

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

11th day of May 19 82

SUBJECT

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

2. "On Saturday, 8th May 1982, a contingent of members of the East London Workers Against Racism (ELWAR) assisted by contacts of the Revolutionary Communist Party's (RCP) Sheffield branch visited so called 'defence' cases in the East London area. The main area of activity was the Priory Court Estate in Walthamstow.

Reference to Papers

3. A total of seventeen members and contacts visited a number of blocks on the Priory Court Estate with the intention of gaining physical support for the [Privacy] of [Privacy] 'U' Block, who claim to have suffered racial harassment from youths on the estate. Accompanying this group was [Privacy] of 'Time Out' Magazine who, as previously reported, is gathering material for an article on racism to be published in his magazine. Future plans by ELWAR involving this estate include the issuing of a statement in the name of [Privacy] appealing for assistance for his family, the holding of a public meeting at the local residents hall, and a leaflet detailing instances of racism on the estate.

East London Workers Against Racism (ELWAR)

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4. Other, smaller groups, were taken to different 'defence' cases which are currently in action or have recently been carried out. These cases were:-

a) The [Privacy] (phonetic) family of [Privacy] who allegedly suffered a number of attacks before ELWAR took up the case with the result that attacks have [Privacy] ly now stopped.

b) The [Privacy] family of [Privacy] [Privacy] who have provided ELWAR with a considerable amount of publicity recently in the 'Observer' and 'Sunday Times' newspapers.

The [Privacy] family of [Privacy] [Privacy]

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5. The visits clearly served a number of purposes for ELWAR and the RCP. Firstly, it enabled the presence of Sheffield members visiting London for the Bobby SANDS demonstration to be utilised to create the impression of the strength of the organisation; secondly, it gave the Sheffield contacts an exaggerated sense of the extent of ELWAR activities which will no doubt encourage them to fully participate in such activities in their own area, and thirdly, it created a good impression with journalists, such as [Privacy] who will provide ELWAR and Workers Against Racism (WAR) in general with more publicity.

6. The following persons were identified as taking part in the ELWAR visits:-

[Privacy]

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Nigel Short

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT