

Decisions of the Provisional Council.

Copy sent to the Secretary of each of the five branches, 27/4/39

I am instructed to convey to you the following decisions which were reached by the Provisional Council at its meeting on Friday last, April 21st.

- 1) It was decided by the Council to launch an immediate appeal for funds in the London area to finance the expenditure on the organising activities necessary to develop and expand the League.

N.B. This appeal is being launched immediately and I should be very grateful if you could forward to me at once the names and addresses of any influential people in your district who in your opinion would be likely to give a donation.

- 2) A preliminary meeting between delegates of the Anti-Partition movement in London, Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow was held on March 26th 1939 and decisions were reached concerning the co-ordination of the activities of Anti-Partition movements in Great Britain. These decisions have been endorsed by the London Branch of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League and apply to all the branches in the London area. I am therefore, instructed to convey to you;

- (a) That an Anti-Partition Organisation covering the whole of Great Britain has been established called the Anti-Partition of Ireland League;

- (b) That a Provisional National Executive has been appointed, with power to co-opt, composed of two delegates representing each of the following centres:- London, Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow;

- (c) That a Chairman, Hon. Sec and Hon. Treasurer of the Provisional Executive have been appointed. That it has been further agreed, for the present that these offices shall be held by persons resident in London:

Mr. J. J. Long.....Chairman

Mr. T. J. Kickey.....Hon. Sec

Mr. P. J. Fitzgerald.....Hon. Treasurer

- (d) That it was decided to utilise the services of Mr. J. O. Barry-Walsh, Organising Secretary of the London Area, for co^ordinating the work of the organisation in the other centres of Great Britain.

N.B. The endorsement of these decisions by the London Provisional Council is of vital interest to all members of the League as it indicates that the League is being organised on a national basis and is aiming to bring under one headship all people in Britain who are working for the unity of Ireland.

The national Executive is of course, only Provisional, pending the formation of branches of the League in all towns and cities in Great Britain when a National Convention will be summoned to choose a National Executive to govern the League in Britain.

- (3) It was agreed by the League that the Branch Committees of the League in Stamford Hill, Hammersmith and Clapham should be asked to nominate a representative for their areas to the Provisional Council.