

S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

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25th day of September 1979

SUBJECT

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

2. "On Wednesday 20th September 1979 at Privacy the Waltham Forest District of the Socialist Workers Party held a special meeting to discuss the forthcoming Waltham Forest Trades Council Conference. The meeting began at 8.00pm and ended at 9.45pm and was attended by approximately twenty persons.

3. Due to retirements amongst some of the long serving members of the Communist Party from the Waltham Forest Trades Council, a situation has recently arisen whereby members of the Socialist Workers Party can combine and effectively run the council. This has led to the council being forced out of its lethargy and becoming actively involved in local trade union issues again. The first result of this new found enthusiasm is the conference for local trade unionists, which is to be held between 10.00am and 4.30pm on Sunday 30th September 1979 at Walthamstow Senior High School, Church Hill, Walthamstow, E17. As shown in the leaflet, the purpose of this conference is the creation of an all union Defence Committee to become involved in all local union disputes. Obviously, the SWP intend to dominate this Defence Committee and thus increase their influence in local factories.

4. Those present mainly spoke of the individual action to be taken by each comrade to boost the conference, (such as leafletting factories), and then discussed the perspectives to be taken by the Party at the conference. This was a rather long, boring and tedious debate between Privacy and Privacy and Privacy. Little was actually settled, as is usual in these discussions. No other subjects were discussed at the meeting."

5. Persons identified at the meeting are the subject of the following references in SB(R):-

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Vince MILLER

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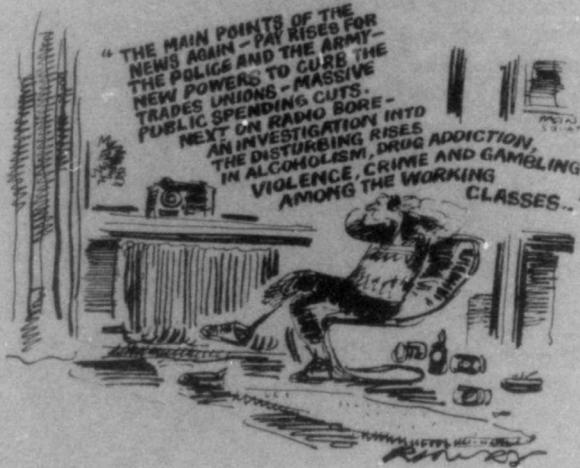
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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

WALTHAM FOREST TRADES UNION COUNCIL CONFERENCE

For all Trade Unionists in the area.

To Organise against the Governments public spending cuts, their assault on living standards, and their attack on the rights and independence of the Trade Unions.

Sunday September 30th
10am — 4.30pm
Walthamstow Senior High School
Church Hill, Walthamstow.



It is proposed to set up an all union Defence Committee from this Conference. We urge all Trade Unionists to attend this important meeting.

Branches and shop stewards committees wishing to sponsor the conference

Please forward this slip and 50p fee to Trades Council Secretary,

Privacy

I wish to attend the Trades Council Conference

Name

Tel No.

Address

Union

Workplace

UCPI0000013420/3

Defend Our Unions

The government intends;

1. To break the closed shop.
2. To limit the number of pickets on all picket lines.
3. To make it illegal to support other Trade Unionists in dispute by solidarity action.
4. To make picketting at anywhere other than your place of work illegal.
5. To outlaw the blacking of scab-goods — to encourage employers to sue workers who help fellow Trade Unionists.
6. To cut back social security benefits to strikers families.
7. To prevent Trade Unionists making up their minds at open democratic meetings, where all can have their say, by enforcing secret ballots.

Even our rights on unfair dismissal, redundancy pay and Health and Safety are 'under review'!

Why are they doing this? To cripple us so that we can't oppose the Tories disastrous policies.

The Attack on Wages and Public Services

Schoolmeals and childrens' education will be for the axe. They are already closing the shipyards, the steel plants, they'll cut local services, making local authority and government workers redundant, they'll let rates rise but hit at the health service, shutting hospitals and wards.

Gas and electric prices will rocket. Buses and Trains — pay more wait longer.

All this against a background of spiralling inflation, closures and unemployment.

The only thing they are prepared to spend money on is the police, the courts, and the army. Employers will be encouraged to keep down wages.

The only thing that can stand in their way is a strong and healthy Trade Union Movement. So who profits if the Tories get their way?

Government of the rich

We are now faced with a government acting in the sole interests of Big Business more than at any other time this century. Faced with an economic crisis they are determined that it is the working class who should pay the bills.

Their treatment of the Lambeth, Lewisham, and Southwark Area Health Authority shows how ruthless they are prepared to be. They sacked the lot of them because they refused to implement spending cuts that would mean people dying.

An Important Conference

Faced with this onslaught on every aspect of our living standards, we need to prepare to fight back, and to this end the Trades council is organising a conference for Trade Unionists in the area. All active Trades Unionists are urged to attend and delegations from branches and shop stewards committees will be particularly welcomed.

We must defend our unions, and make them strong, if we are to protect our wages, jobs and our public services.