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The Campaign for Democracy in Ulster, which is led by Mr. Paul Rose, M.P., its Chairman, has circulated to its members draft proposals for revising the aims of the C.D.U. and I attach a copy of the circular.

It will be noted that the proposed new aims are divided between "immediate aims" and "ultimate aims". Moving forward from a mere civil rights platform, the C.D.U. would henceforth campaign not only for the ending of internment, a security take-over by Westminster and inter-party talks but also for the ultimate aims of a "Reformed Parliament and Constitution for Northern Ireland" and "the ultimate Unification of Ireland on a Federal basis, subject to the co-operation and agreement of the majority of the citizens of Northern Ireland". There is the further ultimate aim of "supporting democratic socialism" in the "whole Province of Ulster."

This advance of the C.D.U. from a civil rights platform to one aiming at a revised Northern Ireland Constitution and Federal Unity, subject to consent, is, no doubt, the result of the recent Labour Party policy decisions as expressed in the House of Commons debate last week, in which Mr. Wilson and other speakers called for a security take-over by Westminster, immediate talks on political reforms in Northern Ireland and the acceptance of unification as the ultimate goal.

The President of the C.D.U. is Lord Brockway and the Vice-Presidents are the Labour M.P. Stanley Orme, Dr. S. Miller, Kevin McNamara and Reginald Freeson. Some 65 M.P.s, together with a number of Peers, practically all members of the Labour Party with a few Liberals, are listed as sponsors of the C.D.U. We are maintaining close contact with

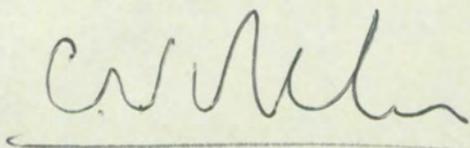
*Mr. E. Gallagher.
Lepree.*

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*Mr. Mc Donagh: I suggest we
might ask Chazé d'affaires to
seek elimination of words
"on a Federal basis": No
need to be restrictive might
be the line to follow.*

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Mr. Paul Rose and the other principal organisers. They hold regular meetings in the Irish Club at intervals of two months or so.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. W. Allen", is written above a horizontal line.

Chargé d'Affaires



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NEWSLETTER FROM C D U

President - LORD BROCKWAY Chairman - PAUL ROSE, M.P.

The original aims of CDU were (2 June 1965):

1. To secure a full and impartial enquiry into the administration of government in Northern Ireland and into allegations of discrimination in the fields of housing and employment.
2. To bring electoral law in Northern Ireland into line with that in the rest of the United Kingdom, and to examine electoral boundaries with a view to providing fair representation for all sections of the community.
3. To press for the application of the "Race Relations Act" to Northern Ireland and that it be amended to include religious discrimination and incitement.

It is suggested that the revised aims of CDU might be -

Immediate Aims

1. To press for the ending of Internment in Northern Ireland.
2. That the Security Forces, including the RUC, be responsible only to a Security Committee appointed by, and responsible to the Westminster Government
3. To press for Inter Party talks now between all Parties concerned in Britain and in Northern Ireland and in the Irish Republic in an endeavour to find a solution to the Ulster Question: the British Labour Party to take the initiative in the event of the Conservative Government refusing to act.

Ultimate Aims.

To Campaign for

1. A Reformed Parliament and Constitution for Northern Ireland which will ~~guarantee~~ guarantee
 - (a) Freedom from discrimination on religious or political grounds for all citizens in all fields of daily life, and the means of access to the Courts where this freedom is impinged upon.
 - (b) The Right to form, and belong to, any political party, and to freedom of speech, thought, printing and action in all political matters consistent with normal democratic practice.
 - (c) Fair elections based upon revised electoral boundaries, and using proportional representation.
 - (d) A fair Judiciary.
2. The ultimate Unification of Ireland on a Federal basis, subject to the co-operation and agreement of the majority of the citizens of Northern Ireland.
3. In the meantime, CDU to assist as far as possible, all parties in the whole Province of Ulster working for democratic socialism.