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METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

24 January 1972

SUBJECT Women's Liberation Front.

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

Reference to Papers

400/69/172

"At 7.30 pm on Thursday 20 January 1972, the Women's Liberation Front held its weekly meeting at the home of Privacy. The meeting was chaired by Privacy and the following persons were present:

Privacy

[Redacted]

The Secretary Privacy opened by reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly agreed. She next announced she had been unable to distribute notifications of the forthcoming AGM planned for the 23 January 1972 at the Workers Music Association, 236 Westbourne Park Road, W12, and asked that it be adjourned to a future date. There was some discussion from the groups. Privacy pointed out that this would be the third time the AGM had been postponed and she was therefore opposed to it. Privacy stated the National Union of Students had organised a large demonstration on the 23rd and she had hoped the WLF would support it. There followed a lengthy discussion and it was eventually decided that the WLF would cancel the AGM and support the NUS demonstration.

There then followed a very lengthy discussion on a letter from Privacy on behalf of the Union of Women for Liberation and the WLF, which had been sent to all the Women's Liberation Groups which had been involved with the WNCC. It would seem that Privacy had agreed with Privacy that the letter should be sent from the joint organisations, without consulting members of the WLF, and this prompted heated discussion. Privacy read the letter to the group, in which it was announced that a further WNCC was planned for Sunday 13 February 1972. This was being organised and planned solely by the UWL in the name of the WNCC. Privacy stated that in view of the lack of response to the previous WNCC she did not intend supporting this one.

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[REDACTED] Privacy disagreed and outlined some of the future plans the UWL had for re-building a National Organisation. Apparently Privacy planned to change the existing two other cheque signatories for the WCC account and proposed to elect Privacy and Privacy as the new signatories. Both were members of the UWL and had played an active part in previous WCC conferences.

A proposal was eventually drawn up which, in essence, asked the WLF to support UWL in re-building a Women's National Co-ordinating Committee. This was carried by seven votes to three. Privacy and Privacy (to further particulars) voted against.

Privacy then outlined the success the group had achieved in the Hillside/ Eastgate Unit for the Homeless in Archway. The WLF had been working with the North London Claimants Union to shut down the home. They had picketed the Islington Council and had encouraged the members of the home to picket. The result was that all the residents had now been rehoused and Hillside was to be demolished.

Privacy announced that the National Union of Students intended holding a conference at 20 Gordon Street, WC1, on Saturday 22 January 1972, entitled "Women in Higher Education". The conference had been organised by Privacy, a member of the executive committee for the NUS and a personal friend of Privacy. It was anticipated that three or four members of WLF would attend. Privacy stated that she anticipated many students would be travelling to London for the demonstration on Sunday.

Privacy
A collection realised £1.45p. The meeting closed at 11.15 pm.

Privacy

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

Privacy

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HN348
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Submitted:

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HN294

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Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

APPENDIX

Appendix to Special Branch report on a WLF meeting held on 20.1.72.

Privacy

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Probably identical with Privacy
who has a number of mentions re NUS

Unable to identify

Union of Women for Liberation 400/71/100

WFCC 400/70/208