

Events of May 7th.

I arrived in the bar at Wivenhoe house just before the lecture was due to start, to find it full of people, mainly from the chemistry departments, who informed me that the committee room was already crowded, and no one else was being allowed in. A few minutes later Dr Inch was led from the room by a chemistry lecturer. One side of Dr Inch's jacket was smothered with a yellow powder. Dr. Bowden, who followed Dr Inch out of the room, was also covered with this yellow powder, and he complained of getting it in his eyes and on his hair. The demonstrators then left the room, chanting "keep science clean", and "close Porton Down". They followed Dr. Inch, and trapped him in the corner by the door leading to the garden. David Triesman read out a long statement about various aspects of chemical and biological warfare, at times shouting it out at Dr Inch, who stood only a few yards away. At the end of this there was further chanting, and some of the demonstrators sat down in the corridor. Dr Inch was questioned about his work, and was occasionally given a chance to reply. At this point it was suggested that the police be called. When they arrived Dr Inch was still in the same place. The police carefully threaded their way through the demonstrators sitting and standing in the corridor. There was further shouting and policemen's numbers were chanted. Someone shouted that Dr Inch had got away, and demonstrators rushed along the corridor, down the stairs and out into the car park, where they milled around the parked police cars. The demonstration continued for a little while, and broke up on the departure of the police. While talking to a member of the catering staff at Wivenhoe house the next day, I learned that a policeman's hat badge had been picked up inside the house after the demonstration had moved to the car park.

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