

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

18 day of May 19 72

SUBJECT

Revolutionary

Women's Union

Reference to Papers

400/74/272

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

1. "On Monday 15 May 1972 the Executive Committee of the Revolutionary Women's Union held a meeting at [Privacy] to discuss the current position of the organisation. [Privacy] and [Privacy] were present. The main theme of the evening's discussions centred around the ever-diminishing active membership. It was felt that positive campaigns could not be undertaken and the forthcoming nursery campaign has been temporarily abandoned. [Privacy] [Privacy] felt that the RWU should become more actively involved with the North London Alliance but no decisions were taken about reforming the organisation. It was decided that on Monday 22.5.72 as many RWU members as possible should be encouraged to attend the RWU meeting and decide the future of the group.

2. The current activities of the SAU were debated and it was decided to support all their actions and where necessary give them any help needed. It was, however, felt that the SAU could manage their own campaigns very well.

3. The forthcoming SAU demonstration planned for Wednesday 17.5.72 was discussed and it was anticipated that this would receive plenty of support but no figures were quoted. The SAU members have this week been distributing leaflets at many East Ham, West Ham and Stepney schools and apparently receiving promises of a great deal of support. [Privacy] plans to man the telephone at [Privacy] home on Wednesday 17.5.72 to deal with all enquiries.

4. Later in the evening, a married couple, [Privacy] and [Privacy] called, having previously made enquiries about the RWU. They are both communists and have visited China and spoke enthusiastically of their experiences there. [Privacy] is a student at the College of Tropical Medicine in London, [Privacy] they will probably be staying in this country for the next 12/18 months. They expressed interest in the organisation and stated that they would like to attend future meetings".

Special Branch references to the persons mentioned are contained in an appendix to this report.

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APPENDIX

Appendix to Special Branch report dated 18 May 1972 re a
RWI meeting held on 15 May 1972

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Privacy

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SAU

400/70/163

London Alliance

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