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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

2 day of December 19 71

SUBJECT

Red Circle

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

2. A meeting of the North London Red Circle was held at the 'General Election' Hall, Zillick Street, E1 on 30.11.71 from 8.15 pm to 10.15 pm. Privacy was the chairman and there were about 20 persons present.

Reference to Papers

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3. The first item discussed was the Anti-Unemployment demonstration on 24.11.71 which was considered to have been a great success both in the numerical support it received and in the militancy displayed mainly by the Claimants Unions and the National Union of Women. However, the S.G. meeting at Jersey Hall on 26.11.71 was considered to have been not so successful although Privacy speech was thought to have been very good; unfortunately some of the speakers did not appear.

4. The 'educational' was given Privacy on Ireland. He dealt with the last 60 - 70 years of Irish history and gave a rather long-winded and not very clear account of the split in the Republican movement. He also spoke of the role being played by Prime Minister O'Neill and his government, of which he was very scathing. He was only trying to preserve his own position and he only attacked the British Government when it was absolutely necessary to prove to the Catholics how loyal he was to the Irish struggle. The greater part of Privacy's talk merely repeated old themes so that it was not particularly interesting. In general he was somewhat uninspiring, hesitant and pessimistic. The only point of real interest was that he was of the opinion that the IRA were likely to be defeated within the near future. It was essential therefore to examine ways to lessen the effects of the defeat so that the inevitable demoralisation would not be too depressing.

5. There were several questions of a general nature, but only one of any interest, from an unidentified Irish man, who asked if it would not be a good idea for the IRA to spread its activities over a much larger area of Ulster rather than concentrating in and around Belfast. Privacy's widening would make the task of the British troops more difficult. O'Neill disagreed and implied it was now too late to spread the military fight.

6. Nevertheless, he did try to appear more optimistic on the general political awareness of the people in both the North and the South. If political groups could make contact with the working class soon the future could still be bright for a socialist revolution.

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7. The following were among those present:

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Special Branch references are given in the attached report.

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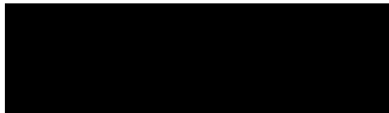
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APPENDIX to Special Branch report on a Red Circle meeting held on 30.11.71

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Mentions re 119 + Red Circle

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Attended 1 collecting on 26.11.71

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