

S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

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30th day of June 1982

SUBJECT.....

1. Submitted herewith is a copy of the minutes of the Troops Out Movement National Steering Committee meeting, held on 21st June 1982, together with a copy of a programme of forthcoming events with which the organisation will be involved.

Reference to Papers

Troops Out.....
Movement.....

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- 5 JUL 1982
P.A. IN [REDACTED]

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STEERING COMMITTEE 21-6-82.

Present .

Privacy (Fund-raiser); **Privacy** (Convenor); Mike (Membership);
Privacy (Press Office); **Privacy** (Publicity); **Privacy** (Islington);
Apologies: **Privacy**

Corrections to last week minutes.

Privacy (E. London) designing badges and **Privacy** T. Shirts.
Mike (Islington) is helping on the compilation of a new Slide-
Show.

IMPORTANT: IMPORTANT: IMPORTANT: IMPORTANT:
NEXT NATIONAL FTA MEETING IS ON THE 3rd. JULY IN
BIRMINGHAM. "THE OTHER BOOKSHOP". BIGBETH. BIRMINGHAM:
Matters arising.

Privacy has made approaches to the organisers of the
London Irish Festival but has received no reply to our request
for a stall.

Privacy reported on the Khomeni Demo (anti) saying there were about
800 people present and two TOM banners. He was impressed by its
militancy and noticed the total lack of support from the left
groups.

Correspondence.

S. London Irish Solidarity Notice of a demo on July 18th.
Bermondsey Labour Party want a speaker; **Privacy** to be responsible
for arranging one.

Letter from RCL about events surrounding Clyde-side march.
SC. wondered if this group was present on the day and if they
were not that it was out of order to believe RCG version.
Verbal communication with Scotland suggests that events were
not as stated by the RCG and rather than speculate we would
await a written report from Scotland which was on its way.
Finance :

Privacy on holiday so the SC was unable to have a proper
break-down of finances. **Privacy** gave notification of a large
telephone bill he has run up due to Tom buisness. He has kept
a record. **Privacy** paid out £18 postage and £10 office expenses.
Delegation .

Committee seems to be functioning smoothly and making
good progress. **Privacy** was a little worried about the low level
of publicity. Was critical about the third leaflet produced
in that it contained no new information and had cost £46.
Issue of leaflets was again discussed at some length .
The general feeling was that E. London leaflet was disappointing
in that after complaining about the second leaflet produced
they had gone ahead and used the same text.

Privacy then drew the discussion to a close by proposing that
with all other propaganda a draft should be presented to the
SC in good time so that some thought can go into production
and save these unnecessary complications.

Agreed: To produce 2000 of each leaflet to keep everybody
happy. **Privacy** would attempt to get them done if Black-rose to
improve their technical quality.

Privacy will now begin to get quotes for a coach from London.

PLEASE NOTE: LETTER FOR YOUTH GROUPS IS NOW AVAILABLE.
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

Prison Pickets

Privacy expressed disquiet over the level of organisation going into the day of action. His information revealed that both Maidstone and Hull were not being picketed. Privacy said that he would approach Sinn Fein to find out what they were doing. Privacy reported that a leaflet would be available with a list of pickets arranged by Birmingham, from this Friday. S. London seemed to be the only London Branch who had given the day any real thought a have planned pickets of Brixton for July 10th. 2pm to 4 pm. and Wormwood Scubs for the same time July 11th.

Conference

Still no word from Manchester about the venue or any arrangements. Privacy reported that E. London had discussed the proposals and considered them unworkable and in the absence of any information from Manchester questioned the necessity of holding the conference. SC considered the decision binding and the conference would go ahead assuming Manchester would organise something. Privacy (Office) will approach them this weekend.

OFFICE

Privacy reported that the office was not functioning to any acceptable level. He felt that a number of problems emulating from lack of finance, equipment and regular volunteers had now come to ahead. Situation had become acute with the information that Big-Flame wanted their duplicator back, leaving us in the near future without this basic item of equipment. He said as office secretary he must take full responsibility for this situation and would stand-down if there an efficient group of people would come forward but were put off by his personality or politics.

Privacy felt that the location of the office was mainly responsible for the lack of volunteers. As for finance and equipment he recognised that appeal after appeal had been put into the newsletter with no response except notable exception from W. London and Cambridge. Suggested that we must increase our personal contact and impress on them the need for a strong national organisation.

Privacy was of the opinion that we should take a close look at the state of the branches as it was becoming clear that we were short of motivated activists although we retained a large amount of mainly passive support. She believed that a national office was necessary to develop any work that is suggested.

Privacy believed that efficient communications that linked together activists in different parts of the country was vital in dealing with the essence of the problem the need to recruit people with some connection with the labour movement. Mike said that we should realise just what a small group of people could do and it should ^{be} this SC main priority to establish and equip a national office to establish a firm basis for the future.

It was agreed then to make the office a priority. The SC then considered an offer for a new premises. This was accepted.

Agreed that a survey would be done on what was needed to decorate and equip the office. Once this was established work groups would be formed to do the work and establish the office.

AOB

Privacy reported that at a National Soweto meeting the chair had called for a "OM member to come to read a message of support but no-one was present. SC agreed that this was a sorry state of affairs and to find out who was responsible for contacting and then not turning up.

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Wednesday 30th June London

Delegation meeting. At the Prince Albert Wharfedale Road.
N1. 7.30pm.

Saturday July 3rd Birmingham

National PTA Meeting at "The Other Bookshop". Bigbeth
Birmingham. Ring 021-773-8683 for details.

And in Leeds

Leeds women against Imperialism reconvened conference.
Anybody wishing to attend please contact **Privacy** via the Office

Sunday July 4th. London

London Irish Festival. Roundwood Park. Willesden NW10.
Buses: B52: 226: 260: 268: 297: 12: Tube: Dollis Hill and
Willessden Green: Starts 11am £2 admission.

Thursday July 8th. London.

Joe McDonnell Anniversary Vigil. Kilburn Square 8-9pm.

Saturday July 10th. Nationally.

Prisoners Action day. Details contact Birmingham 021-773-
8683. Picket details for London so far. Brixton 2-4pm.
and Sunday July 11th. Wormwood Scrubs same time.

Tuesday 13th. July London.

Martin Hursons Anniversary Picket. 8-9pm. Lilburn Square.
Womens meeting 6-30pm Prince Albert Wharfedale Road. N1.
8pm. All London Meeting also at the Prince Albert.

Saturday July 17th. London.

South London Irish Solidarity March. Assemble 1.30pm
Tooting Broadway.

Saturday July 24th. London.

Conference on Women on Ireland. Organised by Clann nah
Bireann. (Sticbiss). At Caxton House. Archway. 10am-5pm.
£1 unwaged. £2 waged. Women interested in making an inter-
vention please contact **Privacy** via the Office.

Sunday August 1st. London.

Kevin Lynch Anniversary Vigil. 8-9pm. Kilburn Square.

Monday August 2nd. London.

Mieran Doherty Anniversary Vigil. 8-9pm. Kilburn Square.

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Deadline for the 1st is June 30th. Please send all contributions
etc, to Box 149, 99, Coleridge Street Leeds 2.