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Special Report

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Women's

SUBJECT Liberation Front

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

"At 7 pm on Thursday 27 January 1972 the Women's Liberation Front held its weekly meeting at the home of [Privacy]

The following persons were present:-

[Privacy]

[Privacy] opened the meeting by announcing a forthcoming National Women's Liberation Conference on 18 and 19 March 1972. The conference had been arranged by 14 representatives of the Women's Liberation Movement, who had held a meeting recently in Bristol. The venue and sleeping accommodation was being organised by the Manchester University Women's Liberation Group (all enquiries to [Privacy]. An exhibition at Manchester University that same week-end showing the history of the Women's Movement was also being planned and was being organised by [Privacy]. No men would be allowed into the conference or to the social evening planned for the evening of Saturday 18 March. Men would be allowed to help with the creche and book-stalls. An advertisement would be placed in the 'Guardian' giving details of the conference in the hope of getting newly-formed Women's Liberation Groups to attend.

[Privacy] next announced that the Women Members of the South Hornsey Branch of the Communist Party were planning to hold a Women's Conference on Saturday 29 January 2.30-6 pm and on Sunday, 30 January, 11 am - 6 pm at the Osborne Grove Social Centre, Upper Tollington Park, N4. One of the main organisers was [Privacy]

The AGM meeting of the WLF would be held on Sunday, 6 February 1972, at the Workers Music Association Hall, 236 Westbourne Park Road, W11. Membership would be renewed at the door.

Reference to Papers

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After this general discussion ensued on the NUS Conference which had been held on Saturday, 22 January 1972. It was generally agreed that the majority of papers presented to the conference had potential. **Privacy** urged that students should be encouraged to participate in the National Movement. She asked **Privacy** who is a close contact with the NUS and a one-time member of the NUS executive council, to keep in touch with the organisers at Manchester University and to encourage as many students as possible to attend the Women's Liberation National Conference.

**Privacy** spoke at length on the NUS conference. The discussion group she attended had been extremely feminist in outlook. Indeed when she had suggested that the road to Women's Liberation was through Socialism, one woman had stated she disliked the word socialism and could it not be left out.

There then followed some discussion on the Nurseries Campaign but **Privacy** called for an early finish to the meeting as she had flu. A collection raised £1 and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

2. Special Branch references are given in the attached Appendix.

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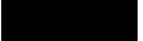
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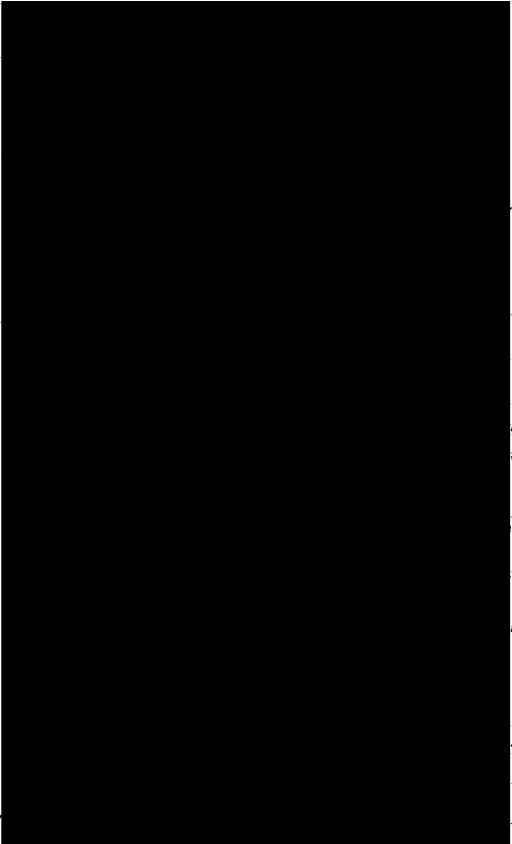
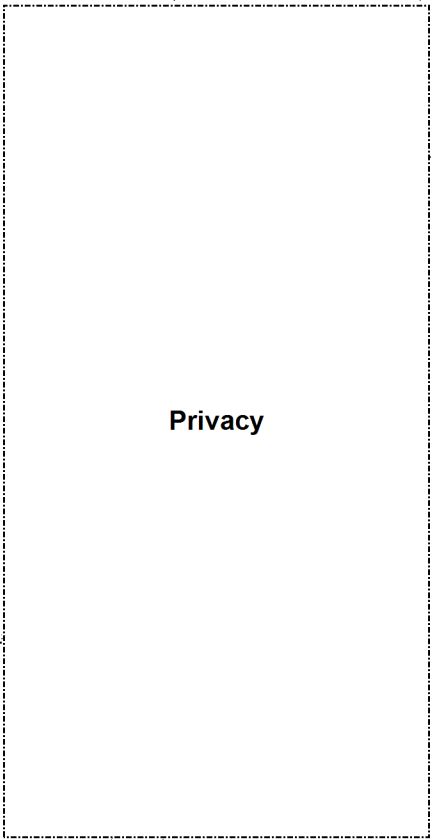
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APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a W.L.F. meeting held on 27.1.72.



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