

POLICE FOIL SUNDAY CLASH

London's Black Sunday begins as Mosley's Union Movement rallies in Ridley Road, Dalston, pre-war venue of rowdies and political extremists. What happens when Communist-led counter-demonstrators mass along the route of the projected Mosley March, makes Britain wonder why the march was allowed to take place. Holding in check angry crowds, 400 police handle a tough job with restraint but firmly - arresting 34.

Free public life comes to a standstill, on a Sabbath afternoon - and this is Britain, 1949. We cherish our freedoms dearly, but where does freedom end and lawlessness begin? Home Secretary Chuter Ede gives the answer, as one good result emerges from a day of shame. All political processions are banned for three months in Metropolitan London.