

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

12 April 72 day of 19

SUBJECT Putney  
Young Liberals

Reference to Papers  
400/72/12

BOX 500

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

2. "On Thursday 6.4.72 from 8pm to 11pm at 90 Faws Park Road, SW15 a meeting of the Putney branch of Young Liberals was held. Nine persons attended.

3. The meeting was chaired by Privacy who played a passive role and paradoxically engendered greater participation by other members through her own inactivity.

4. Most of the discussion centred on the second of the projected Putney 'urban crisis' displays which had originally been scheduled for 8.4.72, to publicise the role of the motor car as a pollutant and as a concourse growth on society. It was agreed it was essential to illuminate public transport against this blackcloth as the sane alternative. To this end Privacy offered to photograph cars and buses in Putney High Street to illustrate the unused passenger capacity and traffic congestion.

5. It was suggested that it would be impossible to disentangle the problems of Putney High Street from the projected motorway, which was supposedly designed to alleviate such of the existing problems of through flow traffic. This thought produced considerable discussion and it was decided that the display would be held on Saturday 15.4.72, avoiding where possible direct reference to the proposed motorway which would be the subject of an investigation of alternatives resulting in the compilation of a report in about two months time. Once the report had been prepared it would be possible to base direct action such as the closing of Putney High Street on sound reasoning which would permit other groups such as the Putney Society to take part. Privacy said Privacy

Privacy of the Putney Society had expressed a willingness to assist in any proposed closure of the High Street.

6. The next subject was the stance the branch should adopt in response to the letter from Wandsworth Borough Council who had returned the petition on water pollution and disassociated themselves from any responsibility. It was agreed to send copies of the letters and petition to the appropriate river authorities, the two local newspapers that had shown interest and a further letter to the Wandsworth Borough Council pointing out that the branch had been aware from the outset of the respective responsibilities of those concerned but had petitioned the Council to encourage them to exercise their influence on behalf of those they purported to represent.

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7. After a brief discussion on the South East England Young Liberal Federation Council to be held at Consey Hall, Red Lion Square, W1 at 10.30 am on 16.4.72 and the demand from some members for more time at meetings to discuss the varied facets of YLF ideology, it was agreed that 27.4.72 should be given over to a discussion on 'workers' control'. The meeting was concluded.

8. The following persons were present at the meeting:- Peter HAIN, [Redacted] Privacy  
Mike SCOTT, [Redacted] Privacy

Special Branch references are given in the attached Appendix.

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Detective Constable

Submitted

HN294

Chief Inspector

CHIEF SUPERVISOR

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A P P E N D I X

Appendix to Special Branch report dated 12.4.72 dealing with  
a meeting of the Putney Branch of Young Liberals held on 6.4.72

Privacy

Peter HAIN

Privacy

Putney Society

No trace

Mentions re Putney Young Liberals

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Reported on 30.3.72 as member  
of Cambridge Union of Liberal  
Students and Putney Young Liberals  
reading now at Trinity College  
Cambridge

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One mention regarding a meeting  
held at the Dryborough Hall SW15  
relating to The Putney High Street  
Traffic Scheme 346/71/8,39A