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S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy) (COPY)

METROPOLITAN POLICE [redacted]

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

[redacted] [redacted]

16th day of July 1979

SUBJECT

[redacted]

Reference to Papers

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

400/79/69

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

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2. "On Thursday 5th July 1979, between 8pm and 9.15pm, at Leytonstone Library, Leytonstone, E11 the Waltham Forest District of the Socialist Workers Party held a meeting entitled 'Police are the Murderers - Disband the Special Patrol Group'. Some twenty-five persons attended.

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3. Because the meeting had not been advertised in any paper or journal (information concerning it had been passed from hand to hand amongst members of the SWP and their contacts), the attendance of two strangers, who arrived separately, caused some suspicion and both were assumed to be police agents. This seemingly accurate assumption was based on the general appearance of the strangers (two men) and the fact that they refrained from giving any information about themselves. It was also noticed that they both left early, having clearly tired of the evening's Marxist rhetoric. After they had left [redacted], the chairman, announced that they were obviously members of the Special Patrol Group (SPG) or perhaps Special Branch.

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4. [redacted], the only one of the invited speakers to attend, then delivered his talk. He maintained that the role of the Police in any capitalist society was to protect the system at all costs and Police and the Armed Forces, although both of working class origin, must therefore be considered to be the repressive arm of the State. In his view, the dissolution of the SPG was just a small step on the road to a socialist revolution but, even so, its disbandment had to be aimed for in the light of the present public attitude towards the Police following the death of Blair PEACH. The remainder of [redacted]'s speech then adopted the usual line of 'a just society will only be achieved through socialism and this is what we must all work for'.

5. At the end of the meeting it was announced that each of the Police Stations where the SPG were based would be picketed in the late Summer (apparently no dates for this action have yet been arranged)."

6. Persons identified as being present:-

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18 JUL 1979
P.A. IN

BOX 500

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'Madeleine' [redacted] 27 LCR/70/70

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No Trace

7. Male PEACH is the subject of HF LCR/78/251 [redacted]

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