

SPECIAL BRANCH THREAT ASSESSMENT

Support from London for the four day blockade of Upper Heyford
U.S. Air Force Base (May 31st 1983 to June 3rd 1983)

INTRODUCTION

1. This report is an assessment of the expected support from the London Region of CND and London based Upper Heyford 'Peace' Camp support groups for the four day blockade of Upper Heyford U.S. Air Force Base. This is scheduled to be held between 31st May 1983 and 3rd June 1983.
2. The purpose of this blockade is to support the Upper Heyford 'Peace' Camp and it has the full support of National CND. Protestors hope to prevent all movement in and out of the base.
3. Organisers intend to divide support into a 'shift' system, to be allocated to regions as follows:-
 - First Shift (to attend 31.5.83 0600 hours to 2400 hrs)
Southern Region and South-East Region.
 - Second Shift (to attend 1.6.83 0001 hrs to 1200 hrs)
North-West Region, N.Ireland Region,
Eire Region
 - Third Shift (to attend 1.6.83 1200 hrs to 2400 hrs)
Midlands Region (South, East and West sub-regions)
 - Fourth Shift (to attend 2.6.83 0001 to 1200 hrs)
Yorkshire Region, Northern Region, Scottish
Region.
 - Fifth Shift (to attend 2.6.83, 1200 hrs to 2400 hrs)
Myru (Wales) Region, South-West Region,
Western Region.
 - Sixth Shift (to attend 3.6.83 0001 hrs to 1800 hrs)
London Region, East Anglia Region.

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4. Information has been received from a reliable source that the organisers are planning for 1,000 people from London to attend. Additionally, they anticipate that numbers on 3.6.83 will be swelled by supporters from other regions who have remained at the venue.

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5. It is significant that Non-Violent Direct Action training sessions will be held during the next three weeks in London and organisers have already rostered 'late' coaches to collect any person who may be arrested. There is no doubt that a considerable number of people are planning to obstruct the entrances to the air base, and this will inevitably lead to public order problems for uniformed police.

6. The 'Peace' Camp at Upper Heyford has not developed great numerical support from London. The fact that the peace camp is not exclusive to women has decreased female support. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that sufficient support will be forthcoming to achieve the organisers' main objective.

7. The situation is being closely monitored and any significant developments will be reported.

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