

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH



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2 day of February 1971

SUBJECT Irish

Solidarity

Campaign

Reference to Papers

400/70/204

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

2. "A meeting of the Central London Branch of ISC took place at the 'Earl Russell' P.H. Pancras Road, N1, from 9 pm to 10.30 pm, on Thursday, 28 January 1971. The chairman was Privacy and the secretary Privacy. There were about 20 persons present.

3. The first part of the meeting was a discussion on the distribution of leaflets advertising the activities for the 5, 6 and 8 February 1971 (previously reported). Some 2,000 of these leaflets would be distributed throughout North, West and South London.

4. There followed a talk by Privacy on 'Peoples Democracy and the Civil Rights Movement in Northern Ireland'. Privacy, who said he had joined PD in 1968 whilst a student at Belfast University, described various marches and demonstrations held in Ireland from October 1968 to January 1970, most of which he had taken part in. He considered the two principal failings of the PD were its student base and its sectarian outlook, both of which were not appreciated until too late.

5. Privacy raised several points which were later taken up in part by Gery LAWLESS and Privacy. The main one was whether there should be a military 'arm' to political organisations. He thought there should not be any military 'arm' since this would inevitably lead to very close surveillance and infiltration by the police and security organisations as for example in the case of the IRA, which was completely infiltrated. However, that did not mean that the revolutionaries should not have "a few arms for use at the appropriate time". Although LAWLESS did not say much he nevertheless made it quite clear he felt there should be a military 'arm'. Privacy agreed with LAWLESS and added that the military must always be subordinate to the political. Privacy's talk was then cut short by Privacy as time had run out, but it was agreed that he should give another talk at a later date.

6. The following were among those present:-

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Gery LAWLESS

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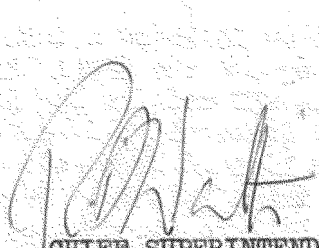
7. Special Branch references to persons mentioned in this report are contained in the attached appendix.

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Sergeant

Submitted

Chief Inspector



CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

A P P E N D I X to Special Branch report on a  
meeting of the Central London ISC held on 28.1.71

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Gery LAWLESS

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