

S.R. No. 1 (Filmy)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

6th day of July, 1977

SUBJECT

SOCIALIST

WORKERS PARTY

Reference to Papers

100/77/67

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

2. "On Saturday, 2nd July, 1977, following the conclusion of the demonstration in support of the 'Lewisham 24 Defence Committee' in the New Cross and Lewisham areas of South East London, members of the Lea Valley District of the Socialist Workers Party who had been present on the demonstration held an informal meeting at N.15, the home of Privacy Privacy

3. Initially, discussion centred on the failure of many members to support the demonstration and it was agreed that this matter would be raised at the next district aggregate meeting and relative branch meetings, with a view to censuring those involved.

4. Conversation then moved to the subject of the demonstration itself and all present agreed that, in view of the attacks on the demonstrators by the National Front before and during the march and the manner in which the police treated these incidents, the fact that the march was completed successfully had to be regarded as an overwhelming victory against both the National Front and the police involved. Most important of all, when the police had attempted to divert the march from its original agreed route, the march organisers successfully appealed against the decision and the police were forced to return to the route planned.

5. It was necessary, however, that on future occasions when a direct confrontation with the National Front was envisaged, plans should be made well in advance. Every member of the organisation should be mobilised (as on the scale of the recent 'Grundick' successes) in order to both protect the membership from the National Front and prevent police from 'snatching' members on spurious charges. Also, in this way, there would then be sufficient persons available to effectively crush the National Front by sheer weight of numbers, if necessary using as much violence as had been used by the fascists and the police to date.

6. Following a decision that these resolutions could only be carried out through the relevant branch and district aggregate meetings, conversation then moved to general matters of no interest.

7. Privacy Privacy are the joint subjects of

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