

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report }

12 day of June 1972

SUBJECT
Northern Minority
Defence Force

Reference to Papers
588/UNREG/1014

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

2. "On Tuesday, 6 June an Executive Committee meeting of the Northern Minority Defence Force took place in the 'Richmond' public house, Orchardson Street, NW8. The meeting, which started at 8 pm and finished at 11.30 pm, was chaired by Privacy The following committee members were present:

Ian CAMERON

Privacy

(observer)

3. Privacy informed those present of the circumstances surrounding the arrests of Privacy and the events which led to the taking of the photographs by the 'Times' newspaper. Privacy said that had the photographs been taken as he had planned there would have been no trouble. He placed the blame on the shoulders of Privacy and said that they had received their just deserts. He continued by saying that the "intimidation" now being carried out by the police must not cause the organisation to collapse. Therefore a 'political' meeting of the NMDF would take place as usual at the 'Irish Centre' on Thursday, 8 June, as would the normal Sunday meeting at Hyde Park on Sunday, 11 June. Privacy said that it was important to start raising as much money as possible in order that those persons who had been imprisoned and their families could be properly taken care of.

4. To the obvious dismay of those present, Privacy said that the register of all those belonging to the organisation together with the minutes of meetings, a copy of the new constitution, and various other documents pertaining to the organisation had been found by the police in Privacy car. It was decided that in future the register would be in code and split up between the members of the Executive Committee. There was also to be as little note-making as possible at future meetings.

5. Privacy said that it was necessary to fill the vacancies on the National Executive caused by the arrests. It was agreed that Privacy should fill the place of National Chairman, and Privacy rather reluctantly agreed to become the National Secretary. These positions were to be on a temporary basis until the outcome of the court case was known.

6. [Privacy] then gave a very brief account of his trip to Northern Ireland (subject of a separate report).

7. The meeting finished with [Privacy] saying that he would contact the National Council for Civil Liberties to see if they could assist in obtaining bail for those at present in Brixton Prison.

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

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Appendix to Special Branch report dated 7 June 1972
concerning an Executive Committee meeting of the Northern
Minority Defence Force:

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