

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

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21st day of February 1979

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SUBJECT

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

2. "On Saturday, 10th February 1979, at about 12 noon, a confrontation took place between some twenty-five National Front supporters and a similar number of Socialist Workers Party/Anti-Nazi League members.

3. The National Front contingent appeared to comprise those NF members or supporters who had been unsuccessful in gaining access to the West Ham football match being played that afternoon. After wandering around, they eventually stopped at the Church Lane/High Road, E11 junction to sell some of their political literature.

4. This attracted the attention of [redacted] and [redacted] of the SWP, who started a discussion with National Front supporters. A free and frank exchange of views took place, during which more SWP members gathered. However, as the result of a heated argument, a small fight developed culminating in the arrest of a National Front supporter by the police.

5. This incident had not been pre-arranged but, as a result of it, the SWP have decided to keep the location under casual observation for any similar NF gathering which may occur in the future."

6. [redacted] and [redacted] are the subjects of [redacted] and [redacted] respectively.

7. The Anti-Nazi League and the National Front are dealt with on 400/78/188 and 400/79/9 respectively.

Reference to Papers

Socialist Workers Party

400/78/208

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