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9th day of September, 1968.

ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER/BOYD REPORT

Organisation: "Libertarian Left" conference (for groups see below). Ref:

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 8th day of September, 1968 from 11 am. to 4.45 pm.
(1st session from 11 am. to 12.45 pm.
2nd session from 2.20 pm. to 4.45 pm.)

The Library, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.2.

Source of information: "Freedom"

Admission - Private/~~Public~~

Police Arrangements: Not covered by uniform police.

Subject: "How to build a libertarian movement with a real basis"

Chairman, Speakers, Officials (references; new pars. obtained; descriptions if necessary):

Chairman: Privacy

Speakers: No speakers from the platform - the conference consisted purely of speeches from the floor and thereafter discussion on the ideas put forward in these speeches.

Officials:

Attendance: i) Number: Approximately 40 persons. ii) Groups: Socialist Current - RF 347/62/6; Lewisham Anarchists - RF 400/67/45; London Solidarity Group - RF 400/65/89; Fulham Anarchists - RF 400/67/26; East London Libertarians - RF 400/68/190. iii) Collection: 25

iv) Individuals Identified:

Privacy

Literature:

Usual anarchist literature copies of which have already been obtained. (P.T.O.)

Future Activities: Conference of London Federation of Anarchists to be held on 15.9.68 at undisclosed venue.

Ad Hoc Committee meeting at [Privacy] on 15.9.68. (to decide tactics for October.) [Privacy]

It was agreed at the commencement of the conference that representatives of the various "libertarian left tendencies" present should put their views and the meeting could then be thrown open to general discussion. In point of fact, many of those present did speak, but no constructive discussion took place and the whole purpose of the conference - "to explore ways and means of unifying the libertarian left" appeared to be completely disregarded.

It was agreed that [Privacy] should act as secretary of an ad hoc committee to decide what the libertarian left will do in relation to the October demonstration, but no steps were taken to elect the committee. Most of the discussion centred around whether the groups represented at the meeting would take part in the October demonstration or not and, if so, whether as part of a libertarian contingent or as individuals. Most of those present seemed to be opposed to what was termed "senseless violence".

The only other topic which aroused any enthusiasm was a suggestion that a co-ordinating committee should be set up aimed at bringing out a unified libertarian publication and doing away with the present surfeit of anarchist and kindred literature. Nothing definite was decided on this matter.

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Officers Present:

D.S. Wilson R., D.C.

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R. Wilson
R. Wilson (signature)

Det. Sgt. (rank)

Submitted

C. Dixon
Chief Inspector

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Chief Superintendent