

Special Report

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International  
Socialists

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

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Reference to Papers  
400/76/106

2. On Thursday, 22 July 1976, between 7.30 pm and 10.15 pm at Stoke Newington Town Hall, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16, the Hackney Community Relations Council held its first public meeting. The meeting which was chaired by Patrick KODIKARA, was attended by approximately two hundred and fifty persons.

3. Due to recent interference by the National Front at other meetings of community relations councils, the Hackney branch of the International Socialists, supported by the IMG and the Hackney Committee Against Racism, organised a picket at the Town Hall to defend the meeting.

4. KODIKARA and two other speakers (unidentified) delivered impassioned speeches on racialism generally, with no interference from the floor. It was only when a member of the National Front decided that he wished to make a comment during question time that trouble occurred. The man was pounced upon by a group of stewards and ejected from the assembly room amid a shower of fists and invective. A timely hoax bomb call to the Town Hall finally brought the meeting to a close at about 10.15 pm.

5. It was at this point that several members of the National Front appeared from the Rose and Crown public house opposite the Town Hall and began taunting both those leaving the meeting and members of the International Socialists who were waiting outside. This provoked a sharp interchange of slogan-chanting, after which all members of the left-wing groups present decided to retreat en masse along Stoke Newington Church Street towards the High Street. This group of about 60 persons was followed at a distance by several members of the National Front until it split up into small groups and dispersed quietly.

6. The following persons were identified as being present at the meeting:

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