

Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Phillip Game's Report

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NEW SCOTLAND YARD, S.W. 1. 91

Below is a short account of my dealings with Sir Oswald Mosley at the Fascist procession in Royal Mint Street on Sunday the 4th October, 1936.

Sir Oswald Mosley arrived at 3.30 p.m. I sent Chief Constable Ralph to bring him to me in rear of the centre of the Fascist parade. When he came I said to him:

"From what I have seen myself and from the reports I have received, I am convinced that if you carry out your march and hold your meetings serious disorder is certain. I have therefore decided that neither the march nor the meetings can be allowed."

Mosley said "What are your instructions because we always do what the Police want us to do?"

I then said "You can go Westward, and if you want a meeting, there is Hyde Park."

Mosley said that meetings had already been advertised in these other places, and he would consult with his officers. I agreed. Mosley came back in a few minutes and requested to be allowed to walk up and down the lines. I said that I had no objection, but I wanted the Fascists moved as soon as possible - within five minutes - as Police had been holding back the crowds for a long time. Mosley did not then say whether he would hold a meeting or not, but about 3.40 p.m. Mosley intimated to Major G.H.B. De Chair that he was not going to hold a meeting.

Mosley asked which way would he move off, and would Police direct him. I informed Mosley that Chief Constable Ralph would lead the procession West from Royal Mint Street, E.1, and would conduct it as far as Temple Station on the Embankment, where it should disperse.

5th October, 1936

Phillip Game
Commissioner

William Hunt also spoke but his remarks were practically a re-hash of those made by previous speakers.

Shorthand notes were taken but nothing in the nature of "Jew baiting" was mentioned. All the speakers were enthusiastically received by the audience and there were many cries of "Shame" when it was learned that the march and meetings had been banned.

Arising out of the events of the day including the counter demonstration 85 persons were arrested; of these 6 are Fascists, and the remainder, which includes eight women and two juveniles, are anti-Fascists.

A summary of the charges preferred is as under :-

Insulting Words and Behaviour.	30
Obstructing Police.	13
Assault on Police.	8
Insulting Words and Behaviour & Assault on Police.	8
Possessing offensive weapons.	5
Insulting Words and Behaviour and Possessing Offensive Weapons.	3
Assault on Police and Possessing Offensive Weapons.	3
Assault on Police and Obstructing Police.	2
Assault on Police, Possessing Offensive Weapons and Insulting Words and Behaviour.	2
Throwing Missiles and Possessing Offensive Weapons.	2
Wilful Damage.	2
Grievous Bodily Harm.	1
Drunk and Disorderly.	1.
Insulting Words and Behaviour, Obstructing Police, and Damage to Police Clothing.	1
Insulting Words and Behaviour and Obstructing Police.	1
Threatening Behaviour and Possessing Offensive Weapons.	1
Throwing Missiles and Insulting Words & Behaviour.	2
TOTAL	85

A full list giving names and addresses of the persons arrested and the charges preferred against them is attached to the report dealing with the anti-Fascist counter-demonstration.

So far as can be ascertained at present, 1 City of London