MINUTES BOOK C.I.C.A

A.G.M. 28/2/1971

Please call

St Christopher's Tours

Whit Week end

a Visit to Knock in Co Mayo

Organised by Mrs O'Hanlon

TEL NO ASCOT 22599

Excursion leaves Euston at 8.30 pm

Friday 28.5.71

Saturday being spent in Dublin

Sunday at Knock

Return to London on Monday

Fare £ 31 - 0 - 0

The 18th Annual General Meeting of The Council of Irish County Associations held at The Irish Centre Camden Square London N.W.1 on Sunday February 28th 1971.
The Meeting opened with all Offices present under the Chairman Mr Maurice O'Connor at 2.45 pm In attendance was Mr Tom Gorman President of The Council and Mr Jody Feehan Cultural Attache, The Irish Embassy, representing His Excellency, Dr Donal O'Sullivan The Irish Ambassador.
94 Delegates representing 24 County Associations attended. Armagh & Limerick were not represented. Very Rev Fr Fanning represented The Irish Centre
The Chairman in his opening address welcomed all delegates and was particularly pleased to see His Excellency represented in the person of Mr Jody Feehan, a founder member of the Council. Mr Gorman then A special mention was made of Mr Jim Conway Life President who though illness was unable to be present. Mr O'Connor requested that a prayer be offered for a speedy return of Mr Conway to his large circle of friends.
Mr O'Connor appealed to all present to give deep thought to the future role of the Council and to put forward worthwhile ideas and objects or aims, to be achieved in the 70's.
It was moved that standing orders be adopted as a guide to conducting this A.G.M.
Tellers were appointed as follows Mr P. McAtee, Mr L O'Hara & Mr Gerry O'Flynn.
The minutes of the 17th A.G.M were read and discussed having been adopted at the March Meeting of 1970.
The Chairman gave a detailed account of action taken in respect of motions carried at the 1970 A.G.M.
Correspondence:- Due to the Postal Strike correspondence was limited A Phone call had been received from a Mrs O'Hanlon at Ascott 22599 giving details of a proposed trip to Knock at Whit Weekend by surface routes at a cost of £3-0-0.
The Irish Centre Welfare Report for January '71 was

read:

23rd February, 1971.

LM/TMH/AR

For the Information of The Council of Irish County Associations.

THE IRISH CENTRE WELFARE REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1971.

During JANUARY 1971, 180 clients were dealt with in the WelfareOffice.

Of those 125 had arrived in England for the first time.
105 were seeking accommodation.
48 were seeking employment, and for those our employment officer placed 41 in jobs and the remaining 7 cases were placed in jobs by other agencies which we arranged.
87 were seeking financial or material aid (57 were assisted by us and 30 referred to the statutory authorities where we had arranged aid).
5 were under 18 years of age and had arrived in England for the first time.
11 Psychiatric cases.
1 Orphan
4 Ex-Offenders.
9 Repatriated.
2 Unmarried Mothers.
73 required help in other categories.

All figures are up for the month of January.

Dr. L. Morton.
Chief Welfare Officer.

A letter from the Secretary of the St Patricks Parade Committee, Mr J. Murphy giving details of the Parade and Parade discipline was handed to all Delegates.
The Secretary's Report:- A copy was given to each Delegate. This Report covered Council Activities during 1970/71.
The Report was adopted on a proposition from Mr Tom Beckett, seconded by Mr J Quinn.
The Treasurers Report:-
This Report gave a detailed account of Financial activities within the Council in respect of Year ending 31-12-1970, and showed a Credit Balance of £346-33p. The Report was audited by Mr M. Ryan Certified accountant.
The Treasurer's Report was adopted on a proposition from Mr

Seamus Lynch seconded by Mr Con Sharkey.
A Discussion followed on a loss of £89-3-10 on the Annual Dinner of 1970. Mr Mc Ardle requested a fuller breakdown of cost received £633-0-0 against extension of £722-3-10 taking into account that 362 persons attended 29 of whom were guests.
Mr O'Connor pointed out that the loss sustained at this function was a last minute change to a better Menu in view of the distinguished number of Guests + Patrons.
It was decided to hold the Treasurers Report open until Annual Dinner extensions are fully clarified.
The Chairmans Report Insert here.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Chairman Address to the Annual General Meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at The Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square N.W.1, on Sunday, 28th February, 1971.

Mr. President, Mr. Life President, Mr. Feehan, Rev. Fathers and friends, it is my pleasant duty to address you once again at our Annual General Meeting.

The events of the past twelve months have been many and varied for the County Associations and it is fair to state that a certain amount of progress has been made. However, certain aspects of the years work are not what they should be, we can only hope that the future in the 1970's will be of greater significance to all of us. It is rather a lot to expect the County Associations to please all and sundry and when we compare our membership with those outside our ranks it is understandable if not fair that we should be the subject of such indirect criticism and controversy. It is, I suppose, partly our fault if people who do not make any contribution to the activities of county associations should be so far off the mark in their views of them. I could go on at length to defend county associations but I feel you have not come to hear that, as the people who do the work you are aware of their usefulness. In most cases a 50p piece entitles everyone to join their respective county association and to the knockers on the sidewalk I say if we are so far off course fill in your application forms and join us and we will listen and you will learn.

From ten years connected with the County Associations and being a man of reasonable intelligence I know what has been done and what still needs to be done. Members of county associations are not a body of people who like to be seen and heard at dinners and on other social occasions, they are the people who are also working in their local communities who are connected with the G.A.A.; The Gaelic League; The St. Patricks Parade Committee; The Irish Centre; The Irish Club; The N.U.I. Club; The Emigrant Chaplains Guild; The many political organisations, both Irish and English. There exists in the county associations a wealth of talent, of sincerity and of usefulness, it may be that it is not yet effectively used, but we are always attentive to any suggestions from anyone who is aware of what is being done, and who is sincere in improving upon it.

Because the emigration from Ireland varies from County to County, it is natural that some counties in London are more established than others and whether you look upon the county associations collectively or by individual achievements your conclusions about them will vary. It has never been the policy of the county associations that they should make capital from their endeavours on behalf of those of our brothers and sisters who through no fault of their own fall down on their luck occasionally. These are the people who benefit from the county associations and I can say that this support has meant money, clothing, food and employment, plus many other kinds of assistances. To say that the County Associations give many thousands of pounds each year to charitable causes have been proved to be correct. Help directly and indirectly to the Irish Centre has been forthcoming down the years from the County Association. They have been a friend to the County Associations and they will agree that the reverse is equally true.

To name County Associations can be a dangerous problem lest one is unfortunate in missing out any. All counties have played their

The Embassy.

Representing His Excellency Dr Donal O Sullivan - Mr Jody Jackson addressed the assembled delegates pointing out that being a founder member he had attended all A.G.M's for the past 17 years. From the beginning it was the intention to raise 32 County Associations and he encouraged the present Council to do all possible to bring about this happy turn of events. He thanked the Chairman for his excellent address and extended to all, the best wishes of His Excellency who takes a keen interest in our affairs.

The Presidents Address

Mr Gorman spoke of the pleasure it gave him to co-operate and work with the Council + County associations. He was happy to be in a position from year to year to put up a substantial sum of money for competition within the Associations and for 1971-72 will sponsor a further £1000 in this respect. Speaking of Dinners at The Gresham Mr Gorman thought he treated all Associations with due consideration, in that drinks to guests before and after dinner were at cost price, whilst drinks at the top table during dinner were free if more than 200 patrons dined. Mr Gorman brought these points to light in view of certain undeserved criticism which had been made to the effect that he made a lot of money out of these Dinners. It was the opinion of assembled Delegates that to donate on the scale Mr Gorman donates one has also to make money. He was not in Business to lose and if fortune smiles on him at an Association Function, that was his Bread + Butter. There were other Irishmen in London who made a lot of money also.

The Secretary read a paragraph from his report which summed up the opinion of County Associations in respect of The Presidents: We are happy to have him as President, exceptionally grateful for his benevolence and delighted to shake his hand as a friend.

The Irish Centre:

V.R. Fr Fanning extended the grateful thanks of The Centre to County Associations for their support during the past year. He was most grateful for our effort at The Summer Fayre and for the £3800 raised at the Marathon Walk.

Dinners had been a great source of income together with Bar receipts at Dances. All County Associations are more than welcome at The Centre. County Associations over the years have been the Irish Centre's Bread + Butter with their ready support and grand donations. Had not such support been forthcoming in the Past from the Counties the Irish Centre would have gone out of existence. Let it be known that the Counties have kept the Centre alive.

Fr Fanning spoke of the forthcoming collection in Ireland to aid Irish Centres and of the proposed development which will soon commence. Better accomodations will be made for County Associations because they deserve only the best. Let us go forward together united, to live, to work and to succeed.

Election of Officers.

The outgoing Committee of Management were re-elected to office due to nominees for Chairman Secretary + A/Secretary declining their nominations. The following were declared elected:-

Chairman	Mr	M. O'Connor.
Vice Chairman	Mr	J. Hegarty.
Treasurer	Mr	M. Waters
Secretary		R. Daly
A/Secretary	Mr	S. O'Carroll.

The following were elected to The Executive Committee:-

Mr	M.	Walshe	Galway	77	Mr	M.	Murphy Leitrim 56
Mr	Owen	O'Neil	Kilkenny	77			
Mr	Tom	Beckett	Sligo	75			
Mr	P.	Butler	Cork	71			
Mr	S.	Caddogan	Wexford	67			
Mr	J.	O'Reilly	Antrim	66			

The following Motions were put forward.

NOMINATIONS.

	Name.	Nominated By
Chairman.	Mr. M. O'Connor	Galway--Leitrim--Meath- Cavan.
	~~Mr. P Mulpeter~~ DECLINED	Cork
Vice- Chairman.	Mr. P. Hegarty.	Galway-Leitrim-Meath-Cork- Cavan.
Treasurer.	Mr. Ml. Waters	" " " " "
Secretary.	~~Mr. J.O'R Sealey~~ DECLINED	Cork
	~~Mr. Jim Griffin.~~ "	Meath
	B Daly	Leitrim--- Galway -- Cavan
Ass/Secretary.	Mr. S. O'Carroll	Cork--- Leitrim -- Cavan
	~~Mr. Ml. Walshe~~ DECLINED	Galway
	~~Mr. P.J. Caffrey.~~ "	Meath

Nominations for The Executive Committee will be taken from the floor. According to The Constitution (Article Six) The Executive Committee shall consist of The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary & Assistant Secretary together with Seven others. Last year you appointed the followin to that Office:- Mr. G. O'Flynn, Galway. Mr. Tom Beckett, Sligo. Mr. Owen O'Neill, Kilkenny. Mrs. M.J. Murphy, Leitrim. Mr. R. Butler, Tipperary. Mr. J.O'R Sealey, Dublin. Mr. D. Caddogan, Wexford.

Motions.

1. That The Council join The Wexfordmen's Association to form a Sub-Committee under a Wexford Chairman to organise The Kennedy Memorial March. LOST Wexford
2. That The Council Of Irish County Associations aquire a house and develop same as a Hostel. LOST Kerry
3. That a sub-committee be set up to investigate the possibility of banding togeth all Irish Societies and Associations, thus ensuring unity in all spheres and giv a greater impact to the voice of such a body. CARRIED. Galway

BOB DALY. Secretary.

A.O.B.

The Leitrim Association, organizers of Feis Briffnie, put on display a rather imposing set of Cups to be competed for at that function. These cups were donated by well wishers including the Council, The Centre, Glen Connacht, & Mr Gorman & others.

Mrs Murphy (Leitrim) thought it unfair that her daughter was not allowed to compete in individual events at Feis Breffnie. She was refered to the Leitrim Association which had

already made a decision that members children would not compete in individual competitions, which if won by a members child, might give the impression of favouritism.
Members were requested to support Feis Breffini.
Cambridgeshire Draw:- In view of the poor response to this function in 1970 it was decided to refer consideration of this to the Executive Committee to give their opinion as to abolishing or continuing on the same lines
Mr Murphy St Patricks Parade Committee requested a full attendance at the next meeting at Irish Club on Tuesday 2.2.71 at 8.30 PM. The Usual Mass to be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral at 10.30 AM on Wednesday 17th March 71. Appeal for funds to Dublin 16-19/2/71.
Individual Quiz: To take place on Thursday 11th March
Thirty two entries had been received.
Mr Sealey Dublin appealed to Delegates not to support The Criterion Hotel Piccadilly. This was left to Associations to decide for themselves.
The Meeting which Closed at 5.45 PM was followed by refreshments.

Chairman L.I.L.A.

Minutes of Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. on Tuesday 16th March, 1971.

Attendance was as per attendance Book. The chairman, Mr. Maurice O'Connor, presided.

1) Minutes of the last meeting, A.G.M.

Mr. J. McCormack proposed that the minutes be taken "as read". Mr. O. O'Neill seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

2.) The matters arising from the minutes were defered to the next A.G.M.

3. Treasurer's Report

The hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Waters, presented his monthly report as follows:- Affiliation Fees: Only two associations had renewed their fees for 1971, Kildare & Roscommon. Quiz Fees: The fee (50p) for the Inter. Co. Quiz Championship 1971 had been paid by Galway, Waterford & Sligo. Dinner/Dance at Irish Centre: The Irish Centre were paid £167-23. £162-10 was received from the Vice-chairman, Mr. P. Hegarty, One association still owed for 6 tickets. This payment would about balance income & expenses. Ambassadors Presentation This bill would be paid when cheques from societys etc outside the Council had been received. It was expected to have the account cleared in the near future. Payments since last meeting were £7-53 secretarial expenses and £36-13 to Pall Mall Travel Agency. This leaves a balance of £251.

The adoption of the treasurers report was proposed by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mrs Murphy. In answer to the query raised at the A.G.M. the Monaghan Assoc. delegate was informed that the number of tickets sold for the last Annual Dinner & Dance was 282. This satisfactorily answered the query raised.

4) No correspondance was presented to the meeting.

5) Inter Co. & Individual Quiz Competitions.

Dublin & Clare were meeting in the 2nd semifinal on Friday Week, 26th March, & the winners are to be Carlow in the final.

The first leg of the preliminary rounds in the Individual Quiz was held on the 11th March with the next leg on 25th March. The date of the final had to be arranged.

The draw for the Guinness Cup, 1971 was made as follows:-

Byes, Mayo, Longford, Cork, Offaly, Leitrim, Meath and Wexford. 1st Round - Wicklow v. Kildare, Tipperary v Cavan, Fermanagh v. Carlow, Donegal v. Galway, Clare v. Limerick, Kerry v. Sligo, Waterford v. Westmeath, Dublin v. Kilkenny, Roscommon v Monaghan.

The 1st round was to be completed by the May monthly meeting.

6. President's £1,000 Competition

Entries for this competition close on 17th March. Entries were to be submitted to Mr. T. O'Gorman on that date. Mr. O'Gorman was in Ireland for St. Patrick's Day and the Chairman suggested that entries would be accepted

on Mr. O'Gormans return. The Chairman informed the meeting that no potential judges had yet been approached. In answer to a query from Mr. D. O'Neill the chairman stated that, as in previous years, the judges elected would not be Irish. The meeting agreed to Cllr. Bromfield, the Mayors of Camden and Islington or a representative from Messrs Guinness be invited to act as judges. The delegates from 9 associations signified their intention to enter this years competition. The Vice-Chairman volunteered to collect and deliver to Mr. O'Gorman any entries available at the meeting.

7. Irish Counties Journal.

It was again emphasized that the final date for acceptance of copy for the Journal was the monthly meeting preceding the issue for which the copy was intended. Mrs Smyth suggested that one editor be appointed for the Journal. She pointed out that the panel of four responsible for editing copy were never consulted and were not available when decisions had to be made. She proposed the Chairman as sole editor as he was always available by 'phone and in an emergency could make an immediate decision. The Chairman requested postponment of a decision. He said copy for next months issue would be accepted up to the following week-end. He hoped that poor co-operation from the counties was due to the post strike.

8. Irish Centre Report

There was no report from the Irish

Centre this month. The Annual Report would be available shortly.

9) The Marathon Walk, 1971

The details of this function had not been finalized. Fr. Sheridan was calling a meeting soon and wished to dispel rumours by stating that the walk was definitely on.

10. Annual Dinner & Dance

The forthcoming Dinner & Dance at the Gresham Ballroom on April 15th was discussed when it was decided to leave ticket price to the Executive. £2-50 per ticket was suggested. Mr. McArdle proposed that the selection of guests be left to the executive was accepted.

The Vice-Chairman proposed that the officers of the council should not be given free tickets for this event. Mr. O. O'Neill seconded the proposition. The Chairman suggested that the final decision should be left to the next Executive Meeting. Mr. Moroney suggested that the total number of guests be limited to 30. It was also decided not to have a seperate room for guests so as to encourage them to mix more freely amongst the patrons in general.

There was a short discussion on an invitation to Mr. O'Halloran M.P. It was generally agreed that a misunderstanding may have arisen last year and that a repeat invitation should be sent this year. The meeting decided that after the dinner the John Vaughan Trophy would be presented by one of the Irish Centre clergy; that the O'Gorman prizes would be presented by the Ambassador

to be followed by a short speech of welcome by the chairman. The only other speaker would be by the East of Ireland by the President. Tickets were to be issued on a provincial basis as last year. The function was to be advertised in the Irish Post and Cork Weekly Examiner. Provisional requests for tickets by delegates present amounted to 225 tickets needed. The times were arranged as 7.45 Pm. for 8.15 p.m.

10 A.O.B

Mr. Long (Clare) proposed the establishment of an emergency fund to meet needs of members in an emergency. He suggested collections at dances etc as a means of raising funds. During a general discussion the various advantages and disadvantages were raised. It was agreed in principle that such a fund would be advantageous. The Chairman advised people interested in such a fund to attend the Welfare meeting to be held on April 24th.

The Vice-chairman shocked the meeting with a description of conditions at present in the living & sleeping accommodation the Irish Centre. Mr. M. Brown described the wanton destruction, thieving of clothing & general bad behaviour of those given accommodation. Both speakers blamed lack of authority supervision & responsibility for this state of affairs. It was decided to ask the Centre to supply material & eight volunteers were to completely renovate & decorate the living & sleeping quarters during a week-end. Thereafter the Council would ~~xxx~~ insist on proper supervision and

a would require a report on action taken in the event of wanton damage to or loss of equipment & fittings etc.

The meeting allocated Sept 25th at the Irish Centre for the Federation of Irish Societies Annual Dinner & Dance.

The meeting closed with an appreciation by the chairman of the energy & effort by the associations on St. Patrick's Day. The turnout was a source of pride to all involved.

Next Meeting Tuesday ~~April~~ April 13th 1971 at 8.30 pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman

13th April 1971.

Minutes of Council of Irish Counties Meeting held at Irish Centre Camden Square on Tuesday 13. 4. 71

The Meeting opened at 8.45 P.M. under the Chairman, Mr O'Connor with all officers Present and delegates according to the Register of Attendance

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr M. Walsh and By Mr G. O'Flynn.

In matters arising Mr M. O'Halloran (M.P) Invitation + his reply, & it in question of the 1970 Annual Dinner were read by the Secretary in order to clarify points made.

Mr Hegarty. Mr O'Connor spoke of a visit by delegates to inspect the I. C. Hotel. The Chairman thought that with co-operation from County Associations repairs and redecoration could be effected with reasonable speed.

Correspondence. A letter from Dy Cumann Labhrae was read requesting financial Assistance for dependants of Irish Republican Prisoners now in Custody in or. I + England. This matter was referred back to the next meeting so that further enquiries may be made as to the authenticity of Dy Cumann Labhrae.

A letter from the Lectures Association was read giving particulars of a Buffet at the I. C. on Thursday 22.4.71. At this Buffet a presentation was being made to Mr P. McMorrow who, on retirement was returning to Ireland. Tickets 50p.

A letter from Mr J. Murphy Secretary St. Patricks Parade Committee was read thanking the County Associations for their wonderful support of the Parade and wishing the Annual Dinner of April 15th 1971 every Success.

Notification of Parade Committee A.G.M. being held at Irish Club 82 Eaton Square at 8.30 P.M. on Tuesday

April 20th was brought to the notice of Delegates and Delegates were reminded that all Associations should be represented.

The Treasurer's Report.

Associations were requested to renew their affiliation Fees for 1971.

Ten Associations had paid the entrance Fee of 50p in respect of the Inter County Quiz Competition. All Associations had been entered.

A profit of £4 had been realised on the Council Dinner held at The Irish Centre on Saturday 16.1.71.

It was decided that the Bill for the Ambassador Presentation should be paid Forthwith. Proposed by J Beckett seconded by S Butler.

The Council had a Credit Balance of £359.85

Mr Joe Sealey (Dublin) enquired what does an Association receive or what benefits accrue from paying Affiliation Fees. To such a question there is not set reply but one might consider the Christian Moral that it is better to give than to receive and apart from the pleasure you have in giving we too are very happy to receive in order that we may continue to to keep you informed of current events on a monthly Basis or sometimes more often. You may read in the Irish Counties Journal interesting facts concerning things which go on in other Associations. You enjoy an intelligent & pleasant conversation with your fellowmen or you may even get a ticking off when the occasion warrants. You move around in the best Social Circles with the added pleasure of meeting many interesting people. When one takes into consideration the prohibitive cost of Rates, Printing & Postage together with donations made through a democratic vote throughout any given year, you will come to realise that affiliation fees fall to cover some of the cost involved. You may feel flattered in the thought that the time given to this work is purely voluntary.

Treasurers Report adopted on a proposition from Mr Sean Joyce and by Mr Martin Mooney

The Annual Dinner 1971. According to calculations at Total

of 305 Patrons would attend including 19 guests. = 286 + 19.
The £1000 competition was being Judged and results would be announced on the night.

Irish Central Report.

Planning permission had been given for the new extension by London Council. The collection made in Ireland was considered exceptionally good and may exceed £250,000

A drawing basket had been obtained at a reasonable price for the upstairs lounge and renovation of the Hostel would be carried out very soon.

The Boys Band is to be extended to include girls. The new uniforms in St Patrick's Blue were after the Garda Siocana style. Revd Fr Sheridan put forward the idea of getting ~~£~~ 1000 people to donate £1 each towards the cost of these uniforms.

The Summer Fayre would be held at Quex Pk. on Saturday 12.6.71.

The Marathon Walk to be held on Sunday 23.5.71. Sponsors cards to be made available to participants right away On a proposition from D. Caddogan 2nd by D. Butler it was decided to back marathon walk at 3 Yates. Fathers Sheridan Martin Mooney, Pat Hegarty to choose a route easy, safe & interesting.

a special Meeting would be held to organize The Summer Fayre.

Quiz Competition. The Inderdiocesan Quiz Comp was fixed for 22.4.71. Dublin had 4 entrants in the final of Inderdiocesan Quiz. Carlow v Dublin are to meet in the Final of Inter County Quiz Comp.

Unity & Civil Rights. A Peaceful march has been arranged for Sunday July 11th next. Secretary requested to seek details.

A.O.B. a thought was put forward by Fr Sheridan that a letter be sent to B.B.C. requesting a Day of Peace on St Georges Day. i.e Films w/o violences

The Cambridgeshire Draw. A Decision on this event would be

be made at May Meeting on Tuesday 18th.

The Meeting closed at 10 45 P.M.

D Hegarty J. Chairman

Council of Irish Counties Meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1. on Wednesday 26.5.71

The meeting opened at 8.45 P.M. with Mr Pat Hegarty in the chair. Officers present included the Vice Chairman Treasurer & Secretary. Apologies had been received from Mr O Connor & Mr. O Carroll for non attendance due to unavoidable engagements. Delegates were present as listed in Register of attendance

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In connection with Fr Sheridans suggestion on St Georges Day 1972 it was thought that representations be made to B.B.C with a view to a Day of Peace and to cutting out all programmes in which violence played a part. Make it a Day of World Peace. Substitute family programmes with an aura of good-will towards all men.

This matter will be put on the Agenda later this year to be dealt with.

Correspondence:-

A letter to Fr Fanning from the Redemptorist Fathers in Limerick was read to the assembled Delegates This letter contained information on a Marriage Bureau set up in Limerick under the guidance of the Redemptorists

with a view to introducing unattached couples who might contemplate entering into the bond of matrimony if suitable introductions were made. The writer Rev Fr Vincent Kavanagh sought information as to whether or not it would be worth his while paying a visit to The County Association to give a talk on this subject

It was decided to forward a copy of this letter to all associations and ask for their views.

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A Get well letter had been sent to Mr Conroy.

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A reply had been received from Ally Cumann Cabrae in answer to our query as to the constitution of that Body.

Reply noted as read.

It was suggested that The Executive Committee debate with the matter of Financial support and the many requests received by the Council for assistance. One Body should be financially supported and those seeking assistance should be referred to that body.
Correspondence had been received from Mr Hingerty in respect of Grants towards travel to Ireland for forthcoming events.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer gave a detailed Report of the financial position of The Council and of Bills Paid + cost owing.
The Councils Credit Balance stood at £198.23P.
Report adopted on a proposition from Mrs Mooney seconded by Mr Fitzgerald.

Irish Centre Report. no Welfare Report received.
Mr Sheridan stated that The I Centre Assy. Y was held on 25.5.71 and that a new Committee had been elected. He extended a vote of thanks to those who had helped to repair + Re-decorate the Hostel. The Monaghan Delegate agreed to lend a hand in this worthy effort.

Quiz Competitions

Date for final of 1970 Quiz was set for Friday 4.6.71 in the Douglas Hyde Lounge at 8.30 pm. Dublin V Carlow.
These teams found it difficult to agree on a Quiz Master and as a result of a Council Ruling the names of current Quiz Masters were drawn from a ~~hat~~ in the following order:-
1 P. Byrne 2 J Beckett 3 S. O Carroll
4 Mr Kennedy 5 Mr Hegarty 6 Mr Baker 7 Mr Ennis
Both teams agreed to accept this Ruling in their approach to Quiz Masters.
Mr Bob King of Carlow was congratulated on winning the Individual Quiz.
A Dublin Delegate put the point that Question Masters made no Effort to Balance Questions and that he would like to see the Structure of the

Individual Quiz changed with a view to having replies written down + handed to G.M.
He was advised to bring this matter up at next A.G.M.

Cambridgeshire Stamps. Due to the poor response last year it was decided on a proposition from Mr Keating and by Mr Mullen to drop this function and to substitute a Raffle. This matter of the Raffle was referred to The Executive Committe for consideration + action.

The Summer Fayre. To take Place on Saturday June 8th at Quex Rd. Programmes to be made available ASAP for sale and Posters printed to advertise.
On a request from the Chairman as to what Associations intended to do in respect of Summer Fayre, the following answers were received:-

Armagh	–	Mayo	a Stall
Carlow	–	Meath	?
Carron	Tombola	Monaghan	a Stall
Clare	Key of Door	Offaly	?
Donegal	a Stall	Roscommon	a Donation
Dublin	General Stall	Sligo	a Donation
Fermanagh	a stall	Tipperary	a Stall
Galway	a Donation	Waterford	Refreshments
Kerry	a stall	Westmeath	a Stall
Kildare	–	Wexford	?
Kilkenny	? STALL	D. Centre	a Stall.
Leitrim	? STALL	Wicklow	?
Limerick	?		
Longford	?		

To Commence at 12 noon to 4pm. Handbills to be given out and a Boys Band to Play to attract Customers.
Advert re Kilbarron Times.

The Marathon Walk:- Was at Skates at 8 AM 6.6.71
Walkers to be converged to starting Point at Blue star
Garage, Old Mfield Rd, Watford Way. A wide Path on
Both sides of Road. Walk on A 41 all the way
to Brockley Hill then join the A 5 to Common Corner
and then back again to A 41.
As far as could be ascertained 27 members of County
Associations were walking
Under Any Other Business the Secretary informed the Meeting
that he had made contact with a Mr Gerald F Pill
who was attending the June Meeting with a view to
forming an Antrim Association. Mr Seamus Lynch
agreed to supply names + addresses of interested Antrim
people with a view to having them attend next Meeting.
Mr Smyth distributed The Irish Counties Journal with
a request for news from Associations

The Meeting closed at 10 40 pm

15/6/71 Chairman

Minutes of Council of Irish County Associations Meeting held at Irish Centre Camden Square London N.W.1 on Tuesday June 15th 1971.

The Meeting opened at 9 P.M. following Mass in the J.F.K. Hall for repose of Soul of the late Pete McDonnell

Mr O'Connor was in the Chair and all Offices were present with delegates in attendance according to Register of attendance

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from M. Mc Cormack 2nd by S. Lynch.

In matters arising a paragraph of the minute was re read at the request of Mr Beckett which concerned the setting up of a Welfare fund.

Treasurers Report.

Mr Waters gave a detailed report on Income + Expenditure with special reference to Affiliation Fees for current year which are slow to materialise. The Chairman requested Associations to make a special effort to bring these small accounts up to-date.

The Council has a credit Balance of £539.89 with payment for The Annual Dinner still outstanding and with cash for tickets still to come in.

Report adopted on a proposition from Mr Beckett. 2nd by Mr Caddogan.

Inter-County Quiz Competition.

At this meeting the Chairman endeavoured to set dates for various Associations with the following result:-

Fermanagh v Carlow on Thursday 24/6/71

Kerry v Sligo - 1ST 2ND on 4th Tuesday in July

Dublin v Kilkenny on Friday July 9th.

Wicklow v Kildare a date to be arranged through the Chairman

Clare v Limerick. As Limerick are not fielding a Team, Clare get a Bye into next Round.

It was decided that the 2nd Round be completed by Sept 1ST.

The Irish Counties Journal.

The Chairman impressed upon County Associations the necessity of all Counties having a write up in the Journal. Our advertisers who keep the Journal in circulation extent to see all Associations playing some part in the make up of this magazine. This Journal which is the envy of many organizations outside the County Associations is free to us, and this is something we should appreciate. The greatest means of showing our appreciation in this respect is by a complete letter to the Journal in the name of our Association. Any member may write on behalf of his association with the C.O.'s permission.

The Irish Centre Hostel.

Renovation was well in hand. 1st Floor completed. Second Floor being worked on. Mr Hegarty reported that volunteers were now coming forward in greater numbers. The Mayo Association offered three Helpers during week ending 19.6.71.

In answer to Mr Hegarty's appeal for Electricians Mr Seamus Lynch agreed to Broach the subject to Mr. Tom Gillen Foreman Electrician. Mr Ferd Mc Fanning agreed to point out to any electricians coming forward, the work to be undertaken. There was plenty to do in this line.

The Summer Fayre

It was thought that the effort put into this years fair lacked the enthusiasm & support of last year. However 12 Associations taking part together with The Irish Centre raised on the Day a sum of £192.42. Donations as promised by Associations were yet to come in and should be forwarded to The Secretary for registering. Any afternoon that one could raise £200 was thought to be well worth the time given to this project

during year. Mr Sheridan suggested something big such as an Industrial and Cultural Irish week in Olympia or some

such place. Next Year C.C.C. would have to give this some thought. Dublin thought a Director be appointed for future Years.

The Marathon Walk V. Rev. Fr Fanning.

The full ammount of cash raised was not yet known but it was felt that Cardinal Daly's view had an adverse effect on this years turn out. Private Opinions of public men carry a lot of weight.

Welfare Report

Very Revd Fr Fanning gave us to understand that 105 persons were seen at Centre and of these 50 were destitute without any means of support. Two were mental cases.

The Admin Committee

Mr C Gallagher was appointed the new Chairman of this Body.

The Inter County Singing Competition, Children Essay Competition had been studied by Executive Committee. Terms of Reference would be forthcoming from The Galway Assc.

M.I.C.R.A. Rally on July 11th.

The Recommendation of the Gap Meeting that all County Associations support this Rally was now left to Associations to decide for themselves.

Mr J. Sid of Antrim spoke to Assc but members agreed to supply addresses of Antrim people interested.

A.O.B. Revd Fr Sheridan requested the Hire of twelve men at 11 am on Saturday 19th June to help load with a substantial quantity of Stainless Steal Kitchen equipment being given to the Centre by The Irish Embassy. This equipment would help establish the new Kitchens to be set up under the Esc Pension Programme. The following agreed to help Mr Lack, Gregory, Mc Cormack, O'Carroll, Hegarty & O'Connor.

Mr Gregory Dublin Assoc complained that the Gents Cloakroom was not available at this Dance on June 5th

The National Collection in Ireland to date amounts to £251,361

Votes of sympathy were extended to Mr Don Moran on the death of his father and to The Kilkenny Association on the death of Mr Webster a former Chairman.

The Social Scene

Support was requested for a Waterford Dinner at Irish Centre on Saturday 19.6.71 in aid of a worthy cause.

Cavan holding a Dance at the Greenhouse on June 25th.

Monaghan a bacon & cabbage supper at I. Centre on June 26th.

Council Welfare Dance at I.C. on Saturday July 3rd. 35P.

to inaugrate Welfare Fund.

Saturday nights at I Centre.

The eight Associations not accomodated in the 2nd Half of 1971 at The Irish Centre had their names put in a Hat for Dec 4th which was a free date. Dublin won the draw.

The following Associations accepted dates as under.

Fermanagh July 31st ~~Limerick July 24th~~

Kildare Aug 14th.

The following dates not wanted by any of the eight Associations were shown open to any County which could make use of them July 3rd C.I.C.A. Welfare Fund Dance

July 10th Kerry

" 17 Offaly

" 24th Limerick

Aug 21st Tipperary

Dublin Delegates would like to see one Saturday from October to April allocated to each affiliated Association.

The meeting closed at 10.45 P.M.

Chairman

Hon Secy 20/7/71.

Meeting of The Council of Irish County Associations held at The Irish Centre London N.W.1 on Tuesday 20.7.71.

The Meeting opened at 9 PM under the Chairman Mr M. O'Connor. Officers were present with the exception of The Treasurer Mr M. Waters who was holidaying in Ireland. Delegates were in attendance according to The Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Gregory Dublin seconded by Mr Brown Dublin.

There was no discussion on matters arising

The chairman welcomed and promised every assistance to Mr Hugh Gilmoe - Mr Peter Dunne & Mr Jack Dunne of Leix who attended this meeting with a view to forming a Laois Association. Delegates were requested to submit names of interested people hailing from Laois.

Correspondence

Advertising data giving a new route to Dublin by Road & Boat at a cost of £9 Return Fare was read and leaflets were available with details

A letter from The Kildare Assoc was read to let it be known that Kildare were unable to accept the date of August 14th at The Irish Centre.

Advertising Material on the Queens Theatre W.1 has been received giving details & Prices of the Hit comedy "The Patrick Pleasance Motel"

A letter had been received from "Sea-Link" stating the date of opening the "Britannia Bridge" over the Menai strait to Holyhead back until late Autumn.

A letter had been received from The Irish Embassy giving Dr Cruyssen's Statement to the Dail in regard of situation in N.I.

An acknowledgement to a letter of sympathy was read.

Treasurers Report.

In the Treasurers absence Mr Hegarty gave a detailed account of finance within the Council which showed a Credit Balance of £549.95 with the Annual Dinner yet to be paid

Subscriptions were due for affiliation and money was outstanding in respect of Dinner tickets.

A sum of £20 had been received from Roscommon Assoc (£10 for Ambassadors Presentation £10 Summer Fayre)

The Treasurers Report was adopted on a proposition from Mr T. Lack seconded by Mr H McCormack.

Inter County Quiz

Associations concerned were requested to complete the current Round by Sept 1st.

Irish Counties Journal.

Once again the Chairman appealed to all Associations to support the Journal by sending in items in the name of their Association.

The Presidents £1000 Competition.

Mr Gorman was once again making a sum of £1000 available part of which may be required to assist the St Patricks Day Parade in London. It was agreed that Council Officers consult with Parade Committee on this matter so as to clarify the matter from a competition point of view. The Best thanks of the Council was extended to Mr Gorman for this and past Generosity.

Further to this discussion a suggestion was put forward that the Parade Committe should hold their meetings at the Irish Centre as it was thought to be more central to N. London and would attract more delegates.

The Irish Centre Hostel.

Both floors had now been completed with walls being made good and decorating carried out.

All that was left was one corridor + the Kitchen

Mr Hegarty stated that six men for two hours could complete the corridor and the following volunteered for Friday 23.7.71. Mr P. Mc Cabe. Mr M Mooney. Mr Sean Joyce, Mr J. Lack, Mr J Keating and Mr M Sennelay.

Mr Hegarty agreed to raise volunteers to complete the Kitchen.

All in all he said that the assistance from Associations had been poor in respect of this project.

Fr Sheridan stated that a wonderful transformation had taken place in the Hostel and great credit was due to those who had effected the Renovation + decoration.

Speaking on the Hostel he said that during the summer months a number of Students from us are seeking accommodation. The Hostel was in use primarily to accomodate those seeking more permanent residence in UK.

More + More arrive without any means of support.

Proceeds from the national collection recently made in Ireland would be devoted to Irish Centres engaged in Welfare work.

Any Other Business

Donations were received as follows:- Summer Fayre

Kildare Assoc £5 to Summer Fayre

Donegal Assoc £3-50p - - - in addition to Stall

Galway Assoc £20-0

TOTAL NOW HANDED IN £230-92

Roscommon (12)

Under A O B Fr Sheridan brought to notice that this years meeting of Irish Chaplains being held at the Irish Centre early in November will incorporate one days discussion with members of County Assocs + Federation of I. Soc on ways + means of working together for the betterment of our people.

The Chairman gave us to understand that the undertaker through the Irish Post in respect of the O'Donnell children had now reached £1300 and would shortly close.

He made an appeal in respect of two other children girls of 8 + 13 whose parents died recently. The father had passed away from a Heart Attack and later the mother from a malignant disease. Mr O'Connor was attending the mothers funeral on Thursday 22.7.71 to study circumstances concerning the two girls, meanwhile it was decided to make available a sum of £100 from Council Funds.

Mr Mooney suggested, that it was high time a general welfare fund was launched to meet these appeals for help.

In view of experience of the Kerry Assoc in collecting for the O'Donnell Fund the Chairman thought that all Co Association working on a pattern could raise a substantial Fund.

Fr Sheridan had received a Donation of £100 to help the Boys Band. Due to unwarranted criticism he had now decided with the Donors permission to give this money to charity. Part of this £100 together with £20 held by the Vice-Chairman would help to launch the Council Welfare Fund.

Lourdes. Mr Gorman recently returned from a Pilgrimage to Lourdes, gave us to understand that a fund existed to finance people without means on a Lourdes Trip. In respect of these application should be made to local St V. de Paul Society who would then pass on the request of deserving cases.

The Terms of Reference in respect of Constitution envisaged by Galway Assoc were handed in at end of Meeting

Meeting closed 10.40 P.M

Chairman

Meeting of The Council of Irish County Associations held at Irish Centre Camden Square on Tuesday 31.9.71.

All Officers were present except the Assistant Secretary Mr S O Carroll.

Delegates were present according to the Register of Attendance.

The meeting opened at 8.50 pm under The Chairman Mr P. O Connor.

Mr O Connor welcomed three members of The Irish Livestock + Meat Commission who were on a promotion tour for the sale of Irish Beef in London. a Mr P Needham, Mr Brady + Mr Murphy.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr T. Mangan Kerry 2nd by Mr J.O'R. Sealey. Dublin after which matters arising were dealt with.

Correspondence. Replies to letters sent out by the Secretary to certain associations who had overlooked the payment of Affiliation Fees were received from Wexford + Meath together with cheques for outstanding amounts.

The Entry forms for the Pat Molloy Singing Contest were supplied by The Galway Association together with Terms of Reference.

Correspondence was read from Peter Mc Sheehy of Lenaveady Co Derry who had inaugurated a Co operative Society. Tickets at 50p each were available with excellent good Prizes to help this movement. The Chairman requested that every aid should be given to this movement.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer gave a detailed account of Council Finances which with the addition of cash paid in on this date Amounted to a credit Balance of £708

17 Associations had paid Affiliation Fees and as no bill had been received for The Annual Dinner

it was proposed by Mr B Mullen seconded by Mr J. Lack that this outstanding account be paid on receipt of statement. The Treasurers Report was adopted on a proposition from Mr H Mc Cormack seconded by Mr G O'Flynn.

Irish Livestock + Meat Commission

At this point Mr Seán Needham General Manager of this commission was granted the courtesy of addressing the Meeting. He stated " a lot has been happening in Irish Farming with the result of more + better Beef. Britain has always bought a lot of Irish Beef and already the British have a taste for Irish Veal. While other traditional sources of carcase beef for UK have been falling back, Ireland has been steadily increasing her supply Britain now buys more beef from The Republic than from anywhere else and the job of this commission is to make sure that everyone knows that this is mind on all out advertising campaign including television commences on Sept 27th for 9 weeks at a cost of £70,000. Posters + Labels will be on display in the majority of Retail Butcher shops telling us about Irish meat.

For years Irish Meat, the finest you can buy, has been sold as Scotch Beef and as foreign meat. It has been said that more Scotch Beef is sold in London in one week than Scotland can produce in one year. Last year The Irish Republic exported to Britain £100 million worth of ~~Goods~~ and this included 103000 tons beef.

On the other side of the scales The Republic has become the third largest market in the world for British Goods Purchases being at the rate of £115 per head for each man woman + child in The Republic whereas Irish Goods are purchased by Britain at the rate of £4 per head of the population.

As always members are reminded to ask for Irish products when shopping

Inter County Quiz

As Leitrim are unable to field a team Meath get a bye to the ½ finals. Sligo take on Waterford on a date to be arranged and winners of this contest meet Dublin in ½ finals.

In respect of the Individual Quiz it was agreed that the closing date for entries be 19.10.71.

Irish Countes Journal

The Chairman requested all out support for this magazine Our advertizers who made possible the production of this excellent journal want as wide a publicity as possible and would expect all Associations to be represented in this excellent and free production. So once again Associations are reminded that a simple contribution is required.

Members are requested to urge their children to take part in the competition in their age Group as specified in the Journal. So far the response has been very poor. Parents will have to do a little prodding to get some action. Prizes are available but the entrants are lacking.

President £1000 Prize

This matter will be taken up with The St Patricks Parade Committee after the A G M on October 5th. to decide on Distribution of this sum.

Irish Centre Hostel:-

With the exception of the Kitchen the Hostel has now been completely decorated + renovated.

Mr Hegarty sought the help of 6 men for a period of 4 hours to complete the Kitchen Hostel now supervised.

Welfare Fund.

It is hoped that all Associations will contribute to this fund and ways + means will be found to

raise a substantial fund.

The Chairman informed us that the O'Donnell Fund closed at just under £4000. Efforts will now be made in respect of the Scanlon children.

Mr J Dealy (Dublin Assoc) drew our attention to the burial of a destitute young man who passed away after one year in Hospital without any known relatives. Mr Dealy who had covered the cost of Burial for a sum of £35 appealed for assistance to defray. Associations agreed to contribute and the Council would also make a donation.

Any Other Business

Associations were reminded to send delegates to the forthcoming A.G.M. of St Patricks Parade Committee on October 5th.

A letter had been received from Tommy Murphy thanking all and sundry for kelts given over the years in support of the Parade.

Mr Murphy returns to Ireland to take up employment very soon and a farewell party is being organised on Sept 30th by the Wexford Association in the Irish Centre. It was agreed that a presentation be made by the Council on behalf of the County Associations and with this end in view it was proposed by Mr J O'Flynn, seconded by Mr M Walshe that each Association should contribute a minimum sum of £2-0-0. Agreed.

Mr Hegarty to purchase a suitable present for Mr Murphy as a token of appreciation in respect of great work accomplished by Mr Murphy for the Irish Community in London.

Good wishes were extended to Fr Fouge who was also returning to Ireland.

The Secretary was requested to send a get well letter to Mr Dermot Cadogan who was in hospital as a

result of a motor accident.

Mr S Hegarty + Mr Owen O'Neill were requested to represent the County Association at The Federation of Irish Soc. Dinner being held at The Irish Centre on Saturday 25th Sept. Cost of tickets to be borne by The Council.

The Meeting closed at 10.45 pm.

19/10/71.

Sean Cannon Chairman.

Meeting of The Council of Irish County Associations held at The Irish Centre on Tuesday 19-10-71.

This meeting commenced at 8.45 P.M. with Mr O'Connor in the chair and all officers present except the Assistant Secretary Mr S. O'Carroll who sent apologies.

Delegates were present as recorded in Register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Wally Lynch seconded by Mr Keegan Kerry.

Discussion on matters arising was limited to items on the agenda

Correspondence:

An announcement from The Longford Assoc was read in respect of their Annual Dance at Barkers of Kensington on November 10th '71.

A further note had been taken down from M.I.C.R.A in respect of Ceilidhe Old Tyme & Modern Dancing at Irish Centre on Friday Nights commencing after Xmas at 9 P.M. First session to take place on Friday 29th October '71.

A Reply had been received from Dermot Geddegan to a get well letter sent on behalf of the Associations

A letter of thanks received by the Chairman, was read from Tommy Murphy in respect of going away present from the Assocs.

A letter from Corkmens Assoc requested Council representation at their Dinner in Preston on October 22nd. Mr & Mrs Waters agreed to attend.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer gave the usual detailed account of Council Finances which resulted in a Credit Balance of £713.84P. The Annual Dinner has yet to be paid from this sum.

Affiliation Fees were still outstanding in respect of four Associations Dublin Longford Wicklow & Kilkenny.

Cheques were received by the Secretary from the following Associations and handed to the treasurer.

Leitrim for 11 Dinner tickets £27.50

Affiliation Fees + Donation to 1970 Fleadh 4.65 i.e. £3.15 + £1.50

Waterford 9 Dinner tickets + affiliation fees = £25.65

Corkonians Assoc. 9 Dinner tickets = £22.50

TOTAL £80.30p.

The Treasurers Report was adopted on a proposition from Mr H McCormack seconded by Mr J Sack.

The Inter Co Quiz This competition was under way with Kildare meeting Meath + Sligo meeting Waterford on dates mutually fixed.

The Individual Quiz Fifteen entries only had been received for this competition which normally has about 30 entrants. Mr Waters appealed for more entries.

A Delegate from Dublin Mr Gregory suggested that a Sub committee be set up to conduct the Individual Quiz on a more competitive Basis.

He was given to understand that such a Committee was indeed in existence and met occasionally to conduct the Business of a Quiz Committee. We find that members of long standing who have in past years encouraged + directed competition on a social scale can be somewhat forthright + vehement in their defence of any past achievements. Irrespective of this it was pointed out that new delegates must not be deterred in airing their views. Not alone are they encouraged but are expected to + fully entitled to voice their opinion on any subject on the ajenda. The C.O.M are happy to accept any new Ideas put forward.

Irish Counties Journal

Once again Associations were reminded that support for the journal was essential through a written contribution. Any member of any association who

may have a contribution to make in writing may do so through him or her Association. This could ease the burden of a Secretary. There are many who could help in this connection. This journal, so much admired outside the County Association must be kept alive and it is only you within the County Associations who may achieve progress in respect of the journal. Importance of Children bands stressed.

The Irish Centre Depot.

Fr Sheridan told us that the work in hand on decorations would be fully completed within a week.

Dancing would take place on Sunday evening from 9- 11 pm and a charge would be made.

Both the J F K Hall + ~~Donoughs~~ Hyde Lounge were being decorated.

The Hostel was being well supervised + Mr Hegarty was consulting with Fr Fanning to complete the Kitchen.

Cardinal Heenan was visiting the Centre on Tuesday 23rd November and with this in View the Outside was being painted

A Dance was being held in the Gresham on Sunday 19th December to defray cost of outside decorating.

To cover the cost of Instruments + Uniform for the Boys Band once + for all a huge Raffle was being organised with a Car as first Prize and a trip to Dublin for two people as second prize.

Revd Fr Mc Cabe (Cavan) has been appointed to the Irish Centre. Followed by C.S.S.M.

Money from the National Collection made in Ireland had not yet been distributed and Rev Fr Hackett had been appointed Secretary to the Administrators of this fund.

The President £1000.

This matter will be put on the agenda for January and discussion will be entered into with The Parade Committee

with a view to clarifying the position as regards expected financial support together with a satisfactory Booking of Kilburn State Theatre.
A tentative arrangement has been made with Basket Kearney High School Band of New York which may once again grace the parade at a cost of £1000 (Cost Free)

Any Other Business

Under this heading we learned that Kerry + Clare Associations respectively had given £100 each to help the Scanlon children. The Council is pleased to give £100 if needed.
Mr Mooney gave us to understand that the couple taking care of these children are indeed doing a marvellous job and are credit to the Irish Community. The sale of the Scanlon Home realised £4000 which has been put in trust for these children until they reach an age of 18 or 21.
In the meantime it is most essential that money be made available for their keep. It was agreed that members of Council G.O.M. visit the Scanlon children with a view of finding out requirements.

Welfare Fund.

There was a lot of discussion on this subject with members at cross purposes which helped to create a chaotic approach rather than unity of purpose.
The Chairman had difficulty in creating enthusiasm for this project which should have top priority among Associations as one of the most worthwhile aims to be achieved.
A Welfare Fund to call upon in an emergency must be to the benefit of every Association and worthy of all our support.

Fr Sheridan asked the question. "Would Associations be agreeable to support a group of people prepared to raise a substantial sum of money?" No Response.
Mr Mooney spoke eloquently on the necessity and benefit of a Welfare Fund to Associations whether evoked a half hearted response to do what we can.

Federation of Irish Societies. A Meeting is being held at

The Irish Centre on 30-10-71 which Chairman & Vice Chairman are attending with a view to studying the aims of this Group.

It was brought to our attention that Mr Peter Beaney of Lectern Association is ill and the Secretary was instructed to send a get well letter.

A 2 day Meeting of Emigrant Chaplains takes place at The Irish Centre to discuss their work. Saturday 13-11-71 is devoted to Irish Clubs in Britain with delegates from these clubs in attendance for a full days discussion in Welfare to find out what each club may do in its own area.

Delegates from the Dublin Association sought information on ways & means of influencing the Irish Centre committee on their choice of music in Douglas Hyde Lounge at week-ends. It was felt that Country & Western was given too much prominence whilst Irish Music was taking a back seat.

Revd Fr Sheridan in reply stated that in order to attract patrons fairly decent groups had to be obtained which for the most part played Country & Western in keeping with a current trend. He did however point out that the Centre had two ceilidh Band and an orchestra in training which in the near future would supply all music requirements at the Centre.

It was decided to hold next meeting on 16-11-71.

The Meeting closed at 10-45 p.m.

P. Hegarty. Chairman.

Meeting of The Council of Irish County Associations held at The Irish Centre Camden Square London on Tuesday 16.11.71.

The Meeting opened at 9 P.M. with Mr Pat Hegarty in the Chair in the absence of Mr O'Connor who sent apologies for non attendance. Apologies were also received from Mr Tom Beckett.

Officers and Delegates were present as recorded in the Register of attendance.

The minutes of the October Meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Morgan Kerry 2nd by Mr Jack Kilkenny. Matters arising were discussed and the Secretary was requested to contact the Secretary of The Federation of Irish Societies (Mr Bill Haley) to fix a Definite Meeting date in view of Council delegates only having met at their Meeting fixed for ~~Oct~~ 30 which the Federation eventually cancelled

Correspondence.

A letter to Mr M Foley M.P. was read expressing good wishes to Mr/Mrs Foley for the steady recovery of their son & daughter who had been molested earlier in the month. A reply had been received.

A Telegram to Mr H. Wilson M.P. prior to his visit to Ireland was read respectfully requesting him to read a letter on Irish affairs from the Ireland Association.

A letter from The Galway Association concerning the accidental death of a Mr Steve Griffin was read referring the matter to the Welfare Fund.

A letter to The Irish Livestock Commission which was accompanied by a Galway Arrow Memo with Irish Beef for the Year course was read together with an appreciative reply.

A get well letter had been sent to Mr Pete Heaney.

A letter of thanks to The Cork Association was read in respect of attendance by members of the Council at

The Cork Re-union Dinner on Oct 28th.
A letter + Cheque for £18.15 from Tipperary Association was made known in respect of Dinner Tickets £15 + affiliation fees £3.15 & handed to Treasurer.
Treasurer Report
22 Association had paid affiliation fees and three yet to come.
In respect of the Annual Dinner a sum of £364 had been received for ticket sold. And a sum of £315 had been paid out in respect of the function which showed a profit of £49 with more ticket money yet to be paid in.
The Council had a credit Balance of £317.63
The Treasurer Report was adopted with the best thanks of the Council to Fr Waters on a proposition of Fr J O'Flynn seconded by Fr Fitzgerald.
Irish Centre Report.
The Chaplains get together had taken place with one day set aside for discussion with Irish Societies. The same welfare problems exist throughout the Country. 380 families had come over from Belfast to Bilston and the Irish Centre at Birmingham was only able to house one family. Living accomodation is so acute in London Town that a person being entered on the Housing list would have to wait a considerable number of years before being housed. Fr Sheridan made the point that if one knew of any family intending to move from N.I. to England such a family would be well advised to stay put.
Very Revd Fr Mee O.F.S. the new chaplain replacing Very Revd Fr Fanning was welcomed to the Irish Centre by all present at this meeting.
A special word of thanks from the Irish Centre was extended through Fr Sheridan to Fr Pat Hegarty and all those who helped to renovate + re-decorate the Hostel + Kitchen.

The Inter County Individual Quiz Competition.
Some teams had reached the semi final stage in the Inter County Quiz and were now poised for the kill in the final clash.
The Individual Quiz would commence after Christmas when Mr P Byrne would be available as Quiz Master.

Galway Association Competition
Nine entries had been received for the singing comp but it was understood that others were in the pipe line.
Application for this competition would close on November 19th.
Details of Heats would be available at December meeting.
Regarding Children Competition nothing was known in regard to prerecorded entries.
The Irish Counties Journal.
This magazine for November was on hand for distribution and it was noted that more Associations were in print form in the October Issue. It was once again stressed that all Associations were expected to contribute.
The Welfare Fund.
This Fund got off to a good start at this meeting with two contributions of £50 each and one of £10.
Mr J. Smyth of Diamond Publicity had presented a cheque for £50 from Advertising. The Galway Association agreed to contribute of further £50 whilst the Roscommon Assoc agreed to donate £10.
It was proposed by Mr G O Flynn & seconded by Mr Jos Gilloran that all Associations should contribute a minimum of £10 each to this fund. Carried.
A vote of thanks for above contributions was proposed by Mr B Mullen seconded by Mr McCormack & carried unanimously.
Regarding the Seamen orphans a visit had been made by members of the Council and it was found that the children were being well cared for in an immaculately clean home.
The Clare Association had donated £100 and the Kerry Assoc.

donated a sum of money coupled with furnishing the Home in what was needed to make it more comfortable with carpeting etc. It was proposed by Jr Beverley & seconded by Joe Healey that the Council hand over a sum of £30 to this family before Christmas. Carried.

In regard to the accidental death of Mr Steve Griffin which came up in correspondence. The Galway & Monaghan Associations get together on this to pursue the matter further. Mr Brian Mullen offered support from Cavan. It was agreed that of an urgent demand for cash was considered essential that the Council would provide a sum from Central Funds on a refund Basis until such time as the Welfare Fund become solvent.

It was proposed by B Daly & seconded by Mr Walshe that a Buffet at £1 per person be arranged at the Irish Centre after Christmas. All profits to Welfare Fund. It was selected that each Assoc should sell 10 tickets

As a long term programme to raise Funds Mr Healey suggested we run a 200 Club for a period of twenty weeks.

Jr Sheridan thought it would be a good idea to draw up Terms of Reference in respect of The Welfare Fund.

A.O.B.

A Concert would be held in St Pancras Town Hall on 20.2.71 in aid of St Patricks Parade Committee.

St Patricks Banquet to be held in Upstairs on 15 March 71.

In respect of The Irish Centre Boys Band a Raffle is under way with Prize of a car and a trip for two people to London. Tickets at £1 the book may be had from Jr Sheridan

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 14th December 1971

Meeting closed at 10.15 PM

P. Heagarty

Chairman

Meeting of The Council of Irish County Associations held at The Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1 on Tuesday 14th December 1971.

The Meeting opened at 8.50 am with Mr O'Connor in the Chair, with all Officers present and with Delegates in attendance according to the Register.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and adopted with minor adjustments in respect of apologies for non attendance on a proposition from Mr J Sealy 2nd by Mr Gorman.

Matters Arising were discussed.

Prior to reading these minutes Mr Frank McCabe V.I.A. was granted the courtesy of addressing the meeting re Problems affecting Irelands six North Eastern Counties and urging us to read and distribute literature which gave a true picture of events other than that put forward by sections of The British Press. The literature on hand dealt with an assessment of Stormont.

Apologies for Non attendance at this meeting were received from Mr + Mrs B Mullan Carrow due to Illness and an apology from Mrs McCormack on behalf of her Husband. Mr Hugh McCormack of The Fermanagh Association.

Correspondence.

In reply to a letter from the Council, The Federation of Irish Societies had written advising that the next meeting of that Body takes place on the last Saturday in March. Delegates urged that a meeting should be arranged at the end of January (29th) with a view to the Council making its presence felt in a Broader Sphere in Irish Activities.

Letters had been sent out to Associations requesting their choice of dates at The Irish Centre for Saturday nights in 1972.

A letter from The Northern Ireland Distress Fund was

noted as read.

A plea call had been received from a Mr Flavin of The Anti Internment league requesting nominal participation in a torch light Procession in London commencing from Stephens Green at 4Pm as a form of protest against Internment. Letters of thanks had been sent to Individuals + Associations donating to the Welfare Fund.

Allocation of Saturday Nights:-

January 8th Not requested was set aside for a Benefit Dance to aid members of the following Counties:-

Galway Monaghan Dublin Carlow Kerry Donegal.

500 Tickets to be printed at 3s per ticket admission Saturday Nights upto to end of March were allocated as follows:-

Jan	15th	Carlow
"	22nd	Roscommon
"	29	Fermanagh
Feb	5	Westmeath
	12th	Irish Centre
"	19th	Waterford
"	26th	Galway
March	4th	Sligo
"	11th	Clare
"	18th	Mayo
"	25	Wexford.

Our President Mr Tom Gorman attending Dances of seven County had made appeals for Donations to relieve distress among dependants of our fellow countrymen who were the victims of the Stormont Regime. He had raised a sum of £938-

Treasurers Report.

Mr Wates gave the usual detailed report of Annual Financial which showed a credit Balance of £302 24 with 22 of 25 Associations being Affiliated.

The Council Dinner Dance showed a profit of £49.20
with a total of 32 tickets yet to be paid for. When these
outstanding debts are realised the Annual Dinner will show
a considerable improvement on the 1970 function which sustained a
loss.
The Treasurers Report was adopted on a proposition from Mr
Wally Smyth seconded by Mr P. Hegarty.
On a proposition from Mr J O'Flynn seconded by Mr Donovan
it was agreed that the secretary write to the associations
concerned requesting payment for Annual Dinner tickets.
(Wexford 11 Kilkenny 3 Sligo 9)

The Irish Counties Journal
This December issue will be available on 21st. and
Associations were advised to contact Mr Smyth with a
view to collecting copies

Competition sponsored by Galway Association.
In respect of The Children Competition Book Tokens would
be made available as prizes
Progress in the Singing Competition to be advised.

Welfare Fund.
To date £102 had been paid into this Fund.
The vice chairman was requested to open a deposit account
with Allied Irish Banks in respect of this fund.
Waterford & Louth paid a £10 each at this meeting.
As agreed at a previous meeting the Council had paid
out from Central Fund £50 to Leamon Children
In respect of The Welfare Fund it was agreed that
Terms of Reference would be drawn up and
submitted to A.G.M for consideration
It was proposed & seconded by Mr Healey & Mr Keatley respectively
after discussion that the Council make a sum of money
available from Welfare Fund to be administered by

Bord to Lawlor of Tullow in relation of Wife + Family of a Donegal man who had died suddenly.

Quiz Competitions

It was stated to complete the Inter-County Quiz before the next A G M on Sunday Feb 27th.

The Individual Quiz would commence in January and 28 entrants had been submitted as follows:—

Carlow	3	Sligo	4	Galway	3	Cavan	2
Dublin	6	Offaly	1	Kilkenny	2	Westmeath	3 + Cork 4

Any Other Business

The Chairman extended + Best wishes to all for a Happy + Peaceful Christmas coupled with prosperity + Good health in 1972

Delegate took a dim view of the action of the State Theatre Kilburn in refusing the use of that premises to St Patricks Parade Committee for the Annual ~~Ball~~ concert

It was recommended that full support be given to the new venue, St Pancras Town Hall, on Sunday 20th Feb 1972.

It was agreed to hold The A.G.M on Sunday 27-2-71. Nominations + notices of Motion to be with Secretary by January Meeting 18.1.72

Meeting close at 10.30 pm

Tom Conn 18/1/1972 Chairman

Minutes of Irish County Associations meeting held at Irish Centre London Square N.W.1. on Tuesday 18.1.72

This meeting opened at 8.45 PM with Fr O'Connor in the chair and all Officers present. Delegates were present according to the Register of Attendance.

Prior to commencing business Fr Kenneth McCabe, well known columnist in the Irish Post was granted permission to address the meeting concerning a scheme to aid children of Irish Parents between the ages of 8yrs + 15yrs to holiday in various parts of Ireland.

In the areas concerned in London it was found that 97% of the children had Irish parents and for the most part these children never holidayed in Ireland due to the prohibitive cost involved.

Four Irish Bishops:- Doctor Casey, Kerry, Dr Breen Kilkenny, Dr Waters Clare and Arch Bishop Cunnane of Galway were pleased to be in on this scheme and were providing accomodation in factory these children out to various homes in their Dioceses. It was the opinion of their Lordships that this scheme would help these children to remain steadfast to their faith and it was felt that His Eminence Cardinal Heenan would give his Blessing to the project.

66 Associations were requested to put on a function to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

£1500 was needed this year and already a function at Hammersmith had realised £350.

Fr McCabe was prepared to attend any Association Meeting to speak on this subject.

(2) The minutes of the previous meeting were read + adopted on a proposition from Mr Keegan Kerry 2nd. By Mr D Butler Tipperary.

Matters arising not on the agenda were discussed.

3 Correspondence.

A letter from Mr John Flavin of The Anti Internment League was read requesting permission to address a meeting on the subject of Internees + Detendants. (Permission Granted.)

A letter to Mr Daley Hon Sec Federation of Irish Societies was read requesting an Executive meeting of that Body towards end of January. No Reply had been received.

As Instructed at the December meeting letters had been sent to three Associations requesting payment of tickets in respect of Council Annual Dinner. Favourable replies had been received by The Treasurer in the form of cheques.

A letter from St Patricks Parade committee giving details of next meeting on 25.1.72 + of trip to Ireland for 3 days in connection with Dublin Parade. Return flight with 3 nights Bed + Breakfast at a First class Hotel £24-0-0. Those wishing to avail of this offer to contact Mr John O'Connor Hon. Secretary St Patricks Parade Committee + Kerry Association

4 Treasurers Report.

Mr Waters gave a detailed statement of Accounts which left the Council in the Healthy Position of having a credit balance of £328-16.

Twenty two Associations had paid affiliation Fees 3 Associations had not.

A profit of over £100 was realised on 1971 Council Dinner.

In respect of Inter County Quiz Competition. Two Assocs. owe £1 each.

In respect of 1970 Cambridgeshire Draw one Assoc. owes £10 and another £2 in respect of tickets requested + issued.

The Treasurers Report was adopted on a proposition from Mr G. O Flynn seconded by Mr T. Mooney

Mr B. Mullen Navan congratulated the Officers of The Council for their organising ability in respect of a

succesful Annual Dinner 1971.

5 The Presidents £1000

Some time ago it was thought that part of this sum might have to be donated to the Parade Committee. We were given to understand by Mr Gorman that a concert was being held at The State Kilburn in aid of The Irish Centre and being sponsored by Aer Lingus on Sunday 27.2.72 The Irish Centre was donating a substantial sum of profits to St Patricks Parade.

The £1000 competition would take place as in previous years. Grateful appreciation was accorded to Mr Gorman + to Irish Centre.

6 Irish Centres Journal + Childrens Competition.

Once again Associations were urged to send a write up to the Journal. Prizes had been made available for the Childrens Competition.

7 Galway Assoc Singing Comp.

Heats to take place at Irish Centre each Tuesday during February. 10 Entries had been received.

8 Welfare Fund.

Cheques for £10 had been received from Donegal + Monaghan with £50 each to come from Clare + Galway. An account had been opened at Allied Irish Banks which stood at £55 with £5 lent in hand.

The Dance on January 8th realised a sum of £77.39 which was split 3 Ways to aid a bereavement in a Donegal Dublin + Monaghan Family

9 Irish Centre Report.

A Concert was being held in Albert Hall on March 11th to aid Centre. Support was requested.

Associations were requested to make every effort to ensure the success of Saturday nights at The Centre without The Centre will have nothing to be decided in regard to Amenities.

Associations were requested to give early notice to

The Irish Centre in respect of cancellation of an allocated Saturday night or other Function so that other could be accomodated in good time.

Mr Sheridan made known that any person applying to the Irish Centre for a date to run a Welfare Function would automatically be referred to his or the County Association.

Lord Mc Gee spoke at length on the amazing volume of welfare work being carried out at The Centre. Having come from a long period of Parish work where everyone is known to everyone else in a State situation one finds at The Centre with its fluctuating population that a challage is being met. Apart from the Centre Itself Mc Gee placed great emphasis on the Dependants of Internees who really need help and help on a large scale.

Mr Brennan gave us to understand that 10,000 Books of tickets are being printed each with 10 tickets at 2/= each or £1 per Book. All proceeds to go to H.J. distress Fund. This was an opportunity for the Irish in London to Help.

Mr Mc Gee encouraged all Irishmen to turn out for St Patricks Parade to at least say a prayer at The Open Air Mass for our unfortunate Brethren in the occupied Countries.

The proposed Extension to The Centre will cost in the Region of half a £ million, this is a colossal sum but if London Council can be convinced of the worthwhile effort being made by the Centre in the Welfare Field a substantial grant may be made available.

Mr Mc went on to say that Welfare Work at The Centre eats up money and those seeking assistance are the down + outs. There is no one more in need of help than the down + out.

10 Inter County + Individual Quiz

Four teams have reached the Semi-final :- Inter County

Offaly v Meath Donegal v Dublin.

9 Counties have entered 28 members in the Individual Quiz

Both competitions shall be finalized before the A.G.M at which the Draw for 1972/3 will be made.

11 Any Other Business

The Albert Hall had been booked for March 11th by Irish Centre to stage a first class Irish Concert. One person only at the Irish Centre has taken charge of ticket sales and full support from Associations is looked to with confidence.

A Vote of sympathy was extended to M Fitzgerald Kilkenny Assoc. on death of his Father.

St Patricks Parade

The next meeting is being held at Irish Centre on Tuesday 25th January All Associations are urged to attend to help finalize details of Parade

The St Patricks Banquet is being held at Gresham Ballroom on Wednesday March 15th next. Ticket at £2.50. A board Menu has been arranged. We are urged to make an all out effort to bring numbers up to 440

Associations were requested by the Chairman to pay the usual affiliation Fees of £5 to Parade Committee.

Those wishing to take part in the Dublin parade can avail of Return Flight with three night Beds Breakfast at a First class Hotel for a sum of £24-00. Applications to Sean O'Connors Secretary.

Meeting closed at 10.30 PM

Chairman

The 19th Annual General Meeting of The Council of Irish County Associations held at The Irish Centre Camden Square London N.W.1. on Sunday 27th Feb 1972.

The Meeting opened at 3 Pm under The Chairman Mr Maurice O'Connor with all Officers present and with delegates according to the Register of Attendance.

Mr Jody Feehan represented His Excellency Dr. Donal O'Sullivan the Irish Ambassador. Our Life President, Mr J Conway, was in attendance

Representatives of Ryans Hotels Ltd EDWIN DORAN + of Bord Failte PAT MOLAN addressed delegates before commencement of business with a view to encouraging Irish People to Holiday in Ireland. It was feared the disturbance in Northern Ireland would have an adverse effect on Tourism, hence this appeal to the Exiles. Ryans Group offered Free Hotel accomodation as an incentive to travel. Mr Pat Nolan of Bord Failte Stressed the loss of the non Ethnic market in Tourism.

Chairmans Opening address.

Mr O Connor welcomed all delegates giving a special welcome to Mr Feehan as founder member of the Council and representing the Embassy to-day. A special welcome also to Mr. Conway who had recovered from his illness and was back in circulation among friends once again. The Chairman reminded Delegates to be realistic in their approach to Points raised and to be constructive in their summing up.

Standing Orders.

These were read & adopted on a proposition from Mr Conway seconded by Mr Fox (Luton).

Appointment of Tellers:-

The following were nominated:- V. Rev Fr Mc Namara, Mr P. McCabe & Miss Rita Barry.

On a proposition from Mr Conway 2nd by Mr Luke Kennedy these were appointed.

Minutes

On a Proposition from Mr Conway seconded by Mr T. Jack Kilkenny it was agreed to adopt the minutes of the previous A.G.M. as these had already been read at the March Meeting of 1971.

Correspondence

A letters from Mr Jim Gorman was read apologising for his absence due to holidaying during Lent when dinner functions are not laid on. Mr Gorman spoke of the pleasure it had given him to work with the Officers of the Council and was happy to mention that he had raised at Council Dinners a sum of money exceeding £1,200 to aid distress in N.I. Mr Gorman again offers £100 for annual competition.

A letter from The Galway Association was read giving progress in the Mc Colloy singing competition.

A letter giving brief details of The Federation of Irish Societies and incoming views exchanged between The Council & Federation at a meeting towards the end of January. was made known to delegates.

Three letters with Mass Cards had been sent out by the Secretary to the following: Mr John O'Connor Kerry on death of his father. Mr Fitzgerald, Kilkenny on death of his mother and to Mr Dominic Donnelly & family on death of Mr Donnelly.

In respect of thirteen of our fellow countrymen slaughtered in their ancient City of Doire Colmcille a letter had been sent to The Charge D'affairs at The Irish Embassy requesting him to convey to Dr Taoiseach the deep sympathy of County Associations.

The Secretary's Report.

This Report which is attached gave an account of Council activities during the current year.

The Report was well received & adopted on a

proposition from Mr Tom Beckett seconded by Mr Owen O'Neil

The Treasurers Report.

This Report which is attached showed a credit Balance of £357·39 at the end of December 1971.

The Treasurer was thanked + congratulated on his work + Report which was adopted on a proposition from Mr Lock seconded by Mr Kennedy.

Chairmans Address attach here.

Election of Officers

The following were elected to office for current year.

Chairman	Mr. Pat	Hegarty	unopposed.
Vice Chairman	Mr. P	Daly	"
Treasurer	Mr M	Waters	"
Secretary	Mr M	O Donovan	by a short head from Mr S O Cearuill.
Assistant Sec	Mr S	O Cearuill	unopposed.

The Executive Committee

The following were elected to serve on the Executive for the coming year, in order of voting

Mr Maurice	O Connor (78)	Mr Owen	O Neil (70)
Mr Tom	Beckett (60)	Mr Dick	Butler (58)
Mr Wally	Smyth (48)	Mr Matt	Brunton (45)
Mr D	McGuire (44)		

The following were nominated also for Executive Committee :-

Mr S Caddogan - Mr P Baker - Mr J Keating

Mr P J. Caffrey

(2)

MOTIONS

Carried

1 That admission to Dances after Dinner functions at The Irish Centre be at the discretion of the organisers but to include those who could produce current Irish Centre Membership Cards. GALWAY

2. That the draw for allocating Saturday nights at The Irish Centre takes place in good time to allow Counties time to book bands and organise events. CAVAN

3. That The Council Of Irish County Associations applies for membership of The Federation Of Irish Societies (Southern Region) (Executive) KERRY

ALL CARRIED

STANDING ORDERS

1. No Member shall speak more than once on any Motion except the mover who shall have the right to reply.
2. No Delegate shall speak for more than TWO MINUTES except the Mover of the Motion who may speak for FOUR minutes.
3. Only accredidated Delegates have the right to speak and vote.
4. All voting shall be by secret ballot for election of Officers & Committee.
5. All voting shall be by straight majority votes except where there is more than two candidates for any post, when voting must continue until one candidate has an overall majority.
6. The decision of The Chairman on points of order shall be final.

The three motions put forward were carried and in respect of No 2 Motion Associations were requested to send in their choice of Dates for the Irish Centre in respect of Saturday Nights 1973 by the March Meeting of 1972.

The address on behalf of His Excellency Dr Donal O Sullivan The Irish Ambassador was given by His Representative Mr Jody Feehan. Mr Feehan had attended every A G M since 1954 when he had the honour of being one of the founder Members of The Council of Irish County Associations. In 54 there were only seven Counties in Existence in London. Mr Feehan conveyed to all present the good Wishes of His Excellency, Our Patron who takes more than a keen interest in our affairs. He congratulated the Officers and felt at one with all present in their fervent wish for a just settlement of Irish Affairs in a United Country.

Mr Conway, Life Preadent, in his address wished to be associated with Mr Feehan in congratulating the Chairman on his address and other Officers on their Reports. He was deeply impressed by those who spoke of Ireland and tourism. He urged all to make a special point of purchasing Irish goods and in conclusion thanked the Officers for their work.

Any Other Business

The Welfare Fund now in existence for a couple of months now showed a Credit Balance of £207.80p as per attached Statement

It was decided that Messrs O Connor Hegarty + Daly create the fund as Trustees on a three year Basis with one standing down each year for the Election of a new Trustee

Terms of Reference.

It was unanimously agreed that the Committee of Management / The Executive Committee meet to Draw up Terms of Reference in respect of The Welfare Fund and to Submit these to a Council Meeting for approval.

Very Revd Fr Mee Chaplain Irish Centre thanked the County Associations for their support and for being genuine + Honest in their approach and in dealings with the Centre.

He would be willing to accept direction + guidance on the role of The Irish Centre.

Revd Fr P. Sheridan stated that among the Irish Community using The Centre there are minorities and that these people should not be completely ostracised. We must be prepared to communicate with them. It may seem that the Tone of The Centre is being lowered and this can pose a problem. Members are entitled to protect their interests and with this in mind Very Revd Fr Mee was open for direction + guidance.

St Patrick Parade 1972.

Views were aired and of ten Associations asked. One was in favour of carrying on with the Parade whilst nine were of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served, in view of recent happenings in either Holding the Parade or in an open Air Service in Hyde Park. It was felt that the environment was Hostile and that undesirable elements could do far reaching damage to the Image of The Irish Community in London which had been painstakingly built up through hard work and social contacts during the past 25 years.

Mr O'Flynn suggested that a Church Service

should be arranged in lieu of a parade and this suggestion was unanimously adopted

The Meeting closed at 5.45 P.M.

P J Hegarty. Chairman

P. J. HEGARTY.

Apologies from Tom Beckett

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1. on Tuesday March 21st 72.

The meeting opened at 8.30 pm with Pat Hegarty in the chair. and all the officers present. All delegates were not present according to the Register of Attendance. Prior to Council business.

1/ The meeting was addressed by three speakers. Mr Martin of the Northern Ireland distress fund, by Mr Beamont re church service at central Hall West Minister, and by Tommy Dunne of our Lingas

2/ The minutes of the January meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Tony Dack and seconded by Mrs Mononey. Tom Beckett. Correspondence was read from Mrs Feeney. Correspondence was also read from Millers Catering re the Grosvenor Ball room concerning a rebate of £85 from a previous function it was agreed the total amount of money would be put into the welfare fund. Correspondence was also read from Federation of Irish Society and it was agreed that Pat Hegarty Chairman and Bob Daly Vice Chairman would visit the Society at High Wycombe. It was also agreed that the last date for entrys to Presidents £1,000 Competition would be April "18" and the record of this would be between April 5th 71 — to April 5th 72.

It was proposed by Owen O'Neill that in the future St Patricks day parade in Dublin we would all walk the Counties would all walk under one Banner. Mr Mooney enquired if it would be possible to send the Irish

centre Boy band to Dublin next year.

We had the draw for the Counties Quiz Competition and this closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

CHAIRMAN

J Hegarty . 18/4/72.

Council of Irish County Association meeting held at Irish Centre Camden square N.W.1. on Tuesday 18-4-72.

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m. with Pat Hegarty in the chair all officers were present. all delegates were not present according to the register of attendance the minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Jim Long seconded by Mrs Murphy.

Mr Bob Daly reported on his and Pat Hegarty visit to High Wycombe and informed the meeting that the C.I.C.A. were now affiliated to the Federation of Irish Society, Mr Gerry Flynn Galway. inquired how many meeting and how many delegates should attend their meeting's. all delegates as appointed attended their Federation's A.G.M.

The next item to be dicussed was the A.G.M. of the Irish Centre the meeting agreed that the Chairman Mr Pat Hegarty should represent the Council

The Treasurers report was read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Jim Beckett and seconded by Mr Tony Dack.

We had an enquiry from the Dublin Association regarding the distribution of the C.I.C.A. Journal.

We also had an enquiry from the same Association regarding the Gunnell Cup caught. what would happen in the event of a County team not taking part this and the appointing of guest Masters would be left to guest Committee to aggree on

A long discussion then took place about the allocating of Saturday night at the Irish Centre, the Manager Mr Coughlan expressed the wear that if a deposit was paid before hand it might prevent Associations opting out at the last moment Mr Moroney agreed with this point of view and on the event of a cancellation the Saturday night should be handed back to the Centre and they in turn should give it to another County.

Mr Moroney suggested that if the Centre was not having a marathon walk this year that it might be a good idea to have a walk for the Welfare Fund.

Mr O'Neil proposed that each County delegate should give £1. per meeting Mr. Moroney suggested it should be £3 per meeting to the Welfare Fund

We then had a request for painters for the Centre from Mr Moroney, also a request for ladies for the tea bar at the Irish Centre. and on the mention of tea or was it bar the meeting closed at 10.35 P.M.

Chairman P J Hegarty.

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N W 1. on the 18th May 72

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m with Mr. Pat Hegarty in the chair all officers and delegates were not present according to the register of attendance.

Prior to commencing business Fr. Dempsey was granted permission by the Chairman to address the meeting re the Church Service at Central Hall Westminster. Fr Dempsey asked all present if any one would like to ask any questions on the service or the arrangements in general Fr Sheridan asked Fr Dempsey if he might need any ushers and he thought that the arrangemats that they had made had more or less taken care of everything, he then thanked the Chairman for giving him the opportunity of addressing the meeting.

After a slight amendment the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from O. O. Neil seconded by Tom Beckett Sligo.

Appologys were read from Tom Gorman absent due to illhealt, it was decided the vice Chairman Mr Bob. Daly would send him a get well letter.

The then had the Treasurer report from Mr Michael Waters who went on to say. 6 Associations had paid their affiliation fees. also that 9 Counties had paid fees for Guinness Gaelic. Mr Tom Beckett thought that a special word of thanks was in order for the excelant report Mr Maurice O. Connor said he would also like to be associated this gesture.

The Counties dance at the Gresham
Mr Sean Igoe on behalf of the Clare
Association thanked the Irish Centre for
presenting them with with the John
Vaughan trophy he also congratulated
all the other winners in the
presidents 1000 competition.
Mr Maurice O'Connor Chairman of the
Kerry Bs thanked Mr Tom Gorman for
once again putting up the £1000 also
congratulated all the other counties on
their respective wins.
Rev Fr Mee Chaplain of the Irish
Centre thanked all who helped
with the tea bar also with the
painting of the Centre.
Mr Bob Daly thanked the
committie of C.I.C.R. for presenting
his good lady with a lovely
bouquet of flowers at the Council chairs
in the Gresham.

A.G.M of the Irish Centre Rev Fr.
Mee said he had a good quiet
A.G.M. and went on to say that
not allways the noisy meeting were
the good ones.

Saturday nights at the Irish Centre
Rev Fr Mee said that the Centre
were allowed 12 extensions per year.
Rev Fr Sheridan said that they
were mostly kept for weddings.
A long discussion took place regarding
short notices of vacant Saturday night

at the Auto. Mr Jerry O'Flynn Galway proposed that a deposit of £10 (ten pounds) be lodged at the Auto by the County who are giving a Saturday night seconded by Mr Tom Beckett this proposition was amended to six weeks notice.
Mr Maurice O. Connor proposed seconded by Mr H. McDermot that the existing arrangement for this year to remain this proposition was carried on a show of hands 10 to 6 in favour.

Olympic Council of Ireland fund.
After a long delay on this subject we had proposition for £50 £25 and £10 sums of money to be donated we finaly agreed on £10 on a proposition from Mr Murphy. seconded by Mr M. O. Connor on a show of hands. 12 to 7 in favour. also to run a dance or some kind of function to support this worthy cause.

Before the meeting closed we had a short address from Mr. Bragil re tourism and holidays in general in Ireland. The Chairman Mr Hegarty said that if an opinion was given he would like everyone to understand this would be a personal one and not the opinion of the meeting.

The meeting the welcomed Mr Bill Cooper of the Dublin Ass.

Next meeting 3 Tuesday in June p.m.
The meeting finished at 10.45.

Chairman
P. Hegarty
20 June 72.

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1. on the 20th June 72

The meeting opened at 8.40 with Mr Pat Hegarty in the chair all officers and delegates were not present according to the register of attendance.

Prior to commencing business Mr Tommy Bord Failte addressed the meeting and asked all present if they would like to ask any questions Mrs Mooney asked him why B.F. as well as other tourist organisations don't do something for the south of Ireland Waterford in particular and not to keep always talking about traffic to Dublin he thanked her for her enquiry and said this was something they should certainly give more consideration to in future, he then thanked the chairman for been given the opperlunity of speaking.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Liam Tyrer seconded by Mr Sally Smyth.

Correspondence was read from the Brooks family re FREDDY CECIL we had a proposition from Mrs Mooney seconded by Mr Jake O'Hara that a trophy should be bought in the form of a cup, money should be spent to the limit of £30 and Mr Bob Daly should negotiate the buying of same.

The Mayor of Camden's fund for the Ethiopian disasters The chairman said a buffett dance was being organised in the Centre for early July if possible Mr Jake

C Hoey said that was a wonderfull
gathering and he would like to be
associated with it.
A vote of sympathy was passed to all
that suffered in the Air Disaster
at Staines, also to Mrs Tehiff on the
death of her Brother R.I.P. and the
meeting decided that a Mass should be
said for the repose of his soul.
The chairman then apologised to the
Leitrim Association for not being present
at the giving of the cup at the
Fair Beyond.
This concluded the meeting

18 July 72.

Chairman P J Hegarty.

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1. on the 18th July 72.

The meeting opened at 8.40 pm with Mr Pat Hegarty in the chair. all officers and delegates were not present according to the requests of attendance

The minutes of the June meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr. M Gunness seconded by Mr O Hara.

The meeting opened with a request from a Mrs Greene who has domestic problems and hoped that the C.I.C.A. might be able to assist herself and her family financially for a holiday in Ireland where she feels a couple of weeks break might help her cope with the demands of her present situation. The meeting decided that Mr Jerry Flynn the Galway Chairman might contact Mrs Greene and then have a chat with Mr Pat Hegarty and see what could be done.

In the absense of Mr M. Eakes the treasurers report was read by Mr Bob Dody also the Inter County quiz the Dublin lads asked the meeting if the would be allowed to compete with Limerick subject to Longford agreeing with this.

Mayor of Camden Listers fund a cheque for £200 was presented to Mayor Brian O'Duggan up to date the function had cost the Centre £145 but they hoped that when all moneys were in they would clear themselves.

It was agreed that a letter of sympathy should be sent

to the family of Mr Sean Mc Gill who so tragedy lost his life.

The meeting decided that a current list of Co Chairman and secretarys should be sent to the Co secretarys and any other body who might need one.

The Dublin ass enquired if the Council might be interested in making a presentation to Mr Joe Dealey who is going home to Ireland for good. Mr M. O Connor suggested that the Dublin Ass might run a function in the centre and all the other Co would rally round as they have done in the past.

Mr Bob Daly told the meeting of a return trip to New York for next St Patrick the cost £5-5 for 14 days for 100 people. The chairman Mr Pat Hegarty asked if there was anything ever further done about a fund that was to be set up for such a occasion or had the the people lost interest.

The next Council meeting was for 19th September as we would not be having a meeting in August.

This concluded the meeting

Chairman

P.J. Hegarty

19 September 72.

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1. on the 19 September 71.

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m. with Mr Pat Hegarty in the chair all officers and delegates were not present according to the register of attendence.

The minutes of the July meeting were Read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Tony Dack seconded by Mr Jerry O'Flynn

The meeting opened with a discussion on the financial help given to the family of Mrs Greene in helping her and her Children in going to Ireland for a holiday as was suggested at the previous meeting. There seemed to be a miss understanding as 2 appeared 2 separate ammounts of money were given 1 from Mr Jerry O'Flynn and another from Mr Pat Heagarty it was then decided that a Mrs Quinn from the Camden Borough welfare dept should be contacted.

The St Patricks day trip to America.

The Vice Chairman Mr Bob Daly told the meeting that a hundred people were interested in going but they were not from the Countys Associations. Mr Jerry O'Flynn enquired what about the fund that was to be got going for such an occasion he also sugested that a sub committie might be set up to deal with this. Mr Maurice O'Connor then asked that as the numbers were small our very able Vice Chairman Mr Bob Daly would best know how to cope with the problems.

The treasurers Report

In his report Mr M. Waters told the meeting that 14 Counties had paid their affiliation fees.

but as he a lot of correspondence before him maybe some more of the Counties might have paid. the report was taken as correct and adopted on a proposition from Mr M O'Connor 2nd by Mr Tom Beckett.

At this point in time the Chairman Mr Hegarty welcomed a past-Chairman of the Fermanagh Association Mr Dez Ward and his good lady.

Saturday nights at the Irish Centre We had a proposition from Mr Jake O'Hara that the names of the various County's should go in one box and the Saturdays might in another this proposition was seconded by Mr W Greegor. We had a second proposition from Mr Pat Meade seconded by Mr M O'Connor that the present system of allocating Saturday should remain this proposition was carried on a show of hands 21 to 9. at this point the Chairman Mr Hegarty said that an executive meeting was over due and this was one of the things they could deal with. he also aded that if a change was needed in allocating Saturday night's at the A.G.M. might be the best place for doing this. The Chairman Mr Hegarty also said that a rise in the price of Bacon & Cabbage suppers at the Centre was going to take place also a new form of booking Saturdays at the Centre was aggreed upon a sum of £10 was to be deposited this in turn would be paid back or deducted from the final account on the payment of a function. The report of the tea bar at the Centre was discussed. Mr Bob Daly said that the

Galway bus came to the Centre on the night they were to be looking after it and when they got there they found out that the Boiler was not working could some body not have rang them up and saved them a needless journey he enquired. Rev Fr Shanahan agreed that this was the case they did have some trouble with the Boiler but this was all taken care of now and he thought that the tea bar was a very usefull service at the Centre.

Mr Tom Gorman the President of the Association congradulated the management of the Centre he said the toilets and the general appearance of the place was much better than it had ben in the past. Mr Gerry Flynn Mr Shamus Carroll & Mr Jake O Hara said that they too would like to be associated with this gesture.

The Inter County quiz Mr Michael Waters urged all the County delegates to try and make a better effort in getting their respective Rounds over as we are going to remarked we would not be finished until 1974. There was an objection to Dublin taking part in this years quiz from the Co Meath delegates.

The Welfare Fund

The Chairman Mr Hegarty asked if any body had any fresh Ideas on making money The Cork delegate asked if a credit union was possible he also enquired if a larger levy was put on each Co Ass of £50 he thought had ben agreed on after further discussion he added they might have ben wrongly informed. Mr Pat Mc Cabe asked if it might not be difficult to select a charity as charity is as such were inclined

to attract the wrong kind of publicity as the moment the executive might send out more information and report back to a further meeting be added.

A vote of sympathy was ~~passed~~ to family of Francis Mulvey by the Chairman of the Cavan Ass.

The Chairman Mr Hegarty welcomed the newly formed Armagh Ass and said as we have done in the past with the various other Associations Armagh would get every help and assistance from the Council.

The next monthly was aggreed on for the 17 October 72.

The meeting closed a 10.40 p.m.

Chairman
P. Hegarty.
17 October 72.

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1 on the 17 October 72.

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m. with Mr Pat Hegarty in the chair all officers were not present- according to the rights of attendance

Prior to the meeting commencing the Secretary was handed a letter from Mr Tom Beckett who said that it should be read to the meeting after some controversy it was read by the chairman Mr Hegarty. while it was being read we had a proposition from Mr Gerry O'Flynn seconded by Mr John Dillon that in future all such letters should be given to the secretary a couple of days previous to a meeting and then he could be given the opportunity of reading its contents and seeing if they might or might not be suitable to be read at an meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read taken as correct and adopted on a proposition from Mr Gerry O'Flynn seconded by Mrs McCormick.

Saturday nights at the centre. the new forms of application were handed out to the meeting more of these would be made available on request. We had a proposition from Mr Bob Daly. seconded by Mrs Jane Smythe that the council should run a function ~~a night~~ on a night that might be made available by the Donegal Associations. Mr Gerry O'Flynn enquired that the nights that were vacant would they be given the other Counties wanting them. he then went on to request the 9th of Tees and added that if a county who were not fortunate enough in getting a night they might give it to them.

Treasurer report

Mr Michael Waters told the meeting that 22 Counties had paid their affiliation fees and he was still waiting for a few more to come in the report was adopted on a proposition from Mr Tom Beckett seconded by Mr Pat Mcabe.

Inter County quiz Mr Waters said that we seem to be doing better with quiz this year as some of the teams were in the quarter finals at this point Mr Bob Daly said that he would like to congrogulate Michael Waters on the wonderfull work he was doing with the quiz.

Trip to New York. Mr Bob Daly told the meeting that all deposits of £20 should have been paid by the 12th of October he then went on to read a letter relevant to the trip to New York to the meeting.

Mr Owen O'Neil asked if anything was being done about our trip to Dublin he also asked if anything was being done about all the Counties walking under One Banner. the Chairman Mr Hegarty said we might give this some discussion at our December meeting.

A. O.B

Mr Seamus O Cassid asked all present if they were concious of the fact that children of Irish parents returning to Ireland would be eligable to qualify for certain educational grants and in some cases they might be greater that the amounts given here at the moment.

Mr Carroll went on to say as and when he would be in the position of more informat. he would be amore that happy to discuss them with all interested parties. Mrs Jane Smythe said she would like to congragulate Seamus on his work.

This concluded the meeting

P J Hegarty
The Chairman
21 November 72.

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square N.W.1. on tuesday 21st November 72.

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m. with Mr Pat Hegarty in the chair all officers were not present according to the register of attendence.

The minutes of the previas months meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Tony Dack seconded by Mr Owen O Neil.

Their was not any correspondence.

The treasurers report was read by Mr Michael Waters in his report he said that 3 Association still had not paid their affiliation fees it was agreed that the secretary should write to the County's concerned. Mr Waters went on to say that 17 Associations had paid their fees for the Guinness Cup Quiz The report was adopted on a proposition from Mr Terry O Flynn seconded by Mr Hugh. McCormick.

The individual Quiz Mr Waters said that entrants were as follows 3 from Galway 2 from Offaly 1 ~~Cavan~~ Carlow 3 from Meath 3 from Waterford 4 from Donegal and four from Carlow it was further decided that all rounds including the finals would be contested at the Centre on the 14 December 72

Trip to New York a letter was read by Mr Bob Daly with all the relevant information. Trip to Dublin the Chairman Mr Hegarty asked for sugestions about the time we should leave as the ladies might want to do some shopping

Mr Gerry O'Flynn jokingly added maybe this was some thing we should try and stop and not to encourage it was agreed that we should try and leave London Airport about 4.0 p.m. both of those trip's seemed to be well under control in the very capable hands of Mr Bob Daly.

Presentation to Mr & Mrs Jim Conway on their returning to Ireland after a lot of discussion it was agreed that a present would be given on the night of our buffet on the 16 December the choice of present would be left to the Management Committee this presentation would be from the C.I.C.A.S. and the council alone

It was also agreed that a further presentation would be ~~night of~~ made on the night of the 14th December as this date was the only date suitable to the Irish Embassy and the Gresham Ballroom Holloway Rd where a buffet was being given for by Mr Jim Gorman a contribution of £25 was proposed by Mr Owen O'Neil seconded by Mr M. O'Connor this would be in conjuction with the G.A.A. the Irish Centre Ect. the Chairman Mr Hegarty and Rev Fr Sheridan were to find out more about ~~about~~ this and report back to the Dec meeting. At this point a cheque of £75 was handed to the Chairman by the O'Daly Ass who thanked them for their gesture and hoped that all the other County's would take a leaf out of their book and do like wise this money was for the C.I.C.A. parent.

St Patricks day Parade

Mr Jerry O'Flynn told the meeting that a St Patricks day Parade committee meeting was being held at the Irish Club on the 28 of November where he hoped all the Counties would be represented and express their views on the likelihood of the parade taking place Mr M. O'Connor thought at the moment we were completely in the hands of the D. O. E. Mr Jerry O'Flynn expressed the views that if the unrest in our own Country will still be the same this did not seem much chance of the Parade taking place. On the question of Banners Mr O'Flynn hoped that 2 banners would be bought. B. & I. would met the cost of buying one to the maximum of £30.

Irish Centres Bazzar

The Chairman told the meeting that the Mayor of Camden Mr Duggan would open the bazzar on the 9 December at 12 Noon and aded all donations would be needed to make this a realy good Bazzar.

A. O. B.

Mr Tom Beckett

The Chairman remarked that he felt that the Thomond Publishing Co. of Mr Beckett stories have supported the officers of The C.I.C.A before publication of his open letter in the Journal: as this letter was read out at the October meeting

a vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Kathleen O Connor R.I.P

This concluded the meeting

The Chairman
P J Hegarty

11/12/42

Council of Irish County Associations meeting held at the Irish Centre Camden Square on the 11th of the December 72

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m. with Mr Pat Hegarty in the chair all officers were not present according to the register of attendance

The minutes of the previous months meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr Maurice O Connor and seconded by Mr Owen O Neil.

Correspondence was read from Mrs Swan of the Meath Association also from Mr Tom Beckett and from the Irish Centre

The treasurer report was read by Mr Michael Waters in reference to the Guinness Cup guy he said that Galway and Carlow have already reached the semi final but-alass the same few ~~other~~ Counties were once again holding up the contest, the individual guy 29 contestents are to take part and all rounds including the finals were going to be contested on 14th December at the Irish Centre the report was adopted on a proposition from Mr Tom Beckett seconded by Mr Tom Gorman.

St Patricks day Parade intended trips to Dublin and to America a reluctant letter was read to the meeting by the Vice Chairman Mr Bob Daly. Mr Daly added he was eagerly waiting on more names for the trips those were to be finalised at the February meeting.

The aquisition of a Banner for the C.I.C.A. after a long

discussion it was agreed that a Banner should be aquired bearing the coats of Arms of the four Provinces for Leinster would aquire it and if possible it would have telescopic poles to make it easier to transport

Welfare fund buffet at the Centre

The Chairman Mr Hegarty told the meeting that the tickets for the buffet seemed to in great demand and we are hoping for a full house it was decided that a Raffle would be held on the night and the proceeds would go to 2 family's at Hornsey Rd who through an unfortunate incident had lost their homes through fire, also on the night of the buffet an presentation would be made to Mr and Mrs Jim Conway in the form of a Silver cigarette Box and lighter and it was agreed that it should be presented by the Chairman, it was hoped that all County's who had not contributed to the buying of the present would now do so we have already got £6- towards the cost of it the Chairman added.

A.G.M.

The last Sunday in February was to be the date of A.G.M all offices were open and it was hoped we would have plenty of nominations for the same.

A.O.B

Travel to Ireland Mr Luke O Hora enquired if any other person shared his opinion that the state and semi state bodies seemed to be all ways at cross purposes Mr O Neill proposed that the various

authorities should be contacted and we could see what kind of concessions they would allow this was seconded by Mr Jake O Hara the seretary was instructed to inquire.

Fed of Irish Society's

Mr Bob Daly enquired why was there not a photo of one of the officers of the C.C.A in the Irish post, he also added that the Sec of the Council should be notified if any delegate or officer of the Council wished to be nominated for one of the offices in the Federation of Irish Society's, this it was decided should be left to the A.G.M.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr P. J. Cafferty and family on the death of his Mother a Mass card should be sent, also a letter of congratulations to Bishop Henderson on his appointment as Bishop of Southwark.

The next muting would be on the 3rd Tuesday of January.

This concluded the muting

The Chairman

M Hegarty.

16th January 73.

20th Annual General Meeting of
Held in The Irish Centre,

The Meeting opened at 3.00 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Mr. P. Hegarty with all Officers present & delegates according to the Register of Attendance. Mr. P. Feelan represented The Irish Ambassador, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan.

The Chairmans Opening Address:-

Mr Hegarty welcomed all delegates & gave a special word of welcome to Mr. Jody Feehan the founder member of the Council of Irish Counties Assoc. who was representing the Irish Ambassador today.

The Chairman reminded delegates to be selective in their approval of points raised & to be constructive in their summing up.

Standing Orders were taken as read & adopted on a proposition from Mr. M. O'Connor seconded by Mr. Beckett.

Appointment of Tellers:-

The following were nominated:-
Rev. Fr. Lee. & Mr. Flanagan.

On a prop from Mr. M. Mooney seconded by Mr. T. Lang on it was agreed to adopt the minutes of the previous A.G.M, as they had already been read at the March meeting in 72.

Secretarys Report:-

The Secretarys Report was well received & adopted on a prop.

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from M/R. Baker. Seconded by M/R. French.

The Treasurers Report was also well received & he was congratulated on his work & the Report was adopted on a prop. from M/R. S. Lynch. Seconded by M/R. M. O'Connor.

M/R. T. Feehan's Address:-

In his address to the Meeting M/R Feehan said he was honoured & happy to be present on behalf of the Ambassador. He thanked the Officers for their reports, which he remarked were well done & accepted, he stated that he was very happy & he accociated with the Council for the past twenty yrs. "Call the things we have been able to do" he remarked "such as having The Irish Centre where we are having todays meeting." Referring to the troubles in N. Ireland he expressed the hope that Dublin & Westminister may soon be able to see ~~a~~ just and peaceful settlement.

Election of Officers:-

The following were again elected to Office

Chairman M/R. P. Hegarty — ~~opposed~~ unopposed
Vice " M/R. R. Daly "
Treasurer M/R. M. Wailes "
Secretary M/R. M. Donovan by a show of hands over M/R Carroll.
Asst. Sec. M/R. J. ~~Carroll~~ Keating

At this Point the Chairman M/R Hegarty

thanked McCarroll for all the work he had done in the past. Mr. T. O'Connor asked to be associated with this gesture.

Fr Mees Address:-

In his address Fr. Mee thanked the Counties for their co-operation regarding the running of the Irish Centre. In the past twelve months he remarked he had been asked to help 1,600 people coming from Ireland, who had no finance or means of support. When we got them employment he added, they turned out to be good, respectable citizens, contary to what a lot of people though. He went on to say that the Centre would soon be a very viable proposition & would soon be able to pay ~~for~~ its own way.

Welfare Fund:

The Vice Chairman Mr. B. Daly stated that he was happy to report that this fund was in a healty state. For the coming year it was agreed that Mrs. T. Doak would replace Mr. T. O'Connor as a Trustee of the Fund.

Motions:-

There was two Motions put forward at the Meeting One from Mr. Beckett of The Slegio Assoc. & one from Mr. T. O'Connor, Kerry (copys attached)

A. O. B.

After a lot of discussion on a variety of subjects, without anyone agreeing upon doing anything useful or constructive, the meeting closed at 5.30. pm.

Chairman

J. Hegarty 24/2/74

Council Of Irish County Associations

Meeting held at the Irish Centre, Camden Square on Tuesday 16th January '73.

The meeting opened at 8.30 P.M. ~~with~~ Mr. P. Heagerty, the Chairman presided, All delegates were not present according to the register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read or adopted as a proposition from Mr. W. Smyth seconded by Mr. T. Dack.

Correspondence:-

Was read from Bord Failte, Shannonside, Mr. J Conway & Mr P. J. Caffery.

Treasurer's Report:-

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted on a proposition from Mr. M. O'Connor & Seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill

Inter-County Quiz:-

Mr. Waters informed the meeting that Galway & Carlow had already reached the semi-final & he hoped with a bit of luck we should reach the final early this year than on previous yrs.

St. Patricks Day Parade:-

The Secretary of the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee, Mr. John O'Connor asked all present at the meeting if their respective Counties were in favour of holding the parade, after a show of hands — 6 - Counties to 5 in favour of holding the Parade, This decision would be finalised at a meeting of the Parade Committee on the 29th January

at the Irish Club Eaton Square.

St. Patricks Day Parade Banner.

The Banner for the Parade was being made by the Nuns & should be completed by the 15th March. Mr. Hegarty, Chairman, then asked the Committee if they had any suggestions as regards compensating the Nuns for being so good as to make the Banner.

Our President Mr. Tom Gorman, stated that he was not in favour of the Parade taking Place this year, because he believed that the English People are led to believe, through the National Press, Television Radio & other mediums of communication that a lot of English Soldiers were loosing their lives in Ireland at the present time, Mr Gorman went on to say that should the parade take place this year he would be unable to donate the £1,000 to Counties as this would have to go to the Parade Committee, as they were very much in the red.

The Welfare Fund.

At the buffet we had in the Irish Centre in honour of Mr. & Mrs. J. Conway & in conjuction with the Welfare Fund it raised a profit of £98 which brought the fund to £631 + £30 Cash in hand monies £15 which was owed to Mr Hegarty from this fund. Mr. R. Daly proposed, seconded by Mr. S. Igoe that the Treasurer Mr Waters should now pay Mr. Hegarty £15.

The Chairman Mrs. Hegarty said it was hoped to have more in this fund by this time, but due to circumstances

beyond their control, there seemed to be more appeals for money last year than in in the past. Mr. Hegarty said he hope that we could do something in the coming year to increase the fund. (~~he also thought that~~) a good idea for raising money he thought would be if the various Counties donated Raffle money from Bacon o Babbage ~~Deppers~~ etc. to the fund.

At the last meeting of the Council we had a request from the Kilkenny Association for a sum of money from this fund to help a person in need but since then it was learned that relations of the person concerned were traced & were prepared to give a helping hand.

A. O. B

Mr. S. O'Carroll asked the Secretary if he had any reaction from Counties, when he had ~~asked~~ requested that they write letting us know their feelings regarding Tourism to Ireland. The Response the Secretary stated was nil.

The Irish Centre A.G.M. of Management Committee

The Chairman, Mr Hegarty thought that this may be a good occasion for the various Counties to attend this meeting to put their views across & take a more active ~~part~~ and constructive part in the Running of the Centre.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Charles Gallagher on the death of his brother R.I.P.

At 10.00 PM the meeting closed.

P. Hegarty.
Chairman
20/3/73

Council of Irish County Association.
Meeting held at the Irish Centre, Camden Square
on Tuesday 20th ~~March~~ April 73.

Previous to the start of the meeting we had fantastic news from our President, Tr. Tom Gormon when he informed us that he had wiped off the debt of the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee, leaving them a clean slate. The debt had stood well over £300, the rest of the £1,000 would be put into The Council Welfare Fund.

In Previous years the President donated £1,000 to the Inter-County Competition, but this year he thought that St. Patricks Day Parade Committee should be released of their heavy burden.

The appreciation of all present was enormous at this wonderful generosity. Thanks a million Tom Gormon, it is a pity that there are not a few more Irish men like you around.

The meeting then opened at 8.45 P.M with Tr. Hegarty in the chair & all Officers present Delegates were present according to the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & adopted on a prepossion by Tr. W. Smyth, Seconded by Tr. J. Horgan.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurers report was read & adopted on a Prop. from Tr. H. Brunton & Seconded by Tr. O'Connor.

Correspondence.-

Was read from V.A.C.A. Federation

of Irish Societies at the Piccadilly Theatre.

The Inter-County Quiz :-

Mr. Waters informed us that Galway are now in the final and to meet the winners of Kerry v. Carlow. We had a prop. from the Dublin delegate that any county taking part in the Quiz, who failed to meet the opposing team with in one calander month from date of notification would be eliminated. Seconded by Mr. T. Mangan.

Council Welfare Fund :-

It was agreed that in future all requests for monies from this fund would be put to the three named Trustees. Mrs. B. Dack, Mr. P. Hegarty & Mr. R. Daly & their decision on the matter would be final. This was proposed by Mr M. O'Connor & seconded by Mr. J. Butler. Mr. T. O'Connor also thought it would be a good idea, as Mr Gorman was so generous in giving the money to the Welfare fund, why couldn't the various Counties match it £ for £ through fund Raising & other activities.

Mr. Brunton proposed that letters be sent to the Counties requesting them to donate in excess of £10 or maby £20 as already agreed & are in the minutes book from a meeting when the fund was first opened. Seconded by Mr. J Butler.

St. Patricks Day Parade Committee :-

Mr. T. Gorman stated that he was very disappointed with the support given to this Committee on the occasion of their Annual Dinner Dance at the Gresham Ballroom

at this point the Vice Chairman Mr. R. Daly presented our President Mr. Tom Gorman with a scroll of honour in appreciation for the wonderful work he has done.

Council Banner:-

The Chairman, Mr Hegarty exhibited the banner that the Nuns had made for us & asked for suggestions as to the appropriate amount of money we would donate to them. It was agreed that no less than £100 would be adequate. The response to this suggestion was immediate when Kerry & Waterford started the ball rolling by coming forward with £5 each followed by Cavan, Monaghan, Armagh, Roscommon, Clare, Wexford, Limerick, Galway, Offaly, Donegal & Cork. The secretary was asked to remind the other counties to send in their donations.

It was agreed that the banner would be kept in the safe custody of Mr. O'Connor & the Longan, for the present.

A.O.B.:-

The draw for the Quiz for '73 then took place & also we had suggestions for Quiz Hosters which are as follows:- Messrs McGregor, Keating, Kennedy, Hegarty, Walters, Dack, Ennis & Bailey.

Annual Dance in Gresham:-

It was agreed that our Dinner Dance in the Gresham would take place on the 3rd May & tickets should be printed immediately

At. 10.40 the meeting closed.

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Chairman

M. Hegarty

17th April '73

Council of Irish County Association.

Meeting held in the Irish Centre on 17th April 73

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m with Mr. P. Hagerty in the chair All delegates were not present according to the Register of attendance.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted on a proposition from Mr. Aiden Brady seconded by Mr J. Longd.

Correspondence:-

Nil

Treasurers Report:- was read by Mr. Waters & adopted on a prop. by Mrs. Mahoney seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

Pier County Quiz:-

The Treasurer Mr. Waters informed the meeting that the final of the 1973 Ulster County Quiz would take place in the Irish Centre on Mons. 26th April between Kerry & Galway, & he stated that every one would be welcome to attend. Mr. A. Brady though it may be a good idea for to have Quiz Posters from the Counties participating, & it was decided to refer this to the A.G.M.

Council Dinner / Dance at Gresham Ballroom:-

List of Guests for the Top Table at the Gresham were (~~de~~)discussed as they were already agreed at an Ex. meeting. All were in favour & though it was an excellent choice. One as show of hands it was agreed that the menu should be as follows:- Minestrone Soup, Fillet of Rock, Roast Beef, Sherry Trifle, Coffey, Cheese & Biscuits. It was further agreed that the Gresham be notified the number of people attending the function five days in advance.

Saturday Nights at the Irish Centre:-

Mr. A. Brady stated that he was led to believe, that there are still some Sat. nights available at the Centre Mr T. Jordan said

that the Centre could not be given to individuals for various reasons, but if any body of people wanted to use the Centre they might contact the Officers of the Council or Fr Lee of the Irish Centre.

A.O.B.

The Dublin Assoc. informed us that they were having a Mass at the Centre for the late DR. McQuaid the date to be agreed. Fr. Sheridan said stated that anything could be done, should be done for the late DR. McQuaid as he was instrumental in sending all the young Irish Priests over to this country in the past few yrs.

Mr. Gorman asked the Council if they might not be able to organise & try to get more people to travel to Ireland to the St. Patricks Day Parade. He went on to say that there has always been many more Irish Americans at the Parade than there was Irish people over from England. Mr Bailey Wexford Assoc. told the meeting that the Wexford Assoc gave £50 to send two people to Ireland last year. If more people went to Ireland Mr Gorman added, we may be able to get better & cheaper travel to Ireland. It was agreed at this point we should invite Mr. Clive Fogarty to the next meeting & also to bring with him a Rep. from the North East Circle whom the Clare Assoc. seems to have good successful relations with in the past. Mr. M. O'Connor asked, why could we not have something concreat to ask questions on. Mr. Hegarty suggested the All Ireland Final, Christmas, or the next St. Patricks Day Parade for instance.

Mr Hegarty said that the new processedure for the Irish Counties Journal would be in effect for the June issue, regarding editorial this would have to be in to position of the four named. Messrs Hegarty, Donovan, Daly, & Carroll by the latest 15th May.

This concluded the meeting.

a vote of sympathy to Fr Mee

P.J. Hegarty Chairman

15th May 8

Council Of Irish County Association
Meeting held in the Irish Centre on
Tuesday 19th June 1973

The meeting opened at 8.30 PM. with Mr. P. Hegarty in the Chair. Delegates were present according to the Register of attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & adopted on a proposition Mr T. Dack & Seconded by Mr. T. Tangon.

Correspondence:-

Was read from the Federation of Irish Societys, Sligo Assoc. & The Meath Assoc.

The Treasurer's Report:-

Was read & adopted on a prop. from Mr. J. O'Flynn Seconded by K. Ciaran O'Neill.

Before the meeting commenced, the chairman Mr. Hegarty congratulated the Kerry team on winning the Guinness Cup Quiz & he thanked the quiz masters, Score keepers & the Irish Centre & every one who had anything to do with the quiz

The C.I.C.A. Dinner Done at Gresham Ballroom:-

The President, Mr T. Gorman, stated that he was very disappointed with the attendance at the Annual Dinner, he went on to say that the Management of the Gresham were at a loss of £35 due to the very small attendance. All present at the meeting were unanimous in thanking Mr. Gorman for the wonderful meal & the manner in which it was served, & the remainder of the evening at the Gresham was all that one could ever hope for.

Federation Of Irish Societys:-

After a long debate it was agreed that the C.I.C.A. would be represented at The National Congress of the Federation being held in the Irish Centre on Saturday 30th June '73

by Messrs O'Connor, Donovan, Hegarty & Moreau.

Any Other Business:-

In connection with travel to Ireland Mr. C. Fogarty of The Clare Association was invited to address the meeting regarding the organising of chartered flights, the amount of money involved etc.

Mr. Fogarty stated that organising a chartered flight was hard work, but for those of us who sincerely want to do it, he stated that it was possible to get attractive Rates. In the past he added, The Clare Assoc. had found North East Airlines very Co-operative & easy to work with.

The Chairman, Mr. Hegarty, thanked Mr Fogarty on behalf of all present for his very useful comments & observations on this matter.

The Dublin Assoc. informed the meeting that a Mass was being said for the late W.R. Mc Quaid in The Irish Centre on 25th May at 8:00 PM.

The Chairman, Mr. Hegarty urged all present to attend the Irish Centre Summer Foyer on the 30th of June & make this year's foyer really worth while.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 3rd June. This concluded the meeting.

Chairman.

P. Hegarty.

19/6/73

Council of Irish Counties Association.

The minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 15th Jan. The delegates were present as in the registrar. The treasurers report shows a balance in hand of £299.86.

Correspondence:- A letter from the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee advising that the parade would take place on Sunday 20th March & a committee meeting will be held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 22 Jan. The Annual Parade Dinner Dance will be held on Thursday 7th March in the Centre. It was agreed by the Council & put a recomendation to the Parade committee & have the parade on the 17th March.

A letter from the Federation of Irish Society stating that the next executive meeting will be held on Saturday 23rd Feb. in the Irish Centre. Mr Keating was appointed to represent the Council at this meeting.

Inter-County Quiz.

The Guinness Cup has reached the Semi-Final stage with

(Sligo v Clare or Armagh.) Dublin v Carlow or Cavan.

Mr Waters said the team to play the Knights at Stamford Hill on March 7th. was as follows- Mr L. Kennedy, Mr M. Cronin, Mr. T. Dack Mr M. Waters & Mr A. Brady.

Welfare Buffett. Mr Hagerty said the Welfare Buffett realized £106.15p!

The Irish Centre Mr M. Mooney,

Brida's Dance for A Dog and Tonic

Chairman of the managment committee said he was pleased to see most Counties at the Buffet given by the Centre on the 5th Jan. He hoped the Council would give their full support during the coming year. On behalf of the Council the Chairman, Mr Hagerty thanked the Irish Centre for the Comity Associations at the Buffet. He assured Mr. Mooney that the Council would continue to give its support to the Centre.

The A. G. M. Nominations Papers were available for the Annual General meeting. The Chairman said he did not wish to seek re-election for another year.

At this point Mr. Mooney introducked Mr John Canney as the new Chairman of the Clare Association.

There being no further buisness the meeting closed at 9.45 P.M.

Owen O'Neill
2/3/76.

Council of Irish Counties Associations

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 19TH March 74.

The Meeting opened with Mr. O' O Neill in the Chair, Mr O'Neill apologized for the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Mr. J. O' Flynn. He then proposed a vote of Sympathy 2nd By Mr. Don Mahon for Mrs. O'Flynn on the recent death of her Mother. This was Unanously agreed.

The delegates were present according to the Registrar.

The minutes of the January Meeting were read & adopted & signed by Mr. O' Neill on a proposition from Mr Mc Conn 2nd by Mr. J. Fox. The Treasures report shows a balance on hand of £286-86p was also adopted on a proposition from Mr. Mc Gregor 2nd by Mr. Kelmer.

INTER COUNTY QUIZ.

Mr. T. Daly. Assistant Secretary, was appointed Quiz Organizer for the Council during the coming year; on a proposition from Mr. Keating 2nd by Mr. S. Joyce.

The Finners Cup has reached the Semi final Stage with

Dublin v. Carlow (Thursday 21ST March)
Sligo v Clare (Thursday 26TH April)

The New inter County Quiz Competition will begin as soon as possible and entries should be in to Mr. Daly on or before the April Meeting to enable the draw to be written

ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE.

The Westmeath association Congratulated the parade Committee on a highly organized parade, but asked why the Monaghan Banner was allowed. The matter was cleared up by when Mr. J. Long of the Parade Committee stated that banners were allowed but the Police did say be discreet in this aspect of the Parade.

The Council of Dail County Association
The Minutes of the Monthly meeting held at the
Dail Centre on Tuesday 19TH March 74
The meeting opened with Mr. O' O'Neill in the Chair
Mr. O' Neill apologised for the unavoidable absence
of the Chairman Mr. J. O'Flynn. He then proposed a
vote of sympathy to Mrs. O' Flynn on the recent
death of her mother. This was 2ND By Mr. D. Marron
and unanimously agreed.
The delegates were present ~~present~~ according to the
the register. The minutes of the January meeting
were read, adopted on a proposition from Mr O'C Gom.
2ND by Mr. J. Fox e signed by the Chairman.
The Treasurers Report shows a Balance on hand
of £286. 86P was also adopted on a proposition
from Mr. ~~Mr.~~ Gregor Cooke 2ND by Mr. Palmer.

INTER COUNTY QUIZ.
Mr. T. Dack, assistant Secretary, was appointed
Quiz Organizer for the Council during the
Coming year on a proposition from Mr. Keating 2ND
by Mr. S. Igoe.
The Guinness Cup. has reached the Semi-Final
STAGE WITH
DUBLIN U. CARLOW (Tuesday 21ST MARCH)
SLIGO U CLARE (~~Tuesday~~ Thursday 26TH MARCH Away.)
The New Inter County Quiz Competition will begin
as soon as possible and entries should be in
to Mr. Dack. on or. before the April Meeting to
enable the draw to be made.

Other CONSTITUTIONS.
The Chairman asked was there something else the
Council could organise besides the Quiz.
Mr. Long suggested that the Quiz was good for
the COUNTIES. Mr. DAVIS 2ND this suggestion

The meeting agreed that the Quiz should be kept. Mr. O'Neill said what he had in mind was another competition with the Quiz, he continued the more we do in the Council the more life we will have in the Counties. A DART COMPETITION was proposed by Mr. Cooper. Mr. Troy of Westmeath said that his County had formed a dart team Mr. Mc~~Geogor~~ Cooke suggest we should form a sports & social Committee. Eventually it was decided to put "Darts Competition" on the Agenda for the next meeting

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Westmeath Association congratulated the parade committee on a highly organised parade but asked why ~~the~~ The Monaghan flag was allowed. The matter was cleared up when Tá Long of the parade committee stated that banners were allowed but the police did say to be discreet in this respect of the Parade

ALLOCATION OF SATURDAY NIGHTS AT THE CENTRE

It was stated again by the Chairman that applications for SATURDAY NIGHTS for 1975 should be with the Secretary before the April Meeting.

The Annual Dinner

The annual Dinner is on Thursday 16th May at the Gresham Ballroom. Tickets are £3-50 and as usual are being allocated on a Provincial Basis.

MUNSTER MR. S. IGOE, LEINSTER MR. T. DACK
ULSTER MRS. E. MARRON, CONNAUGHT MR. B. DALY

The Chairmen read a list of guests suggested by the executive. Armagh objected to inviting Mr. G. FITZGERALD on political grounds. Mr. Butler 2nd-

this proposition, and it was carried on a show of hands. Eventually it was decided to invite Mr. & Mrs Hegarty, The Irish Ambassador, Mr. Mc Gibbon if not available Mr. Derik Dowgan, Fr. T. Gorman, Mr. J. Conway, Mr. P. Kennedy of the Irish Post, Mr. J. Daly, Cork Weekly. Fr. Mac & Fr Sheridan of the Irish Centre.

FEDERATION OF IRISH SOCIETIES.

The secretary Reported on the executive of the Federation of Irish Society's. He said that B + I lines were Printing membership Cards. for Federation members. which would entitle them to a percentage reduction on fares to Ireland.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Mc. CANN of Armagh, asked Why the Motion on the Price sixteen defeated at the A.G.M. was published in the Irish Post. Mr. Mc. Gill suggested that we should write to the Price sixteen explaining that the Council did not publish the article. At this point Mr. O'Neill said He would prefer if this discussion be deffered until the next meeting when all interested parties would be present. Delegates felt that this matter should be cleared up once and for all. Mr. B. Mullen proposed that we accept the motion passed originally at the A.G.M. and overrule the discussion and ammendment that followed. This proposition was 2nd By Mr. Fox and Unanimously agreed. The Irish Foreign affairs Minister should be notified of Our action.

Press officer.

Mr. O'Neill suggested the Council should think about appointing a Press officer. He said Mr. R. DALY would be ideal. He requested that the Council should think on the matter and

that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Fr Mee said he was of the opinion that SATURDAY NIGHTS at the Centre were allocated for Dinners & Buffettes only. The Chairman said he thought each particular County could use it at their own wish and the Council could not really dictate in this matter. It was agreed that Fr. Mee would meet the Executive etc to come to an amicable agreement on this ~~point~~ issue.

AT. This point Mr. Keating proposed a vote of Congratulations to Pat & Breda Hagerty on the occasion of their recent Wedding, this was 2nd by Mrs. Cooper and unanimously agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed. 10.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN G. O'Flynn

16TH April 74.

The Council of Irish County Associations
The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 16th April
The meeting opened with Mr. J. O'Flynn in the Chair who thanked the Meeting for their vote of Sympathy to Mrs. O'Flynn at the previous meeting
The delegates were present according to the registration.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Mr. Moroney 2nd By Mr. D. Mahon. The Treasurer report was also adopted on a proposition from Mr. M. Swiney 2nd by Mr. B. Daley. The Chairman paid Tribute to Mrs. Mahon for collection the affiliation fees.
Inter. County Quiz.
The Final of the Guinness Cup will take place on Thursday 2nd May at the Irish Centre. The Contestants Sligo & Dublin with Mr. P. Hagerty Quiz Master.
Darts Competition.
F. Sheridan said let all the Counties enter a team for the Competition, and there would be a cup for the winner. Mr. Cooper prepared that a sub. Committee be appointed to organise the Darts Competition and other activities i.e. a social Committee. This was 2nd By Mr. Moroney, and unanimously agreed. Mr. T. Dack was appointed to the chair the social Committee, and Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Long and Mr. M. Mc Cormack will comprise the Committee. Mr. Dack then said he hoped to make the Draw for the New Inter County Quiz at the next meeting.
Annual Dinner.
Mr. T. Beckett prepared we invite Mr. & Mrs Waters 2nd By Mr. R. Daly. and agreed. The Sec. was instructed to invite Denis Donegan &c.

Mike Gibson had declined. Fr. Sheridan suggested we have no speeches. Eventually it was agreed that we have two speeches. One from the ambassador if he comes and the Chairman. There was a provisional count of tickets and it looks as if the numbers will be favourable.

B. + I Promotional evening The Sec. said that all the tickets were allocated to the respective Counties.

Irish Centre.

Allocation of Saturday Nights

The first half of the year was allotted for 1975. It is hoped to do the 2nd half at the next meeting.

Irish Centre Report.

Fr. Sheridan said he would like to clarify a point on the Irish Centre A.G.M. He did ask people to vote for members of the Council. He did not see anything wrong in this. He went on to say that the Hostel was closing down on Friday and there would be more rooms available for meeting etc. Cath. Ruffel on 26th April at the Gresham. He made the point regarding Dinners at the Centre that the exact number be given 3 days before. The number given is the the figure would be charged for in future as. now there were no boys around to consume left overs.

Summer Fair. The Counties were asked to discuss the possibility of having a Summer Fayre & to come back & make a decision on this issue at the next meeting.

IRISH COUNTIES JOURNAL.

It was proposed by S. Lynch & 2nd By A. Brady That the executive meet Mrs. Smythe. The Sec. was asked to arrange this.

Press. officer.

A Press officer for the Council to release articles for. publication etc. M.A. R. DALY was proposed By S. Lynch & 2nd By T. Beckett. ~~M. R. Daly~~ and was unanimously agreed to fill the position.

Credit Union Investments

Mr. O'Neill said He was investigating the possibility of a Credit Ceneron with the Council in Conjunction with the Dist Centre. He asked the Counties to do likewise & Report to the Council at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at.

10.50

CHAIRMAN

Owen O'Neill

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14/5/74

The Council of Irish County Associations.

Minutes of meeting held at the Irish Centre on 14th May 1974.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Owen O'Neill acted as Chairman for the meeting. There was unanimous approval when the Chairman expressed the sympathy of the meeting with Mrs. G. O'Flynn on his recent sad bereavement.

Apology for the absence of Mr. J. Keating were read.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. T. Beckett, seconded by Mrs. Seamus Lynch.

Arising from correspondence, there was a discussion on the Council's membership fee to the Federation of Irish Societies. The Federation were expecting a fee of 2½p. per member, but, as we ~~are~~ do not have a membership list as such, it was hoped that the officers could meet the federation and strike a figure.

There was a reply from the Home Office to our letter of 30th March re the Hunger-striking poisoners. The Home Sec. had decided that he could not grant our Request that they be returned to a prison in Northern Ireland. The Executive committee had decided that a Photo-stat of this letter should be sent to the Irish Post and it was put to the meeting by the proposition of Mrs. T. Beckett, seconded by Mr. B. Cooper. An amendment that it should not be sent was proposed by Mrs. Jane Smythe, seconded by Mrs John McGregor. The proposition was carried by a large majority.

Treas. Report:

The Treasurer Reported that 26 counties had now affiliated, and after paying £20 expenses, the Balance showed a credit of £342.49. There was great pleasure expressed on the announcement that Antrim were now in a position to affiliate as an Association. Praise for the Treasurer, in getting fees collected etc. was expressed by Mrs. J. McGuinness and Mrs. Bel. Daly. when they proposed and seconded the adoption of the Report.

Annual Dinner:

A Show-down of ticket sales showed that about 331 had now been sold. It was decided to hold a Raffle and that the proceeds should go to the Welfare Fund. For this Raffle there were some very good prizes. First prize, presented by B & I. was tickets for a car and four passengers to Ireland: Second prize was an Aran cardigan, presented by ~~A.I.B.~~ Bank of Ireland. The price agreed for tickets was 5 for 10p.

Quiz:

It was agreed that the Social committee hold the draw for this years Quiz on Mon 20th at 8.30 pm. Mrs. Mulvanerty suggested that something should be done to encourage ~~of~~ the younger members. Mrs. John McGregor suggested a Draughts competition or a Spelling Bee.

Sat. Nights:

On the proposition of Mrs. J. Beckett, seconded by Mrs. S. Lynch, it was decided to leave over to the next meeting the allocation of Sat. nights for the second half of 1975.

Irish Centre Report:

Mrs. M. Mooney in his survey from the Irish Centre had a very good report on

Hope House. The main expenses at the moment, he said, were for fire-proofing of doors etc. Now that the Hostel premises at the Centre were vacated, that left 6 large Rooms which would be available for meetings etc. He appealed to Associations and committees to leave the Rooms clean and tidy after them so as not to put too much of a Burden on the staff of the Irish Centre. He also urged Associations to give exact numbers when Booking Dinners at the Centre, because now that there are no meals to be supplied for the Hostel, it is not poisible to use up food which might be left over.

Summer Fair:

Mr. R. Butler proposed that we hold the Summer Fair again this year. This was seconded by Mr. J. Mangan. After some discussion, it was agreed that Sat 29th June was the most suitable date. A meeting of all interested parties was arranged for Thurs. 6th June at the Irish Centre

A.O.B:

Mr. P. Hegarty asked for some clarification of the Presidents Fund for this year. Mr. O'Gorman explained that it was to be divided amongst the Associations, let them add to it and give the total to some Handicapped Childrens organisation. He did not mind whether the organisation helped was in Ireland or England. Further discussions would take place with the Executive. A vote of thanks to Mr. O Gorman for his generosity was unanimous.

Mr. Carson made a plea for the children and dependants of Political prisoners. He was speaking for Armagh and made the plea on Humanitarian grounds.

There being no further Business, the meeting closed at 10.40.

Chairman G O'Leary 18.6.74

The Council of Irish County Associations
The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre, on Tuesday 18TH June.

The meeting opened with Mr. J. O' Flynn in the Chair; who thanked the delegates and Mr. O' Neill for doing a tremendous job during his unavoidable absence. The delegates were present as in the Registrar of Attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read approved & signed on a proposition from Mrs M. Murphy 2ND by Mr. T. Mc. Guinness.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Sec. of the Federation of Irish Society. advising us of the Congress. ~~there~~ Three delegates were appointed to attend on Our behalf and were Mr. O' Flynn, Chairman, Mr. O' Neill Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Keating Sec. The meeting unanimously agreed to support Th. Mee for President & Mr. M. Brown for Vice-President. The Congress will be held on Saturday 23RD June in The Irish Centre.

Treasures Report. A Balance of £2008-86 is To Our Credit at the Moment. The Treasures Report was accepted on a proposition from Mrs. Smythe 2ND By Mr. S. Lynch.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. O' Flynn paid tribute to Mr O' Neill for his efficient handling of the arrangments for the Dinner & for Chairing the Proceedings on the night. Many Delegates ADDED their Comments to a very successful of the Annual Dinner. Mr. O Neill said the success of the Dinner was due to the major Contributor of the Treasurer Mrs. Marron, The Sec. Jim Keating & Ass. Sec. Thomas Deach. He also thanked Ann. Nolan for getting a bird from the

Bank of Ireland.
Mr. McElligott Rise to the Council of a trip for two old age Pensioners to Ireland. Each County will supply two Names. Applications to be with the Sec. by Friday 9TH July to enable the Executive to choose the two People for the Trip on That, Their meeting night.

The Summer Fayre.
The STALLS have been allocated for the Fayre which is on Saturday 29TH June at the Centre STARTING TIME 11.0 AM.

The IRISH Counties Journal.
A meeting has been arranged with Mr. Smyth & The Executive for Thursday 27TH June in The Irish Centre. The Report of this meeting will be available for the June meeting.

Credit Unions
Mr. O'Neill suggest we could contact Credit Union organizations in Ireland during our Holidays.

Any other Business.
INTER County Quiz.
Mr. Doyle said that the Draw has been made for 1ST Round of both the Quiz & The Darts Competition. 2ND Round Draws will be make at the October meeting. It was suggested that the Social Committee should meet to discuss other forms of STARTING activities.

allocation of SATURDAY Nights at the Centre. The 2nd half of 75 was allocated by the Chairman.

Any Other Business

Mr. John Mc CANN Armagh Association proposed that the Council should have a Months Mind Mass for Michael Gaughan, ~~and all delegates~~ at the Irish Centre, and all delegates should be notified of the time & Date. MR M. Neill Mr. O'Flynn and Mr. Mc Cann if we were getting involved politically by doing this. Mr. Mc Cann SAID a Man could never be called Political Mr. M. Mulvaney then 2nd Mr. Mc. Cann Motion. and said MR. Tom had something to say on this issue. Mr. Tom said the Council should act as a representive body for the Irish People. There has been many instances where the Council did not act & Should have. The Chairman said if you Mr. Tom was referring to Lord Avon the Council did act on this issue. Mr. O'Neill Then said that Our Political Representives havent up to now shown much interest in Our Irish people in Britain. Mr. Lynch said we should not get involved in anything Politically motivated. This is in our Constitution At this point MR. R. Butler proposed we have a man said Privately for Mr. Michael Gaughan This Amendment was 2d By MR. S. Lynch. and Carried by a show of hands. (27 votes to 7. There being no further Business The Meeting Closed at 10.45.

CHAIRMAN

DATE 16/6/74.

COPY for Delegate
M. Flynn.
5 MUNDEN ST
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Council of Irish County associations
The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 16TH July.

The meeting opened with Mr. O'Neill in the Chair, as Mr. O'Flynn was delayed on business.
The Delegates were present according to the Registration.
The Minutes of the Previous meeting were read adopted & signed on a Proposition from T. Rechett 2nd By T. Morgan. The Treasures report showed a balance on Hand of £ 2065. 65. ~~Count~~ was also adopted on a Proposition from Bob Daly 2nd J. Dunne.
Annual Dinner & Old Folks Trip to Ireland.
The Chairman said as there was only one application received before 9TH July, The Executive had no other option but to appoint Mr. & Mrs Ryan of the Offaly Association to go on the Trip to Ireland with Mr. Mc Elligott.
at this point Mr. O Flynn arrived & took charge of the Meeting.
Inter County Quiz & Individual Quiz
Mr. Waters asked why Wicklow were included in the Draws for the INTER-County Quiz.
Mr. Cooper replied that the Social Committee did not know whether Wicklow were affiliated:
a Armagh Delegate suggested that Antrim should be substituted for Wicklow. This was agreed
Federation of Irish Society
The Chairman Congratulated Mr. M. Brown on his election to President of the Federation.
Mr. O Neill said that the Federation were meeting officials of B.E.A, AER LINGUS, British Rail, B & I & BRAAS FERRIES. To put complaints to them on all aspects.

of travel & Tourists, Tourism. He suggested genuine complaints should be notified to to the Secretary in writing. A Sealing of £25 was fixed as the Application Fee. to the Federation. The Meeting Unanoubly agreed to the figure The Irish Counties JOURNAL. — Mr. O Flynn said The Executive of the Council had a meeting with The Thomond Publishing Co. & discussed every aspect of the Journal. It was agreed that both sides would get legal advice. The Officers are Meeting a Solicitor on Thursday 19TH July. The aim is to Make an Agreement between the Council & The Publishers. He said we Hope to do this in an amicable way. Mr. O Morgan said the Journal should be belong to the Council. Mr. O Flynn replied. That no Formal Agreement exists. Mr. Morgan suggested the Council Terminate The Journal. Mr. Hegarty said that The Thomond Publishing Co. was also getting advice. Mr. O'Flynn said He hoped to have further Information at the Sept. Meeting.

Summer Fayre.

It was generally agreed that the publicity for the Fayre was not as it should have been Miss M. Kenny said. said The Fayre started too - early. Mr. O Neill suggested we put the Summer Fayre on the Agenda for September in order to give sufficient time to organised 1975 Fayre.

Mrs. Cooper suggested a Special Committee. It was agreed to discuss all aspects of The Fayre at the September Meeting.

Credit Union

Mr. O Neill suggest that delegates should visit local Branches of Credit Unions when they

CABAN M. J. LYNCH [redacted]

are in Ireland.
Saturdays Nights at the Centre.
The 2nd half of 1975 was allocated by the Council.
We regret that all County Associations were
unable to be accomodated.
Any Other Business.
Mr. P. Hagerty suggested that the Council should
hold a Social for the Welfare Fund. in
Sept. or October.
The next meeting of the Council will be
Tuesday 17th September.

17/9/74. CHAIRMAN G. O'Flynn

Council of Irish County Associations.
The Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre. on Tuesday 17-9-74.
The Meeting opened with Mr. O' Flynn in the Chair.
The Members were present according to the Registrar.
The Minutes of the previous meeting were read adopted & signed by the Chairman on a proposition from Mr. S. Troy 2nd by Mr. T. Bedett.
Correspondence. A letter was received from Fr. Sheehan bidding us farewell & wishing us well for the future
Mr. O' Flynn paid tribute to Fr. Sheehan for his endeavour at the Centre & his loyalty to the Council & Associations.
Treasures Report & which was adopted on a proposition from Mr S. Lynch 2nd by Mr. T. McGuire shows a balance on hand of £1500.56p
Inter County Quiz.
Mr. Waters asked why there should be a draw for the 2nd Round of the Quiz. Mr. Cooper said that one Method was as good as another.
Mr. O Neill said that this draw may increase the interest in the Competition.
The Draw for the 2nd of the Inter County Quiz will take place at the next meeting.
Mr. O' Neill ~~asked~~ said he would like to see the social Committee working more efficiently.
Summer Fayre. 1975
Fr. Mee said that the Fayre in its present form was not as good as it could be. He suggest that the Fayre could be organised on a grander scale, with 7 a side football ~~game~~, This could be arranged ~~with~~ the G.A.A. & other social occasions.
Mr. Mc. Gregor said that Committee could be formed to arrange details of the Summer Fayre.

Mr. Der. Mannon suggested that Fr. Mee appoint his own Committee to arrange details. This was second by Mrs. Smyth. ~~Mr. Morgan suggested the Fayre should be held in that area.~~ Many places were put forward as a venue; But Mr. Morgan suggested suggested the Fair should be held in this area.

Irish Centre Report.
Fr. Mee gave a full & Comprehsive Report on the Welfare Work ~~Con~~ Carried on at the Centre. Nearly 400 Cases were delt with at the Centre during the ~~last year~~ Third Month. Fr. Mee went on to thank the Counties for their help & endeavour on behalf of the Centre.
Fr. Carlond gave details of the Welfare work being Carried on at Hope House. He said there was 98 Boys staying at the House at the Moment. He Hoped to convert the Oratory in to a Dormatory which would increase the accomodation. He also thanked the Counties for their help.
Fr. Mee then said that the Irish were the only Race that Recognised the full extent of the Welfare Problem. We were the only people to have a Welfare Centre. He said that in another 3 to 4 years The Irish in London would have a Social Centre that we would all be proud of. The Chairman then thanked Fr Mee & Fr Carlon for their Reports.

Irish Counties Forward.
The Chairman said he hoped the Counties would continue to send an editorial to the Journal for Publication.

Fr. Sheridan Farewell Function & Presentation
The Chairman said that the executive had recommended that the Council give £25 towards a the presentation to Fr. Sheridan & that County Committees be recommended to give £25. This was unanimously agreed. Mr. O Gorman, Our President, gave £100 to substantiate the Council presentation.
It was agreed to have a Farewell Dinner Dance ~~to be~~ for Fr. Sheridan played by Mr. Butler & Mr. O'Neill. The date to be arranged by the Centre Tickets £3 each. The Secretary was asked to notify County Secretaries as soon as full details were available.
The ?
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45.

CHAIRMAN G. O Flynn

15/10/74.

Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 15th October 1974.

The meeting opened with Mr. O'Flynn in the Chair and the Members were present according to the Registrar.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read adopted on a proposition from Mr. M. Moroney & 2nd by Mr. W. Cooper & signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurers Report was £1095. 15 P. was also adopted on a proposition from Mrs. M. Moroney 2nd By Mr. P. Mc Cabe.

INTER. COUNTY QUIZ. & DARTS COMPETITION

Mr. Dash said that only two Rounds of the Inter County Quiz have been arranged for the near future. He requested that all Counties should get the 1st Round completed by the Next Meeting as the 2nd Round Draw of the Quiz will be made at the Next Meeting. He also added that the Next meeting is the Final Date for entry for the Individual Quiz.

Mr. John O Keefe, Waterford suggested that the Darts Competition should be run on a League Basis, Mr. Joe Davis 2nd This proposition Mr. Bill Stanton agreed there should be more Competition, Mr. Moroney ~~sec~~ said the Darts Could be run on a Provincial Basis. Mr. O'Keefes Motion was ~~unanimously~~ Unanimously agreed but it was left to the Social Committee to finalise Details. Mr. O'Neill said that the Social Committee be increased & Mr. Keegan, from Munster, Mr. Molloy from Ulster, Mr. J. Davis & Mr. M. Hopkins Connaught, agreed to serve on the Committee.

Summer Fayre 1975

The Chairman ask Fr. Mee if he had any recomendations to make on this issue. Fr. Mee replied that he was unable to find time during the past Month to look into the Matter.

Bob Daly suggest we print 10,000 Programs & sell them well in advance. Mr. O'Neill said we should take over a Park & Make it a Carnival occasion; Mrs. Mc. Cabe agree with Mr. O Neill but added to sell the occasion we should invite a well known Artist to open the Fayre. The Santa Union Convent was suggested as a likely Venue for the Fayre. The Chairmen then asked Fr. Mee. if he was available for an early Meeting to discuss the Fayre in Detail. Fr. Mee suggested Monday 21ST October. The Chairman said that all interested in the Succes of Next Years Summer Fayre should make an effort to come to this Meeting.

IRISH CENTRE REPORT.

Fr. Mee gave a detailed ~~Report~~ Report of the Welfare Work Carried on at the Centre during the last Month. He said that the increase in Welfare Cases to to The Centre was due to the increase in unemployement in Ireland. He went on to thank The New Social Worker at the Centre for her Hard Working endeavours since Her arrival - He also thanked the Comittee for their Help.

He then said that we should stand up & be Counted on the issue of INTERNMENT Without Trial. All of us must say We Condemned that this is Morally Wrong.

On The Welfare situation
Mr. Mee said that the Council should Complain to the Centre. Mr. Mc Conn said that each County should Write & Complain to their Local T.D.
Mr. M. Mooney said that the Chairman & Secretary should write to the Ambassador & Circulate Copies to the County anomalies. who could in turn pass them on to their T.D.s.
This was 2nd By Mrs. Smyth & Unanimously agreed. Mr. Mc. Cabe said We should write to the Minister of Health for Social Workers.
Mr. Mooney said this could be incorperated in the letter to the Ambassador.
Annual Dinner 75
It was suggested at the Executive that We invite the President for Our 21st annual Dinner Next year. The Sec was asked to Check Protocal on whether it would be possible for him to Come. Mr. Mc. Cabe suggested that the executive Chose a Date & venue & Report to the Next Meeting.
IRISH Counties JOURNAL.
Mr. Morgan ask what has been done regarding the Journal. The Chairman said we had a meeting with the Solicitor but Matters have not been finalized as yet to put before the Meeting.
The President £1000 DONATION TO THE Council. Carl County will recieve £38.50 To Be used where possible for the Betterment of Handicapped CHILDREN.
ANY OTHER Business
A Meeting of the ST Patrick Day Parade will take place at the CENTRE.

On Tuesday 26TH NOVEMBER.
There Being No Further Business The
Meeting closed at 10.50

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DATE 19-11-74. SIGNED.
CHAIRMAN G.O'Flynn

The Council of Irish County Associations
The Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish
Centre on Tuesday 19th Nov. 74. The Meeting
opened with Mr. Gerry O'Flynn in the Chair
who ask for one minutes silence for the late
President of Ireland - Mr. Childers. The Members Delegates
were present as in the Registrar. The Minutes
of the previous meeting were read, adopted
on a proposition from J. Davies 2nd by P. Hagerty
& signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

The Chairman read a copy of the letter
which was sent to the ambassador on
behalf of the Council asking for Welfare
Help from the Irish Government, Copies of ~~this~~
this letter will be given to County Secretaries.
The Treasurer Report shows a balance of
£ 409.97. The ~~Hon~~ Treasurer said that there
were still some money outstanding since the
Annual Dinner & exorted the appropriate
Counties to settle their account. Mr. Butler
Chairman of Tipperary said that his County had
paid for 36 Tickets & were being charged for 42.
He did say to the Meeting before the Dinner
That The Association had 36 Tickets for the Dinner.
The Treasurer ~~xx~~ stated That the Association had
to 2. The Chairman said this could be settled
amicable after the Meeting.

The IRISH COUNTIES JOURNAL

Mr. O Flynn before he opened the Discussion
welcomed Mr. P. J. GUSACK, The Council Solicitor,
to the Meeting. The Chairman was then
preceding to open the debate on The Journal
~~which~~ when Mrs. Smyth of the Thomond
Publishing Co. ~~to~~ INTERVIEWED AND ASKED

The Chairman to Read the The Meeting.
The letter which was sent to Mrs. Smyth's
Solicitor from Our. Solicitor. The Chairman
then called ~~on Our Solicitor~~. Mr. Cusack to
read the ~~The~~ The letter: Mr. Cusack went on
to give a short account of why he sent
the letter. He said the Council officers
approached him when the The Chairman of the
Council - Mr. O Flynn received a letter.
from Mr. Maurice Patrick O' Connor's Solicitor.
re defamation on the May issue of the
Journal. The Council were were worried about
liability in view of this background He felt
the Council should have Control. He then read
the letter he had sent to Mrs. Smyth Solicitors.
The Chairman thanked Mr. Cusack for his appraisal
of the situation & stated ~~categorically~~ ~~that~~ that
~~the~~ the Officers & executive of the Council
set out to do, was to improve the Journal
& to get an agreement between the ~~Council~~
Council & The Thomond publishing Co. & never
at any time was their intention to destroy
the Journal.

Mrs Smyth said in anwer to
Mr. Cusack's letter to her Solicitor. That there
was never any question of £1000 been mentioned
She also said she was the 1st Person to contribute
to The welfare fund. She continued. because of
the letter she would never publish anything on
behalf of The Council, as she was instructed not
to in the letter. Her Accounts were Her
affairs & not the Councils.

Mr. Mangan said that
The Journal belongs to the Council -

Mr. Martin Whitty asked was there any agreement. The Chairman said no. Mr. Whitty continued to say that Mrs. Smythe had done a good job. & we should all show a bit of Christian Charity.

Mr. Brian Mullen suggested a sub Committee should be set up to examine the whole affair with ~~the~~ ~~members~~ active members. Prior to the Journal Days. Mr. O Neill then said that the present officers sat down to improve the Journal & they had no intention of stopping it. Mr. Beckett then said that he felt that there was an undercurrent against the Journal. We need the Journal he said. Mr. M. Moroney asked who owns the Journal, The Chairman said that is what we are trying to find out. Mr. Moroney then asked has the Council put any money ~~into~~ into the Journal, The Chairman said no. Mr. Brian Mullen again suggested a sub Committee. with ~~the officers~~ & the Chairman Vice Chairman & Sec. & a few more people to meet Mrs. Smythe. Mrs. Smythe objected to the officers. Mr. T. Beckett then proposed that Chairman, Sec., Tr. Mee & B. Mullen meet Mrs. Smythe. & Report back to the next meeting. Mr. O'Neill said he would have to be consider his position. Mr. Don MARROW said why can't 4. People sit down & sort it out once and for all. Mr. Beckett again proposed that the ~~Sec~~. Chairman, Sec. T. Mee & B. Mullen meet Mrs. Smythe & Report to the next Council meeting and asked Mrs Smythe would she agree, she ~~did~~ SAID Yes

This was 2nd By Mr. M. Mc Cann. Mr. Mullen
The asked what else do we do regarding the
letter. sent By Mr. Mr. Cusack. The Chairman.
said that the letter was suspended.

INTER COUNTY QUIZ.
Mr. Dock said that the Draw. for the 2nd Round
will be made by the Social Committee
Irish. Centre Report
Fr Mee gave a comprehensive report on
the welfare work carried on at the Centre.
He thanked the County associations for their
presentation to Fr. Sheridan. He said
the Bacon & Cabbage Supper is being increased
to £1.35 in the near future.
Annual Dinner - 1975
The Chairman said that Friday 30TH May is.
A Ball date at both Ballroom & The Canada
Mr. P. Hagerty said we accept the 30TH May
This was 2nd by T. Beckett & agreed.
Welfare Fund Social.
Tickets will be sent to see. for this function
on 28TH Dec.
Any Other Business.
Date of next Meeting
Tuesday 17TH Dec.

Signed Owen O'Neill

17/12/74 CHAIRMAN

Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the Meeting held at The Irish Centre on Tuesday 17th December 1974. The Meeting opened with Mr. O'Neill in the Chair. The ~~Minutes~~ delegates of the were present as in the Registrar. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read adopted & signed on a proposition from Mr. Dan Marron 2nd By Mr. B. Mullen.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Mr. Brian ~~said~~ Mullen said that the reference in the Minutes regarding "Mrs. Smythe's objection to the Officers" was not fully correct, It should have read Executive, The Chairman said no. ~~It~~ Mrs. Smyth specifically ment the Officers.

Treasurers Reports. shows.

a Balance of £399.85p. Mrs. Marron Then she will soon be giving the Books to the accountant for auditing. The Treasurer Report was adopted on on Proposition from Mr. S. Troy 2nd. By Mrs. Murphy.

INTER COUNTY QUIZ.

Mr. O'Neill urged all Counties to complete their 1st Round Draws. Mr. O'Keeffe said that the Council should fix a defenate Date for all 1st Round Draws, to be completed the name to apply to the 2nd Round. Mr. Mc. Gregor said any County that did fulfill their engagment should be ~~sacked out~~. ejected.

IRISH COUNTIES JOURNAL

The Chairman asked Mr. B. Mullen to give the Report on the Special Meeting with Mrs. Smyth. of the Thomond Publishing Co.

Mr. B. Mullen said the Journal was discussed under 4. ~~Mr~~ POINTS. (1) LIABILITY (2) CONTROL of EDITORIAL (3) OWENERSHIP (4) CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNCIL WELFARE FUND.

LIABILITY The Thomond Publishing Co. ~~accept~~ will accept liability for all Material published in the Journal. an amicable agreement to be agreed on this issue between Mrs. Smythes' ~~Solicitor~~ & The Council's Solicitor

EDITORIAL CONTROL If the Thomond Publishing Co. accept Liability ~~They must also accept~~ It ~~must~~ must also have Editorial Control.

Ownership. The Thomond Publishing Co. Own the BOOKLET. He said he had always assumed The Council owned The Journal.

CONTRIBUTIONS. Mrs. Smythe will not be committed to any financial undertaking. Mr. Mullen said these are the findings of the Special Meeting. ~~This~~ He Continued, This Meeting suggested That the Delegates report ~~the~~ The Finding to their particular Associations, and Come back to the January Meeting with a decision, whether you accept The Journal in its present Format. Mr. Mullen Concluded by saying They had given Their Findings to the Executive, who had accepted ~~it~~ THEM

Mr. P. Hagerty said, why waite until the January Meeting, The Executive have had ~~B~~ several ~~Full~~ meetings ~~with~~ on This Issue, with no Progress been made. He Continued, Lets concede Ownership, and write a disclametory notice in the News, DISOCIATING any Contact with the JOURNAL. In The name of God. He said lets get it Out of the way once and for all. Mr. J. Mc. Gregor said leave it until the next meeting.

Mr. P. Hagerty ~~s. said~~ ~~I propose~~ Then proposed that we Concede Our Ownership, and we take no further part in the Publication on DISTRIBUTION OF IT. This was 2nd By Mr. T. Mangan.

Mr. Butler said we are going against the wishes of the Executive if we do not agree to the Findings. Mr. Fosc said the executive accepted the Findings of the Special Committee. Then the Council should.

Mr. P. Hagerty withdrew his motion, and the Council agreed to ~~leave~~ take a decision at the January Meeting.

~~Non~~ UNDERSTAFFING at the Embassy.

Mr. J. Fosc said ~~and~~ That out of Courtesy we should have asked the Embassy, before we discuss this, Mr. O' Neill said the Council agreed at its Special meeting to put this on the Agenda. Mr. Don Marron said we have no right to Discuss Embassy Problems. Mr. O' Neill said that Mr. O' Flynn, the Sec were meeting the Embassy's Welfare Officer in late January and the Ambassador would sit in for a Period ~~on~~ during the Meeting. Mr. Don Marron suggested that we leave the Chairman & Sec to bring up any points, at this meeting that would benefit the Irish Community.

~~Welfare~~ Welfare Fund Buffett

There was a count on the no. ~~Attending~~ wives this function it amounted to fifty. The Chairman said this was a very good ~~Show~~ Raising. Mr. Molloy said it was too near Christmas. Mr. O Neill said No County had given a donation to the Fund this year. Mr. Fosc said each County should give £15. Mr. O Keefe said you can not force a County to give a donation. Mr. Don Marron proposed we go ahead with ~~this~~ The Function This was 2nd By Mr. Butler and agreed.

Annual Dinner
The 30TH May 1975 has been booked in the Cunard Hotel, Hammersmith, but NOT CONFIRMED. The CUNARD WILL CONFIRM before Christmas
Mr. O Neill said He was very impressed with The Cunard.
IRISH CENTER REPORT. Fr Mee said the Hostell was doing very well at the moment, but He added The ~~no of~~ NUMBAR of Married Couples looking for employment & accomodation had increased. Fr. Mee thanked The Associations for their CONTINUED Help.
Any OTHER BUSINESS.
Mrs. Mooney asked why the ~~Considered~~ ~~Taken~~ the 21ST June 75 was taken from the Clare Association & given to The Council. Mr. O'Neill said He understood the 21ST JUNE was free & not allocated. Therefore the Council took it for the Welfare Fund. Mr. O Neill asked would it be Fair, That Clare got Three SATURDAY NIGHTS. while other COUNTYS GOT ONE.
There being NO further Business the Meeting ~~The meeting~~ ended at 11.15

CHAIRMAN G.J Flynn

21-1-75

Circular Delegate Mr. M. Lynch

[redacted]

Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 21st January 1975

The meeting opened with Mr. O'Flynn in the Chair The delegates were present according to the Registrar. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read adopted & signed on a proposition from. Mr. T. Morgan 2nd. Mrs. M. Murphy.

Mrs. Mattews arrive. Mrs. Mooney asked why the Council had taken SAT. 21st June when Clare had already got it. Mr. J. Mc. Gregor said that Clare should ~~Let allowed dep the~~ have SAT 21st June in the Centre, This was 2nd By Mrs. Murphy & agreed.

Correspondence. A Request for financial aid for A PATTON family, Mr. PATTON DIED ~~with~~ Suddenly leaving a family of 4 young children was received from The Parish Priest ~~of~~ Of Bedford. The Sec was asked to enquire what County the family were from.?

INTER County QUIZ. & DARTS. COMPETITION. The Chairman urged all Counties to complete their 2nd round fixtures. in BOTH the Quiz & DARTS. Competitions. Mr. Tommie Deeh. announced that the Final of the Individual Quiz will be held on Monday Feb. 3rd. at The Irish Centre.

IRISH COUNTIES JOURNAL

Mr. Tom Beckett ask the Chairman if B. Mullen would repeat the funding of the special committee. Mr. B. Mullen did so. Mr. Tom Morgan asked the Question Who ~~was~~ owned the JOURNAL. Mr. Brian Mullen said That the Thomond Publishing Co. owned the Journal. The Chairman had also asked the same question at the special meeting - and got the same answer from Mr SMYTH.

At this point Mr. S. Troy pay tribute to the Executive members for the many ~~days~~ Hours they had worked to solve this problem. He then said that there was on particular issue and which was the root cause of the problem this he said was jelousy Mr Beckett said he agreed with what mr. Troy had said and added ~~we~~ that we can not afford to lose the Journal. Mr. Bob Daly said that he was in on the Journal through out the years, One Point he wished to clarify ~~was~~ as the Pres Officer of the Council, why nothing further would be published in the Journal. Mrs. Smythe said ~~to~~ in reply that she had a letter from a Solicitor forbidding her to do so. and until such time as she had another letter cancelling the first, she could no longer publish anything for the Council. Mr. John Mc Gregor asked How is it called the IRISH COUNTIES JOURNAL, Mr. Brean Mullen said The name was agreed at a meeting of the Council. Mr. Hagerty asked was the Journal billed under the Official Organ of the Council. Mrs Smythe said it was. Mr. O Neill said that two questions are involved in this issue (A) You Support the Executive (B) You accept the legal advice of the Solicitor.

Mr. Hagerty that we accept the findings of the Committee in regard to the IRISH COUNTIES JOURNAL That is. We cede Ownership, Editorial Control and that we issue a disclametory notice to the press to the effect that we no longer are associated in the Publication of The IRISH COUNTIES JOURNAL, and that we empower the Officers of the Council to take any steps to protect future members of the Council from legal liability.

This motion proposition was 2nd by B. Daly and carried by a show of Hands. (36 in favour 9 against)

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Butler said we should enquire from the Caves regarding 500 reminum of a Friday Night. This was agreed. If this issue is settled the annual Dinner will bee held at the Caves on Friday 30th May.

B + I Promotional Evening. A B+I promotional evening will be held on Tuesday February 4TH last. Country will be allocated 12 Ticket for the occasion. the tickets were distributed after the meeting.

The A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 23rd February.

There being no further Business the meeting closed at 10.50

DATE 18TH - 3RD - 1975.

CHAIRMAN

G. Flynn

18TH March 1975

Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 18TH March. The meeting opened with Mr. O' Flynn in the Chair. The delegates who were present according to the Registrar.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read adopted & signed on a proposition from Mr. T. Mangan 2nd by. R. Butler.

Correspondence.

A letter from Gen. Lingus. sent to all Secretaries wanting asking for membership lists was discussed. The Council Delegates. recommendations was were not to send membership lists to Gen. Lingus.

B. & I Membership Cards.

The Secretary gave details of the advantage of the B & I Membership Cards. Mr. B. Daly said he was willing to send membership lists to B & I. Mr. O' O Neill said it would encourage people to become members of County Associations. It was unanimously agreed that County Associations would furnish B & I with Membership lists.

Treasures Report

The Treasures Report shows a balance on Hand. of £426-368. The Treasurers Statement was adopted on a proposition from B. Cooper 2ND by M. Whitney.

Annual Dinner.

Details were given on the Annual Dinner on 30TH May at the CUNARD INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. Mr. E. Mangan suggested that each County should take 20 Tickets for this function. M. Whitney said we can not Tell how many County or how many they will take M. Mooney asked what price were the Tickets. The Chairman said £4-50, which did not include wine.

~~South P~~ ~~Mr. W~~ Mr. Mooney said we go ahead and organise the Dinner and if wines could be included then all the better, cost permitting.
~~The list of~~ Prizes were read. The Chairman said ~~the~~ ~~Dist~~ Post It was intended to have a feature in the Third Part prior to the Dinner. It is so hoped that all County Associations would participate.

SOUTH LONDON Dist Society.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Don Flatley Chairman of South London Dist Society, and Mr. J. Waters their Public Relations Officer.

Mr. Flatley ~~spoke~~ addressed the meeting on the work that ~~was~~ is in progress in South London He asked all ~~Co~~ County Associations to help them in their endeavours. The Chairman thanked Mr. Flatley for his Remarks. Mr. O'Neill Congratulated the South London Dist Society on their fine effort. ~~The~~ ~~County~~ The Delegates agreed that the South London Dist Society deserved support.

INTER COUNTY QUIZ.

The draw for the Quiz Final of the Quiz are as follows.

Kilkenny v. Carlow.
Fermanagh v. Longford.
Cavan or Wexford v. Monaghan
Donegall v. Tipperary.

Draw to be played before the next meeting.
A Committee has been appointed to organise the Quiz and Darts Competitions.

Summer Fayre.

O'Neill gave an outline ~~to~~ of the Dist Day that is envisaged. He said the Executive empowered the officers to invite ~~to~~ Interested Organizations

to an officers meeting to discuss this venture.. Further details will be available at the next meeting.

The Welfare Fund. Bacon & Cabbage Supper.

The Chairman thanked the Donegall Association for giving the Saturday 5TH April to the Council for the Welfare Fund.. Tickets for the Bacon & Cabbage Supper were distributed after the meeting.

Third Centre Report.

Fr Cagney gave details of the Welfare Work being carried on at the Centre. He thanked the County Association for their support.

M. Mooney said there would be a Farewell Dinner for Fr. Mee on Monday 24TH March. Tickets were available for County Associations for this function.

Any Other Business.

J Long suggested that the Terms of Reference of the Welfare Fund should be Modified.

The Meeting agreed to have a discussion on this issue at the next meeting.

There being no further Business the meeting closed at 10.45

SIGNED G O'Flynn

15/4/75.

The Council of Irish County Associations.
The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre. on Tuesday 15th April 1975.
The meeting opened with Mr. J. O'Flynn in the Chair. The Delegates were present according to the Registrar. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read, adopted & signed on a proposition from Mrs. Murphy 2nd. By Mr. Mooney. The Treasures Report was also adopted on a proposition from Mr. Mc. Gregor. 2nd By Mr. Hagerty. The Treasures Balance on hand is £70.36.
annual. Dinner.
Annual Dinner.
It was agreed to invite Mr. T. O Donnell T.D Minister for the Gaeltacht instead of the Taoiseach who is unable to come. This proposition was proposed by Mr. S. Lynch. 2nd - Mr. T. Hanyan. 2 Tickets were allocated ~~and~~ to each County. a check on tickets will again be on a Provincial Basis.

Mr. T. Doch is in Charge of Leinster
Mr. J. Davis is in Charge of Connaght
Mr. P. Hagerty Ulster.
Mr. J. Kenny Munster.

It is hoped that we will have a full house for our 21ST Anniversary Dinner.
Irish Post Feature.
Mr. B. Mullen asked ~~by~~ Why should we advertise in the Irish Post, when we do not advertise in the Cork Weekley. The Cork Weekley do as much as the Irish Post re Publicity.
Mr. O' O Neill said The Irish Post were doing a Feature on The ~~Council~~ Country. ~~Dinner~~ Ballroom Dance.
Mr. Bob Daly said it was only Courtesy for the Country Associations

to Congratulate the Council on its 21st YEARS.
There was a show of hands to ascertain how
Many Counties would advertise. The Majority
were in favour.

Irish Day in London
It is hoped to have an Irish day in
London with Many Organizations in London
participating. A Meeting has been arrayed for
Thursday 17TH. April, The South London Irish
The Gael of Ireland., The Ceoltos., The Irish
Centre. The Homesmith Welfare Bureau.
Further detail at the next meeting of the
Council.

Welfare Fund
Mr. J. Long said that the Terms of reference
of the Welfare Fund, should be modified.
He Propsed that the donation be raised to
£50. The Chairman asked was this in order.
Mr. P. Hogarty said that the the Terms of Reference
of the Welfare fund were not drawn up at
the A.A.C. and therefore it was possible to
Modify them. J. Long proposed the Motion
again that the Donation be Raised to £50
this was 2nd By Mr. R. Butler.
P. Hogarty proposed an amendment to Raise the
sum to £50 when the balance had reached
£2000 this was 2nd By B. Daly.
The Proportion of Mr Long was carried on
a show of hands.

Visit to The Embassy
The Chairman said that the Ambassador
was aware of the Welfare Work being

Carried out at the Irish Centre. Fr. Cagney said The Embassy have always got monthly Reports on Welfare. The Chairman said we have Travel To to go back again at a later date He said he would be grateful if County Associations could provide any information on Welfare Cases. Mr. O Neill said the Embassy should accept the Reports given to them by the Centre.

Travel To Ireland.
There was a general discussion on the High Cost of Travel to Ireland; and a general dissatisfaction on the way Semi State Bodies treat the Irish Population in Britain. The general feeling was we should Boycott going to Ireland as a protest.

The Irish Centre Report
Fr. Cagney gave a detailed Report on the Welfare Work being Carried on at the Centre. He thanked the Council and the County Associations for their help.
Mr. T. Mangan suggested that particulars Cases be given to the Embassy.
Fr. Cagney asked if it were possible for Counties to notify the Centre of their Meetings.
Allocation of Saturday Nights.
The first half of 1976 were allocated.
INTER County Quiz Dates.
The Inter County Quiz has reached its semi final stage. with Cavan or Monaghan v. Fermanagh or Longford and Donegal v. Kilkenny.

The Dan Loris Fund is between
Kerry or Meath v. Galway.
Carlow v. Cork or Kildare v. Dublin.
Any Other Business
B. Cooper thank the Council for allowing the Dublin Association to have a raffle.
At the Bacon & Cabbage.

20/5/75. CHAIRMAN Got by me

Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 20TH May. The delegates were present, according to the registrar. The meeting opened with Mr. J. O Flynn in the Chair.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read adopted & signed, on a proposition by Mr. D. Mallon 2ND by Mr. T. Morgan.

Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Mr. S. Troy asked if the Embassy were ~~[illegible]~~ doubting the Welfare figures from the Irish Centre. The Chairman said, this was not true, it is felt that if the County Associations could produce particular cases, it would substantiate the Welfare Case. Mr. O Neill said there was ample evidence available at the Irish Centre. Mr. M. Mahoney said the Centre would not give particular Cases to the Embassy. Mr. P. Hagerty asked if it was true that a Member of the Government ~~said~~ said, "There was Welfare Workers appointed, by the Irish Government to Welfare Centres in Britain. Mr. O Neill said yes, This was the case.

Irish Centre Welfare Report.

Fr. Cagney gave a detailed Report of the Welfare Work Carried on during the Month in the Centre, Hope House & in the Girls Hostel. He suggested that the Council Officer should see the Work been Carried on at the Girls Hostel. He also thanked the ~~Council~~ Centres for their support. The Chairman Complemented Fr. Cagney on a very ~~Comprehens~~ Comprehensive Report.

Treasures Report showed a balance on hand of £ 608 - 26 p. The Report was adopted on a proposition from R. Butler. 2nd - Mrs. Murphy.

Annual Dinner.

There was a Ticket Count for the annual Dinner for the Council on 30th May, which resulted in 376 Probables. Coming to the Dinner.

Mrs. Cooper proposed that Mr. & Mrs. STALLARD, should be invited to the Dinner, in view of all the work Mr. Stallard did for the Irish Centre. This Motion was 2nd by Mr. M. Mooney and unanimously agreed that Mr & Mrs. Stallard be invited to the Dinner.

Mr. R. Butler proposed that Mr. & Maurice O Connor & Mrs. O Connor be invited, Mr. Butler said Mr. O'Connor is returning home; and should be given a presentation to mark his work for the Council this Motion was 2nd By Mr. B. Daly. and agreed.

Bouquets of Flowers.

Some delegates suggested that the guests wife wives should be presented with Bouquets of Flowers. Mrs. Cooper proposed that all the Ladies at the Top TABLE should be given Orchids. this was 2nd by Mrs. Mooney & unanimously agreed. There will be a final ticket count ~~Tue~~ on Tuesday 24th May at the Irish Centre.

Irish Festival Day.

The 1st Annual Irish Festival Day will be at Chelsea Football Ground on Sunday July 13th ~~13th~~ Starting at 2. pm.

The Programme will be £1. each & 25p. for Children. Mr. O'Neill said it will be a 12 page programme. and it is hoped that the County Associations will put a major effort into selling the Programmes.

INTR. County Quiz.
The Final of the Inter County Quiz will be between Donegall v. Cavan or Fermanagh. The Draw for the 1975 ~~Senior~~ series will be made at the Next Meeting.

Darts. Competition.
The Counties participating in the Semi Finals of the Darts are Kerry & Clare v J. Galway. Leitrim v Cork & v Kildare or Dublin.

Allocation of Saturday Nights at the Centre.
It was agreed to postpone the allocation of 2nd half of 1976 to the next Meeting.
Mr. B. Mullen asked was there any preferencial treatment for Counties who ~~did~~ had not obtained a night in the 1st half of 1976. ? Mr. J. Freud said that the present system was not very fair.
Mr. ~~M. Hannon~~ The Chairman. proposed that all the Counties should be put into the hat, with preference given to the Counties who had not got a night in the first half of 1976, the first County out of the ~~Hat~~ draw would have a choice of date. This was 2nd by B. Mullen & agreed. The Chairman said that all Counties should have their application fee. he said, otherwise they will be excluded from the Draw.

Any other Business.

Mr. Bob Daly - Congratulated Mr. M. Brown on his election to President of the Federation of Irish Societies.

Mr. M. Welsby spoke of a man who died in London, leaving a wife & seven children. His wife requested he be brought back for Burial. The funeral expenses amounted to £600. Mr. Luke Kennedy ~~proposed~~ suggested that each County should give £10. Mr. S. Troy said he did not agree with this idea, & Mr. B. ~~Madden did not agree~~. Mr. V. Hegarty ~~suggested~~ suggested Mr. Welsby should go the Embassy for help.

There being no further Business the Meeting closed at 10.45 pm

17/6/75 CHAIRMAN.

The Council of Irish County Associations
The Minutes of the Meeting held at the
Irish Centre. on Tuesday June 17TH. 1975
The delegates were present, according to the register.
The meeting opened with Mr. O' Flynn in the Chair.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read
adopted & signed by the Chairman on a proposition
from ~~Mr. M Mooney~~ ~~2nd~~. Mr. T. Mangan, 2nd by
Mr. S. Troy.
Treasures Report. shows a balance on hand of
£370.41, which was adopted on a proposition
from Mr. P. Hagerty 2nd by. Mr. B. Mullen.
Darts of Competition The Semi Final of the
Darts. is between Kerry v. Galway and
Cavan v. Valdan.
The Quiz Final between Donegal v. Cavan
is fixed for the Centre. on Wednesday 25TH June.
Annual Dinner.
There was general agreement that the annual
Dinner was a moderate success. Many Delegates
expressed their dissatisfaction with the excessive
price of Drink. The Chairman said ~~he~~ the officers
had seen the Manager. on this point
Mr. M. Mooney said the Council had done a
service to all County associations. Mr. S.
Troy said it was a good meal but it fell
far short of a Social Function.
Mr. T. Mangan proposed we book ~~Bart Bodkin~~
for. 22nd May next year. This was 2nd By
Mrs. Murphy and agreed.
Irish Festival Day
The Chairman said there would be a General
Meeting on Thursday 19TH June to make
final arrangments. for the Festival Day at
Chelsea. The programmes & posters will be

available at this meeting. He requested all County Associations to attend. Mr. O Neill said repeated the County Associations to endeavour to take the photos. to sell the programmes. & to take the Posters. & publicise the event.

Allocation of Sat Nights at the Centre. Mrs. S. Tarpey asked Mr. J Long asked what the rule was then taken over the Sat. nights at the Centre should County Associations have Suppers and not a dance only. The Chairman asked Mr. M. Moloney how the Centre would feel about a Dance only of a Saturday night. Mr. M. Moloney said he did not look too kindly on the idea. Mr. Hagerty asked how many many dances were held during the year. Mrs. Sabrieffe said there were Three held in the last 2 months. The Irish Centre The feeling from the meeting was that no hard & fast rule could be made on this point, but a Supper is preffered to a dance. The Chairman suggested that the Allocation of Saturday Nights be put back to the next meeting.

Irish Centre Report.

Fr. Cagney gave a detailed report of the Welfare work being Carried on at the Centre. The Chairman Congratulated Fr. Cagney on a very good report.

B & I Membership lists. The Chairman asked all County Association to Submit their Membership lists to the Sec; as B & I have again requested the lists again.

Any Other Business. Mr. B. Mullen asked that the The Dotties Band should be black listed. Cavan Association had booked them and they did not fulfill their engagements g. Eddie & The Living desert should also be put on the black list.

Mr. T. Mangan referred to an article in the Irish Post written by Mr. E. A. O Neill. Mr. O O'Neill suggest we write to Mr. J. Fitzgerald. The Chairman said he had requested a a Copy of the full Statement, made by E. A. O Neill, from the Embassy, and until we get a copy of the full Statement it would be unwise to act.

There being no further Business the Meeting closed at 10.45 P.M.

Chairman.

15/7/75. Gof Lynn

and also you:
Tendered the Cavan
on a good sporting
contest.

Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre On Tuesday 15th July 1975. The delegations were present according the Register of attendance. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read adopted & signed on a proposition from S. Troy 2nd by T. Morgan.

Correspondence - A letter from Fr. Ryan requesting financial help of the newly formed Youth Club. Mr. B. Baker proposed we give £25 to the Youth Club. This proposition was 2nd by Mr. B. Mullen and unanimously agreed. A letter received from the Armagh Association requesting the Council to take advertising space in the Irish Post informing the Irish People what their rights are in this Country re unemployment benefit & Social Security allowance. The Chairman said that the Irish Embassy were publishing a Brochure, giving full details on Welfare Benefits. This brochure will be circulated among County Associations, and other Organisations. He also ~~said~~ asked the Armagh Association, or any County association to give facts of any case which they know of, that has been unjustly treated in this matter. The Council would then take up the Cause and if necessary take the matter to the Race Relations Board. The Treasures Statement shows a balance on hand of £1488.88p, with the Annual Dinner bill to be paid; was adopted on a proposition from Mr. S. Troy and by M. Mc Cann

Inter County Quiz. The Chairman Congratulated Donegal on winning the Inter County Quiz, and paid tributes to Cavan on a sporting contest.; and thanked Mr. T. Dack for his help in organizing the Quiz throughout the year.

Darts. Final between Galway & Cavan is fixed for Wednesday July 16th at the Irish Centre Allied Irish Bank have kindly donated a Cup for the Darts Competition.

The Draw for the Inter County Quiz was made and Counties were eschorted to have 1st Rounds played before the October Meeting. A Committee was formed to organize the Quiz for the year and are as follows. Mr. T. Doyle, Mr. M. Waters. Mr. Don Marron, Mr. J. French.

A Committee for the darts was also formed and are as follows. Mr. J. Davis, Mr. J. O'Keefe & Mr. P. Duffy. ~~&~~ Don Marron suggested that all Darts Matches be played in the Centre. The Chairman said that this decision be left to the Committee.

The Irish Centre Report. F. Cagney gave a detailed account of the ~~wel~~ Welfare Work ~~he~~ carried on at the Centre, Queensway and at Hyde Hostel. He said there was no reduction on the Welfare demands on the Irish Centre. He also ~~gave plans~~ showed first Plans of the new Centre. He said he hoped that the Work on the re-Construction will start in the near future.

The London Irish Festival day.

The Chairman said there would be no open discussion on the Festival. A general Meeting will be held at the Centre on Thursday 31st July. to discuss the problems of the Festival. Mr. Hagerty asked would would we get Chelsea Football Club next year. The Chairman said yes. Mr. B. Baker said that stewarding would always be problem. Mr. M. Mooney Mooney said that the venue was not suitable for the Events.

Any Other ~~B~~ Business

A letter Received ~~from~~ late in the meeting from the ~~N.A.S.C.A~~ NA&CA requesting financial

help. Mr. P. Hagerty proposed that we take the letter as read, was 2nd By Mr. B. Daly. and agreed There being no further Business. the meeting closed at 10.30 hrs
The next meeting is Tuesday September 16th.

Owen O'Neill

16-9-75. Signed CHAIRMAN

~~Comicil~~

Comicil Meeting 16-9-75.
The Minutes of the meeting held at the Civil Centre on Tuesday 16th September 1975.
The Meeting opened with Mr. O Neill in the Chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Mr. O' Flynn.
Before the Minutes were read Mr. M. White proposed that the Meeting be postponed as a Mark of respect to Mr. O'Flynn on his recent sad bereavements, and to Mr. Tom Mangan. on the death of his sister, and also as a Mark of respect to the late Mr. Eamon DeValera. This proposition was 2nd by Mr R. Buckley. Mr. O'Neill said that Mr. O Flynn would prefer the Meeting to Continue. Mr. M. Mooney said it was only proper that the meeting be postponed. The Chairman asked if any one disagreed. It was unanimously agreed to postponed the meeting to to Tuesday 23rd September. at 8.30
The T. Mangan thanked the Comicil for the Mass on behalf of his late sister. The Chairman then called for one Minutes silence. The Meeting then adjourned until Tuesday 23rd ~~Octob~~ September

SIGNED Owen O'Neill

Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 23rd. September. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read adopted & signed on a proposition from Mr. B. Daly 2nd by Mr. B. Mullen.

The Treasures Report shows a balance of £1938 P. 49 P. was adopted on a proposition from B. Mullen 2nd by W. Cooper.

Inter County Quiz. Mr. F. ~~Doherty~~ Mrs. It was agreed by the Quiz Committee that all first Round Matches should be played before the October Meeting.

Inter County Darts. Mr. J. Davis said that there was 18 Teams entered for Darts Competition He asked did the Counties wish the Competition to be played on a League System. Mr. W. Cooper said that the Darts Competition should be played on a ~~Leg~~ league system. Mr. B. Daly thought a league system would be asking too much of players, who ~~also~~ also play pub Darts.

Mr. B. Cooper proposed that the Darts be ~~Tournament~~ played on a league System was. 2nd by Mrs. M. Mooney. and unamously agreed. Mr. B. Daly suggested that the Darts be played on a Monday or Tuesday. The Chairman ~~said~~ asked, that we should give power to the Darts Committee To draw up Rules for the Darts Competition was agreed. Mr. B. Daly proposed that the There should be Two leagues of 10, was 2nd by W. Cooper and agreed. The Darts Committee made the draw for the Competition and stipulated that games would be ~~100~~ 1001 STARTED OFF a finish on a double.

Irish Centre Report Fr Cagney gave a Comprehensive Report on the Welfare Work at the Centre

He said the Centre is willing to organize ADULT courses on Child Psychology, Banking, Home economics etc. if they thought people would be interested in such courses.
He said the Re-Development of the Centre was progressing favourably and it is hoped to start work in Early April 1976.

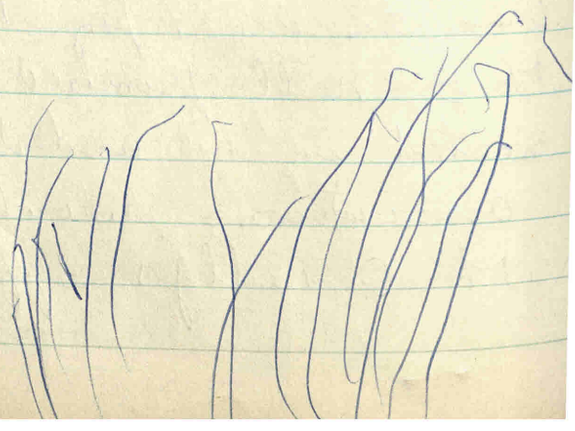
Report from the Federation of Irish Society.
The Sec. said that Federation were having a meeting in late November with B+I, BORD FAILTE British Rail, ~~Aer~~ Aer Lingus ~~+~~ To discuss Travel problems which occured during the holiday season just passed, and to suggest ideas for 1976. The Chairman asked for any complaints to be forward to him and he would take the matter up the respective organization.
Mr. B. Mullen made reference to a Member of his Association who has been ill treated with Con Hire Firm in Ireland and asked the Council for advice. The Sec asked Mr. Mullen to send details and he would write to Bord Failte.
Any Other Business
Mary Kenny asked what the County associations were doing for The Centre Bigger. Mr. W. Cooper suggested that the delegated report back to their county ~~the~~ Committee for help in this regard.
Mr. O'Neill welcomed Mr. W. Reilly to the meeting who ~~is~~ is hoping to organize a Louth association Mr. O'Neill promised Mr. O'Reilly all the help he needed in his undertaking he also said The County associations would ~~be~~ fully support Mr. O Reilly's efforts.

Mr. B. Daly asked the price of ~~Lunch~~ Dinners at the Centre, and was advised as follows.
Bacon & Cabbage £1.65 + VAT. CHICKEN & HAM £1.75 + VAT, TURKEY 2.00 + VAT

There being ~~no~~ no further business
The meeting closed at 10.30 pm

Signed

21-10-75 Chairman. G O'Flynn



Council of Irish County Associations

The Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre, on Tuesday 21st. October. 1975. The Meeting opened with Mr. O. Flynn in the Chair. The delegates were present according to the Register of attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, adopted and signed on a proposition from Mr. M. Whitty 2nd by Mr. R. Butler.

Correspondence. The Chairman had a letter from the Armagh Association, stating that he, the Chairman, had manuplated the meeting by allowing for more time to darts, that to the Armagh request, by letter, the welfare rights of Irish people in this Country. The Chairman said he resented the remarks, made by Armagh. He said he had never manuplated a meeting in his life, and neither would he do so now. Mr. Nugent of the Armagh association. said that there was more time given to darts, than to their request. The Chairman to replied it is the delegates who decide how much time should be ~~spent~~ allocated to any item on the agenda, and not he the Chairman.

Treasures Report. shows a balance on hand of ~~£1908-49p~~ £1909 90p

Quiz Competition

Mr. T. Doch said he had arranged for all the 1st Round Quiz Matches to be played by the octobes Meeting. Mr. J. O'Keefe said that this should ~~not~~ mean that the Counties who had not completed the 1st Round draw, should be eliminated. The Chairman said we should leave that decision to the Quiz Committee.

Darts Competition. Mr. J. Davis said that darts Committee have requested that all 1st Rounds be played by the next meeting on 18th NOV.

Mr. Corey Westmeath said that a time & venue be allocated by the Darts Committee.
Mr. W. Cooper ~~requested~~ suggested that Darts Matches be played on a Monday and Tuesday. Mr. S. Burke also agreed with that suggestion. It was generally agreed that Counties should if possible arrange their matches on a Monday or Tuesday to facilitate players who by a large have Sub. Commitments..
FESTIVAL Day. The Chairman said there would be a general Meeting late November or early December to complete the 1975 Festival. The Executive are in the process of drawing up Terms of Reference which will be available at the next Meeting.
Saturday Nights at the Centre. The Chairman asked what should the Council decided regards Offaly Saturday Nights at the Irish Centre, when the Offaly Association did not avail of the Sat. nights during 1975. Mr. Mc Cann said that Offaly should be given a Chance. This was the general feeling of the Meeting, but it was felt that Offaly should give the Council an undertaking that they would avail of the February date at the Centre.
Congratulations to Mr. Whitty. The Chairman Congratulated Mr. M. Whitty on his election To ~~K.H.~~ S. K. S.H.
FEDERATION OF IRISH SOCITIES. A Meeting will be Arranged by the Federation with B+I, BOARD FAILTE & Ger. Lingus, To voice complaints during 1975 holiday season, and to make recommendations for the future The Chairman requested the delegates to send their grievences in Writing to the Sec.
Many delegates voiced their opinion on the high cost of Travel To Ireland.

The Armagh delegate prepared a Motion the Council should write to B+I & Aer Lingus, Requesting These Organizations to reduce their Expenditure on Advertising, and by so doing, Transfer the Cost saving to the The Reduction of Travel Fares To Ireland, This Motion was 2nd by Dublin. and agreed on a show of hands.

Any Other Business.

Mr. T. Gorman, Ex. President said he was sorry he was unable to attend previous meeting but his wife was ~~not so~~ ill: He said he hoped the Council do not think he is deserting them.

Mr. O'Flynn said The Council was delighted to see Mr. O Gorman, and thanked ~~you~~ him for coming and wish Mrs. O'Gorman a speedy Recovery.

There being no further business The meeting closed at 10.45

18-11-15

Signed

CHAIRMAN: G. O'Flynn

18/11/15

The Council of Irish County Association
The Minutes of the meeting held at the
Irish Centre on Tuesday 18TH. Nov. 1975.
The Delegates were present according to the
register of attendance.
The Minutes of the previous meeting were
read adopted & signed on a proposition from
Mr. B. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. M. Whitley.
Matters arising from the Minutes. Mr. T. Morgan
asked were there a reply from the Armagh Association
The Armagh delegate ~~said~~ said, He spoke to
the person who wrote the letter, who says
he stands by what he ~~said~~ wrote. Mr. T. Morgan said
The Armagh Association should apologise to
the Chairman. Mr. B. Mullen said he supported
Mr. Morgan's remarks. The Armagh Delegate said
it sounded like a word Hunt, Mr. B. Mullen
said he resented which hunt remark, He was
a member of Association which was an the Ulster
County. The Chairman said there was no question
of discrimination in this discussion. Mr. Morgan
said he hoped Armagh would apologise to
the Chairman.
The Irish Centre Report.
Fr. Cagney gave details of the Welfare work
carried on at the Centre during the past Month.
One Hundred eighty sought help and the same number
got help. Hope House had 100% occupancy
Mr. Tuckler ~~said~~ spoke had reported that the
Hostel had more than its share of Bond jumpers.
Fr. Cagney said There was some new regulation
at the Centre which he hoped would be adhered
to On a Sunday no body will be allowed in
after the bar was closed, and the place would be
emptied one hour after closing.

Treasures Repot. The Treasures Reports shows a balance on hand of £2145. was accepted on a proposition from Ms. M. Brown 2nd by T. Morgan.
Ms. B. Mullen proposed that £1750 be put in a deposit account was 2nd by Ann Nolan. ~~was~~ and unanimously agreed.
Quiz Competition :
The Quiz Competition was doing very well. There was only one first round not played F/E. Kelly V. Mayo., Ms. Doch said that Dublin, & Kilkenny have got a walk over.
Darts Competition
Ms. Joe. Davis said that the two darts groups were have gone very well. He hoped the progress would be continued.
The London Irish Festival.
There will be ~~meeting~~ general Meeting on Monday 1st Dec. The Chairman said ~~there~~ we ~~was~~ were in the process of drafting a Constatution for the Festival.
Welfare Fund. The Terms of Reference were discussed. Ms. M. Whitty did not agree on limiting the Welfare ~~to~~ Fund to the greater London Area. Ms. B. Mullen said a line had to drawn some where. It was ~~to~~ agreed to postpone a decision on the draft until the December meeting.
Bacon & Cabbage Supper. Ms. J. Davis said he had 150 for Dinner. He thank the County Association for the support given to this function.
Ms. W. Reilly said he would pay for 6 Tickets not used by the South Association. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Marron for the Kage given at the Bacon & Cabbage Supper.

Saturday nights at the Centre. There was again a general discussion on County Associations not availing of Saturday nights at the Centre. The Chairman ~~said~~ suggested a deposit of £20 to be paid two month in advance.
The Mr. Hegarty said when the Sat nights were allocated, The Management should notify County associations Secretaries and ask for a deposit
~~A~~ Federation ~~Meeting~~. Business
~~A~~ There will be a welfare Congress on Sat 29th November, County Association are requested to attend. There will be a meeting with the Travel Organizations on Saturday December 13th at 3.0 Pm
The Meeting Concluded with votes of Sympathy to Mrs. Smythe on the death of her Mother, and Mr. Smythe, on the death of his Uncle. and to Mr. D. Brosnan on the Death of his daughter.

There being no futher Business The Meeting closed at 10.30 Pm

16-12-75 Chas J Mac O'Neill

Council of Dist County Association.
The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Dist Centre on Tuesday 16th December.
The meeting opened with Mr. O'Neill in the Chair.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting ~~held at the~~ were read adopted & signed on a proposition from Tom Hanyan, 2nd by Mrs. Murphy.
Matters arising. The Armagh Delegate said there would be a no apology from the association on the issue of the Chairmen Control of the Meeting. Mr. O'Neill asked had the Armagh Association any particular cases, which have been discriminated against. The armagh delegate said he would supply evidence on particular cases, which the Council could peruse. Mr. O'Neill concluded on this point by saying that the Chairman had never at any time cut discussion short at Council Meetings; and he hoped the Armagh Association would re-consider their decision.
Correspondence. Mr. O'Neill said that the Executive had agreed to proceed with the B&I Promotional Evening at the Fresham on the 7th February 10th.
Treasurers Report. The Treasurers Report shows a Balance on hand of £377.42. was adopted on a proposition ~~on~~ a from Mrs. Murphy. 2nd by. Mr. Mooney. Mr. O'Neill thanked the Chairman, Sec. & Asst. Sec for their endeavour in bringing Amend Bill to a successful Conclusion.
Mr. Waters asked why the Council delegates were not told about Solicitors Fees, and also why the ~~the~~ Council ~~have~~ should have to pay audit expences. Mr. O Neill replied that the the Council has had no Solicitor expences, and that the Executive would look.

into the appointment of auditors.

Inter County Quiz. Mr. T. Dash said that the Quiz was progressing very favourably. There was quite a few 2nd Rounds completed, and none Counties had played 3rd Rounds.

Darts. Competition.
Mr. J. Davis said that Group 2 was doing very well, But in Group one, none Counties had not played a match. Mr. O'Neill exorted Counties in Group 2. one to arrange their matches. to try and bring the league to Successful Conclusion.

The Irish Centre Report.
Mr. Cagney gave a verbal Report on the Welfare work being carried on at the Centre. He said that House had a 98% occpancy. Eighty six people were interviewed at the Centre over the month. He said a new Hostel for girls would be opening shortly in Medway St. He asked if any one knew of girls looking for accomodation contact the Centre. He also said re that the ~~Boc Supper~~ Price of Bacon & Cabbage Suppers would be £2.00, Associations will be notified on this. He then said that Friday nights ~~would~~ would be available for Bacon & Cabbage Suppers.
Welfare Fund Terms of Reference.
Mr. M. Mooney suggests that the Fund be Confined to Association Members. Mr. M. Mc. Gann asked what happens if an Association has a ~~would~~ genuine appeal from an ~~not~~ non. Member.
Mr. Marron said there was pro & Cons. of restricting it the fund to Members.

The Cavan association, Mr. B. Mullan said were in favour that the Respective Association should be able to decide on particular cases being worthy of a grant from the Fund, and therefore it should not alone be confined to members.
Mr. T. Morgan said it should be left to the good faith of the County Association.
Mr. M. Mooney proposed it should be Confined to County Association. Members. This was 2nd by Mr. M. Brown.
Mr. V. Daly proposed an amendment that the County Associations should be able to decide on whether a Case should be worthy of a grant. This was 2nd. by T. Morgan. The Proposition was. Carried on 14 VOTES TO ~~TWELVE~~ thirteen.

ST. PATRICKS. DAY PARADE.

Mr. O Neill said that the ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE has suggested that the County Association would take over the ~~Parade~~ PARADE. He said it was a probality that the Railway Cups. would be played at Chelsea Football ground. Mr. M. Mooney said that we should have a Parade, and the thought of Flag waving in side Chelsea, would not appeal to anyone. Mr. Dick Butler asked are the Counties prepared to organize a PARADE. Mr. O Neill asked ~~for~~. who was in favour of a Parade. Agreed by the Counties, a show of hands was over-whelming in favour of the Council ~~in~~ Agreeing ~~in~~ the Parade.

The London Irish Festival
a general Meeting will be held at the IRISH CENTRE on THURSDAY

JAN 15TH. Mr. O'Neill said he hoped all Counties would attend this Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
Mr. B. Mullen asked for the Support of the ~~Council~~ Counties to vote for T. Sheridan for IRISHMAN of The Year in the IRISH POST.

SATURDAY NIGHTS AT THE CENTRE.
The 17TH JAN has become vacant at the IRISH Centre. Mr. M. Mooney suggest that the Council should take the evening; This was unanimously Agreed. Mrs. Marron, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Cooper & Mrs. Byrne were appointed to ~~be~~ Organized the Evening. Tickets will be £2.50 each.
In Concluding Mr O'Neill wish all the delegates a Happy & Peaceful Christmas.

There being no further Busines the meeting Closed at 10.45 PM

20-1-76 CHAIRMAN. /

SIGNED Go F Lyons

The Council of Dist County Associations
The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Dist
Centre on Tuesday 20TH. January. 1976.
The Meeting Opened with Mr. O'Flynn in the chair.
The delegates were present according to the
register of attendance.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read
adopted & signed on a proposition from Mr. M. Brunton
2ND by Mr. B. Mullen.
The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of
£414.92p was also adopted on a proposition from
Mr. T. Morgan 2ND by Mr. D. Marron.
At this point Mr. Keating suggested that the
Chairman should be re embursed for attending
the funeral of the late Very Rev. T. V. Noonan.
on our behalf. Mr. R. Butler proposed £44.50
expenses was 2ND by Mr. B. Mullen and unanimously
agreed.

Bacon & Cabbage Supper.
Mr. O'Flynn thanked the ladies for successfully
organizing the recent Bacon & Cabbage Supper
Mr. O'Neill said he would like to be associated
with those remarks.
Welfare Fund Terms of Reference
The Terms of Reference were read, as adopted at
the previous meeting. Mr. Mullen asked was the
position of the Trustees clear. Mr. O'Flynn said
there should be no difficulty one Trustee retires
each year. Mr. Hegarty ~~was~~ asked were the Trustee
in power to give less than £50. Mr. O'Flynn
said that would be up to the County Association
Mr. Troy said he could not visualize a County
requesting less than £50. Mr. McGann were it
possible for the Terms of Reference to be Changed
at an A.G.M. Mr. O'Flynn said yes.

ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE.
It was agreed to appoint sub Committee to organize the St. Patrick's Day Parade, on a proposition from Mr. J. Mc. Conn 2nd by Mr. M. Brown. The Committee appointed were Mr. C. O Flynn Mr. J. Mc. Conn, Mr. D. Marron, Mr. T. Mangan & Mr. T. Peck. The Chairman has asked for guidence on how and when the Parade should take place. It was agreed that the Parade would be from Horse Guards to Southwark Cathedral where a Concelebrated Mass would be said, on Sunday March 14th. starting at 3.0 PM.
London Irish Festival Day.
The Festival will again the held at Chelsea Football Club on a date to be decided. It is hoped to have it sometime in May. The same Committee has been appointed to organise the events. Further details will be available as soon as they are to hand.
The Annual Dinner
This years Dinner is scheduled for Saturday May. 22nd. 1976 at John Barbers. Mr. B. Mallen suggested that a ladies Committee be formed to organize the events. Mr. H. Mulmore thought this was a good idea. Mrs. Moroney said the ladies would not be in a position to organize the event, but would help the executive.
The Irish Centre Reports
T. Ryan said that Mr & Mrs. Lehiffe was no longer at the ~~Central~~ Centre. He reported on the installation in the near future of a Communication systems. He said over the Month there has been an increase in Welfare Content.

Mr. J. Mc. Conn proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mrs Lahiffe 2nd by Mrs. Shaw and ~~unanimous~~ unanimously agreed.

Quiz Competition

Mr. Dock said the Quiz had reached the quarter final stage. He requested that quarter final Rounds be played by the A.G.M. Individual Quiz He also requested entries for the individual Quiz. It is hoped to play the Individual Quiz late March.

Darts Competition:

Mr. J Davis reported that the both groups in the Darts Competition was progressing favourably.

A.G.M

~~A~~ The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Irish Centre on Sunday February 29th. The Chairman asked for any Suggestions.

Mr. Dion Marron said that County Associations may ~~rep~~ delegates to the A.G.M. who are interested in the Council.

Mr. E. Sheridan suggested that the County Association should have a permanent representative at the Embassy. ~~was~~ Mr. D. Marron also agreed with this idea. Mr. O'Neill said that a special Meeting be called to debate said points. Mr. M. Mooney suggested that Counties ~~M~~ appoint a Spokesman for the A.G.M. Mr. J. O Flynn suggested that these suggestions be put in Motions ~~to~~ TO The A.G.M.

Any Other Business.

Mr. B. Mullen suggested a suitable

Memorial to the Late Very Rev. Tom Mc. Nathan.
Mr. O'Flynn said that the County Committees should
think about the suggestion for the A.G. of
There being no further Business The meeting
closed at 10.45 pm

SIGNED

DATE 16-3-76 CHAIRMAN Owen O'Neill

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held in the Irish Centre on 16th March 1976.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, welcomed everyone to another new year in the life of the Council and expressed the hope that our efforts during the year would be duly rewarded.

The minutes of the previous meeting were were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. Mangan, seconded by Mrs. M. Murphy.

The Treasurer reported a Bank Balance of £573-89p.

Quiz Competition: The Sec. reported that one Semi-Final is to be played between Cavan v Dublin. The other half of the competition is at the Quarter-Final stage and is between Carlow/Kilkenny and Tipperary/Armagh.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Mr. John McCann had a word of praise for this years show saying that the general public still showed great interest in it. Mr. J. Murphy agreed and asked that in future years we should have much more publicity. Mr. J. Keating thanked the organising committee who this year took over at such short notice. There was unanimous agreement that the ~~Chr~~ service at St. Georges Cathedral was excellent.

London Irish Festival: Mr. G. O'Flynn gave a run-down of the preparations for the 1976 Festival saying that the cultural sub-comm are well advanced with their plans. He expressed great expectations for this event

He asked if members would help by giving in the names and addresses of firms who might possibly advertise in the programme. The Chairman emphasised this point and asked the Associations to put on stalls which would exhibit products from the home Counties. These stalls will be hired. The pitch is to be fenced off this year. Mr. J. McCarthy raised the legal point Regarding the sale of foodstuff on a Sunday. Mr. Don Marron suggested that two or three neighbouring Counties could club together and share transport from Ireland. The Chairman suggests contacting local papers in Ireland regarding publicity. Mr. J. Mangan has a contact quoting £3.50 per meter for hire of fencing, and £1-78 if no damage. He will endeavour to get other quotations.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Ryan gave a resume of the Hostels and Welfare work. In the girls Hostels, out of a total of 987 Bed/Occupancies there were an actual 829. Hope House continues to be almost fully occupied and at the moment has two vacancies. Out of a total of 155 people interviewed at the Centre, 105 were Welfare cases.

Annual Dinner/Dance: To be held at Barkers on 22nd May, tickets £5. It was agreed to invite the new Archbishop of Westminster. Mr. Brian Mullen suggests that a small group should meet him beforehand. The Sec. read the guest list, from which Mr. G. O' Flynn asked to be excused. Mr. J. McCann proposed that we insist on

Mrs. O'Flynn being on the guest list. This was seconded by Mrs. B. Back. The Chairman expressed the hope that each Assoc. would sell at least 15 tickets. Mrs. M. Murphy regretted that Cork Assoc. are holding a Bacon + Cabbage Supper at the Irish Centre. In the interests of economy, wine will not be served at the tables. The cost of Band £60.

Scór '25': The Chairman appealed to all Counties to take cards for this ~~xxx~~ competition, emphasising the £50 profit to be made. Fr. Ryan explained details and offered help to any county in running it. Mrs. D. Allen asked why only one winner from the London area. Fr. Ryan explained that we started late in the competition and the Irish authorities were not sure how it would go.

The Sec. explained the new telephone Directory which he intends to produce. It will have a page for each Co. Assoc. giving Chairmans + Sec's names, addresses + tel. no's. also Council delegates + tel. no's; Sat nights dates at the Irish Centre. The centre pages will contain information on the Council giving days of Council + Exec. meetings. It will save postage on sending out notifications of meetings. Mrs. O'Flynn said we would not then have the Agenda before meetings. Mr. Brian Mullen asked if they could be distributed after Exec. meetings. But Mr. J. Mc Cann asked do we really need them beforehand. It was agreed to go ahead with publishing the directory.

A.O.B.: Mr. J. Mangan raised the question of the write-up in the Irish Post on the occasion of the Irish Centre 21st Anniversary. He said that the voluntary workers who help at the Centre should have been mentioned. Also enough was not said about the part played by the late Fr. McNamara. The Chairman ruled that these points should be brought up at the Irish Centre A.G.M.

Fr. Ryan says he is working on a history of the Irish Centre. He hopes to publish it about Sept. He asked if any members had any relevant material, would they loan it to him for a short period

The Chairman appealed for ideas for a memorial to the Late Fr. McNamara to be considered at the next Council meeting. He put forward the idea of a plaque or a memorial Fund.

Presentation to Michael & Nora Lahiffe: The Chairman asks for subscriptions to this fund to be paid in by next meeting. A minimum of £2 per Assoc. was agreed.

Mr. J. McCarthy suggested appointing a P.R.O. for the Council. The Chairman explained that it has already been agreed by the Executive that the Sec. will deal with these matters Messrs. J. Sheehan & W. Reilly agreed with the appointment of a P.R.O. Messrs. B. Mullen and P. Dunne agreed that this work should be done by the Sec.

Irish Life Golf Tournament: The Chairman explained that the Irish Life Assurance Co. have decided to sponsor a Golf Tournament

which will be open to members of Irish clubs and Assocs. throughout Britain. Each Assoc. can nominate 2 members to Represent it on 25th June at the Oer Leigus centre at Foxhills. Details and entry forms to be published shortly.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

20th Apr. 1976

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held in the Irish Centre on 20th Apr. 1976.

The meeting opened with Mr. Owen O'Neill in the Chair. Delegates were present according to the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Matt Moore, seconded by Mrs. M. Murphy.

In correspondence, there was notification from the Federation of Irish Societies that its A.G.M. will be held in Liverpool on May 22nd. In the nomination of Officers for the Federation, Mr. J. McCarthy proposed Mr. M. Brown, sec. R. Butler. In the event of Fr. Cagney not wishing to go as Chairman, Mr. J. Keating proposed Mr. M. Hogan of Watford; seconded by Mrs. Jane Smythe.

Quiz Competition: Mr. M. Wates appealed against the Exec. decision that the Carlow/Kilkenny match should take place within 7 days of the last Exec. meeting. Due to illness and Holidays, the Carlow were having difficulty in getting their team together. It was agreed to have this match played on a date to be fixed at the end of the meeting.

Annual Dinner: The Sec. read out the guest list. It was estimated that 272 tickets are distributed at the moment and the Chairman urged all Assocs. to put every effort into selling tickets. Final figures must be in for the May meeting on 18th. It is agreed that Mr. P. Hegarty will act as M.C. for this function.

Fr. McNamara Memorial: The Chairman gave a run. down of the Executive discussion

on this matter and their decision that a portrait would be the most suitable form of memorial. Wexford delegates suggested a memorial Room in the new Building. Mrs. Jane Smythe agreed. Mrs. Moroney suggested getting together with the Irish Centre and furnishing a Room Mr. W. Reilly suggested a Broze Plaque. Mr. J. McCann suggested putting the money to the Building of a memorial Room. Mr. Dick Allen suggested a portrait or Bust in a memorial Room. Mr. W. Reilly proposed we open a fund for this memorial. Seconded by Mr. R. Butler. Mrs. Jane Smythe suggests the Council donates £50. It was agreed that this fund would be open to subscriptions from all sources. Mr. H. McCormack proposed we go ahead with a portrait Seconded by Mr. T. Mangan and agreed unanimously

Council Banner: It was agreed unanimously that the Council should have a new Banner. Louth and Cork delegates mentioned having had Banners made recently in Ireland. Mr. S. Troy suggests getting a quotation from the Poor Clares Mr. T. Mangan proposed we order one from the Poor Clares. Seconded by Mr. S. Keating. To defray the expenses, Mr. Dick Allen proposed asking Assocs. for £100. Sec. by Mr. Joe Mongey.

Irish Centre Report: Jo Ryan said he had 2 points to make: First, The Irish Centre A.G.M. takes place on Tues. 25th May. and he asked all Assocs. to take a copy of the relevant papers. His second point concerned the development of the Irish Centre. Previous plans were submitted, he said, in 1968 and '72 and the present plans have been watered down to meet local objections.

He announced that a Public meeting about this development is to take place in St Luke's Church Hall. He appealed for everyone to attend and take this meeting very seriously.

Regarding the Irish Centre C.G.M., the Chairman suggests that the Council should have a nomination for the committee. This point was agreed unanimously but Mr. Luke Kennedy pointed out that alterations to the Constitution can be made only at an A.G.M.

Presentation to Michael & Nora Laliffe: The list of Contributors was read out and it showed that nineteen County Assocs. have so far contributed

A.O.B.: Mrs. Bridie Shaw asked for Assocs. to give in the names of firms wishing to advertise in the Festival programme.

Mr. Dick Allen asked what had happened to the B & I membership card scheme. Mr. J. Keating explained the hold-up on the fact that only 16 Assocs. had given in their membership lists. He will try to get further information from the Federation A.G.M.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman.

18-5-76.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held in the Irish Centre on 18-5-76.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill. Delegates were present according to the Register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Dick Allen seconded by Mr. Jim Murphy.

In correspondence, there was a letter from His Excellency, The Irish Ambassador, nominating Mr. Jim Corcoran as his deputy at the Council Dinner on 22nd.

The Treasurers Report showed a credit balance of £217-03. The Chairman asked if we can have the apponted auditors come together so as to audit the accounts of last year.
The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. S. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Dick Allen.

Quiz & Darts: The Sec. announced that the Final of the Quiz was between Cavan and Kilkenny and would take place at the Irish Centre on Wed 19TH at 8.30pm. The Chairman explained that this arrangement was to allow the presentation of the Cup to take place at the Dinner on 22nd May. ~~Mr Joe Davis~~. The Chairman also announced the Presentation of Plaques to the Chairman & Secs of the Assocs. taking part in the final. Mr Joe Davis gave a resume of the present position in the Darts League.

Irish Life Golf Competition: Delegates were reminded that the final date for entry was 31st May 1976.

Annual Dinner: A detailed list of ticket sales was compiled and Assocs that were not represented

at the meeting will be contacted by the Secretary
Raffle prizes are promised from: B & I. Aer Lingus,
Bank of Ireland. Allied Irish Banks. Irish Life.
The Chairman announced that the Raffle proceeds
would be put to the Fr. McNamara Memorial Fund.
The Cork Assoc. then very generously offered a
£10 prize. The Chairman asked for punctuality
from all Assoc. members attending the Dinner
so as to get everything off to a nice start.

Fr. McNamara Memorial Fund: The Chairman
gave a Report of the visit of himself and some
officers to the exhibition of Portraits at the Mall
Galleries and of the unanimous choice of the
artist Mr. Maurice Litten to do the portrait of
Fr. McNamara. The portrait will cost £500 and
the size will be 36" x 28". The Chairman had
great praise for the help and co-operation received
from Mrs. Bradshaw, Sec. of the Society and
thanked him. He asked for the help of Assocs.
in getting some good photos of Fr. McNamara.
It is hoped to present the portrait to the Irish
Centre at the 21st Celebration Dinner on Nov. 14th.

Irish Centre: Fr. Cagney gave a detailed Report
on the Welfare Work at the Irish Centre. The Hostels,
he said, continue to work to full capacity. The
new girls Hostel at Medway St. has about 50 girls.
One of the main problems at the moment is that
flats are difficult to get - and the result is that
people are inclined to stay longer in the Hostels.
During April there were 131 Welfare cases interviewed.
Fr. Cagney thanked the Assocs. for the great
attendance at the Recent Public meeting in connection
with the Irish Centre Re-Development. He then
introduced the new I.C. manager, Mr. Seamus Macklin

Presentation to Michael & Nora Lahiffe: Some more Co. Assocs have promised to contribute to this fund. The present has already been purchased at a cost of £120 less 10%.

London Irish Festival: Mr. G. O'Flynn gave a run down of the work of the Festival committee and asked each Assoc. to appoint 10 people who will act as stewards at the Festival.

Any Other Business: Mr. J. Beckett spoke about the Irish Club and asked if the Council and the G.A.A. would take it over. It would be a disgrace on all Irish men, he said, if it failed. Last years Balance Sheet has not yet been published.

The Cavan delegates reminded the meeting that Fr. Sheridan's Festival takes place in Birmingham on 19th & 20th June. Return coach fare £2.

Fr. Ryan hopes to play of the London Final of Scor 25 on Sun. 23rd at 2 pm.

The Chairman welcomed & introduced the Delegates from the Derry Association.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman
15th June '76.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on 15th June '76.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Owen O'Neill and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & adopted on the proposition of Mr. Tom Mangan seconded by Mrs. Matt Moore.

After correspondence and Treas. Report, Mr. S. Troy enquired why a cheque from his Assoc. to the Council 11 months ago was only just recently cashed. He said that the accounts are obviously incomplete and asks what steps are being taken to Remedy the situation. Mr. Wm Cooper asks to have auditors appointed and also to have quarterly audits. Mr. P. Hegarty Reminded the meeting that the Constitution calls only for annual audits. The Chairman assured the meeting that auditors have been appointed and every effort is being made to have this matter dealt with.

Individual Quiz & Darts: It was announced that the Indiv. Quiz would take place on Wed. 30th June and Mr. Luke Kennedy would act as Quizmaster. In Darts, Clare, Cork, Galway & Longford have reached the Finial Stage which is to be played on Thurs. 24th June at 8.30 pm in the Irish Centre.

Annual Dinner: The Chairman thanked the Officers and members for their help in the running of the Dinner at Barkers last month. It was generally agreed that the function was a great success. The Chairman paid a special tribute to Mrs. Bridie Meves for her efforts in

selling so many tickets. Discussion followed on the date and venue of next years Dinner. As agreed at the A.G.M., it must take place on 17th March - But unfortunately Barkers is not available. The Asst. Sec. said that 18th Mar. was vacant but there was no support for that date. Mr. Gerry O'Flynn suggested that everyone try and find a venue before the next meeting. Among suggestions put forward was The West Central Hotel. The final decision to be made at next meeting.

Fr. McNamara Memorial: The Chairman informed the meeting that the portrait is now started, so the money will soon be needed. He appealed to all Assocs. to come forward with their contributions. Any money left over in this fund will be put to the Irish Centre Building Fund. Kerry, Galway, Kilkenny promise £25. Donations are requested by next meeting.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney gave a very comprehensive Report on the workings of the Hostels and the Re-Development. Hope House continues working at full capacity. This is the fourth month in which it broke even financially. Medway St. now has 52 girls on short stay. One in six are now looking for accommodation. There were 92 calls for assistance at the Irish Centre. An analysis of those shows that this is a critical period in the life of the over 40 age group. There is great difficulty in getting flats for single Boys. A number of cases were discussed relating to Psychiatry and cases of men working without Insurance Cards. Fr Cagney

asked for help in finding Rooms or Flats for such cases. He also asked for the help of the Assocs. in selling Raffle Tickets for the Fund Raising Scheme.

Mr. G. O'Flynn gave a short address on the London Irish Festival. He went into the pros and cons of the different types of venues. He thanked Chelsea F.C. for their continued co-operation. He said that this year, there is no room for mistakes, ~~He can~~ and with Joe Lynch as compere and a strictly timed programme, everything should run smoothly. He thanked Mrs. Enid Marron for her efforts in getting the programme off the ground. She estimated revenue from advert stands at £2,500. He appealed for stewards to patrol the grounds, which will be fenced off. He then gave a short resume of the programme which starts with a massed Parade of Assocs. and clubs. There will be Dancing on the Grounds and on stage, interspersed with Ceili and Show Bands. Demonstration by the Agnes O'Connell Pipe Bands. All-star Soccer match. Fr. Cagney asked for a good impact from the Assocs by supporting the Parade. The Posters will shortly be available and he asked for help in circulating them. About 20 Chelsea stewards are being employed and each one will need about 10 of ours. It was announced by the Chairman that a Public meeting would be held on July 1st in the Irish Centre at 8.30

A.O.B. The Chairman spoke of previous meetings with the Embassy with a view to getting better Government assistance for Centres etc. He said that the provision of Welfare

workers alone is not enough. But the main idea is to get them to commit themselves. He hopes to carry on those meetings and will Report Back.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 11 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

20th July 1976

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on 20th July 76

The meeting opened under the chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy seconded by Mr. Joe Sheehan.

In correspondence, there were donations to the Fr. McNamara Fund from the Leitrim Assoc. and also from the Charleville & District Assoc.

There was no Treasurers Report due to the fact that the Treasurer was away on holidays.

Darts: Mr. Dick Allen queried the members of the Longford team and asked if they were Bona fide members of the Assoc. The Chairman Replied that we expect Assocs. to put in teams of genuine members only. He added that, later in the year, we will hold a meeting of captains and they will draw up a set of Rules. Clare are not objecting to Longford. Thurs 16th Sept. was the date agreed for the Final. Venue I.C.

Annual Dinner: The Chairman asked to have all ticket money for the 1976 function paid in immediately. For ~~the 1977~~ St. Patrick's Day 1977, there are two possible venues - Empire Rooms Tottenham Ct. Rd. and The West Central Hotel. After a short discussion, it was agreed to leave the decision to the Executive

Fr. McNamara Fund: The Chairman appealed to all Assocs to make their donations to this fund. Promises of donations were received from Waterford, Cork, Tipperary, Dublin & Monaghan

Allocation of Saturday nights for 1977: There was a short discussion on the method of allocating the dates during which Mr. John O'Keeffe & Mr. J. Hanlon suggested that those who write in should get preference for a particular date. Mr. Jim Long suggested putting the names in a hat. The first half of the year was allocated by drawing the names. Second half to be done at the next meeting in Sept.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney gave a very comprehensive Report on the Irish Centre, Welfare Work and the Hostels. During the past month, he said, 221 people called at the Welfare Office seeking assistance and of these 179 were looking for accommodation. The Hostels are full all the time and going well. The new Girls' Hostel in Medway St. has now got the go-ahead and will get a Govt. Grant of £463,000. The Irish Centre itself has also been scrutinised and has got the O.K to go ahead. With regard to Booking of the I.C. for various Functions, the following will apply:

1. Firm Booking of numbers to be given on the Tuesday prior to a Sat. Function.
2. Deposit of £20 for a Function (Food or non-food). Deposit forfeited if Booking not taken up.
3. Cancellation time 12 weeks.

Fr. Cagney asked for the support of the Assocs for the I.C. Car Raffle. Tickets available after meeting He also appealed for close liason with the Council and Assocs. and announced that there would be informal meetings with the Chairmen & Secs at which matters of mutual concern could be discussed.

The Chairman paid a well-deserved tribute to Fr. Cagney and the management Committee in getting such a Response from the Govt.

London-Irish Festival: Fr. Cagney gave a resumé of the Recent Festival saying that the attendance was down on last year but the organisation was much better. The Highlight for him was the Parade of Banners and it was a marvellous show. Chelsea as a venue is perhaps debatable. But we made some money. Last year, after the festival his phone rang continuously. But this year - no calls, so they must have enjoyed it.

The Chairman thanked all the Assocs. who turned up with their colours. They put on a great show. He also paid tribute to the stewards. Mrs. Jack Allen & Mrs. Luke Kennedy asked for better facilities for the stewards. Mrs. Don Marron said that the arrangements were made but, unfortunately, Brooks down at the last minute. Mrs. Moroney suggests that Assocs. should write in and give their comments. Mrs. Joe Sheehan asked when the next Public meeting will take place. The Chairman suggests perhaps Sept. when everyone is Back from Holidays. In conclusion, Mrs. Don Marron thanked all the Assocs. and stewards who worked so hard on the day.

A.O.B. The Chairman announced that the Tipperary Assoc. has given their 11th Dec. date to the Council and he asks for support for this function. Date of next meeting Sept. 21st.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

21st Sept. 76.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 21st Sept 1976

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present according to the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of ~~Mrs. J. Murphy~~ Mrs D. Allen, seconded by ~~Mr. Joe Sheehan~~ Mrs. J. Murphy.

The Treasurer in presenting her Report added that the figures for last year had been audited by Mrs. R. Daly & Mrs. H. Lyons. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Joe Mangey. seconded by Mrs. M. Murphy.

Darts: The Chairman congratulated the Longford Assoc. on winning the Darts League. and also gave praise to Cork Assoc. as worthy losers. Mr. Dick Allen in Reply had very complimentary Remarks to make on the Trophies and Plaques and on the way they were displayed at the Final. The Chairman asked for the names of all Darts Teams captains to be given to the Sec. in preparation for the meeting of Captains. The date agreed for this meeting was Mon. 4Th Oct.

Annual Dinner: The Chairman explained that, in looking for possible venues for the 1977 Dinner on St. Patricks night, two venues were available - The Empire Rooms, Tottenham Court Rd. and the West Centre Hotel, Lillie Rd. He visited both with the Treasurer and both agreed that the Empire Rooms seemed to provide the best atmosphere and the best terms and it was booked. He thanked the Treasurer and Mr. P. J. Cafferty for their help in making this decision

Mrs. Jim Long also had favourable comments to pass on the Empire Rooms.

Fr. McNamara Memorial Fund: The Chairman asked for all donations to be paid in as soon as possible. He informed the meeting of the Dance in The Gresham Ballroom on Oct 15th in aid of the Fund and asked Assocs. to take tickets for this Dance which is being Run in collaboration with St. Gabriel's Club

Allocation of Saturday Nights: The allocation of Saturdays nights for the second half of 1977 took place and was done by drawing the names

A.O.B. Mrs. Bill Cooper suggested that we adjourn the meeting as a mark of Respect to the late Mrs: M. Waters.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10·30pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

19th Oct. 1976

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 19th Oct. 1976

The meeting opened under the chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy seconded by Mr. T. Mangan.

Apologies for absence were given for the Treasurer and Vice-Chairman.

In correspondence there was a letter from Mrs. Frances Waters expressing thanks for our letter and Mass Card on the death of Michael Waters. Also a donation from Wexford Assoc. of £25 to the Fr. McNamara Memorial Fund.

Darts League: The Rules and Regulations as drawn up at the Recent Captains' meeting were Read and approved. The Chairman appealed to all teams to send Back the players Registration forms as soon as possible.

Quiz Competition: Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. T. Back and Mr. Don Marron were elected to form a sub-committee for the coming year. Entry fee to be £2 per team. Draw to take place at the Nov. meeting.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney gave a very full Report on the working of the Irish Centre. He said that there were 101 callers at the Centre during the past month. 84 were looking for accommodation and 77 got it. 51 were looking for work and 33 got it. and there were 6 non-Irish. The Hostels continue generally to be full. The Medway St. Hostel will have to be reduced to

a maximum of 40 girls until Renovations are complete. The capacity will then Rise to 97. Various points were Raised about the Running of Hope House and the Chairman suggested having Fr. Carolan at the next Council meeting.

Fr. MacNamara Memorial Fund: The Chairman announced that the Function in the Gresham raised £170 and hoped that when the Fund closed at the end of Oct. it would Reach £1,000 The portrait will be presented to the Irish Centre at the Anniversary Dinner on Nov. 4th. The artist and his wife are invited at our expense.

Dec. 11th at the Irish Centre: The Chairman asked all Assocs. for their help in selling these tickets. The tickets were available at the meeting. He also suggested that we should invite Mr. Larry O'Dowd and make a small presentation. Larry is shortly due to return to Ireland.

London Irish Festival: Mr. G. O'Flynn gave a short Report on the 1976 Festival saying that the figures when finalised should reach £5,300. He appealed for a maximum effort from the Assocs. to put the Festival on a firm footing. He said we must get the Constitution finalised and asked for help from everyone in deciding on a venue for next year. Delegates queried why so many other Beneficiaries were nominated, but the Chairman explained that we are trying to get the whole community involved.
Fr. Cagney said that the important point is that the Festival must be allowed to grow. The Festival Committee and the Executive must get together soon and draw up the Rules

A.O.B. : Mr. Dick Allen asked if we could change the day on which we hold meetings, in view of the music from downstairs. But the Chairman said it could only be done at an A.G.M. The date of next A.G.M was fixed for the first Sun. in Feb. This was proposed by Mr. R. Butler seconded by Mr. D. Allen. St. Patrick's Day Parade to be discussed at next meeting.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed Chairman.

16th Nov. 1976.

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Dial Centre on Tuesday 16TH NOV 1976

The Meeting opened with Mr. O'Neill in the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read adopted and signed on a proposition from Mr. T. Morgan and by J. Murphy.
The Chairman thanked the delegates for attending
Correspondence. A letter from H. Cogney thanking the Council & the County Association for their support of the 21ST Anniversary Dinner and the Raffle.
Darts Competition. Mr. Bill Cooper gave details of the Darts Leagues. There are 22 ENTRIES IN 2 league system of 10 IN one group & 12 IN the other.
The Chairman thanked the Darts Committee for the efficient way they have organised this Competition
Mr. Bill Cooper said Score Cards will be issued & returned after each Match signed by the Winning Captain.
Quiz Competition
Mr. Pat Hegarty suggested that the Draw should be made at the meeting this was agreed. The Draw was then made and will be issued to each County Secretary.
Annual Dinner.
The Bill at Barker will be paid shortly.
Mr. O'Neill said that the Empire Rooms will provide A HARVEST for the Annual Dinner on 17th March 1977.

The Irish Centre Report.
Fr. Carlon gave details on the accomodation at the Hostel in Quex Road. He said the Hostel was 98% full on most occasions.
Some come to the Hostel with no money. There were 15 Deportation cases over the year. Out of the 92 in the Hostel at the present time, 44 have a problem of some kind. Out of this number only 8 are not working, and only 8 left owing money. The stay in the Hostel is approx 3 to 4 weeks. It takes £950 to run Hope House weekly.
Tom Morgan paid tribute to Fr. Carlon for the tremendous work being accomplished at Hope House. A Many delegates agreed with those sentiments. Fr. Carlon & Fr. Cagney thanked the County Associations for their support.
Fr. Pat. NAMARA Memorial Fund.
The Chairman thanked the County Associations for their support of this fund.
Boxon & Cabbage Supper.
Tickets are still available for the Boxon & Cabbage Supper on Sat 11th Dec. A presentation will be made to J. O'Dowd at this function.
The London Irish Festival.
The Money from this years Festival was distributed as follows.
£1531-50p To the Irish Centre.
& £1148.62p To the Council Welfare Fund, Administered Welfare Rents and South London Association.
The Chairman gave details of the Officers of the Council Festival. The Council Festival Committee Consist of The FIVE OFFICERS of

The Council a FEW OFFICERS of the Drink Centre.
The Chairman of this Committee is Mr. M. Mahoney and Sec. is Mr. T. Dack, The Treasurer is Mrs J. Cooper.
The Chairman said we have now more or less formed the Festival Committee., Mr. L. O'HARA, Mr. D. MAHON Mr. M. MAHONEY, Mr. O'Neill, Mrs. J. Cooper. Fr. Cagney, Fr. Carlon, & Fr. Ryan have agreed to serve on this Committee.
It is hoped to have the Festival on Sunday July 3rd. Mr. T. Mangan. said that the Chairman of the Council should be from the Council.
Mr. O'Neill said that he did not accept Chairman.
Mr. J. Murphy said that Roundwood had would be ideal for the Festival.
The Chairman said that all Counties and other organizations should come together and make a success of the Festival.
Mr. Don Marron said that to have people in charge of a particular item is very good idea.
Mr. R. Butler then proposed that the meeting accept the Officers decisions and. was. 2nd P. Mr. Cawley. and agreed.
ST. Patricks Day Parade
Mr. J. O'Flynn, said there is some money in the ST. Patricks Day Fund. He suggested that the Counting officers of the Parade and the executive meet. to discuss the future of the Parade. This was unanimously. agreed.
It was also agreed to have a Parade in 1977 The details to worked out by the executive.

Any other Business.

It was agreed that the Council would take Friday 2nd Dec. on 1977 for a function.

There being no further Business the Meeting closed at 10.50 PM.

21/12/76. CHAIRMAN Owen O'Neill

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the I.C. on 21st Dec. 1976

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. J. Murphy. seconded by Mrs. Tess Mooney.

The Draw sheets for the Guinness Cup Quiz competition were distributed and Associations were urged to get the competition moving as soon as possible.

The London Irish Festival: The Chairman gave a report on the progress of the '77 Festival. He expressed the hope that Brent Council would give a favourable decision on Wed 22nd Dec. to our Request for the use of Roundwood Park. He explained the formation of the new committee and read the list of members. He asked for the full co-operation of all Co. Associations. He said that the County Associations stalls would form a very important part of the next Festival and asked for an all-out effort by all Associations. They should contact their Co. Development Officers in Ireland who are more than willing to help. The stalls will perhaps be hired or got from Brent Council. Festival Date is Sunday 3rd July. The committee are already working very hard but the details of the programme are not yet worked out.

Mr. E. Sheridan asked what encouragement can be given to Co. Development Officers to come and exhibit. He asked for a much wider projection of what will take place. It seems to lack a major attraction. We should put on a major

sports event. The Chairman then urged all Associations give plenty of time at their meetings for discussing Festival matters and to send in their ideas.

At this point, the Chairman said he wished to make a presentation to Mr. Larry O'Dowd who is about to retire to Ireland. He said that Larry had been a prominent figure on the Irish scene for many years and had given pleasure to countless thousands at Parades, Feiseanna and Festivals. He then presented Mr. O'Dowd with an inscribed silver tray, wishing him many years of good health to enjoy his retirement. In reply, in Irish, Mr. O'Dowd expressed his thanks to the Chairman and Council for the presentation. He remembered with pride the many years spent in London. He mentioned the great enjoyment he got being amongst the music and dancing fraternity especially the children.

Fr. Cagney presented the I.C. Report saying that in the month of Nov. there were 88 callers at the Centre seeking assistance of various kinds. Most of these cases required additional follow-ups. He announced that the prices of Bacon & Cabbage Dinners will increase from 1st Jan to £2.00 including VAT. and from Apr. to £2.50 incl. V.A.T. The figure for the development of Medway St. Hostel now stands at £774,719. On the question of the I.C. development, a major memorandum is to be presented to the Irish Government and he asked for the ~~support~~ co-operation of County Associations by contacting their home T.D's to get their support for this memorandum. Fr. Cagney concluded by wishing all Associations a Happy & Peaceful Christmas and prosperity in the New Year

Mr. J. Murphy, Wexford, asked if the copies of the memorandum would be circulated to Associations. Fr. Cagney explained that it was a rather large document and would be expensive to circulate to everyone but copies would be available for study.

Council Bacon & Cabbage Supper 11th Dec. 76. The Chairman asked all Associations to pay in their ticket money to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

A.G.M. The Chairman explained that, this year the A.G.M is being held on the 1st Sun in February. This is to give the new Exec. as much time as possible before the Annual Dinner on March 17th. He asked for Nomination papers and motions to be sent in by Jan. 24th.

B and I Line Promotion on 8th Feb. 77. The Chairman announced that tickets for this function would be distributed after the meeting.

A.O.B. Mr. S. Troy spoke of the very enjoyable Bacon & Cabbage Supper which the Westmeath Assoc. held recently. But there were two points he wished to Raise - 1st Why should there be just a young school-Boy attendant in the cloakroom and secondly, who is Responsible for clearing the tables after dinner? The Longford delegate also queried if there is insurance cover for injuries sustained by members doing this work. Mr. M. Mooney explained that there is insurance cover. But he said there is considerable difficulty in getting staff for the cloak Rooms. It is usual for the men of an Association to help clear the floor and some of the I.C. staff will help with stacking the tables. He said he heard all the points Raised and would take them up with the I.C. Executive. Mr. S. Troy expressed his happiness with the outcome of the discussion

Further London Irish Festival note. Mr. M. Mooney suggests that it might be helpful to Co. Associations in their discussions on Festival matters if one or two Festival Officers were to attend their meetings and answer questions or give ideas where the Association could help. An office is to be set up in the I.C. and will be manned for two hours a night. The Chairman urged all Assoc. Delegates take these points back to their own meetings and have them discussed.

The Longford Association donated a cheque of £20 to the Welfare Fund.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

18th Jan. '77.

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre, Camden Sq. on Sun. 29th Feb. 1976.

The meeting opened at 3 pm under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn. He paid a special welcome to Mrs Padgh Feehan as a founder member and Representative of our Patron, His Excellency The Irish Ambassador.

Standing Orders were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. M. Bourton, seconded by Mr. Luke Kennedy.

Appointment of Tellers: Fr. Ryan, Fr. Cagney & Mr. Matt Brunton were appointed tellers on the propos of Mr. R. Butler seconded by Mr. R. Daly.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Rose, seconded by Mrs. M. Murphy.

In Correspondence there was a letter of than and congratulations from Mr. & Mrs. M. Lahiffe. Also a letter of thanks from B & I Line for the help and co-operation received in putting on the promotional evening at the Gresham Ballroom.

The Secretary's Report which was circulated amongst delegates. Mr. Bobby Baker proposed its adoption. Proposition seconded by Mr. S. L

The Treasurer's Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Cooper, seconded by Mr. T. Mangan.

The Welfare Fund Report, presented by Mr. J. Long, was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Dick Allen, seconded by Mr. S. Lynch

The Chairman's Address: Mr. O'Flynn sa that having celebrated our 21st Anniversar we have now Reached maturity. But, wi this maturity comes added Responsibility

in promoting Welfare and also in the Social field. He reminded delegates that we have got to be ever-mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves. By our support of the Irish Centre and also by helping our Welfare Fund, he said, we are fulfilling these obligations. He appealed for an even greater effort in the year ahead especially in supporting the London Irish Festival. He concluded by thanking all those who so actively helped and co-operated with him in the past two years as Chairman. He thanked the Irish Centre, the Embassy and the Press for their help and expressed the hope that his successor would be equally well supported.

Mr. T. Feehan in a short address conveyed greetings from His Excellency, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan. He paid a glowing tribute to the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn. Former Chairmen, he said, will realise the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes in keeping the Council Running. Those who drafted the Constitution should have considered that out-going Chairmen should be elected Vice-Presidents, thus creating a great reservoir of experience.

Fr. Cagney in his address referred to the 21st Annual Report of the Irish Centre. In the past year, he said, there was a Rise of 29% in the numbers of Welfare cases with a noticable increase in marital and Psychiatric ~~Welfare~~ cases. He asked all Associations to study this Report at their meetings. The main problems were carried by Fr. Carolan and the two sisters. He thanked the Council and all the Associations for their continuing help in

the Welfare field, adding that over the years a sum in the Region of £55,000 has been Raised for Welfare Work.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Two nominations - Mr. G. O'Flynn and Mr. Owen O'Neill.

Mr. O'Flynn announced that he did not wish to go forward. Mr. O'Neill was therefore, unopposed.

Mr. O'Neill expressed his thanks to those who nominated him, and to Mr. G. O'Flynn who, he said, was an exemplary Chairman. He promised his best efforts, but asked for the support of everyone. The potential talent in the Council is vast, he said, and asks for help in bringing it out. Where we must shine is in Backing up the Welfare workers.

Vice-Chairman - Two nominations: Mr. T. Mangan and Mr. Don Marron.

Result of vote Mr. Marron elected by 59 votes to 33. Mr. Marron thanked those who voted for him and promised his best efforts all round. Mr. Mangan congratulated him on his election and wished him luck.

Secretary: Two nominations: Mr. J. Keating and Mr. T. Back. Mr. Keating announced that he was not going forward. He thanked the Chairman and Officers with whom he had worked over the past few years. Mr. Back was elected, promising his best efforts all round and appealed for the utmost co-operation.

Treasurer: Three nominations: Mrs Enid Marron, Mr. Joe Davis and Mrs. Una Cooper. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Marron both withdraw leaving Mrs. Cooper un-opposed. Mrs. Cooper accepted the appointment promising her best efforts.

Assistant-Secretary: Three nominations: Mr. Peter Dunne, Mr. M. Waters and Mr. J. Keating. Mr. Dunne & Mr. Waters withdraw leaving Mr. Keating un-opposed

Executive Committee: From twelve nominations, the following were elected by vote: Mr. G. O'Flynn, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. R. Butler, Mr. T. Mangan, Mr. S. Lynch and Mr. H. McCormack.

Welfare Fund Trustee: Mr. G. O'Flynn proposed, also Mr. H. McCormack. Mr. O'Flynn withdraws Mr. H. McCormack elected.

Delegate to Federation of Irish Societies: Mr. J. Keating elected.

Auditors for year: Mr. R. Daly, Mr. E. McCormack, Mr. C. Fogarty.

Motions:

(i) That no member shall take alcoholic drinks into meetings – put forward by the Kerry Assoc. was defeated on a show of hands.

(ii) That the Council Annual Dinner should be held on St. Patrick's Day with effect from 1977 – put forward by Westmeath Assoc. was unanimously carried.

(iii) That each affiliated Assoc. should be free to decide who shall benefit from the Welfare Fund and that it not be confined to Association

members only — Put forward by Longford Assoc. Many points were put forward both for and against this motion and, on a show of Hands, it was carried by a small majority.

Any Other Business:

Mr. P. J. Murtagh addressed the meeting to explain "Scor 25". He said it was run by Gaelic Trust. It was in existence for 5 years. Turn-over so-far £½ mill. Each unit consists of 125 players. The ultimate winner getting £2000 and a trophy, the winner from each unit getting £50.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The Chairman announced that the Parade would take place on Sun 13th Mar. Appealed for all-round support for the Parade. He said that the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee now no longer existed and the duty of Running of the Parade now fell on the Council.

~~Cllr J Brangan~~ Mr. Owen O'Neill expressed the gratitude of all Associations for the wonderful service given to everyone by Mr. & Mrs. Lahiffe in their term as manager at the Irish Centre. He proposed a Presentation to them on a suitable occasion. Seconded by Mr. S. Lynch.

The Longford Assoc. suggested that Associations bordering on non-affiliated Counties should help in the formation of these Associations

The Chairman thanked all delegates for their kind attention and the meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

6 Th Feb. 1977

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 18th Jan '77.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Dick Allen, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Dan Marron and Mr. P. Hegarty.

The Treasurer's Report showed that £117 - 50 was Received as ticket money for the Bacon & Cabbage Dinner on 11th Dec. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Hugh McCormack, seconded by Mr. Wally Smythe.

Darts Competition: The names & addresses of Team Capts have not yet been sent into Mr. W. Cooper. Regarding Registration and fees, Mr. Cooper will contact Co. Associations.

The Quiz Competition gets under way on Wed. 19th Jan with Kerry and Monaghan.

London Irish Festival: Mr. M. Mooney gave an outline of the approach to the Co. Associations saying that he and Mrs. Cooper would be available to go to Assoc. meetings and pass on the ideas for this years Festival. He emphasised that the Associations are to be completely involved. It will give them opportunities ~~of meeting~~ of meeting young potential members. Associations will be asked to provide stewards. This year, he said, we dare not contemplate failure. The Chairman added a note about the Counties Parade. He said that we now have plenty of time to get the county colours and make preparations.

Mr. Brian Mullen queried the large price increase on the Bacon & Cabbage Dinners. He said that with January and Apr. increases the Centre was likely to price itself out of business.
Mr. Mooney said that the Centre would consider paying the V.A.T. so that the April figure would be about £2.30. He promised clarification of the point later.

The Ambassador's Presentation: The Chairman announced having arranged a small Buffet and Dance for Thurs 20th Jan at which to make a small presentation to Dr. & Mrs. O'Sullivan to mark their Retirement. Tickets 60p. per head and a contribution of £5 from each Assoc. would cover ~~the~~ two presentations - one to Dr. O'Sullivan and one to Mr. J. McCausland who is retiring as manager of the Gresham. The presentation to Mr. McCausland is to be made at the Annual Dinner on 17th March. After a short discussion, Cavan, Monaghan and Armagh delegates said they wished to dissociate themselves from the Ambassador's Presentation. Mr. R. Butler proposed we stand-by the Chairman and the decision be made on this matter. This was seconded by Mr. J. Beckett.

Annual Dinner: The Chairman suggested that we elect a Ladies Committee to Run this function. Those proposed were: Mrs. B. Neves, Mrs. B. Back, Mrs. B. Shaw, Mrs. Mooney, Miss Mary Kenny, Mrs. Enid Marron, Mrs. Una Cooper, Mr. P. J. Caffrey.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: It is to be held on Sun. 13th March. The Sec Reported that a meeting with the Police at Cannon Row and

with the Administrator of St. George's Cathedral is arranged for Sat 22nd Jan. Mr. G. O' Flynn said we must have a Band and suggests we might get the Gaelic League to sing the Sean O'Riada Mass.

Annual General Meeting: Date 6th Feb. 77. The Chairman reminded all delegates that nomination papers are to be Returned by 24th Jan.

Any Other Business: The Chairman asked if anyone had any ideas on the procedure to be adopted for the Council to be Registered as a Charitable organisation.

The B + I card scheme is to start in March. The first draw takes place in March and 1977 cards will be carried forward to 1978. When the winners are drawn they will be notified by B + I. New members to be Registered by 31st Oct 77 to qualify for 1978.

This being the last meeting of the year, the Chairman expressed his appreciation of the help and co-operation he Received from all Associations during the year.

Mr. W. Cooper expressed the thanks of the Dublin Assoc. for help from the Welfare Fund in a sad case. They are holding a Benefit dance at St. Aidans on Feb 19th

The Galway Assoc. are looking for assistance in exchanging their Sat 19th Feb. date at the Irish Centre.

Sat. 2nd July given by Leitrim to the Council.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed D. Marron. Chairman.

22nd Feb 77.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 22nd Feb. '77

Due to the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mrs. Owen O'Neill, the meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ben Masson, Vice/Chairman. Members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, on the proposition of Mrs M. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Jess Moroney.

There being no matters arising, the Treasurer presented her Report showing a Credit Balance of £534-66. All Assocs. were reminded that Affiliation, Quiz and Darts Fees must be paid by the end of March.

The Quiz & Darts competitions are running satisfactorily, but the Darts have not yet got score-cards.

Annual Dinner: A good demand was reported for tickets and All Associations were urged to put on an extra good effort to sell them. Final numbers must be in by Mon 14th March.

London-Irish Festival: Mrs. M. Moroney gave a run-down on the approach to be made to the County Associations. Within the next two or three weeks, all the ideas which will be expected of the Associations will have become clear. The sample letter which is to go to County Devel. Officers is with the Sec. and can be collected ~~by~~ at the end of the meetings. Names & Addresses of Co. Devel. Officers are with the Vice Chairman. Fr. Cagney gave a short talk on the points which the Development Officers will cover and asked for a similar enthusiasm from the Co. Associations as has already been

shown by the Devel. Offices. Mr. O'Keeffe, Carlow. asked if the Buyers from larges stores will be invited and was informed that the point will be covered later. Mr. Murphy. Wexford asked would the Dancing Schools be marching in the Assoc. Parade. Fr. Cagney explained that it might be beneficial to have a limited number, representing all the different schools. The Sec. then read the sample letter.

The Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney presented the Report which showed that in the month of Jan. there were 95 calls for assistance. 83 were looking for accommodation and 77 got it — 19 were looking for work and 17 got it. There were 6 non-Irish. All hostels are going good. The Final Dev. Development figure for Medway St. is £721,000. The Irish Centre itself has just got final approval from Camden Borough Council and April 1st is the approx. date for commencement of demolition work. The memorandum to the Irish Government seems again to have fallen on deaf ears. Condensed forms of the memorandum will be available next week for any Assoc. wishing to have one.

St. Patricks Day Parade: Mr. G. O'Flynn went through the arrangements for the Parade on Sun. 13th There will be con. celebrated Mass in St. George's. The Gaelic League Choir will sing the Seán O'Riada Mass. A decade of the Rosary will be said at St. Patricks Chapel. The Sermon will be preached in Irish. Teas will be served after the Mass. Mr. Joe Farrell will provide six pipers to lead the Parade. There will be no County Banners on Parade. St. Patricks Banner will be the only one to be paraded.

Any Other Business: Mr. G. O Flynn enquired if there was any further information on the "Duty-Free" business and the Chairman said there was no further information Mr. Martin Moroney apologised for giving incorrect information at the ~~last~~ previous meeting regarding the price of Bacon & Cabbage Suppers. He said the price is £2.50 including V.A.T. but the I.C. are still investigating the matter.

Mr. John McCann objected to the very steep rise in corkage charges and was advised to write to the Admin. committee on the matter.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman.

15th March 77.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 15th March 77.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Owen O'Neill and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. J. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Tess Mooney.

In correspondence there was a Bill of £25 for advertising the St. Patricks day Parade.

The Treasurer's Report showed a credit Balance of £660 - 46. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. T. Mooney, seconded by Mrs. B. Black

On the Darts Competition, Mr. W. Cooper Reported that they now have the score cards and the competition is running well. In the Quiz, there are still about 3 or four matches of the First Round to be played.

Annual Dinner: The Treasurer Reported that the final figure stood at 366. The Sec. Read the Guest List which numbered 21. The Chairman asked all Assocs. to be punctual.

London Irish Festival: The Chairman Reported that there is to be a meeting on the Grounds with the Brent Council officials on 18th March. He emphasised the neceessity of Stewarding and especially in the Car. park. On the music side, great progress is being made - Big Tom has promised to come and there are also some other stars in the pipe-line. The Breweries were interested and eager to help. Some questions were asked on the type of stalls to be provided. The Chairman said that the size would be about 9' x 9' and he hoped it might be possible to hire a 'Quick-form'

type of scaffolding for this purpose.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney Reported that all hostels are going good. The new premises at Medway St. is in a bad state of Repair and is awaiting developments. He said that there were signs that emigration might again be on the increase. There are now two new sisters in the Welfare office. He gave a Break-down of the Bacon & Cabbage Dinner prices, saying that the price of £2.50 includes 20p V.A.T. and the Centre profit is 15p. per Dinner. He recommends that Assocs. Register for V.A.T. and then Recover the 20p VAT. He said the Centre is looking for a Replacement Cook and asked if any Association had any Contacts. He said that the I.C. Club were Running a series of B. & C. dinners to help the Building Fund and ~~the~~ asked that they be supported.

St. Patricks Day Parade: The Chairman thanked all who took part. He thanked Mr. Joe Farrell for supplying the Pipers. He thanked the Priests for the excellent service and the Cardinal for addressing the Parade.

Any other Business: The Chairman said he wanted to help the organisation 'War on Want'. He had 100 tickets for a function they are holding in the Gresham and asked Assocs to take them.

The Dublin Assoc. announced they are forming a Squash Club and asked anyone interested to contact them.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman 19-4-77

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 19th Apr. 1977.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mrs. Kitty O'Donovan.

Apologies for absence were received from the Treasurer

In the Quiz Competition, the three outstanding matches in the first Round were given a week to get them played off. In the Darts, Mr. W. Cooper hoped to have all the fixtures played off by next meeting.

The Annual Dinner: Mr. Phil O'Keeffe paid a vote of thanks to the organising committee of the Annual Dinner. There was some criticism of the Band. The Chairman announced that we have been offered Barkers for 1978. Mr. S. Tooy asked 'Why change'. The Chairman replied that in 1978, St. Patricks Day will be on Fri and we would hope to have a bigger crowd. We could not cope with a bigger crowd at The Empire Rooms.

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to the delegates from the newly-formed Antrim Assoc. He asked all Associations to support their first function - a Bacon & Cabbage Supper on Thurs. 12th May.

London-Irish Festival: Mr. M. Mooney gave a report saying that he was making enquiries into the prices of the Assoc. Stalls. He is making contact with Mills about the quick-fit type of scaffolding.

He thanked all Assocs. for their great support of the Irish Centre Charity Walk on Sun 17th Apr.

The Chairman expressed the hope that by next meeting all Assocs. would be clear on what they were doing on their stalls for the Festival. He also asked if Assocs. could put on their individual Half-Sets of eight dancers. Fr Ryan was working hard on the advertising and asked if anyone had any contacts in the Printing business. The Armagh delegate asked about Childrens' amusements and the Chairman informed them that there is a Play-ground in the Park. There will also be Lunch & Judy & a Conjurer.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Ryan said that the Annual Report is just published and shows that 2,312 people were dealt with last year. One of the main problems now is accommodation and help on this point would be appreciated. Illiteracy is also fast becoming a problem. Fr. Ryan also announced that a Requiem Mass for the late Cardinal Conway will be arranged in Westminster Cathedral in the near future.

The Chairman announced that he had a brief meeting with Mr. P. Keegan regarding the Council's application for Recognition as a Charitable organisation. He suggests a sub-committee to look into our Constitution and make recommendations from this point of view - Trustees need appointing and some other points need bringing up-to-date. There was unanimous agreement to go ahead on a Revision of the Constitution.

The first draw for the B & I. prizes on the new membership cards takes place in Apr. Assocs. must send in new names by Oct. Mr. G. O'Flynn asked would the money donated for the Band on St. Patricks Day Parade be given to Mr. Joe Farrell and the Gaelic League. There were many objections to this idea, but no final decision.

A General meeting of the old Committee of the St. Patrick's Day Parade is to be held on 25th May. The meeting adjourned at 10.45 as a mark of respect to the late Cardinal Conway.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman 17-5-77

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 17-5-77.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. M. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Jim Murphy.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Don Marron who was ill and from Mrs. Una Cooper – Her taxi was involved in an accident.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he ~~was~~ attended the inaugral meeting recently of the Tyrone Association. This announcement was warmly applauded as it represents the formation of the last of the 32 Co. Associations.

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, there was no financial Report.

Quiz Competition: The Sec. read out the present state of the Competition. All Counties were urged to get their matches played off as soon as possible. Mayo and Limerick decided to give w.o to their opponents.

Annual Dinner: All Associations were urged to clear up their ticket accounts and some came forward to do so.

London Irish Festival: Mr. Martin Mooney gave an outline of what the Co. Assoc. stalls will look like. He explained that the whole unit will consist of a Lean-too Tent, sub-divided into units of 10' x 15'. He emphasised that the Co. Assocs. must now declare intentions for the use of these stalls.

The contractors who have so kindly offered to erect stages wish to know the Requirements for wood. Mrs. Joe Farrell will have two Pipe Bands and Mrs. Agnes O'Connell will have her Girls Band.

The agent for Ice-Cream has offered 22% of gross profits and the agent for the Bars 12½% of gross. Mrs. Clive Fogarty is doing the Roll-Ball Competition and also the Balloon Race.

Fr. Cagney gave a Lundown of the Festival Budget which showed an estimated cost of around £7,000. The price of admission is £1. Accompanied children to be free

Fr. Cagney also presented the Irish Centre Report saying that during the past month there were 98 callers at the Welfare Office. He also informed the meeting the Fr. Pat Carolan is being transferred from Hope House to parish work in Bristol. A Requiem Mass for the late Cardinal Conway will be sung in Westminster Cathedral on Wed 18th May at 6pm. At this point, the Chairman paid a warm tribute to the great work done by Fr. Carolan since his arrival on the London scene. Mrs. G. O'Flynn suggested we make a paesentation to him. This was Unanimously agreed and Mr. Brian Mullen proposed we leave the matter to the Exec.

A.O.B. The Chairman asked that Requests for Sat. night dates for 1978 be in by next meeting.. The Waterford Festival is announced for 29th May. Fr. Sheridans Birmingham Festival 19th June. The Cavan Assoc. are Running coaches. Mrs. G. O'Flynn queried the supply of Federation membership Cards. The Chairman promised to raise it a Fed. Congress. That concluded the Business of the meeting. Closed 10.15pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman 21-6-77

Minutes of the meeting of the ~~meeting~~ Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 21-6-71.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy seconded by Mr. John O'Keeffe.

In matters arising, the Chairman informed Mr. Gerry O'Flynn that there was no further information on the ~~Federation~~ B & I membership Cards as there was no Representative at the Federation Congress. The matter will be taken up directly with B & I.

There was no Treasurer's Report due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Darts Competition: The Semi-finals of the Darts league is fixed for June 27th. The teams involved are Galway v Wexford B. and Irish Centre v Wexford A. and the Final is arranged for Mon. July 4th. Mr. Jim Murphy congratulated the Dart Committee for their work during the year.

Quiz Competition: The Sec. read out the list at it stands at the moment and all Assocs. were urged to get on with this Competition.

London Irish Festival: Mrs. E. Sheridan said there was a fair commitment from Associations on the question of Stewards. But he made an appeal for an all out effort and for a sense of Responsibility from Stewards. He asked that they stay on until 8 pm to supervise and help with cleaning up the Park. He main message for the meeting was, be punctual.

Chr. Ch. Mooney appealed for Commitment from Associations regarding the Stalls. He urged everyone to get their detaild planning done now and not to leave it to the last moment.
He said the stages were being done by the following firms: Messrs. Mc Inerney, J. Murphy, Mr. J. Clancy, Whelan, J. McCann, J. Canny.
He also appealed for help in giving out hand-Bills at Churches.

Fr. Cagney in his Report on the Festival said the Catering Tent will be run by Noreen of the V.C. The food will be salads, Sandwiches and Hot-dogs. The Bars will be run by Mr. Tony McCabe.
The question of Insurance is not yet finalised but cover will be provided from 9 Am Sat. to 9.30 pm Sun. The miniature Railway will be working for children at 4p a ride. The erection of marquees will commence on Thurs. He also appealed for help in clearing up the park afterwards

Fr. Ryan spoke on the Programme and Field Events. The Programme is of 28 pages and all the advertising space is taken. The Hurling & Football games are organised and also the Bowling 11 versus Irish Chaplins. The Athletics will be put on by N.A.C.A. There will also be a Miniature Air Display, Tug-o-war and Push Ball competitions.

Chr. Don Charron reporting said that in addition to Big Tom and Dana, there will be Larry Cunningham Maurice Lynch and Colette. There is a full programme available up to 2.30 pm

The Chairman said there will be a continuous programme of Irish Dancing and Music on the Low-level stages. Everything stops for the Parade which takes place at 3 pm - assembly 2.30

at Gate B. Regarding the bounty Stalls, he said that Assocs can go there on Sat. to prepare them. He said this will be the most ambitious programme ever put on with something in the Region of 2,000 people taking part. Success depends on the Backing of the Associations.

On a show of hands, it was agreed that the 13 Assocs putting on a Trade Displays should be grouped together. This point was clarified by Mr. M. Mooney putting it as a ~~motion~~ proposition to the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. J. Murphy and carried. Mr. Mooney also suggested that only one Raffle should be allowed and that should be the Irish Centre Car Raffle. The Chairman said that Luton had been looking for permission to Run their own Raffle. After a short discussion, it was decided that no Raffles would be allowed except the I.C. Car Raffle which would be done at a fixed point.

On the question of passes, Mr. E. Sheridan emphasised that they will be given out strictly according to the number of Assoc. members who will be working. Mr. G. Ó Flynn said that the Galway stewards will pay ~~their~~ way. It was regretted that it is now too late to get the A.A to do road-signs - they need 6 weeks notice. Mr. Matt Moore suggested getting hand Bills into Hotels & Clubs. Limerick and Wexford Assocs. are having the Festival advertised in their Church news-letters. Mr. M. Mooney read out the list of Churches for members to distribute Hand-Bills.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10-45 pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman 19th July 77

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 19-7-77.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Mooney.

The Treasurer's Report showed a Credit Balance of £1905-56p. An estimated £250 is still outstanding from the Annual Dinner. The Repost was adopted on the proposition of Miss Una Walsh seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

Darts Competition: Mr. Bill Cooper, commenting on the competition praised Galway as very worthy winners. The Competition was very successful and he said the trophies would be presented in the near future. He suggested that Captains should register players and pay entry fees about 2 weeks before playing. The Chairman praised Both Galway & Wexford for a very sporting final.

In the Quiz competition, it was hoped that all second Round matches would be played by Sept.

London Irish Festival: Mr. Jim Murphy congratulated the Committee on an outstanding show. He said it was the largest Irish gathering for many years. One small criticism was sign-posting in the park. Some of the profits should be held back for next year. Mr. E. Sheridan thanked the stewards who did turn up. But there were too many Associations who did not send stewards and a lot of money was lost because of lack of stewards on the perimeter of the park

Mr. M. Mooney said it was a wonderful

day. There were some mistakes, he said. But not all on our side. The positioning of marquees was not too good. But he congratulated everyone who worked so very hard. We have done it right at last. Next year can only be better.

Mr. Dan Marron said everything went off very well as far as he was concerned. He got great co-operation from all the Groups and artists and thanked all who helped. He was sorry to see that some Assocs. could not give their support to the Festival and remarked that they only would be the losers.

F. Ryan speaking of the Programme thanked all the advertisers. Contructive criticism would be welcome for next year. He spoke on the games and shows - difficulties with changing Rooms. Stewarding on the gates must be kept Right up to the end. He said that Beer Tents and Toilets were needed in the playing fields.

Mr. W. Reilly asked that a full Balance Sheet be published.

Mr. J. Keating said that comments in the Brent Council meeting were very favourable.

Other suggestions were that the stages should be Roped off. Each stage should have its own M.C.

The Chairman spoke of the Responsibility of Assocs. He said we all can justly feel proud of ourselves because of Roundwood. He hoped next year would even be better.

Mr. S. Troy said that the decision by Westmeath not to take part was a committee decision. He felt they were entitled to make that decision just as Monaghan were entitled to dis-associate from the Ambassadors function last year.

Mr. Don Marrow replying, said that Associations who did not run a stall lost a lot. It would be a bad show if an Assoc. could not, at least, get a lot of new members. Assocs are almost under an obligation to help the Festival along.

Mr. M. Mooney made the point that there were about twice as many children as adults i.e. 17,000 plus 34,000. He apologised to Tipperary Assoc. for giving away their stall.

The Draw for Sat. nights in the first Half of 1978 was then held. Mr. Mooney said that in future a deposit of £20 will be required for a booking. The manager will be writing to all Secretaries in this connection. The draw for 2nd Half of 1978 will take place at the Oct. meeting.

Any Other Business: The Chairman announced that the B & I Draw for the 1st Half of 1977 has taken place. 2 prizes to Liverpool I.C. 2 to Watford and 2 to C.I.C.A. Tipperary and Kilkenny Assocs. B & I are checking the Galway Lists. New membership lists are to be in by Oct.

The Secretary is writing to the Irish Minister for Education re University places as Reported in the Irish Post.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman

20-9-77.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 20-9-77.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Owen O'Neill and members were present as recorded in the list of Attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. ~~J. Murphy~~ B. Mullen seconded by Mrs. Tess Mooney.

Due to illness, the Treasurer was not present to give a Report.

The Chairman announced that he has not been able to contact the 2 winners of the B + I prizes, so they will be Returned to B + I.

Quiz and Darts Competitions: 25th Oct is the date agreed for the Individual Quiz. Latest date for entries is 18th Oct. There is to be a friendly Replay of this years Darts Final between Galway and Wexford on Sept. 26th when the trophies will be presented. Score cards and Registration Forms are being printed for next season and it is imperative that they are signed correctly. There is to be a general meeting for Darts on Thurs. 6th Oct. and each Assoc. may send two Reps. The Chairman has received an entry Form from the News of the World Darts Competition and took a list of interested Counties.

London Irish Festival: The Chairman said that there is still a long list of Assocs who have not indicated what their returns are from their stalls. This money should be paid in immediately as ~~it~~ the Financial Report on the Festival has to be published shortly. Mr. J. Murphy suggested that all County Assocs. should be

represented on the Festival Committee. But the C'man spoke of the many difficulties of working with such a large committee. Fr. Cagney spoke on the overcharging on the prices of beer and asked if anyone who was overcharged would come forward

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney reported that in August there were 125 interviews - 68 male and 37 female and 6 Repatriations. He asked for continued prayers for St. Thecla who is seriously ill. A new social worker is soon to be appointed Fr. Dunne is the new man appointed at Hope house in place of Fr. Carolan. The new Girls Hostel in Medway St. is coming along well, but Reconstruction work may not start until Spring '78. In the case of the Irish Centre itself, J. Murphy + Sons should be starting on the Re-Development in Oct. He apologised for the quality of meals just Recently due to the many difficulties in the Kitchens. Prices are being studied. He appealed for greater co-operation between the Assocs and the Irish Centre saying that there is no point in cancellation on the week of a function. Mrs. Noreen Hannon is now appointed Catering manageress and will be in attendance on Mon, Wed, Fri + Sat. The Chairman said that a meeting between the Irish Centre Exec. and the C.I.C.A Exec. will take place shortly and he urged Assocs. to send in written, constructive criticisms. Mr. Kevin Nugent queried why there are no extensions to the licensing hours granted at the Centre. Fr. Cagney Replied that all applications, which must be in writing, are usually dealt with.

Annual Dinner '78: The Chairman asked for all money from last years Dinner to be paid in immediately. The proposed Guest List was read, and it was agreed that the names of Big Tom and Larry Cunningham should be added. The Jay Birds Band is Booked.

St. Patricks Day Parade: Mr. B. Mullen proposed and Mr. Hugh McCormack seconded the proposition that the Council take over the Running of the St. Patricks Day Parade. This was unanimously agreed to. Mrs. G. O'Flynn & Mr. T. Back to be the organisers. It was agreed to pay £25 to both Mr. Joe Farrells Pipe Band and the Gaelic League Choir for the '77 Parade. An invitation to Cardinal Hume to attend the '78 Parade to be sent soon.

A.O.B. Miss Mary Kenny thanked all who supported the Buffet held recently in aid of the Irish Centre Building Fund. All joined in wishing a speedy recovery to Mrs. Michael Brown.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.20 pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

18-10-77.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 18th Oct 77.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the list of Attendances.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. S. Toy, seconded by Mr. H. McCormack.

There being no matters arising, Chairman asked all to join in wishing a speedy Recovery to Mrs. Mooney

The Treasurer's Report showed a credit Balance of £111-23. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy, Seconded by Mr. M. Gills.

Quiz & Darts: Entries were taken for the Individual Quiz. In Darts the Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Ed. Cunningham of Wexford would Represent the Council in the News of the World competition. Mr. T. Scully went through the rules governing our competition for '77-'78.— as follows:

1. Scoring same as last year — legs to count.
2. Fee £6.
3. Assocs. taking part to phone T. Scully by 24th Oct.
4. Every player must sign a Registration Form.
5. Signed Registration Forms and fee to be Returned by Oct 31st.
6. Matches start on 7th Nov.
7. Result cards to be Returned by the winning team within 7 days. Failure means an automatic loss of one point.
8. No Super League players - no non-Registered players may take part.

Entries were promised by the following Assocs. Clare, Wexford 2, Galway, Westmeath, Kerry

Louth, Sligo, Roscommon, Irish Centre, Dublin, Limerick and Waterford. A shield is to be given to the winners of each group.

London Irish Festival. In a review of County Assoc. Returns, it was learned that Roscommon and Waterford Assocs would not be making any contribution. Oct 25th was the latest date fixed for paying in.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney in presenting the Report said that in Sept. there were 159 interviews - 79 male and 46 female - 9 Requests for Repatriation - 15 non-Irish. Hope House is going well and is full all the time. Work should start on the new Hostel in Medway St about April and on the Irish Centre Re-development by Christmas. Mr. G. O'Flynn has been appointed liaison officer between the Irish Centre Executive Committee and the Council. He asked for continued prayers for Sr. Thecla, who is still seriously ill. He announced that Fr. Butler is the new addition to the staff at the Irish Centre. On Fri. 11th Nov. there is a B & C. supper in aid of the Building Fund.

Annual Dinner '78: The Chairman said tickets are priced at £6. Dancing goes on to 2 am. and Mr. Joe Farrell will pipe in the guests.

The draw for the Second Half of '78 Sat. nights took place after the decision was made to give those Assocs. who had not got one in the first Half, priority

Fri. 25th Nov: Tea and Sandwiches will be supplied at this Dance. Music by Teresa Duffy and New Group.

B.O.B: The Chairman Reminded all Assocs. to have their menu lists in by Sat. 22nd Oct - for B & I Draw.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed [illegible] Chairman 15-11-77.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on 15th Nov. 77

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Owen O'Neill and members were present as Recorded in the Attendance Register.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. J. O'Keeffe, seconded by Mrs. J. Murphy.

In correspondence there was a ~~letter~~ reply from the Irish Ministry for Education to our letter about University places in Ireland for the children of Irish Parents in Britain. General dis. satisfaction was expressed ~~with~~ with this Reply and it was decided to pass the matter on to the Federation.

The Treasurers Report showed a credit Bal. of £186-93. The Report was adopted on the Proposition of Mrs. T. Mangan, seconded by Mrs. Kevin Mugent.

Quiz Competition. The names of teams in the 3rd Round were called and all were urged to get their games played off.

At this point the C'man congrats Mrs. Green, Fermanagh on winning Indiv.

Darts competition; Dis. satisfaction was expressed with the Rules as they stand at the moment and many opinions were voiced on the matter. Some teams withdrew from the competition.

London Irish Festival: The Chairman reminded Assocs. that the time for paying in their contributions was now up. The Festival Books will now be closed for Audit. The Offaly Reps. asked why they were not allowed to carry their Green, White & Gold Banner at the Parade. The Chairman promised to look into the matter.

There was no Reps. from the Irish Centre at the meeting, so no Irish Centre Report. But the C'man gave a Resumé of the meeting held between the I.C. Exec. and our own Exec. The main point of interest was that the price charged for Bacon and Cabbage Dinners is to be Re-assessed. The numbers for our Nov. 25th date at the I.C. are to be in early on the Wed. previous.

A.O.B. The Chairman gave details of a Mrs. [redacted] whose husband dis.appeared some 9 months ago and turned up in a mental Hospital in Mullingar. She is trying to go back to Ireland, but cannot afford to take her furniture. Many Assocs. came forward with donations of £10 each and Mr. E. Spillane of Tyrone offered to supply a Lorry and Driver provided the Boat-fare is paid. The Chairman thanked everyone for the very generous Response and will convey the offer to the right quarters.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.00pm.

Signed Owen O'Neill Chairman

20.12.77.

Minutes of the Open Meeting dealing with the London Irish Festival Financial Report. 20th Dec. 1977.

The Chairman in opening the meeting had a very warm welcome for everyone. The Report was unanimously taken as read. But the Treas. went through them in detail and one delegate asked for details of the Franchise payments. The one in question was the Returns from the Bar tents which looked very low. The Chairman explained that this matter was in the hands of solicitors and so, could not be discussed further. The Chairman announced that we must allocate a sum of £1500 towards V.A.T. The explanations given by Mr. G. McCormack satisfied all questions.
Mr. G. O'Flynn asked how the proceeds are to be divided and was told it would be a straight divide by 2. The Chairman said that the Council Exec. had decided to make a low interest loan of part of its share to the Irish Centre - the sum of £600 to be donated to the South London Assoc. for their help. - and a sum of £500 to the Federation of Irish Societies to help start a Welfare Fund.
Mr. M. Mooney proposed that the money given to the Centre should be a direct donation. Mr. T. Mangan seconded this. The Chairman spoke of the danger of creating precedents and hoped that the day would come when the Irish Centre would be ~~sufficiently~~ self-sufficient and could Repay the loan. Mr. Hubert Lyons made the point that Welfare Bodies like the I.C. are never self-sufficient.
Fr Lagney hoped that, even if the money were halved, he would prefer a direct donation. Mrs Mawson made a plea for the Council Welfare Fund. Put all our money in there and increase the Benefits.

At present there are £3,427 in the Fund.
The Chairman ruled that the decision would be left over to the Jan. meeting. He then thanked the committee for their very hard work :- Mr. Dan Moran for the Showbands, Mr. T. Wade for the accounting, Mrs. M. Mooney for the grounds, Mr. G. Sheridan for the stewarding, Fr. Cagney for his work with Brent Council, Mr. Joe Farrell for organising the dancing, Mrs Una Cooper for her work on the Stalls, Fr. Ryan for all the Programme work, Mrs. Enid Moran for all her Secretarial work and lastly the Stewards and the County Assocs. He expressed the hope that next year we will double the output.

The meeting then Reverted to Private Council meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Mary Murphy, seconded by Mr. T. Beckett.

Arising from the minutes, the Chairman explained that the case of Mrs. Moran has now changed. She is not returning to Ireland. £75 of the donations have been paid over. And he asked if Assocs who contributed would take back £5 each. Mr. T. Mangan proposed we give her all we got. This was seconded by Mr. G. O'Flynn and agreed. Many more contributions were Received.

The Treasurers Report showed a credit Balance of £220-08. This Report adopted on the proposition of M. McCormack seconded by Mr. M. Sills

Bord Failte Sponsorship: Mr. Donie Egan pointed out that the time allowed for this scheme is too short. Mrs. P. Gorman agreed and asked for an extension as it will have to go before an Assoc. committee. The Chairman suggests that each Assoc. ring Mrs. Doyle Mulrooney and make their own arrangements.

In the Quiz Competition, Galway have given a w/o to Clare. The names of others in the 3rd Round called. Fermanagh v Kerry arranging to night.

Due to some misunderstandings and Resignation, the Darts league is not yet functioning as it should.

I.C. Report: Fr. Cagney in presenting the Report said that in Oct 85 cases were recorded and in Nov. 82. The Medway St. premises are now finally purchased. It is hoped to start Re-conversion work at Easter, and the I.C. development work to start on Jan 9th. He said that the Recent Foundation-Stone laying ceremony marked the launching of an appeal to which Radio, TV and general Business Bodies were invited. He was, therefore, sorry to hear that some County Assocs. were disappointed at not being invited.

A.O.B. Mrs. Tess Moroney thanked all who sent cards and flowers during her Recent illness. The Chairman called for prayers and good wishes for a speedy Recovery to Mr Jim Murphy who is ill in Hospital.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 11pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman.

17-1-78

Minutes of the 22nd A.G.M. of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre, Camden Sq. on 6th Feb. 1977.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and delegates were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance. Mr. O'Neill welcomed the very large attendance and singled out especially Mr. T. Feehan and Mr. Richard O'Brien, First Sec. Irish Embassy. He urged all delegates to be constructive in their ideas and to put their points over concisely so that the business of the meeting may proceed in a smooth and orderly fashion.

Standing Orders were taken as read. Their adoption was proposed by Mr. Brian Mullen, seconded by Mrs. W. Cooper.

The Appointment of Tellers was next on the Agenda and Mr. Richard O'Brien, Mrs. McGorley and Mrs. Fennell were proposed and seconded.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Mary Murphy, seconded by Mr. Eugene Byrne.

There being no matters arising and no correspondence to deal with, the Secretary's Report was read. This was adopted on the proposition of Mr. S. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Tom Mangan

The Treasurer's Report showing a credit Balance of £713.17 was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Hugh McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hugh Milnoe

The Welfare Fund Report was presented by Mr. J. Long. It showed a credit Balance of £3,977.61. The Report was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Jim Curran, seconded by Mr. Joe Davis. Mr. Long being the

retiring Trustee this year, the Chairman expressed his own and the Councils gratitude to him for his efforts for the Fund over the past three years.

The Chairman, in his address, thanked the various people and firms who helped during the year. He thanked his fellow officers for their full co-operation during a very busy year. He thanked the various sub-committees - the Darts, the Quiz, the Welfare committee, the St. Patricks Parade Committee. He also thanked the Irish Embassy for their help, advice + co-operation. He also expressed his thanks to the Irish Centre for many favours during the year He also thanked the Press for their publicity during the year. He thanked the firms who gave prizes and trophies to our various competitions during the year. Finally, he thanked the County Associations without whose help the Council could not exist

For the coming year he urged all Assocs to capitalise on their present popularity and make a special effort to encourage youth. He again thanked everyone for help in the past year and looked forward to an even better year ahead.

Mr. Padhg Feehan in a short address expressed his pleasure in attending our 24th A.G.M. He conveyed the good wishes of the Retiring Ambassador Dr. Donal O'Sullivan and expressed his own admiration for the accomplishments of the Council in the past 12 months. Mr. Richard O'Brien expressed his own and the Embassy's thanks for the help and co-operation of Associations during the year. He endorsed the Chairmans encouragement to youth and wished the Council every success in the coming year

The Election of Officers went as follows:

Chairman: One nomination: Mr. Owen O'Neill elected unopposed. He expressed his thanks to all who nominated him. He looked forward to a busy and successful year ahead and expressed the hope that at next A.G.M there would be many nominations for all positions.

Vice/Chairman: Three nominations: Mr. Don Marron Mr. Seamus Troy and Mr. Tom Mangan. On a vote, Mr Don Marron was elected with 56 votes. Mr. Troy 43, Mr. Mangan 9

Secretary: One nomination - Mr. Tommy Back elected unopposed

Treasurer: Three nominations - Mrs. Una Cooper, Miss Rita Harty and Mr. E. Sheridan. Miss Harty and Mr. Sheridan withdrew leaving Mrs. Cooper elected unopposed.

Asst. Sec. Two nominations Mr. Seamus Keating and Mr. Michael McCann. Mr. McCann withdrew leaving Mr. Keating unopposed

At this point Mr. M. Moroney gave a short talk on the London Irish Festival as it affects the County Associations. The first point covered was the Grand Parade. He asked the Assocs to parade in their colours. The second point was the Assoc. Stalls. These will be for display of goods from Ireland in association with the Co. Development Officers. They will also be an opportunity to meet potential new members from the Home county. He appealed to everyone to use the car. park. The Police, he said, will be very strict about street parking. And, in emphasising the

enormity of the task, he appealed for help from everybody in every possible way.

Fr. Ryan then gave a short talk on the Irish Centre Welfare Work. During '76, he said, there was an increase in the amount of work done. 2408 people were seen. There were the usual problems of immigrants - jobs and accommodation. Last year the corresponding number was 2,356. The new Hostel in Medway St catered for about 80 girls during the summer but is due for major Re-development during the year. In the Centre itself there was a drop of about 7% ~~and~~ mostly because of a drop in emigration. This drop was very welcome because of the difficulty in getting accommodation. He thanked all who offer both jobs and accommodation. He then dealt with the proposed Re-development of the Centre. The plans will soon be ready for approval. They then go for tender, after which work will commence. He praised Fr. Cagney and all those who work behind the scenes. They do a tremendous amount of work, he said.

The Election of the Seven members Executive Committee was then carried out and, from the 8 proposed, the following seven were elected: Mr. Dan Kelliher, Mr. John O'Keeffe, Mr. Hugh McCormack, Mr. Tom O'Reilly, Mr. Jim Curran, Mrs. Tess Moroney and Mrs. Bridie Shaw.

Representatives to the Federation of Irish Societies Mr. Owen O'Neill and Mr. Seamus Keating

The new Trustee elected for the Welfare Fund was Mr. Gerry O'Flynn

Motions:

1. That steps be taken to Register the Council as a Charitable Organisation — Put forward by the Exec. Committee. It was passed unanimously on the proposition of Mr. Brian Mullen, seconded by Mrs. Tess Mooney.
2. That affiliation fees be increased to £5 per annum — Put forward by the Exec. Committee. Passed on a show of hands on the proposition of Mr. G. O'Flynn, seconded by Mr. J. Keating.
3. That members of the Executive hold office for a limited period — Put forward by Westmeath. In moving this motion, Mr. P. J. Caffrey added that the maximum period should be three years. It was carried on a show of hands.
4. In view of the increasing volume of work in connection with the London Irish Festival and other developments, we feel it is necessary to have a professional person to Run Specific projects on behalf of the Council. — Put forward by Leitrim. Mr. E. Sheridan moved this motion and it was carried, on a show of hands.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Mr. G. O'Flynn gave details of the arrangements for the Parade which takes place on Sun. March 13th. ~~The~~ All the relevant formalities are complete. The Gaelic League Choir will sing the Seán O'Riada Mass in St. George's at 3.45. The one disappointment, he said, was the Band. Mrs. Agnes O'Connell would want £125 and

the committee did not have that sort of money. Mr. John McCann suggested we have Agnes O'Connell's Band. Longford Delegate proposed that each County contribute £5 towards the cost. Seconded by Mr. Dick Butler. Mr. O'Flynn will contact Mrs. O'Connell again. He added also that only the one Banner will be carried - The St. Patricks Banner.

Any Other Business: The Chairman announced that the first meeting of the Council will be put Back to 22nd Feb. so that we will have news of Brent Council's decision on our application for the use of Roundwood Park.

Mr. G. O'Flynn asked if there was any further news on the granting of 'Duty-Free' facilities. Mr. Jim Keating Replying said that his ~~most~~ Recent information from Dublin is that, as yet, nothing has been decided. But it is quite likely that the Irish Government might go it alone and grant the facility on Irish Planes & Boats. This is not yet confirmed, but when it is he will let us Know.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and in closing, the Chairman thanked all delegates for their patience, ~~and~~ attention and co-operation. Meeting closed 5.45 pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman

5th Feb. 1978

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 17th Jan. 1978

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The ~~meeting~~ minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. P. J. Gorman.

There was no correspondence to deal with and, due to illness, the Treasurer was not present to give a financial Report.

London - Irish Festival: Mr. G. Troy, in opening the discussion on the proposed £5000 loan to the Irish Centre, said this is an extremely important decision. The Centre's needs, he said, were never greater. But a donation of £3000 would be a more realistic proposition with say, £1000 retained for next years Festival. Mr. Pat Hegarty objected to giving any of our money to any other Welfare Funds saying that we did not get much help from anyone when trying to start our own. Mrs. E. Marron recalled the then Chairman saying at the foundation of our own Welfare Fund that our fund should go on to £10,000 and our Welfare could be financed from the interest. But now that we have it, we start giving it away. Mr. Don Marron said that, in explaining the objectives of the Festival to the Showbands, they accepted the idea and gave their services free on those conditions. But now we are altering our plans. He urged that we adhere to our original ideas. The Chairman explained that the South London Association and Hammersmith

Welfare Bureau have money coming to them, anyway. The Federation Fund, when organised, could benefit us all. Something in the region of £5,000 could be raised in the first year. Mr. P. O'Gorman suggested we await the result of discussion at A.G.M.

Mr. S. Lynch proposed that we give the £300 each to South London and Hammersmith Bureau.

Seconded by P. O'Gorman. All in favour.

Mr. J. Curran supported the Exec. decision on the three donations. We should help the Federation form a Welfare Fund, he said. It could go on to be the biggest fund in Britain. He then proposed we donate £500 towards the Federation Welfare Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Hugh McCormack. Defeated 17 - 15.

Mrs. E. Marron proposed we keep all our money.

Seconded by Mr. P. Hegarty.

The proposition to give £5000 loan to Irish Centre was lost on a show of hands.

The proposition to give a £3,000 donation to Centre carried on a show of Hands.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney Reported that during Dec. there were 70 callers presenting the usual problems. The Hostels are going well and are full practically all the time. The Medway St. Re-development scheme is still Running on schedule with a commencement date about Easter. The Irish Centre Re-Development started on 9th Jan, so we can expect some inconvenience in the months ahead.

St. Patrick's Parade: The Sec Reported that all the Relevant letters seeking permission have been sent. Mr. G. O'Flynn said that only the St. Patrick's Banner will be carried.

A.G.M. The Chairman announced the date Feb. 5th. Nominations close at this meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 21-2-78.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, welcomed everyone and expressed the hope that the coming year would continue the expansion and growth which the Council has shown over the past years. He expressed our deep sadness at the Recent death of our Life President Mr. Jim Conway. He was, for many years, connected with our Council, the G.A.A, the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee and in fact every worth-while Irish project. But he always Retained the common touch.

In correspondence there was a letter from the Irish Centre, Liverpool giving the Result of the latest B+I Draw. It showed two winners, one from Roscommon Assoc. and one from Westmeath Assoc. but is was Reported that neither are current members and so, are not entitled to their prizes.

In the Quiz, the Sec. Reported that the Semi-Final between Clare and Donegal is fixed for 1st March.

The London Irish Festival: The Chairman Reported that the Festival committee is holding its first meeting on Wed. 22nd Feb at which the election of officers will take place for 1978

The Annual Dinner: It was hoped that all ticket bookings could be confirmed for a ticket meeting on Fri. 10th March

St. Patricks Day Parade: The Sec. Reported that all the Relevant permissions have now

been granted and the Chairman said that, as agreed at the A.G.M, County Banners will be carried.

Irish Centre Report: F. Cagney Reported that there were 83 callers at the Welfare Office in ~~Feb~~. Jan. The Hostels continue to be fully occupied. Work on the Redevelopment of the Centre is now in full swing but at the moment is ~~is~~ of a slow technical nature strengthening the Railway tunnels.

A.O.B. The Cavan Assoc are having a Mass celebrated in the Irish Centre on 6th March for the Repose of the souls of Jim & Kathleen Conway.

It was agreed that a Council Mass for the same intentions would be offered at 8 pm before the next Council meeting on 21st March

Congratulations and best wishes were expressed to Mr & Mrs. Joe Davis on their Recent wedding.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed G O'Flynn Chairman

21-3-78.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 21-3-78

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O' Flynn and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Owen O'Neill, seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly

In correspondence, there was a notice from the Federation of their forthcoming Welfare Congress and Mr. O'Neill advised that all County Associations should be Represented at this very important meeting.

The Treasurers Report showed a credit Balance of £321-71.

In the Quiz Competition, it has not reached the Final Stage between Donegal and Cavan.

The Darts Competition: On the 20th March, Clare and Galways had a play-off. Some dis-satisfaction was expressed with the Rules Mrs. Mooney and Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested that the Darts Committee should get down to it and thrash out the Rules. It was suggested that the Chairman & Sec might join in with committee at this meeting.

Annual Dinner: It was agreed that the night was a great success. Barkers as usual lived up to their excellent Reputation. There was some criticisms of the Band. The Chairman urged all Associations to get their ticket money paid into the Treasurer as soon as possible

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney presented this Report and the main points are as follows: In Feb. there were 93 callers on

the Irish Centre Welfare facilities. The Centre Annual Report will soon be published. Fr. Ryan is temporarily looking after Hope House Sister Thecla is very ill and he asked that she be remembered in our prayers. The Centre are now looking for staff for both Medway St. and Hornsey Lane. On the Re-Development work – one tenant is proving rather difficult. Nine offers of alternative accommodation have been made and all Refused. Murphy's Drivers are now on strike and this makes a change in plans which means that from 5th June to the last week end of Sept. the Kennedy Hall will not be available. Fr. Cassidy of Kentish Town has offered alternative accommodation at his hall.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: All agreed that it went off quite nicely. The ~~Mass~~ service at the Cathedral was very good. The Chairman thought we should have had more marchers. The following expenses were agreed – £25 to the Gaelic League Choir and coach expenses for the Band.

London Irish Festival: Mr. M. Mooney Reported that the format will be the same as last year. He hoped the Association Stalls would go ahead again. Last year, all Assocs. paid in what they earned – some even lost money. Everyone is more aware of the problems this year – there will be better security on the perimeter of the park. Admission will be by ticket. Programmes will be on sale at 10p. Mr. John McCann suggested a free Raffle on the admission tickets.

The Result to be published in the Irish Post.
The North London Branch of Comaltas are looking after the Traditional Music this year.
Mr. S. Lynch is in charge of Bars and Catering said that there will be up to five Bars and negotiations are going on with a number of people who will Run these.

A.O.B. Considerable Regret was expressed on the Recent death of Michael Brown and it was agreed that Mass would be said at 8.15 pm before the April Council Meeting for the Repose of his Soul.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the family of the ex Irish President the late Cathal O'Dalaigh.

That Concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10. pm.

Signed G. T. Lyon Chairman

18th April '78.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre 18-4-78.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. O'Flynn and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Mary Murphy, seconded by Mr. R. Butler.

Arising from the minutes, the Chairman announced the death of Sister Flecla. Mass for the Repose of her soul will be offered before the May meeting.

In Correspondence the was notification of the Federation Annual Congress to be held at Gloucester on 13th May. Mr & Mrs. W. Cooper Kindly offered to Represent us at that A.G.M.

The Treasurer's Report showed a credit Balance of £1,644-71. There was a transfer to our Bank a/c of £239-10 from the now defunct St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. Mangan, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

The Sec. announced that the Quiz Final between Cavan & Donegal is arranged for Mon April 24th. The Draw for 1978-79 Competition took place. The following list of Quiz Masters was agreed: Mr. T. O'Reilly, Mr. Bob King, Mr. Joe Collins, Mrs. Green, Mr. T. Dack and Mr. Luke Kennedy. The first Round to be completed by end of July - 2nd Round by end of Sept.

London Irish Festival: Fr. Cagney Reported that our Tentage people of last year have had a fire and so are not able to supply us this year. He asked if anyone had any contacts in this line would contact him. The AA are erecting

Road signs this year. Mr. J. Murphy urged the publication of all Bus Routes and Railway Stations in the vicinity of Roundwood Park. Applications for the use of stalls must be sent in in writing. The use to which the stall will be put must be specified. Any trade stalls must be paid for.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney, in presenting the Report, said he had come to the conclusion that the Council and the Irish Centre were not very close together in the matter of Welfare. He asked for a Re-action from the meeting on whether he should continue presenting a monthly Report. On the Re-development, the present work gives the floors of the main hall and Kitchens etc. The second contract is to be discussed at a meeting on 19th Apr. He asked the question - What can the Council and Individual County Associations do for this Development. The main appeal at the moment, he said, is to people and firms who have made money from the Irish. He had this suggestion to County Assocs. - that one or two members of the Irish Centre Committee could attend a monthly meeting of each Assoc. to explain the Development and future use of the ~~Irish~~ Re-Developed Irish Centre. A lot of work of a practical nature could be done on this basis. The tenders for the work on Medway St. will go out soon. It is hoped this work will be completed by Easter '79. Hope House is Running well with Fr. Ryan temporarily in charge. On 20th and 21st Apr. there is to be a meeting with Reps. from the Irish Government. The A.G.M. of the Irish Centre takes place on Mon. 8th May. Each Assoc. is entitled to one vote Mr. T. Mangan suggests a Review of the

Constitution of the Irish Centre. He was Reminded that two weeks notice of such a motion is Required

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed G O Flynn Chairman 16-5-78.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 16th May 1978.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. McCormack seconded by Mrs. M. Sills.

In correspondence there were Handbills announcing the forthcoming South London Fete. The Chairman asked for full support for this very deserving cause.

The Treasurer's Report showing a credit Balance of £2.417-21 was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill.

The List of the Draw for the 1978-79 Quiz Competition were available for collection. It was hoped that the First Round could be completed by the end of July. The Chairman had great praise for Donegal who won the '77-'78 competition. In the Darts Competition, Galway won the Final over Wexford. It was generally agreed that the Rules governing Darts Competition need to be tidied up. In this connection, the following sub-committee was agreed - Mr. W. Cooper, Mr. M. Sills, Mr. P. Duffy, Mr. J. O'Keeffe.

London Irish Festival: Mr. R. Sheridan, speaking about Stewarding, emphasised the importance of this job. He said, he needed a firm commitment for six stewards from each Assoc. They must be hand-picked, reliable people and it must be realised that they are stewards for the whole day. Mr. J. Murphy enquired about the catering arrangements

for stewards. He said that last years arrangements were anything but desirable. The Armagh delegate suggested that each Assoc. look after their own stewards. After a short discussion, Mr. B. Cooper put forward the Armagh suggestion as a proposition. This was seconded by Mr. H. McCormack and agreed. Mr. Jim Curran proposed that the Festival apply to the G.L.C and the Arts Council for grants. Seconded by Mr. J. Murphy. Mr. Owen O'Neill disagreed, saying that by the time we had complied with all the small print, we would be sorry. Fr. Cagney speaking on the Assoc. stalls said there will be 35 in all. Each one costs £32-40. The general format will be the same as last year. Brent Council now seem to have confidence in us. There will be leading Hurling and Football Teams, a Ladies Soccer match, Marathon Race and some Childrens Races. There will be about seven Bands for the Parade. Stewards will be needed for the smooth Running of the Parade. Mr. Owen O'Neill proposed that the Tricolour should lead the Parade. This was seconded by Mr. T. Mangan and agreed. Mr. O'Neill also agreed to be Chief Steward for Parade. Other volunteer stewards were Mr. H. McCormack and Mr. J. Murphy. Mr. J. Murphy asked if Wexford Assoc. would be allowed to put up their own extra Stall. This was agreed - Mr. Owen O'Neill suggesting that they might build an acceptable Stall which would be an example for future years.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney presenting the Report said that in April there were 101 callers at the Centre. Hope House still He Regrets that in the months June, July, Aug. Sept it will be necessary to close the J.F. Kennedy Hall and the T.V. Bar for Repairs and work

continues to be full. It is hoped that the Renovation work at Medway St. will commence on Sept 1st. There is still no committment from the Irish Government about support for the I.C. Re-development. But, at least, they have not said 'no'. Mr. Jim Curran suggested that the Irish Centre should contact the E.E.C. But, Fr. Cagney explained that ~~it~~ such an application would have to go through our own Government. The Chairman agreed that the Irish Govt. seems to be letting the side down on this point. Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested, that we should not continue to support the Welfare cases coming from Ireland. Fr. Cagney suggests a letter from the Council stating the feelings of the meeting. This was agreed to. we inform the Irish Govt

A.O.B. The Chairman congratulated Mr. Owen O'Neill on his re-election as Vice Chairman of the Federation. Mrs. Una Cooper, who Represented the Council at the Federation A.G.M in Gloucester said it was a very pleasant meeting, very well catered for by the Gloucester Irish Society.

Mr. J. Murphy asked can the Council get any information from the Irish Govt. about the problems people experience in Returning to Ireland. Mr. S. Troy Replied that the individual County Development offices can supply quite a lot of information.

Mr. Sean Igoe informed the meeting the Fr. Cassidy has offered the use of his club during the Irish Centre closed period. Mr. Owen O'Neill suggests that we nominate someone for the Federation Youth Conference. That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.40 pm.

Signed [illegible] Chairman

20-6-78.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 20-6-78

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Jim Murphy seconded by Mr. W. Smythe.

There being no correspondence, the Treasurer's Report was next dealt with. It showed a credit Balance of £621-31. The Parade A/c also showed credit of £214-70. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Cooper seconded by Mr. Hugh McCormack.

In the Quiz Competition, it was hoped that the first Round could be completed by the end of July.

London Irish Festival: Mr. Sean Igoe, speaking on Stewarding, asked for five committed Stewards from each Assoc. This year there will be a Refreshment Tent for Stewards on the top of the hill. Stewards meetings are arranged as follows: Thurs. 22nd at the Irish Centre at 8.30pm and Sun 25th at Roundwood Park at 12.00 noon. Mr. Bonie Egan explained that Associations are divided into five groups, each with its own leader. On the question of Stewards, Mr. W. Reilly complained that some Bad Reflections were cast on the Louth Stewards of last year. There was unanimous disagreement on this interpretation and many voices were raised in disapproval. Mr. O'Reilly accepted the correction and said he would take the point back to his committee, hoping they would supply Stewards again this year.

Next there was a discussion on the selling and collecting of admission tickets. The Sec. explained that, this year, £1 and 50 p. admission tickets will be used. They will be supplied to each selling point in 1000 ticket Rolls. Satchels were the original idea for tickets sellers. But, later in the discussion, it was agreed to endeavour to provide Huts for the sellers. The caravan to be used at the main Gate.

All vehicles entering the Park must have an authentic vehicle Pass. All unused vehicles to be out of the Park by 12.0'c. Mrs. Bob. McNeill (Antrim) asked if a letter from Antrim Asso. requesting a Stall had been received. The Sec. Replied that he did not receive any letter. To this, Mrs. McNeill Replied that the Council seems to receive only the letters which they want to receive.

Mr. Owen O'Neill will take charge of the Parade. The Assocs. will be divided into five groups and it is urged that everyone be in position by 2.30pm. Each Assoc. will have six marchers plus two Banner carriers. Delegates were urged to take posters and Handbills and to make sure they were used to best advantage.

A.O.B. Mrs. Una Cooper asked for prayers for Mrs. Noel Whelan of the Dublin Assoc. who is to have open-heart surgery soon.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed [illegible] Chairman

Council meeting on Tue July 18th 1978 at the Irish Centre.

~~The Chairman~~. After Mass celebrated for the Repose of the soul of Mrs. Tess Mooney, the Chairman addressed the delegates and expressed the sympathy of the Council and members with the Bereaved family. All of us, he said, had lost a great friend. She was not only a strong supporter of the Clare Assoc but also a friend and adviser to all others.

With ~~this~~ this vote of sympathy was also coupled the family of the late Brian Mullen. Brian had been a Council member for many years, he said. Brian & Marie had worked long and hard for the Cavan Assoc. and the Council.

He also expressed the Sympathy of the Council with Mr. Tadhg Feehan on the death of his wife Joan. Tadhg was one of the founder member of the Council.

He also expressed sympathy with Paddy and Bridie Shaw on the death of Paddy's father. And with Mrs. Enid Marron on the death of her uncle. Also Mr. Noel Whelan

As a mark of Respect he proposed that the business of the Council meeting be adjourned for one week. All members stood in silence.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre 25-7-78.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. M. Gills, seconded by Mr. Tom Mangan.

In matters arising, Mrs. Enid Marron explained the position regarding the ~~Contract~~ Request for a Festival stall. She, as Festival Secretary, had received the letter and explained everything by phone to the Chairman. So there was no point in Raising the matter at the Council meeting.

In Correspondence, there was a thank you letter from the Gaelic League Choir for our Recent donation of £50. There was also some literature on the film 'The Silent Witness', a film about the Shroud of Turin.

The Treasurer's Report showed a Credit Balance of £635-31 and the Parade A/c Bal £214-70. The Treasurer explained that only 24 Assocs. have paid their affiliation fees. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. McCormack, seconded by Mr. T. McGuinness.

In the Quiz Competition, only one match has so far been played. It was hoped that, after the holidays, Assocs will get their matches played off. The Darts committee hope to have the Rules reviewed after the Holidays.

London Irish Festival: The Sec. read an interim Financial Report showing the

proceeds on the day worked out to £16,131-62
Mr. H. McCormack thanked the Committee and officials who worked so hard all the year.
The Chairman said that the Stewarding seemed to be the only big failure this year.
Mr. Sean Igoe again emphasised the Stewarding problem. He said that, early in the day, there were plenty of people and he hoped Assocs might have some ideas to pass on for next year.
Vehicles on the Park were also a problem.
Mr. Donie Egan said Assocs. did fairly well but if it had been a really good day we would have been completely stranded. We should prepare now for next year. Mr. S. Fray also spoke on the inadequacy of Stewarding on the Playing Fields. The main problem there was caused by the locked gate. He added that Stewarding seems to be a recurring problem and it is always the same dedicated few who turn up at meetings. Mr. Peter Dunne suggested that perhaps the Chairman or Sec of an Assoc. should be allowed to supervise their own Stewards. Mr. Igoe then thanked all Stewards. He appealed for co-operation for next year and hopes to have a meeting by Oct. The Chairman thanked Mr. Roger Donegan for supplying staff for selling tickets.
Mr. Jim Murphy apologised for the Wexford extra stall. The man to erect it did not turn up.
Mr. S. Fray appealed for all outstanding monies to be paid in.

Irish Centre Report. In June there were 147 clients with the usual problems - accommodation work money and marital problems.

There were three Re-patriations and 6 non-Irish Hope House and Hornsey Hostels continue full

A.O.B. Mrs. B. Lynch proposed that officers Representing the Council outside of London should have their expenses paid. Seconded by H. McCormack This matter arose out of the fact that the Chairman Represented the Council at funerals in Ireland Recently. The Chairman Replied that he had no wish to claim expenses as he was also in Ireland on business at the same time. The Treasurer also agreed that expenses should be paid. Mrs. Lynch added that it should be automatic. The Chairman suggested leaving the matter for and Executive decision. This was agreed to. The Chairman gave notice of a vacancy on the Exec. caused by the death of Mrs. J. Moroney. Work on the Kennedy Hall is up to schedule and it should be back in operation by mid-Oct. Mrs. Martin Moroney thanked everyone for the massive vote of sympathy, Mass Cards and the attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Moroney.

The Chairman announced the next meeting for Sept 19th. He hoped everyone would enjoy the Summer Break and have a pleasant Holiday.

Signed Chairman B. J. Lynn

19th Sept. 78.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre 19-9-78.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and delegates were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Jim Murphy, seconded by Mr. J. McGuinness. In matters arising, Mr. W. Cooper asked why the Dublin Assoc. were not notified of the Masses for Mrs. Moroney and Mrs. Rock Whelan. The Chairman explained that, because of the short time interval, no individual notices were sent out.

The Chairman asked that item no. 7. on the Agenda be considered next. That was the election of an Exec. member in the place of the late Mrs. Moroney. Nominations from the floor were received for Mrs. Enid Marren (Monaghan) and Mr. Wally Smythe (Waterford) On a secret Ballot, Mr. Smythe was elected by 20 votes to 11.

The Treasurer's Report showed a credit Balance of £596-31. The Parade a/c showed credit of £146-70. On Affiliation fees, the Treasurer Reported that six Assocs. have not yet paid for '78. It was proposed by Mr. Hugh McCormack seconded by Mrs. B. Shaw that failure to pay by the Oct. meeting would mean that these Assoc. would not be considered for Sat nights in '79. The Sec. to contact the Assocs concerned.

In the Quiz Competition only three matches have been played. Assocs. were urged to get their games played as it was now getting

a bit late in the year. The Darts Committee have held a meeting and the Rules and Registration forms are to be sent to each Assoc. The Registration forms and entrance fees are to be Returned by Oct. 14th Draw to take place at the Oct. meeting. Mr. B. Cooper Read a copy of the Rules and they were Unanimously agreed to.

London Irish Festival: The Sec. appealed to all Assocs. to pay in their Stall monies as the Accounts are shortly to be finalised.

Irish Centre Report: Presented by Miss Statia Crickley showed that, in July/Aug. period there were 401 callers at the Welfare Centre. They had the usual problems of work, accommodation and money. There were also some marital problems and 14 Re-patriations. All hostels still continue to be full. The welfare office will now ~~op~~ remain open on Tues. evenings to 8 pm. Miss Crickley appealed for news of families with accommodation to spare and also of firms with jobs to fill. The meeting then went on to a discussion on the Welfare Fund. The first case discussed was that of a Wexford man who was in danger of being buried in a paupers grave. Mrs. B. Shaw proposed that the Welfare Fund be Broadened to include such cases. Seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill Mr. S. Troy agreed and said that the time has come to widen the Fund considerably. Mr. O. O'Neill mentioned the case of a Brother and sister from Kilkenny who died within days of each other. He added that the time has come to act fast, as Welfare cases need

immediate attention. Mr. Hugh McCormack urged that we call a special meeting. Mr. J. Curran reminded the meeting that the Rules can only be changed at an A.G.M. The Chairman then gave notification of a general meeting to be held soon to discuss alterations to the Welfare Fund Constitution. This, he said, was the result of a directive from last A.G.M to the Exec. committee to study the Welfare constitution and make recommendations for its broadening.
Mr. J. Murphy proposed that the general meeting take place on the 21st Sept. - one week. This was seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill. There will be two delegates from each County Assoc.
Mr. Jim Curran, asking for more time, proposed an amendment for 2 weeks time. This was seconded by the Clare delegates. On a show of hands, the amendment was lost. After consulting the Irish Centre diary, it was agreed to hold the General meeting on 25th Sept. '78 All motions to be with the Sec. Beforehand.

The Gerry Feeney Presentation: After a short discussion, it was agreed to hold a Buffet and Dance on a date to be arranged. A five-pound donation from each Assoc. was agreed and also a £1 per head charge to the function

A.O.B. Mr. Owen O'Neill Reported on the Recent Federation meeting. He spoke of the emergency Ticket scheme which is arranged with Aer Lingus. The sequence of events would be as follows. When someone wishes to make use of the scheme Aer Lingus will contact the Council Chairman who in turn will contact the Relevant ~~Assoc~~

County Assoc. Chairman who will verify the validity of the applicant. The Federation meeting with the carriers to Ireland is fixed for Sat Nov. 4th at the Irish Centre. On the B. & I membership card scheme, Mr. O'Neill said that some Assocs. felt unable to give their membership lists because they feared the lists would be divulged to other Bodies. He has an absolute assurance from B & I that these lists will not be given to anyone what-so-ever. New lists are now required. Mr. O Neill proposed we write to the T.V authorities thanking them for showing the High-lights of the Recent Hurling and Football Championship games on T.V. He also proposed a vote of congratulations to Mr. Tommy Maguire on his Recent successes at Tuseanna in Ireland with his music pupils Mr. Martin Mooney asked for the help of some strong volunteers at 33 Medway St on 7th & 8th Oct. There is some furniture on the upper floors to be moved down for a sale on the following Sat. The Chairman Reminded all delegates to be present at the Oct. meeting for the Draw for Saturday nights. Fr. Cagney informed the meeting that the Kennedy Hall will be back in operation from 13th Oct.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed J O'Flynn Chairman 16-10-78

Minutes of the Special General meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 25th Sept. 1978

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and delegates were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The Chairman in welcoming the large attendance of delegates explained that the meeting was called to present the Exec. proposals for the Welfare Fund Constitution. This Resulted from a directive from last A.G.M. to the Exec. Committee to Review the Welfare Fund Constitution

The first proposal was to the effect that the maximum grant in any case be £100.

Prop. by Mr. Owen O'Neill

Sec. by Mr. B. Lynch.

Mr. J. Murphy remarked that £100 would not cover the total costs of a burial. Carried on a show of hands

The Second proposal was that a grant be given towards the burial costs of people who would otherwise be buried in a pauper's grave.

Proposed by Mrs. B. Shaw.

Seconded by Mr. D. Marrow.

Carried on a show of hands.

3. That a grant be given where the Breadwinner is indefinitely incapacitated.

proposed by Mr. B. Lynch

Seconded by Mr. P. Corbett.

Carried on a show of hands.

4. That a grant be given in cases where the Breadwinner is unable to work because of the death or illness of a child/children

Proposed by Mrs. B. Shaw.

Seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill

Carried on a show of hands.

5. That a grant be given to Battered wives, on the advice of a social worker.
Proposed by Mrs. J. Curran.
Seconded by Mrs. Owen O'Neill
Carried on a show of hands.

6. That a grant be given to single mothers on the Recommendation of a social worker.
Proposed by Miss Una Walsh
Seconded by Mrs. Doyle.
Mrs. Owen O'Neill proposed an amendment which would Require a minimum of one months Residency.
On a show of hands the original proposition was carried.

7. In the event of an application to the Fund for a Welfare grant not specified Beforehand, the members of the Exec. committee, at the request of the Trustees, shall have the power to decide the validity of the application.
Proposed by Mrs. Owen O'Neill
Seconded by Mrs. R. Butler.
Carried unanimously

8. The Trustees, in agreement with the Exec., shall have the power to consult Recognised Irish Welfare workers when investigating the validity of a particular application.
Proposed by Mrs. M. Moroney.
Seconded by Mrs. J. Curran.
carried unanimously

9. The Council shall make every effort to give advice to people who may not be totally aware of their Rights within the state.
Proposed by Mrs. Owen O'Neill.
Seconded by Miss Statia Corckley
and carried.

10. That half our present Welfare Fund be distributed equally between the Irish Centre, the South London Irish Assoc. and the Hammersmith Welfare Bureau.

Proposed by Mrs. J. Curran.

Seconded by Mrs. Joe Sheehan.

Mrs. Owen O'Neill expressed surprise at this motion. He said ~~that~~ now that we have got our Welfare Fund going, with this motion we are giving it away. He proposed an amendment for £100 to the above ~~ots~~ Welfare schemes. Mrs. Dick Butler also spoke against the motion and proposed an amendment that we Retain our Fund intact. This was seconded by Mrs. S. Lynch. On a show of hands, Mrs Butler's amendment was Carried.

That concluded the Business of the meeting. But the Chairman Reminded delegates that the next Council meeting will be held on Mon. 16th Oct.

Signed Go-Tlyn Chairman

16-10-78.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre 16-10-78.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and delegates were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. McCormack seconded by Mr. Pat. O'Gorman.

The minutes of the Special General meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. T. McGuinness.

Arising from correspondence, Mr. Kevin Nugent asked can anything be done about the number of people who are being held under P.T.A. Mr. Owen O'Neill remarked that the power was completely in our own hands. We should contact the Embassy or the Council of Civil Liberties.

The Treasurer's Report showed a Credit Balance of £611-31 and the Parade A/c £146-70. The Treasurer added that four Assocs have not Affiliated this year, Derry, Dublin, Offaly, Tyrone. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. B. Shaw, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy. Mr. P. Hegarty suggested that, to help Council Funds we should be included in the draw for Sat. nights.

Quiz & Darts Competitions: The Chairman urged all teams to get their games played off. It is now Running late in the year. Mr. Pat Gorman proposed that all teams not played by the end of Oct be disqualified

London Irish Festival: The Chairman asked all Associations to see that their contributions from Stalls are paid in. The Festival accounts

are now being prepared for Audit and will be closed shortly.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cregney, in presenting this Report, said that in Sept. there were 99 first interviews and 77 second interviews. Accommodation, work and financial help continue to be the main problems with Repatriation and Counselling also included. Amongst those interviewed, there were 4 non-Irish. Sister Joan is now a permanent member of the Staff.

Annual Dinner: Dancing, this year will go on to 2 Am. The menu will be Roast Beef. Tickets at £7 to include wine

Gerry Feeney Presentation: The date is fixed for Nov. 16th. It will take the form of disco-Dancing. Teas and snacks will be served. Tickets £1.

Draw for Sat. nights: The draw for Sat nights Jan to June '79 took place. The names of County Assoc. not affiliated were not allowed in. The Draw for the second half of '79 will take place at the Nov. meeting.

Festival monies Received from the following Counties - Fermanagh £75, Antrim £30, Wicklow £5.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.15 pm.

Signed G. O'Flynn Chairman

21 st. Nov. 78

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 21st Nov. '78.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn & members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. T. Mangan

There being no matters arising, the Treasurers Report was next dealt with. It showed a credit Balance of £825-58 and the Parade a/c stood at £146-30. The Treasurer Reminded the meeting that Offaly, Derry and Tyrone have not yet affiliated for 1978. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. G. Cunningham.

Quiz & Darts Competitions: The Quiz list was read through and teams with outstanding matches to play were asked to come to the Irish Centre on Mon 27th Nov. when they would be dealt with. Mr. Bill Cooper had the list of Rules for the Darts Competition. After some discussion, it was agreed to have a meeting of Darts Captains on Tues. 5th Dec. at 8 pm.

Annual Dinner: The guest List was read and agreed. There was some discussion on Bands and the Chairman asked delegates to come forward with names of suitable Bands.

The Gerry Feeney Presentation: The Treasurer Reported that 15 County Assocs. have contributed a total of £85 and 10 Assocs. have paid in their ticket money. Mr. T. Mangan Congratulated the Exec. committee on this presentation but the Chairman said all the work was done by

Mrs. B. Shaw and our thanks and congratulations were due to her.

The Chairman also reminded the meeting that we had made a presentation to the Retiring Ambassador, Mr. Paul Keating. He hoped each Assoc. would contribute £2 to defray this expense

The draw for Sat nights July - Dec 79 then took place. Before the draw, Mr. Bill Cooper explained that the Dublin Assoc. were having some small difficulties with a new Treasurer and disqualification ~~at~~ from the draw at the Oct. meeting came as something of a surprise.

Irish Centre Report: T. Cagney in presenting this Report said that in Oct. there were 186 interviews. Work, accommodation & money continue to be the main problems. Hope House and Hornsey Hostels ~~are~~ are full all time. The Tenders for Medway St Hostel have now been accepted and are gone to the D.O.E. This will be about a 60 week contract. The new hall at the Irish Centre is up to schedule and going well and is expected to be in operation about Oct '79. There are ^yet no signs of a grant from Dublin but pressure is being maintained. In the mean-time, a lottery is being arranged with the Mecca organisation. The outlets of this will Retain 10%. For comfort in the Kennedy Hall now, the maximum number of patrons should be 180 - 200.

A sincere vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Ned McArdle was passed and also with Mr. Owen O'Neill on the death of his sister in law

A.O.B. The Date of the A.G.M. Sun 4th Feb 79.

Signed [illegible] Marron V. Chairman

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 19-12-78.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. G. O'Flynn, the meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Dan Marron, Vice Chairman of the Council. Delegates were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.

The minutes of the previous were read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Mary Murphy seconded by Mr. Tom Mangan.

The Treasurer's Report showed a Credit Balance of £746-88 and the Parade Account stands at £146-30. The Treasurer Read out the list of 18 Counties who contributed to the Gerry Feeney Presentation. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. M. Gills.

Quiz Competition: Mrs. Marron Reported on her unsuccessful attempts to get the Longford - Monaghan tie arranged. This being the last tie of the first Round, it was decided to award the match to Monaghan. Mr. J. Murphy lodged a complaint against Offaly being awarded their match due to non-payment of affiliation fees. After some discussion on this point, the Treasurer agreed to approach the Offaly Assoc. regarding their affiliation fees. He will Report back to the next meeting.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney presenting this Report said that the month of Nov. was a very busy period. In all 51 men and 31 females sought help at the Centre. Accommodation, Work, Re-patriation, Counselling and marital problems continue to be the headings under

which help is sought. In all, there were 212 interviews. At the moment, there are a few vacancies at Hope House, but the girls Hostels continue to be full.

London Irish Festival: Mrs. Pearson Reported on a meeting held with the Carriers, Banks, IRish Tourist Board, Guinness and Waterford Glass with a view to sponsoring the Festival. The following points emerged - Tourist Board would co-operate with Irish Post in publicising the Festival. Waterford Crystal are giving some further thought to it. B&I, Aer Lingus, BEA and Sea-Link will sponsor Artist Travel. The Banks will donate £1,000 each and provide staff for cash collecting. Sea-Link will investigate the possibility of putting on trains to link clubs with Willesden Junction.

St. Patricks Day Parade: There was agreement in principle to go ahead and set things in motion It was agreed that the parade be up-graded this year.

A.O.B.: The Monaghan Delegate urged that meetings start promptly on time. Mrs. Cat Brennan asked for co-operation with the newly-formed Counties Travel Assoc. He also asked for financial help in the Running of this Assoc. After some discussion, the Chairman asked if a decision on this point could be left to the next Exec. meeting The Antrim delegate asked all Assoc. delegates to write to their MP's Regarding the treatment of prisoners in the H. Blocks. A Request from the Slough Irish Society for a visit by a debating team found no support. No Assocs. seem to have debating clubs. This being the last meeting before Xmas, the Chairman closed at 10.30. wishing everyone a Happy Xmas and prosperous New year.

Signed P. McMahon Chairman

Minutes of the 25th A.G.M of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 5th Feb. 1978

The meeting opened at 3.00pm under the Chairmanship of Mr. Owen O'Neill and delegates were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance. Mr. O'Neill, in opening the meeting welcomed the very large gathering. He had an especial welcome for the newer Counties who affiliated during the year. He welcomed Mr. T. Feehan as Representing the Irish Embassy and also welcomed Mr. G. Feeney of B+I. He expressed the sympathy of the Council with the families of some very dear friends who died Recently and in the past twelve months - Mrs. Kathleen Conway who died in Dublin - Mr. Paddy O'Connor former Mayor of Camden who died during the past week - Mr. Pat Molloy of the Irish Club - Mr. Joe Shiels of Meath Assoc. and Mr. Bobby Baker Chairman of the Kildare Assoc.

Standing Orders were next Read by the Chairman and their adoption was proposed by Mr. S. Lynch seconded by Mr. T. Mangan.

The Appointment of Tellers was next carried out and the following people Proposed & Seconded. Fr. Ryan, Mrs. Cathy Dee, Mr. Bob Daly.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Brendan Mooney, seconded by Mr. Dick Allen.

There being no matters arising, the Secretary's Report was next dealt with. This was ~~taken~~ circulated amongst delegates and was taken as Read. Its adoption was proposed by Mr. S. Lynch, seconded by Mr. J. O'Connell who complimented the

Secretary on a very comprehensive Report.

The Treasurer's Report was next dealt with and its adoption was proposed by Mrs. S. Lynch seconded by Mr. M. Gills. The Chairman paid a well deserved tribute to Mrs. Una Cooper for her work as Treasurer during the year and also complimented Mr. E. McCormack for producing both this Report and the London Irish Festival Report free of charge.

The Welfare Report was presented by Mr. G. O'Flynn and it showed that, during the year, grants totalling £650 had been paid out. Balance in the Bank was £3.556-74. The Chairman warmly thanked the Trustees for their much valued efforts during the year.

The Chairman, in his address, thanked his fellow Officers and Executive committee for their very helpful co-operation during the year. The interest shown in this A.G.M. and the very large attendance proves that the Council and Associations are now organisations worthy of consideration and support. He added that all his efforts have been in the interest of the Council and referred briefly to some undertones of acrimony and dissent during recent weeks. He had no wish to give further publicity to this and wished to remain detatched from it. He thanked all the people who sent messages of support - many from all parts of Britain. These are further evidence of the spreading influence of the C.I.C.A and the Associations. He hoped the incoming Exec. would continue the out-going tendencies of the past few years. Nothing

could be more harmful to the Council and Asscs. than reverting Back to an inward looking Body. He paid a special word of thanks to the Irish Centre for its continued co-operation. He hoped this would long continue, as it was in the best interest of Both Bodies. He also thanked the Irish Embassy - from the Ambassador all the way down, the staff were really helpful. He had an idea which he hoped would sometime be fulfilled and that was - that some member of the Embassy staff would attend a meeting of the Council and give a lecture on the workings of the Embassy. From his dealings with the Embassy of the past few years, he said he learned many points which were not generally known and it would be in everybody's interest to hear this lecture. He thanked the many firms and Bodies who gave prizes during the year to the Council and Asscs mentioning especially Mr. Jerry Feeney of B+I. He concluded by thanking everyone for their many kindnesses during his term of office and expressed what a pleasure it was to have been Chairman of the Council.

The Election of Officers went as follows:

Chairman: Two Nominations Mr. Owen O'Neill and Mr. G. O'Flynn. Mr. O'Neill declined the nomination saying he did not wish to go forward. Mr. O'Flynn, in a short address, made a plea for unity especially on the Welfare Front and in a tribute to the out-going Chairman, he said that in all his experience in Council affairs

he knew of no other Chairman who worked so hard for the Council. What we should now do, he said was to co-operate and press on with the good work. Mr. O'Flynn elected unopposed.

Vice-Chairman: Two nominations — Mr. Dan Charron and Mr. S. Troy. On a vote, ~~Mr. Troy was~~ Mr. Charron was elected. He thanked everyone for their help and assistance during the year, and looked forward to a busy year.

Secretary: Mr. J. Dack unopposed.

Treasurer: Three nominations. Mrs. Una Cooper, Mr. Jim Murphy and Mr. S. Troy. Mrs. Cooper & Mr. Murphy withdrew. Mr. Troy elected unopposed.

Asst. Sec: From the four nominations, Mr. E. Sheridan, Mrs. E. Charron, and Mr. J. Keating withdrew leaving Mr. J. Curran elected unopposed.

The seven member Executive committee was elected from a list of twelve proposed and seconded and resulted as follows: Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. S. Lynch, Mr. H. McCormack, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. John O'Keeffe, Mrs. Tess Moroney, Mrs. B. Shaw.

The Welfare Trustee elected was Mr. Dan Kelliher.

Representatives to Federation: Mr. Owen O'Neill and Mr. S. Keating. At this point Mr. O'Neill congratulated the Federation on gaining 'duty-free' facilities for travellers between G.B. and the 26 Counties. Mr. J. McCann

suggested that we should still continue efforts to gain similar facilities for travellers from N.I.

Auditors appointed – McCormack, Lyons & Co.

At this point Mr. T. Feehan addressed the meeting. He expressed his pleasure in being present at our 25th A.G.M. He paid a special tribute to the founders of which he was proud to be one. 1954, he said, was a time of great activity. The formation of the Council, the St. Patrick's Day Committee and the founding of the Irish Centre all occurred about this time. He paid a tribute to all the Chairmen and Officers who worked so hard down the years. He made a special plea that the Records of Council and Associations activities should be kept intact so that they could be available for some historian in the future. He expressed the good wishes of the Ambassador – Mr. Paul Keating and apologised for the absence of Mr. Richard O'Brien whose wife was ill.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Mr. G. O'Flynn gave a Run-down on the preparations saying that all the formalities are now completed. The Parade will be held on 12th March and asked for full support. Mr. W. O'Reilly proposed that all Assocs. carry their Banners. This was seconded by Mr. Brendan Moroney and carried on a show of hands.

Mr. John McCann raised a query about the President saying that Mr. O'Gorman has not been seen at any meetings for some time now. The Chairman suggested we should approach him and get his Re-actions. Mr. Tom Bailey proposed that Mr. O'Gorman continue as President for

a further twelve months. This was seconded by Mrs. Mary Murphy and carried on a show of hands.

Motions: It was agreed that motions 1 and 4 would be discussed together — number 1 proposed by Tipperary was as follows: That the terms of Reference of the Welfare Fund be Broadened to include Hardship Cases — number 4 from Monaghan read — Besides the Bereavement Grant, other areas of need should be covered by the Welfare Fund. The motion no. 1 was put forward by Mr. J. Keating and no 4 by Mrs. Enid Marron. After a short discussion it was agreed that deserted wives should be entitled to a grant.

Motions 2 and 3 were also taken together. Motion 2 Read — That Bereavement Grants be increased to £100 (Clare). Motion 3 read — That Bereavement Grants be increased to £200 Monaghan. Motion 2 was put by Mr. Sean Igoe and motion 3 by Mrs. Marron. Motion 2 was carried by 55 votes to 42.

Motion 5 from Monaghan read That a Welfare Panel be set up to guard against abuse of the Welfare Fund. It was generally agreed that the Trustees were doing a good job in looking after the Fund and were capable of spotting any abuse. The motion was lost.

Motion 6 from Dublin read 'That monies Raised at the London Irish Festival be applied to the purposes for which they were Raised i.e. The Irish Centre and the C.I.C.A Welfare Fund'. It was agreed generally that the money does go to these Welfare sources and the motion was carried.

Motion 7 from the Executive read 'That nominees for the position of any officer on the Executive

must have, at least, one year experience either on the Executive or as an officer in their own Co. Assoc. It was generally agreed that the motion made sense and was carried on a show of hands.

A.O.B. After some further discussion on the Welfare Fund Constitution, it was agreed that the Executive Committee would work ~~out~~ on it, incorporating the motions that have been passed and present them at a meeting during the year.

A.O.B. Mr. John McCann proposed sending a letter to the Irish Government asking for 'Duty-Free' facilities from six-counties as well. Seconded by Mr. J. Curran.

Mrs. B. Shaw Complimented the Chairman on his vote in 'Irishman of the year'. This was endorsed by a number of other speakers and, in Reply, Mr. O'Neill said that the person to whom the compliments should be paid was his wife.

Mr. J. Curran proposed sending a letter to the British Government about people being held incommunicado under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Seconded by Mr. John McCann who suggested the Act should be annuled. The Chairman suggests a small donation to N.I.C.R.A. might be better.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 6.00 pm.

Signed G. O'Flynn Chairman.

4th Feb. 1979

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre 16-1-79.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. O'Flynn and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance.
The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Pat Corbett, seconded by Mr. M. Sills.
Arising from the minutes, the Treasurer Reported that Offaly have now paid their Affiliation fee., It was agreed that their Quiz Result should stand. Mr. Peter Dunne asked if any financial aid could be expected for the Counties Travel Committee. The Chairman said this point would be discussed at a meeting between the C.I.C.A. Exec and the committee. Mr. S. Lynch proposed that we accept the committee as a Sub. committee of the Council. This was seconded by Mr. P. Goonan and carried.

The Treasurers Report Showed a Credit Balance of £780-38. and the Parade A/c is credited with £146-30. There are now 30 Co. Assocs. affiliated. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. B. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Mary Murphy.

Quiz & Darts Competitions: The Quiz list was gone through and all were urged to get the second Round Run off by the end of January. There was no-one present to give any information on the Darts. Prompted by the apparent lack of interest in the Darts, the Chairman took a poll of Assocs present, as to whether they wished to take part in

a Darts League. Of the twenty ~~two~~ Assocs present, only ~~three~~ seven voted in favour.

London Irish Festival: The accounts of the '78 Festival were presented. Some queries were answered. The Chairman gave some pointers to next years event mentioning in particular the job of Stewarding. He reminded the meeting that at least ten stewards are required from each Assoc. Mrs. M. Mooney also empasised the importance of Stewarding saying that Roundwood Park is the ideal venue and its up to us to look after it.

Annual Dinner: The ~~Ticket~~ Committee was Read out as follows: Mrs. M. McCormack - Ulster, Mrs. B. Shaw - Munster, Mrs. B. Back - Leinster, Mrs. Bob Daly - Connaught. Tickets priced at £7 were given out to this committee for distribution.

St. Patricks Day Parade: The Chairman announced the date of the Parade as ~~the~~ Sun. March 11th. The Parade assembles on Horse Guards Parade from 2.30 pm. and moves off at 3. to Southwark Cathedral. The Gaelic League Choir will be asked to sing the Seán Ó Riada Mass.

A.G.M. The Chairman Reminded the meeting of the A.G.M. on Feb. 4th. Mrs. K. Nugent complained of the short time interval between the notices of the meeting and the closing date for nominations. The Sec. explained that if they were sent out any sooner, the notices would most likely get lost in the Xmas mail. Notes of sympathy were passed with Mrs. John Stenson and Mrs. Downing.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30pm. Signed [signature] Chairman 24/3/75

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 20th Feb '79.

The Chairman, Mr. S. Troy, in opening the meeting had a very warm welcome for everyone to this the first meeting in another year of the Council. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. Mangan, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

In correspondence there was a Reply to a letter sent by the Sec. in protest at the continuance of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The Treasurer's Report remanded unchanged at £813-38 and was adopted on the proposition of Mr. M. Gills seconded by Mr. J. Murphy. The Treasurer ~~re~~ reminded the meeting that Affiliation Fees are due by the 1st Apr.

Quiz Competition: The names in the Second Round of the competition were gone through and it was agreed that it should be completed by the end of Feb. The Chairman regretted the loss of the Darts competition but Mr. J. Murphy reminded the meeting of the Darts Exhibition by Mr. Bobby George on 27th Feb at the Irish Centre. Adm. 60p.

London Irish Festival: The Chairman gave a resumé of the Recent Festival meeting. There was discussion on the possibility of teas being served on Assoc. Stalls. Mr. G. O'Flynn gave a run-down of the general outlines of last years event. Mr. Con Brosnan urged the use of Assoc. Chairmen in charge of their own group of Stewards. Mr. Matt Moore suggested adverts in the West end Hotels. The was discussion on the actual stalls themselves as regards size and on whether to build them ourselves or hire them.

The amount of A.A. sign-posting should be increased for '79. Suggested that parade takes place at 2.00 Rather than 3.00 and that it should marshal in the Sports Field. The Toilet facilities should be vastly improved

Annual Dinner '79: It was agreed that final numbers for this function should be in by Sat 10th March. The Guest List was Read through and it was agreed it should now be closed. Mr. R. Butler suggested we should sing Hail Glorious St. Patricks instead of National Anthem.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The Chairman again went through all the main details and asked for full support. The sermon this year, will be in Irish and English. Mrs. W. Reilly suggested we should have some floats.

Irish Centre Report: There was no Report as such But the Chairman Reminded delegates of the meeting arranged for 5th March for Chairmen and Secretaries to meet and hear the plans for the new hall and the Re-developed Centre.

Any Other Business: The Chairman explained the difficulties of the Tipperary Assoc. when Running their Annual Dinner on Thurs. last. As a Result of the snow-storm, about 140 patrons were unable to turn up and of course, they will have to pay for the full number. To help them, he said the Council would give them the Sat 14th April night at the Centre. This was accepted and it was hoped all Assocs. would help by taking tickets.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.15 pm

Signed [signature] Chairman

24/3/79

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of L
County Associations held at the Irish Centre on

The meeting was under the Chairmanship
Mr. S. Troy and delegates were present as Reco
in the Register of Attendance. The Chairman
had a special warm welcome for Don and
Enid Marron. ~~He~~ He expressed the hope that
was now fully Recovered from his Recent illn
The minutes of the previous meeting were
and adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. H
seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.
Arising from Correspondence, the Sec. explai
the new B+I membership Card scheme. The
serially numbered Cards will be issued to
Assocs. who have submitted their membersh
numbers. Also in Correspondence, there was
appeal from Mr. J. Maguire for donations to
Pipe Band. Waterford suggested each Assoc.
£10. Galway suggested £20. Mr. P. Hegarty s
a copy of the letter should go to each Assoc
Mr. T. Mangan proposed the Council gives £50
seconded by Mr. Bill Aulsberry.
The Treasurers Report showed a Credit Balan
of £742-18 and the Parade A/c at £138-7
The Treasurer made an appeal for all Affiliat
Fees and Dinner Ticket money to be paid in
The Report was adopted on the proposition of M
Una Cooper seconded by Mr. Bill Aulsberry.
The Quiz Competition has now reached the
Round stage, and it is hoped to finish
Round by end of March.
London Irish Festival: Mr. G. O'Flynn
Festival Chairman made an appeal for each
to supply six Reliable Stewards with naval

and addresses. It is hoped to have 15'x15' stalls plus two tables at a cost of £40. Only sixteen of these will be available, but smaller ones at a cheaper cost will also be available. Mr Luke O'Hara prop. we take this ~~matter~~ information back to our Assocs and report back to next Council meeting Dublin Raised a query regarding a quotation of £2000 for a stall for commercial purposes. The Chairman informed the meeting that no such application had ever been received by the Festival Committee. The point was also emphasised that Associations must not in any way sub-let their stalls, and the sale of Records is not allowed. Mr Con Brosnan reported on a meeting of the Stewarding Organisers. He mentioned the importance of stewarding in the Car Park. For the Parade, he said it might be helpful if a prize were given for the best turned out County. Same police-men should be on patrol in the grounds. Security Regarding money was also discussed. It was agreed to have a meeting of Chairmen or delegates on Mon 2nd Apr. to discuss fully the problems of Stewarding. Mr. W. Reilly suggested that some commercial firms might like to join in the Parade. There was also a suggestion that about ten people per Assoc. should help in cleaning up the Park afterwards. On the music side, names like Big Tom, Susan McCann and the Mighty Avons are already committed.

Irish Centre Report: Fr. Cagney Reporting for Fb. said that 68 males and 22 females had been helped during the month. Work, accommodation and repatriation are their main problems. Work has now started on the Medway St. Hostel.

This will be a 65 week contract. The other Hostels continue to be full practically all the time.
Regarding Sat. nights, he appealed to Counties to give at least six weeks notice of a cancellation.
Work on the Re-Development is about 3 weeks behind schedule but should finish by mid. Sept.
Meetings between the Council Exec. and the Management Committee will be Resumed. The Chairman suggested that the Social Workers might be invited to Council meetings to give short talks on the various facets of their work. Mr. G. O'Flynn proposed that at Council meetings we should go through the Bookings for about six weeks ahead. Seconded by Mr. T. Mangan. Bookings are now being taken for the McNamara Hall.

Annual Dinner: Mr. T. Mangan congratulated the Chairman on the night and also on his speech. But he queried the award of the Vaughan Cup to Carlow. He thought the Cup was awarded for Welfare work. The Chairman explained that it was awarded to the County Assoc. which did most help for the Irish Centre during the year. Mr. Pat Gorman of Clare, who donated the Cup will have confirmation of its purpose at next meeting. Mr. Matt Moore said the Band was deplorable. The Chairman then explained that Grand Canyon did not honour their commitment for the night. But they did Recommend the Replacement. He would advise care again in booking Grand Canyon.

St. Patricks Day Parade: Mr. W. Reilly said that such a Parade now does us no good. If we can't do better, its best to forget it. The Cavan delegates agreed with this.

Mr. Tom Mangan apologised for his absence.
Mr. Con Brosnan suggested that all Irish clubs and organisations should join together and get the commercial organisations involved. A lot more publicity should be done.
Mr. John McCann supported this idea. Mr. C. Brosnan then proposed that a committee be arranged immediately for next years Parade. Seconded by Mr. W. Reilly. Mr. Luke O Hara said Mayo Assoc. would not take part in a Parade while British Troops were shooting people in Northern Ireland. Mr. John McCann disagreed and said we should show our strength by having a good parade. The Chairman suggested that the idea should go to the Exec. and report back to next meeting.

Travel Committee: Mr. Con Brosnan asked that any complaints on travel matters be reported to the committee.

A.O.B. Mr. John McCann Reminded the meeting of the approaching centenary of the Birth of Padraig Pearse. Mr. G. O' Flynn mentioned having received a letter from Mrs. Frank McCabe on the same subject. Fr. Cagney mentioned also that the Bi-centenary of Thomas Moore is approaching. Mr. G. O' Flynn proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. T. Mangan in his recent sad Bereavements.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed [illegible] Chairman.

17/4/79

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 17-4-79

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Troy and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance. The Chairman reminded the meeting of the appalling tragedy which befell the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Coach on its Return journey from Coventry Recently when 3 members were killed and many injured. He also spoke of the death of Mr. P.J. Caffrey and his Brother Terry. Their funerals are arranged for St. Bonifaces Church, Tooting on Thurs. next at 8.00 pm. Also Remembered was Michael McDonagh of Monaghan who was taken Back to Ireland for Burial two weeks ago. Fr. Cagney led prayers for the repose of their souls.

Apologies for absence Received from Mrs. E. Harron, Mrs. B. Shaw, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. S. Lynch Roscommon Mrs. O'Brien Cavan, and Mr. John O'Keeffe Waterford.

The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Bill Aulsbury seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

In matters arising, Mr. T. Mangan said he was satisfied with the answer he had Received to his query at last meeting Regarding the Vaughan Cup. The Chairman mentioned that he had spoken Recently, regarding the Pipe Band, to Mr. Joe Farrell. Cheques should be made payable to Mr. Joe Maguire. Mr. Joe Farrell is also anxious to Recruit some new young members. The £1 membership card scheme has already distributed 15,000 cards ~~already~~. As yet, there have not been any draws. The number of members on all Association lists is Required as soon as possible. Information Regarding Bands who fail to keep appointments is also Required

This will be passed on to the Federation.
Treasurer's Report: Due to absence of Treasurer, there was no Report as such. But affiliation fees or Dinner money would be received by the Chairman or Sec.

Quiz Competition: The competition has now Reached the Semi-final stages and it is hoped to have them played by the next meeting.

London Irish Festival: The Chairman gave a Resumé of the meeting of Chairmen on 2nd Apr. to discuss Stewarding. The Response was very good. 22 Counties were present and the following Provincial Stewards were announced: South Leinster Mr. M. Sills (Wexford): North Leinster Mr. Jim Tracy (Meath): Connaught Mr. E. Naughton (Roscommon): Munster Mr. J. O'Keeffe (Waterford) Ulster Mr. D. McManus (Fermanagh). Regarding stalls, Mr. Jim Murphy said the charge of £40 was excessive. Mr. M. Moroney said that building them would be prohibitive, adding that any County Assoc. should be able to make £40 and a little profit on top. Mr. Pat Gorman said our time would be more profitably spent discussing the better use of stalls. Application for stalls in writing should be sent in immediately

On the music side, North London Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí will look after the Traditional, whilst on the Modern Side, commitments have been had from Big Tom, Susan McCann, The Mighty Avons Eileen King, Promises from Jim Tobin and Larry Cunningham; There is ~~total~~ a possibility of Joe Dolan and also the Jay Birds. In the Games Field, Ladies Gaelic Football and Soccer and also Junior Soccer.

with costs continually escalating, it is feared that the entrance fee next year must go up to £1.50. There is a Boys Brass Band coming from Galway, Mr. Pat Shaw will take charge of the Parade. A mass. of 12 members per Assoc. for the Parade. Children are more effective, especially if done up in County Colours. Wicklow had slight objection to being always last in the Parade.

Irish Centre Report: The Annual Report is now complete and will be sent out to all Assocs. The A.G.M. takes place on 1st May. Each County is entitled to one vote.

St. Patrick's Day Parade to be discussed at the next Exec. meeting.

At this point Mr. M. Moroney proposed we close the meeting as a mark of Respect to those who died Recently. Seconded by Bill Aulsbury.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.20 pm.

Signed [illegible] Chairman.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 15th May 1979

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Troy and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. T. Mangan. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Una Cooper, Dublin and from Mr. S. Lynch.

In correspondence, there was an appeal for funds to help the election campaign of I.C.R.A.

The Treasurers Report showed a Credit Balance of £479-18. ~~The~~ All Dinner/Dance Ticket money is now paid in and the Chairman thanked the Treasurer and all Assocs for clearing up this account so promptly. Twenty-seven Assocs have now paid in affiliation fees. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. M. Sills seconded by Mr. Bill Aulsbury.

Quiz Competition: The Chairman congratulated the Donegal team on Reaching the final of the competition. The other Semi-final between Clare and Westmeath is arranged for Thurs 17th May.

St. Patricks Day Parade: The Exec. committee will try to get greater publicity and better contacts with all London Clubs and Societies for 1980. Application will be made for Mrs. Agnes O'Connells Band.

Travel Committee Report: At the moment they are awaiting the Response from the Carriers to a Recent letter. This should be available for next meeting.

Irish Centre Report: At this point, the

Chairman introduced Miss Statia Crickley, Welfare officer at the Centre to give a short address on a typical days work in the Welfare office: Jobs, food and accommodation are the main problems with callers. There are continual telephone calls - some concerning missing people and verifying information. There are Hospital visits - meetings with adoptive parents - giving advice about going back to Ireland. There are meetings with Health and Social Services and also with the Voluntary Agencies in the West End. Hostel visiting - advice Re Further Education and Foreign Travel. At the moment there is a campaign to advertise the services of the Centre at all main-line stations. At the moment, space is very limited at the Centre, but people are always welcome to visit during the day. News of job vacancies are always welcome. At the conclusion of the address the Chairman thanked Miss Crickley and Mr. M. Sills very kindly passed on information Regarding Job vacancies at his firm. The Chairman announced that in this series of short talks, the next speaker will be Mr. G. O'Mahoney of Allied Irish Banks - the subject being the E.M.S. and how it affects us. A vote of thanks to Miss Crickley was proposed by Mr. Bill Salisbury, seconded by Mrs. Enid Marron

London Irish Festival: The publicity campaign is now getting into full swing. Posters and programmes will be Ready soon and Mrs Marron asks for every assistance in getting posters out. Estimate of Revenue from Programme advertising is £2655. Irish Tourist Board are Running a Schools Painting Competition with the final judging

taking place at the Festival. List of County Assoc. Stalls Booked was read. The Press Release was Ready and being distributed in Ireland. Assoc. stalls will be erected by 11 am Sat. On the modern stage, there will be eight Bands - The Phoenix, The T-Birds, Sean + the Sounds, The Mighty Avons, Eileen King, The Indians, Susan McCann and Big Tom who will be making an L.P. on the day. The Traditional music is being looked after by North London Comhaltas Ceoltoiri and about 16 schools of dancing will take part. The Wexford Mummers will also appear. On the Sports Field, there will be under-14 Soccer, Ladies Soccer, Athletics, G.A.A. Hurling and FootBall, Ladies Gaelic FootBall Tug-o-war. Childrens Show at the Theatre and the Model Railway. Stewarding: All Assocs should have had a letter requesting the name of their Chief Steward plus 6 others. Meetings of Assoc. chief Stewards arranged for Tues. 29th May and for 29 June The importance of the full co-operation of All Assocs in the matter of Stewarding was again emphasised All stewards will be on duty to 6.30pm and it is requested that one man per County be available from 9 Am.. It is agreed that all vehicles must be out of the Park by 11 am. Two vehicle passes per county will be issued. It was unanimously agreed that Mass be held at 10.30 Am.

A.O.B: Four-a-side Darts Tournament on Tues. 22nd May. Federation A.G.M. at High Wycombe on Sat 2nd June.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed [signature]. Chairman

19-6-79.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 19-6-79.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Seamus Troy and delegates were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Bill Aulsberry. Seconded by Mr. E. Naughton.

In Correspondence, there were letters from the I.D.A Regarding their Recruitment drive - Youth Questionaire from the Federation and Publicity from Aer Lingus Regarding their Gaeltacht Holidays.

The Treasurers Report showed a credit Balance of £3990.68 and 29 Assocs. affiliated. The Report was adopted on the Proposition of Mr. J. Mangan, seconded by Mr. P. Shaw. The C'man thanked all Counties for the prompt payment of affiliation Fees and asked for help in Re-forming the Kerry and Down Assocs.

Quiz: The Chairman congratulated Donegal on Retaining the Guinness Cup. and also praised Clare for a gallant effort. Extension of our Quiz to the Federation was visualised by the Chairman, also the Formation of a Juniors Quiz. There are many promises of teams for the Juniors Ranks - Entries by Sept. also Individual Quiz entries by Sept. 25p. entry fee.

Irish Centre Report: The Hostels still continue full. At the present time there is a large amount of student groups. Adverts in newspapers advise that work is plentiful, But accommodation is scarce. Work on the new hall is on schedule and should be in operation by Oct 9th. The capacity will be 430 rated. Max. Booking 400. With

750 - 800 patrons for a dance.

The next item on the Agenda marked the beginning of what the Chairman hopes will be a series of brief talks on important subjects. The Subject for this talk was the European Monetary System and was given by Mr. Liam O'Connell of A.I.B. At the outset, he thanked the Chairman for inviting him to speak - He explained that the E.M.S was one of the most dramatic movements in history. It main purpose was to offset violent currency fluctuations and thereby stabilise the price of goods. It started in Dec. '78 and at first, the Irish punt was on par with sterling, but, because of oil prices, it soon lost that position. One of the Benefits to Ireland was that exports to Britain became cheaper. But the main benefit has been ~~of~~ in agriculture. There is no restriction on the movement of funds except the notification of amounts from £5.000 upwards. He gave the advice - when going on holidays to Ireland, take Irish pounds with you and when coming back change back to sterling before leaving Ireland. Sterling is still acceptable in Ireland, but on a par basis which is to the disadvantage of the tourist. The position in the future is pure guesswork, but possibly sterling may devalue. At the conclusion, Mr. O'Connell expertly answered the many questions which were put from the floor. The Chairman then thanked him for his very lucid talk.

London Irish Festival: The Chairman opened this discussion with Publicity - now is the important time for a big publicity push,

he said. This week and next, there will be adverts in the Irish Post, All handbills and posters now are for distribution in Churches & Clubs. The modern Stage programme is going according to plan, with no problems foreseen. The Traditional group held a meeting on Sun. last and everything is in order. The Parade will have approx. 460 marchers and 8 Bands. It will form-up at 2.30 and do a full circle of the Park. The order of the Parade as draw up by Mr. P. Shaw was Read and unanimously agreed. The Chairman thanked Mr. Shaw for his efforts in organising the Parade. On the question of passes, it was agreed that members of Mrs. Agnes O'Connells Band, in uniform, would be admitted without passes. On the sports-field, in addition to the games etc. already covered, Tug-o-war will take place. On the Assoc. Stalls, it was hoped Assocs would let Mrs. Charron know what they were putting on, so that there would not be too much duplication. Stalls will be in alphabetical order and numbered. On the question of Stewarding, a guide-line leaflet is now available. 28 Assocs. have supplied their full quota of Stewards and Mr. Donie Egan gave a Resumé of procedure on the day. July 4th is Re-view of the days work. The Chairman warmly thanked Donie and his helpers and implored everyone to co-operate with the Stewards.

A.O.B. The Chairman expressed the good-wishes of everyone to Cardinal-elect Thomas O'Fiaich on his elevation and asked the Sec. to send a telegram to Rome congratulating him. A farewell dance for Fr. Pat Herlihy is being

held in the National. Tickets £1 are on sale
A donation was requested for the O'Sullivan
family group going to Bulgaria. The Wexford
Darts Competition was advertised. Entries by
July 4th Fee £10. The Dublin Assoc. brought
up the problem of gate-crashers at B&C's
in the Kennedy Hall on Sat. nights. This
problem was experienced by other Assocs also
and lead to some nasty scenes.

~~The~~ The quota of B&I membership cards
which were allocated to us was distributed
by the Sec.

That concluded the business of the meeting
and it closed at 10.45pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman
17th July '79.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 17-7-79.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Fray & members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Bill Aulsbury, seconded by Mrs. J. Murphy.

Apologies for absence from Mr. W. Smythe & Mr. T. Mangan. Arising from the minutes, it was announced that the Wexford Darts Tournament is postponed. Entries by Sept. 17th. Fee £8.

The Chairman asked for completed Federation Youth Questionaries to be Returned.

The Treasurers Report showed a credit Balance of £3990-68 — no change from last month. A letter of thanks for donations was Received from the Pipe Band. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. P. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Hugh. McCormack.

Irish Centre Report: June was a very busy month - 291 interviews. At this time of year, there are many student groups who can be difficult to deal with. There were also many homeless families to be dealt with. The Hostels continue to be full - But lots of help is coming from local families in letting Rooms. The contractors are still confident about the Oct. finishing date. New Catering manager will start in August. He will deal with all Bookings. Min. Booking 250

Travel Committee Report: Mr. Con Brosnan in giving the Report said that up to now, the Committee held 13 meetings and were at present endeavouring to get Aer Lingus to put on a

mid-morning Saturday flight during peak periods. Aer Lingus are not being very helpful. Now, with the holiday season starting, he asked for all complaints on travel matters to be sent in to the committee.

London Irish Festival: In opening this discussion the Chairman said that all reports so far have been favourable - we have had a good ~~and~~ press, and taken as a whole, the Festival this year has come up to our best expectations. The stewards have already had their meeting and it is now the Councils opportunity to air its views. Mrs. Dorie Egan, speaking on Stewarding, said that they had a good measure of success. The response from the Co. Assocs. was marvellous and very re-assuring. A number of areas can still be improved and will be looked at next year. The response re vehicles in the Park was very good. The Car Park stewarding was 100% and he thanked everyone for putting such a lot of confidence back into this job.

Mrs. J. Dack, Treasurer gave a Report on Receipts for the day which totalled £24,681-52.

Mr. Bill Aulsbury congratulated the Committee and stewards on doing a terrific job. He made the following points - (i) Insufficient Toilets. (ii) Passes should be used a one gate only. (iii) How about a two-day Festival next year.

Mr. Matt. Moore congratulated everyone on a great day and asked for more cultural Irish music.

Mr. Peter Burne had some complaints on the prices of Ice-cream & Lollies - there were no arrangements for kids. Mr. Monty Barron

asked for more pop groups for the younger people. Mr. P. McDonald said that the Parade went too fast.

Mr. P. Shaw, Parade Marshal, made the following points - There was a lack of co-operation from the main Stage - a lack of response from the Stewards - All Co. Assocs. did not wear their colours - a visiting Band should not lead the Parade - there should be a draw for Band positions - any Band competitions should take place in the morning or late evening - there should be large posters in the Park showing the Route and starting point.
A vote of thanks to Mr. Pat Shaw was proposed by Mr. P. Dunne - unanimously seconded.
Fr. Mee suggests we should have an Irish personality to lead the parade.
Mr. Pat Corbett added that we should also have the Tricolour at the Head of the Parade.
Mr. Pat Hegarty asked if all Co. Assoc. stalls could be the same size. Mrs. Marron explained that it was all a question of what was available.
Mrs. O'Brien, Cavan, asked do all the Stalls have to be in that one position.

The Chairman, summing up, praised the involvement and co-operation of everyone. The grave danger is complacency - July '80 will still be a big job. He thanked everyone for a really great joint effort. Mr. G. O'Flynn expressed his praise for a wonderful co-operative effort and hoped the same effort would be carried forward to 1980.

That concluded the business of the meeting and the Chairman hoped everyone would have a Happy Holiday.

Signed Chairman 18-9-79

Any other Business: Mrs. Clark, Cavan, suggested an interest free Loan to the Welfare Office at the Irish Centre.

This meeting being the last one before the Holiday Break, the Chairman wished everyone a very happy Holiday.

Signed Troy Chairman

18-9-79

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Irish Centre on Tuesday 18th Sept. '79.
The meeting opened at 8.40 under the chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy and Members were present as recorded in the register of attendance.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr M. Sills & seconded by Mr Bill Aulsbery.
Apologies: Mr Dack, Mrs Clark, Mr Brosnan D. Kelleher. H. Lyons. S. Lynch.
Matters arising: Counties were reminded about Youth questionnaires & their return requested as soon as possible.
It was noted that the interest free loan mentioned from the Welfare fund was not covered by the Terms of Reference.
Mr Troy reported on a meeting that the Officers & Travel committee had held & complimented them on trojan work being done on behalf of the C.I.C.A.
Mr Murphy suggested that the band to lead the Festival Parade should perhaps be the winners of the band competition from the year prior. This suggestion is to be noted & considered by person in charge of Parade 1980.
Correspondence: Letter from Federation re: Youth

Conference to be held in Spring 1980. It was decided to book 2 places. There was also a report from the resident on the conclusions of a welfare survey. It was decided to circulate Counties individually. There was also notification from the Federation of the next meeting. The final letter was relating to the Keyes family fund Committee regarding support for functions & this was referred to Counties concerned for the necessary application to the Welfare fund.

Treasurers Rep: No transactions since last report. £3990.68 in hand. Adopted on the proposition of J. Murphy. Seconded T. Mangan

Irish Centre Aug Report: Fr Cagney gave an extremely detailed & comprehensive report which revealed that August was a very busy month for the welfare dept. & the hostels which were fairly full all the time. He announced that they were looking for volunteers for reception in the evening and for a full time salaried worker during the day. He also announced details of classes for Irish language classes (14 places) & literacy. The centre would accept all applications enquiries. Fr Cagney also gave details of BT1 sponsored gala charity night to be held on 9th Oct. There would be a Soccer match to start the activities in Willesden & a Cabaret in the National to follow. Mr Ryan asked for stewarding help.

At this point an item that had appeared in the Irish weekly newspaper was mentioned & Mr Troy gave a report. It was read in full & debated at length & several people spoke. It was noted that both the Irish Centre & the Limerick Assn who were the most prominently involved embarrassed had replied to the Editor. We would watch developments with interest but the general feeling was one of

surprise at the article & a comment in general that most Comtes would continue to support the Irish Centre to the utmost & providing facilities & services expanded efficiently then there would be more functions being held in the Centre

Festival. Mr Troy announced that the festival accounts would be going to the Auditor at the end of September & appealed for all payments outstanding & donations be handed in just as soon as possible

Annual Dinner 1980 Mr Troy confirmed that the Annual Dinner would be in Bleakers on Monday 17th March. Music by The Nightingales. Further details etc at a later meeting.

St. Patricks Day Parade would be held on 16th March 1980 & further details & plans would be formulated shortly.

Quiz. Names of entrants for both individual & junior quiz to be handed in after meeting.

A.O.B. Various ads for functions were made.

The Armagh delegate asked for confirmation regarding despatch of the letter as resolved at the Colmcil AGM. It was confirmed that this had been sent but no reply received yet.

The Antrim delegate enquired regarding the Council of Irish Counties position on the question of support for National Aspiration of Unity. He wondered if this situation could be clarified & gave notice of a motion for discussion at the next meeting. A short discussion ensued & it was decided to include the matter on the agenda on receipt of the written information.

The meeting finished at 10pm & adjourned to the McNamara Hall for viewing

Signed [illegible]

16- Oct 1979

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 16th Oct. '79.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Troy and delegates were present as Recorded in the Registis of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Murphy, Seconded by Mr. P. Corbett.

Arising from the minutes, the Chairman aked for the Questionaire on Youth from the Federation to be Returned in preparation for the Congress. The Chairman also mentioned the RTE programme Failte Isteac on which Associations may get some advertising - Items to be sent to Mr. S. O'Brien [redacted]

The Treasurers Report showed no transactions since last meeting and still stands at £3990-68 Report adopted on proposition of Mr. Bill Aulsbury seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

Junior Quiz: Mr. P. Gorman suggested that the age limit be 16 yrs. but after a short discussion 21 was agreed to. The Draws for the competition then took place and Resulted as follows Kerry v Donegal, Cavan v Wexford, Clare v Limerick, Monaghan v Waterford. It was proposed by Mr. P. Hegarty that all the 1st Round games take place one Sun. afternoon at the Irish Centre. Mr. M. Brazil & Mr. T. Dack to be Quiz masters. The Fee for the Individual Quiz was fixed at 50p per head. Twelve entries Received to date

The Chairman next introduced to the meeting Mr John Neary, First Sec. at the Irish Embassy, who is to give a short talk on

the Role of the Irish Embassy in the Irish community here in Britain. Mr. Heary thanked the Chairman for the invitation to speak and said he intended to divide th his talk into two sections - dealing first with the general role of Irish Embassies abroad and secondly the particular problems as found here in Britain. The chief service provided by Embassies is called Consular services which deals with passports; Legal or Notarial Services which deal with all sorts of Legal documents. The next group of Services are called Emergency service and cover cases where Irish people get into difficulty abroad. This service also covers people whose treatment is less than their legal Rights and the duty of the Embassy is to ensure that Irish people get all their legal Rights. There is also a Social Role played by Embassies. In smaller countries this social Role is more to the fore than in larger ones. In Britain, with it's large Irish population, this social role is more one of support than leadership.
At this point, Mr. Heary paid a special tribute to Mr. Paddy Feehan who has worked so long amongst the community in Britain. In conclusion, Mr. Heary stressed that the Role of an Embassy is not so much to lead, as to support and advise the Irish community and at all times to be vigilant that the Rights and privileges of the Irish community are Respected and upheld.
At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Heary Replied to a number of questions Relating to Prevention of Terrorism Act, the death of an Irish person in Germany, Press Releases, more publicity for the Irish Embassy, help for the Irish Centre Building Fund.

At this point the Chairman thanked Mr. Neary for his talk and spoke of the excellent Relationship which has always existed between the Embassy and the Council of Irish County Associations. He announced that Mr. Brian Mulhall of Irish Life will give a talk at our Nov. meeting.

Irish Centre Report: The Chairman thanked Fr. Cagney for the invitation to delegates to view the McNamara Hall at last meeting and asked Assocs. to attend two or three functions before passing any criticism. Fr. Cagney presenting the Report said that all Hostels continue to be full. Work on the new girls Hostel in Victoria is on schedule and is due to open on 1st June 1980. It is hoped to change the name of ~~the~~ Hope House to Conway House. A grant of £375,000 is available from the British Govt. for a new extension for 30 Boys. He thanked everyone for helping at the Recent FootBall Match and dana in the National. These functions Raised around £2700 for the Building Fund. He Reminded Assocs that the McNamara Hall must be Booked by direct approch to the manager. There is no Ballot for its use.

There was no Representative from the Antrim Assoc. to propose their motion. So, this matter was not proceeded with.

The Draw for Sat. nights for the use of the Kennedy Hall for 1st half of 1980 took place.

Any other Business: Mr. Pat Gorman congratulated the Chairman on his conduct of the meeting and Regretted the introduction of political undertones especially in the questions to the guest speaker.

Mr. Bill Cooper mentioned the Cultural Festival

'A Sense of Ireland' which is to take place next Spring.

Mr. Bill Reilly announced that a Louth Football team will play at Ruislip on the week-end 10th and 11th Nov.

Mr. Kevin Nugent objected to Mr. O'Gormans Remarks adding that if he came from one of the Northern Counties he would have a better understanding of the problems.

Mr. Luke O'Hara congratulated the BBC on their coverage of the Pope's visit to Ireland and proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to them.

Mr. Tom Mangan proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Michael Burke.

Mr. T. Back proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Kevin Nugent on the death Recently of his mother.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10-40

Signed [signature] Chairman
20/11/75

Mr. W. Stenson advised that Westmeath were cancelling their Booking of the Kennedy Hall for 27th Oct. A short discussion followed and the Chairman was asked to clarify the arrangements for these Bookings by next meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on 20th Nov. '79.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Troy and delegates were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. Mangan, seconded by Mr. P. O'Gorman.

In matters arising, the Chairman expressed disappointment at the fact that no names had as yet been put forward for the forthcoming Federation Youth Congress. On the matter of Kennedy Hall Bookings, he referred back to the minutes of the meeting of 20th July '76 at which it was agreed: (i) Firm Booking of numbers to be given on the Tuesday prior to a Saturday function. (ii) Deposit of £20 for a function (Food or non-Food). Deposit forfeited if Booking not taken up. (iii) Cancellation time 12 weeks.

Apology from Mrs. B. Shaw, Treasurer for non-attendance

In correspondence, there were Replies from Cardinal O'Fiach Regretting he could not come to our Annual Dinner next year - From B.B.C thanking us for our letter complimenting them on their coverage of Papal visit to Ireland - and from the Northern Ireland office in Reply to our letter on the Prisoners in H. Block. Mr. Kevin Nugent speaking on this letter, said it contained nothing new and was just the usual form of Reply in this matter.

There was no Treasurer's Report due to the Treasurer's illness. But the Chairman did inform the meeting that Dinner A/c at Barkers has now been paid.

Junior Quiz: The Quiz had been fixed for Sun 25th Nov. but unfortunately Wexford were holding their A.G.M. Clare were not yet certain. Donegal and Kerry, Monaghan and Waterford were O.K. It was agreed to go ahead with those. Wexford and Cavan will play on the day of Semi-finals. A date in Jan. is to be picked for the Indiv. Quiz.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of Mr. Bryan Mulhall of Irish Life who was to give a talk on Insurance. He was unavoidably held up in Leeds on Business and could not make the meeting.

London Irish Festival: The Chairman urged Assocs. who have not already done so to pay in their contributions from stalls. There was then a general discussion on the Festival Council and committee. Mr. W. Reilly complained that the committee seems to be an exclusive committee and should have an infusion of new Blood. Mrs. E. Marron explained that over the years a great deal of expertise has been gained and this would be lost if we had a new committee every year. Fr. Cagney spoke of the success so far adding that a great number of people have been co-opted on to the various committees and have really excelled themselves. The Chairman added that we could possibly double up on ~~the~~ each job, thereby bringing in new Blood. Mr. G. O'Flynn said it was certainly not a closed shop. It was an insurance of continuity and that it would always be controlled by the Council and the Irish Centre

Mr. Donie Egan praised the idea of selecting the man for the job and spoke of the success of the Stewarding last year.

Fr. Lagney presented the Irish Centre Report. Work on the new girls Hostel is on schedule. The Hornsey Hostel is still quite full. The Boys Hostel continues full and its new development is well under way. On Wed. of the previous week the ~~xxxx~~ Irish Government new Advisory Body visited the Centre and were impressed. This Body is advising on the spending of £25.000 on Welfare Workers in Britain. During Oct there were 90 callers at the Welfare Office. Accommod. work. Repatriation, & Counselling were their main concern.

A.O.B. There was a short discussion on the forthcoming 'Sense of Ireland' Festival which is to be held in the Spring. It will have 42 venues of Craft, Theatre, music and song. Mr. Callanan of Antrim made the point that when all the major decisions have been taken on this Festival, we are invited in at the last moment. Mr. Pat O'Gorman of Clare also spoke in a similar vein.
Mr. Callanan, ~~also~~ Referring to the Northern Ireland letter asked, that now it is a moral and humanitarian matter, would we have a debate on it. The Chairman suggested that we study the memorandum first.

Mr. Kevin Mugent suggested we invite either Fr. Faul or Fr. Denis Murray to speak at a meeting.

Mr. Bill Cooper proposed a vote of sympathy with Fr. Brian Lawlor on the death of his sister in an accident Recently in Dublin.

That concluded business of meeting. Closed at 10-30.

Signed ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Chairman 18/12/79

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 18-12-'79.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Troy and delegates were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Smythe, seconded by Mr. Pat O'Gorman.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. O'Keeffe, Mr. P. Dunne, Mr. J. Troy, and Mrs. Enid Marron

There being no matters arising, the Chairman gave a Report from the Recent Federation meeting- Federation Youth Congress is postponed - The Travel Committee have prepared their Report and it will be published shortly - Meeting with the carriers to Ireland takes place shortly - The Federation hopes to publish a newsletter every two months to be sponsored by Irish Life - They are looking into the possibility of Booking Bands directly from Ireland - They are hoping to have a Knock-out Competition in the Summer. The next issue of B+I membership cards to start in Jan '80 - Associations membership numbers to be in by end of year.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Brian Mulhall will give his talk on Insurance at the Feb. meeting. Efforts are being made to secure the services of Fr. Faul for a talk on Northern Ireland shortly.

The Treasurer's Report showed a credit Balance of £1346-25. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. Mangan, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy.

Quiz Competitions: The Chairman expressed a warm vote of thanks to all the teams who participated in the Junior Quiz. It was, he said, a very keen contest and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Cavan are now into the final and will meet the winner of Donegal and Monaghan in the Final. This semi-final and the Final will take place on Sun 13th Jan. Wed. 23rd. Jan. was chosen as the date for the Individual Quiz at 8.30 in the Irish Centre.

Irish Centre Report: There was no Report owing to the absence of F. Cagney. But the Chairman asked that any items for discussion at a meeting between the Council Exec. and the Irish Centre Adm. Committee be sent in in writing. This meeting will take place shortly.

London Irish Festival: The meeting was informed that the Booking of Roundwood Park for 1980 Festival has been confirmed.

Mr. John Stephenson of the 'Sense of Ireland' Festival addressed the meeting. He asked for the support of all Assocs. for the Festival which takes place in Feb/March 1980.

Annual Dinner: There was a short discussion on the Guest List. The price of tickets was announced as £8 not including wine.

Council A.G.M.: It takes place on 1st Sun. in Feb. All officers, except the Sec., will go forward for Re-election.

St. Patricks Day Parade: The Chairman asked for unanimous support for this Parade for 1980. Mrs. D. Egan, Mrs. W. Reilly, Mrs. P. O'Gorman and Mrs. M. Callanan were in

favour of forming a sub-committee for this event. Fr. Sheridan suggested having a float Representing 'Peace'. Mrs. P. Hegarty proposed calling a special meeting ~~early~~ early in Jan. This was seconded by Mrs. C. Brosnan. Mon. Jan 7th was the date chosen.

A.O.B. Mrs. Jim Murphy spoke of the enjoyment the Wexford team had in the Junior Quiz. The Chairman thanked him for his Remarks and said we should aim ourselves at the 12-15 year olds.

The Draw for Sat. nights for second half of 1980 to take place at Jan. meeting.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman 15-1-'80.

Minutes of the 26th A.G.M of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on Sun. 4th Feb. 1979.

The meeting opened at 3 pm. under the Chairman Mr. G. O'Flynn. In his opening address, he had a very warm welcome for everyone and expressed the hope that all delegates would have the interests of the C.I.C.A. and its members foremost in their minds. He had a special welcome for Mr. T. Feehan and Mr. John Neary from the Embassy and also for Mr. Michael Hogan and Mr. Owen O'Neill of the Federation and also for Mr. M. Regan of the Harrow Irish Society. He deemed it an honour that these people should feel it important to attend our A.G.M. Tadhg, who was one of our founder members has not missed an AGM in the 25 years. He briefly stated the aims and objects of our Constitution as follows (1) To foster the spirit of our Irish nationality and to preserve of our Irish Heritage. (2) To encourage involvement in the civic life of the community in which we live. (3) To promote social an welfare activities for our members and their friends. He appealed for full support for our County Associations especially from younger members. We are now in existence for 25 years and the need for such a body is no less important even to-day. It is up to us to ensure that the good work carries on. This was his last opportunity, he said, to address the Council and he expressed his thanks to all his friends and his fellow officers for many acts of kindness and encouragement during the year.

The adoption of Standing Orders was the next item on the Agenda. Adoption proposed by

Mr. Seamus Lynch, seconded by Mr. Pat Shaw.

The following Tellers were unanimously agreed: Mr. M. Hogan, Mr. M. Regan, Mr. John Nearey.

The minutes of the 25th A.G.M were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Bonie Egan seconded by Mr. Jim O'Connell.

In Correspondence there was an apology from Mr. Don Marron for absence due to illness. Replies to letters to the Home Secretary and the Irish Government were Read. Letters from Mr. Frank McCabe and Mr. Ben Ennis Re the Padraig Pearse Commemorati

The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. S. Lynch seconded by Mrs. Una Cooper

The Treasurer's Report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. B. Shaw.

The Welfare Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. S. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Pat Shaw.

Mr. Tadhg Feehan, in a short address, expressed his pride and happiness at being present at this 26th A.G.M. The very large attendance, he said, showed a very keen interest in keeping alive this great organisation. He expressed his admiration for the Chairman's work in the past year and also in his two previous terms as Chairman. He expressed the congratulations of the Ambassador for our work and hoped the coming year would hold many successes.

There was a short discussion on the London Irish Festival. Mr. T. Back, Treasurer gave an account of the finances of the 1978 event. He said that £12,000 was available to divide between the Irish Centre and the Cameil Welfare Fund.

Election of Officers: For the position of Chairman, there were four nominations: Mr. G. O'Flynn,

Mr. Seamus Troy, Mr. Don Marron and Mr. P. Hegarty. Mr. O'Flynn, Mr. Marron and Mr. Hegarty withdrew their nominations, leaving Mr. Troy unopposed. In a short speech of acceptance, Mr. Troy thanked all the Assocs. who nominated and elected him. He briefly outlined his idea of the concept of the Council and the County Assocs. The main purpose, as he saw it, came under the two headings of Social and Welfare activities. He paid a warm tribute to all the zealous people in each County who, all along, by sheer hard work and no small expense managed to keep an Assoc. together. He hoped that by 1980 we would have 32 fully active Associations. On the Welfare front he spoke of the vast commitment required in this area. In this connection, he spoke of the London Irish Festival which is now so well established in our social calendar. By its efforts over the last 4 years, about £30,000 has been raised for Welfare. He appealed for an all-out effort by the County Assocs for the Festival.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Troy thanked the outgoing Chairman, Mr. O'Flynn for his efforts for the Council during three terms as Chairman which amounted to five years in office.

For the position of Vice/Chairman, there were four nominations Mr. Don Marron, Mr. J. Mangan Mr. J. Back and Mr. W. Smythe. The nomination of Mr. Marron, who was absent due to illness, was accepted by the Chairman. Mr. Marron agrees to go forward, he said. Mr. Mangan and Mr. Back withdrew, so there was a vote between Messrs. Marron + Smythe. Mr. Marron won by 98 votes to 13.

For the position of Secretary, there were two nominations, Mr. J. O'Connell and Mr. T. Mack. Mr. O'Connell withdrew his nomination, leaving Mr. T. Mack unopposed.

For the position of Treasurer, there were three nominations, Mr. J. O'Connell, Mrs. B. Shaw and Mrs. Cathy Dee. Mr. O'Connell and Mrs. Dee withdrew, leaving Mrs. Shaw unopposed.

For Assistant Secretary, there were four nominations Mr. J. Stenson, Mrs. E. Marron, Mrs. M. O'Grady and Mr. J. Curran. Messrs Stenson and Curran and Mrs O'Grady withdrew leaving Mrs. Marron elected.

At this point, there was a short discussion on the position of President. Mr. Pat Hegarty proposed Mr. Dick Butler. This was seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill. Mr. John McCann said that, in fairness to Mr. Tom Gorman we should write to him and get his views on the position.

From a list of twelve nominations, the following seven Exec. Committee members were elected: Mr. S. Lynch, Mr. J. O'Keeffe, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. T. Mangan, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. H. McCormack and Mrs. M. Cooper

Welfare Fund Trustee elected was Mr. T. Mangan.

Auditors appointed McCormack Lyons & Co.

The appointment of a Federation delegate was left to the incoming Exec. committee

Fr. Cagney, in a short address, thanked the Council and the individual County Assocs. for their very valuable help during the year. We have, he said, embarked on a very ambitious programme of Re-development and, when it is complete, we will have a Social & Welfare Centre worthy of the people who will use it. He thanked especially the

London Irish Festival who contributions this year will go towards paying the salaries of our Welfare workers. He appealed for any assistance that Assocs. can give, either individually or in co-operation with one another, in raising funds.

Motions: no. 1 from Westmeath Assoc. presented by P. J. Caffrey — To clarify our motion at the A.G.M. 1976 — That ordinary members of the Executive not be allowed to hold office for more than three consecutive years. This motion not to be binding on the officers of the Council. The motion was carried unanimously.

No 2. From Armagh Association was presented by Mr. J. McCann — That the Council of Irish County Assocs condemn the treatment of prisoners of conscience in Long Kesh (H. Blocks) and calls for the strongest Representations to the British and Irish Governments for action on humanitarian grounds. Mr. McCann added that this treatment has already been condemned by many leading personalities and Assocs such as ourselves should also be heard. He suggested that we join with the Federation in sending a delegation to Long Kesh to see the position for ourselves. Mr. Jim Curran also spoke for the motion. The motion was carried on a show of hands.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The Chairman announced the details for the Parade and appealed for a good turn-out of marchers. It is arranged for Sun. 11th March at 3 pm.

The Terms of Reference of the Travel committee were Read and a short discussion took place. It was agreed that £50 would be alocated to the committee to meet expenses.

Any other business: There was a call from the Armagh Assoc. that British Troops should be withdrawn from Northern Ireland.

A vote of sympathy with Mrs. W. Reilly in his recent Bereavement was passed.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 6 pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman 3-2-80

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 15th Jan. 1980.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Foy and members were present as Recorded in the Register of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were Read and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. W. Aulsberry, seconded by Mrs. P. O'Gorman. Apologies for absence were Received from Mrs. W. Smythe, P. Dunne, W. Reilly, J. O'Keeffe, Don Charron.

In correspondence, there was a letter from the Federation giving details of their proposed Newsletter. After short discussion on this, it was agreed we would take 350 copies. Adverts for this newsletter to be with publishers by 7th Feb. This letter also gave details of a proposed 'Knock-out' Competition. Five boys and five girls from each society. Mrs. P. O'Gorman suggested we could host some of this competition at the London Irish Festival in July.

The Treasurers Report showed no movement in the accounts. The Books were with the Accountants in preparation for the A.G.M.

Junior Quiz: The Final had taken place on Sun. Jan. 13th Resulting in a win for Donegal over Cavan The Chairman warmly congratulated the winners. He said that seven teams took part this year, it was a great experience and hoped that it will be Repeated next year. He thanked all who took part especially the Quizmasters and Mrs. Charron who supplied the teas. Forty-seven entries were taken for the Individual Quiz. Draw for Guinness Cup to be held at the Feb. meeting.

London Irish Festival: Associations were asked to give in their Requirements for Stalls for 1980. These Stalls will be ordered soon. 15' x 15' stalls

were agreed on. The Chairman suggested writing to Assocs. whose 1979 accounts were outstanding.

Annual Dinner: The following committee was agreed to sell tickets on a provincial Basis: Mrs. Mc Cormack, Mrs. Hack, Mrs. Shaw and Mr. E. Naughton. The Band is Booked and Confirmed.

A.G.M. takes place on Sun. 3rd Feb. The Chairman explained that nomination forms and motions are to be in at to nights meeting. On the position of President, he said that at last A.G.M this position was left in abeyance. He has since written to Mr. T. O'Gorman, but did not have a Reply. According to our Constitution, the President is elected at a Council meeting. There will be a motion at the A.G.M. which he hoped will Regularise this point.

St. Patricks Day Parade: The following sub-committee has been formed - Mr. W. Aulsberry, Mr. Adrian Fleming. Mr. W. Reilly, Mr. T. Bailey plus the Officers of the Council and Mr. G. O'Flynn and Mr. P. Hegarty.

The Draw for Sat. nights for the second Half of 1980 took place.

A.O.B. Mr. B. Aulsberry thanked the Chairman for his efforts on behalf of the Council during the year. He also thanked him for his conduct of meetings and for introducing speakers during the year. Mrs. M. Mc Cormack thanked the Secretary for his work during the year. Mr. Jim Murphy thanked Mrs. Marron for her magnificent work for the Festival during '79.

Mr. Kevin Nugent hoped all Assocs. would Read and study the Memorandum on Northern Ireland.

That Concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.15 pm.

Signed [illegible] Chairman

19-2-80

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on February 19th. 1980.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy. The Chairman welcomed the ~~The~~ President Mr Dick Butler ~~and~~ the delegates and their friends, and introduced the Secretary Mary Allen and Assistant Secretary Pat O'Gorman to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr H. Sills and seconded by Mr J. Dack. Correspondence. A letter had been received from the Irish Centre clarifying over position regarding refreshments. The Centre would like a meeting of over two committee's to discuss matters of mutual interest. Communication from Siamsa informed us of a show at Wembley Conference Centre on March 3rd Tickets from Fr. Sheridan. Joe Walsh Tours brochure giving details of trips available during 1980. The Chairman then informed the meeting of a letter he had written to the Mr J. Stephenson of a Sense of Ireland) regarding his remarks in the Press about the London Irish Festival. A letter had also been sent to the Dept of External Affairs.
Treasurer's Report showed a balance of £1,314.25p. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Mangan and seconded by Mr. B. Aulsberry.
The Chairman then introduced Mr Brian Mulhall, Sales Manager of

Irish Life Assurance who gave an interesting and informative talk on Insurance after which he answered questions from the floor. London Irish Festival. Arrangements are progressing favourably. County Assocs. were asked to give in their requirements for stalls, also number of stalls for County Development teams. Mr G. O'Flynn expressed an opinion that we should try to have stalls all same size. There followed a discussion on admission fee. The Chairman suggested Counties should discuss this matter at their neset monthly meeting and report back. Mr J. Hangan and Mr D. Egan said the Festival was an expensive undertaking and an increase in admission fee must be considered. Mr P. Dunn and Mr C. Brosnan asked if we were a registered charitable organisation and were told this was under review. Mr C. Brosnan then thanked Mr D. Egan for the excellent organization of stewards last year and hoped for the same co-operation this year. Mr Egan at this stage informed the meeting of stewards medals he had to distribute it was decided to do this at a meeting on Wed March. 12th. Mr C. Brosnan suggested that all Chairmen and Secs be present at this meeting to discuss this years stewarding.

St Patricks Day Parade. Mr P. Hegarty Chairman of the Parade informed the meeting arrangements are well in hand. Mr G. O'Flynn had secured a float. The parade will start from Horse Guards Parade at 3p.M. on Sunday March 16th. to march to Southwark

Cathederal for a concelebrated Mass. The gaelic League Choir have agreed to sing. Bob Daly will recite one decade of the Rosary in gaelic. There will be refreshments after Mass.
Mr C. Egan asked if it would be in order for Limerick to have a float with children on, but this is not acceptable to the police.
Publicity for the parade has been taken care of.
It is hoped for a good turn out from the County Assocs. plus schools of dancing and bands.
Annual Dinner. 420 tickets are in circulation
The Chairman appealed for full support for this function.
Irish Centre Report. Father Cagney reported both hostels continue to be full. Work on the girls new hostel is progressing satisfactorily and an opening date of July 8th is hoped for.
Guinness Cup draw took place, home teams to arrange date and venue. First round should be played off by end of April.
A.O.B. The Chairman asked all County Assocs. to notify Council of any changes of Chairman and Secs. There is to be a Christy Ring memorial dance on May 10th at
Cavan Assoc are holding a free dance on Sunday March 2nd. in the Mc Namara Hall.
The Chairman than took the delegates and Comm for their attendance. That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.25 p.m.

Signed [illegible] Chairman
25-8-1980.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on March 25th. 1980.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy who proposed a vote of sympathy to Sister Theresa following the recent tragedy at one of her hostels. Delegates present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.
Apologies for absence were received from Mr and Mrs D. Hearon.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr J. Murphy, seconded by Mr T. Pack.
In matters arising. The Chairman suggested a further meeting of the Exec. before meeting with the Irish Centre Admin. Committee
Correspondence. We are awaiting a reply to a letter written to Mr John Stephenson of a sense of Ireland. The Antrim Assoc. had received a letter from the said Mr Stephenson in which he admitted to having made offensive remarks about the Irish pop. in London but he now suggests the matter be dropped.
A letter had been received from Fr Pagney thanking the Council for the St Patricks night Dinner. Copies of the Federation News letter were distributed as was the Travel Report.
The Chairman suggested delegates read this Report and we would discuss it at the April meeting. Mr E. O'Riordan had written advising us of bands to be booked directly from Ireland.
Knock Out Comp. Entries to be submitted by April 4th. We require six boys and six girls between the ages of 16-24.
Treasurers Report. Showed a balance of

1,335. This does not include dinner money. The Treasurer appealed for this money to be paid in as soon as possible also outstanding affiliation fees.

St Patrick's Day Parade.

The Parade Chairman Mr P. Hegarty thanked the Committee for the hard work in making the Parade such a success, and suggested forming the Sub-Committee early this year. In all 25 Counties participated hopefully we can have all 32 in 1981.

Annual Dinner. Mr P. Hegarty reported had service and cold food. Mr J. Murphy was of the opinion people left early to attend other functions. Mr John O'Keeffe thought £300 was too much to pay for the hand he also suggested we get a toastmaster from one of the County Assoc. rather than pay for one.

London Irish Festival. Arrangements are progressing favourably. Mr D. Harron is looking after the main stage. A firm commitment has been received from Big Tom. Father Sheridan has arrangements for the Sports Field in hand. Entrance fee this year will be £1-50 for adults and 50p for children to the age of 14.

Mr C. Brosnan requested names of Chief Stewards by next Council meeting. Mr W. Smyth enquired if lady Stewards received medals.

Irish Centre Report. Miss Stastia Crickley distributed copies of the Welfare Report and gave a short address on the

work carried out during the last year.
Inter County Quiz. The Chairman expressed the hope of having the first round completed by the end of April.
A.O.B. Mr J. Murphy informed the meeting of defective floor boards in the Kennedy Hall. Cavan Association are interested in forming a debating society.
Westmeath Assoc. are holding a dance in the Kennedy Hall on April 5th as are Clare on April 20th.
Tyrone Dinner at the Regal Rooms on April 12th. Roscommon at Barkers on May 9th.
The Chairman thanked the delegates and Committee for their attendance.
There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.40pm

Signed [illegible] Chairman
16/April 1980.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on April 16th 1980.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy. Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance
Apologies for absense were received on behalf of Mrs Shaw and Bill Aulsberry.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Jim Murphy and seconded by Mr J. Pack.
In Matters Arising. The Chairman informed the meeting the draw for the knock out Cup took place on Sat April 12.
Travel Report. The Sub Committee had nothing to Report at this meeting.
guest Speakers. At the next meeting Mr G. Corr first Sec. from the Irish Embassy will address us.
Correspondence. The A. G. M. of the Irish Centre takes place on Tuesday May 6th at 8.30. P.M.
One delegate is requested from each County.
Father Ryan had written asking for a volunteer to replace him on the Community Relations Committe. It was decided to invite Father Ryan to a future meeting to give us more details.
Treasurer's Report. Owing to the absence of the Treasurer this report was not available.
Inter County Quiz. It is expected to have the first round completed by the end of April.
Irish Centre Report. Sister Joan was in Dublin attending the Epostical Welfare Congress.

Full Bar & Restaurant licence had now been obtained for the McNamara Hall.
London Irish Festival. Arrangements are progressing favourably. Mr D. Harron informed the meeting a good programme is being planned and hopefully we can improve on last years. Counties are requested to supply eight stewards each and names and addresses of chief Stewards to be handed to Mr C. Brosnan as soon as possible. Toilet facilities are to be improved upon this year also.
Counties Parade will again be in alphetical order. Brent Council has requested that the bar be closed by 7. p.m. Sharp.
A. O. B. Father Sheridan informed the meeting of the resignation of Mr J. O'Shea and the appointment of Mr John Harron as manager of the Irish Centre. It was decided to make a presentation to Mr O'Shea as a token of appreciation for the kindness shown to us all during his stay at the Irish Centre.
Counties would asked to make a donation to give Mr O'Shea a worthwhile gift.
Regarding a Debating Society the Cavan delegate suggested writing to each County Soc.
The Chairman thanked the Committe and Delegates for their attendance. There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman
20th May 1980.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on May 20th 1980

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy, and members present as recorded in the Register of Attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr W. Smyth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Mangan seconded by Mr B. Aulsberry.

Matters Arising. The Chairman said he and Mr J. Flynn had at a recent meeting with Mr G. Stephenson and received and apology from the said gentleman ~~he said~~ suggested the matter should now be closed. Mr Flynn complimented the Chairman on his handling of the affair.

Correspondence. A letter had been received from Brother Maurice Lee, of the Crusade of the Holy Spirit asking for financial aid to train priests for South America a donation of £25 was agreed upon. Slough Irish Society had written to inform the Council of their intention to host the Federation Congress at their club on Sat June 7th.

Treasurer's Report. Showed a balance of £3,463-40 The Annual Dinner Acc is still outstanding. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr J. Duck and seconded by Mr M. Sills.

Guest Speaker. The Chairman introduced Mr Gerry Corr. First Sec at the Irish Embassy to the meeting. Mr Corr gave us a short talk on our status as Citizens of the E. E. C. Since the advent of the E.E.C. economic benefits had been increased and

a greater understanding between people had been achieved. In conclusion Mr Corr answered dele-
gates questions from the floor.
Inter County Quiz. The Chairman asked that the First and Second rounds be concluded by end of June. Junior Quiz to commence after the holidays age limit to be 18.
Irish Centre Report. Father Cagney proposed a vote of thanks to the Irish government for their grant of £300-000 he also wished to thank the individual Counties for the continued support they gave to the Centre. A special thank you should go to the Ambassador who played a major role in securing the grant from the government.
London Irish Festival. Arrangements are well in hand. Posters, hand bills and press release are all ready for distribution. Stalls are available for all Counties. Owing to the different sizing this year it may not be possible to have them in Alphetical order. Two tables and two chairs can be had for each stall at an additional charge.
Stewarding. Mr Con Brosnan would like eight Stewards per County. There is to be a briefing of County Stewards on June 24th at the Irish Centre There is to be two refreshment tents for the Stewards. Passes will be issued for each County 2 car and 6 for stall workers. Counties Parade will begin at 4 P.M. in alphetical order Bands from Ireland will be from Dublin, Clonmel and Letterkenny. Mass will be celebrated at 10 A.M. on the main stage.
A. O. B. Mr P. Hegarty asked if it was possible to pay the welfare grant to the County Assoc by cheque. It was agreed that the trustees

should use their own discretion in this matter.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 11 p.m.

Signed [illegible] Chairman

14th June 1980

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Tues June 14 1980.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy and members were present as recorded in the Register of Attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Bill Aulsberry and seconded by Mr J. Pack.

In Correspondence. A letter had been received from the Taoiseach regarding the Irish governments grant to the Centre. We had also received a letter from the Federation informing us that one of our members had won a free trip in the B & I card scheme. John Barkers had confirmed the St Patrick's night booking for 1981.

Treasurer's Report. Showed a balance of £3,603-40p. The Annual Dinner Account is still outstanding. The Report was adopted on the propisition of Mr J. Pack and seconded by Mr J. McGuinness.

Irish Centre Report. Father Cagney reported Hope House full at present. Work on the extension is due to begin in Nov.

Inter County Quiz. Two matches are still outstanding in Round one. It is hoped to have all second Round matches played off by the end of June.

London Irish Festival. Publicity. Posters and hand bills have been distributed all over London and surrounding areas. Press release had been forwarded to all County Assocs. Local papers in Ireland L.B.C. are doing twenty six fifteen secs. broadcasts during week prior to the Festival. Replying to a question from Bill Aulsberry the Chairman said this was costing £800.

Refreshments. This year there will be five bars. Twenty one units selling Ice cream, Hot Dogs.

chicken and chips, Irish Cigs & Confectionery. There is to be spot checks on prices during the day.
Stewarding. Mr Con Brosnan asked for a min of 30 Stewards in the park at 8 A.M. He required all the names and addresses of Stewards for Ins purposes. Mass is at 10 A.M. on Main Stage. Last briefing for Stewards at 11 A.M. Mr Brosnan stressed that cars must be out of the park by 10.30 A.M.
Field Services. Mr D. Egan said toilets were a big problem but it is hoped to have double the amount this year. Mr J. Mangan is to look after drains and sanitation. Mr J Troy Electrics and the siting of mobile units. Mr D. Mc Manus and Mr M. Sills to care for lost children. Signs and notices were the responsibility of Fr Butler. Approach Rds to the Park would be signposted by the A.A. The ~~Council of Irish County Assoc~~ Festival Committee is responsible for clearing up the Park the deadline set by Brent Council is noon Tues. 8th July.
Stalls. Mr G. O'Flynn said all stalls would be erected on Friday evening. Vouchers were to be issued for 2 tables and 2 chairs to be collected from the back of the Summer Theatre between 9 & 10 A.M. and must be returned by 4 P.M. An extra charge is to be made for these items.
Parade. Mr P. Shaw said this would take the same format as last year. Six bands from London and three from Ireland would take part.
The Counties were asked to assemble with their banners and dressed in their County colours at 3.30 p.m. ready to march off at 4 P.M. Starting point for each County will be marked out. Mr Shaw asked for extra Stewards to supervise the Parade.

Main Stage. Mr D. Harron said this would be erected on Friday. Performances would commence at 12 P.M on Sunday. Comperes were to be from Radio Eireann and R.T.E. There is to be a surprise Celebrity guest. Mr Harron asked that people requiring autographs go to the record stalls and not back stage. Replying to a question about the music Licence he said negotiations were going ahead. In addition there will be three Trad. Stages.

Sports Field. Fr S Keridan has a full programme of events to include, Hurling, Tug-o-War, Boxing Athletics and Ladies Soccer.

A.O.B. Mr Bill Aulsberry asked if any action was to be taken by the Irish Centre regarding the scurrilous and slanderous report by Mr Fleming in the Magazine Irish Scene. Father Cagney replied that no official action was to be taken apart from not having the magazine sold in the Centre again. Mr G. O'Flynn proposed the Council write to Mr Haughey disassociating ourselves from these remarks. This was agreed to. Mr D. Egan said Mr Fleming was not part of the Irish Community neither was he a member of the Offaly Assoc.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 11.15 P.M.

Signed [illegible] Chairman

15/7/80

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on July 15th.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy, members present as recorded in the Register of Attendence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr M. Sills and seconded by Mr. E. O'Flynn.

Correspondence. Mr Dempsey had written on behalf of the Ambassador congratulating the Festival Committee on a most successful Festival. A letter had been received from the Office of the Taoiseach thanking the Council for sending their views regarding an article which appeared in the magazine Irish Scene. We had similar views in a letter from the North London branch of Comhaltas. Father Cagney had written to say the Admin. Committee had agreed to our suggestions regarding invitations to the Mayors Banquet.

Treasurer's Report. Showed a balance of £3,581-33p. The Annual Dinner Acc. is still outstanding. The Report was adopted on the propisition of Mr B. Aulsberry seconded by Mr T. Dack.

Irish Centre Report. Father Cagney said the month of June showed a big increase in the number of students arriving at the Centre. The main problems seemed to be accomadation and jobs. It is hoped the second phase of the re building programme would commence in Sept.

Inter County Quiz. Five matches are

outstanding in the second round it is hoped to have them played off by the end of July. The Junior Quiz will commence in Sept. Counties entrying teams are Clare, Cavan Carlow, Donegal, Kerry, Leitrim Monaghan, Meath, Waterford, Wexford & Westmeath.
London Irish Festival. The Festival was a success. The total amount banked was £390 H6-53p this included £HH8 from the car park. It is hoped all expenses will be paid by end of Sept.
Stewarding. Mr C. Brosnan said of 235 Stewards promised only 184 reported for duty on the day. He was dissappointed at the early morning turn out, and went on to stress the importance of Stewarding. Problems arose during the afternoon when few Stewards seemed to be available. Mr Brosnan proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Bridie Reeves for the refreshments provided by her and her helpers for the Stewards Tents.
Stalls. Mr G. O'Flynn, informed the meeting that some stalls were not satisfactory as no dividers were available. He went on to say we should order now for next year. The price of hiring tables and chairs was £2-60 per tent.
To the Dublin Assoc. the Chairman expressed his regret at having to close down their stall it was for him a most unpleasant task but no other course was open to him as the Dublin Assoc. had contravened a ruling laid down by the Council that no County Stall should sell records. This is the only concession given to the Artists who give their services free on the day. Records

should only be sold from the Main Stage.
Mr B. Cooper expressed his dissatisfaction and requested a meeting with the Festival Comm. Field Services. Mr D. Egan in his report said that although the toilet facilities had been doubled this year it was still not enough but it was all the Parks Authority would allow at that time, however a further survey is being carried out.
Plumbing services and Electrics were of a high standard thanks were due to Mr J. Troy and Mr D. Mc Manus. Signs were effective but it was felt more effort was needed.
Price Control. Mrs Bridie Shaw found every thing to be satisfactory but because of the size of the crowd and the park it is just not possible to check every place.
Mr M. Sills reported an increase in the number of lost children this year.
Cleaning of Park was complete on Tues. evening this years cost was £692.
Main Stage. Mr D. Harron said owing to continuous announcements having to be made the Artists were one hour late in finishing. He thanked everyone for a wonderful job in particular all who helped build and dismantle the stage.
Mr J. Mangan paid special tribute to Mrs Enid Harron for doing such a wonderful job. These remarks were endorsed by Mr D. Egan, Mr M. Sills and Mr J. Troy.
Mr B. Aulsberry thanked Mr Brosnan for his efforts on be half of the Stewards

Mr M. Callinan said the Chairman must be very proud of the days performance.
A.O.B. Mr B. Aulsberry informed the meeting that the Haringay Irish Festival would take place on Sept 28 even though Alexandra Palace had been destroyed by fire.
The Chairman and Mr G. O'Flynn had a meeting at Westminster on Sat 19 July regarding the St Patricks Day Parade.
Mr Matt Moore informed the meeting that the Ambassador would not now be leaving London.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and wished everyone a happy holiday. The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman
16/9/80

* In his summing up the Chairman said that the 1980 Festival had lived up to all our hopes and expectations and over the years the event had acquired a degree of success & efficiency that a professional body would feel proud of. Sadly, however, such successful events are invariably a prime target for individuals and groups whose main preoccupation and only consideration would appear to be the projection of their own ideals, irrespective of the cost to others. The Festival Committee is the only body empowered to take decisions on Festival matters. Participation in the Festival in any aspect is permitted only with the prior knowledge and consent of the Festival Committee.

anyone found guilty of violating this ruling must be prepared to accept the consequences. He thanked his fellow members of the Festival Committee for their hard work & dedication. He also thanked the members of the various sub Committees and everyone who in any capacity helped to make the day a success. In conclusion it had been an honour for him to serve as Chairman of the 1980 Festival and as an Irishman he was proud to have been associated with the event.

Signed J. Frost Chairman

16/9/80.

Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assoc, held at the Irish Centre on Sept 16th 1980.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Irvine. Delegates present as recorded in the register of Attendance.
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs B. Shaw
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the propisition of Mr W. Smyth and seconded by Mr T. Pack.
Matters arising. Mr B. Aulsberry informed the meeting of the postponment of the Haringay Festival till 1981.
Correspondence. A letter had been received from Mr Tony Beatty requesting sponsorship for a charity golf tournament being organised by him in aid of the Benburb Base. It was agreed to present £50. The Federation of Irish Societies had given notice of a meeting to be held at the Irish Centre on Sat Oct 11th.
Knock Out Comp. The Chairman offered congrs to the Monaghan Team on reaching the semi-finals of this competition on Sun Sept 7th. at South London. The final is to take place on Sunday Sept 28th. at Leeds A Coach to take the team will leave London on Sat afternoon Sept 27th. The compeditors will travel free of charge all others will be requested to pay £4 to £5 per person to defray cost of coach which is £250. A reception will be held in the Leeds Irish Centre for the teams. Sleeping bag accomodation has also been arranged by the Centre.
Inter County Quiz. It is hoped to have

all second round matches played off by Wed Oct 14th.
Junior Quiz. Fourteen teams are to take part. The venue the Irish Centre on Sunday Oct 19th at 3p.m.
London Irish Festival.
The immediate aim is to wind up the 1980 Festival. Counties were again urged to pay in any monies still outstanding for stalls etc.
Application has been made to Brent Council for the first Sunday of July 1981. The cost of hiring the park will be £1,400. Brent requires a deposit of £1,000. They also suggest making the Festival a two day event. A condition was also laid down by Brent Council to use half the sports field as a car park at a parking fee set by themselves. It was felt this would cause acute congestion.
The Chairman appealed for volunteers to serve on the Festival Committee for 1981 as some members of the existing Committee wished to stand down. He continued by saying to keep the Festival going requires a dedicated and hard working Committee as it had outgrown all expectations we now find ourselves in the unenviable position of being amateurs putting on a proffesional show. Mr Bill Aulsberry expressed concern at the lateness of the raffle for the car on the day.
Mr Ivory said this matter should be

taken up with the Irish Centre.
Mr O'Gorman thought more publicity should be given to the raffle winners St Patrick's Day Parade. The Chairman infor the meeting that he was still waiting to hear from Westminster with regard to taking th the parade to the Cathedral in 1981. A Dance to fund the parade is to be held at the National on Nov 12th. Tickets were distri uted to County delegates to be sold prior to the event as monies collected at the door on the evening of the function would go to the National Club. Mr B. Aulsberry made a suggestion that now is time to apply to the police for permissio to have County floats in the parade.
Any other Business.
Mr B. Aulsberry congratulated the Monaghan team on reaching the semi finals of the Knock Out Comp. and said he was of the opinion there was bias on the part the organisers towards the County Assoc On behalf of Mr J. Murphy of the Wexford Asso Mr M Sills offered very sincere and grate thanks for the large sum of money collec to send Mrs Murphy to Lourdes. He wish to extend special thanks to Mrs B. Shaw, for the tremendous amount of work done by her in getting all this money together.
There being no other business to discu the Chairman thanked the delegates for the attendance and the meeting closed at 10 P.M.

Signed [signature] Chairman
21/10/80

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Oct 21st 1980.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mrs Troy. Members present as recorded in the register of attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Bill Aulsberry and seconded by Mr J. Pack. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr & Mrs Harron and Mr D. Eggie.

In matters arising the Chairman informed the meeting Mr & Mrs Jim Murphy had made the trip to Lourdes. Mrs Murphy wishes to extend grateful thanks to all who made this possible. Mr Troy then proceeded to give an account of the recent Federation Meeting held at the I.C. The B+I draw had taken place and amongst the winners were Haringay Irish, Leeds and Birmingham. The Sub. committee are preparing a written report on Youth. (Travel. Meetings with the carriers are to be discontinued instead travel workshops are to be set up in various parts of the country. Entertainment Siamsa will be here to do a tour of Britain at Easter of 1981. Welfare. Homelessness seemed to be a growing problem in the 50 to 60 age group. Mr Bill Aulsberry was of the opinion that the present government would like to strike the 1974 homeless persons Act off the Statute Book. It was agreed the Council should write to the housing Minister expressing our views on this. Knock out Comp. Leeds were overall winners Cost of staging this was £3,040, receipts totaled £3,068, and estimated number of

persons attending heats through to final was 31,000
Thanks were extended to Monaghan, Waterford,
and Wexford for taking part in the semi finals.
The 1981 Federation Congress takes place at
Portsmouth.
Mr. P. O'Driscoll. a leading supplier of Mens wear
had expressed his willingness to visit
Irish Centre's up and down the country
he had on offer pure wool two piece suits
from £39-50 to £49-50.
Open H. Block. At this point the Chairman
informed the meeting that the Council was
not in any way connected with the Open
H. Block Committee.
Good wishes for a speedy recovery were extended
to Mr Jadgh Feehan who was in hospil recoverin
from an operation.
Treasurer's Report. Showed a balance of
£3,394.
Knock out Comp. Mrs Doyle (Clare) enquired as t
why the Council paid £250 for a coach to take
County Teams to Leeds. It was decided to
discuss this matter at the next meeting.
Inter County - Junior Quiz.
One match is left to play between Louth
and Meath, this should be played off by ~~o~~
end of Oct. Dates for Junior Quiz. Sunday
Oct 19th - Oct 26th.
London Irish Festival.
Some payment for stalls are still outstandi
The Chairman urged the Counties concerne
to clear this matter up. The books are now clos
The Festival Committee are meeting with Brent
Council on Nov 3rd. The Chairman again

appealed for members to serve on the Committee.
Regarding Stewards medals Leitrim had only received four while they had supplied eight Stewards on the day.

St Patricks Day Parade.

Mrs Shaw informed the meeting that B+I had given a £50 voucher to be raffled at the Dance held at the National on Nov. 12th to [redacted] to raise funds for the Parade.

No confirmation had as yet been received from Westminster Cathedral regarding taking the parade there. Mr Troy is of the opinion we should try and involve more organisations in the Parade such as the G.A.A. & Dancing schools etc. The existing Parade Committee have agreed to continue.

St Patricks Day Dinner/Dance.

The Chairman asked if County Assocs. would be prepared to donate a sum of £25 to £30 per County towards the cost of a good band for the evening. It was his personal opinion that a successful evening need a first class band, good food, and a cabaret. Mr Monty Barron was not happy with the atmosphere at Council Dinners he also thought the guests should mix more. Mr Con Brosnan thought it was about time we put on a decent show. Mr Winter asked if we could get some sponsorship. It was decided to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

Irish Centre Report.

Father Cagney reported that the Centre had obtained the services of a new Welfare worker. He went on to state that employment is very difficult

at this present time. It is hoped the girls hostel will be open at the beginning of Jan '8
There is a six months delay at Queen Rd.
Hopefully the second stage of the I.C. will begin before Xmas. The financial state is very serious at the moment. To raise funds Football Matches are to be played at Willesden Stadium on Tues and Wed Nov 18 & 19 followed by a dance at the National. The Committees are asked to supply Stewards for both nights at Willesden Stadium
The teams taking part will be. J. Magee all Stars Vs The Indians Selection. Regarding the Open H.Block Father Cagney went on to say his involvement with the Committee was strickly on humanatrian grounds. It was his opinion the Councils involvement sprang from the fact that a petition had been circulated at a Council meeting and signed by most of the delegates present.
A.O.B. It was announced by the Chairman the next Council meeting would be held on Mon 14th Nov. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30 P.M

Signed [signature] Chairman
14/11/80.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on Nov 14th 1980

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mrs S. Troy. Mr Troy proposed a vote of sympathy with Mrs B. Shaw on the recent death of her mother and with Mr Pat Corbett on the death of his brother. A prayer for the repose of their souls was then said.

Delegates attending as recorded in the register of attendance. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of, Mr E Brosnan, Mr M. Moore, and Mr J. Troy

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr W. Smyth and seconded by Mrs Dack.

Matters Arising. A leading firm of menswear would be at the Irish Centre on Sun. Nov. 30th from 9.30 AM. through the day.

Leeds Coach. It was agreed by the Exec. Committee to pay for this coach to take qualifing teams and supporters to Leeds for the Final of the K nock Out Comps. It was also agreed to ask supporters to pay £4 to £5 towards the costs, but as things turned out Mrs Marron felt unable to ask anyone for money. A full report on the trip by Mrs Marron was read out at the meeting. In spite of all the mishaps and problems that arose Mr Dack said the Federation was to be congratulated on this first effort.

No Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report. Owing to the absence of the Treasurer no report was available Mr Troy said Barkers Bill had now been paid. Re Affiliation the Chairman was

hopefull of a 32 County Affiliation by the A.G.M.
St Patricks Day Parade, No decision had as yet
been received from Westminster Cathedral.
Annual Dinner. Regarding the Festival Comm.
offer to subscribe fifty per cent towards the cost
of a show Band from Ireland. Mr Troy informed
the meeting this was a most generous gesture of
goodwill towards the County Assocs. This had
been unanimously agreed to at a Festival
Committee meeting. However after discussion
at a later meeting the idea had been dropped.
With regard to ~~accusations~~ comments made ~~at the Oct~~
~~meeting~~ by Mr J. Mangan at the October meeting
against the Chairman for not bringing matters
discussed by the Exec Committee to the full
Council meeting. Mr Troy said he felt unable to
do so as he had not had an opportunity to
inform his Exec. of the Festival Committees
decision. At this stage in the proceedings
Mr Gerry O'Flynn proposed a vote of confidence
in the Chairman this was unanimously agreed
to. Mr Troy then asked the Counties to subscribe
£25 to £30 each towards the cost of a band.
Affirmatives were received from Tipp, Galway,
Clare, Westmeath, Kilkenny. Bill Salisbury
said Waterford would certainly contribute if
at least 75% of Counties responded favourably.
To discuss at Committee level. Antrim, Cavan
Carlow, Dublin, Wexford, and Laois.
Armagh, Louth, Tyrone and Fermanagh
were not in favour. Mr Wally Smyth
thought this was a good response and
well worth persuing. Mr Bill Stenson
suggested sending a ballot paper to each

County to get a decision. Mr Monty Barron asked if we had booked a band for the dinner. The Chairman replied not as yet. Inter County Quiz. The next round should be played off by the end of November. Junior Quiz is to take place on Sunday Nov 30 at the Irish Centre. Entries are now invited for the individual Quiz to be held in Jan. The fee is 50p per entry. It is hoped to hold the Junior Final on the same evening. London Irish Festival. All outstanding payments should be made by Dec. The books are now with the accountants to be finalised. The figures will be published in the press at a later date. Discussions with Brent Council regarding the car park are still going on there is now a possibility that the car park in King Edwards Hospital will be made available to us, at a fee of 50p per car. A meeting with the Office of Fair Trading and Consumer Protection has to be arranged regarding the sale of goods on stalls etc.

A. O. B. The Annual general Meeting of the Council will take place on Sunday 1st Feb 1981 at the Irish Centre at 3.00pm. Sharp. Copies of the Constitution will be sent to County Secs. in good time. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30p.m.

Signed. J. Tracy Chairman

16th Dec. 1980.

Minutes of the 27th A.G.M. of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 3rd Feb. 1980

The meeting opened at 3.15 pm under the Chairman Mr. Seamus Troy. In his opening address, Mr. Troy expressed his delight at seeing such a large and Representative meeting. He hoped everyone would play their part in a frank and constructive meeting. He had a very warm welcome for Mr. Padhg Feehan who was representing the Embassy.

The adoption of Standing orders was the first item on the agenda. Adoption proposed by Mr. Con Brosnan seconded by Mr. Bill Aulsbury.

The appointment of Tellers was agreed as: Mr. G. McCormack, Mr. Bill Allen and Mrs. Mary McCormack.

The minutes of the 26th A.G.M. were Read and adopted on the Proposition of Mr. W. Smyth seconded by Mr. Jim Troy.

The Secretary's Report was taken as read. The Chairman thanked and congratulated Mr. Tommy Back on his excellent Report. But he expressed his sadness on reading the last few sentences in which Mr. Back announced his desire to Retire from the position of Secretary. He warmly thanked Tommy for his efforts for the Council over the past four years. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Jim Troy seconded by Mr. W. Aulsbury.

The Treasurers Report was adopted on the proposi of Mr. W. Aulsbury, seconded by Mr. T. Mangan.

The next item on the Agenda was the London Irish Festival. The Chairman called on Mr. T. Back

Festival Treasurer to give a brief outline of the Accounts. The main figures to emerge from the Report showed a profit on the year's working of £18.321. From this a sum of £8.000 each goes to the Irish Centre and to our Council Welfare Fund. The Chairman then gave details for the 1980 Festival as follows: Date 6th July and venue Roundwood Park. The committee: J. Troy, Don Murrow, T. Back, J. Lynch, Fr. Cagney, Fr. Sheridan, Martin Moroney, ~~Joe J~~ Bonie Egan, Con Brosnan, Joe Farrell and Gerry O'Flynn. The Chairman then referred to an article which appeared in a recent edition of Ms. London. The article contained quotes attributed to Mr. J. Stephenson of 'Sense of Ireland' which could only be called offensive to the Irish in Britain, to our culture and are a slight on the London Irish Festival. He then quoted from the article, Remarking that it was crude and vulgar in the extreme. He urged that Representations should be made through the Embassy to the highest authorities on this matter. Mr. M. Callanan agreed that the article was highly offensive and should not go unchallenged. Mr. J. Curran said that the Irish Independent may own that magazine. Mr. W. Reilly said we should check with Mr. Stephenson. He cannot believe he would use such Remarks. Mr. B. Egan suggested we make our communications public. This magazine is distributed publicly. Mr. Jim O'Connell suggests a total Ban on a 'Sense of Ireland' by County Assocs. Mr. Pat O'Gorman agreed that this matter should be taken to the highest level. The discussion was closed at this point with the Chairman's assurances that Representations will be made immediately to the Embassy.

Welfare Report: In the absence of Miss S. Crickley and F. Cagney, Miss Maureen O'Brien paid a vote of thanks to all the County Assocs. for the help and co-operation received by the Irish Centre Welfare office during the past year.

Mr. G. O'Flynn gave a Report on the working of the Council Welfare Fund. In the past year, he said, forty-three grants had been paid by the Trustees as compared with twenty-six in the previous year. He paid a tribute to the Wicklow Assoc. who had one grant paid to them. But, when insurance payments were made in the case, they re-paid the original grant from our Fund. Since the Balance Sheet was prepared, £8,000 were received from the London Irish Festival. This has been put into a special Bank A/c with a months notice of withdrawal at a rate of 17¾%. Mr. O'Flynn concluded by thanking his fellow Trustees for their help and co-operation. He also reminded Associations that all Requests for grants must be signed by the Chairman and Sec. of the Association. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Jim Murphy.

Chairmans Address: The A.G.M. of any Club or Organisation is the time when the members are given the opportunity to voice their opinion on the working of that Body. But, more importantly, it is a time to look to the future and ask the question 'Is this organisation fulfilling the aims and objectives for which it was founded?' Depending on the answer to that question, plans must be laid for the future. By the nature of our immigrant status, it is only right that we maintain a keen interest NOT ONLY in the country in which we Reside, but also in the land of our origins.

The close of the 70's decade will be Remembered for a variety of Reasons – The election of Britains first lady Prime Minister – the appointment of Dr. Eamon Kennedy as our Ambassador – the opening of the McNamara Hall – the Russian invasion of Afganistan, although, it is difficult to understand Britain's dismay at this invasion, when thousands of their troops still occupy a large portion of our own country. But, the main event for us in 1979 was the London Irish Festival at Roundwood. That was the day on which Irish people took their Rightful place in the community here in London. It Remains to be seen if the same thing can be said of 'A Sense of Ireland'.

The Papal visit to Ireland from Sept 29th to Oct 1st. was the outstanding event of the year. The Pope made an unprecedented impact on Ireland's History and one could not but be struck by the Honesty, Concern and sincerity of the man. He spoke of his hope for the victory of Justice and love over hatred and anger. These words must be acted on by the masses of the people and only then will the murderers be shown for what they Really are. In Retrospect, I would like to have seen a motion at this A.G.M. calling on the meeting to condemn the callous lack of Response to the impassioned words of His Holiness the Pope.

Emigration, of late, is happily showing a downward trend. So, what of our future. We, no longer, have a ready-made membership. We, must, therefore attract people into our Ranks. Our best approach in this direction is to youth. Our Junior Quiz during the year showed showed an abundance of talent amongst them.

Our contributions to Welfare must not be under-estimated. Year after year, through the County Associations, thousands of pounds are made available to those in need. It might pay people like Mr. Tom Tobin of the

work Weekly better dividends to ~~pay~~ give more attention to this part of our work than paying so much lip-service to his more influential friends.

The Chairman concluded by thanking his fellow-Officers for their help and co-operation during the year. He thanked the Irish Centre for the use of facilities and made a special mention of the manager, Mr. John O'Shea for his unfailing help and courtesy at all times.

Motions: 1. That articles 3 and 13 of the Constitution be amended to allow the election of President and Vice-Presidents every year at the A.G.M from nominations submitted by Associations. This motion, if passed, to take effect immediately. (From Exec. Committee) Mr. Pat Hegarty, in proposing this motion, said that it was introduced so that the election of these officers could take place at the A.G.M. Under the present Regulations, these officers are elected at a monthly meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pat O'Gorman. and carried unanimously. Mr. Jim Curran made the suggestion that up-to-date copies of the Constitution should be made available to Associations.

With this motion carried, the Chairman suggested that the election of President and Vice-Presidents should now take place. It would enable any voting to be counted while the meeting discussed the other motions For the office of President, there were three nominations - Mr. G. O'Flynn, Mr. Dick Butler and Right Rev. Charles Henderson. The voting on a first count was as follows Mr. O'Flynn 46, Mr. Butler 47 and Rt. Rev. C. Henderson 6. The second vote Result was Mr. Dick Butler 64. Mr. G. O'Flynn 36. Mr. Butler was warmly applauded as the new President.

In a short address to the meeting, Mr. Jadhg Feehan

expressed his honour and happiness to be present at this the 27th A.G.M. He congratulated the Council on such a large meeting. He praised the Chairmans handling of affairs and congratulated him on his address. He also praised the work of all the officers throughout the year. He wished the Council every success during the coming year and also passed on the good wishes of his Excellency, the Ambassador.

Motion no. 2 was next taken. 'That this Council condemns unreservedly conditions and treatment of Irish men and women incarcerated in Long Kesh and Armagh gails. (Antrim Assoc.).

Mr. M. Callanan in putting the motion said it is the duty of the Council to speak out on this matter from the moral and humanitarian point of view. The treatment of these prisoners is a violation of all codes of moral and civil laws. This motion, he said, was a re-affirmation of a similar one at last A G M. and is moved in a spirit of nationalism and moral Rights.

Mr. Jim Curran, Mr. John McCann and Mr. Brian Lennon all spoke in favour of the motion which was carried unanimously.

Motion no. 3. That nominations for the Executive be proposed in writing, in the same manner as the nomination of officers. (Offaly Assoc.).

Mr. Donie Egan in putting the motion said that County Associations would be given time to put forward more suitable candidates. On a show of hands, the motion was carried.

Motion no. 4. That the Welfare Grant be increased to a maximum of £200. (Monaghan Assoc).

Mr. Brian Lennon in proposing the motion added nothing further and left it to the meeting to

decide. Proposition seconded by Mr. Bill Aulsbury. Mr Tom Mangan put in an amendment for a maximum sum of £150. Seconded by Mr. H. McCorma On a show of hands, the amendment was carried

The next point covered was the appointment of four Vice Presidents and as only four were nominated, there was no need for a vote. The four Vice Presidents elected were Mr. G. O'Flynn, Mr. J. Back, Mr. Mn. Mooney and Right Rev. Charles Henderson.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: One nomination Mr. Seamus Troy. Mr. Troy unanimously elected.

Vice-Chairman: 2 nominations Mr. Don Marron
Mr. Tom Mangan.
Mr. Mangan withdrew – Mr. Marron elect

Hon. Secretary: 3 nominations – Mr. P. O'Gorman
Mrs. Enid Marron
Mr. J. Back.

All three nominations unable to accept. The Chairman then accepted nominations from the floor. Mrs. Mary Allen was proposed by Mr. P. Hegarty, seconded by Mr. J. Mangan and duly elected.

Treasurer: 2 nominations – Mr. Pat O'Gorman
Mrs. B. Shaw
Mr. O'Gorman withdrew. Mrs. Shaw elected.

Asst. Secretary: 4 nominations – Mr. Bonie Egan.
Mrs. E. Marron.
Mr. P. O'Gorman,
Mr. W. Reilly.
Mr. Egan, Mrs. Marron, Mr. Reilly withdrew. Mr. P. O'Gorman elected.

Executive Committee Election: From a list of 10 nominations the following 7 were elected –

Mr. Pat Hegarty, Mr. S. Lynch, Mr. J. Troy, Mrs. E. Charron, Mr. T. Mangan, Mr. B. McManus, Mr. W. Reilly.

Auditors agreed for the coming year – Messrs. McCormack, Lyons & Co.

St. Patricks Day Parade: The Chairman informed the meeting that a sub. committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. P. Hegarty has been formed to look after the Parade. Mr. Hegarty then gave details of arrangements so far. Police permission has been granted – arrangements with Southwark Cathedral are complete. The committee hopes to add a little more colour this year with schools of Dancing and Bands. He hopes the County Associations will bring along members and friends and put on a good show.

Welfare Trustee election: Mr. G. O'Flynn proposed Mr. Pat Hegarty. Seconded by Mr. H. McCormack. Mr. Hegarty elected.

Any other Business: Mr. J. Curran raised the matter of the Irish Governments £25,000 grant to Welfare in Britain. He viewed this sum with contempt and urged that we should demand a far greater sum. Mrs. K. Murgent and Mr. M. Callanan both spoke in similar vein on this matter.

Mrs Bill Aulsbury urged the appointment of a P.R.O. to publicise the very good work done by the Council and the County Associations.

At this point Mr. G. O'Flynn thanked the Chairman for all his hard work during the past year.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 6-40 pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman.

8/2/81

Minutes of Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on Tues. Dec. 16th. 1980

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy. Mr Troy proposed a note of sympathy with Mr Jim Murphy on the recent death of his wife. A prayer was offered up for the repose of her soul. Members present as recorded in the register of attendance. Apologies were received on behalf of Mr P. Harron Mrs E. Harron, Mr P Dunne, Mr M. Barron, and Mr D. Egan. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Miss Susan Reilly and seconded by Mr J Duck.

In matters arising: Mr Tom Maguire requested the word accused be deleted and comments inserted in its place. The Chairman made reference to the firm of mens outfitters who had recently visited the Irish Centre. He understood the venture had proved successful and good value for money had been obtained.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from the Environmental Minister in which he said note had been taken of our letter to him. It was agreed we should pursue this matter further. Father Walsh of the Crusade of the Holy Spirit had written for a donation. It was agreed to send £25. A letter from the Irish Embassy informed us of free films available on all aspects of Irish Life. Mr Reg Connolly had sent a brochure on jewellery made by himself. After a short discussion it was decided to invite him to a later meeting with a display of his goods. A long and involved Report on Youth by the Federation was distributed to some delegates. It was suggested Youth should be an item on the Agenda

at the A.G.M.
Treasurer's Report: The account shows a balance of £730-36p. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr Bill Aubsberry and seconded by Mr P. McDonnell.
St Patricks Day Parade: The Chairman was of the opinion that Westminister would after all be the venue for the 1981 Parade.
Annual Dinner. The Chairman was very hopefull of being able to obtain an Irish Show Band for the evening and of keeping the tickets at a realistic price. He appealed for support from the Counties by purchasing tickets for this one function. It is equally important to show as much supportive loyalty to the Council as it is to ones own County Association.
Inter County Quiz: Kilkenny and Carlow have now reached the Semi-Final. Still to play Cavan v Cork, Limerick v Meath. The final is scheduleded to take place on Jan 15th. at 8.30p.m. this is to be followed by the Senior Individual Quiz entries are invited as soon as possible.
Junior Quiz. Carlow v Monaghan, Sligo v Wexford. It is hoped to hold the final on a Friday evening date to be decided and followed by a disco for the young people. With regard to questions posed by Mr Gerry Cord; it was agreed these were difficult for the age groups taking part.
London Irish Festival: The accounts are now finalised and a report will be issued in due course. The Festival is now in the process of acquiring charitable status.
A.O.B. Mr Kevin Nugent said he thought it deplorable that no mention had been made

of the men and women of our Country who were close to death while on hunger strike. At this point Mr Noel De Biersa read a long statement which he intended sending to the pres He ended with an appeal to the Council to telegraph Mrs Thatcher urging her to take note of the Churchmen and to take steps on humanitaria grounds to try and find a solution to this urgent problem. A telegram from the Council was despat ed that same evening.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman wished all present a Holy and a Happy Christmas and the meeting closed at 10·35p

Signed [illegible] 20/1/81 Chairman

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Jan 20th

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy. Members present as recorded in the register of attendance

Apologies were received on behalf of Mrs Marron, Mr Smyth, Mr Dunne, Mr Barron, Mr Walshand Mr Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aulsberry and seconded by Mr T. Dack.

In matters arising the Chairman said Mr Reg Connolly was to be invited to the Feb meeting to display and sell his jewellery.

At the recent Federation meeting held at the Irish Centre it was unanimously agreed to appoint a Youth Officer.

Correspondence. The Chairman read a reply to our telegram from Mrs Margaret Thatcher regarding the hunger strikers.

Treasurer's Report. Showed no movement in the accounts.

St Patrick's Day Parade. It is now agreed to take the Parade to Westminster Cathedral. We must be inside the Cathedral at 2p.M. Mr P. Hegarty said that although the time is not ideal its the best we can get.

Mr D. Marron appealed to everyone to support the Parade.

Annual Dinner. Plans are well ahead Tickets are to be distributed on a provincial bases. Mrs Mary McCormack will take care of Ulster. Mrs Bridie Shaw Leinster. Mr Bob Daly Connaught, and Mrs M. Allen

Munster. The band Hugo Duncan and the Ranchers is from Tyrone. The cost to the Council is £300 same as last year. The balance to be sponsored by Sealink. We will be entertained in the interval by those brilliant dancers from the Kavanagh school.

The Quiz. The 1980 Quiz is now concluded Kilkenny are to be congratulated on their win over Cavan in the final. To Mrs McGuirk on winning the individual and Monaghan winners of the junior Quiz we also offer our congratulations. The juniors showed much enthusiasm and are eager to carry on in 1981. At present the Quiz is the only means of competing between the Counties. The Chairman asked for more support to make the final evening a memorable one. Mr H. Sills complained he received insufficient notice of the final for his juniors to compete. Miss Susan Reilly said thanks were due to the Quiz Masters for the role they played.

London Irish Festival. The Chairman informed the meeting that our appeal was upheld we would therefore have full use of the sports field as in previous years. The car park would be by gate B. and we would have use of the hospital car park also.

Stringent rules and regulations have been laid down by the Office of fair trading regarding sale of alcohol and other items on County stalls. If Counties informed the Council in advance of their intentions a lot of problems could be avoided on the day.

The 1980 accounts are now ready and an

announcement in the press will appear in due course. Final decision on splitting the money rests with the Festival Council who will meet in the next few weeks. At least 25% of Counties had as yet not paid for their stalls. It was suggested when stalls are being allocated for the 1981 Festival this should be taken into account. Mr P. Mc Donnell said in his opinion the overall profit was rather small when one took into account the large numbers of people who had attended the 1980 Festival. The Chairman said copies of the accounts could be looked at here at a Council Meeting. Mr B. Aubsherry enquired if County Assocs could obtain a liquor licence on the day.

A. G. M. Is to be held at 3 P.M. on Sunday February 1st in the Kennedy Hall. Mr B. Aubsherry asked if copies of the Constitution would be made available on the day, and would any alteration of rules take effect from that day.

A. O. B. Mr T. Dack proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his efforts on behalf of the Council through out the year. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and said he looked forward to seeing everyone at the A. G. M.

The meeting closed at 10.10. P.M

Signed [signature] Chairman.

17/2/81

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Feb 17th 1981.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy. Delegates attending as recorded in the register of attendances.
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr P. Corbett, Mr P. Shaw, and Mr M. Donlan.
A prayer was offered up for the victims of the Dublin fire tragedy and their families.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Hat Hare and seconded by Mr Bill Aulsberry.
In matters arising the Chairman reminded the members, Mr Reg. Connolly would attend the March meeting to display and sell modern Silver Jewellery.
In Correspondence. A letter from the Federation of Irish Societys informs us that the 8th Annual Congress will be held at the Portsmouth Irish Centre on Sat May 23rd. Mr Troy read a letter he had received from the Irish Centre regarding his comments at the Council's A.G.M. The Chairman went on to say his address was his own personal opinion and ~~was~~ neither open to, nor subject to discussion. He is as anxious as everyone to see the Irish Centre prosper and succeed It was out of courtesy to Mr Moroney that he was allowed to speak at the A.G.M.
Treasurer's Report. Showed a balance of £484-42p
The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr H. Sells and Seconded by Mr J. Dack.
Affiliations and Quiz fees are now due.
Mrs Shaw said the Quiz fee should be raised. Last year we had spent £200 on trophy's etc

and only £40 in fee's were received.
Mr Bill Aulsberry we are trying to encourage the Counties to take part we might find it difficult to attract entrants if the fee is raised.
Miss B. O'Reilly proposed we charge £3 per team this was seconded by Miss S. O'Reilly.
Mr Tom Mangan proposed an amendment for £5 this was seconded by Mr P. O'Gorman.
At this stage Miss B. O'Reilly withdrew her proposal. The amendment was carried.
Mr M. Sills said the Wexford Assoc would donate a Cup for the Senior Quiz.
St Patrick's Day Parade. Arrangments are well in hand. We have a float. The Parade will take on the same format as in previous years. To reach Westminster Cathedral at 2p.m. we must move off from Horse Guards at 1.30 p.m. Sharp. Mr Matt Moore asked if we could advertise the Parade through I.B.C. Miss S. Reilly suggested we put poster in Parish Churches and ask Priests to make an announcement at Sunday Masses.
Annual Dinner. Tickets are now in circulation guests have been invited. The Chairman urged for a special effort to be made to sell tickets.
London Irish Festival. Payments for some County Stalls are still outstanding. The Chairman asked delegates to bring this matter to the attention of their County Assocs. Distribution of profits from the 1981 Festival has now be made. The Irish Centre received £4,000. The Exec. of the Council strongly recommends division

of profits in future be made after each succeeding Festival. A further recommendation made by the Exec that over £4,000 be held in a seperate acc. This was proposed by Mr D. Mc Manus and seconded by Mr B. Aubsherry. As an amendment Mr E. Brosnan proposed we make a further substancial donation to the Irish Centre. The Chairman said under the present terms of reference this is not possible.

At this stage Mr D. Marron suggested we increase the Welfare grant. Regarding stalls for this years Festival Mr G. O'Flynn said the cost this year was increased by 10%.

Irish Centre Report. Father Cagney said the Medway St girls Hostel is now open and is to be renamed the St Louise Hostel. Working at full capacity it will accomadate 130 girls. An open day for Assoc members is planned for Sun March 8th from 3pm. to 5 p.m. The financial status of the Centre is very worrying at present. with a debt in excess of £100,000. The second and final stage of redevelopment is due to start in March on the Camden Sq. frontage. This will be done in stages as money becomes available. Co-operation from the Counties is very much appreciated. At the moment the Centre has a serious cash flow problem. Some Counties are in arrears to the time of £15,000 for functions held by them. Father Cagney appealed for prompt payment as this money is vital for the day to day running of the Centre. The Mayors Banquet is to be held on Tues April 14th to which the Officers of the Council and County Chairpersons and partners are to be invited.

For the moment work on Conway House is in abeyance. Mr Con Brosnan asked if it were possible to allocate the Mc Namara Hall on the same lines as the Kennedy Hall. Mr D. Egan enquired if any plans were made by the Exec. Comm to meet the Admin Comm. of the Irish Centre.
The draw for the Guinness Cup took place next. The first round to be played off by the end of April.
The Wexford motion held over from the A.G.M. was then dealt with. After a long discussion Mr Sills said he would be satisfied if we wrote to British Rail deploring conditions of train from Euston and Paddington.
A.O.B. Mr Noel De Burca asked what steps if any had been taken regarding the Antrim Motion passed at the A.G.M.
The Chairman assured him this is being dealt with.
Mr P. Dunne proposed a vote of sympathy with Mrs Fox on the recent death of her husband.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and meeting closed at 10.30p.M.

Signed [signature]. Chairman
4th. March 1981.

Minutes of a Comm. Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Wed. March 11th 1981

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy. Delegates attending as recorded in the register of attendance. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr C. Brosnan.
Mr Troy welcomed Mr Reg Connolly who was showing his own make of modern Irish jewellery also Mr Cyril McKervey the newly elected Chairman of the Westmeath Assoc. London.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. B. Aulsberry and seconded by Mr T. Dack.
In matters arising: The Chairman appealed to Counties still owing for stalls from the 1981 Festival to settle their accounts.
Correspondence. A letter was read from the Irish Cultural Activities group in London.
Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £ 964. 42. p. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Dack and seconded by Mr. B. Aulsberry.
St Patrick's Day Parade: The Parade has been given the all clear by the Police despite a ban on all other Parades for a period of four weeks.
Counties with their banners are asked to assemble at Horse Guards at 1. p.m. sharp and be ready to move out by 1. 30p.m.
Annual Dinner: Arrangements are now complete. Final figures should be telephoned to Mrs Shaw as soon as possible.
London Irish Festival: Formation of the 1981 Festival Comm. is as yet incomplete.
Arising from an Exec. Meeting of March 11th a

decision to meet the Admin Comm of the Irish Centre was agreed to. The date for the meeting has to be arranged. It was also agreed the people to attend this meeting should be; Mrs Troy, Mr T. Dack and Mr & Mrs Marron, as these are the people most closely connected with the running of the ~~1980~~ Festival in previous years.

Stalls for 1981: Mr E. O'Flynn said very few bookings had been made.

Irish Centre Report: Father Cagney said there had been a drop in numbers of people coming here from Ireland. This is somewhat of a relief although accomodation is ~~not now so~~ easier. much a problem. Finding employment is very difficult at present. The second stage of the redevelopment programme of the Centre is due to begin at the end of April. The girls hostel in Medway St is working well and filling up gradually. The official opening is scheduled to take place on May 5th. A further date for County Assoc. personnel, to view, is being arranged.

A. O. B. A benefit Dance organised by the Dublin Assoc. is being held at the National Ballroom on Tues. April 21st. On behalf of the Fermanagh Assoc. Mrs Mary McCormack thanked the Council for their expression of sympathy on the recent death of Mr Frank Maguire M.P.

Mr T. Mangan announced his decision to resign as V/Chairman of the Council and as a Trustee of the Welfare Fund. Mr Troy asked Mr Mangan to give his resignation in writing this he refused to do.

Mr Pat Hegarty said Mr Mangan should

give his reasons. At this stage Mr G. O'Flynn said we should leave the discussion till the next meeting.

The Chairman then invited Mr Reg Connolly to address the meeting. Mr Connolly showed his collection of jewellery and said for bulk buying he was prepared to give a 40% discount. Orders placed through County Assocs would qualify for 25%. He was hopeful of having Brochures to distribute in the near future. Certain items could also be ordered in 9ct gold.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the Officers and delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman

21st April 1981.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday April 21st 1981.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy.
Members present as recorded in the register of attendance.
Apologies were received on behalf of Mr P. Corbett, Mr D. Butler, Mr C. Brosnan, , Mr P Egan, Mrs B. Shan Mrs G. Kelleher, & Miss Lucy Hatchett.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aulsberry and seconded by Mr T. Pack. Matters Arising; The Chairman informed the meeting that Fr Brian Lawlor of the Hammersmith Welfare Bureau had been invited to address us at our May meeting. Future speakers to be invited will include Ivan Gibbins of the Irish Cultural Activities group, Representatives from the Irish Embassy and the I.N.A. Mr Wally Smyth asked if the position of the V/Chairman could be clarified had he in fact resigned. Mr Troy was unable to give an answer to this as Mr Hangan was on holiday. He hoped this could be cleared up at the May meeting.
Correspondence: Letters had been received from Mr Brian Lenihan Minister for Foreign Affairs Irish Government, and Mr Humphrey Atkins Northern Ireland Sec. of State.
At this stage Mr Dan Mc Manus proposed we send a telegram regarding the hunger strikers in the Maze Prison to Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

This was seconded by Mr P McDonnell. The proposal was carried. A Telegram was despatched the same evening.
We had also received a letter from the Federation asking us to nominate a youth officer.
Treasurer's Report: No report due to absence of Mrs S Lane.
Annual Dinner: This event was a splendid social success. The Chairman requested Counties with monies still outstanding that we are being requested to settle our bill at Barkers.
St Patricks Day Parade: Mr Wally Smyth said this was a great improvement on last year. Mr P. Hegarty he will not be satisfied until we can compare with big parades like New York. We would have to think of ways to fund the Parade in future as anything decent can cost in the region of £2000. Dissappointment was expressed at the number of priests at the Cathedral We had invited ten but only five turned up on the day. The Counties were well represented 25 County Banners were carried in the parade. Mr Hegarty thanked the Stewards, the people who renovated the float, and all who turned out on the day.
London Irish Festival: Mr J. Troy the Festival Chairman reported every thing going well. Meetings are being arranged with Brent Council, The Office of fair Trading, The Police, and the St Johns Ambulance. Mr Troy said a great effort was being made by everyone and he was hopefull of having a good show on the

road on Sunday July 5th. Mr John O'Keeffe as Chief Steward is having a meeting on Tues May 12th with County Chairpersons with a view to obtaining a firm commitment re Stewards for the day.
Inter County Quiz: First and second rounds should be played off by the end of May.
Irish Centre Report: The St Louise Hostel for girls is having an open day on Sunday April 26th. Formal opening by Cardinal Hume takes place on Tuesday May 5th. Work on Conway House is still in abeyance. The A. G. M. of the Irish Centre takes place on Thursday May 21st.
A. O. B. Mr P. Stafford queried the charge of £60 booking fee for the Kennedy Hall. He thought this was excessive. Father Cagney promised to have this discussed at the next Admin Committee meeting.
Mr P. McDonnell asked why tickets for benefit dances could not be sold at other functions in the Irish Centre. This ruling is laid down by the Centre to ensure complete relaxation of its patrons while enjoying an evening out with friends or relatives. The management feels it is very off putting if people are harassed by ticket sellers. With regard to the Mayor's Banquet Fr Cagney said his information in the first instance had been incorrect. A higher percentage of County personnel had attended. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman
19. 5 - 81.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on May 19th 1981.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy.
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr P. Shaw.
Delegates ~~present~~ as recorded in the register of attendance.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr J. Troy and seconded by Mr W. Smyth.
In matters arising: The V/Chairman said he had reconsidered his decision and would not now be resigning. Miss Bridie O'Reilly had agreed to act as Youth Officer within the Council.
Correspondence: A letter had been received from the Apostolic Delegate thanking us for our message of sympathy on the recent attempt on the life of the Holy Father.
Mr John Moody had written to thank us for having himself and his wife as a guest at our St Patricks Night dinner.
The Irish Cultural Activities group had sent us posters to display advertising a lecture series. Particulars had been received from Irish Life about the forthcoming golf Day at Fose Hills on Fri June 26th.
Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £336.42
Guest Speaker: The Chairman introduced Fr Brian Lawlor Director of the Hammersmith Welfare Bureau who was to address the meeting.

Father Lawlor who has been at Hammersmith for the last ten years said the aims of the Bureau are to try and prevent Irish Immigrants from becoming social problems, by helping them in the initial stages, by trying to find suitable accom. and employment, giving information about social activities and helping with repatriation. As a caring agency regardless of race, class, or creed in the last ten years the Bureau has helped about 7,000 people. At the end of his address Fr Lawlor answered questions from the floor.

London Irish Festival. Arrangements are now well in hand. Commitments have been received from the following; Margo, The Indians, Hugo Duncan, Two's Company, Miami Show Band, Joeline & Country Flavours, Mona & Bonanza & many other performers.

Stewarding: Mr John O'Keeffe has this years Chief Steward appeals to all Counties to play their part in providing as many as possible reliable people on the day.

Tents: Mr G. O'Flynn has this under control.

Regarding the sale of goods on County Stalls, No uncooked food is allowed, and price and weight must be clearly marked.

No County Stall is allowed to sell records. The Festival Committee only has this right and have taken a tent for this purpose.

Rosettes in County colours are obtainable from Mr Aherne who has given an undertaking not to sell in the park on the day of the Festival colours of any

that places an order of 200 or more with him. These will cost 23p each and hats at 55p Plus V.A.T. It is suggested All Counties agree on a resale price.
Admission is £2 by programme only OAP's and accompanied children free, there will be no re-admission. Mr B. Salisbury asked if any provision had been made re admission of unemployed people. The answer was no. The Festival Chairman Mr J. Troy thanked everyone concerned with the organising of the Festival he was confident all the hard work being done will prove worthwhile.
Inter County Quiz: The second round is now nearing completion. The Junior Quiz will take place in Sept or Oct. exact date to be announced in due course.
Irish Centre Report: Father Cagney reported the girls hostel in Hedway St had been officially opened on May 5th. by Cardinal Hume. It has accomadation for 114 girls and at present 74 are in residence. A large influx of students looking for Summer work is expected in the next few weeks. Father Cagney reminded the delegates of the A.G.M. of the Irish Centre due to take place on May 20th. The sale of tickets is not allowed in the Irish Centre but announcements regarding functions will be made at all times.
With regard to the £60 fee for the Kennedy Hall Fr Cagney said this was never a ruling but if anyone had been charged this amount he suggested they write to the Irish Centre for a refund. The charge is now set at £30 for the hall when food is not

served at a function. To avoid further confusion the Chairman suggested Fr. Cagney should put this in writing to all County Assocs. This he agreed to do.
A. O. B. Our President Mr Dick Butler is in hospital we wish him a speedy recovery
The Chairman announced Mr Jadgh Feehan is due to retire soon perhaps a presentation is in order.
Sympathy is extended to Mrs Enid Marron on the recent death of her father.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked Fr Lawlor for giving us his time and the delegates for their attendance.
The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

Signed [signature]. Chairman
16th June 1981.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on June 16th 1981

The meeting opened under the chairmanship of Mr S. Troy.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr T. Mangan, Mr P. Shaw, Mr E. Brosnan, and Miss Lucy Hatchett.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr P. Hegarty and seconded by Mr Bill Aulsberry.

In matters arising: The Chairman said Father Lawlor would be pleased to accept gifts of mens clothing in good repair.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from Mrs Fox requesting a donation for the Galtee Pipe Band. Thank you letter from Mr Tony Beatty for our support of his golf day in aid of the Benburb Base. Mrs Harron had written to thank us for our sympathy on the recent death of her father

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £4,123-79. Affiliation fees to date had been received from twenty five Counties and Quiz fees from fifteen. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Pack and seconded by Mr W Smyth.

Replying to a question ~~Mr Troy said~~ regarding the Federation Mr Troy said the new format makes the Council of Irish County Assocs liable to pay an affiliation fee of £000 per annum.

guest Speaker: The Chairman called upon Fr. Sheridan to address the meeting. Father Sheridan is now organising a fund raising campaign for the Oblate Missionaries who cover a very extensive territory mainly in South America To try and raise funds Father Sheridan is organising a golf comp, an Autumn fair and a monthly draw. He appealed for as much help as we could possibly give him in this worthwhile project. Father Sheridan ended by saying how happy he was in his work, he thanked us for having him and he would be distributing tickets for a raffle after the meeting.

London Irish Festival: Plans for this years Festival are now almost complete. There is to be a meeting in the park on Sunday June 21.st. A Stewards meeting will be held at the Irish Centre on Wed 24th, to which all Chief Stewards have been invited. Mr D. Egan said more sponsorships for toilets was needed more skips were also required. Mr Bill Aubsberry again raised the question of admission for the unwaged. The opinion was that Stewards would be overburdened on the day without this extra problem. Though far from happy Mr Aubsberry said he accepted this.

Tents: All have now been allocated. Two tables and two chairs per tent would be available and should be collected from the back of the Grammer Theatre by 10.30 p.m.

Parade: Mr Shaw has this under control. Assembly time is 3p.m. A maximum of

twelve people is allowed from each County
Michelstown Creameries are donating a perpetual
trophy to be known as the Galtee Cup for the
best Pipe Band.
Inter-County Quiz: Longford and Westmeath
are still outstanding from the first round.
It is hoped to complete the second round
before we break for the holidays. Junior
Quiz will be held in the Autumn date
to be announced later.
Irish Centre Report: None.
A. O. B. The Chairman announced the
formation of the Down Assoc.
A raffle is to be held to fund the 1982 St
Patricks Day Parade. The Parade will again go to
Westminster Cathedral. A meeting with the Admin
Comm and the Officers of the Council is to be
arranged. It was agreed we should make enquir
ies at the Grosvenor Rooms Willesden with
view to holding the 1982 St Patricks night dinner
there. At this point Mr Michael Mulvanerty raised
the question of Security at the Irish Centre.
Mr Mulvanerty said at a recent Dinner held by
the Leitrim Assoc in the McNamara Hall certain
members of the Irish Centre Club had gatecrashed
this function when the bars in other halls
had closed. ~~From the discussion which~~
~~followed~~. Mr Pat O'Gorman also mentioned
the Clare Assoc. had recently experienced
a similar problem and had in fact writ
to the Irish Centre regarding this.
From the discussion which followed it
was evident this is a regular occurrence
and the general feeling was that the Irish Cent

Managment has a responsibility to the Assocs and should take steps to prevent this sort of thing happening. Mr D. Egan suggested Comm ties should put any complaint to in writing to the Management Committee who would try and resolve the problem.
Regarding confusion that has arisen over the Knock Out Comp. Mr Troy is to contact Mr Michael Hogan.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked Father Sheridan for addressing us and the delegates for their attendance. The meeting closed at 10.30 p.M.

Signed J Troy Chairman

June 16th 1981.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on July 21st 1981.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy. Delegates attending as recorded in the register of attendance. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Miss Lucy Hatchett, Mr Pat Hegarty, and Mr Bill Aubsberry.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Dack and seconded by Mr W. Smyth.
In matters arising the Chairman congratulated Mr Fergal Shaw and Mr John Wright on winning the Irish Life Golf Comp. at Fox Hills on June 26th.
To the newly formed Down Assoc he accorded a warm welcome on behalf of the Council of Irish County Assocs. The Monaghan Assocs will compete in the Final of the Knock Out Competition at Willesdan Stadium on Sunday Sept 13th., and will use the occasion to project the ~~Council of Irish Counties~~ image of the Council. Tee shirts and a banner with the words Council of Irish Counties will be acquired. The games will begin after an open air Mass at 12 o'clock. The winners and runners up will be entertained at the Irish Centre on on Sunday evening. It was agreed to pay travelling expenses to the Waterford and Monaghan teams.
A farewell reception will be held at the Irish Centre on Sept. 24th for Mr Sadgh Feehan who is retiring. Mr Ken Lynam of the Irish video Project group will be guest speaker at

the Sept. meeting.
Correspondence: Thank you letters had been received from Fr Sheridan, Mrs Fox, and Mr Dan McManus.
Dundalk mens unit had written to inform us of the appointment of Mr Tommy Walsh of Liverpool as U.K. National Sales Exec. The Cork G.A.A. County Board had sent details of an annual draw to help clear the £1.4 million pounds debt Our president Mr Dick Butler had received a letter asking the Council to intercede on behalf of Mr. P. Hackett who has been in solitary confinement for eleven months. The Northern Ireland office in a letter said the British government has no intention of granting political status to the hunger strikers in the Maze prison. The Chairman in reply to a question from Mr Noel De Burca informed the meeting of a Special Exec. meeting to deal solely with the Northern Ireland question Asked by Mr De Burca if observers would be allowed, Mr Troy said not at this stage. Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £4,123-48 To date twenty six affilation fees and eighteen Quiz fees had been received. The report was adopted on the propisition of Mr H. McCormack and seconded by Mr T. Mangan.
Inter County Quiz: This is now drawing towards the final. Junior Quiz will take place in the Autumn.

Irish Centre Report. In the absence of Fr Cagney Mr D. Egan gave this report. He thanked the Council for helping to make the car raffle at the London Irish Festival a success. Phase two of the redevelopment project commenced on July 6th. The money received from the Irish government will go towards this. A new fund raising campaign will begin in the Autumn. Owing to the shortage of meeting rooms in the next few months members will be asked to share what there is available.

London Irish Festival: Mr Jim Troy Festival Chairman thanked everyone for a splendid effort. Mr John O'Keeffe thanked the Stewards for a good job though he said some serious allegations had been made against some Stewards who had taken money on one gate. Final figures will be available in Sept.

The casualties for such a large crowd were minor amounting to 51 slight injuries during the day and 3 in the evening. The Antrim Assocs said the Metropolitan Police should be thanked for their co-operation.

A.O.B. On behalf of the Down Assoc. Mr Frank Lennon thanked the Chairman for his warm welcome and for the personal assistance Mr Fre had accorded them during their formation.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and wished all present "happy holidays" and the meeting closed at 10.30 p.M.

Signed J Mangan Chairman

15th Sept 1981.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held on Sept 15th 198

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Tom Mangan.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendances.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Chairman Mr. S. Troy, Mr John O'Keeffe, Mr B. Aulsberry and Miss Lucy Hatchett.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr D. Egan and seconded by Mr W. Smyth.

Correspondence: Aer Lingus and B+I. had confirmed their willingness to support our raffle to raise funds for the St. Patricks Day Parade. Allied Irish Banks regret they are unable to help. Literature concerning forthcoming productions at the Patroial Theatre, and Sadlers Wells had been distributed by the Sec.

Treasurer's Report: showed a balance of £440-34p.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs Una Cooper and seconded by Mr T. Dack.

Mr Mangan then introduced Mr Ken Lynam and Mr Don Magee of the Irish Video Project who were our guest speakers. Mr Lynam told us the video project was set up two years ago and is taking the form of three tapes. The idea is to explore the Irish experience in Britain. The tapes are primarily for use in schools and are aimed at giving second and third generation Irish children a sense of their Irish background and identity. Funding for the first two tapes has been received from the Greater London Arts Association and the Commission for

Racial Equality. At the end of their discussion Mr Lynam and Mr Magee answered questions from the floor.
Inter County Quiz: The third round is now nearing completion.
Junior Quiz: The following counties have entered teams: Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Donegal, Monaghan, Sligo, Offaly, Waterford, Wicklow, & Wexford.
Individual Quiz: will be held on night of Inter County Final.
London Irish Festival: A final breakdown of figures should be available at the next council meeting. It has been decided the Stewards will receive medals as a token of gratitude towards their contribution to making the day successful. The Festival Chairman Mr J. Troy had received a bill from Brent Council for £800 for missing tables and chairs. Mr Troy asked all County Assocs. to pay for stalls as the books have to be handed over to the accountants by the end of Sept.
Irish Centre Report: This was given by Mr D. Egan. He informed us of the departure of the catering and general managers from the Centre. All enquiries for the time being regarding functions would be dealt with by Mrs D Carey.
A.O.B. On behalf of the Monaghan Assoc. Mrs Enid Marron expressed thanks to the Council for tee Shirts supplied to the team at the Knock Out competition, and appreciation to the Irish Centre for entertainning the teams.
It was announced that Mr Owen Carron M.P. for Fermanagh and South Tyrone would

he at the Irish Centre on Thursday Sept 14th.
Sympathy was extended to Fr Cagney on the
recent death of his mother and to Mr Tom
Mangan on the death of his brother.
There being no other business to discuss the
Chairman thanked the delgates for their
attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

signed [illegible] Chairman
20/10/81

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on Oct 20th 1981.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy, who apologised for his absence due to illness from the previous meeting. Mr Troy thanked the N/Chairman Mr Tom Mangan for chairing the meeting.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr Tom Mangan, Mr D. Egan, Mr P Corbett, Mr John O'Keeffe, and Miss Lucy Hatchett.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Bill Aelsberry and seconded by Mr John Murphy.

In matters arising: The Chairman announced that 1982 Federation Congress will be held in Leeds. The youth Congress takes place on Sat Nov 21st at the Inverness Hotel. Our Representative Miss B O'Reilly will be in attendance. Re affiliation fees the Council of Irish County Assocs will be subject to negotations. An agreement in principle has been reached which allows County Chairpersons to sign passports. Arising from a motion carried at the recent Federation meeting a special Congress has been set up to discuss Northern Ireland.

Mr Kevin Nugent expressed his disappointment that no member of the Exec. Comm. had been present to meet Mr Owen Carron M.P. during his recent visit to the Irish Centre. The Chairman tendered his apologies to Mr Nugent and said he could not attend because of illness. Mr Dan McManus said he had been present on the evening. ~~The~~ Mr Troy then

welcomed Mr Martin Moroney and Mr Tadgh Feehan to the meeting both of whom had recovered from illness

Mr Feehan thanked the Council and County Assocs for their most generous presentation on the occasion of his retirement. He paid tribute to the present and former officers and said how proud he was to have been instrumental in the formation of the Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Feehan for his kind sentiments and said the Irish people of London owed him a debt of gratitude for his work here and through him the close liason we enjoyed with the Irish Embassy. He wished him on behalf of all present a long, healthy and happy retirement in his native Cork.

Correspondence: A letter from Sea link had been received containing a voucher for our Annual Raffle. The Irish Chaplaincy Scheme had written asking us to take space in their St Patrick's Festival Concert Programme. Letters from the Leitrim Assocs and Haringey Irish regarding recent functions were received. The Chairman commented that reading letters such as these afforded him no pleasure whatever, but on the other hand he commended both Assocs for writing to the people concerned.

Treasurers Report: Showed a balance of £603-34. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr W. Smyth and seconded by Mr T. Pack.

Inter County Quiz: It is hoped to have the semi-final played off by the end of Nov. Nominations were taken for the Junior Quiz. Entry fees to be paid at the Nov. meeting.

Annual Dinner: The Royal Garden Hotel

in Kensington High St has been booked for the 1982 St Patricks Night Dinner.
St Patrick's Day Parade. The venue is as last year Westminster Cathedral.
London Irish Festival: Books have now gone to the accountants. Final figures to be published in the Irish Post in due course. The Festival Council will meet on Nov 4th. There is to be a meeting of County Chairmen to discuss all aspects of stewarding at a date to be arranged.
Irish Centre Report: Father Cagney expressed his appreciation for mass cards received recently on the death of his mother. The girls hostel continues to be full at all times there is in fact a waiting list. There are a number of vacancies at the boys hostel. Work is expected to be complete by mid-June. He said we should welcome the return of Mr John O'Shea as manager to the Irish Centre.
Fr Claud Malone will be taking over as Director at the end of the month Father Cagney asked that we give him our support. He was hopeful that the Irish Centre's problems would be resolved in the near future. Referring to the Haringey Irish Assoc letter Father Cagney asked the Chairman to clarify his position regarding letters received and acknowledged by the Council. Mr Troy again replied that he commenced the Assoc. for writing.
A.O.B. Mr P O'Gorman proposed we hand the Kennedy Hall back to the Irish Centre for the allocation of Sat nights. This was seconded by Mr M. Sills. An amendment to the above proposed by B. Aubrey was defeated on a show of hands.
Mr M. Mulvanny-erty announced that the Leitrim Assoc will not compete for the John Vaughan Cup.

this year.
Mr Niall De Burca ~~Stephen Savage~~ of the Down Assoc gave details of a meeting to be held at the Irish Club, Eaton Sq. on Sat Nov 14th.
Tribute to Father Cagney for his work at the Irish Centre during his six years as Director was paid by Antrim, Carlow, Clare, Leitrim, Fermanagh, Kerry & Waterford.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for attending and the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman.
23-11-81.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre Nov 23.11.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy. Mr Troy accorded a warm welcome to Fr Claud Malone the newly appointed director of the Irish Centre who was attending his first Council meeting.

Delegates attending as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr W. Smyth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aulsberg and seconded by Mr T. Nash.

In matters arising: The Chairman said the representation from the Council at the funeral of the late Mr Padgh Feehan was deeply appreciated by his family. Answering a question from Mr Matt Moore the Chairman said we were awaiting formal approval in writing regarding the signing of passports.

Miss Bridie O'Reilly next gave a very detailed and comprehensive report on the Youth Conference which was held at the Inverness Coert Hotel. A regional meeting is to take place on Sunday Dec 13th at the Irish Centre.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from from Mr Tommy Walsh PRO. of Federation of Irish Societies giving details of sales of Dunlop mensweal at various venues. The Counties were also asked to notify the Sec their requirments of B+I. Cards. The Chairman had received a letter from Mr Gerry Carr to say he is dealing with the case of Mr P Hackett who is still in prison. Mr Troy had also

received a letter from a Mr P.S. Ryan asking him to join with various other people in writing a letter to the Times condemning the recent bombings in London. Mr Troy had replied that one could hardly condemn the London outrages without referring to Northern Ireland where such deeds were an everyday occurance and in his opinion warranted the strongest possible condemnation.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £595.34

Twenty nine Counties are now affilated.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs Pack and seconded by Mr J. Troy.

Inter County Quiz: Kilkenny are now through to the final and are awaiting the result of the Clare v Wicklow match. The final will be held in Jan and the individual on the same evening. The draw for the Junior Quiz took place the first half will be played off on Sunday Dec 5th.

Annual Dinner: Confirmation of booking has been received from The Royal Garden Hotel. Tickets will cost £12 each.

St Patricks Day Parade: A raffle to fund the Parade will be held. The draw will take place at the Feb Council meeting. Tickets were distributed to the delegates. The Chairman appealed to the Counties to try and sell these.

London Irish Festival: The books have been sent to the accountants it is hoped to have them returned by Dec 10th. Mr John O'Keeffe said he was not happy that members of the Exec. of the Council

were working on the Irish Centre committee for the Festival. He feared this might lead to divided loyalties at a later date. Mr Peter Dunne thought an itemised statement of the accounts should be distributed to the Counties. He was also not in favour of functions being held for the Committee and the Stewards we are after all working for charity he said.

Irish Centre Report: Father Malone said how happy he was to be at the Irish Centre. He thanked the Counties for their support in the past and hoped that would continue. He said the Centre would embarking on a fund raising campaign in the near future. Father Malone said he was very pleased to hear about the Youth Conferences he felt our children should be involved in all aspects of our activities.

With regard to the Welfare side of the Centre October proved to be a very busy month. Problems of unemployment and accomodation for single middle aged men and women were cause for concern The hostel in Gurse Rd is being extended when complete it is hoped this will somewhat ease the accomodation problem. Thames T.V. is doing a programme on all aspects of the Irish Centre in the near future. Sister Joan urgently requires a drop side cot for a single mother.

Next Mr Trog read a statement clarifing the Councils position with regard to the Northern Ireland situtation. The following is an extract from this. We agree that the good standing, integrity and image of this Council must remain uppermost in our minds and that any views expressed, or actions proposed would

be guided by this principle. We also agreed that it would not be our objective to bring about any change in our constitution. The Council in common with the County Assocs - was founded with the primary objective of caring for the social and welfare needs of its members. We further agreed that in the final analysis the situation in Northern Ireland is a political issue. The views of this Council must be limited to an expression of views and to re-affirming our support for such ideals as a United Ireland, the phased and orderly withdrawal of British Troops from Northern Ireland and the abolition of the prevention of "Terrorism Act. We wish to be equally strong in our condemnation of all acts of violence and brutality. Copies of the full statement will be sent in due course to all County Secs and Irish Societies.

A.O.B. Mr Hubert Lyons suggested we write to the B.B.C. ITV. and the press Council regarding the extensive coverage given recently to the "Rev Ian Paisleys clay shooting". This was agreed to.

Mr Tom Mangan said he was rather unhappy at not being informed of the Chairmans decision not to attend a presentation for Fr Cagney. Mr Troy replied that he had informed the Irish Centre of his intention not to attend the function.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

Signed [illegible] Chairman

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Tues Dec 15th 1981.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S Troy.

Delegates attending as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr D. Egan, Mr H Lyons, Mr P. Shaw, Mr D. Kelliher Mr P O'Gorman, Miss Lucy Hatchett, and Mr & Mrs Marron.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aulsberry and seconded by Miss B. O'Reilly.

In matters arising: Application for B+I cards will be made as soon as we have final figures from the Counties. A regional youth meeting was held at the Irish Centre on Sun Dec 13th. Some delgates who had travelled from as far afield as Portsmouth were not happy at not being able to buy a cup of tea at the Irish Centre. Father Malone said given notice this would pose no problem but the Centre must be informed beforehand. The next regional meeting will be held on Feb 14th 1982. Proposed activities for 1982 are to include a Portsmouth youth Sports Day and Irish Centre v Carlow Youth Quiz & a National Festival in the Autumn.

Correspondence: The Chairman had recieved a letter from the Irish Cultural Activities Group. giving details of events to commerate the Centenery of Michael Cusack in 1982.

Mr Stephen Savage had written to give notice of the formation of a debating Society at the Irish Club in Eaton Sq.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £485.44
The report was adopted on the proposition of
Mr. B. Aulsberry and seconded by Mr. M. Sills.
Inter County Quiz: The final between Kilkenny
and Clare takes on Thursday Jan 21st. at the
Irish Centre. This will be followed by the
Individual comps. Entries may be submitted
on the evening. The second half of the Junior
Quiz will be held on Sun Jan 10th.
St Patrick's Day Parade: Arrangements are in
hand. There is to be a meeting at Westminster
on Friday Jan 11th.
Annual Dinner. Venue Royal Garden Hotel
Kensington. Tickets will cost £12 each.
London Irish Festival: Committee for 1982
Festival has been appointed. A Festival
Council meeting will take place in the
near future to receive the 1981 accounts.
Irish Centre Report: Father Malone gave
this report. He said it was with regret
he had to inform us of the death of Mr
John Costello and asked that we pray for
the repose of his soul.
The new welfare offices will be ready for
occupation in Feb. A more detailed account
would be available at the next meeting.
grateful and sincere thanks were accorded
to the Leitrim Assoc. for the trojan work
done by them in redecorating the upstairs
lounge and adjoining stairway and hall.
The Tommy Maguire School of Music has
plans to redecorate the Douglas Hyde
lounge.
A. O. B. The A. G. M. of the Council of

Irish County Associations takes place on Sun Feb 7th 1982 at 3p.M. at the Irish Centre. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman wished all present a happy Christmas and the meeting closed at 9.30p.M.

Signed P. Troy Chairman.

19 January 1982.

Minutes of the 28th A. G. M. of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Sunday 1st Feb 1981.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy.

In his opening address Mr Troy said how pleased he was to see such a large and representative gathering. He extended a very warm welcome to Mr Padgh Feehan and Mr G. Corr from the Irish Embassy Mr Michael Hogan Chairman of the Federation of Irish Societies and Mr Gerry Feeney from B + I.

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of standing orders. Adoption proposed by Mr Bill Aulsberry and seconded by Mr T. Pack.

The appointment of tellers was agreed as follows. Mr Michael O'Regan, Mr Gerry Corr and Mr Gerry Feeney.

The minutes of the 27th A. G. M. were and adopted on the proposition of Mr Wally Smyth and seconded by Mr T. Mangan.

Correspondence: A letter from Mr Tony Beatty requesting £50 sponsorship for a charity golf tournament being organised by him in aid of the Lillie Rd Centre for handicapped children. It was proposed by Mr B. Aulsberry and seconded by Mr J. O'Connell that we donate this amount. This was carried unanimously.

The secretary's report was then read.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Allen for her efforts during the past year. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr Bob Daly and seconded by Mr T Pack.

The Treasurer's Report: This was adopted

on the proposition of Mr M. Sills and seconded by Mr C. Brosnan. Mr Troy thanked Mrs Shaw for keeping such a detailed account of our finances throughout the year.

Welfare Fund report: This report was given by Mr Pat Hegarty who said £5,500 had been paid out in grants during 1980. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aubsherry and seconded by Mrs Theresa Doyle.

Chairman's Address: Since we gathered to-gether for our last A.G.M. on Sunday Feb 3rd 1980 we have seen many changes and events in the world, which unfortunately have had an adverse effect on the lives of a great many people. Those of us who have emerged from the past twelve months with our families, jobs and homes intact have an awful lot to be grateful for because I feel sure that every person in this room here to-day must be aware of someone for whom the recession of 1980 has proved catastrophic Nobody welcomes a drop in their living standards which of course is the almost inevitable result during a period of recession, but as with all other set-backs and tragedies in life, there is always some measure of consolation, some positive side to the story, and in the case of 1980 recession I would mention just two.

For many years the question of fares and travel between this country and Ireland has been a bone of contention and as you will see from one of the motions listed to-day that controversy still goes on. Some years ago I can recall expressing the opinion that the only way in which any progress might be made in terms

of achieving a reduction in fares would be by the somewhat drastic measure of a total boycott of holidays in Ireland by the Irish Community in this country. Ironically this has now been partly achieved by the economic recession, because following a disastrous year for the Irish Tourist Industry and coupled with the losses sustained by all the carriers: what do we find? not a further increase in fares but rather a reduction albeit modest. So well you may ask, what about all the enquiries, the seminars, the statistics of recent years when we were told that any reduction in fares was completely out of the question. The Profit/Loss or Income Expenditure sheet whichever you wish to call it, is a very formidable weapon and fortunately in this instance it is working in our favour. Turning to the second positive aspect of the recession. I see it as a means of putting at least one of the main purposes in life into perspective and also of getting our priorities right. It is perhaps during periods of recession that organisations like ours can play their most effective role in terms of helping those in need, and how fortunate we are to have at our disposal our own Welfare fund. You will have seen from the report submitted by the Trustees that a total of £5,500 was paid out in grants during 1980. In the present economic climate that figure will most likely be exceeded in 1981. We shall continue to rely on the integrity and diligence of Chairmen and Secretaries who sign and submit grant

applications. Never hesitate to submit an application when you are satisfied that the case is a legitamate one: you are after all the rightful heirs to the fund because through your efforts, particularly your efforts in regard to the London Irish Festival, that this fund has been made possible. No words of mine could ever pay adequate tribute to all the people who help stage this Annual event and apart from the obvious financial reward, I would that they derive some measure of satisfaction and compensation in the knowledge that through the medium of this Festival they have helped to show Ireland, her people, her traditions and her cultures in the best possible light. But perhaps the event of 1980 which above all others captured the attention and concern of Irish people both at home and abroad, was the hunger strike in the Maze Prison outside Belfast, and Thank God, its ending without loss of life. It would be very naive of me not to acknowledge the fact that the entire Northern Ireland question is a very emotive subject, and indeed I would go further and say that for some people the mere mention of these two words Northern Ireland is tantamount to embarking upon a Political speech. I don't necessarily subscribe to the latter point of view but I do agree with the opinion that the most deplorable and unacceptable state of affairs that exists in Northern Ireland is a Political issue and as such is best dealt with by the duly elected representatives of all the people.

I know that many people felt dissatisfied at the apparent lack of concern shown by the Irish Govt at the time of the hunger strike crisis, but personally I believe that their involvement and contribution was much more constructive and meaningful than they have been given credit for, and furthermore I feel they should now be allowed to pursue their negotiations, without outside interference in the hope that these will lead to what all of us must surely wish for, namely a just and lasting peace in Ireland. We are not a political organisation and therefore we must not allow ourselves to become embroiled in political matters. However we are an Irish organisation and as such we should concern ourselves with all other aspects of Irish Life. Having said that let me add that I believe we are adult and capable enough to make our own decisions. We must not allow ourselves to be dictated to by outside sources and let us never forget that in the final analysis each and everyone of us has the right to say yes or no, and equally we have the right to pursue our ideals and ambitions through other channels if we so desire.

The County Assoc Movement is a wonderful organisation and its progress through the years is a fitting tribute and testimony to the initiative and foresight of the founder members. I hope that in speaking openly and honestly I can help in some small way towards making it an even greater organisation in the future.

Irish Centre. Before concluding I would like to apply my thoughts to the Irish Centre, its redelevopment and its future. The Centre has been through a particularly difficult period during the last year and it still faces a hazardous journey before the light will begin to shine at the end of the tunnel. I don't feel I am revealing any secrets in saying that many people are a little disenchanted by the progress seen to date but perhaps more important still, they share a genuine concern for the future.

Relations between the Irish Centre and the County Assocs leave a lot to be desired. I believe the Manage ment Committee know or certainly out to know why this exists, and if they do not why not invite the County Chairmen here and ask them. We all long to see the formation of the Centre that we all so much wish for and I'm sure want to feel proud of. Finally I would like to thank my fellow Officers and members of the Exec. for their support and co-operation during the past year. I thank also you the delgates for your interest and attendance at meetings and I wish all your Assocs a year of success and growth.

The next item on the Agenda was the London Irish Festival. Mr Troy called on the Festival Treasurer Mr Tommy Pack to give a brief outline of the accounts. The profit from the 1980 Festival was £19,918. The Chairman gave details of the 1981 Festival as follows. Date Sunday July 5th. Venue as before Roundwood Park. The Festival Committee will consist of four people from the Council and four from the Irish

Entire, with three coopted members.
Election of Officers, Exec Comm. Welfare Fund
Trustee and Auditors.

President: Three Nominations. Mr D. Butler,
Mr P. Hegarty. & Mrs E. Marron.
Mr Hegarty and Mrs Marron withdrew.
Mr Butler elected.

N/Presidents: Seven Nominations.
Mr G. O'Flynn. Mr M Moroney. Mr T. Pack.
Mr J. Troy. Mr M. Brazil, Mr J Corr. &
Bishop Charles Henderson.
Bishop Henderson. Mr Moroney & Mr Corr
withdrew. Mr Brazil, Mr T Pack, Mr Troy
and Mr O'Flynn elected.

Chairman One Nomination Mr S. Troy.
Mr Troy unanimously elected

N/Chairman. Eight Nominations. Mr B. Aulsberry
Mr D. Egan. Mr P O'Gorman Mr P. Hegarty
Mr T. Mangan. Mr J Troy. Mr D Marron
& Mr D. McManus.
Mr Egan, Mr O'Gorman, Mr Hegarty
Mr Troy Mr Marron & Mr McManus withdrew
On a vote taken Mr Aulsberry polled 39 & Mr Mangan
59. Mr Mangan elected.

Secretary: One Nomination, Mrs Mary Allen
Mrs Allen elected unanimously

Treasurer: One Nomination, Mrs Bridie Shaw
Mrs Shaw elected unanimously.

Ass. Secretary: Four Nominations, Mrs E Marron,
Mr T. Pack, Miss Susan O'Reilly
and Mr P O'Gorman,
Mrs Marron, Miss O'Reilly and
Mr Pack withdrew. Mr O'Gorman
elected.

Exec Comm. Election: From a list of 14 Nominations the following seven were elected.

Mrs B. Reeves, Miss B. O'Reilly, Mr D. McManus, Mr D. Kelliher, Mr John O'Keeffe, Mr B. Aulsberry. Welfare Fund Trustee, Mr D. Marron proposed by Mr P O'Gorman seconded by Miss Susan O'Reilly

Mr Marron elected.

Auditors for the coming year: Messers McCormack-Lyons & Co.

Motions. (1.) That this Council requests the Sovereign governments of the two Islands, jointly call an Irish Convention to take place in Armagh City in 1981 to which all Political Parties are invited The Antrim Assoc. proposed this motion, which was seconded by Mr Michael Mulvanarty.

Mr J. Curran said he disagreed with the words Sovereign gov. being used. The London gov. has no right to occupy part of Ireland and is therefore not recognised as Sovereign. After discussion the Antrim Assoc. agreed to delete the word Sovereign. The motion was carried.

Motion (2) We urge this Council to call on the Westminster goderment for a complete withdrawl of British Troops from Northern Ireland

(Armagh Association.)

This motion proposed by Mr J McCann provoked lively discussion. Seconded by Mr P. Murray it was carried unanimously.

Motion (3). That minutes of Exec Meetings be read at Full Council Meetings. (Armagh Association.)

As Exec Meeting Minutes are almost identical as Full Council Meeting minutes the feeling was that it is quite unnecessary to read both sets. Motion lost.

Motion (4). That this Council request a meeting with British Rail demanding an explanation of the disgraceful conditions people have to endure travelling to Ireland using trains from Paddington and Euston stations.

(Wexford Assoc)

Owing to lack of time it was proposed to discuss this motion at the next Council meeting.

Mr Michael Sills Chairman of the Wexford Assocs said this was agreeable to them.

The Chairman next invited Mr Jadgh Feehan to address the meeting. Mr Feehan expressed his happiness at being present at this the 28th A. G. M. of the Council of Irish County Assocs. He wished on behalf of his Excellency Dr Eamon Kennedy to extend sincere greetings to the meeting. He congratulated the Council on such a large gathering, and wished the County Assocs and the Council continued success.

St Patricks Day Parade: This years venue is at Westminster Cathedral. A such committee under the Chairmanship of Mr P. Hegarty has been formed to look after arrangements for the parade.

Annual Dinner: This will be held at Barkers of Kensington. Tickets will cost £10.50 each this will include wine on each table.

A show band from Ireland has been booked for the evening. Travelling expenses are sponsored by Sea Link.

Cabaret by the Kavanagh School of dancing during the interval should make this an evening to remember.

A. O. B. Mr Martin Moroney said he felt

very disheartened by the criticism levelled at the Irish Centre. In his opinion this was most unfair and indeed unecalled for. The Centre was he said going through a particularly trying time and it was up to each and everyone one of us to do our bit to help.

In reply the Chairman said he was sorry that Mr Moroney had chosen to interpret his remarks in this way and not in the honest and constructive spirit in which they were intended.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 6.30pm.

Signed [signature] Chairman

1/2/82.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on Jan 19th 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy. Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr P. Shaw, Mr P Hegarty, Mr D. Mc Manus & ~~Mr + Mrs D Harron~~ Mrs G. Kelliher.

Mr Troy extended a warm welcome to Mr Jim Murphy of the Wexford Association who was attending his first meeting after a long absence. The Chairman also commended the Tommy Maguire School of dancing for the hard work they had put into redecorating the Douglas Hyde Lounge.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr W. Smyth and seconded by Mr T. Pack.

Correspondence: We had received letters from the B.B.C. I.T.N. and the Press Council in reply to our letters of protest regarding the extensive coverage given by these bodies to "Mr Paisley's Day of action."

Treasurer's Report: No report available the books are with the accountant in preparation for the Annual general Meeting.

St Patrick's Day Parade: This years Parade will follow the same format as 1981. A request for Altar boys to take part in the procession into the Cathedral was made. Mr J. O'Flynn thought two per County would be ideal. If we are unable to obtain sufficient numbers from the Counties we must then make contact with the Priests from

various Parishes. A Parade meeting is arranged to take place on Jan 25th at 8.30p.M.
Annual Dinner: The band is now booked. Jan Corrigan and Country Style. Tickets will be available at the Annual general Meeting. guest invitations have been sent out.
Inter County Quiz: The final between Kilkenny and Clare will be held on Jan 21st. this will be followed by the Individual contest. Quiz masters will be Mr P. Hegarty, Mr. J. Collins, Mr M. Brazil, and Mrs Mc Ginley.
Junior Quiz: Second round between Waterford & Wicklow, and Carlow & Donegal will take place at the Irish Centre on Sunday Jan 24th
London Irish Festival: The accounts from 1981 have yet to be finalised. Mr T. Nack Festival Treasurer hopes to have them for the Annual general Meeting.
Irish Centre Report: Father Malone said apart from the ever increasing Welfare problems things at the Centre were quiet. He hoped to have an opening date for the new Welfare Offices for the Feb meeting. A meeting of Chairmen and Secs with a view to discussing fund raising activities has been arranged for Jan 26th. Father Malone appealed for a good attendance.
A. O. B. Mr W Smyth thanked all who had sent him Mass cards recently on hearing of the death of his mother. Mr Jim Murphy expressed his sincere thanks to everyone in the Council for the kindness shown to him before and after the death of his wife.
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered

up for our intentions at 6.30p.M. on Sun Feb 7th. 1982.

Mr Noel De Burca asked if the Chairman would be attending a meeting on Sun Jan 24 at the Irish Club. Mr Troy said he had recieved an invitation to attend but if we are to adhere to the terms of the Constitution the Council cannot be officially represented. Mr Kevin Nugent asked would it not be possible to put a motion to the A. G.M. to change the Constitution to allow for Political Discussion. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for attending and the meeting closed at 9.45p.M.

Signed Troy Chairman.

16/2/82

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Feb 16th 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence Mr Sills & Mr P. Shaw.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aubsberry and seconded by Mr J. Murphy.

In matters arising the Chairman reminded the delegates that the quarter finals of the Junior Quiz is to be held on Sunday Feb 21st with the final taking place on the 28th at the Irish Centre.

Correspondence: Copy of a letter sent by Mr. M. Hogan to the Home Sec expressing deep concern at the manner in which the clause affecting "Detention" under the Prevention of Terrorism Act had recently been abused by the Metropolitan Police. We had also received a copy of Mr Whitelaws reply which stated that while the threat from terrorism still exists in this country the P. T. A. must remain on the statue book.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs Shaw reported no movement in the accounts.

St Patrick's Day Parade: Will take place on Sunday March 14th. Leaving Horse Guards at 1.30 P.M. to proceed to Westminster Cathedral for a concelebrated Mass at 2 P.M. Due to illness Dr Cathal Daly will not now be able to attend. The Chairman was hopeful of finding a replacement.

Annual Dinner: Tickets have now been distributed and the Chairman asked for

everyone's support for this function. The Kavanagh School of dancing will provide the Cabaret during the interval. It is proposed to make the draw for the Parade Funding Raffle during the evening this gives extra time to sell the tickets.

London Irish Festival: A Festival Council Meeting takes place on Thursday Feb 18th. A Buffet Supper at which Stewards Medals will be distributed will be held at the Irish Centre on Feb 25th. Mr Peter Dunne asked for a balance sheet from the 1981 Festival to be made available to each County. The Chairman said everyone had an opportunity to look at the accounts at a Council Meeting and indeed to ask any questions.

Irish Centre Report: Father Malone said the Golf Day on March 31st. was now gaining support. At a recent fund raising evening at the Irish Centre twelve Counties were represented A further meeting is scheduled to take place on Feb 23rd everyone was urged to attend. The opening date for the welfare dept. will now be early April. Father Malone had a special word of thanks for Fr Butler and his band of helpers who had decorated the McNamara Hall.

Armagh Motion: That minutes of Exec. Meeting be read at full Council Meetings. Due to lack of time this motion was held over from the A. G. M. The motion was proposed by Mr Kevin Nugent and seconded by Mr Peter Dunne. Speaking about the motion Mr Nugent said he felt the Executive Committee radiated an endeavour of new zest.

Both Mr Pat O'Gormon and Mr Gerry O'Flynn said they were opposed to this motion. Mr O'Flynn went on to say the Exec are elected by the County Assocs. and in his opinion that was an end to the matter. The Chairman said we are here to act in the best interests of of the Counties and if at any time any one feels we are not doing the job please let us know. On a show of hands the motion was lost.

Inter County Quiz: The Draw for the Guinness Cup was the next item on the agenda. Mr. T. Dack is taking care of all matters relating to this.

A.O.B. The Antrim Delegate enquired what action the Council proposes to take on a Motion proposed by them and passed at the A.G.M.

The Chairman assured him we would take what steps were necessary within the terms of our Constitution.

Mr B. Aulsberry raised the question of granting extra time to delegates when speaking at length on a motion as had happened at the A.G.M. Mr Irvine said he misunderstood Mr Aulsberry on the day and of course extra time would be allowed. Miss Bridie O'Reilly gave a full and comprehensive report on the second Regional Youth Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Feb 14th. Miss O'Reilly appealed for members to attend a further meeting at the Centre on Sunday Feb 28th.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wed 10th March at 8.30. P.M.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the Delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30pm

Signed [signature] Chairman

~~10th~~ March 1982.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on March 10th 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S Troy. Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aulsberry and seconded by Mr M. Sills.

Matters arising: None.

Correspondence: A letter from the Federation informing us that this year's Congress will take place at the Irish Centre Leeds, on May 1st. A Conference organised by the Federation will be held at the Irish Centre on March 20th. The B + I card drawn at the last Federation meeting had produced a winner from the Tipperary Association. The prize must be claimed within 28 days.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £441-84 The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr W Smyth & seconded by Mr J. Murphy.

St Patrick's Day Parade: Arrangements are now complete. The float is ready and will be dismantled by Mr B. Aulsberry and Mr B. Stevenson when the procession reaches the Cathedral. Mr J Troy is appointed Chief Marshall and will have the Counties formed up in alphabetical order. Mr P. O'Gorman and Mr J. Murphy will organise the collectors at the Cathedral. Bishop Joseph Duffy of Clogher will preach the sermon at ~~Mass~~, the Cathedral

Mr T Pack will carry the St Patrick's Banner and Mr Pat O'Gorman the Tricolour.

The band will be provided by Mr J. Farrell.

Mr Troy thanked everyone who had participated in the raffle to fund the Parade. The

draw will take place at the Annual Dinner on March 14th.
Inter County Quiz: The first round should be complete by the end of April
Junior Quiz: This was won by the Offaly youth who are to be congratulated on a fine first performance.
Youth Report: Miss Bridie O'Reilly gave this report. A camping trip during the Easter week end has been arranged to the Forest of Dene. All the equipment is available it only needs to get the people to-gether.
Irish Centre Report: Father Malone again stressed the urgency for a fund raising campaign. He appealed ~~eg~~ especially to the Counties for support. He already has received four and a half thousand pounds from various people the interest from this is offset against the Irish Centre debt. Mr P. Hegarty suggested we hold a fund raising meeting once a month. The first Tuesday suggested as being the most likely evening when most people could attend.
Annual Dinner: This takes place on Wed March 14th. Arrangements are well in hand. The Chairman asked for the fullest support for this function.
London Irish Festival: This will take place on Sunday July 4th at Roundwood Park.
Mr Jim Troy Festival Chairman said arrangements were going smoothly. Mr Gerry O'Flynn would like to have requirements for tents as soon as possible. Mrs Doris Daly said she hoped for better toilet facilities this year.
A copy of the 1981 Festival accounts will

be circulated to each County Chairman.
A. O. B. Mr Michael Sills reminded the meeting of a benefit dance arranged by the Wexford Assoc at the Galty more on Friday March 12th.
The Irish Chaplaincy has a concert at Wembly on the same date. There will be a mission appeal dance in the McNamara Hall on April 2nd
Mrs P. Finnegan spoke about the hardships & experienced by the families of long term prisioners and urged that steps should be taken to help them.
Mr B Aubsberry said he would like to draw our attention to the new Nationality Bill due to become law in the near future and when so he feared this would affect us all.
He urged the Council to obtain a copy of the bill.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Signed [illegible] Chairman
20th April 1982.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre. April 20th 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Troy.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Mangan and seconded by Mr. B. Aulsberry.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. P. O'gorman, Mr W. Smyth, and Mr J. Murphy.

In matters arising the Chairman said our affiliation fee to the Federation of Irish Society's in the sum of £20 had now been paid. Mr J. Mangan asked the question why the need for affiliation to the Federation? What do we gain from it? In reply the Chairman said it was his understanding that the Federation was instrumental in gaining the duty free facilities we now enjoy going to and from Ireland. We are also included in the monthly B+I draw, and our young people are allowed to take part in the Knock-Out Competitions.

The Chairman
Correspondence: We had received the Welfare Reports from the Irish Centre and the Hammersmith Bureau. We had also received notification of a new weekly newspaper. The Irish Observer due to be published soon. The Chairman wished Mr Eric Nolan every success as a director of this newspaper.

The Birmingham Mint had written to say they are striking a souvenir medallion to commemorate the visit of the Holy Father.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £2,841.59

The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Dack, and seconded by Mrs Cathy Dee.

St Patrick's Day Parade: A meeting of the Parade Committee will take place on Thursday April 29th.
The Chairman thanked all those people who had worked so hard on the float. The general feeling was that we try harder to involve other bodies and to have more bands and schools of Dancing.
Annual Dinner: The overall feeling was that while for most people the food was very good, the drinks were found to be rather expensive and the lack of draught beers gave rise to complaints.
Even assuming we get a better deal on drinks next year the overall feeling was not to book the Royal garden for next years dinner.
The Chairman asked for outstanding tickets to be paid for as we have been presented with the bill which has to be paid as soon as possible.
London Irish Festival: A recent meeting with the carriers proved most successful. Everyone was willing and indeed wished to be associated with the 1982 Festival. The 1981 accounts were distributed to each County Chairman present. The Chairman suggested any questions regarding same would be dealt with by the Festival Treasurer at the May Council Meeting. Details of tentage should be given as soon as possible to Mr Gerry O'Flynn. Mr Eric Nolan suggested that tents should be free and the Counties asked to make a donation to The Festival Committee.
The Chairman informed the meeting that £50,000 from the Festival account had been invested ~~at~~ on the short term at a preferential rate of interest. It was proposed to give the interest to the Irish Centre as a gesture of good will. Mrs Doris Daly said she applauded this decision and urged

any County Assocs. who may have money lying fallow in the bank to do the same for the Irish Centre.

Inter County Quiz: A number of matches have been arranged and it is hoped to get the first round under way soon.

Youth Report: This was given by Miss Bridie O'Reilly who informed the meeting of a Regional meeting that had taken place on April 4th. at the Irish Centre. Three delegates were appointed to the Federation of Irish Societies Sub-Committee on Youth affairs. These are Vincent Whelan from Harrow, Ruth Dunbar from Carlow, and Andrew Sullivan from the South London Irish Assoc. Miss B. O'Reilly was appointed P.R.O.

A day of sport is being organised by the Portsmouth group on June 19th. This will be followed by a dance at the Irish Centre that evening.

Irish Centre Report: A fund raising meeting will take place on May 5th. A progressive 25 Drive will be held by the Carlow Assoc. on Friday May 21st.

A.O.B. The plight of old age Irish people was brought to the notice of the meeting by Mr Michael Mulvanneyty and Mr Eric Nolan. They felt we had as great a responsibility to wards the elderly as we have to the youth. Mr. B. Aubleary said we should liase with people who specialise in this particular field.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman

18 May 1982

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on May 15th 1982.
The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S Troy.
Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr M. Mulvannerty and Mr J. Troy.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Dack and seconded by Mr B. Aulsberry.
Matters arising: A team representing the Council of Irish County Assocs will take part in the Knock out Comp. at South London on Sunday June 6th.
In the event of our team reaching the final the Chairman said our financial position would not permit us to pay travelling expenses.
With regard to the elderley this matter was raised by Mr M. Mulvannerty at the April meeting. Mr Troy suggested we have discussions with Sr Joan and Father Lawlor.
Guest Speakers: This proved very popular in the past it is decided to revive the series by asking Fr Frank Ryan, Chaplain from Conway House to speak at the June meeting.
The Chairman informed the meeting of his attendance at the Richard Dimbleby lecture recently. This was delivered by Mr Garrett Fitz Gerald and the subject was Northern Ireland.
Correspondence: We had received notice of a concert to take place at the Walthamstow Assembly rooms. A letter from the Armagh Assoc deploring the treatment of long term Irish prisoners in English jails and asking the Council to make a generous donation to the

used exclusively by the relatives and friends of the prisoners Committee to help defray the incurred by families trying to visit relatives. Mr Trog asked that full and substantiated facts of a specific case should be presented to the Council before we could intervene. With regard to making a donation he felt our financial position at present ruled that out.
Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £830-49. Mrs Shaw said the profit from the Annual Dinner was in the region of £300. Counties were urged to pay any outstanding quiz and affiliation fees. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs Cathy Dee and seconded by Mrs Dack.
London Irish Festival: Plans are well advanced A meeting of County Chairpersons & Secs is to take place on June 3rd. Counties are asked to provide nine Stewards each. Tables and chairs are to have £5 deposit charged this will be refunded when at the end of the day the tables and chairs are returned. Bottles as raffle prizes will be allowed on County stalls but the Festival Committee must have an assurance for obvious reasons these are not to be given out till the close of the Festival. Six passes plus two carpark passes will be issued per Assoc. Festival Accounts: In reply to a request from Mr B. Aubsberry for a break down of the accounts Mr T Dack gave a full and comprehensive report. Mr Aubsberry thanked Mr Dack for such a detailed account.
Inter County Quiz: First round matches are now well under way.
Youth Report and Quiz Final: The Irish

Centre under and over 16s were winners in the recent final, with Wexford winning the under 14s Competition.

Irish Centre Report: Father Malone reported the new welfare offices are now in use. The Waterford entrance to the Mc Namara Hall has begun and it is hoped for a completion date in about two months. The next fund raising meeting will take place on Wed June 2nd.

The Carlow progressive 25 Card drive will be held on May 21st. Other activities are to include a Charity walk on June 20th and a golf outing on June 21st. The A.G.M. of the Irish Centre will be held on Tuesday June 22nd.

A.O.B. Mr Bill Aubsherry asked was the President aware of the fact that Mr P Delaney was reported as deputising for him as President of the Council of Irish County Assocs at a recent meeting of the Irish in Britain Representation Group. Mr Butler said no Mr Delaney was not deputising for him as President of the Council the press had as usual taken advantage of the situation.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30p.M.

Signed. [illegible] Chairman

15th June 1982.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre June 15th 1982.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Troy.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr W. Smyth and seconded by Mr P. Stafford.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mrs C. Dee and Mr Noel De Burca.

In matters arising: The Chairman informed the meeting of a special Exec. meeting ~~being~~ to take place on July 13th. The object of this is to discuss the plight of the aged, and to consider what role we can play to try and alleviate the hardships endured by a large majority of our elderly countrymen and women.

Correspondence: Notice of a coach service between London and Dublin had been received. The return fare will cost £28. Coffee and sandwiches are obtainable on the coach.

To celebrate its Silver Jubilee the Gaelic League Choir is holding a Concert at the Purcell Rooms. Amongst the entertainers will be Frank Patterson. Tickets costing £3 each are obtainable from the Irish Club.

A letter tendering his resignation from the Exec Committee and as a trustee of the Welfare Fund had been received from Mr. P. Hegarty. The reason for this being the distribution of interest earned from the 1981 Festival Funds. The Festival Council has agreed to give all

the interest to the Irish Centre as a gesture of good will. Mr Hegarty feels he cannot accept this. Mr Troy said this was a most unwelcome letter. and addeed that Mr Hegarty was a man of high principles and integrity who deserves the highest admiration. A proposal by Mr eg. O'Flynn second by Mr Dunbar that a delegation led by our President should speak to Mr Hegarty to ask him to reconsider. It was agreed that Fr Malone, and Mr eg. O'Flynn should accompany Mr D. Butler. The Chairman then said in the event of Mr Hegarty not withdrawing his resignation both posts would be filled at the July meeting.
Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence through illness of the Treasurer no report was available. The Chairman reminded delegates that affiliation fees are now due.
Guest speaker: Mr Troy extended a warm welcome to Fr Frank Ryan who was to give us an address on the workings of the Irish Centre Hostels. There followed an informative 15 minutes talk accompanied by a slide demonstration. Fr Ryan said we had less people looking for accomadation at present but none the less the hostels continued to be fully occupied. The Chairman thanked Fr Ryan for the enormous amount of work both he and his colleagues do and wished him well for the future.
Inter County Quiz: A number of outstanding matches have still to be played and the Chairman asked that these should be got on with as soon as possible.
Youth Report: Miss Bridie O'Reilly announced that

a Sports day was to be held at Portsmouth on Sat June 19th.
Irish Centre Report: Fr Malone reminded the meeting of the A. G. M. of the Irish Centre due to take place on June 22nd. and urged everyone to attend.
London Irish Festival: Sports Field: Mr E. Naughton has control of the sports field. Stewarding will be taken care of by Antrim, Cavan, & Roscommon.
Field Services will be organised by Mr Tom Mangan who said this years facilities will ~~be much~~ show a marked improvement on last years.
Franchise: Mrs Shaw has finalised the catering and bar arrangements. The bars will be open from 12 O'clock to 6 p.M. The officer for fair trading is expected to make spot checks during the course of the day.
Stalls. These will be erected on Saturday morning, with the Counties in the same position as last year and in alphatical order.
Programme: This years programme will contain 56 pages and will be available at the gates in exchange for an entry fee of £2 per adult. Accompanied children and old age pensioners will be admitted free of charge.
Parade: As in previous years Mr P. Shaw will organise this. Starting time will be 3 p.M. Counties will march behind their banners in alphatecical order, other organisations will follow.
Stewards: Mr. M. Sills requires a skeleton staff on duty at 8 A.M. Main briefing will

take place at 10.30 A.M. All vehicles are to be out of the park by 10.30 A.M. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10 A.M. on the main stage.

A. O. B. There will be a dance in the McNamara Hall on the night of the Festival dancing till 1 A.M. to Dermot Hegarty.

The Westmeath Assoc. is holding a dance on Friday July 9th at Hamilton Hse to raise funds for the Irish Centre.

There being no other business to discuss the the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman

10th July 1982.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on July 20th 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr Seamus Troy.

Mr Troy said he was deeply shocked by the atrocities which had taken place in London that morning.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aulsberry and seconded by Mr Cyril McKervey.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr W. Smyth, Mr T. Pack, Mr D. Egan, Mr P. O'Gorman Mr M. Moore, Miss BO'Reilly, and Mrs C. Dee.

Matters arising: A special meeting of the Exec Comm scheduled to take place on July 13th had to be cancelled and will now take place in Sept. Date to be announced later. The Chairman congratulated Mr Fergal Shaw and Mr John Wright on gaining second place at the Irish Life golf Championship at Fox hills.

Mr P. Hegarty has declined to withdraw his resignation both as a Trustee and a member of the Exec. Committee, but wishes the Council continued success in the future.

The Sec. was instructed to write and thank Mr Hegarty for his years of work and dedication to the Council. Mr Troy thanked our President Mr D. Butler and Mr G. O Flynn for their efforts on our behalf.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from the Shannon Centre giving details of the facilities available there.

Mr T. Slattery ~~of~~ editor of the Irish Observer

had written to ask for regular information of forthcoming events and also for black and white photographs of functions. Notice of a tour in October by Brendan Shine was received from Noel Casty Promotions Ltd. At the time of writing a few dates were still available these being 12th, 14th, 19th, and 21st October. The cost being £700 to £800 per night.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £830-49p. We have received 21 affilation and 19 Quiz fees. The Chairman again asked Committies to pay outstanding fees.

The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. B. Aubsherry and seconded by Mr J. Murphy.

Inter County Quiz: Eight matches are still outstanding from the first round. These should be played off as soon as possible. Entries for the Junior Quiz will be taken at the Sept. meeting. Competitors must not be over 18 yrs on Jan 31st.

Election of Exec member and Welfare Fund Trustee was the next item on the agenda. Mr D. Butler prosed we hold this over till the Sept meeting. After a general discussion it was agreed to do this. Nominations will be taken from the floor and voting will be by secret ballot.

Irish Centre Report: Being a member of the Irish Centre Welfare Committee Mr Troy said he wished to speak on the community services being offered from Mid-Sept. The Irish Centre Welfare Dept will in future be known as the Irish Centre Community Services. In addition to the usual welfare services of counselling, finding work and accomadation, the following

will also be available. Housing advisory Service, Irish language classes, Basic skills in English, One Parent Families, Unsupported Mothers, a Marriage advisory service. In the ~~—~~ future Youth services will include a club with disco, coffee bar and Irish Cultural activities. For the retired and elderly plans are being laid for social afternoons, keep fit classes, arts & crafts and cultural entertainment. A reference library is planned a large donation of books has been received from the Irish Embassy. Private individuals are invited to donate a book or books which will be inscribed with their name. At this stage Mr B. Aubsherry said he wished to congratulate the Irish Centre on the work they are undertaking and to wish them well for the future.

Fr Malone thanked the Chairman for his detailed account and asked for Volunteers to man the doors and to act as security officers to ensure the smooth running of the establishment for a few hours each week.

Father Malone continued his report by reiterating the Chairmans opening remarks regarding the bombings in London during the morning. This type of action he said must be condemned by everyone bearing the name "Christain". The end does not justify the means. The majority of Irish people totally dis-associate themselves from these atrocities. At this stage both Mr J. Curran and Mr K. Nugent said they did not agree with Fr Malone's condemnation of the London bombings and wished to dis-

associate themselves from his remarks.
Fr Malone went on to thank the Committies for their attendance at the A.G.M. of the Irish Centre. He informed us that Mr D. Egan is now Chairman of the Admin Committee, same as. Thanks to all who organised the London Irish Festival and all who sold raffle tickets for the car. This raffle made in excess of £5,000 profit for the Irish Centre. Quarterly meetings to keep up to date with fund raising activities are being arranged.
Youth Report: A Regional meeting took place at Brighton on Sunday July 11th. Item for discussion included. The Festival of Irish Culture to take place on Sunday Oct 3rd at Harrow Leisure Centre. This is to be a day long event to include music and dancing. A Regional Conference will be held in November to take stock of the first year of the youth movement and to discuss ways to improve and develop ~~ence~~ it.
London Irish Festival: Mr J. Troy Chairman of the festival Comm. said that despite smaller crowds this year's festival was a success. Everyone concerned with organising the event had played their part. Mr M. Mulvenerty said advertising should go out earlier and posters should be circulated outside London. Mr J Curran said tenders for the catering should be published in the Irish Post. A suggestion that B.C lunches should be served was also made. Mr. M. Sills said he was pleased with the performence of all the Stewards on the day. A presentation for the Stewards will be held on Oct 4th at the I.C. A.O.B. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman wished all present happy holidays and the meeting closed at 1p.30. P.M.

Signed J Troy. Chairman
21 Sept 1982

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Sept 21st 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy, who said he was pleased to welcome all present and hoped everyone had a restful and refreshing holiday.

Mr Troy then read the following message mainly intended for the Kerry delegates from Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Kerry Machine Fails M. O. T.
(Mighty Offaly Team).
Condolences. D. Egan.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mrs C Dee, Mrs D. Daly, Mr D. Egan, Mr J. Troy, and Mr D. Marron.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr P. Corbett and seconded by Mrs Pack.

Matters arising: Father Malone said the profits from the car raffle now amounted to £6,000.

Correspondence: The Federation of Irish Societies had informed us of a Sec. conference to be held at the Grampian Hotel in Stevenage on Sat Oct 23rd. We had also received a letter from the Armagh Assoc with regard to previous communications from them.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £904.32 We have been paid 23 affiliation fees and 19 Quiz fees. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aubsberry and seconded by Mr T. Pack.

Inter County Quiz: Some first rounds matches are still outstanding, the Chairman

urged that these be played off as soon as possible
Junior Quiz: Entries were taken from the
following Counties, Carlow, Cavan, Donegal,
Offaly, Sligo, Monaghan, Waterford, Wexford &
Wicklow. The Chairman asked the meeting to
consider the expenses incurred by the Council in
promoting the Junior Quiz, in recent years.
He said he now felt we would have to
charge an entry fee. to offset the cost of prizes
etc. After some discussion, Mr H Sills proposed
we charge £5 per team, this was seconded by Mr
Tom McAssey. Mr B. Aubsberry proposed an
amendment of £2-50 this was seconded by Mr W.
Smyth. On a show of hands the amendment
was lost. Proposition carried.
Youth Report: This report was given by Bridie
O'Reilly who said an open meeting will be held
on Sunday 24 th Oct to try and attract more
young people into the movement. A regional
meeting was held on Sept 12 th at the Railway
Hotel in Harrow. Items for discussion included
Sporting Events, Festival of Irish Culture due
to take place in Dec. A regional Conference at
the Harrow Leisure Centre on Sat Nov 20th.
This will be a day long event with guest
speakers. The nesct regional meeting will be
held at the Irish Centre on Sunday Nov 4th
at the Irish Centre.
London Irish Festival: Mr H Sills announced
that the Stewards buffet will be held at
the Irish Centre on Thursday 4th October.
Mr I Mack said the total amount of money in
the bank from the 1982 Festival amounts
to £34,754. 4P. which included floats.

Expenses should be paid by the end of the month. So far only one County had paid for their stall. Mr Pack again appealed to County Secs to have this attended to.

Irish Centre Report: Fr Malone said work around the Centre continues to be rather hectic. Mr Eddie Hickey has been appointed as Ass. Manager. Now meeting rooms has been made available and another will be decorated in a couple of weeks time. Funds to make this possible have been raised by the Leitrim Assoc. Father Malone asked that meeting rooms should be booked in advance. The next quarterly fund raising meeting will take place on Sept 29th. Future events to try and raise money for the Centre will be a Bazaar on Nov 4th organised by the Cavan Assoc. A sponsored walk will be held on Nov 21st entries and sponsors are invited. The opening ceremony of the Community Services Offices and the entrance to the McNamara Hall will be performed by his Eminence Cardinal Hume on Thursday Nov 4th. The Chairman said the new Community Services were now in operation, and leaflets giving details of classes etc were available for distribution after the meeting. Volunteers to act as security were still needed he said. This would entail about 2 hours work one evening each week.

Election of Trustee and Exec Committee member was the next item on the agenda. Under the terms of reference one of the Trustees should be an Exec member. The Chairman said he would accept nominations for this vacancy.

Mr P Corbett proposed Mr Gerry O'Flynn. As Mr O'Flynn was not present and had not advised the Chairman verbally or in writing to have his name put forward Mr Troy felt unable to accept this nomination. Mr H. Sills then proposed Mr Tom McAssey this was seconded by Mr K. Dunne No other nominations. Mr McAssey duly elected. With regard to the Welfare Fund Trustee, under the terms of reference the present Trustees may continue to operate until the A.G.M. Mr Troy had spoken to both Mr Pack and Mr Harron who had intimated their willingness to carry on till then.

A. O. B. There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.15 PM.

Signed [signature] Chairman.

19th October 1982.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish Country Assocs. held at the Irish Centre on Oct 19th 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Irving who apologised for the late start.

Mr Irving made reference to the display of pictures in the Kennedy Hall and said it was a good opportunity to view. He also excused the Sec. Mary Allen and thanked Bridie O'Reilly for filling in.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting. It was prop. ed by Mr Dan McManus that these be taken as read this was seconded by Mr Hughie McCormack. The meeting was in favour of this.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from the Federation of Irish Societies informing us of a winner in their monthly B+I draw. The number was found to be allocated to Tipperary and Mr Dick Butler said he would determine the name and address of the holder.

A letter from the Irish Observer offering us space to publicise any forthcoming functions, also a prize of one years subscription as a prize for a raffle.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £929.32p. A cheque for £450 presented to Padgh Feehan had still not been drawn. The Chairman said we have a bill from the Inland Revenue for £300 which we will soon have to pay. Because our funds are so badly depleted a Christmas Buffet Dance will be held on Thursday 16th Dec in the McNamara Hall. Tickets will be available soon. This should prove a good opportunity for us all to get-together in a social

atmosphere. The Treasurer's Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr T. Pack.

Inter County Quiz: The Chairman ruled that Limerick should go through to the second round due to lack of contact with Antrim. Cavan was given a walk over by Meath and will now meet Mayo in the second round. Donegal are now through to the third round having beaten Kilkenny.

Junior Quiz: Entry fee is £5 so far twelve teams have indicated that they will compete these are, Carlow, Cavan, Donegal, Offaby, Sligo, Monaghan, Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow, Carlow and Clare will each have two teams. The draw will take place at the November meeting.

London Irish Festival: This Report was given by Mr Jim Troy. The books are now with the accountant. Mr Troy thanked Mr H. Sills for the help and organisation he put into the Stewards buffet, 310 attended and the evening was a great success. He hoped for similar support for next year. Mr Bill Aulsberry again made reference to the unemployed and made it clear he intended to campaign for a reduced entry fee for these people. Mr T. Pack mentioned the sum of £50,000 invested in March on behalf of the Irish Centre. The interest raised so far was £1,574. which had not been given as yet to the Centre. Mr Pack was hopeful that a meeting would soon be called to deal with this matter.

Irish Centre Report: Father Malone asked all delegates to collect envelopes after the meeting

One was available for each County giving Notification of a fund raising meeting on Nov 10th and other future fund raising events. Fr Malone appealed for support for these. He then extended an invitation to everyone present to attend the official opening on Nov 4th at 2.30 p.m. of the Irish Centre Community Services and the entrance to the McNamara Hall. Many important guests were coming and Father Malone said we are most welcome. With regard to the recent appeal for people to act in a security capacity. Very few had come forward. Mr Wally Smyth suggested we take the Counties in alphabetical order and ask them to supply a few people on a rota system for a couple of weeks. This would seem fair and evenly distribute the work load amongst the Counties. The Chairman thought this a good idea and worth a try, but it seemed to die a natural death as the meeting move on.
Youth Report: This was given by Miss B. O'Reilly who said she had sent a letter to each County appealing for support for a meeting to be held in the Kennedy Hall on Nov 28th. Miss O'Reilly also made mention of the Youth Conference to be held in Harrow on Saturday Nov 20th. Miss Ruth Dunbar Conference Sec. had sent along extra forms for each County to take if they wished to send an extra delegate.
Any other Business: Mr Jim Troy appealed for sponsors for Mr Andy Catton who is taking part in the Dublin Marathon on behalf of the Irish Centre. As Kingues will fly Mr Catton to Dublin, he will also be interviewed by R.T.E. Mr J. Troy proposed a vote of sympath

to the Clare Assoc on the sudden death of T. D. Dr. Bill Loughnane.
Commercials regarding Dinner/Dances to be held by various Counties in the forthcoming weeks prompted the Chairman to remark that a clash of Counties seemed inevitable As we are to a certain degree each one dependant on one another for support he thought a staggering of events might be possible.
As soon as Counties book functions it might be advisable to let the Sec. know so that a list can be drawn up.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.50PM.

Signed J. Troy Chairman.
16/11/82

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on Nov 16th 1982

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr D. McManus, Mr J. Troy, & Mr W. Smyth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. B. Aubsherry and seconded by Mr T. Dack.

Matters arising: Mr Matt Moore asked for clarification regarding the interest on Festival money investment. The Chairman explained that the total amount earned from the investment had been given to the Irish Centre as a gesture of good will by the Festival Committee.

Mr Troy reminded the delegates of the buffet supper to be held on Dec 16th and asked each County to try and sell ten tickets each.

It is proposed to have a Tombola rather than a raffle on the night. Small gifts from the Counties would be most acceptable.

Correspondence: We had received a letter from the Federation of Irish Societies youth group with details of a National Irish Folk Festival to take place on Sunday Dec 5th. at the Harrow Leisure Centre. A letter from a Security firm giving details of services provided by them. Notification of a play ~~Ist Leal~~ Diary of a Hunger strike to open at the Round House on Nov. 11th. Anglo Irish Airways had sent us details of their services from Luton to Waterford three times at a cost of £143 Sterling.

The Chairman had received a letter of

thanks from Dr Cathal Daly for their prayers and thoughtful good wishes during his illness earlier this year.
Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £934.32. The Inland Revenue has to be paid the sum of £325-48p. There is still the outstanding cheque for £50 presented to the late Padgh Feehan.
The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr B. Aubsberry and seconded by Mr H. Sills.
Inter-County Quiz. This is progressing slowly with a number of matches still to play.
The Chairman asked that these should be dealt with as soon as possible.
The draw for the Junior Quiz was next on the Agenda. The teams are as follows. Carlow A v Waterford, Wicklow A v Sligo, Donegal v Offaly, Clare v Wexford B. Carlow B, Wexford A v Wicklow B, get a bye into the second round The winners from Wexford B v Clare get a bye into round three.
Nov 28th, at 2.30p.M. is arranged for Carlow A v Waterford and Wicklow A v Sligo to play.
Youth Report: This report was given by Miss R. Dernhart, who asked for support for the Regional Conference to be held at the Railway Tavern, Harrow on Sat Nov 20th. also for the National Irish Folk Festival to take place on Sun Dec 5th at the Harrow Leisure Centre. The festival programme will feature the Chieftains, Dingle Spike, Creeshen, Drowsy Maggie and many other items of a cultural nature. Admission ~~is~~ £5 concessions will be granted to youth groups and families. Programmes and tickets may be purchased in advance or on the day

at entry.
London Irish Festival: A meeting of the Festival Council will take place on Wednesday Nov 14th at 8. p.M.
Irish Centre Report: This report was given by Fr Malone, who thanked everyone who had attended the opening of the Community Serv dept and the entrance to the Mc Namara Hall. With regards to the remarks made by the Cardinal about the involement of the priests in the administrative work at the Irish Centre. Fr Malone said the ideal situation would be to have enough money available to pay a lay person as director thus allowing the priests more time for their spiritual duties.
Fr Malone went on to say he would like to see the spirit of the Council of the Irish Centre revived. With this aim in mind quarterly fund raising meetings are now held.
The Counties are the largest active groups of this Council and it is heartening to see quite a number of them so much involved.
Mr B. Ambleroy asked if application for funds had yet been made to the C.R.E. Father Malone said the papers had not yet been sent in, but he had the matter in hand. With regard to remarks made by ~~Fr Malone~~ at the official opening of the entrance to the Mc Namara Hall Fr Malone said representatives of the Irish Community who had recently attended a G.L.C. meeting at County Hall should be seen to support the Camden Irish Centre rather than looking to the G.L.C. for financial backing for other cultural Centres in London. This he stressed is his personal view he feels we

should make every effort to erase the debt of this Centre before we embark on any other projects.
Mr Bill Aelsberry said he did not agree with these sentiments in his opinion the more Irish Centres and indeed Irish papers we have in London the better.
Mr Stephen Savage thought more support would be forthcoming for the Centre if there was less involvment with the Church.
Mr J Mangan asked if we could look at the Constitution. Fr Malone said he was glad to have such a frank discussion and appealed for a greater attendance at the quarterly meetings when everyone would have an opportunity for open and lengthy discussion on all matters relating to the running of the Irish Centre.
Mr Matt Moore requested that the Constitutation be put on tape to enable him to understand all this. Mr Doug Egan Chairman of the Admin Committee said he would arrange it.
A.O.B. Miss K. Fitzsimmons wished to thank everyone who helped to make the Bazaar a success.
Mr M. Sills on behalf of the Wexford Assoc. wished to thank Mr J. O'Shea and the staff of the Irish Centre for the splendid meal provided for them on the occasion of their Annual Dinner.
The Chairman reminded members of the Buffet Supper and again appealed for support.
Fr Malone said the next fund raising meeting would take place on Dec 4th. He then distributed copies of the Constitution of the Irish Centre.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

Signed [signature] Chairman
14 Dec 1982

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Council of Irish County Assocs held at the Irish Centre on Tues Dec 14th 1982.

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Mr S. Troy.

Delegates present as recorded in the register of attendance.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr P. Corbett and Mr Pat O'Gorman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr H. McCormack and seconded by Mr T. Dack.

Matters arising: The Chairman expressed disappointment that the Tipperary Assoc. had not claimed the prize won by them in the recent B+I draw.

Correspondence: A letter from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland had been received. The Irish Chaplaincy Scheme in Britain had written giving us details of the St Patrick's Festival to be held this year at the Wembley Conference Centre on Sat March 12th. Financial assistance in the form of advertising in the Souvenir programme is sought. The Chairman had received a letter from the Editor of the Irish Observer announcing ~~that~~ with regret that the paper had ceased publication from Dec 10th. Mr Troy said this was sad news indeed and wished Mr Eric Nolan and his colleagues every success for the future.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a balance of £934.32. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr D McManus and seconded by Mrs Dack.

Christmas Buffet Supper: This will take place on Thursday Dec 16th. Numbers must be finalised by Wed. A raffle will be held during the evening with items of a

Christmas flavour. The Chairman urged the Counties to support this function.
Quiz: The seniors are proceeding towards round three. It is hoped to hold the final on Jan 24th when the individual Quiz will take place immediately afterwards. A discussion regarding entry fee for the individual quiz then took place. A proposal that we charge £1 per ~~entry~~ was made by Mr M. Sills, ~~and~~ seconded by Mr B. Aubsberry and carried unanimously.
The Junior Quiz: The first round will be held on Sunday Jan 9th at 2.30 p.M. at the Irish Centre
Youth Report: This was given by Miss B. O'Reilly, who gave an account of the Conferance held on Nov 20th at Harrow. Mr Vincent Whelan Chairman opened the Conferance and gave a brief account of events of the past year. Discussion groups were then formed to plan futures possible ventures for 1983 and also to discuss how the youth movement can grow and develope. Proposal included the setting up of a Newsletter, five a side football tournament and a quiz programme. A mini knockout to take place in Brighton will include football and a swimming gala. There is also the possibility of a camping expedition to Ireland which would take in Carlow, Cavan and Kerry.
After lunch a series of short talks were given by Mr Gerry Corr, Mr Philip Byrne and Mr Jim Mc Grath. The next meeting is arranged for Jan 9th at the South London Irish Centre at Wimbledon.
London Irish Festival: The sum of £140 being the interest accrued from the invest

ment of Festival Funds has been presented to the Irish Centre. This is being set aside to help in the elevation of the Kennedy Hall in due course. Mr T Pack gave a full and comprehensive report with regard to the 1982 Festival. The books are with the accountants. The sum of £44,859 is at present in our bank. This is before expenses. Mr B. Aulsberry said he hoped the 1983 Festival Committee would explore every avenue with Brent Council to get the park free this year.

Irish Centre Report: A note from Fr Malone who was unable to attend the meeting asked the County Assocs if they would be prepared to run Sunday night dances in the Mc Namara Hall on an on going basis.

On behalf of Fr Butler and himself he wished everyone a happy and a holy Christmas.

A. O. B. The Chairman reminded the delegates of the Annual general Meeting of the Council due to take place on Sunday Feb 6th at the Irish Centre. Nomination forms must be returned to the Sec. by Tuesday Jan 18th.

Mr T. Mangan raised a question regarding the number of delegates attending Council meetings he was of the opinion it should be two per County, and yet he had we had five from one County to-night all of whom had been allowed to speak. The Chairman said it was never his intention to stifle discussion and anyone who had anything to say during the course of the evening had

been allowed to do so.
Mrs B. Shaw informed the meeting of Mr Luke Kennedy's illness. The Secretary was instructed to send a get well card.
There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and wished all present a happy Christmas. The meeting closed at 10.30. p.M.

Signed [signature] Chairman

~~8~~ January 1983.