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Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH

18 day of May 19 72

SUBJECT

International Socialists

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source and is a brief account of International Socialist activity in Irish affairs in various parts of England and Scotland.

Reference to Papers 400/72/56

Coventry: All committee largely IS. Contacts with Sinn Fein who appear to be well organised. It is hoped to hold a major demonstration in the Midlands in conjunction with Clann na h'Eireann.

Birmingham: Working closely with Clann na h'Eireann and attempting to get Trade Union branches involved in the ALL.

Liverpool: Fear of the Orange order has, until recently, stopped the formation of ALL which is now essentially IS in organisation.

Glasgow: IS have pulled out of work with other groups save for Clann na h'Eireann, due to the sectarian attitude of the IMG and Nazis.

Edinburgh: Orangism very strong and little chance of building any organisation.

Southampton: Well established, generally a very open approach using the churches and trying to ensure Protestant speakers on the platform. Industrial contacts have increased as a result of ALL work.

Bristol: Recently started a branch of Clann na h'Eireann and ALL but the IS-Clann relationship has presented problems.

Manchester: ALL includes the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association, Clann na h'Eireann, Sinn Fein and IS. IFC are only involved with the ISC.

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Hemel Hempstead:

ALL branch formed in mid-January. Small meetings but of good composition; everyone on the committee is a shop steward and Irish.

Portsmouth:

Very difficult situation, meetings have broken up in disorder and little hope exists of setting up any stable organisation.

Oxford:

INC/ISC problems mean that difficulty is being experienced in the setting up of ALL.

Leicester:

ALL branch working with individuals, anarchists and Sinn Fein but difficulties have been experienced in trying to establish contact with the Irish community.

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

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Detective Constable

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Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

APPENDIX to Special Branch report of 18 May 1972 concerning
International Socialist activity in Irish affairs in England
and Scotland:

Anti-Internment League	400/72/42
International Marxist Group	400/71/187
Irish Solidarity Campaign	400/71/253
Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association	400/71/257
Clann na h'Eireann Coventry	335/72/89
Birmingham	335/71/134
Glasgow	335/72/12
Bristol	335/70/71
Manchester	335/72/156
Sinn Fein Coventry	335/72/89
Manchester	335/72/156
Leicester	335/70/84