

EAST END FIGHTS AT FASCIST MEETING

POLICE STOP MOSLEY SPEECH

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Several people were taken away by the police after fighting had broken out last night in a large crowd at Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, E., where an open-air meeting of Sir Oswald Mosley's Union Movement was held.

The police stopped the meeting two minutes after Sir Oswald had started to speak and he was hurried back into his car amid a crowd of police officers.

More than 40 people were arrested during the meeting and later charged with offences under the Public Order Act. They will appear at Thames Magistrates' Court today.

Although nearly 1,000 policemen were in the area, the cordon round the meeting place was broken in places and people kicked Sir Oswald's car.

Mr. Jeffrey Hamm, secretary of the Union Movement, began to speak at about 6.45 p.m., three-quarters of an hour before Sir Oswald was due to arrive. Almost immediately scuffles broke out. Police led away people at intervals.

Speaking from the platform mounted on a grey lorry, Mr. Hamm asked: "Is the Home Office waiting for a murder to be committed before it stops the incitement to violence by the communists at these meetings?"

A reply came in the form of a stone flung from the crowd. It hit Mr. Hamm's shoulder. An egg broke on the back of his neck. A supporter threw a fl note.

STREET CHASE

At Ridley Road, Dalston, E., where the anti-Fascist Yellow Star Movement was holding meetings throughout the day to prevent fascist meetings taking place, there was a cry of "It's Mosley" at 6.30 p.m.

A steady trickle of people had moved from a similar meeting in John Campbell Road, and suddenly sprinted, shouting after two men. The men fled into Ball's Pond Road and were bludgeoned by their pursuers.

The chase continued through the courtyard of Kerridge Court. A man was holding a handkerchief to a head wound. In Burder Road a man was on the ground, his face covered in blood.

Two men turned at bay in an alley. The crowd went in, the men's faces were soon bloody and then the crowd stopped. Some of the pursuers restrained their fellows. Others chased two more men down Burder Road and bludgeoned them. All four were members of the British National Party.

A coach brought 25 policemen to the scene. They patrolled Ball's Pond Road and its side streets.

Stones had been put into the petrol tank of a grey Land-Rover belonging to the British National Party, which was also holding a meeting at Ridley Road. The Land-Rover's tyres were punctured.

THREATS TO VICAR

Mr. Jerry Gable, an organizer of the Yellow Star meeting, said that on Saturday night at about 11.30 cars began to drive through the meeting area in Ridley Road carrying people shouting "Heil Hitler", "Keep Britain White", and "Down with the Jews".

They drove through at five to 10 minute intervals for about an hour and a half. Mr. Gable said: "The police saw that we were remaining calm and they just stood by."

The Rev. W. Sargeant, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Dalston and co-founder of the Yellow Star movement, said: "The fascists come here for one reason and one reason only—to provoke."

He said that on Saturday night he got two telephone calls. The first said: "We dynamited the Jewish synagogue last night and if you do not keep your mouth shut, we'll do the same to you." The second was also threatening.