration and in particular the death of Kevin Gately,
- (b) an enquiry into the wearing of para-military uniform by members of the National Front.

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Submitted:

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for Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT