

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

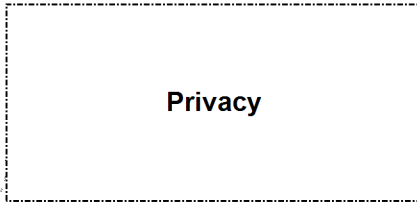
4 day of January 1972

SUBJECT.....
Women's Liberation
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Reference to Papers
400/69/172

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

"From 7.30 pm to 11.15 pm on Thursday, 30 January 1972 the WLF held a meeting at [Privacy] were seven persons present, of whom the following were identified:-



The meeting was opened by [Privacy] who chaired the meeting. She read a copy of a letter which had been sent to [Privacy] of Hammer Books on 15th January 1972. The letter criticised [Privacy] of having an affair with [Privacy] and an allegation had apparently prompted [Privacy] to leave her employment at Hammer Books so she was unavailable. The WLF declared it would not allow [Privacy] to write for their magazine in the future. [Privacy] did not refer to the letter.

There next followed a lengthy discussion on the New Aims and Constitution which were drawn up in draft by [Privacy] (copy draft attached). In the main these were agreed upon although some minor alterations were made.

It was also announced that the organisation now intended barring men from holding membership. Men would be allowed into the meetings and allowed to participate but they would not be allowed to sit on committees or make decisions. This new proposal was accepted unanimously by those present particularly by [Privacy]

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

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Chief Inspector

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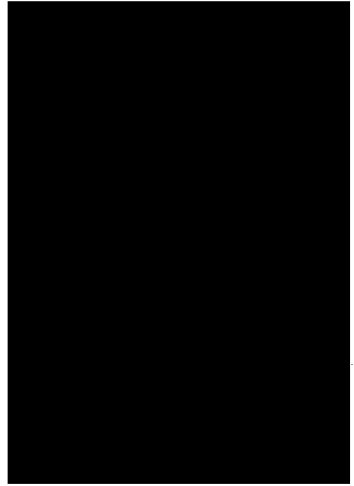
CHIEF SUPERVISOR

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a WLF meeting held on
30.12.71:

Privacy



Preamble

In Britain, the vast majority of the population are exploited and oppressed by the capitalist ruling class, women suffer double oppression; as workers and women. Women are denied equality in all realms of society, educational, economic political. Their subservience and their economic dependance on men is perpetuated not only by discriminatory and humiliating laws but by bourgeoisie culture customs. Working class women are restricted to unskilled and low paid jobs, and constitute a pool of cheap labour used to undercut wages. In the home women are related in non-productive household drudgery and child-rearing. The liberation of women requires a relentless struggle against all forms of inequality and oppression, against the social system based on inequality and oppression, capitalism. It is only with the socialist transformation of society that the conditions for women's equal involvement in social production can be achieved. Women constitute 50% of the working class must be mobilised in the struggle against growing racism and fascism of capitalism in crisis. It is only with the full participation of women that socialism can be established.

1. To organise women in general, working class women in particular, to fight for the elimination of all exploitation and oppression and for a socialist society.
2. To expose the oppression suffered by women and to relate this to capitalist society and to oppose those who confuse the effects of women's oppression for the general cause i.e. the private ownership of the means of production.
3. To demand equal opportunities in employment and education.
4. To fight for equal pay for work of equal value.
5. In order that women have real opportunities to take part in social production, we demand that creches and nurseries are installed at the place of work, education and in the community, wherever there is a need.
6. All women should have the right to have children or not. In order to make this right effective, alongside child-care facilities, adequate contraceptive and abortion information and facilities should be made available free on the N.H.S.
7. To demand maternity leave for a definite period with no loss of pay, in the pre-natal and post-natal periods, and the right to return to the same job, guaranteed by law.
8. To fight against all discrimination and injustice suffered by women in all realms of society, in laws as regards marriage and divorce, in the superstructure; customs and culture.
9. To fight against the discrimination suffered by unmarried mothers and their children.
10. To wage a consistent struggle against male chauvinism and to strive to educate and encourage men to participate in all our activities.
11. To take our full part in the struggle against the growing attacks on our standard of living and our democratic rights and against the growing racism and fascist policies of the ruling class.
12. To mobilise women to support the anti-imperialist struggles of all oppressed peoples for the realisation of our common aim, the ending of the system of exploitation and oppression.

Constitution

Any woman who actively supports and promotes the aims of WLF can become a member on payment of £1 per annum.

The General Members meeting shall be the highest body. All matters of policy and organisation shall be decided wherever possible by mutual agreement or by a majority vote with a quorum of 1/3 of the total membership.

At least 6 General Members meetings shall be held a year.

There shall be an Annual General Meeting which shall elect an executive committee.

The e.c. shall consist of 1 president, 1 Secretary and 1 Treasurer and 6 committee members, with the right to co-opt members. (3)

The e.c. shall encourage active members to attend and take part in committee meetings.

The e.c. shall meet not less than monthly.

The e.c. shall assist in the setting up of branches.

The e.c. shall bring out a regular quarterly journal and shall set up an editorial/production committee as well as any other actions committees wherever necessary.

Special general meetings can be called by majority of E.C. members or majority of ordinary members to amend the constitution, to