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ANTI-SPRINGBOK TOUR PROTESTS

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Summarised below are developments this/week in the anti-Springbok rugby tour protest movement. The police have been kept fully informed.

Auckland:

There were last minute changes to protests planned for Auckland on Saturday 5 September. They were criticised at a MOST meeting this Monday. John MINTO came in for particular criticism, specifically:

- The cancellation of "ancillary operations";
- Failing to use the 200 tickets available to protesters;
- Failing to make a concerted effort to enter Eden Park.

During the week trade unionists and other moderates on the MOST Committee have been able to curb the enthusiasm of its less rational members, but only partially. The moderates fear that a contrast between the peaceful march planned in Auckland this evening by Artists Against Apartheid and a violent protest tomorrow could cost the anti-apartheid movement the support of the middle ground. This support will be necessary for future action such as a possible reoccupation of Bastion Point (discussed below).

Wild talk of rockets and distress flares being aimed at the police helicopter above Eden Park tomorrow has now been replaced with plans to interfere with its radio frequencies.

Eden Park will be the focal point of demonstrations tomorrow. The basic strategy is to impede the access of rugby patrons and demonstrators will assemble at Fowlds Park at 10 am. There is expected to be a determined attempt to breach police lines and enter Eden Park. Protesters have some 200 genuine tickets to the match and some activity inside the grounds is anticipated.

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"Ancillary operations" will be staged to draw police manpower and harrassing telephone calls will be made to Auckland police. Wreaths commemorating South African Steve BIKO will be laid at various places.

There are rumours that Donna AWATERE [redacted] plan a major assault tomorrow. No details are available, [redacted]

MOST hopes to rekindle interest in the Bastion Point issue while it still has impetus and while New Zealand is under the scrutiny of international media. This concept has the support of the moderate majority in MOST and a meeting is planned at Orakei marae this Sunday.

Wellington:

Addressing a demonstration at the gates of Government House this week WCL member Simon WILSON suggested that after the rugby tour protest activity should be directed against the Royal Tour.

Specific details of COST protest plans tomorrow are not known at this stage but there has been talk of activity at Wellington airport. A deputation is shortly expected to wait upon the United States Ambassador.

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Week ending 28/8/81

ANTI-SPRINGBOK RUGBY TOUR MOVEMENT

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AUCKLAND

There have been no organisational changes during the week. The fragmented structure constitutes an impediment to intelligence collection and details are known of only one ancillary operation.

The Gateway Lodge is expected to be the major protest target tomorrow and diversionary activity is planned for Auckland Airport.

MOST will also pay some attention to the League of Rights conference to be held at the Royal International Hotel this weekend. MOST believes that individuals attending the conference have been behind the "pro-tour movement" and responsible for attacks on anti-tour protesters.

The Service is not aware of any "pro-tour movement" comparable in size or structure with the anti-tour groups and the reasoning behind MOST interest in the League of Rights conference cannot be supported.

A small number of protesters have obtained tickets for the Eden Park test.

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Another small group has indicated it plans anti-tour action independent of COST. Individuals involved have not yet been identified but they do not appear to be associated with subversive groups. They consider COST protest to date ineffectual.

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Wellington (cont'd):

The release of the Service report on Tuesday did not cause division within the leadership of the anti-tour movement in Wellington. There has been conflicting evidence however, in respect of the impact of the report on protest behaviour tomorrow. On the one hand there appears to be genuine concern at the possibility that implements may be used by protesters, but on the other hand "working bees" have been held to prepare cardboard "body shields". The possibility that two separate protest marches may be staged tomorrow, one heading for Athletic Park and the other, implicitly less enthusiastic, for Parliament, may also be partly attributable to release of the report. However plans have even now not been finalised.

There has been considerable disinformation circulating within protest ranks this week. The manner in which some of the suggested targets have been nominated suggests a prime purpose has been to flush out informers.

Athletic Park will be the focal point of protest and attempts are expected to impede public access to the area. The Mt Victoria tunnel and John Street-Adelaide Road areas may be obstructed and "mechanical failure" of vehicles may also be employed to halt traffic.

The WCL expects some form of protest within Athletic Park itself.

COST leadership, as late as this morning, has been unable to determine the Wellington accommodation to be used by the Springboks. COST will be advised by telephone if the touring party leaves the local airport. We believe police radio is being monitored to help protesters pinpoint the accommodation.

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ANTI-SPRINGBOK TOUR PROTESTS

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Auckland:

MOST continues to treat the Prime Minister as a protest target. They have established that the Prime Minister no longer has a home in Tamaki but they believe his answer-phone equipment is still in the basement of his former home. MOST plans to picket any hotel at which the Prime Minister stays while in Auckland.

The "Small Action Group" (SAG) led by Donna AWATERE has now grown to include representatives from Auckland urban gangs as well as the Waitangi Action Committee and the Maori and Polynesian People's Revolutionary Front. This group held a separate meeting prior to a MOST Committee meeting last night and emerged to demand funds from MOST for "forthcoming events". Without seeking details MOST gave the enlarged SAG \$600 and promised more next week.

At this Committee meeting plans were announced to march to the Governor-General's Auckland resident tomorrow to deliver a letter of protest addressed to the Queen.

Worker's Communist League (WCL) and other SAG members opposed this, preferring to concentrate on their own activities. They implied that these would be more direct than peaceful marches.

There are now two sets of small groups engaged in protest activities. Those of the SAG have been matched in organisation, if not in propensity for property damage, by "Ancillary Operations Groups" working under the aegis of the MOST Committee. Nothing is known of SAG intentions.

Reference has been made by members of the small groups working to the MOST Committee to "an outbreak of shoeboxes" in Auckland and the strategy of stretching police resources is to continue. John Bernard MINTO stated this week that merely telephoning a bomb hoax is not sufficient: a realistic item should be discovered in order to draw manpower. MINTO felt this was one method of causing lengthy disruption at an airport.

MOST feels that the Police wish to avoid violent confrontation with demonstrators and believe protest can be pushed to greater limits. They consider the Police to be worried about bad media exposure.

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MOST was disappointed with media coverage of 15 August protests and is considering appointment of a "media liaison officer" who can advise the press and television ten minutes in advance of smaller "newsworthy" incidents.

On Tuesday, 25 August, MOST plans to deliver a letter demanding the resignation of the Minister of Maori Affairs to the Auckland office of his Department.

The Gateway Lodge is to receive further protest attention.

Napier:

The WCL in Wellington is worried at the effect of incitement in Napier next week by Tom POATA. He apparently hopes to participate in an invasion of the field on the day of the Springbok match against the New Zealand Maori team. The WCL will only send "observers" who can assess the Police response.

Wellington:

COST security measures have precluded early warning of specific protest intentions. Protest targets referred to prior to the day of demonstrations have generally been disinformation.

Future targets are expected to include Wellington Railway Station, and COST has this week undertaken reconnaissance of the area around Wellington Hospital and the John Street-Adelaide Road intersection while planning protests for the Second Test on 29 August.

WCL members continue to probe Police morale and resolve. They have determined that crash helmets do not fully absorb the impact of Police batons.

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THE ANTI-SPRINGBOK RUGBY TOUR MOVEMENT

Auckland

The MOST organisation is liaising with other anti-tour groups throughout the country to organise nationwide protest activity for today, 19 August 1981. MOST believes that the rugby match scheduled today for Timaru was cancelled in order to give the police a respite and it is hoped to deny them this. The response to this proposal is not known.

National Party electoral activities and premises are expected to be the subject of MOST protests this week.

It is suspected that the Auckland office of the National Party will be the target of a small group of protesters today but further details are not known.

MOST intends to protest at the Ponsonby Rugby Club premises where it believes National Party electoral activity of some sort is planned for Thursday evening at 8.00pm. At this stage the intention is to deliver a letter rather than to stage a demonstration.

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Auckland:

Fragmentation continues. The "Small Action Group" and other extremists have divided into small groups to size up potential protest targets. Only Thomas Oliver NEWNHAM is to be told of these activities, but this is to avoid duplication and he will not be privy to detail beyond knowing the target, the date, and a rough idea of the group involved.

Targets on a so-called MOST "hit list" discussed this week include companies, Auckland Central Police Station, rugby grounds and club rooms. The list further places a new emphasis on individuals as protest targets and it includes the Prime Minister, and his residence, National Party Members of Parliament and Gideon TAIT.

There is, however, a move within MOST led ironically by a Socialist Unity Party of New Zealand faction to remove individuals and their homes from the list. Now that the radicals have split into small groups MOST chances of moderating their protest have diminished.

Auckland targets for Saturday 15 August are thought to include Eden Park, National Party electorate meetings and suburban rugby clubs. Intelligence is unfortunately hampered by lack of detail resulting from the fragmentation of protest effort.

Wellington:

This week Workers' Communist League (WCL) leaders described the political lines of the WCL and the umbrella group COST as "identical". WCL discipline prevails within COST but there was continuing friction over tactics. While the WCL recognises that protest violence will lead to loss of support a trio of Maori radicals is pressing for confrontation and appears ready to take independent action.

The trio, two of whom have served as COST demonstration marshals, comprises Hirini Barney PIKARI, Eruera (Ted) NIA and Tom POATA. They all have a history of radical protest on Maori rights issues. These three have spoken of doing "something spectacular" this weekend. Further details are not known but it has been implied that there will be no risk to life.

POATA has also spoken of attempting to undermine support for the welcome to be extended by the Maori people to Springboks in Napier to play the New Zealand Maori team on 25 August. Local opinion is that Maori tradition will prevent radical activity on the marae.

Wellington protest targets for Saturday 15 August are thought to include the James Cook Hotel and the wine and spirits merchant McIlraith & Co.

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Christchurch:

Of the 130 persons arrested in the city during the 11 August demonstrations, three were members of the Communist Party of New Zealand (CPNZ) and another four probable members or sympathisers.

Protest activity in Christchurch has been fragmented right from the outset and, although there is an umbrella organisation in the city, the range of small groups has severely hindered intelligence collection.

We suspect an association between Christchurch CPNZ members and extreme protest activity but have not been able to confirm it because of security procedures adopted by suspect individuals.

Halt All Racist Tours (HART):

The polarisation within the protest movement as a whole has meant that HART has now little real control over radical protestors. It is our considered opinion that HART may hold some influence over the moderate element by virtue of its reputation, but no compromise proposal will have a great chance of success without the concurrence of some key smaller groups exercising local control. We refer in particular to the Small Action Group and to the COST/WCL grouping in Auckland and Wellington respectively.

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PROTEST MOVEMENT DEVELOPMENTS

The following summarises information received on Thursday 6 August and up to midday today. The police have been kept fully informed.

Auckland

The moderate faction in Mobilisation to Stop the Tour (MOST) has attempted to reassert some control over the radical element represented by the Small Action Group (SAG: AWATERE, [redacted] and MINTO). This has not been successful and the SAG is making its own plans within the larger framework of MOST protest activity.

Protest activity tomorrow is to be a march from the city to Mount Eden prison to protest against the arrest of Waitangi Action Committee (WAC) members. [redacted]

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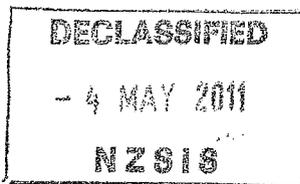
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Our Auckland officers consider that the radical Maori element involved in these schemes are not receptive to political ideas. They see the protests as providing a veneer of respectability to their propensity for physical violence.

Although it has not been reported by the media, when it became evident last Wednesday that there was a radical element in control of the march which eventually vandalised Hughes and Cossars' premises many protesters withdrew. The process of polarisation continues.

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Wellington

The target for tomorrow's protest activities is expected to be the Lower Watt Street residence of the South African Consul General. The tactics used will be a repeat of those used on Wednesday 5 August when the march split into five columns going in different directions.

Four of the five leaders of the small columns were Workers Communist League (WCL) members. We have not been able to identify the fifth.

There has been friction this week within the Wellington protest movement and the extremist attitudes of [redacted] and Tom POTAE (Tama Te Kapua POATA) has worried WCL leaders. They have made it clear that they do not dismiss violent protest, but it must be well planned in accordance with a well defined strategy aimed at a specific objective. WCL members fear the behaviour of Maori radicals, such as that of POTAE in Palmerston North last Saturday, will undermine their control. The WCL views the Maori radicals as a group to be used at an appropriate time for activities likely to cause unpleasant results they themselves wish to avoid.

The WCL planning of protest activity in Wellington has reflected good discipline and security. For this reason the plans outlined above may be a screen and the coordination of columns marching tomorrow will permit a change in target at very short notice.

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ANTI-SPRINGBOK RUGBY TOUR PROTEST  
AUCKLAND DEVELOPMENTS : THE SMALL ACTION GROUP

1. Evidence has emerged this week that in Auckland a hard core element of the anti-Springbok tour movement has formed a "Small Action Group" (SAG) to engage in independent actions.

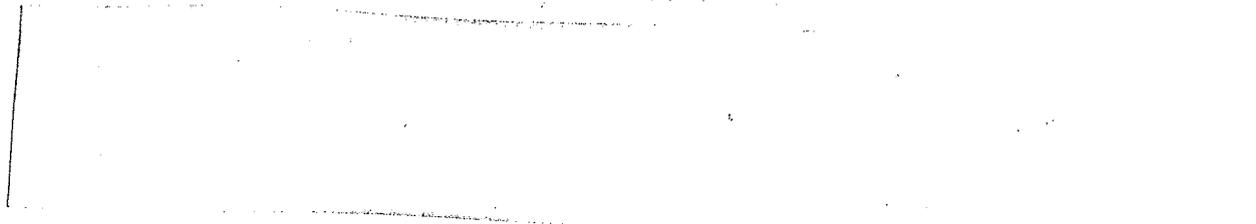
2. The SAG members number about eight and those identified thus far are:

Donna Lynn Catherine BREITENEDER (Donna AWATERE)

John Bernard MINTO

3. The SAG plans to operate clandestinely because Bench Warrants have been issued for the arrest of some of its members.

4. Other SAG members appear to be drawn from ANANDA MARGA, which has been identified to date only by reputation with the extremist fringe of the movement, and the Waitangi Action Committee (WAC). The thread of radical Maori activism now appears to extend beyond essentially Maori grievances hitherto espoused by AWATERE



6. A "Demonstration Action Committee" was formed in Auckland on Monday 3 August, at a meeting of two dozen anti-tour leaders. Partly as a result of the absence of the Rev Andrew BEYER in Wellington the radical element predominated. This group is distinct from the SAG but it has some overlapping membership:

Penelope Mary BRIGHT Publicly known as a  
Workers Communist League  
member.

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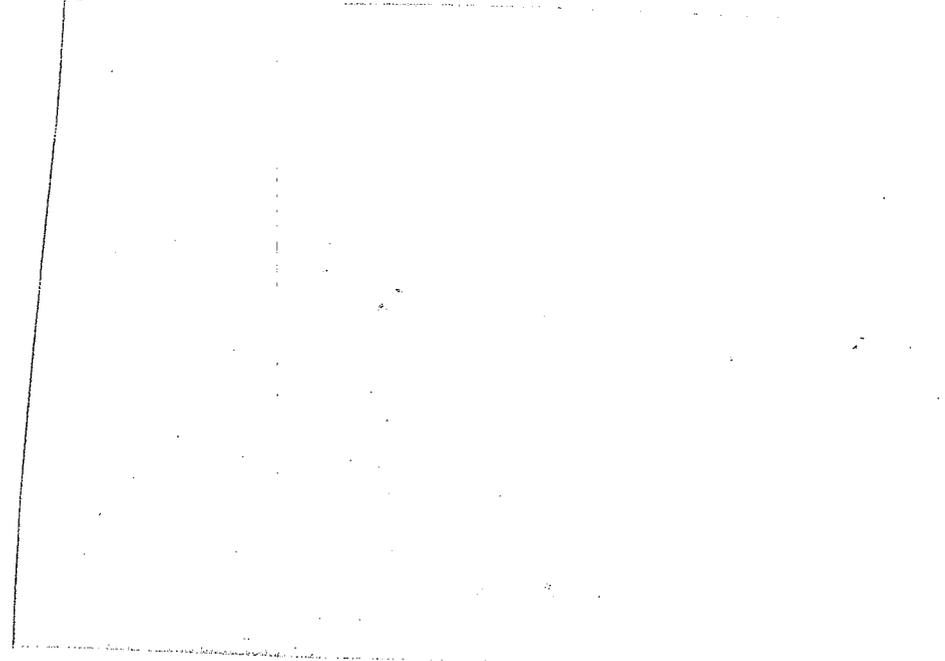
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Thomas Oliver NEWNHAM Public reputation well known; not a member of any subversive organisation.

plus AWATERE, and MINTO.



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TRENDS IN THE ANTI-SPRINGBOK  
RUGBY TOUR MOVEMENT

1. Prior to the arrival of the Springbok rugby team opposition in New Zealand to the tour drew support from a widespread cross-section of society. It was initially moderate and the radical voices heard were basically isolated.
2. Individual members of subversive groups joined organisations opposed to the tour but after a close analysis the Service concluded that the movement as a whole was neither subversive nor subverted.
3. The semi-permanent protest group Halt All Racist Tours, once almost alone in its activities has now been overtaken by events. In Auckland and Wellington it is a participant in what we term "umbrella" organisations - committees formed of representatives covering a larger number of other organisations. These are Mobilisation to Stop the Tour (MOST) and Citizens Opposed to the Springbok tour (COST) respectively.
4. Examination of the 16 HART officials listed in its October-December 1980 broadsheet revealed that four were or had been members of subversive organisations and a fifth, Trevor Lawson RICHARDS, was married to a member of the Workers Communist League (WCL). It was not possible, however, to support the assertion that HART was subversive.
5. With the arrival of the Springboks the implications of protest have become a reality and there are now signs of polarising views within MOST in Auckland. Here the Socialist Unity Party of New Zealand (SUPNZ) is firmly in the moderate camp, while a minority advocating confrontation with the police include:

John Bernard MINTO

No connection with any subversive organisation.

6. In terms of law and order this fragmentation, evident only over the past ten days, gives cause for concern. The extremists will identify themselves by their smaller numbers and by their activities, but any influence previously exerted by the more moderate majority has dissipated.

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7. In Wellington the picture of WCL influence in the anti-tour movement is becoming clearer, and our assessment has altered markedly over the past ten days. Although statements are issued by COST spokesmen, the organisation of protest activity in the capital emanates from a wider unstructured group in which WCL members and sympathisers exercise considerable influence.

8. The WCL attitude remains uncompromising. It sees the protest movement as an opportunity to provoke the police and ultimately demonstrate the oppressive nature of the capitalist state. Apart from attempts to discredit the police, which include efforts to dupe the media into exaggeration of baton injuries, the intrusion of the WCL political line is evident in the identification of the National Party as a protest target. Leading WCL members were hoping for a confrontation at Palmerston North last Saturday and were disappointed and frustrated with the eventual non-violent nature of protests there.

9. The situation is changing daily as the process of polarisation continues. The extremists are now more readily identifiable and it is considered that from this section the principal provocation will occur.

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