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METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

15 day of July 1970

SUBJECT IGRSC

Reference to Papers

400/70/55

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

2. "A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign was held on Thursday 9 July 1970 between 8.30 pm and 10.30 pm at the 'Earl Russell' public house, Pancras Road, NW1. The meeting which was chaired by Privacy was attended by 30 persons.

3. There were two items on the agenda (i) organisation of the Mass Rally to be held at Chiswick Town Hall on Friday 17 July 1970 at 7.30 pm and (ii) the demonstration to be held at Shepherds Bush Green on Sunday 19 July 1970 at 1.30 pm. Leaflets (copies submitted) advertising the rally and demonstration are being distributed in Irish centres in the North and West London areas. A loudspeaker van will also tour these areas during the coming week; it will be manned by Privacy and Privacy

4. No definite plans have been made as to where the demonstration will march to from Shepherds Bush Green but it will probably be Wormwood Scrubs Prison, thence through Willesden to Kilburn. However, there is a possibility that the 'target' may be in the West End. No final decision will be taken until Sunday 19 July 1970, the day of the demonstration and this will be based on events in Ireland at that time, and the number and mood of the crowd on the demonstration.

5. The following persons are known to have attended the meeting:-

- Privacy Gery LAWLESS Privacy
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APPENDIX to Special Branch report dated 15  
July 1970 concerning a meeting of IGRSC.

**Privacy**

Gery LAWLESS

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## RELEASE BERNADETTE DEVLIN and all Irish political prisoners!

BERNADETTE DEVLIN HAS BEEN JAILED; she has been imprisoned because she fought to protect the people of Bogside from the uniformed thugs of the Northern Irish sectarian state.

THIS IS AN ATTACK ON ALL THOSE WHO FOUGHT LAST SUMMER. If Bernadette is guilty then everyone who fought to protect their homes from Orange violence last year is guilty. The Tory/Unionist Governments in Stormont and Westminster aim to prevent any repetition of such self-defence in future, they know that the Chichester-Clark regime cannot grant basic rights, they cannot give jobs or houses, and they cannot cut themselves off from their sectarian supporters, so they cannot end discrimination in Northern Ireland. So they know that without 8,000 British troops that regime cannot survive.

THAT IS WHY BERNADETTE HAS BEEN JAILED. And that is why they have been jailing Irish people who represent an alternative to that state, and who support the right of the people of the North to defend themselves. Republicans and Socialists have been steadily arrested and given long sentences all through the months since last summer.

### MASS RALLY

CHISWICK TOWN HALL, Heathfield Terrace, off Chiswick High Road, W.4.

FRIDAY 17th JULY 7.30 p.m.

SPEAKERS: Eamon McCann (Derry Labour Party) Tariq Ali (Red Mole)  
John Palmer (International Socialism) Gery Lawless (ICRSC)  
George Joseph (Universal Coloured Peoples Association)  
Speakers from Clann na h-Eireann, and other Irish organisations,  
also local Shop Stewards and Trade Unionists.

### DEMONSTRATION

From: SHEPHERDS BUSH GREEN—SUNDAY 19th JULY—1.30 p.m.

West London Branch, Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign, 4a Bourne Place,  
Duke Road, London W.4.

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