

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report }

.....9.....day of.....June.....1972

SUBJECT.....
.....Women's.....
.....Liberation.....
Conference

Reference to Papers
400/70/200.....

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:
2. "On Saturday 3 June 1972, a Women's Liberation Conference was held at the Family Centre, Guildford from 10 am to 5.30 pm. It was organised by a section of Women's Liberation Workshop in Guildford, calling themselves the Nursery Campaign Action Group. This appears to be a group of fairly moderate women with no particular political motivation who have recently been campaigning for nursery facilities in the Guildford area; they have collected 11,000 signatures in support of a petition which they intend presenting to the local authority.
3. There were only 13 women at the conference, representing:
 - Revolutionary Women's Union
 - Marxist Leninist Workers Association - Women's Caucus
 - Watford Socialist Women
 - Canterbury Women's Liberation (University Group)

Among those present were:-

Privacy

4. As there were so few present, proceedings were informal, there was no chairwoman and no agenda. Most of the women contributed to the discussion and there was little disagreement throughout the day. This may have been because Privacy although as vocal as ever, managed to avoid a too dogmatic socialist attitude which would have upset the conference. There was, too, an absence of representatives from the Gay Liberation Front, which tends to be disruptive.
5. In fact the subjects discussed were those of general concern to women with families - nurseries, community work, family clubs, education and liberation of women from household drudgery and isolation. Nothing was said of particular interest to Special Branch.
6. The next conference will be held in Chiswick in July."
7. Special Branch references to the persons and organisations mentioned are contained in an appendix to this report.

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Chief Inspector

Appendix to Special Branch report dated 9 June 1972 concerning
a Women's Liberation Conference held in 3 June 1972

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Revolutionary Women's Union 400/71/272

Marxist Leninist Workers Association 400/71/176

Watford Socialist Women No trace

Canterbury Women's Liberation Mentions on lists of groups
of Womens Liberation organisation
published in Peace News and Anti-
Apartheid News 347/70/24,
6a, 38a and 400/71/100-5