

LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY

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File No.

Division

Section

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REPORT RE

According to RO-A65 the officer has advised RO-A66 to "Kick him in the bollocks" should he try it again. This of course is another line of enquiry well worthy of follow up. This youth is now believed to be living in the South of England but should not be too difficult to trace through the Children's Office at Ashton.

RO-F15

9. RO-F15 is approximately 30 years of age, a bachelor and he formerly lived at [redacted] Rochdale. I understand he has recently left this address and is now believed to be living in Shaw, Lancs. He is employed as a personnel officer at a local wool order firm. Formerly a labour councillor at Rochdale he was defeated at the 1939 municipal elections. Slightly effeminate in his manner, I think there is little doubt that this man is a homosexual. As previously stated, a close friend of Alderman Smith, and it would appear the Alderman has on a number of occasions procured young men to live with William Thomas Harding, former senior probation officer at Rochdale, have been viewed with suspicion regarding their association with young men and boys at Rochdale. There is nothing stronger than suspicion, but here again it is worthy of note that these four men are close associates.

DPA

10. During the course of enquiries into these allegations it became known that Alderman Smith had recently spoken on behalf of another youth at the local court. This young man RO-B430 is approximately 20 years of age, of [redacted] and has several previous convictions and is currently employed by Alderman Smith. It is known that the Alderman has spoken on his behalf on no fewer than three occasions at the local court. Certainly there has been an association between RO-B430 and Smith, of vast nature is not known, but again it may well be significant that the youth [redacted] has a conviction for indecent assault on a male person. It is anticipated that this young man will be seen at a later date.

RO-B430

DPA

11. It is apparent that still many lines of enquiry to make into these allegations, and as previously stated these enquiries have still to be very discreet. It is appreciated that most of these offences took place some considerable time ago and to date enquiries have not shown anything of a recent nature. It is felt, however, that intensive enquiries should continue into these allegations in an effort to bring a prima facie case against Alderman Smith who from evidence already available is clearly corrupting young people under a cloak of respectability and welfare.

Examined

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