

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

28th day of January 1981

SUBJECT

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

2. "On Friday 23rd January 1981 between 7.30pm and 9.45pm at the small hall, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC2, the East London Workers Against Racism (ELWAR) held a public meeting to discuss the fight against Racism. As ELWAR has decided to field candidates in the Greater London Council elections to be held in May 1981 the proceedings in fact amounted to election meeting. Approximately 60 people attended, amongst whom were supporters of the Black Liberation Front and the Campaign against Racist Laws.

3. The Chairman, Mike FREEMAN after a short introductory speech handed over to Fran EDEN, the first speaker who is a candidate for the elections. EDEN gave a brief history of facism in Britain and then stated that ELWAR would be standing primarily on a platform of total opposition to any immigration controls whatsoever, as controls of any kind must inevitably be of a racist character. Joan LAMONT, also a candidate, gave an account of the work which ELWAR was doing amongst the immigrant community in East London. The meeting was then opened to contributions from the floor, but due to the lack of any critical voices of the plans and work of ELWAR, debate was minimal and entirely self-congratulatory. Towards the finish Privacy, a Filipino worker awaiting deportation as an illegal immigrant, recounted her experiences with the immigration authorities and thanked ELWAR for their support in her fight against deportation. The meeting closed after final pleas from FREEMAN for assistance in the election work and from Judith HARRISSON for support in the campaign to protect Filipino workers in Britain".

Reference to Papers

East London Workers Against Racism (E.L.W.A.R.)

5. The following persons were identified at the meeting:-

Fran EDEN RF 402/ Privacy

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Mike FREEMAN RF 402/ Privacy

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Judith HARRISSON

BP 402/77/56

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Joan LAMONT

N/T

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6. References of organisations mentioned:-

Campaign against Racist Laws 400/79/167

Black Liberation Front 400/79/141

ELWAR mentions

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Trevor Butler

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT