

358 First Avenue House,

High Holborn, W.C.1

June 26, 1939.

Dear Jerry,

Here are three matters raised by Liverpool, on which I would like your opinion as soon as possible. The first two relate to finance and the third to organisation and as a drive for funds is now being made in all areas the proposals bearing on finance merit immediate consideration.

Mr. O'Moran, Organising Secretary, Liverpool, suggests in the first place that he should be supplied with a letter of authority signed by the Officers of the Provisional National Executive and indicating that he is the officially appointed collector for the Liverpool area. Secondly, he asks for my opinion on "an appeal in the Press with an intimation that visits would be paid by Organising Secretaries for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions from those desiring to help". Among the papers he has in mind are the Catholic Times and Catholic Herald. Thirdly, he suggests that the issue of National Membership cards is "a matter which will have to be settled soon."

I replied that I would consult Mr. Fitzgerald and yourself on these points. My own opinion is that specially prepared visiting cards may meet The Organising Secretary's requirements in suggestion No. 1; that his second idea is worth trying, though bad as the market was before it is probably much worse after last Saturday's developments, and that nothing can be done about the National Membership cards until the London

Council approves the Executive's recommendations. Unfortunately, we were so pre-occupied by with domestic problems at our last meeting that we did not reach the item on the agenda concerned with these recommendations.

We are holding the second meeting of the Standing Committeez at the First Avenue House on next Wednesday at 7 P.M. Perhaps you may find it possible to drop in before, say, 8 P.M. Alternatively, you may be able to put in an appearance at the Four Provinces Club to-morrow evening after 9P.M. when some members of the Council are to meet the Chairman and certain Committee members of the Stamford Hill branch. This meeting, which is entirely informal, is being arranged by Mr. Barry -Walsh to meet the wishes of the Stamford Hill Committee before they undertake collecting activities for the League and Barry has asked me to appeal for your co-operation.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,