Humiliation for sex

suspects

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A progress report on support for the "gay rights' movement by the National Union of Students claims that suspected lesbians in the armed forces are being trailed by Special Branch investigators and treated like criminals,

The NUS executive said yesterday that the Special Branch trailed suspected lesbians both on and off duty, and that investigators examined personal belongings looking for

"evidence."

On the flimsiest evidence a woman could be sent to a psychiatrist for confirmation of lesbianism—an offence in the services or the police—and discharged from the services. Alternatively, women bought themselves out of the services rather than endure the humiliation of an investigation.