

S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

## METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

## SPECIAL BRANCH

26th day of February

1981

## SUBJECT

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

2. "On Friday 20th February 1981, between 8pm and 11.30pm, at 'The Regent Ballroom', Great Western Hall, Hopkinstown, Pontypridd, the Cardiff, Pontypridd and Swansea Branches of the Socialist Workers Party held a 'fund-raising social' in aid of the 'Right to Work Campaign'.

3. Originally, the intention had been to hold a meeting of the South Wales membership of the Socialist Workers Party on 20th February 1981 between 6pm and 8pm, at which various arrangements were to have been made to co-ordinate the activities of the SWP with those members of the National Union of Mineworkers who were on strike in the area, after which the social event would have taken place. However, the decision by the National Executive of the National Union of Mineworkers not to implement strike action and, instead, to seek talks with the Government and Coal Board precluded any planned activities involving picketing being implemented.

4. Whilst the mineworkers present at the event, notably Privacy [REDACTED] Privacy and Privacy from Penriwcer Pit and Privacy [REDACTED] Privacy from Maerdy Pit (all considered by the Pontypridd SWP to be close contacts), were obviously disappointed at the failure of their union executive to recognise the feelings of the 'rank and file membership', they nevertheless felt that the support gained from the pit-workers in the area had proved to those concerned the solidarity and 'political muscle' which could be invoked in any future confrontations.

5. Most of the 'social evening' was spent by those present commiserating over the failure of the miners' initiative to immediately bring down the Government. The 'high spot' of the evening was a fifteen minute guest cabaret appearance by Privacy [REDACTED] Privacy the Convenor of the AUEW at Gardners Diesel Engine Factory in Eccles, Manchester, who, resplendent in a brown velvet stage suit and matching bow tie, fought a violent musical duel with the geriatric drummer and organist who provided his musical backing.

6. The following persons were present at the event:-

Privacy	(Cardiff SWP) N/T
	(Pontypridd SWP) mention

Privacy

(Penriwciber NUM)  
(Pontypridd SWP)  
(SWP full-time  
Organiser for  
South Wales)  
(Cardiff SWP) \*  
(Cardiff SWP)  
(Penriwciber NUM)  
(Full-time  
journalist on  
'Socialist Worker')  
(Full-time  
journalist on  
'Socialist Review')  
(AUEW Convenor -  
Gardners)  
(Swansea SWP)  
(Swansea SWP)  
(Swansea SWP  
husband of [REDACTED] Privacy  
[REDACTED]  
(Cardiff SWP)  
(Full-time  
journalist on  
'Socialist Review')  
(Pontypridd SWP -  
gay member  
formerly in Camden  
SWP)

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