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

"On Tuesday 2 May 1972 a delegate meeting of the Anti-Internment League took place at the Irish Centre, Camden Town. The meeting, which commenced at 8 45 pm and finished at 12 midnight, was attended by 40 delegates and 10 observers. It was chaired by Privacy and had been called to draw up the basis of a new mandate for the Anti-Internment League.

3. Privacy pointed out to the observers present that it had been decided at the last meeting that future meetings would be for delegates only. As those persons present had probably not been made aware of this decision they would be allowed to remain on this occasion, but future meetings would be delegates only.

4. Moirá O'SHEA then read out the resolution submitted by the St Alban's Committee for Justice in Northern Ireland which was as follows:-

'Having understood that the Westminster Government's intention in suspending Stormont was not to dismantle the Unionist power structure, but to split the anti-Unionist movement, and now finding that Unionist violence and intimidation has been allowed to continue under Westminster rule, while Westminster has confirmed the right of the Unionist minority in Ireland to imprison part of the Irish majority inside the Six counties and internment without trial continues we call on the Anti-Internment League to intensify its efforts to extend support among the broadest sections of the Irish in Britain and the British people for an end to internment which is still the greatest single obstacle to the advance of the anti-Unionist struggle. It must not retreat in the face of the confusion created by direct rule, but must avail itself of the opportunity created by the acceptance of direct responsibility by Westminster, by putting constant pressure on British public representatives, organisations and institutions to support its aims, by means of delegations to political and working class organisations, lobbies of Parliament and Press publicity in addition to Street activities. The activities throughout Britain should be co-ordinated and consideration should be given to the holding of a national conference.'

This motion was narrowly carried by 15 votes to 13, with 12 abstentions.

5. The next motion was put by Privacy on behalf of the London Branch of the Peoples Democracy. He was seconded by Privacy. The motion read as follows:-

We oppose British Imperialism in Ireland in all its forms and declare our solidarity with the Republican and Socialist

organisations who spearhead the resistance in Ireland'.

This motion was easily passed by 29 votes to 7, with 2 abstentions.

6. The third motion proposed by Kensington and Paddington A-IL received unanimous support. The motion was:-

'Self-determination for the Irish people'.

7. The fourth motion to be discussed was also presented by the Kensington and Paddington Branch of the A-IL. This motion, which read as follows:-

'Solidarity with all forces fighting British Imperialism including both wings of the IRA'.

was amended to read 'Solidarity with all forces fighting British Imperialism' after objections had been made by [Privacy] on behalf of the 'Official' wing and [Privacy] on behalf of the 'Provisional' wing. This motion was then passed by 22 votes for and 9 votes against with 2 abstentions.

8. Although several other motions had still to be debated upon the meeting was brought to a close at 12 night with the chairman intimating that these motions would be debated at the next delegate meeting, due to be held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 16 May 1972. When all the motions had been discussed they would be welded together to form the new mandate of the Anti-Internment League."

9. Special Branch references of those persons mentioned in this report together with those who were identified as having attended this meeting are contained in the attached appendix.

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Detective Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Appendix to Special Branch report dated 3 May 1972 concerning a  
delegate meeting of the Anti-Internment League

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O'SHEA

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Dr. Maire O'SHEA of St. Albans  
(Leading figure in "St. Albans Case for Justice  
in N. Ireland" - there should  
be F/Ps.)