

I first learned of the visit of Dr. Inch to the University on Thursday, May 2nd., through the University "Newsletter". The nature of his work and the establishment he works for immediately told me that I would oppose in some very direct form his delivering a lecture to the Chemical Society. In view of the secrecy that surrounds work on Chemical and Biological Warfare (CBW) I spent ~~up~~ all of my time between Thursday, 2nd. and Tuesday, 7th May researching into aspects of CBW, taking my information from scientific journals in the University library. I participated to a very large extent in the writing up of the "indictement" which was read out to Dr. Inch and all those present at the Chemical Society meeting. I also participated to a large degree in the writing up of the document entitled "Oppose Chemical and Biological Warfare" which was prepared for distribution immediately the demonstration was over. This document was written as an information source so that members of the University would have an idea of what CBW is and would understand in what context the demonstration had taken place. The material for the "indictement" and the document was obtained from the scientific journals.

I took part in discussions on the form the demonstration was to take. The description of the demonstration given below is a reflection of that agreed form, except where otherwise stated. The fact that a demonstration was to take place ~~was not taken place~~ was spread around verbally among students and staff. ~~It was not taken place~~

The lecture to be given by Dr. D.T. Inch was advertised as being held in L.T.B. 2 (Lecture Theatre Block) at 4.30 pm. Posters advertising the lecture stated "Visitors are Welcome". Shortly after 4.00 pm. on the day of the lecture I heard that the venue of the lecture had been changed at the last moment. There was some uncertainty as to where it had been changed to. A few minutes later I learned that the lecture was being held in Wivenhoe House. I immediately made my way to Wivenhoe House on my own, although there ~~was~~ were a number of ~~the~~ other people walking towards the House with the purpose of demonstrating against CBW. As I approached Wivenhoe House I could see that a meeting was taking place in the Committee Room. I entered Wivenhoe House and made my way to the Committee Room. I found a great number of people in the two rooms adjoining the Committee Room. A number of people were entering the Committee Room through the door next to the Bar Billiards table. I made my way towards this door but I was unable to enter the Committee Room as somebody in front of me was saying that it was a private lecture organised for chemists. A student responded to the effect that Society meetings are meetings open to anyone who cares to attend them and that the poster ~~was~~ advertising the meeting stated "All Visitors Welcome". We were allowed into the meeting. The Committee Room gradually filled up. There was a further attempt to stop people coming into the meeting; one student was asked to leave but refused. People shifted around the Committee Room in order to make more space ~~for~~ for those remaining outside. More people entered the room. Entering the Committee Room was done in an extremely orderly form; demonstrators entered virtually in silence.

The guest speaker was introduced to the meeting by the Chairman of the meeting. As soon as Dr. Inch began delivering his lecture a student from the back of the Committee Room began reading the "indictement" in a clear and audible voice. Dr. Inch stopped delivering his lecture. One or two persons present to hear Dr. Inch give his lecture passed some remarks about the "indictement" being read out, but with no consequence as the "indictement" was continued to be read. A second person took up reading the "indictement" where the first had stopped; there were several copies of the "indictement" available. Reading of the "indictement" was taken up by a third person. Throughout the readings I was standing at the back of the Committee Room. I had a copy of the "indictement" in my hand and was prepared to read extracts from it, when I heard that Dr. Inch was going to leave the room. I immediately made my way to the front of the room. The "indictement" was still being read. On reaching the front of the Committee Room (where Dr. Inch and a number of other people were standing), I took a position immediately behind Dr. Inch. As soon as Dr. Inch started to leave the room I emptied a small tin of mustard powder over his shoulders and back, shouting at the same time "Mustard Gas!" (This was the ~~first~~ first incident in the demonstration which was not a result of discussions as to the form the demonstration should take; the throwing of mustard powder was my own choice and decision). I was immediately asked for my

name which I gave. I was asked if I was a student at the University to which I replied that I was a postgraduate student in the Dept. of Government. I was asked to prove my identity, but having no form of identity card on me was unable to do so. During this incident the reading of the "indictement" was stopped and the slogan "Close Porton Down" was chanted by the demonstrators. I think I may have started the slogan off, but I'm not at all sure of this, as several people knew of the slogan and knew that it was to be chanted when Dr. Inch left the room.

Surrounded by a "bodyguard" of people present to hear Dr. Inch speak, Dr. Inch left the Committee Room. Demonstrators also began leaving the Committee Room with Dr. Inch and his "bodyguard". Chanting of the slogan continued. I remained in ~~the~~ the Committee Room for a brief moment, but left when it was almost empty. I made my way through the corridors of Wivenhoe House. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Demonstrators had stopped in the corridors of Wivenhoe House; I came across Dr. Inch surrounded by demonstrators in the lobby by the garden door to Wivenhoe House. Although unable to remove himself from that position, demonstrators kept at a sufficient distance ~~from~~ from him so that he could stand freely ie. he was not pressed up against the wall or door, and there was no physical contact at all between Dr. Inch and the demonstrators. Chanting continued. I suggested that the chanting stop, so that we could continue reading the "indictement". Demonstrators were now chanting "Keep Science Clean". The chanting stopped. A student began reading the "indictement", which had not been completed in the Committee Room. A second student continued with the "indictement". I also read part of the "indictement". We completed the readings. Dr. Inch was asked to answer some questions. A dialogue began between the demonstrators and Dr. Inch. The demonstrators were quiet and peaceful, although some of the answers Dr. Inch was giving were interrupted by over-enthusiastic asking of further questions before Dr. Inch was able to ~~finish~~ finish answering the previous question. ~~One demonstrator asked Dr. Inch if he was a member of Pugwash, the international association of scientists for peace. Two of Dr. Inch's answers brought gasps and cries of derision from the demonstrators. On being asked why a particular CBW agent which was developed and patented at Porton was sold to the American Army, Dr. Inch answered to the effect that they (Porton Down) had to obtain research funds from somewhere. On being pointed out that a further lethal CBW agent developed at Porton and patented in this country had been sold to America, Dr. Inch answered that Penicillin after all had been invented in this country, and it was now used all over the world. This answer brought forth loud cries of astonishment and derision.~~

The dialogue continued in an orderly fashion. There was no pushing, violence, or insulting behaviour of any kind. Dr. Inch remained in the corridor (lobby) listening to the "indictement" and then answering the questions of demonstrators in a totally quiet and peaceful atmosphere.

Suddenly somebody shouted that the police had arrived and were coming in. I saw a number of policemen stepping on and over students sitting in the corridor. A number of demonstrators immediately in front of Dr. Inch remained standing and I think, but am not sure, linked arms. The police got to Dr. Inch by using force on those students surrounding Dr. Inch. There was a great deal of pushing and ~~pulling~~ pulling between demonstrators ~~and~~ and police. Up to and until the police arrived I saw no violence used whatsoever by anyone. The police having reached Dr. Inch, now found themselves unable to move themselves, as they were surrounded by ~~the~~ demonstrators. There was a great deal of chanting about the police leaving Wivenhoe House. I suggested that the chanting stop and that we explain to the ~~the~~ police why ~~the~~ the demonstration had taken place, by reading extracts from the "indictement" to them. This suggestion went unheeded. The chanting continued. The police then decided to break out of the surrounding demonstrators with Dr. Inch. More scuffling and pushing took place. At no time did I take part in any pushing, scuffling, or any other physical form of obstruction. Dr. Inch was removed from the surrounding demonstrators. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ As Dr. Inch was being removed from the lobby by the police he went past where I was standing. I attempted to put some more mustard powder on him, but most of it landed on surrounding demonstrators and one or two policemen attempting to extricate Dr. Inch from the lobby.

After Dr. Inch was removed from the lobby I left Wivenhoe House via the garden door and made my way to the car parking area of Wivenhoe House by walking towards the croquet lawn area and round to the front of the House. I arrived at the front of Wivenhoe House to see ~~an~~ a number of police cars and one police van parked in front of the House. A great number of people, including spectators, were present. A number of policemen were present. There was some scuffling going on between students and police which I could not see very well for the number of demonstrators and spectators surrounding the ~~melée~~. I was standing at a distance and at no time participated in any ~~an~~ scuffling with anyone. I saw one student run away from the scuffling, heading in the direction of the huts behind Wivenhoe House. At one stage I saw a policeman take a police dog on a lead out of the police van. I immediately shouted a warning to everyone that the police were going to use dogs. However, at no time were dogs used, and I think that the policeman who had had taken out the dog, put ^Xback in the van virtually immediately he had taken it out.

The scuffling between demonstrators and police ended. Police, demonstrators and spectators remained standing around. People were talking in groups. I approached a policeman and began explaining to him why the demonstration had taken place and that it had been a peaceful demonstration until the police arrived. He replied that they had received a 'phone call from the University and that they were just doing their job. I explained that ~~was~~ what the demonstrators were opposing was as much in his interests as it was of the demonstrators and all of humanity. I persuaded him to accept a copy of the "indictement" to read when he got back home. Throughout my conversation with the policeman was extremely civil and courteous. My conversation with the policeman ended, I just stood around. I saw one student baiting the police dogs in the van by ~~throwing~~ bouncing a table-tennis ball against the van. The dogs were barking. I shouted to the student to stop baiting the police dogs. The student stopped doing so.

Eventually the police left the car park in their cars and van. Some demonstrators shouted at the police not to come back again and one or two police-cars were hit as they drove past. The demonstrators ~~went~~ left the Wivenhoe House car park in the direction of the valley, in an orderly and peaceful fashion. Immediately I arrived back at Square Four a number of students and myself began distributing copies of the document ~~of~~ "Oppose Chemical and Biological Warfare" around the University.

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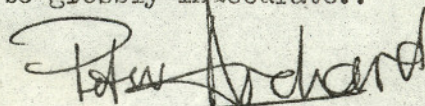
The above ~~is~~ is a factual account of the events on May 7th and of the events leading up to them as witnessed by my own person. It is as devoid of opinion and speculation as I could possibly help to be. It is as ~~thoroughly~~ detailed as possible. There are no elements of hearsay in this account; I would add that at all stages of this account I have purposively and consciously refrained from naming any person whatsoever, except that of Dr. Inch. Furthermore I do not at any stage intend referring to anyone by name, should I be asked to do so in writing or verbally. I believe that any information required should be provided by statements made by anyone involved or ~~person~~ connected with the events of May 7th.

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The following is tentative information based on my own estimates.

Time demonstrators entered Committee Room: 4.35 approx.
Time demonstrators began leaving Committee Room with Dr. Inch: 4.50 approx.
Time police arrived to "rescue" Dr. Inch: 5.10 approx.
Time police began removing Dr. Inch from the lobby: 5.20 approx.
Time police departed from Wivenhoe House car park: 5.40 approx.
Number of demonstrators present inside the Committee Room: 130 approx.
Number of demonstrators present in Wivenhoe House and in the car park: 200 approx.

I offer these "facts" as purely tentative estimates of my own which may be of some assistance to the Tribunal. They may be grossly inaccurate..



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