

Special Report }

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH S.D.S.

5 day of December

1977

SUBJECT

Socialist

Workers Party

Reference to Papers

400/77/177

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

2. "On Tuesday 15 November 1977, between 6.15 pm and 9.15 pm, the London District of the Socialist Workers Party held an aggregate meeting at the Golden Fleece public house, Upper Turn Street, Brixton, N18. Fifteen persons attended and the chairperson for the evening was [REDACTED] Privacy [REDACTED]

3. The first item to be discussed was the plight of [REDACTED] Privacy [REDACTED] had lost his appeal against a three month prison sentence imposed for assaulting a police officer during the disturbances at Longton Hall Power Station in Longton in September. In view of the fact that his wife was serving a prison sentence at Pentonville Prison, it was unanimously decided that efforts should be made by other party members in the district to provide financial support for his family. Privacy [REDACTED] Privacy [REDACTED] informed everyone at the meeting of a scheme whereby every person present would pay a weekly levy of £2 towards this fund, this being greeted at that time with complete endorsement. Arrangements were also made regarding prison visits and the day to day welfare of his wife and child.

4. Privacy [REDACTED] the District Organiser, then spoke at great length (much to the chagrin of all present) on the history of the Fire Brigades Union and its policies, successes and failings during the past five years. Although he gave an extremely detailed account to the meeting, much of his credibility was later lost when the members realised that he had culled the majority of his information from a 'glossy' pamphlet issued by the Fire Brigades Union. However, the main theme of his talk dealt with the necessity for party members to become deeply involved in the strike by the firemen by delivering the 'Daily Strike News', taking collections from other personnel at the workplace, obtaining the services of firemen to address public meetings in the future and above all trying to ensure that the chance of recruiting new members was not lost. There then followed a short discussion on the local arrangements for delivering posters, pamphlets and copies of the 'Daily Strike News' before the meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

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5. The following persons attended the meeting:-

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