

1

Noted  
3/4/51

No. 477

11B

2

File

ON

346/ 77 / 14

Minute  
Sheet No.

SRB report

1/4

Ch. Lupt 'C' Squad referred, pro.

3

SRB 11/8/77

G.T.M. Craft

Ch. Lupt

2

Cdr. Ops/JW DAC to see please. 12/8

4

DAC SB has indicated that he wishes to see this report, which shows that the SWP are determined to provoke a violent confrontation with the National Front.

1. Send copy 1A to Cdr AP with covering memo
- 2 A/Capt Dixon to see pro.

3. C1 [redacted] 6 } to see  
 4. [redacted] 7 }  
 5. [redacted] 8 }  
 HN200

4. P. 2.

SRB

11.8.77

A. Dickinson

9

Ch. Lupt

Copy memo to Cdr AP

- 3A

314

11 August

77

Commander Ops, Special Branch

Commander A.8

1. Attached for your information is a Special Branch report detailing up-to-date intelligence regarding tactics to be used by left-wing groups opposing the National Front march in Lewisham on Saturday 13 August 1977.

2. It is requested that the report be kept separate from routine correspondence since it emanates from a delicate and sensitive source.

  
Commander

**METROPOLITAN POLICE**

Special Report

**SPECIAL BRANCH**

11 day of August 1977.

**SUBJECT**  
National Front  
Demonstration  
on 13.8.77.

**Reference to Papers**  
346/77/14

1. The following information has been collated about tactics to be used by left-wing groups in their counter demonstration to the National Front march in Lewisham on Saturday 13 August 1977. It would appear from this that they are under the impression that the march is to be routed via Lewisham Way, SE14.

2. The Socialist Workers Party has acquired a squat in Clifton Rise, where a number of stewards will meet on Friday evening and remain overnight.

3. Some members of the Lea Valley, Central London, South East London and South West London Districts of the SWP are to support the All Lewisham Campaign Against Racism and Fascism demonstration on Saturday morning and are intent on continuing the march to Clifton Rise, SE14. A number of other members will hold a separate 'Right to Work' meeting and paper sale in Clifton Rise during the morning.

4. Each branch of the SWP has been asked to provide two groups of six 'heavies' to act as protection squads. These people will meet at noon at Laurie Grove, SE14, before dispersing to various points in the locality, including New Cross and New Cross Gate Railway Stations.

5. The main contingent of left-wing demonstrators will assemble in Railway Grove, SE14, between 11 am and noon prior to making an attempt to completely block Clifton Rise at 1 pm. As soon as Clifton Rise has been sealed, other supporters will position themselves in New Cross Road, between Goodwood Road and Railway Grove on the north side and St James's Road and Lewisham Way on the south side, in an effort to force the National Front to assemble elsewhere, possibly in Jerningham Road, SE14.

6. The SWP's main objective is to prevent the National Front march taking place and the Party has assigned a specially selected squad to attack roving NF sympathisers as a means of splitting police ranks. Should this fail, the SWP will "Attack, harass and intimidate the National Front, with the ultimate intention of creating a riot situation", and attempt to isolate the rear section of

FOR  
NSMISSION  
THROUGH  
MMANDER  
"OPS"  
ONLY

the NF column, between Clifton Rise and Malpas Road, SE4 - using buildings and shoppers as protection against police action. A vehicle may be used to stop the march should it go into Lewisham Way via Amersham Road, this road being considered sufficiently narrow to be closed by such means.

7. Once the National Front march has passed Malpas Road, SWP supporters will use all available transport to travel to Lewisham Railway Station and re-assemble in Loampit Vale near to the junction with Thurston Road, SE13. From this position they will further attack the National Front march in Lewisham High Street.

10

Les Willingale

Detective Inspector

11

A. Dickinson

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT