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Special Report

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31st day of January 1975

SUBJECT

Battersea
development
Action Group

Reference to Papers
409/74/20

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

2. "A public meeting, organised by the Battersea Re-development Action Group, was held on Monday, 20 January, 1975, at 8 Falcon Road, SW11, (the Battersea Peoples Aid and Action Centre) for further discussion regarding the proposed establishment of a Disneyland Park, by the Trust House Forte Group. This was a follow-up meeting to the one held on 9 January. The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm and finished at 10 pm, attracted an audience of approximately 60 persons.

3. The meeting was chaired by Ernest ROEGER, with **Privacy** on the platform. ROEGER opened the meeting and explained that although BRAG had called the meeting, he hoped that a new advisory group would be formed separate from BRAG. **Privacy** then gave a resume of the previous meeting and a brief history of developments at Battersea Fun Fair site since last year. He then informed the meeting that support for BRAG against the Disneyland project had been received from 17 groups: mostly Tenants Associations and women's groups etc. He also stated that national and local newspapers had taken-up the issue; 'Times Out' magazine wanted a feature and the ITV programme, 'Today' had requested information about the campaign.

4. ROEGER then informed the meeting that the campaign should be started and suggested that individuals should write to their MPs, councillors and to the press. In addition estates' and streets' representatives should be enrolled to enlarge the group. He suggested that someone with legal knowledge should attempt to ascertain the legality of the leases between THF Group and the GLC. A decision should be made as to whether the campaign should be an all-out attack on THF or a delaying tactic which would possibly frustrate the Group's plans.

5. Several suggestions and offers of assistance for the campaign came from the floor. It was suggested that a petition be started and a law student offered to enquire into the lease. A letter of support from the SW London AEW, was read out, pledging support.

6. An Ad Hoc Committee was then formed of 10 persons led by **Privacy** of Savona Estates Tenants Association. The committee consisted of **Privacy**.

Privacy

7. The Committee met after the meeting and decided on the following course of action. To raise a petition; to arrange a poster and leaflet campaign; to lobby the planning committee of the Wandsworth Borough Council and to hold a demonstration at the planning committee's meeting at Wandsworth Town Hall on 14 February. It was also decided to approach other associations for financial assistance.

8. The new group, as yet unnamed, will operate from 24 Elmwood Court, Battersea Park Road, SW11, the address of Wandsworth Tenants Association. Money raised at the meeting amounted to just over £10.

9. The BRAG members who met after the meeting at a nearby pub congratulated themselves in getting so much work out of ordinary ratepayers and Tenants Associations. Privacy and then discussed the method by which the right-wing element of Privacy could be removed from the Committee. It was decided, as a first step, that they should be encouraged to fly-post; the illegality of which would tend to blunt their enthusiasm for committee work.

10. Persons identified as being at the meeting, and others mentioned in the report, are shown on the attached appendix.

Chief Inspector

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

APPENDIX

Wheat & ROOPER (Anarchist) .

Privacy