

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

27 day of October 1972

SUBJECT

Revolutionary

Women's Union

Reference to Papers

100 71/272

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

2. On Monday 23 October 1972, the Revolutionary Women's Union held its weekly meeting at Privacy between 7.30 pm and 11 pm. There were six women present, amongst whom were:-

[Redacted]

Privacy

ENCL [Redacted]

3. The proceedings were opened by Privacy who reviewed the current nursery campaign. She felt that members were being too mechanical in their approach to gain signatures for their nurseries petition. The campaign should be used more as an occasion for making contacts and gaining recruits. She felt little could be achieved by approaching the Council through orthodox methods. What was required was for 'masses of women to descend on Islington Town Hall' at a pre-arranged time.

4. The forthcoming Women's Liberation conference was mentioned and Privacy said she would be taking as many women from the Claimants' Union as possible. All these women, she said, were of working class origins and they would expose the middle class Women's Liberation element as "the freaks they are".

5. Following this there was discussion on male dominance and chauvinism; Privacy was extremely annoyed at this topic and asked why they could not debate women's affairs rather than discuss the 'enemy'. After a prolonged argument she left and despite Privacy efforts the meeting soon broke up.

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

1 HN294

2 HN348

3 [Redacted]

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