

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report }

.....21..... day of October..... 1971.....

SUBJECT I.M.G.
(Red Defence Force)

Reference to Papers
400/71/187.....

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

2. "Within the International Marxist Group is a small section called the Red Defence Force. This is a group of militant members of the I.M.G. who are alleged to have received training in unarmed combat. The R.D.F. is styled on the Students Defence Force in France, a group of self-appointed strongmen who steward demonstrations and who unite and lead demonstrators when trouble or confrontations arise.

3. Apparently combat training was on the curriculum at the I.M.G.'s recent summer camp and it would seem it was for this purpose. Members of the R.D.F. have recently mounted a 24 hour guard on the I.M.G. offices at 182 Pentonville Road, as they fear a protestant bomb attack following I.M.G. support for the I.R.A."

4. The Red Defence Force cannot be identified in Special Branch records; I.M.G. is the subject of 400/71/187.

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