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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

29/4/71 [Redacted]

1 27th day of April 1971.

SUBJECT

Irish Solidarity Campaign.

Reference to Papers

400/70/204

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

"A meeting of the Central London Branch of Irish Solidarity Campaign took place at the "Earl Russell" P.H. Pancras Road, N1, on 22.4.71 from 9 pm to 10 pm. There were 15 persons present. The chairman was Gery LAWLESS.

LAWLESS gave a brief report on the financial situation of the Branch and said that, even without the money held by the previous treasurer, Privacy, the Branch had about £10, after paying all its debts and receiving the money owed to it.

The first issue of "The Irish Citizen" was discussed and distribution considered. It was decided that members should take as many copies as possible from Privacy, the 'business manager' of the paper. A big effort would be made to sell the paper on 24.4.71 at the Vietnam Solidarity Committee demonstration.

Privacy then reported on the arrangements for the meeting to protest against the "Ulster '71" Exhibition. He had contacted Bernadette DEVLIN and she had told him that a letter was in the post to the ISC informing them of her decision to resign her position as joint President of the ISC and therefore perhaps it would be better if they reconsidered asking her after receiving and discussing the letter. In view of this he had booked Conway Hall for 20.5.71 and had contacted the other speakers. Bowes EGAN (no reply yet); Sean MATGAMNA (definitely); Privacy (no reply yet); Gery LAWLESS (definitely); Clann na h'Eireann and NICRA had both agreed to supply a speaker but had not indicated who it would be.

Privacy reported that the film "Ryan's Daughter" would not be on general release until the Autumn. It was therefore agreed that arrangements would have to be made to publicise the film "Urban Insurgency" earlier and, the week following the meeting of 20.5.71, was considered to be the best time.

Privacy, the secretary of VSC then gave a current account of the situation in Indo-China, particularly Laos, including the main events there during the past twenty years. He asked that all ISC members support the demonstration on 24.4.71.

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The following were present at the meeting:-

Gery LAWLESS

Privacy

Bob PURDIE

Privacy

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Sergeant

Submitted:

J. J. J.
Chief Inspector

[Signature]
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT



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Appendix to Special Branch report on a meeting held by the Irish Solidarity Campaign on 22.4.71.

Gery LAWLESS

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Privacy

Bob PURDIE

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Sean MATGANNA

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Bowes EGAN

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N.I.C.R.A.

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Clann na h'Eireann

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Sister 71 Exhibition

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