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The unofficial frontier of the freight yard

Local authorities are funding for an emergency park to prevent congestion.

Street councils point out there are delays at Tunnel, or on the other side of the M20. Operation Stack led on the M20.

is traffic diversions between Ashford and using problems for the tunnel and ferry caused by bad weather in France.

Local authorities are to set departments to sign for the creation of ferry park adjacent to replace Operation Stack strategic planning being involved in the arrangement.

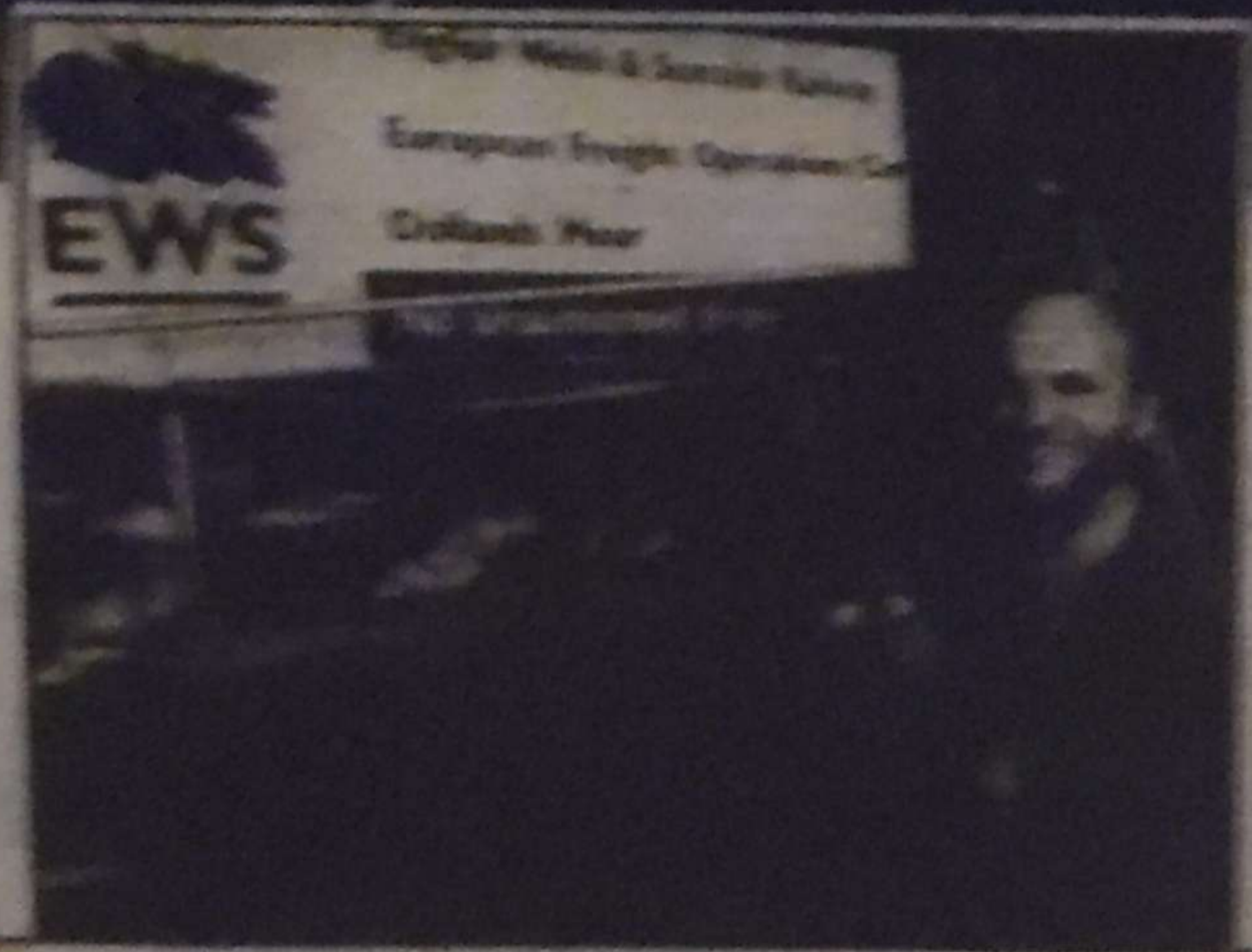
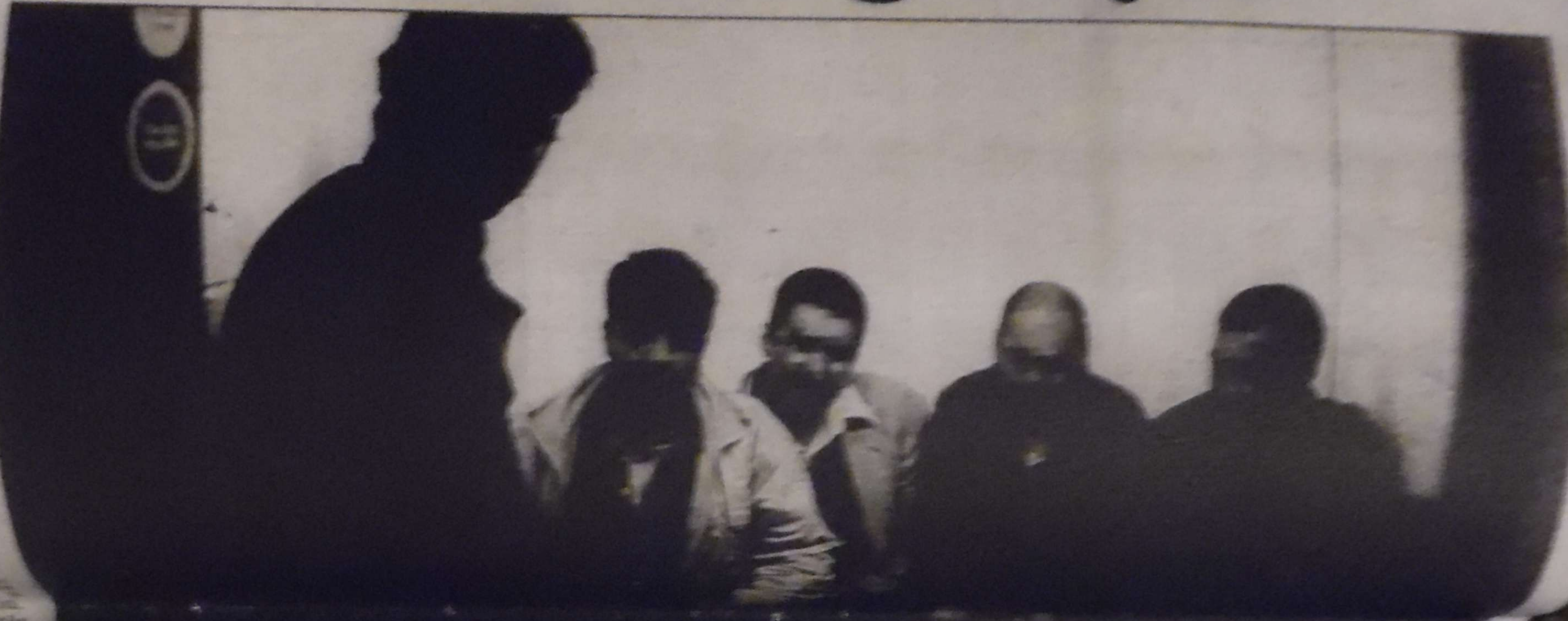
Plans on the site chosen produced by Council.

The Office Immigration has started at the time in the Eastern

of only three centres which will participate in its pilot stages. We will select 50 asylum seekers who claim they are from Somalia or Sri Lanka. Immigration officials will run throughout the day if successful by other nationalities and the policy from the

carries on Kent roads if EWS collapses unless with security

the A20 Townwall road in a lesser extent by ferry traffic is alarm bells in the at Dover's East Cliff because car drivers separate the dock-



DETAINED: these five men were caught after coming through the Channel Tunnel on a freight train. Inset, our man Bryan outside the EWS depot

A NIGHT at Dollands Moor freight depot, Cheriton, and I felt like it was my first night on a new job.

I stepped on to the expansive site with a sense of trepidation and a few butterflies in my stomach.

The experienced security staff who regularly haul illegal immigrants off the trains brought me up to speed on all the necessary safety features, and from 6.30pm each train was checked with a CO₂ detector.

Anticipation was building inside me, thinking would they come? Or was this a waste of time? Then at 2.00am and 2.15am two trains from French departed across well travelled rails and screeched loudly to a halt.

Only 40 minutes prior to this, Dollands Moor security had received information from French security these trains were clear of movement.

The procedure is for French security to let Dollands Moor before the train leaves informing EWS the train has been checked by UK detectors, dogs and security staff. Then the train heads through the Channel Tunnel to the UK.

On these two trains there were 12 immigrants. They climbed off the wagons onto an orange surface 10 platters, and most willingly gave themselves up.

The train's contracted effort to secure into the darkness that enveloped the site had caught and pulled by a member of the British Transport Police.

Another managed to escape and, in a highly dangerous manoeuvre, climbed over a stationary train, ran across a 10m wall and scaled a tall fence before being caught across the high-speed European line before finally disappearing into the silent darkness of the surrounding countryside.

at Dollands Moor, the security staff are at their wits' end in a morning job in finding out everything that happens and some show signs of being in communication with a local

The problem of illegal immigrants stowing away on board freight trains bound for Britain has once again put south east Kent in the spotlight.

The effects of this risky migration touches upon spheres of life at this gateway to Europe - from roads to jobs - but for the security guards effectively policing the situation it is a nightly reality.

BRYAN HYLANDS spent an eye-opening evening on patrol at Dollands Moor freight yard...

arrival. Over the last six months they have more often than not caught the illegal, and had to await the arrival of the British Transport Police.

These six men are an unofficial border control when immigration and the British Transport Police are not at Dollands Moor.

Security staff have been threatened with various scary instruments and have, so far managed to escape any injury.

A further concern for all staff, who are employed into Dollands Moor from the Dover Strait, is that some of them have been allowed jobs against serious criminality offences.

The immigration service was based at Dollands Moor when 2,000 jobs were to close for each direction, but after the government's unceremonious denial to the European Courts, immigration moved to the west coast to Dover.

With immigration set to move, some are at least of thinking about the future of their jobs and by tomorrow.

Security staff work the night shift across the Kent coast, maintaining a high level of alert and have previously been in the control of the immigration authorities in

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