

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

SIR ... day of March 1977

SUBJECT

Socialist

Workers Party

Reference to Papers
425/77/17

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

2. "On Friday, 25th February, 1977, the first stage of the Bill to amend the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in Parliament. It transpires that the Labour M.P. for Islington North, Mr. Michael O'BRIEN, voted in favour of the new Bill, with the result that the North London District of the Socialist Workers Party, in conjunction with North London 'Women's Voice', have decided to organise a picket outside his 'apartment' situated at the corner of Holloway Road and Pemberton Gardens, N.19.

3. O'BRIEN has an unusually bad reputation among North London SWP supporters, who believe that 'even among SWPs' he is a particularly bad example of 'the system'.

4. Plans for the picket, which is to be held at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 11th March, 1977, are in the hands of [redacted] and [redacted] and it is believed that there are arrangements for a postcard from the paper 'Socialist Worker', as well as a number of the local press, to be present.

5. It is hoped that at least 50 SWP supporters will be able to take part."

6. [redacted] and [redacted] are the subjects of [redacted] and [redacted] respectively.

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