

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

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SUBJECT

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

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2. The Bloody Sunday Commemoration Committee met at the University of London Union, Malet Street, WC2, on Tuesday 4 January 1976 from 7.30pm until 9.45pm. About twenty persons attended the meeting which was chaired by the committee's secretary.

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Reference to Papers

400/75/R-6

3. Much of the early discussion concerned Sinn Fein participation in the Bloody Sunday demonstration on 1 February; Sinn Fein had threatened to conduct their own demonstration, as had happened in previous years, unless they were allowed to provide the main speaker before the march took place and were permitted to march near the head of the delegation and provide a colour party, though not in uniforms. Since they had promised support of about 200 persons, these conditions were agreed upon by the Committee. It was also decided that, although the BSCC banner and contingent would lead the march, the Troops Out delegation would follow immediately behind them and then the general labour movement, a technicality insisted upon by Gery LAWLESS.

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4. then reported the fact that the Committee had succeeded in finding premises for the remainder of the month at 102 Drummond Street, NW1 and he proposed that a full-time worker be found to man the office until the demonstration.

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Privacy said that he had already approached (International Marxist Group) who was willing to do the job. It was at this point that the IMG bureaucracy in the BSCC was outflanked, because at the insistence of LAWLESS, most branches had provided their full quota of delegates.

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Privacy said that he had approached Privacy who had also indicated his willingness to assist and in the ensuing vote Privacy won by a large majority.

5. The final items of interest were reports from Privacy on current sales of the broadsheet 'Bulletin' and Privacy on finances. Both speakers attempted to outdo the other for sheer crassness, super-bureaucracy and soporific content. It was during Privacy's contribution that many delegates left the room for the more pleasant surroundings of the college bar. In fact the content of his lengthy speech produced little more than a run down on the exact numbers of copies of the publication taken by each TOM branch and each revolutionary group, which eventually showed that the break-even point was close."

6. References of persons present:-

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