

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

22 March 1972

SUBJECT
Revolutionary
Women's Union

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

2. "On Monday 20.3.1972, the RWU held a meeting at Privacy. The meeting, which began at 7.30 pm and ended at 10.40 pm, was attended by:-

Privacy

Reference to Papers
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3. The discussions were opened by the Chairman, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Privacy

4. Apparently on Friday 17 March, Privacy had distributed a resolution to all members (copy attached - A) stating that Privacy and Privacy represented a self-confessed faction within the RWU and called for their suspension from the organisation.

5. Privacy asked to be allowed to make a statement, in reply, on behalf of the Marxist-Leninist Workers' Association members of the RWU. This was agreed and she read a seven page document to the group (copy attached - B) repudiating the accusations by the Executive Committee. However, having read the document she left with Privacy stating she was leaving the organisation.

6. There was some discussion on their departure but it was generally agreed that the organisation would benefit.

7. On the forthcoming Manchester Conference it was decided the representatives attending should participate in as many study groups as possible and obtain many contacts, particularly members of the London Workshops groups, in the hope the RWU might co-operate with them in the future. It was also suggested the RWU should become involved in a National Nursery Campaign to be launched shortly. Some discussion ensued on this subject and it was agreed that leafletting and postering should be made in the week ahead in preparation for the RWU open meeting

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planned for 28.3.72 on this very issue. It was anticipated Privacy would take the chair, Privacy would make the opening announcements and speech after which various members of the organisation would speak from the floor. If the response to the Nursery Campaign were good, then the meeting would be followed by pickets at local council offices. In addition, local council meetings would be attended to establish if any plans were envisaged for nurseries in Islington.

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8. There then followed a study session on "Quotations on the Women Question", after which it was announced that the North London Alliance, Black Unity and Freedom Party and Revolutionary Women's Union would participate in the Anti-Internment League demonstration planned for 26.3.72. They would join the march at Archway. Privacy said she understood the organisers intended taking the demonstration to Trafalgar Square.

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9. Special branch references are given in the attached Appendix.

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FROM: [illegible]

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report of 22.3.72 concerning a Revolutionary

Women's Union meeting held on 20.3.72.

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