

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

30th day of June, 1969

SUBJECT

Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign.

Reference to Papers
RF.400/69/136

The following information has been received:-

1. "A meeting of the Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign was held in a private room of the Dolphin public house, Bidborough Street, W.C.1., on the evening of Tuesday 24th June, 1969.

2. About 30 persons were present of whom the following were identified:-

(Chairman)

Privacy

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Jerry LAWLESS

Privacy

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3. Most of the evening was taken up with discussion on last Sunday's Trafalgar Square demonstration organized by the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association.

4. Privacy gave a report back on the rally and said that the N.I.C.R.A. speakers put up a pathetic show. Bernard DEVLIN was the outstanding success of the afternoon although he grudgingly admitted that one could not ignore the fact that N.I.C.R.A. had secured the pledged support of 250 new members and had collected over £160.

5. After an exchange of views between LAWLESS and Privacy it became apparent that the gulf between N.I.C.R.A. and I.C.R.S.C. had become wider - mainly on account of LAWLESS's efforts.

6. In his treasurer's report, Privacy indicated that the organisation has about £10 in hand. It is understood, however, that the true state of the finances

is nearer a deficit of £5.

7. Jerry LAWLESS and [Privacy] had a heated argument over the former's plan to set up a Central London branch of I.C.R.S.C. It was stated that there are already branches in Hammersmith, Willesden, Dagenham and Islington and there are intentions to start new ones at Acton and Wimbledon.

8. I.C.R.S.C. are agreed on taking an office at 6, Cotton's Gardens, E.2 - the International Socialist headquarters although [Privacy] has indicated that she is no longer interested in using the office.

9. These forthcoming demonstrations were proposed by LAWLESS and adopted by the meeting:-

- (i) 20th July, 1969 - Speakers' Corner to Ulster Office, Berkeley St. W.1.
- (ii) 17th August, 1969 - no place given - a march to protest against an Orange Lodge Apprentices' march being held in Belfast on 15th August, 1969.
- (iii) Mass rally in Trafalgar Square on 5.10.69 to show solidarity with a march in Derry being held on the same day.

10. The above dates are provisional; a committee of three has been appointed to organise the October demonstration and to arrange a conference in September to formulate proper policies for the I.C.R.S.C."

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APPENDIX

Privacy	[Redacted]
Jury LAWLESS - RP.335/57/4301	
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- H.I.C.R.A. - RP.400/69/122
 - J.S. - RP.400/69/132

