

Special Report

30/6/71 [redacted]

30 day of June 1971.

SUBJECT

Central London

I.S.C.

Reference to Papers

400/70/204

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

"A meeting of the Central London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign was held at the 'Earl Russell', P.H., Pancras Road, N1, on 24.6.71 from 8.30 to 10.15 pm. The chairman was Gery LAWLESS, and the minutes secretary was [redacted] There were 16 persons present.

The first item was a proposal by [redacted] that regular meetings should be held at Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park, on Sunday afternoons. After long discussion it was agreed to have a trial period of about four weeks for such meetings to begin on 4.7.71.

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[redacted] the treasurer, next proposed that the Branch should have a bank account. This was duly agreed with the proviso that two signatures would be necessary for each cheque - the secretary and the treasurer. Although the actual bank was not decided it was suggested the Midland Bank should have the account.

LAWLESS announced that an Executive Committee meeting would be held at his address on 27.6.71 and asked for nominations for a delegate. [redacted] was nominated but declined, [redacted] was then nominated and she accepted.

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Following this there was a long debate on the support to be given to the NICRA demonstration on 11.7.71. It was accepted that the demonstration should be supported by the ISC, although it would be made clear that the ISC line was not that of NICRA. Banners and placards would therefore bear suitable slogans and an appropriate leaflet would be prepared by Bob PURDIE.

Final arrangements for the ISC part in the demonstration were left to be discussed at the next Branch meeting on 8.7.71.

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The final item was the action to be taken should the result of the trial of Frank KBANE be announced on 25.6.71. It was decided that a picket would be held outside the 'Free State' Embassy on both 25.6.71 and 28.6.71 if he was convicted. Arrangements would also be made to hold a 'large' public meeting



with [redacted] Privacy as the speakers. After the meeting whilst in the bar of the 'Earl Russell', LAWLESS received a telephone call giving news of KEANE's acquittal so the above plans were cancelled.

The following were among those present at the meeting:-

[redacted] Privacy

Gery LAWLESS  
Bob PURDIE

[redacted] Privacy

2. Special Branch references are given in the attached appendix.

HN340 [redacted] 2  
Sergeant

Submitted:

[redacted] HN294 [redacted] 3

*Chief Inspector*

TN0035 [redacted] 4  
*Chief Superintendent*

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A P P E N D I X

Appendix to Special Branch report on a Central London ISC meeting of 24.6.71.

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Gery LAWLESS

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Bob PURDIE

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