

Special Report

6th day of May 19 82

SUBJECT

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

Reference to Papers

2. "On Friday 30th April 1982 between 7.30pm and 9.30pm at Holborn Public Library, Theobalds Road, EC1, the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) held a public meeting under the banner of Workers Against Racism (WAR) to discuss support for a strike presently in progress at Rulecan Ltd, Runcorn, Cheshire. Approximately 75 people attended, nearly all of whom were associated with the RCP or WAR organisations.

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3. Prior to the meeting members and associates of the RCP and WAR had undertaken pickets of C & A department stores in Manchester and London (Brixton and Oxford Street), who apparently purchase certain goods from Rulecan Ltd. As a consequence of this action C & A stores obtained a High Court injunction against the above organisations, and certain individuals, to prevent further pickets. Because of this persons named in the injunction did not attend and all persons entering the building were warned not to use their names when addressing other comrades as a legal representative from C & A was present. This was done in an attempt to prevent any further injunctions being served on named individuals.

4. The meeting was chaired by Mike FREEMAN who emphasised the importance of not saying anything defamatory about Rulecan or C & A stores, or mentioning names of persons taking part.

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5. The first of two speakers was 'Carol', an RCP member from Manchester, who was introduced as a representative of the Rulecan Strike Support Campaign. Her speech contained nothing of interest to the Branch and was merely an account of how Asian and other immigrant women are exploited in clothing factories and of the adverse working conditions under which they are employed.

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6. The next speaker was Kate MARSHALL who was introduced as being from 'Women for Communism', another RCP front organisation. MARSHALL spoke for almost an hour, the main thrust of her talk was directed at pointing out the role of women as a reserve army of labour. She indicated that the role played by women under capitalism was synonymous with the exploitation of black workers.

7. At the conclusion of MARSHALL's speech a collection was taken in aid of people who may be arrested or fined. A total of £128.00 was raised.

8. Debate from the floor was kept to a minimum, even though the C & A representative left when the speeches from the platform were concluded. The only contribution of interest came from Privacy who stated that in the past strikes had often been defeated by trades unions who were unwilling to break the law. It was important, he said, that this situation did not arise with Rulecan, whatever the consequences."

9. The following persons were identified as being present at the meeting:-

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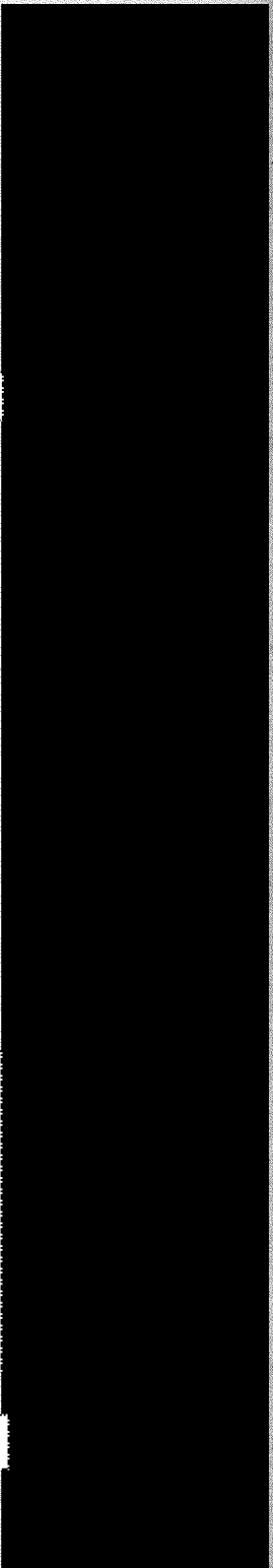
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10. Special Branch references to the organisations mentioned in this report:-

W.A.R. 400/81/138

Rulecan Strike No trace
Support Campaign

Women for Mentions
Communism

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