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Special Report

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SUBJECT

WCL [redacted]  
7 JUL 1970  
TO [redacted]  
REF OF 89/7(1)

25 day of June 1970

NICRA (London)

Reference to Papers

400/69/122

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

2. "A conference of delegates from branches of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (London Region) took place between 8.30 pm and 11 pm at the Irish Club, Eaton Square, SW1 on the evening of Tuesday 23 June 1970. Approximately 20 persons attended the meeting which was chaired by [redacted] Delegates from the following NICRA branches attended:- [redacted] Chiswick, Cricklewood, Clapham and Tooting, Forest Gate, Highgate, Highbury, Bethnal Green and Walthamstow.

3. The Treasurer, [redacted] told the meeting that the organisation had a credit balance of £115 18s 10d but that when outstanding debts were paid the credit balance would amount to £32.

4. [redacted] the Chiswick delegate, told the meeting that a function to raise funds held at the Chiswick Town Hall on Friday June 12th 1970 was a failure financially which had resulted in a loss of £37.

5. [redacted] told the meeting that [redacted] had been invited to speak at a Connolly Association Rally on Sunday 28 June 1970 and asked the delegates to agree to [redacted] speaking. After a short debate in which some delegates opposed [redacted] speaking from a Communist platform" it was agreed without a vote that he should speak.

6. A [redacted] a student from Queens University Belfast, told the meeting that she was the organiser of the 'Seminar' which was shortly to have been held in Birmingham but that it had had to be cancelled as there was only one applicant for a ticket.

7. [redacted] announced that a major demonstration of all Irish Associations in London who were involved either directly or indirectly in the civil rights struggle would take place on Sunday July 19th 1970. The demonstration would take the form of a march from Speakers' Corner to Trafalgar Square, where there would be a rally. The following persons had been invited to speak:- [redacted] Bernadette DEVLIN, [redacted] and a representative from 'Irish Unity'.

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8. Brendan MAGILL told the meeting that a representative from the 'Ulster Telegraph' had spoken to him on the telephone and suggested that the civil rights movement was now dormant, or at least seems to be, and asked whether this was due to the fact that the civil rights movement was satisfied with the reforms now being implemented in Ulster. MAGILL assured the enquirer that the civil rights movement was very much alive.

9. [REDACTED] Privacy suggested that in the event of Miss DEVLIN failing in her appeal to the House of Lords, a demonstration should be held on Friday evening 26 June 1970-at 8.30 pm-outside the Home Office (subject of separate telephone message to Special Branch). It was expected that it would be announced on Friday whether Miss DEVLIN had been given permission to Appeal to the House of Lords. Privacy and Brendan MAGILL suggested that the demonstration should be held in any event and this was agreed to. However, private conversation between executive members of NICRA after conference made it clear that the demonstration would not take place in the event of Miss DEVLIN being granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

10. Privacy the delegate from the Hammermith Branch of NICRA, announced that the Chairman of his Branch Privacy had received a circular letter from NICRA Belfast appealing for funds and his Branch wished to know if money should be sent direct or passed to the executive for transmission.

11. Both the Secretary, Privacy and the Treasurer, Privacy Privacy denied any knowledge of such a letter whereupon the delegate from Highbury (unnamed) remarked that he had received a similar letter with the agenda for the meeting from the executive and therefore the executive must be aware of the letter. This caused some consternation but Privacy restored calm to the proceedings by suggesting that it was obvious that the Post Office, who were intercepting certain members' mail, had replaced material in wrong envelopes.

12. It was decided to hold an enquiry into the matter at the next executive meeting and if there was evidence of interference with the post complaints would be lodged with the NCCL and MPs.

13. The following persons are known to have attended the meeting:-

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Brendan MAGILL "



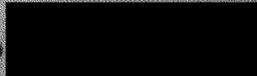


14. Special Branch references to persons and organizations mentioned in this report are given in the attached appendix.

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APPENDIX

to Special Branch report dated 25 June 1970 concerning a  
NICRA meeting on 23 June 1970

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Bernadette DEVLIN

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MP

Mentions

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