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Special Report

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SPECIAL BRANCH

2 December 1971 day of 19

SUBJECT

Central London  
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Reference to Papers  
400/70/204

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

2. "A meeting of the Central London Branch of the Irish Solidarity Campaign was held at the 'General Picton' PH, Killick Street, N1 on Friday 26 November 1971, from 8.30 to 10 pm. The chairman was **Privacy** and there were about 25 persons present.

3. In opening **Privacy** apologised for the absence of **Privacy** who was to have given the 'educational'. (He was later seen in the bar - drunk).

4. She next apologised for the absence of Gery LAWLESS and said that during the weekend he would be giving a series of talks in Kendal, Lancaster and Preston. In the ensuing week he would also be speaking in Warwick and Canterbury. It was hoped ISC branches would be formed shortly in these towns.

5. **Privacy** then gave a brief report on the Anti-Internment League meeting of 23.11.71. at the Irish Centre. The meeting had in effect been the National Conference at which the officials and committee members for the coming year had been elected. She did not elaborate on the elections but it was obvious she was not pleased with the results. One of her main complaints seemed to be that although several ISC members had worked very hard to ensure the success of the 31.10.71. demonstration - even to the neglect of ISC work - no account appeared to have been taken of this by the AIL. As a result the only Committee member with any connection with ISC was **Privacy** (no doubt Gery LAWLESS's non-election was her principal motivation for complaint).

6. **Privacy** later referred to the AIL as a 'bankrupt organisation' but nevertheless explained that for the moment it was still necessary for the ISC to work with them, although at the same time trying harder to build-up the ISC itself. To this end, in addition to the proposed branches mentioned earlier, it was hoped to set up a branch in South (possibly South East) London. **Privacy** offered assistance concerning contacts and **Privacy** pointed out that several South East London AIL members were very sympathetic towards ISC.

7. It was then announced that the SE London AIL intended holding a rally and march on 4.12.71. (previously reported - see leaflet attached). After this consideration was given to a picket outside the offices of 'Tribune' in protest at a recent article in 'Tribune' attacking the IRA and the general attitude of 'Tribune' towards the struggle in Ireland (telephone message no. 0.9532 refers). It was eventually agreed to hold such a demonstration on 6.12.71. from 5 pm to 7 pm. It was also decided that other than to ask for support for that picket at the AIL meeting on 30.11.71. no publicity would be given until 6.12.71. so that the staff at 'Tribune' would be taken by surprise.

8. **Privacy** mentioned that on 4.12.71. there would be a 'school' on Ireland in Oxford, but in view of the AIL demonstration on 4.12.71. branch members

that school.

9. Brief thought was given to a party, partly for fund raising purposes, on 31.12.71, but this met with a mixed reception and no firm decision was taken.

10. **Privacy** stated that the next issue of 'Irish Citizen' was at the printers who were unfortunately having trouble with the presses so that the paper would not be ready until next Wednesday or Thursday (1/2.12.71.) **Privacy** proposed that all regular ISC members should take and pay for a minimum of 10 copies of each issue of 'Irish Citizen'. This proposal was carried.

11. The following were among those present:

**Privacy**

Special Branch references are given in the attached Appendix

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Chief Inspector

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APPENDIX to Special Branch report on an ISC meeting held on 26 November 1971

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