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Mr. C. Murphy,

A Chara,

Your letter of the 14th. was duly received and I am sorry to see that your work will prevent you from attending the Council meeting on the 16th inst. and the big meeting on the 28th

I was interested in your remark that some people referred to the Anti-Partition League as the de Valera stunt, but of course, there is no truth that this League is just, as you say, an appendage of the Fianna Fail party. We are trying to get every shade of Irish political opinion represented, Republican, Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, and Labour as Partition is a problem which is the concern of every party in Ireland today. Of course much of what we say is in line with the Fianna Fail party, as that party happens to be in power at the moment in Ireland, but we realise, as well as everybody else, that we would be damned from the beginning if we made the Organisation the mouth-piece for Fianna Fail propaganda. To anybody who lays a charge of the kind against us you might say that it is up to them, if they are not Fianna Fail, to join the Organisation and make their influence felt. Every Irishman sympathetic to our objects, no matter what his political persuasion may be, can join the League and work with us and his example will bring others to the same way of thinking.

Your suggestion that Dr. Carey should exchange views with members of the Northern Ireland Government is interesting but the possibility of getting Ministers from the North to exchange views with one of us is, I think, highly improbable. I am glad to see that efforts are being made to form a branch of the League in your district. I have been touch with Mr. Hennessy and we have decided upon Wednesday, March 22nd, as the most suitable day. I have asked Mr. Hennessy to write to the Gaelic League to obtain the use of their Hall in Brook Green Road for that night. He tells me that the Committee are willing to let it to us.

Yours faithfully,

General Secretary of the
Anti-Partition of Ireland League.