

Special Report

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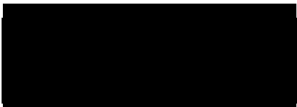
14 day of April 1972

SUBJECT
Central London
ISC

Reference to Papers

71/253

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 Picton' PE, Killick Street, W1, on 7.4.72 from 8.30pm to 10.15pm. The chairman was **Privacy** and there were about 25 persons present.
3. The first item on the agenda was the forthcoming ISC Conference. Bob FURDIE said arrangements were well in hand and during the weekend leaflets would be sent out to branches, Trade Unions, etc., explaining the aims of the conference. He suggested that to publicise the conference, the Central Branch of the ISC should organise a public meeting and it was agreed that such a meeting would be held at Conway Hall, on 20.4.72. The chairman would be **Privacy** and LAWLESS and FURDIE would be the speakers. LAWLESS said that the board of the 'Irish Citizen' had donated £5 towards stationery and postage for the conference and he urged members to give generously in the collection at the end of the current meeting as part would be towards Bob FURDIE's wages.
4. LAWLESS then said the next issue of 'Irish Citizen' could be ready within two weeks, but he felt it would have more impact if it were brought out on the first day of the conference. After some discussion LAWLESS's suggestion was accepted.
5. **Privacy** explained that the West London ISC were experiencing difficulty with the local Labour Party. Briefly the situation was that after initially agreeing to let the ISC use the Labour Party rooms in Unbridge Road for meetings, they had now withdrawn permission. Enquiries were being made by **Privacy** to find out if the Labour Party ban was local or general. After discussion it was agreed that if the ban was general then members of ISC would picket the Labour Party rooms at their next committee meeting. **Privacy** said he would ascertain the date of the next such meeting.
6. **Privacy** gave a brief report on the marches in Belfast on Easter Sunday. He and **Privacy** of those present had attended as part of an ISC contingent and had taken part in the section of the march organised by the official branch of the Republican Party only because they had been guests of 'Officials' while in Belfast. He said he thought the march had been poorly supported and fairly peaceful.
7. **Privacy** then presented a report on the Provisional march on Easter Sunday in London. He said that although only a few ISC members had been present quite a large crowd followed behind the ISC banner.



8. **Privacy** gave an account of the 'Officials' Easter Sunday march. He had been very disappointed with both the overall and the ISC support of the march. Although an ISC banner had been taken to be carried on the march an unidentified steward said it could not be carried on the march. Afterwards **Privacy** one of the main organisers of the march had expressed disappointment to **Privacy** that an ISC banner had been carried on the Provisional march but not on the Officials. **Privacy** had explained the circumstances and **Privacy** had apologised. Several persons at the meeting commented on the lack of a united line within the official movement. LAWLESS suggested that he should issue brief details of ISC participation in both marches and officially express concern that ISC was unable to work closely with the Officials.

9. **Privacy** said announced that a sub-committee would soon be set up to decide how to use the money in the Defence Fund. He said money was coming in regularly and at present there was some £50 in hand. It was agreed that a note should be inserted in 'Irish Citizen' to advertise the existence of the Fund.

10. After this there followed a discussion on the ALL Convention to be held in Bristol on 15.4.72. Great difficulty was being experienced in London to find out ALL arrangements. It was eventually left to **Privacy** to look about 15 seats on one of the coaches going from LONDON (LAWLESS and **Privacy** said four coaches would leave from various parts of London).

11. The following were among those present:-

- Andy BAILLY
- Privacy**
- Gary LAWLESS
- Privacy**

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

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report regarding a meeting of the
Central London branch of the ISC on 7.4.72

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