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FOOTBALL HOOLIGANS

A. Conduct Abroad/International Matches

Some European countries send back our hooligans (eg Luxembourg). Others punish them sharply (eg Germany - Munich court imposed up to six month sentences). The only British extra territorial offences so far in existence cover Piracy, Murder, or some Conspiracy, Hijacking of Aircraft and some Terrorist Offences - not Hooligans.

For some time the Home Office have resisted extra-territorial offences because of the expense and difficulty in bringing over witnesses.

If you felt the public wanted more extra-territorial jurisdiction a European Convention could be negotiated. (Foreign witnesses are unlikely to come unless there was international law to bring them).

We recommend you take this option further.

B. Alcohol - The Evidence/Luton

Attached is the St John's Ambulance report.

HARTLEY BOOTH

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE - SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE

REPORT ON LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL MATCH
WEDNESDAY 13th. MARCH - LUTON v MILLWALL

Members on Duty: Area Supt. (A) Area Supt. (N)
 1 Div. Officer 13 Amb. Members
 6 Nursing Members 3 Cadets

Number of Casualties Treated: Approx. 35+

A large proportion of these were hospital cases.

There were many more than this but the County Ambulance Service were also there in force including 6 ambulances from Bedford.

Typical Types of Injury:

Various stages of unconsciousness from blows to the head.

Deep cuts requiring stitches - mainly on faces and heads.

Bruising to legs from kicks and iron bars - mainly on policemen.

Fractured cheek bone - policeman

Majority of patients were extremely frightened and required a lot of reassurance.

Diagnosis was in many cases hindered due to the large amounts of alcohol consumed.

St. John Members Hurt;

1 fractured wrist.

1 injured back from being kicked.

Several nursing members had bottles thrown at them but fortunately escaped with only their hats being knocked or kicked off.

On several occasions the order was given for all St. John members to retreat to the first aid room for safety.

Several members were thanked personally by the Police for their efforts in helping fellow Police colleagues.

One St. John member from London heard the report on the radio and stopped at the ground to give assistance (after first asking permission to come on duty). Unfortunately we were unable to get his name.