

METROPOLITAN POLICE

S. O. S.

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

11th day of July 1978

SUBJECT

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

2. On Tuesday, 27 June, 1978, at 8pm, at the Earl Russell Public House, Pancras Way, N1, a meeting took place of 'Persons Unknown' (PUK), the group recently formed to support Iris HILLS, Susan BERRY, Fayal LANE and Stewart GALE, all currently in custody for conspiracy to cause explosions. About thirty persons were present.

3. The meeting opened with a lengthy report from [redacted] (of Justice Against Identification Laws - JAIL) on the previous week's second hearing, which had apparently revolved around the question of why HILLS, BERRY and LANE should wear handcuffs.

4. This was followed by an account by [redacted] of the police raid on her address on her subsequent arrest. Despite her poor English, those present listened intently.

5. An unidentified Irish woman afterwards spoke for several minutes about [redacted] and how he had asked to be placed in solitary confinement in Hinton Prison. However, any meaning or implication she may have wished to pass on to her audience by the making of such a point was lost, since most seemed baffled by her remarks. She then announced that [redacted] was staying with her, so that he could visit [redacted]. She also made the request that, if anyone knew of [redacted] they should contact him and put him in touch with [redacted] who had asked to see him at the earliest opportunity.

6. Amongst future activities discussed, it was mentioned that Saturday, 15 July, 1978 had been set aside for two functions, as under:-

- a) A march from Kingsway Road Underground Station to Paddington Green Police Station, starting at about 1.30pm, to protest against 'The Police'
- b) A Persons Unknown benefit during the evening at Curvey Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1, at which it is hoped to raise a substantial sum of money.

TO [redacted]
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7. Before the meeting closed at 11.20pm, Dave HERRIS, who has assigned himself to the contact section within PUNK, declared that support groups for LASH, GARR, HILLS and HENNETT had now been formed in Leeds, Manchester, Battersfield, 'somewhere very far north in Scotland' and 'somewhere on the South coast'.

8. Persons identified as being present:-

Dave HERRIS SF 400/75/747

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9. References to other persons mentioned in this report:-

Ronan HENNETT SF 400

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Sylvia LASH SF 400

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Stewart GARR SF 400

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10. Justice Against Identification Laws (JAIL) is dealt with on 400/75/84.

Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERVISOR