

Special Report }

## SPECIAL BRANCH

29/4/71

10 day of May 19 71.

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 the Irish Solidarity Campaign was held in the 'Earl Russell' public house, Pancras Road, N1, on 6.5.71 from 9.15 pm to 10.15 pm. The chairman was [Privacy] Privacy and there were 14 persons present.

3. The first item discussed was the meeting to be held on 20.5.71 at Conway Hall. [Privacy] Privacy reported that he had been unable to get a definite answer from Bernadette DEVLIN, MP, but it was certain that she would not be speaking, therefore the Small Hall had been booked. The definite speakers would be Bowes EGAN; Sean MATGAMNA and Dermot KELLY (nominated by NICRA) and a Republican speaker from Ireland. It was decided not to seek a replacement speaker for DEVLIN.

4. [Privacy] Privacy reported that, at a meeting held in Manchester on 29.4.71, a very useful discussion was held and he thought that steps should be taken to get an active branch going there. Bob PURDIE said that moves were being made to do this and it would be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting to be held at the home address of [Privacy] Privacy in Birmingham on 9.5.71.

5. [Privacy] Privacy reported that so far he had received money for about 100 copies of 'Irish Citizen'. He did not know how sales were going outside London, but about 700 copies had been sent to various parts of England and Scotland and a few to Ireland.

6. It was announced that on 30.5.71 Clann na h'Eireann were to hold a demonstration starting at Speakers' Corner Hyde Park, marching to Trafalgar Square. It was hoped that ISC would support it.

7. PURDIE then gave a short talk about the revolutionary struggles in the Indian sub-continent and the similarity with the struggle in Ireland.

8. The following persons were among those present:-

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Bob PURDIE

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9. Special Branch references to persons and organisations mentioned in this report are contained in the attached appendix.

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Appendix to Special Branch report on a meeting held by the Irish Solidarity Campaign held on 6.5.71.

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Bob PURDIE	RF.405/67/82	
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✓ Sean MATGAMNA	RF.335/	Privacy
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Bowes EGAN	RF.335/	Privacy
Dermot KELLY	RF.405/	Privacy
NICRA	400/70/120	
Clann na h'Eireann	400/69/127	
Irish Citizen	347/71/13	

