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**Transcript**

June 2nd, 1939

Mr. T. Moran,

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A Chara,

I thank you for your letter of May 30 and note that you

approve the postponement of the National Executive meeting an

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 trave.

Therefore any postponement, longer if possible, will have

our approval and with regard to the agreement of remuneration,

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 be 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

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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 for 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 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-Walshe 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

search 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.

Is mise, le meas,

Hon. Secretary,

Provisional National Executive.