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Special Report

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R.S.S.F.

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SPECIAL BRANCH

OF 2062 25th

day of

June, 1969.

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

1. The Revolutionary Socialist Students Federation held a National Seminar at Leicester University from Saturday 14th June to Tuesday 17th June, 1969. About 100 persons attended, though for some of the sessions attendance was below 40 persons.

2. Some 40 Maoists from London attended the Seminar. They were about equally balanced by Trotskyists and Revolutionary Socialists from provincial universities, and there were also present some elements from the Joint Committee of Communists. Bad feeling was not allowed to show itself too plainly as each side acted as though the other had no business to be there. The Maoists were further inhibited by the fact that both the BATESON and DAVOREN factions were represented.

Saturday

3. The opening meeting attracted some 100 persons to discuss the "Student Movement". Gernot STEINWEY of the Leicester University R.S.S.F. was in the chair. The main speakers were Anthony BARNES and Harpal BRAR who both spoke of the scope for militancy in obtaining student representation on college governing bodies.

4. A discussion on "Academic Freedom and Violence" took place later in the afternoon. The audience numbered about 20 persons, as the Maoists were not present. The main speakers were (Ben BRESTER) and Frank DELLIAC.

5. In the evening about 100 persons were present to discuss the recent disturbances at Hornsey College of Art. Much time was taken up with outlining the history of events and the discussion lacked fire. Nothing specific was planned for the future.

Sunday

6. Womens Liberation Movements was the topic for the morning session. Papers were presented by Diane LANGFORD, Maysel BRAR and Val BATESON. Copies of their speeches are given as appendices to this report (see items B.1, B2 and B3). The Maoists monopolised the discussion and a large part of the audience left early.

7. In the evening the Seminar discussed the London School of Economics. The history of recent events was related in great detail, and disappointment at the outcome expressed. No coherent policy for the future was put forward.

Monday and Tuesday

8. The majority of the persons taking part in the Seminar returned home on Sunday night. A few remained on Monday and Tuesday to continue discussions on local college matters. Nothing affecting future R.S.S.F. policy emerged.

9. The Seminar did nothing to sharpen or to heal the conflicts between the Trotskyist and Maoist wings of R.S.S.F.

10. A list of the persons identified at the Seminar, in addition to those mentioned in this report is given at Appendix A. Documents relating to the Seminar are given at Appendix B.

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APPENDIX TO SPECIAL BRANCH REPORT DATED 25.6.69.

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Nick BATESON }

Val BATESON }

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Harpel BRAR }

Maysel BRAR }

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Ben BRUSTER, S.O.A.S.

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Ed DAVOREN }

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Frank DELLIAC (phon.)

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Fawzi IBRAHIM

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Diane LANGFORD

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No trace - student at Leicester University.

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