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SPECIAL BRANCH

S.B. No. 1 (Filmsy)

Special Report

SUBJECT Women's

Liberation Front

Reference to Papers

40/69/172

27 day of July 19 71

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

2. "On Thursday, 22 July 1971, the Women's Liberation Front held a meeting at [Privacy] (the home of [Privacy] [Privacy]) from 7.30 pm to 11 pm. Four persons attended the meeting throughout and three others joined the meeting near the close.

3. [Privacy] opened with details of forthcoming events to be attended by the WLF. These were:-

Friday, 30.7.71: 7.30 pm Woodside House, 300 High Road, N22 - a showing of the film "Strike" by the North London Alliance in Defence of Worker's Rights.

Saturday, 21.8.71: Ducketts Common, Turnpike Lane, NS (time to be arranged) - a demonstration by the North London Alliance in Defence of Worker's Rights.

4. The next item was a discussion on "Key problems of the Growth and Political Development of the Movement" - a paper presented to the Women's National Co-ordinating Conference held recently in Birmingham. [Privacy] read a criticism she had prepared. She claimed the paper wrongly stated the problem to be one of sex, whereas women's oppression was really one of class. In a classless society the gap which existed between women throughout the country would cease to exist. It was generally agreed that there were many statements in the paper which were unacceptable at this stage and Lisette urged that all should study Marx in this context and each submit an article giving their individual interpretations of the problem. [Privacy] concurred, but suggested the specific title "The relationship between the sexes in the Bourgeois Society".

5. [Privacy] and [Privacy] then disclosed that they had been reported by police for obstruction whilst distributing leaflets outside Finsbury Park Tube Station on Wednesday, 21.7.71.

6. At 10.30 pm [Privacy] and [Privacy] arrived and during the general conversation which ensued it emerged that [Privacy] and [Privacy] had been arrested for wilful obstruction whilst selling literature from their stall at Hyde Park Corner on Sunday, 18.7.71. They had been bailed in their own recognisance of £10 (previously reported)."

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

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APPENDIX

to Special Branch report on a WLF meeting held on 22.7.71

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North London Alliance in
Defence of Worker's Rights

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