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Special Report

SUBJECT

North London Alliance in Defence of Worker's Rights

Reference to Papers

400/71/115

SPECIAL BRANCH

8 day of July 19 71

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

"On Wednesday 7 July 1971 a private meeting of the North London Alliance in Defence of Worker's Rights was held at Privacy. The meeting, which was held to discuss arrangements for a public meeting at Woodside House, High Road, N22, on Friday next and a demonstration at Ducketts Green, E8, the day after, started at 7.30 pm and ended at 11 pm. It was attended by fifteen persons and the chairman was Privacy.

It was generally agreed that maximum publicity should be given to the arrest of four Alliance comrades on 3.7.71, although care would have to be taken not to say anything prejudicial to their case. Privacy announced that 34 copies of a letter explaining the issue and urging support for the above events had been sent to various organisations and individuals. These included:-

Privacy

Clann na h'Eireann * Privacy

Black Unity and Freedom Party * Privacy

NICRA *

Schools Action Union * Privacy

Marxist-Leninist Education Association *

Red Mole

Various North London TU Branches

Bernadette DEVLIN MP

Vanessa REDGRAVE

Mike COOLEY

Of these the starred organisations had promised support. In particular, the BUFP had pledged a "very strong contingent". Privacy promised support on behalf of Clann na h'Eireann and NICRA and Privacy stated she would attempt to raise further support at an Irish National Solidarity Front meeting to be held on 8.7.71.

Fifteen thousand leaflets had also been produced to publicise both events, of which 14,000 had already been distributed in North London. 120 posters had also been put up in the area.

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Every effort would be made to exclude police from Friday's meeting and stewards would be appointed for that purpose. On the Saturday demonstration it was proposed that members could link arms so as to avoid police or fascist elements breaking up the demonstration. Apparently that demonstration would involve a march locally and details of the route although not announced were being forwarded to local police. The route would be adhered to.

The mood of the meeting was one of extreme militancy and although direct action was not planned it was clear that the slightest provocation could well result in some form of disturbance. If arrests were made then the four who had been arrested last Saturday had instructions to keep well to the rear. It was hoped that "some hundreds" would support both events, but it was not clear how much support would be forthcoming from other organisations.

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During the course of the meeting it emerged that Privacy was representing those arrested last Saturday and contact had been made with National Council for Civil Liberties regarding the matter.

Among those present were:-

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2. Special Branch references are given in the attached Appendix.

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Constable

Submitted:

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S. Saunders
Chief Inspector

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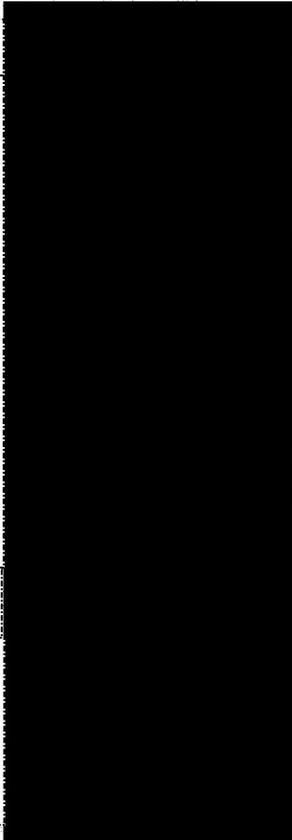
APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a North London Alliance in Defence of Worker's Rights meeting held at 34 Tabley Road, N7 on 7.7.71:

Mike GOOLEY - RF.402/ Privacy

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Vanessa REDGRAVE - RF.405/ Privacy

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- Black Unity & Freedom Party - 400/70/258
- Clann na h'Eireann - 335/71/16
- INLSF - 400/70/153
- Marxist-Leninist Education Association - No trace
- NCCL - 400/71/65
- NICRA - 400/70/120
- 'Red Mole' - 347/70/13
- Schools Action Union - 400/70/163

