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FALKLANDS EVENTS IN LONDON ON 9 MAY 1982: THE "FALKLANDS AD HOC COMMITTEE" AND THE NATIONAL FRONT

The "Falklands Ad Hoc Committee"

We understand from the Metropolitan Police that the recently organised "Falklands Ad Hoc Committee" have at short notice organised a march and rally in London on 9 May in protest at the use, and threat of use, of force over the Falklands Islands.

2. The Committee is strongly supported by the Communist Party of Great Britain, Labour Party Left-Wingers and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, with associated lesser groups of pacifist or extreme left-wing persuasion.
3. There is to be a rally in Hyde Park between 3 and 4pm on 9 May, followed by a march via Oxford Street to Portland Place, where a petition will be handed in to the offices of the BBC. The petition will claim that the media have failed adequately to put the pacifist argument about the Falklands crisis, and that the coverage has been "jingoist". According to today's edition of the "Morning Star", the rally may be addressed by Dame Judith Hart and Monsignor Bruce Kent among others.
4. These demonstrations may attract about 3,000 people. The police would not expect the organisers to be bent upon disorder, which would be inconsistent both with the practice of the principal organisers and the claimed purpose of the events. Members of the Socialist Workers Party are likely to participate, but whilst the organisers may welcome their numbers, they are likely to wish to play down their presence.
5. It appears that the Communist and Labour Party members and the CND hope to be able to organise subsequent protest events every Sunday until the Falklands crisis has ended. The CND may regard this as a helpful build-up to the major marches and rally in London which they are planning for Sunday 6 June, which I mentioned in my note of 4 May about President Reagan's visit on 7-9 June.

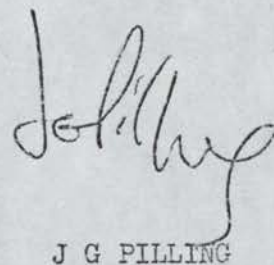
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The National Front

6. By contrast, and in what is likely to be on a much more minor scale, the National Front in London are attempting to mount a "Bomb Argentina" campaign taking up the cause of bombing airfields in Argentina. This is likely to involve the distribution of leaflets with that title at the National Front customary leafletting points, especially in Brick Lane and Chapel Market. The Metropolitan Police understand that the National Front organisers hope to muster about 60 people to march to Downing Street, to protest at what they see as a lack of determination and use of force by the Government. There is at present no intelligence that National Front supporters will seek to oppose those supporting the "Falklands Ad Hoc Committee" events, but the police will if necessary take precautions to avoid such a conflict, and to keep these events separate from the policing of the London Marathon.

7. We will report any significant developments in demonstrations and campaigns in respect of the Falklands crisis.



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