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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

8th day of April 19 81

SUBJECT

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

2. On Saturday 8th April 1981, the Socialist Workers Party under the guise of the Anti-Nazi League held an anti-national Front, anti-Front Movement demonstration in the vicinity of West Ham Football Club, Green Street, E6.

3. Newham and East London members of the SWP/ANL have for some time been concerned about the growth of racist elements amongst supporters of West Ham F.C. They have established that nine National Front members regularly distribute racist literature in Castle Street, E6 on match days with a further five participating on occasions. Determined to counteract their presence, Pete ALEXANDER and Paul HOLBORROW jointly organised this demonstration with a view to stemming the tide of 'nazi' recruitment in the area.

Reference to Papers

4. Approximately one hundred demonstrators assembled in Plashet Park, Plashet Grove, E6 at 1.15pm where they were addressed by Paul HOLBORROW and John McLAUGHLIN (North East London ANL Organiser). The gathering consisted of sixty persons from the Hackney District of the SWP, who had previously arrived by coach; twenty from Newham and twenty from the Waltham Forest District. After stewards had been appointed, the demonstrators moved off in a march to Green Street where they split up into separate groups at pre-arranged locations and commenced leafletting.

Anti-Nazi League

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5. These leafletting were constantly urged to move along the pavement by uniformed police which resulted in the demonstrators being split up into smaller and isolated groups. These groups were soon confronted by racists, openly admitting to having nazi tendencies, and but for the prompt action of a uniformed Chief Inspector who allowed the demonstrators to regroup and leaflet in a stationary collective assembly, violence would have undoubtedly erupted all along Green Street.

6. The demonstrators had been given the following telephone number in order to receive legal assistance in the event of anyone being arrested:-

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7. The action terminated at 3pm and the demonstrators marched back to Flasket Park prior to dispersing.

8. The event was judged by participants to be a success and 'comrades' were urged to rally ANL contacts and supporters in their respective districts in order to recharge the movement that has been comparatively dormant of late.

9. Waltham Forest SWP have arranged a public meeting at the library, Church Hill, E17 for Thursday 9th April 1981 at 7.30pm at which they hope to increase the membership and step-up the anti-racist activities of the Anti-Nazi League within the District."

10. Attached to this report is one of the leaflets distributed during the demonstration.

11. The following persons (listed with their Special Branch references) were identified as having attended:-

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Phil COOPER

RF 402/80/677

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Paul HOLBORROW

RF 405/ Privacy

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Madeleine

RF 402/70/70

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John McLAUGHLIN

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Julia POYNTER

RF 402/77/760

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Also mentioned in this report:-

Pete ALEXANDER

RF 402/

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Organisations mentioned in this report, together with their Special Branch references are as follows:-

National Front 400/81/17

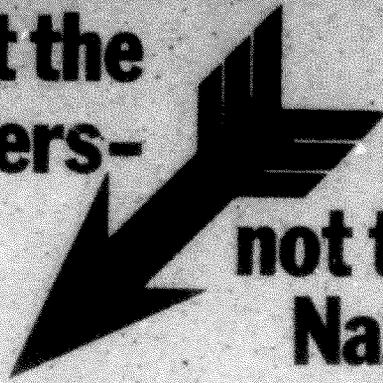
British Movement 400/81/19

Socialist Workers Party 400/81/44

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Support the Hammers-



not the Nazis



AT WEST HAM a group of Nazi vermin in the National Front and British Movement have been trying to use the havoc created by the Tories to poison the minds of youth in East London.

All *genuine* West Ham supporters must be sickened at Seig heil salutes and racist abuse at Upton park. We have a deserved reputation for appreciating good football whatever the colour, religion or nationality of the players. We proved that once again when only the tiny Nazi fringe didn't join in the standing ovation for Dynamo Tbilisa.

Let's face it, the only thing wrong with black players like Chris Hughton and Vince Hilaire (both from the East End) is that they don't play for West Ham. Most supporters recognise Chiedoze as the best number seven in the Second Division, and he could solve our problem position if our own Bobby Barnes doesn't first (otherwise we might be reduced to bringing back Harry Redknapp!).

The nazi help the Tories by trying to blame black people for high unemployment, bad housing and shabby hospitals that Thatcher and her gang are causing in East London.

They're the ones we need to fight.

So let's stop the nazi chants and racial abuse. Our players want to hear us getting in behind them *not* Seig Heiling.

C'mon you Hammers!

Kick the Nazis off our terraces

This leaflet has been written by members of West Ham
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