

To the Tribunal of Enquiry

Statement by David Adams, 3rd Yr. Chemical Physics

Having discovered on 6th May that Dr. Inch was from Porton Down and that a demonstration had been organised I decided that rather than actively participating in the demonstration I would take a tape-recorder and so obtain an accurate account of anything which was said.

On my way to LTB2 at about 4pm on May 7th I met Pete Camigan (2nd Yr Chemistry) who told me that the meeting had been changed to somewhere in Wivenhoe house. I walked there and went into the committee room. I sat in the last row at the left hand corner and plugged in the Tape Recorder. Dr. Greenlade was sitting on my right-hand side. The meeting slowly filled until most chairs, perhaps about thirty, were taken. I started the taperecorder when Dr. Tillet entered the room.

The tape, which is available if the Tribunal ~~at~~ wishes to hear it, includes: Dr. Tillet introducing "this meeting of the student chemical society", "the demonstrators filing into the room", Dr. Bowden telling those entering that they were entering a "departmental meeting of the Chemistry Department", and Dr. Greenlade making a note of Raphael Hallerstadt's name. Just before Dr. Tillet introduces the ~~second~~ speaker for the second time someone accidentally trod on the microphone lead and there is nothing else recorded.

After Dr. Inch had been introduced, David Trieman began to read the "indictment". He was standing in the corner behind me, three or four of those sitting down asked him to "show his face" and he moved forward. While he was reading I had this conversation with Dr. Greenlade:

Dr G: "Who is that?"

"Don't you know?"

"No."

"It's David Trieman."

"I shall recommend to the vice chancellor that he is sent down."

The rest of meeting was largely silent apart from ~~such~~ muttered comments and shouts from those sitting down such as "At least I can speak properly!" One or two demonstrators shouted back at these. Drs Tillet and Inch ~~remained~~ remained standing and silent. Shortly after the second speaker, a girl, began to read

Dr. Fillet and Dr. Inch moved together towards the door and Dr. Fillet announced "Dr. Inch is leaving." They left the room while several demonstrators rushed to the front. A crowd quickly gathered around that door and the bulk of the meeting left through the doors at the back. I saw the projection screen at the front, by the door, jolted several times but I did not see it knocked over. It was standing a minute or two later when I went to ^{the} front, it was not damaged. I saw Dr. Stevens strike out at a student and I lept to my feet expecting a fight ^{to develop}, but nothing happened and Dr. Stevens desisted. I remained in the room and saw nothing further of interest to the Tribunal.

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