

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

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Special Report

SUBJECT GRUNWICK
PROCESSING
LABORATORIES LTD.

Reference to Papers

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1. With reference to interim report, dated 1 November, 1977, concerning the 'Day of Reckoning' demonstration called for on Monday, 7 November by the Grunwick Strike Committee.

2. The Committee hope for an attendance of about 10,000 and indications at present show that support for the demonstration is wide-spread and growing steadily towards that total. At this moment it is estimated that about 80 coaches will bring supporters into London from such far away places as Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham and South Wales, including 35/45 coaches from the Yorkshire area, consisting mainly of miners and students, and possibly another 18 coaches from Birmingham, consisting of car workers, building workers and members of Trades Councils. It is also thought that at least six provincial universities will send support. Many of the participants outside London will use their own or public transport. The above indicates a total of perhaps 3,000 supporters arriving from outside London. If the Indian Workers Association of Birmingham decide to support the picket, a further 1,000 members of the Asian community with a reputation as violent Nacists may join the picket line.

3. The Strike Committee have heavily canvassed factories in North West London and the Left-Wing publications have called on their members to join the demonstration. It would seem that the Strike Committee are counting on at least 4,000 committed supporters arriving from within the London area whatever the weather, and are obviously hoping for more support if it is a dry day. Amongst known support is a joint 300 contingent of car workers from Dagenham and Luton.

4. It is believed that tactics discussed to stop Grunwick's include:-

- (1) Qualified woman plumbers and electricians gaining access to the factory on some pretext this weekend to cut off such supplies.
- (2) The arrival of a group of Yorkshire miners early at the weekend to establish the movement of the Grunwick buses and sabotage them at the last moment, if possible early Monday morning in the hope that it will be impossible to find a replacement at such short notice.

If the above tactics fail:-

- (3) A group of miners from Kent and South Wales will try to overturn the SPC Transit van preceding the Grunwick bus.
- (4) Members of the Indian Workers Association and South Wales miners have been asked to join in any attempt to stop the Grunwick bus.

In addition, the Ultra-Left will be at the fore in any attempt to break the police cordon.

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