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25 adh Aibrean.

*Personal*

Dear Mr Walsh.

I regret that we did not have sufficient

time at our disposal to permit of a conversation at the

conclusion of last Sundays meeting. Personally I think

there was a great deal of time wasted on discussion of

simple questions and too much talking at random.

I have written a personal letter to Mr Davin giving

my own views on the discussion regarding the Liverpool

request for a whole time organizer, and attach herewith,

for your own personal information, a copy of my letter.

I certainly did not anticipate that there would be any

opposition or difficulty in having the matter dealt with.

From what transpired it would appear that Manchester now

want £100, and in their endeavour to secure it they do not

hesitate to hold up the appointment for the Liverpool

Regional Area. If the additional grants refused it will

mean that we must wait until the June meeting of the

Executive when it will be sought to divide the grant

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and should this be the case I can only say that the

organizing activities of our own area will be impaired.

As I was, to a certain extent, individually concerned,

I considered it imprudent for me to take part in the dis-

cussion, and give my own views. So far as the Manchester

nomination was concerned, I think they were quite in order

if they are satisfied that they cannot cope with the region

allotted to them. They should, however, have given this

matter full consideration and submitted their views to

Dublin in the same way as Liverpool has done. As to an

actual appointment in Manchester, I am not so sure that

it would be “sailing very close” to engaging in the activities

of British Political organizations, if the Executive were

to sanction the appointment, as a paid organizer, of any

person who is officially a representative of one of the

principal Political parties, on a Public Body, in Britain. It

may be argued that this is not sound reasoning. At any rate

there is just the possibility that in some quarters it

might be held that such a person might easily be looked

upon as organizing for his own Party as well as the league.

In this connection you may recollect Manchester’s in-

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sistence on the del ^ tion of the clause in the Liverpool

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constitution which provided for the avoidance of “Participation

in the activities of British Political Parties”. For the life

of me I could not, at the time, see why they attached so

little importance to the guiding principle laid down by An

Taoiseach himself and confirmed by Mr Davin in London, and

tacitly approved by the London Conference. In view however

of developments, and their own nomination, it may not be

wide of the mark to now assume that they had an objective in

view in getting rid of the clause referred to.

An any rate the matter, so far as we are concerned,

could have been satisfactorily and speedily disposed of,

if Mr McMahon had given a definite guidance on the matter.

It was a pity that Mr Hickeys letter was not in our

hands earlier. I fell that it should have received considered

discussion. Constructive ideas and suggestions are most

necessary as a guidance at meetings and would save a great

deal of unnecessary floundering about aimlessly in discussion

I had prepared a complete draft of rules covering the whole

organization from an Annual Convention, or Sumpreme Governing

Body, down to Branches, and intended it for guidance in

drafting rules; I did not however get a chance as the method

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of procedure and discussion was too topsy turvy. As an

instance of this disjointed method, you may recollect the

long discussion on a Constitution, membership card and

membership conditions. Eventually the Liverpool card and

constitution (with deletions) was accepted. Half an hour

later they were not sure whether the had adopted a

membership card, and even now after agreeing on a National

card, we do not know whether the Liverpool card is to be

The National Card – that is the Liverpool design.

In future when the E.C has to deal with such matters

It would, I think, be advisable to prepare beforehand and

circulate to the delegates, draft proofs of such matters,

*after that from Mr Hickey*

or a circular letter embodying ideas or suggestions ^ so that

they will have something to guide them in coming to

decisions. I have always found such a procedure very

helpful and saves a deal of unnecessary discussion.

I regret troubling you with as unduly long letter, but

I felt that you would like to have my views. I would like

to hear from you at your convenience. Kind regards to

yourself, Mr Hickey and Mr Fitzgerald.

Mise do chara,

Mr Barry – O. Walsh.

*Tomas O’Morain*

*Low hoping that it may be possible for me to pay*

*a visit to London shortly when we covered discuss matter in general.*