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...26th.....day of.....June.....19 70.

SUBJECT ...Protest against the imprisonment of Bernadette DEVLIN M.P.

Reference to Papers

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1. On Friday, 26th. June, 1970 protest demonstrations against the imprisonment of Bernadette DEVLIN, M.P., were held outside the Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, and later outside the Ulster Office. These protests were apparently organised by members of the NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION supported by members of the INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS. During the course of the protests there were six arrests. (See Appendix 'A')

2. The protests commenced at 8.30 pm outside the Home Office in Whitehall when about 60 to 100 persons gathered on the footway and displayed banners with the following slogans:-

'RELEASE BERNADETTE DEVLIN'

'YOU CAN'T JAIL SOCIALISM'

'SELF DETERMINATION FOR IRELAND - RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS'

3. Those taking part walked up and down and shouted "Release Bernadette". There was no disorder in Whitehall and uniformed police were present throughout.

4. At about 10 pm it was decided to march to the Ulster Office after Brendan MAGILL addressed the crowd. At 10.5 pm about 50 of the demonstrators formed up and marched via Whitehall, Cockspur Street, Pall Mall and Haymarket. They then turned into Piccadilly and on reaching Lower Regent Street some sat down in the roadway, causing obstruction; five persons were arrested during this incident.

5. The remainder of the marchers then continued along Piccadilly and a further arrest was made when a demonstrator ran into the roadway, shouting and using threatening behaviour. The marchers eventually reached Berkeley Street where they halted and were again addressed briefly by Brendan MAGILL. They then dispersed after leaving a picket of persons parading outside the Ulster Office.

6. Meanwhile, at 10.50 pm, the 15 persons who had remained picketing the Home Office then marched to the Home Secretary's residence at 27, Chester Square, S.W.1 and handed in a petition. They then returned to the Home Office and continued peaceful picketing until dispersing at 11.55 pm.

7. All those arrested will appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court at 10 am on Saturday, 27th.June, 1970.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Details of persons arrested during the demonstration by the [redacted] NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION on 26.6.70.

Name and Address	Date of Birth	Occupation	Offence	Result of searches in S.B. Records.
1. Privacy	Further details refused	--	Using threatening behaviour contrary to Section 54(13) M.P. Act 1839	Unable to identify
2. Privacy	18.9.36	Dairy worker	Obstructing the free passage of the highway contrary to Section 121, Highways Act, 1959.	No trace
3. Privacy Privacy	14.4.50	Unemployed	"	Privacy
[redacted] 4. PURDIE Robert McGovern 19, Hamilton Road, W.5	9.9.40	Newspaper worker	"	R.B. 405/67/82
5. LYNCH Sean 27, Inverness Terrace, W.2	9.1.33	Clerk	"	No trace
[redacted] Privacy	29.10.45	Driver's mate	[redacted]	No trace