

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH

North

15 day of February 1972

SUBJECT London Red Circle

Reference to Papers 400-70750

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. A meeting of the North London Red Circle was held on Tuesday 8.2.72 at the 'General Picton' PH, Killick Street, N1. It began at 8 pm, ended at 10.30 pm and there were about 30 persons present.

3. The whole of the meeting was devoted to a talk by Bob PURDIE on Ireland, in place of a scheduled talk on Spain. Although PURDIE's talk was quite interesting he only gave an outline of the history of Ireland with extra emphasis on the last 3/4 years. He also dealt briefly with the Republican movement. (Later in the meeting he pointed out that the split within that movement had arisen not so much out of political differences but more through the manner in which the struggle should be waged). In the ensuing question period the only question of note was one regarding the prospect of violent action being taken by the IRA in England. PURDIE (who can be regarded as a non-violent revolutionary) said he knew of no such plans and recommended that anyone who heard of any such activities to forget them as he most certainly would. To extend the military struggle to England would be politically wrong. However, if the leaders of the struggle in Ireland considered it was advantageous to do so then it would be the duty of all revolutionaries in this country to support them (this has been the official IMG line throughout the present struggle).

4. Several times throughout his talk PURDIE urged anyone interested in the struggle to attend the I.S.C. meetings. There were I.S.C. branches throughout Britain, many of them in Universities, the latest being at Glasgow University in addition to the already well established Glasgow branch. He was also particularly pleased that a branch had recently been set up in a small town in Lanarkshire.

The following were among those present:-

Andy BATTLE

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Bob PURDIE

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Special Branch references are given in the attached Appendix.

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a North London Red
Circle meeting held on 8.2.72.

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