

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

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13 day of October 19 71

SUBJECT London I.S.C.

Reference to Papers 400/70/204

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

2. "A meeting of the London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign was held at the General Picton PH, Killick Street, N1 from 8.30 to 10 pm on 8.10.71. The chairman was Privacy and there were about 25 people present.

3. The greater part of the meeting was taken up with an account by Privacy on the current situation in Ireland. For the most part he dealt in general terms with the events of the last six months. He did concentrate, however, on "civil resistance" activities, in particular the rent and rates 'strikes' which were currently receiving reasonable support, and which he envisaged as an important weapon in the present struggle. He said very little on internment save to point out it had been directed almost exclusively against Catholics and left wing activists. Throughout his talk he continually referred to the fight as being one between Catholics and Protestants. Normally at such meetings 'comrades' portray the fight as being between 'the workers' (both Catholics and Protestants) and the imperialists, in order not to appear sectarian.

4. After his talk a number of questions were put, the most interesting of which was whether or not Peoples Democracy supported the Provisionals. He was slightly hesitant in his reply, but said that he did not feel the Provisionals were correct in their attacks against civilian targets. Whilst it was justifiable to shoot soldiers in order to force the withdrawal of British troops, it was wrong to unnecessarily endanger the lives of civilians. This was followed by contributions from others on this subject, particularly Privacy who completely supported the Provisionals. He said it was extremely good tactics to attack civilian targets during the day as this gained maximum publicity which outweighed any possible adverse publicity.

5. Shortly before the meeting ended Privacy announced that it was planned to organise a 'party' for Privacy on 30.10.71. No further details had been decided but Privacy agreed to organise it.

6. The following were among those present:

- Privacy
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7. Special Branch references are given in the attached Appendix.

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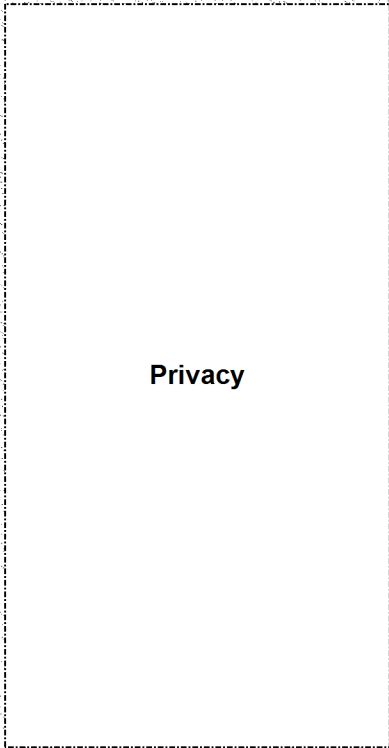
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APPENDIX to Special Branch report a London ISC meeting of 8.10.71.



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