

STATEMENT BY JACK WADE TO THE FREEDOM PRESS GROUP

I arrived at the office on Monday evening, January 8th, 1945, and I was admitted by L.W. who was then the only person there. After about 5 minutes V.R. and J.H. arrived together and proceeded to talk about an item in the day's newspaper. Within another 5 minutes there was a ring at the door. V.R. went down and came up into the office followed by T.B., C.H. & K.H.

Immediately T.B. handed V.R. a small piece of paper, who read it and handed it back to T.B. No-one else in the room read the paper at that time.

A few brief remarks passed between T.B. and V.R. concerning the ownership of a duplicator. The substance of these remarks, as I remember them, is as follows:

V.R. denied that the duplicator belonged to the C.N.T., but that he had paid 20 pounds for it. T.B. said that S.E. would not lie. V.R. asked then why S.E. was not present to claim the duplicator. T.B. replied that S.E. was out of town.

T.B. then in one movement pulled a bottle from his pocket, said "Well take that for a start" and cracked J.H. on the head with it. V.R. immediately closed with T.B. and they fell to the floor. At the same time K.H. grabbed J.H. from behind. L.W. joined V.R. in trying to get the bottle away from T.B. and C.H. tried to hold L.W. back. I tried to pull C.H. who was holding L.W. away from the main struggle which was taking place on the floor.

After V.R. had wrested the bottle away from T.B. he stood up and away from T.B. who got up, crossed the room and grabbed a very blunt knife. He threatened to slit anyone who went near him. T.B. had a cut on his forehead and his face was covered with blood. J.H. also was bleeding from a cut on the head. V.R. appealed to T.B. to stop the violence and to put down the knife, which he did.

V.R. then said that if they were going to fight about it, T.B. could take the duplicator.

Conversation occurred afterwards concerning the property of the movement, about various ~~things~~ items in the history of the movement and about the proposals of the ~~xxx~~ F.P.G. to the A.F.G.

P.P. arrived after the fight had <sup>generally</sup> ended and after him A.M. After T.B. had washed his face and things had <sup>generally</sup> been cleaned up a little, T.B., K.H., C.H. & P.P. left with the duplicator.

SIGNED: Jack Wade  
WITNESSED: Lilian Wolfe.

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