

METROPOLITAN POLICE

S.D.S.

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

3rd day of October 1980

SUBJECT

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

Reference to Papers

2. The Right to Work March council has designated a committee of four persons to locate sites in the London area for possible occupation and public disorder.

SUBJECT:

3. The first venue for such activity has been selected at Slough, where marchers intend to occupy the rooftops of buildings on either side of the High Road, at about 4pm on Friday 3rd October 1980.

RIGHT TO WORK MARCH

4. The next likely target is the firm of Thorns on the Brimsdown industrial estate, Enfield, where marchers intend to join a mass picket on Monday 6th October between 7am and 10am to protest against redundancies and to attempt to persuade workers to join the current strike.

REFERENCE:

W99/78/125

5. Many of the activities of the March have been recorded by a World in Action television team who will also be present at Brighton on 10th October 1980 to film events.

6. An interesting tactic being developed by the marchers is to maintain a tight formation when confronted by police, in order to protect individuals whom police wish to arrest by "swallowing" them into their ranks. Arrests are apparently regarded as inevitable.

1

T. Butler

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

TO: [redacted] - 3 OCT 1980 P.A. IN [redacted]