

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

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22 day of March 19 72

SUBJECT Central London ISC

Reference to Papers

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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 at the General Pictou public house, Killick Street, E1, on 17.3.72 from 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm. The chairman was Privacy and there were about 45 persons present.

3. The first item was the recent raids by police on the homes of members of ISC and IS members who had previously been members of ISC. Privacy gave the names of some of those raided and there followed general discussion on these 'terrible actions' and the need for strengthening the internal security of the ISC. Privacy pointed out it was obvious the main target had been ISC although ex-members, such as Privacy and a girl (believed to be Privacy), who had been the secretary of the North London ICSC, were also involved. Nevertheless, it was clear the police were interested in the present ISC and added it was interesting to note certain people had not been visited. Privacy said Gery LAWLESS had given a Press Conference on 16.3.72 at which he had given his views on such police activities.

4. Moving on to 'Irish Citizen' Privacy said the police had taken the manuscript for the next issue and although they said it would be returned it would be too late for printing before 26.3.72. Privacy suggested the paper ought to be printed for 26.3.72, despite the obvious shortcomings, if only to highlight police activities. Privacy said an editorial board meeting would be held on either Saturday or Sunday 18/19.3.72 and asked Privacy if he would be prepared to work as editor. He agreed but added he could not manage it alone.

5. Privacy next raised the subject of the Defence Fund and an appeal was made for money and comrades were reminded that the demonstration on 26.3.72 could well result in many more arrests in view of 'the present mood of the police.' A collection raised £8. Privacy said £3 had been received from Loughborough College's Socialist Society and £6.50 from a Privacy of Cardiff ISC.

6. Privacy said that due to insufficient response from comrades in London in organising the forthcoming conference,

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the Oxford Branch had undertaken the task and had set a provisional date of 29/30.4.72. Privacy said he would notify eligible Trade Union contacts. It was also mentioned the Oxford Branch was organising a trip to Belfast to participate in the Easter marches (it was later learned the main organiser was Privacy).

7. Privacy said that there would be a meeting at 8 pm on 25.5.72 at the 'Duke of Kent' public house, Old Kent Road, to set up a South London Branch of the ISC. On the same evening the West London Branch would be holding a Public Meeting (previously reported) at which Gary LAWLER would speak - police activities permitting.

8. There then followed a two-part talk on 'Orangeism - is it Fascism?'. The first part was given by Privacy on Fascism and the second by Privacy on Orangeism. Privacy gave a rather rambling and repetitive talk on her interpretation of Fascism.

9. Privacy who explained the origins of Orangeism, agreed with Privacy's conclusions that Orangeism was not Fascism. Afterwards Privacy pointed out that Orangeism was basically a religious phenomenon. Nevertheless, it has spawned individuals who were Fascists such as William CHAIK and Ian FAIRLEY, and organisations which were Fascist, such as the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Vanguard Movement. He predicted the rise of these two organisations would worsen the situation in Northern Ireland.

10. The following were among those present:

Andy BILBY

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

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Inspector

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Chief Inspector
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APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a Central London ISC meeting held
on 17.3.72.

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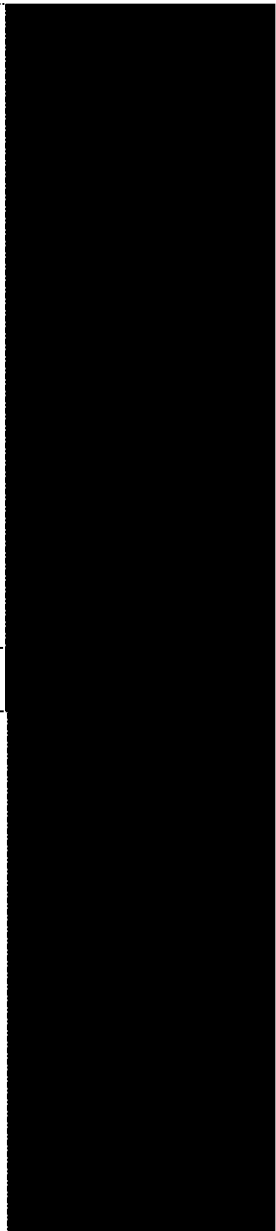
Mentions re ISC and Red Circle

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