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SUBJECT

Save Acton

Hospital Campaign

Reference to Papers

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

2. On Tuesday 13 April 1976, from 7.30 pm to 10.15 pm, the 'Save Acton Hospital Campaign' committee held a public meeting at Woodlands Hall, Cross Street, W3. There were about 120 persons present representing all shades of political opinion within Acton.

3. The meeting was opened by Mr. COSTA, a doctor at Hammersmith Hospital, who produced a large number of statistics to show how the present Government was running down the National Health Service. He reminded the audience of the motion passed at the last Labour Party Conference which demanded an increase in NHS expenditure and the total disappearance of private medical practice in Britain. COSTA continued that the country was now faced with a Labour Government which had done a complete reverse on the Conference decision and in doing so was ruining the NHS. He exhorted all those present to do their utmost to oust them from power.

4. Bill GEDDES, a hospital worker and a member of NUPE and the Hammersmith Hospital Branch of the International Socialists, mentioned the recent 'Right to Work' march from Manchester to London. He said that the Government was proving to be against the working class of this country not only by running down the NHS but also by creating unemployment. He said the two matters were closely interwoven and he urged all those present to support the 'Right to Work' campaign. He then related the so-called attack on the 'Right to Work' marchers at Hendon and called for people to support a mass picket at Hendon Magistrates' Court on May 21 1976 when the 14 marchers arrested would appear to face the charges against them.

5. There then followed speeches by various members of Acton Hospital, none of whom mentioned anything of particular interest. The IS film entitled 'Ban The Cuts' was shown but slow handclapping resulted in the film being stopped half way through. Immediately after this several members of the audience walked out of the meeting complaining about the left-wing bias.

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6. There were then several speeches from the whole spectrum of the left-wing in London, including members of local trades union branches, the All Trade Union Alliance (WRP), the local Communist and Labour Parties and local IS branches. From what was said by these people it would appear that the 'Save Acton Hospital Campaign' might prove an ideal vehicle for various organisations to publicise their opinions and beliefs".

7. References of persons known to have been present:

Bill GEDDES	(IS)	402/	Privacy
Barry PAVIER	(IS)	402/	Privacy
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John WITZENFELD	(IS)	Mentions re IS	
	(IS)	Mentions re IS	
	(IS)	Privacy	
Privacy	(IS)	Mentions re IS	
	(IS)	Privacy	
	(IS)	Mentions re IS	
Pete CANNELL		Mentions re IS	
Privacy		Privacy	
Dominic COSTA	(IMO)	RF 402/	Privacy
Privacy		Privacy	
	(Big Flame)	Privacy	

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