

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

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SUBJECT

Revolutionary

Marxist Leninist

League

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1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "On Wednesday 20 January 1971, at 58 Lisburne Road, W3 a meeting of the Revolutionary Marxist Leninist League was held from 7 pm to 10.30 pm. The chairman was Abhimanyu MANCHANDA and fourteen persons were present.

3. The object of the meeting was to plan RML activities for 1971, including the Women's Liberation Front, British Vietnam Solidarity Front and Friends of China.

4. The main issue raised by MANCHANDA was political agitation in industry. The RML had not so far been engaged in such work to any great extent but would now concentrate its activities in this field. To this end he had directed Privacy and Privacy to obtain employment with 'FORNS' at Dagenham. It is believed that all three have already made application for employment although they do not yet know whether they have been successful.

5. The Women's Liberation Front hoped to extend its activities in the same sphere. Two new branches had been formed, one in South London and another in North London, which was in the Palmers Green area and would be run by Privacy and Privacy. This location has been carefully chosen so as to be close to a factory of the METAL BOX CO. on the North Circular Road which employed a large number of women. Privacy said she would end her present employment in order to take employment with the Metal Box Co.

6. Diane LANGFORD, Privacy and another WLF member only identified as Roberta, all members of SOCAT, said they intended to try and organise women members of that Union, although they had not decided exactly how they would do this beyond attending Union meetings.

7. Privacy, an Indian, who was believed to have connections with the Indian Marxist Leninist Association, apologised for not having been active in recent RML affairs. He added he was now able to devote more time to the group, especially

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in the industrial field since he had many contacts in various factories in London, particularly the Metal Box Co., which employed large numbers of Asians. The nature of his involvement was not discussed in detail but it was apparent that he intended to work closely with MANCHANDA and the RML.

8. MANCHANDA stressed the need for members to be cautious in their approach to industrial politics so as not to draw the attention of employers and others to their activity at the outset.

9. The question of regular weekly public meetings, film shows and other activities was discussed but no firm plans were made. MANCHANDA was to draw up a calendar of dates and venues for such meetings and this would be submitted in due course.

Privacy felt that this type of work should be concentrated in West London where there were many young people who might be drawn to one or other of the groups.

10. It was also decided that the RML should publish its own journal. The first issue was scheduled to be ready sometime in March to coincide with the anniversary of the Paris Commune. The paper would be edited by MANCHANDA, who described himself as a "trained journalist". He hoped to get some assistance from the Chinese News Agency in this connection.

11. Political classes for newcomers to the group would be continued. Last year separate beginners classes had been held at the homes of MANCHANDA and Privacy. It was now intended to combine both classes and have a single weekly session. A monthly week-end school would also be held so that members of all groups could meet and discuss their political activities and plan future strategy. This would be in addition to the regular weekly meetings of the RML.

12. Privacy next raised the question of opening a RML book-shop. A great deal of interest was shown in this project with the exception of MANCHANDA who, felt it might be more practical to rent a stall in a suitable market. It was therefore decided to make enquiries as to rents, premises etc., before discussing the matter further.

13. The final topic was involvement with coloured people. MANCHANDA discussed the subject very briefly and only intimated that the group would have to become involved in such matters, probably in the West London area.

14. The following persons were identified as being present:-

Abhimanyu MANCHANDA, Diane LANGFORD,

Privacy

Privacy

Privacy

Sonia SREDO,

Privacy

and Roberta

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The four others present (two Turkish married couples - contacts of [redacted] Privacy [redacted]) were not identified. They made no contribution to the meeting."

15. Special Branch references to persons and organisations mentioned in this report are given in the attached appendix.

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a meeting of the RMLL held on 20.1.71.

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