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METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

26th day of August 1980

SUBJECT

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

Reference to Papers

2. "On Thursday 14 August 1980, at Mornington Hall, The Green, Chingford, E4, the Waltham Forest District of the Socialist Workers Party held a meeting to voice their opposition to the National Front and, in particular, its growth within the Chingford area.

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Socialist Workers Party

3. The meeting chaired by John BUNIAK, with guest speakers David HAWSER from Newham Anti-Nazi League and Miriam GERRARD in attendance, commenced at 8 pm and some thirty persons attended, all of whom were either members or supporters of the Waltham Forest District SWP.

REFERENCE:

400/80/65

4. Privacy Waltham Forest District Organiser, had called for, and almost achieved, a full turn-out of members on Saturday 9 August at Station Road, Chingford, for a mass leafletting in order to publicise this meeting. In addition, the exercise was organised with a view to confronting the National Front in a show of strength on its own doorstep.

5. Due to the non-attendance of local inhabitants, the meeting was confined to planning a future campaign aimed at stamping out the National Front in Chingford. This will take the form of increased confrontation with NF supporters in the area, leafletting and a promotion of anti-nazi/racist propaganda within the breeding grounds of NF recruitment, namely local schools.

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6. As a result of the advanced publicity, the meeting attracted approximately 20 youth supporters of the NF. They were refused admission to the meeting hall and a brief altercation ensued with rocks being thrown by both factions. A police presence, equal to the situation, was successful in preventing any further trouble and those present at the meeting were given a police escort away from the area."

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7. Persons identified at the meeting, together with their Special Branch references, are as follows:

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John BUNIAK

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David HAWSER

No Trace

Miriam GERRARD

No Trace

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT