

June 2nd. 1939

Mr. T. Moran,  


A Chara,

I thank you for your letter of May 30 and note that you approve the postponement of the National Executive meeting as affording a welcome breathing space. Manchester and Glasgow are also in favour, the reply from Glasgow being as follows:

In reply to your query regarding postponement of National Executive Conference I may state from the Scottish viewpoint that this would suit us admirably.

Recent events in Glasgow have made it impossible for us to even try to make headway at the moment. Our local financial appeal is held up and at the moment we could only allow one delegate to travel.

Therefore any postponement, longer if possible, will have our approval and with regard to the agreement of remuneration, I think in this case we could agree to any emergency decision reached by yourselves on this point."

I don't know how Liverpool and Manchester stand financially, but it seems to me that, unless there are urgent and important matters which cannot be dealt with satisfactorily by correspondence, there is much to be said for postponement of the National Executive meeting for, say, four weeks. I would like to have your opinion.

My own view is that proceedings at a National Conference, at which subjects such as national finance and national publicity are discussed, must necessarily lack a sense of reality, so long as the constituent units are in an unsatisfactory financial position or so long as one or more of these units are unable to contribute

towards the expenses of others less favourably circumstanced.

In the nature of things, London should be the best situated financially, but as I have already intimated the response to our appeal has been exceedingly unsatisfactory. The appeal signed by our Chairman, Vice-Chairman and one of our Hon. Treasurers, was issued at the beginning of May and so far the receipts amount to only about £15. I tell you this as I think it right that we should have an exchange of information on matters of finance in particular, but I would like to repeat that we are making an intensified effort during the coming weeks and we are hopeful that the personal approach will yield good results in a number of cases. Meanwhile, however, the affairs of the National Executive must for us be subordinated to those of the local organisation and other things being equal the same presumably applies in other centres.

We hope to be in a much better position by the end of the month after the personal approach method has been tried on a number of sympathisers and other devices adopted to raise finance. For instance we made the experiment this week of "cashing in" on a G.A.A. Hurling Championship Match at Mitcham when Mr. Barry-Walsh organised the distribution of 10000 copies of the accompanying leaflet, which contains as you will note an Application for Membership Form. We are awaiting the result of the experiment with great interest and not a little anxiety.

I forwarded yesterday a cheque for £12 as an initial advance towards meeting the salary and expenses of the Organiser appointed by Manchester (Mr. Brian Connolly) In the event of the National Executive meeting being postponed for the period suggested, a second advance would naturally be made in your case. Dublin have asked me to furnish a monthly report on the activities of the Organisers and I would be glad to have your co-operation to that end so far as the Liverpool Zone is concerned. I would also welcome suggestions from you as to the subjects which should come up for discussion at the next meeting of the National Executive.

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Hon. Secretary,

Provisional National Executive.