

April 17th 1939

Mr. Snell,


Dear Mr. Snell,

Your letter of the 12th inst, was duly received and I note from it that you would have difficulty in obtaining names and addresses of prospective members. Your suggestion that we should publish in the Cork Weekly Examiner an appeal to Irish people living in Croydon to forward their names and addresses to us, because we wish to establish a branch there, is an excellent one, but there are two objections unfortunately to it. The first is that it may be difficult for us to get the Examiner to accept anything which is not news, i.e. a record of past events. They might ask us, if we wished to appeal to send in an advertisement. This would be rather expensive. The second objection is that it is easier to work through a personal contact than to appeal for help, as our efforts may meet with no response. I feel myself that while we are still in our infancy it would be better in all cases to organise the branches through personal contacts, so I am looking round for some person who would put in a little preliminary work with me in organising a branch, and who would know a number of people in the district. I have obtained some names and addresses in the Croydon area and I shall try to obtain some more, so that very soon we may have the Anti-Partition League strongly entrenched in your district. I shall get to work now and very soon I hope to have results. You shall hear from me again.

Yours sincerely

Organising Secretary of the