

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

14 day of March 1979

S.E. No. 1 (Form 1)

Special Report

SUBJECT

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

2. On Tuesday, 6 March 1979, at 7.30 pm, a private meeting was held in the North Room, Conroy Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C1. Twenty-four persons attended.

Reference to Papers

3. The purpose of the meeting, which had been organized by Persons Unknown (PUNK), was to form a federation of groups, with the object of dissuading the Royal Commission presently examining police powers from recommending that these be increased. All non-authoritarian groups and those engaged in attacking current legislation and police methods had been invited.

Persons Unknown

400/78/125

4. However, the number of groups actually represented at the meeting were few and comprised Persons Unknown, Friends of Astrid Frail, Black Flag, Anarchy Collective, the London Workers Group, the Gay Activists Alliance, the 'Sex' Campaign, Justice Against P's Identification Law, the Balance Society, 'Anarchist Students' and the Islington Campaign Against Racism and Fascism.

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5. [redacted] opened the proceedings and argued that all the groups present had a common enemy - the police. She suggested that comrades unite to undertake two ventures: firstly, a national demonstration against 'the repressive measures' used by the police and, secondly, to set up a 'People's Commission' to examine evidence of the way in which power is abused by police and to provide reasons for why the Royal Commission should recommend a decrease, rather than an increase, in 'repressive' legislation.

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6. A general discussion then took place regarding the mechanics of how the 'People's Commission' should be formed and the timing of the proposed demonstration. [redacted] said there was no point in having a demonstration UNLESS IT was certain that large numbers of people would attend. It was finally agreed that the representatives of the groups present should contact other groups to inform them that it had now been decided to hold both a 'People's Commission' and a demonstration and that a series of meetings would be held to discuss what form these two projects would take.

[redacted]

It was suggested that the first in this series of meetings be held on Friday, 30 March 1979, at 7.30 pm, at Jersey Hall, 100 Lion Square, W.C.1. [Redacted] of FIVE and [Redacted] of Friends of Abroad Trust, [Redacted] to write a short account of what had been agreed, for circulation to other groups, with a special invitation to the meeting of 30 March."

B. Persons identified as being present:-

[Redacted]  
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[Redacted]

Dave MORRIS

[Redacted]  
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C. References to organisations:-

- Persons Bureau 400/76/123
- Agency Collective 400/77/181
- London Workers Group 400/78/183
- Black Flag 400/77/50

[Redacted]

Justice Against the  
Identification Law

400/76/84

Friends of Astrid Prell

400/76/174

'Gas' Campaign

Appears to be 1/v the  
Black Peoples Organization  
Campaign Against Gas  
400/76/18

The Walden Society


400/75/204

Gay Activists Alliance

346/76/6 (13a, b)  
402/72/273 (13a)  
400/76/53 (13a & 13b)  
400/77/300 (a-c)

The Islington Campaign  
Against Racism and  
Fascism

400/76/41

  
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