

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

19th day of January, 1971


SUBJECT Irish

Solidarity

Campaign

Reference to Papers

400/70/204

24/11/71  1

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

2. "A meeting of the Central London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign was held in the 'Earl Russell' public house, Pancras Road N1 from 9 pm to 10.15 pm on 14.1.71. The Chairman was Privacy and the minutes secretary Privacy. There were 16 persons present.

3. Apologies were given by Gery LAWLESS for the non-attendance of Privacy (in hospital), Bob PURDIE (in Ireland) and Privacy. Privacy (said by LAWLESS to be in Ireland, although Privacy later made a point of emphasising that he was not yet in Ireland - the significance of which was not clear).

4. It was decided that only outstanding business would be discussed, followed by a talk by Privacy on 'The past three months in Belfast'. The election of a committee to deal with administrative matters was therefore deferred.

5. Privacy was elected as the Central London ISC representative to the Executive Committee meeting to be held at the home address of Privacy in Birmingham on Sunday 17.1.71 at 2 pm.

6. Privacy then spoke on the events of the last three months. The 'tarring and feathering' incidents last weekend were carried out by both the 'official' and 'provisional' branches of the Republican Movement. He did not think there was anything political to be gained from such actions, although it was obviously done to prove that the Republicans were in control of the area. (This also appeared to be the view of the others present when contributions were made later). Privacy was unimpressed with the lead being given to the people by the Republicans and felt their continued strong support was due solely to the lack of an alternative. He was very critical of the Republican leadership and blamed them almost entirely for the failure to achieve more during the struggles of 1969 when they failed to make the arms, held by them, available to all those who could use them.

7. Most of the time remaining was taken up in a bitter argument



between Gery LAWLESS and **Privacy** on the definition of fascism and the role played by Ian PAISLEY in Ireland.

8. The following were among those present:

**Privacy**

Gery LAWLESS

**Privacy**

**Privacy**

**HN340** **2**  
Sergeant

Submitted

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Chief Inspector

**TN0035** **3**  
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

*for*





APPENDIX

Appendix to SB report on a meeting of the Central London ISC held on 14.1.71.

Privacy

Gery LAWLESS      335/57/430A

Privacy

Bob PURDIE      405/67/82

Privacy

