

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH



21 day of April 1971

SUBJECT Irish
Solidarity
Campaign

Reference to Papers
400/70/204

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

2. "On Thursday, 15 April 1971, a meeting of the Central London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign was held at the 'Earl Russell' public house, Pancras Road, N1, from 9.30 pm to 10.30 pm. There were eighteen persons present. Gery LAWLESS was chairman and **Privacy** minutes secretary.

3. LAWLESS stated that the 'Irish Citizen' would be printed and ready for distribution on 22.4.1971 at a cost of 5 pence. It would consist of four pages, the inside two being in the form of a poster depicting a young boy being marched off by two British soldiers and bearing the slogan 'Ireland Unfree Shall Never Be At Peace'.

4. Bob PURDIE drew the attention of the meeting to a recently released film entitled 'Ryan's Daughter'. Reviews concerning the film had made it clear that the film contained considerable anti-Irish content and he felt that the comrades should consider some form of protest against the showing of the film. He suggested that a leaflet be prepared to advertise the film 'Urban Insurgency' and that these leaflets be distributed outside cinemas which were screening 'Ryan's Daughter' so that the general public would have an opportunity to see the other side of the struggle.

5. Regarding the 'Ulster 71 Exhibition' demonstrations, LAWLESS said that, at meetings held earlier in the year between Clann na h'Eireann, NICRA and ISC, it had been agreed that ISC should organise some activities at the start of the Exhibition whilst other groups would take responsibility for the middle and latter part of the Exhibition. To this end ISC would organise a meeting at Conway Hall on 13/18 or 20 May 1971. Bernadette DEVLIN, MP, would be asked to speak and the exact date of the meeting would depend on her. Other speakers would include Bowes EGAN, Gery LAWLESS, Sean NATGAMNA and representatives from Clann na h'Eireann and NICRA. The chairman would be Bob PURDIE.

6. PURDIE gave an account of his recent visit to Ireland and this was followed by a discussion on the current situation in Ireland. Nothing of particular interest arose from this discussion.

7. The following persons were identified as being present at the meeting:-

Gery LAWLESS

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* Bob PURDIE "

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

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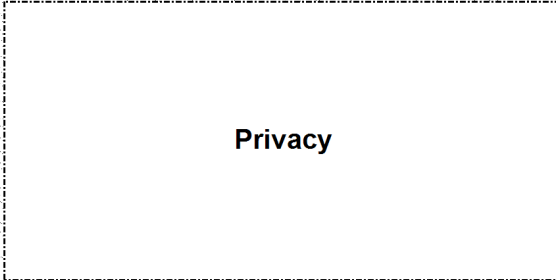


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Gery LAWLESS

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Bob PURDIE

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