

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

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 Date 7/4/70 [Redacted] day of October 19 70

SUBJECT

Court Proceedings

Reference to Papers

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1. I was present at Wells Street Magistrates' Court today when the undermentioned persons appeared before the learned Magistrate I G MacLean, Esq, on remand from the 24 September 1970:

a. Gerard LAWLESS, born 15.8.36 of 22 Duncan Terrace, N1, charged with using threatening words, threatening behaviour and assault on police.

b. Privacy born Privacy of Privacy charged with using threatening words.

2. The charges arose as a result of a demonstration on the arrest and imprisonment of Bernadette DEVLIN, MP, in June 1970.

3. The whole of the previous hearing, on the 24 September 1970, was taken up by evidence on behalf of the prosecution. Both defendants were remanded on bail in their own recognisance of £50 and LAWLESS with one surety of £50.

4. At today's hearing LAWLESS and Privacy were put into the witness box by their solicitor, Benedict Michael BIRNBERG, Esq. to give evidence on their own behalf. The following persons were also called by the defence to speak on the defendants' behalf:

Bowes EGAN a writer, of Privacy

Peter GOWAN a teacher of Privacy

Stephanie WINBURN, a student, of Privacy is approximately 18 years of age, 5'7" tall with a round face and brown curly hair.

Giuliano GALVIN, a photographic printer, of Privacy

All the above witnesses protested the innocence of the defendants but nothing was mentioned which would be of particular interest to this Branch.

5. The Magistrate found the case proved against LAWLESS regarding the charge of threatening behaviour. He dismissed the charges of threatening words and assault on police. He found the case of threatening words proved against **Privacy**

He fined both defendants £40 each with prosecution costs of £15 and defence costs of £15 in each case. Furthermore, both defendants were bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £100 for 12 months.

6. The following persons were identified by me as being in court:-

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7. Special Branch references to persons mentioned in this report are given in the attached appendix.

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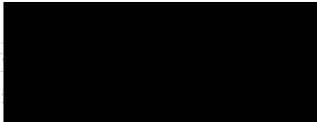
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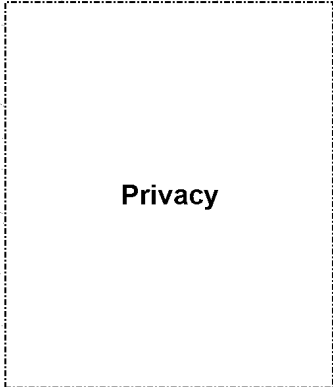
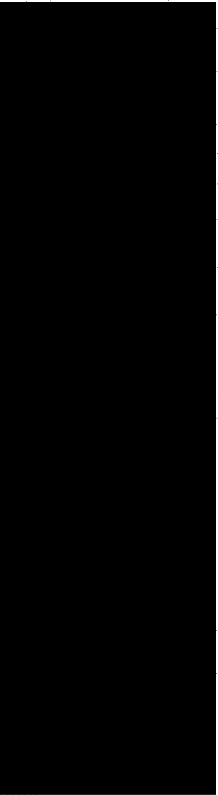
Benedict Michael BIRNBERG -

Bowes EGAN -

Giulio GALVIN -

Peter GOWAN -

Gerard Richard LAWLESS -



Privacy



Two fined over Miss Devlin protest

Two men were fined by a London magistrate yesterday for offences arising out of a demonstration at the Ulster Office in June over the arrest of Miss Bernadette Devlin, M.P.

Gerrard Richard Lawless, a 33-year-old electrician, of Duncan terrace, Islington, and McCabe (27), painter

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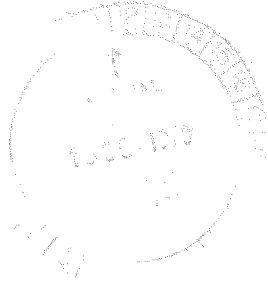
were fined £40 and ordered to pay a total of £30 each in costs. The Wells street magistrate also bound them over in sums of £100 to keep the peace for 12 months.

Lawless was found guilty of using threatening behaviour towards Miss Devlin on June 28th, and McCabe on June 29th.

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He used insulting words against Lawless of assaulting a senior police officer and of using threatening words were dismissed. Both men had pleaded not guilty to the charges.



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