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21 day of October 1970

SUBJECT.....

ICRSC.....

Reference to Papers.....

400/70/55.....

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-
2. "On Thursday, 15 October 1970, between 8.15 pm and 10.15 pm a meeting of the 'Steering Committee' of the Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign was held at the 'Earl Russell' public house, Pancras Road, NW1. The meeting was chaired by [redacted] and [redacted] was the minute secretary. About 20 persons attended.
3. The object of the meeting was to dissolve the ICRSC Steering Committee and to formally declare that the ICRSC had been dissolved and that that organisation had become part of the new national organisation, the Irish Solidarity Campaign.
4. The West London Branch of the ICRSC had not sent any delegates to the meeting, but [redacted] formerly of that branch, said that at a West London branch meeting at the Westcott Lodge, Lower Mall, Hammersmith on the evening of Monday, 12 October 1970, members had decided to become an independent branch of the ISC and also that in view of the fact that the ICRSC had become part of the ISC, the present 'Steering Committee' had no official function. Furthermore, at that meeting a resolution had been passed that the West London Branch of the ISC would not take part in any 'Co-ordinating Committee' with neighbouring branch or branches as provided for in the constitution of the new organisation, the ISC.
5. [redacted] expressed disgust at the attitude of the 'IS West London Branch'. He pointed out that approximately £30 was owed by the 'Steering Committee' of ICRSC to various printers; also there was the question of money in the possession of the 'Steering Committee' which should be divided between the branches which had taken part in the 'Steering Committee'. It was decided that finances would be discussed at another meeting on Thursday, 22 October 1970.
6. At this point [redacted] told the meeting that the Islington Branch was henceforth to call itself the Central London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign and would meet on Thursdays at the 'Earl Russell' public house, Pancras Road, NW1, as the 'Steering Committee' of ICRSC had in the past. He hoped that all those persons who for one reason or another had come to the 'Steering Committee' meetings, though not members of any particular branch, would now support the Central London Branch of ISC.

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7. **Privacy** told the meeting that Sean LYNCH, who had organised a social in the West London area some months ago on behalf of the 'Frank KEANE Defence Committee' was complaining bitterly that he had given Gery LAWLESS tickets for this function and although many members of ICRSC had attended the social, no money had been received by LYNCH from LAWLESS. **Privacy** informed the meeting that LAWLESS had given him all the tickets which he had distributed to members of the ICRSC, and that those members who had attended the function had given him the money, which he had passed to LYNCH. **Privacy** added that a great number of the tickets had not in fact been used by the persons to whom they were issued and naturally these persons had not paid for them.

8. **Privacy** announced that on the 28 October 1970 there would be a demonstration outside Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court where members of Black Power were being tried for alleged offences committed during a clash with police in Notting Hill some weeks ago and that this demonstration was being planned by a 'Committee Against Repression' or words to that effect. He said that this organisation comprised immigrants in this country who were being 'repressed by police' and at present 'Paks, Blacks and Irish' were represented on it. He added that LAWLESS would give further details of this organisation at next week's meeting.

9. During the meeting **Privacy** tried unsuccessfully to have a motion passed proposing that the ICRSC should not be dissolved, but that it should retain its name and affiliate to the ISC. He explained that his reason for proposing this was his fear that once the campaign dropped 'civil rights' from its title it would in fact no longer concern itself with fighting for civil rights for people in Northern Ireland.

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

Privacy

11. Special Branch references to persons and organisations mentioned in this report are given in the attached appendix.

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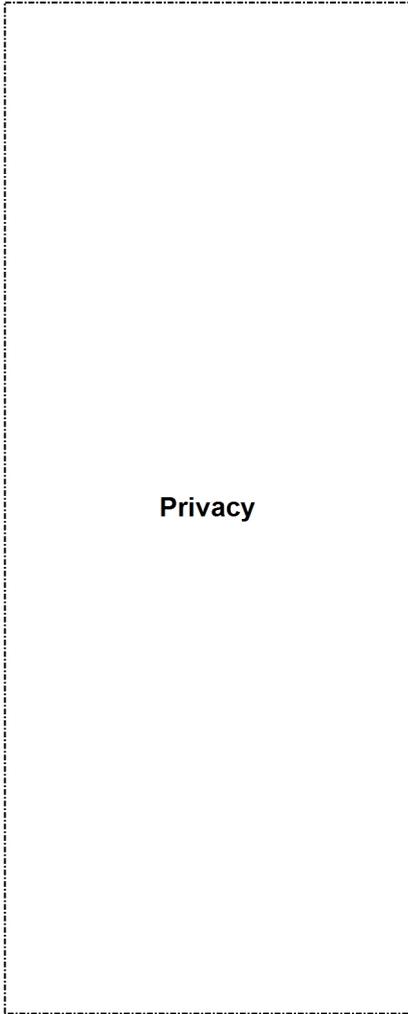
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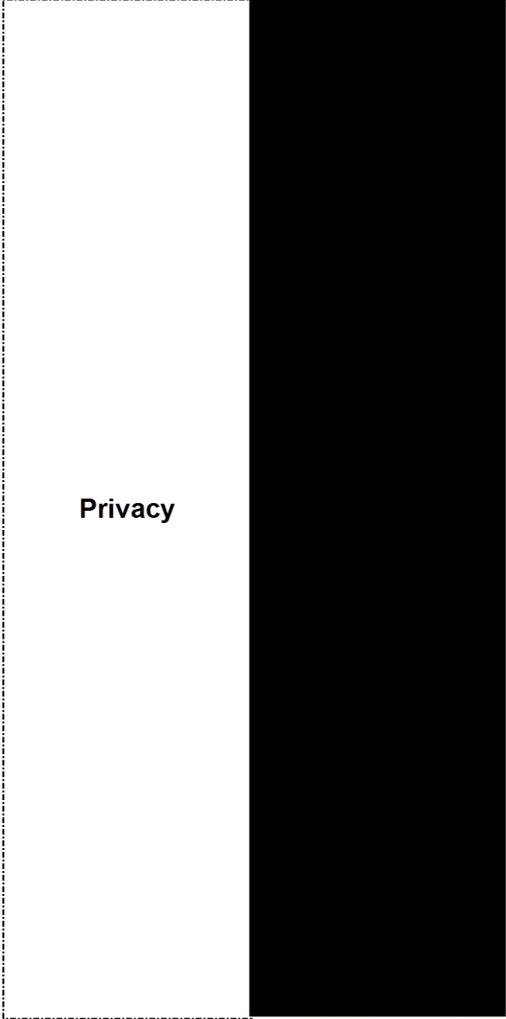
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To Special Branch report dated 21 October 1970
concerning a meeting of the ICRSC Steering Committee on 15.10.70



Privacy

Sean LYNCH



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Mention on 400/70/55-18A re ICRSC
Steering Committee meeting on
18.6.70

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