

March 21st 1939

Mr. J. J. Long.



Dear Jerry,

I am writing to ask you to be prepared to speak on the 28th at our big meeting. It is possible that we may not have to call upon you, but it is felt that there should be some speakers from the London branch of the League and yourself, Desmond Ryan, and Sean McGrath were suggested.

The Hon. Secretary has asked me to inform you that he wants to hold an unofficial meeting on Thursday next, March 23rd at the Four Provinces at 8 p.m. of members of the Council to discuss the Agenda for the proposed Conference between Delegated representing London, Manchester, Glasgow and Liverpool on Sunday next, March 26th. He feels urgently that he should have the advice of the Council members on the future programme of Anti-Partition Leagues and, on the question of whether there should be some link between the different centres. He will probably tell you about the matter tomorrow night.

I have heard from Mr. V. McEntee, M.P. that it is quite impossible for him to attend and speak at our meeting on the 28th. as he is now giving up nearly all public appearances. He was quite sympathetic on the 'phone, however, and will send us a message to be read out. I don't suppose you could manage to get him to change his mind. Neither Mr. Clynes nor Mr. Lansbury will be able to attend either but Mr. Clynes is sending a message. Mr. Lansbury feels he should be informed further about it before committing himself.

Perhaps you could give me a ring sometime tomorrow at this office. Don't forget that you have promised to speak on Friday night. I hope you have got the material which I sent you.

Yours faithfully,