

B R I E F I N G N O T E SLEWISHAM - SATURDAY, 13th August, 1977I N T R O D U C T I O N

Following the march on Saturday 23rd April this year by the National Front and the opposition by various left wing bodies at Wood Green, the National Front have become determined to show they have still the capability to march through a predominately coloured area, in this case Lewisham.

To give you an indication of the sort of opposition that can be expected I want you to see a film made by C.3 of the Duckets Common affair.

F I L M

There are several separate events taking place in Lewisham tomorrow. Millwall play Ipswich in a friendly. The left wing play the right - not in a friendly.

ALCARAF MARCH

At 11 a.m. members of All Lewisham Committee Against Racism and Facism (ALCARAF) will assemble at Ladywell Recreation Ground and follow this route:-

Ladywell Recreation Ground
Ladywell Road
Lewisham High Street
Loampit Vale
Algernon Road
Ladywell Road
Ladywell Recreation Ground to disperse.

Commander Randall 'P' Division, in a farewell appearance, will take care of the ALCARAF march with 10 serials - 301-310. There is a possibility that this march will disperse at Algernon Road and that the militant left wingers will then make their way to the main event in the afternoon. There is no opposition planned to the ALCARAF march.

Mr. Randall and his serials will be re-deployed in the afternoon in the area of Lewisham High Street.

NATIONAL FRONT MARCH & OPPOSITION

The left wing notably Socialist Workers' Party, together with other fringe groups totalling some 2,000, have made their intention clear to occupy Clifton Rise from 1.00 p.m. to prevent the National Front from assembling and moving off.

The whole theme of their posters and leaflets has been "THEY SHALL NOT PASS".

Clifton Rise is steeply downhill. The area bounded by Achilles Street, Clifton Rise, Angus Street and Pagnell Street is a vast open space undergoing re-development as a park with a lot of ammunition lying handy. The eastern side bounded by Pagnell Street is completely open. There is a coloured club at the end of Angus Street. If the left begin assembling in large numbers in Clifton Rise they will be moved north beyond Achilles Street and held there until the National Front march has moved off.

Commander Adams with serials 311-328 with reserve serials 320-334 (equipped with shields) will be responsible for the containment of these elements.

A possibility exists that S.W.P. heavies will meet in Laurie Grove before moving off to other locations.

In the event of left wing forming up in Railway Grove Special Patrol Group will be deployed to look after them.

The Socialist Workers' Party have acquired a squat in Clifton Rise which they will use as a headquarters.

In the event of left wingers marching as a body, Mr. Adams and his serials will take them.

Serials 428-431 and Special Patrol Group are to deal with any outbreaks of violence in the vicinity of the High Road before the main assembly at 100 p.m. to avoid splitting the main body of police.

Seriald 335 of Mounted Branch will patrol the development site to prevent infiltration and access to ammunition.

NATIONAL FRONT

Coaches carrying National Front supporters have been directed by their organisers to Surrey Docks Station and to travel from there to New Cross Gate, in a body.

They will enter Achilles Street from Pagnell Street on foot and form up either in Achilles Street or Railway Grove.

They have been told not to travel alone or carry weapons by their organisers, although it is thought that a member has travelled to the United States to purchase Aerosol tear gas containers for use by their women members if attacked. These are prohibited in this country, and there is a power of arrest under Firearms Act (PRODUCE).

Tyndall and Fountain, two of their leaders, will meet at the "Warrior" Public House at Surrey Docks and travel by train to New Cross Gate arriving at 2.15 p.m.

The march, which could number 1,500 - 2,000, will move off behind a drum band and colour party over the following route:-

(SEE OPERATION ORDER - OVERHEAD PROJECTOR)

Should widespread disorder break out this route will be varied in the light of the opposition.

Groups of stewards up to 50 strong will 'protect' this march at the front and rear.

Those wearing orange or red armbands will be local stewards responsible for marshalling marchers under local banners.

Those wearing red, white and blue armbands are the heavies for protection purposes.

A small group of British Movement members may attempt to join this march and act in a deliberately provocative manner. They are not wanted by National Front and the organisers may ask Police to move them off their march.

The National Front march will be looked after by Commander Walker 'A' Division, with serials 339-358 and reserve serials 359-366.

Mounted serial 338 will lead this march. Arrangements have been made for motorcyclists to tour the area well ahead to scout for groups of opposition. A landrover will go ½-mile ahead to remove any vehicles which may be used to block the road. The helicopter will observe the roofs along the route for possible groups of opposition.

Left wing opposition have approached shopkeepers along the route asking if they may use upstairs rooms as vantage points.

GENERAL RESERVES

MOUNTED BRANCH

In the event of mounted branch being used to clear streets a clear direction will be given by loudhailer first of all. Mounted Branch will only be used in this manner on my express directions.=

PROTECTIVE SHIELDS

Those serials carrying protective shields will also only be used with this equipment on my directions.

Chief Superintendent FARNFIELD with Serials 329 - 334 will be on ground assigned by 12.45 p.m. and not 1 p.m. as shown on the Operation Order.

Reserve serials 367 - 382 will be briefed by Commander RUSHEROOK, together with the additional serials 411-418 which include our colleagues from the City of London.

COMMANDER RANDALL will have the redeployed serials from the ALCARAF march, in the Lewisham High Street area.

NATIONAL FRONT MEETING

There is a possibility that householders in Cressingham Road may take out an injunction to prevent a meeting taking place at the end of the cul-de-sac.

If this happens the march will move directly to Lewisham Railway Station and Chief Superintendent CANHAM with serials 390-392 will cover the dispersal.

If the meeting takes place in Cressingham Road, when it ends, Superintendent [1] will take two serials to Lewisham Railway Station and Chief Superintendent PRIEST with Chief Inspector [2] will take six serials nominated by GF and post them to patrol Granville Park in pairs as far as Lewisham Railway Station.

They are not to accompany any march to the station but preserve order while the demonstrators make their own way on the footway to the Railway Station.

ROADWORKS

Superintendent [3] from Lewisham has been endeavouring to have roadworks in the vicinity cleared. Latest position ?

COACHES

A number of serials are in police coaches at Clifton Rise, and these can be used for prisoners. A large number of hire coaches are being used, and these must be kept out of the area. Coaches will be parked as follows : -

311 - 322	Clifton Rise
323 - 328	Angus Street
329 - 334	Achilles Street
339 - 342	Goodwood Road
343- 358	will debus in Achilles Street and form up on footway - coaches to Granville Park. They will park east of steps leading to Cressingham Road.
359 - 366	Batavia Road.

All other coaches once the serials have debussed on the march will make their way to Granville Park.

PRISONERS

Charge centres have been set up at Lewisham, Deptford, and Catford Police Stations. It is essential that prisoners from opposing factions are separated. National Front prisoners to Deptford and opposition to Lewisham and Catford.

CATERING

It is essential that Senior Officers in charge of Sectors stay with their serials for refreshment at the places shown in the operation order. A mobile canteen will be at Granville Park and another at Clifton Rise to provide snacks for serials which cannot be released to the marquees. Serials feeding at Hillyfields will park coaches in Hillyfields Crescent, Montague Avenue and Chalsey Avenue.

CONDUCT OF POLICE

This event is being filmed by C.3 and Lewisham Council and will obviously attract a lot of attention from the media.

COMMENTS

Commander RANDALL

Commander WALKER

Commander ADAMS

Commander RUSHBROOK

Chief Superintendent CITY OF LONDON

SPECIAL BRANCH

TRAFFIC

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