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30th day of August 1979

SUBJECT

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

2. "On Saturday, 25th August 1979, between 10 am and 12 noon in High Street, Lewisham, SE13, members of the South East London District of the Socialist Workers Party held a street paper sale, distributed leaflets and obtained signatures for a petition in support of the 'Save our Hospitals Campaign'. Some fourteen persons attended. Although some form of intervention by supporters of the British Movement was expected, nothing of that nature transpired."

Reference to Papers

3. Persons identified as being present:-

Socialist Workers Party

400/79/69

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4. Attached with this report is a leaflet distributed during the abovementioned event.

5. Save our Hospitals Campaign and British Movement are dealt with on 400/77/35 and 400/79/50 respectively.

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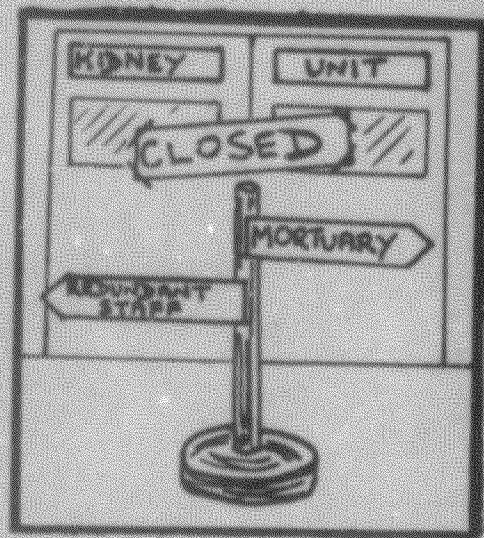
This week a blood-curdling document has come to light detailing how the Commissioners propose to cut £1,970,000 in the Kings Health District alone. It callously sets out how many pounds can be saved by letting patients die, through:

- * Closing two intensive care beds.
- * Cutting liver unit admissions by 87.
- * Closing two intensive care cots.
- * Not filling existing staff vacancies.
- * Cutting kidney transplants from 60 to 30.
- * Cutting open-heart surgery from 330 to 270.
- * Cutting heart valve insertions from 160 to 126.
- * Cutting pacemaker insertions from 270 to 200.

The report also says that holding dialysis patients at 56 'could mean that funds for treating dialysis patients will run out approximately two-thirds through the financial year. This will mean that patients from the South-West Thames RHA where there is only one Dialysis Unit are likely to die'.

Even these killer cuts will only save £1,000,000. Proposals to cut the remaining £970,000 include:

- * Closing at least 3 medical and 2 surgical wards at St Giles.
- * Cutting childrens beds at Belgrave Hospital from 81 to 66 (these beds have already been cut from 97).
- * Stopping kidney transplants altogether.
- * Closing the Renal Dialysis Unit.
- * Stopping admissions to the liver unit for 6 months to patients from outside the District.
- * Stopping heart treatment for 6 months to patients from outside the District.
- * Cutting cardiothoracic operations by a third.
- * Closing the drug dependency unit for 6 months.
- * Freezing staff vacancies for 4 months.



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**SAVE
OUR
HOSPITALS**
● Action Now

It is no good waiting for people to die - we need to launch an immediate campaign to stop the death of our hospitals. Lewisham hospital has already set up an action committee of Hospital workers and the public to campaign against the cuts; we need to spread this to other hospitals in the area. Urgent meetings must be called both inside and outside the hospitals to ensure that there is no co-operation with the Commissioners; they should be harassed wherever they go and not be allowed to operate. We must organise the distribution of tens of thousands of leaflets, organise street meetings, petitions, pickets and demonstrations. We must pass resolutions in all the trade unions in the area, and we must act on them.

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If you wish to help the campaign to Save Our Hospitals, contact:
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