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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

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8 day of June 1972

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SUBJECT
Anti-Internment
League

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

2. "On Tuesday 23 May 1972 a meeting of the Committee of the Anti-Internment League took place (location not known). The following persons were present:-

Privacy

Gery LAWLESS (observer)

3. It was announced that Privacy had resigned from the Committee owing to pressure of other commitments.

4. On Saturday 24 June 1972 a demonstration, organised by the Anti-Internment League, has been planned to take place in Slough. The demonstration will commence at 3.30pm at Wellington Street, Slough and will take the form of a march through Slough shopping centre, past Eton College to Windsor where it will pass two army barracks and Windsor Castle. An open air rally at the end of the march will be addressed by Frank McMANUS, MP and James WRAY, father of one of the victims of 'Bloody Sunday'. At present three coaches have been organised to take members of the AIL from London to Slough. These coaches will travel from Hammersmith, Kilburn/Cricklewood and Camden.

5. A committee was set up to plan a campaign in defence of the "Free Area" in Northern Ireland. The members of this committee are as follows:-

Gery LAWLESS

Privacy

6. To commemorate the anniversary of internment a week of activity from Saturday 5 August to Sunday 13 August 1972 is to be planned. These activities will include a demonstration in Glasgow on Saturday 5 August, and one in London on Sunday 13 August for which the use of Trafalgar Square is being sought.

7. **Privacy** has tendered his resignation as treasurer to the AIL owing to pressure of work. He has been replaced by **Privacy** who is also to chair a committee on fund-raising, which consists of the following persons:-

Privacy

Despite contributions from several branches the financial situation of the Anti-Internment League was announced as desperate. Both full time organisers (**Privacy** and **Privacy**) were forced to take a pay cut! The fund-raising committee has so far organised a Folk Concert to take place at the Irish Centre on Thursday 15 June 1972".

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

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Detective Inspector

Submitted **HN294** **4**
Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT



A P P E N D I X

Appendix to Special Branch report dated 8 June 1972 concerning a meeting of the Committee of the Anti-Internment League held on 23.5.72

Privacy

Gery LAWLESS

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Privacy

Frank McMANUS, MP

Privacy

James WRAY

Mentions re ALL

