

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

14th day of August

1976

SUBJECT

Croydon Anti-Fascist Committee

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

2. A meeting took place on Tuesday 10th August, 1976 from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Privacy, the home of Privacy between representatives of Big Flame and the Croydon Collective. The meeting was held to discuss tactics at the forthcoming formation of the Croydon Anti Fascist Committee. Eight persons attended.

3. The groups decided to combine to wrest control of the Committee from the hands of the International Socialists. Both Big Flame and the Croydon Collective were suspicious of the motives of I.S. and thought their sole reason for forming the Committee was to add weight to their Right to Work Campaign and the consequent march to Brighton in early September.

4. It was agreed that the following proposals would therefore be put forward at the formation meeting: The Committee should consist of 12 persons, three from the Croydon Collective, three from Big Flame and the remainder from an assortment of other left groups, with a maximum of two from I.S. Any other make up of the committee would not be tolerated and would lead to neither Big Flame nor the Croydon Collective taking an active part. The Committee would have to be totally autonomous from both the Trades Council and the Right to Work Campaign and its long term aims should be seen as a fight against racism and fascism in all their forms. In short, it would be a community group with locally based committee members. Furthermore, the first task should be to build for a local demonstration but not in conjunction with the Right to Work Campaign.

5. The following persons were present:-

Privacy

Croydon Collective

Privacy

Privacy

Big Flame

Mentions re Big Flame

Independent No Trace

Croydon Collective

Unable to identify

Unable to identify

TO [Redacted]

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Angus McIntosh

Chief Inspector

PA [Redacted]

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT