

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

11th July, 1969.  
day of

Irish  
SUBJECT  
Civil Rights  
Solidarity  
Campaign.

Reference to Papers  
400/69/136.

1. The following information has been received:-

2. "A meeting of the I.C.R.S.C. took place on Tuesday, 8th July 1969, between 8 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. in a private room at the "Dolphin" public house, Bidborough Street, W.C.1. 40 persons were present and of those identified all were members of Peoples Democracy (London Branch), International Socialism or I.M.G. The meeting was chaired by [Privacy] [Privacy] was the minute secretary. At the conclusion of the meeting a collection to pay for the room was taken by [Privacy]

3. In addition to persons mentioned, the following were identified:-

[Privacy]  
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identified at the previous meeting on 1.7.69 as [Privacy] para. 2 of S.B. report of 3.7.69 refers).

[Privacy]  
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identified at the previous meeting on 1.7.69 as [Privacy] para. 4 of S.B. report of 3.7.69 refers).

[Privacy]  
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4. [Privacy] reported to the meeting that he had been asked by Gery LAWLESS to convey his apologies for his absence and said that LAWLESS was organising an I.C.R.S.C. branch in Coventry.

5. [Privacy] told the meeting that leaflets were being printed to advertise the march to the Ulster Office on 20th July, and that most left-wing newspapers had agreed to give it publicity. The meeting agreed that the route should be from Hyde Park (Speakers' Corner) via Park Lane and Piccadilly to the Ulster Office, Berkeley Street, W.1. [Privacy] said that he was in touch with police regarding the march and would give them details of the proposed route. (It was obvious from the

manner in which he spoke that the organisers of the march are willing to co-operate with police).

6. Privacy reported that he had been in touch with shop stewards at the Barbican site and it had been agreed that on a Thursday in the near future when it was hoped speakers from the I.C.R.S.C. would be available, all 1,400 workers would attend a mass meeting during the lunch-time period. Thursday being pay day at the Barbican, it was expected that a collection would be taken for the campaign. Privacy would address the meeting if at all possible.

7. Privacy reported that a branch of I.C.R.S.C. had been established at Acton with a membership of 30. Branches have also been established at Dagenham, Islington and West London. A delegate from West London (unidentified) reported that a letter had been written to Hammersmith Council requesting permission to hold a rally on Shepherds Bush Green on 17th August but no reply had yet been received. Privacy advised the meeting that when dealing with councils it was far better to tell them what one intends doing and not to ask for permission.

8. The treasurer, Privacy gave a financial report; the campaign had a credit balance of about £10,000. Money collected at the public meeting at Wimbledon on 25th June had not yet been given to him and nobody seemed to know who had it. Privacy was appointed business manager of the monthly broadsheet of the I.C.R.S.C.

9. Privacy said that she had been in touch with Camden Council regarding the booking of St. Pancras Town Hall for the I.C.R.S.C. conference provisionally arranged for 13th September, 1969. As the cost of hiring the hall was £80,000 the meeting decided that this was too expensive, and authorized her to book the hall at Holborn (? Town Hall) at a cost of £18. A social will be held after the convention and she was instructed to make enquiries regarding a bar licence for the occasion.

10. At the conclusion of the meeting Privacy reported on the current political situation in Northern Ireland. According to him, the split between the left-wing and the right-wing of the civil rights campaign in Ulster was widening every day. He attacked Privacy for supporting the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and he mentioned that Cardinal CONWAY, who had at one time supported the movement for civil rights, was now opposed to it. These latter remarks were not well received by a few persons present, who accused him of needlessly attacking Catholics. Later, Privacy said that Protestants were discriminating against Catholic workers in Northern Ireland and this brought a rebuke from a Protestant (unidentified) in the audience who attacked Privacy and told him to qualify his remarks. At this stage a number of minor arguments broke



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out amongst members of the audience; the discussions were not heated, but it was obvious that they very soon could become so, and the Chairman rather hurriedly closed the meeting.

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APPENDIX TO SPECIAL BRANCH REPORT DATED 11th JULY, 1969  
REGARDING IRISH CIVIL RIGHTS SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN.

Privacy

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attendance at previous

Gery LAWLESS

335/57/430

Privacy

Peoples Democracy 400/69/111

International Socialism 400/69/132

I.M.G. 400/68/182