

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH

24 day of April 19 72

## SUBJECT

Northern  
 Minority Defence  
 Force

## Reference to Papers

588/UNREG/1014

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

2. "On Thursday 20 April 1972 a general meeting of the Northern Minority Defence Force took place at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, NW1. The meeting commenced at 8.30 pm and finished at 10 pm. Afterwards a meeting of the Military Wing of the NMDF was held which continued until 11 pm. Twenty-six persons were present at the general meeting which was chaired by [Privacy]

[Privacy]

3. [Privacy] opened by saying that the whole of the meeting would be devoted to a discussion on the manner in which the NMDF would counter the rally by 'Vanguard' in London on Saturday 29 April 1972. He said arrangements had been made to erect a platform and that invitations had been sent to such persons as Bernadette DEVLIN MP and Frank McMANUS MP to speak from the platform.

[Privacy] said that he was doubtful if they would accept, but added there were many others who would be only too pleased to speak.

4. A discussion was then held on the possibility of violence and the safety of those participating, particularly women and children. [Privacy] said that the stewards under [Privacy] would ensure that at least there would be 'no fatal casualties'.

5. [Privacy] then dealt with the arrangements for the mass leafletting campaign. He said that there were 5,000 leaflets ready for distribution and hoped that the organisation would receive the support of all members in that distribution. He then gave details of the leafletting (previously reported).

6. The general meeting then came to an end with [Privacy] calling for support for a social which was being organised by the NMDF at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, NW1 on Wednesday 10 May 1972, commencing at 8 pm. The social would take the form of a '1916 Martyrs Commemoration' and would include a photographic exhibition, slide show, film show and historic documents exhibition together with a programme of Irish music and songs. It would be open to members of the public at 30p per ticket.

7. Following the general meeting a meeting of the military wing was convened to which certain members of the NMDF were invited to attend. They were:

Privacy

Ian CAMERON

Privacy

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8. An introductory talk was given by Privacy who emphasised the need for strict security and urged that nothing should be said by members outside the meeting. Privacy listed the equipment which would be necessary for a volunteer to become an active guerilla fighter. These included good boots, a commando style knife, a good combat jacket and a rucksack. The meeting ended with members of the military wing being urged to support the leafletting drive and to ensure that they would be available on the day of the rally to act as stewards.

9. The next general meeting of the NMDF will take place on Thursday 4 May 1972 at the Irish Centre".

10. The attached appendix contains a list of the names and Special Branch references of persons mentioned in this report and of those persons identified as having participated in the general meeting of the NMDF.

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report dated 24 April 1972 concerning a general meeting of the Northern Minority Defence Force held on 20.4.72.

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Ian CAMERON

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Mentions re NMDF

RF Privacy

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Unable to identify

Unable to identify

Mentions re Ireland League

Privacy

Mentions re NMDF

RF Privacy

No trace

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Mentions re NMDF

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Privacy

Unable to identify

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Attended NMDF meeting 13.4.72.

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Privacy

Reference to Papers  
588/UNREG/1014

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

2. Privacy of Privacy (tel: Privacy is a member of the Northern Minority Defence Force.

3. He travels frequently to Northern Ireland and claims to associate with active service units of the Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army operating in the Ardoyne.

4. Privacy is aged about 34 years old, 6ft. tall, slim, upright build, short fair hair, clean shaven, blue eyes, speaks with a Northern Ireland accent. He is believed to be an ex-serviceman (no further details available at present)."

5. This man has come to notice on two previous occasions. He attended NMDF meetings on 9.3.72 and 7.4.72. NMDF matters are dealt with on 588/UNREG/1014.

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