

Meeting of Paddington IBRG on Thursday 10th November, 1983
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Harrow Road, W.9.

Cass reported on developments in the Haringey branch who have made contacts with the local Independent Police Committee, with the intention of monitoring the effects locally of the Prevention of Terrorism Act and building up a dossier. Agreed that Cass get in touch with the IPC local to this part of London (probably Notting Hill) with a view to establishing a similar contact. Agreed Cass also contact National Council for Civil Liberties to see if they have any relevant information.

Cass reported that the meeting with Bord Failte and IBRG is to take place on Thursday, 17th November. Teresa and Joan to work out between them who can go. Cass to ring through details of time & venue.

Mary reported on the bad press Islington branch have been getting for applying for money for two workers, a coordinator and a community outreach worker. Islington feel that the GLC should have defended them against untrue press allegations. They are writing to the papers concerned as well as lobbying the GLC and attending Labour Party Ward meetings to draw attention to the issue.

Mike reported that local shops were selling anti Irish material. Agreed that we send a delegation from the branch asking shopkeeper to remove them. Teresa, Joan, Elizabeth and Cass to go Saturday at 3.00pm.

As agreed at the last meeting we have started monitoring the press for anti Irish articles. Elizabeth is to keep the file on cuttings and will index the material. It was suggested that we keep in touch with what other branches are doing on this question, with a view to a) contacting the Press Council, b) bearing in mind that we may be able to use the material in the context of GLC's anti racist year in 1984.

With regards to fundraising for the branch, Mary to get in touch with Padd. Labour Party to see if we can have a stall at their bazaar on Saturday 19th Nov. Agreed we bake cakes, have Irish coffee and distribute leaflets.

Publicity. Need for a leaflet/newsletter outlining our work for door-to-door distribution. Discuss further at next meeting.
Mary or Teresa to attend National Campaign against Police Bill Conference

Mary gave a reportback of the London Regional Council meeting held on 30th October. She gave a brief account of the LRC's recent history and the need to clarify the actual role of the LRC within the organisation. The LRC will be having an Annual General Meeting at the Irish Centre on Sunday 27th November at which standing orders will be adopted. New officers will also be elected at this meeting. We will be sending our two delegates and one observer.

Joan agreed to be the branch treasurer and took over control of membership subscriptions and the branches books.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, ~~24th November 1983~~
8.00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes & St Vincent de Paul church hall.
