

SECRET

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DAILY MEETING HELD AT 11 30 AM ON 5 JUNE 1972 IN STORMONT CASTLE

- PRESENT:
- The Secretary of State
 - Mr Paul Channon MP
 - Sir William Nield
 - Sir David Holden
 - Sir Harold Black
 - Mr J T A Howard-Drake
 - Mr K McDowall
 - Mr H F T Smith
 - Mr T C Platt
 - Mr R M Whalley

1. EDUCATION BILL:

Discussion took place on the timing of publication of the Education Bill in the light of the local government programme as a whole and of the imminent functioning of the Advisory Commission. While it was considered that there were some practical merits in immediate publication the Secretary of State decided to hold back any decision until after his meeting with the Prime Minister on 7 June.

2. PROVISIONAL IRA:

The Chief Whip's office had referred to concern being expressed at Westminster about claims that the Secretary of State was in negotiation with the Provisionals. No messages had been sent nor would any be sent to the Provisional IRA and it was decided therefore that any suggestions about negotiations taking place should be rejected in the strongest terms.

3. "TERROR AND TEARS":

There had apparently been some recent requests notably from Mr J Kilfedder MP for copies of this widely distributed Northern Ireland Government publication which highlighted the personal horrors of the IRA campaign and of which there were still some 10,000 in stock. The Secretary of State decided that the booklet should not now be issued as a Government publication but it could be said that copies were available to anyone who wished to ~~call~~ ^{ask} for them.

4. ADVISORY COMMISSION:

The question of fees for members of the Commission was raised by Sir David Holden. It was decided that £25 per attendance was appropriate and that a note

on fees together with details of the method of claiming should be circulated to members by the Secretariat.

It was also decided that no arrangement should be made for a press photograph of the first meeting of the Commission; which should be attended by ~~Heads of Departments and~~ whichever Ministers were available.

5. **MR BILLY HULL L.A.W.:**

It was decided that Mr Hull's request for a further meeting with the Secretary of State's Office should be accepted. This would in the first instance be with Mr Frank Steele.

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Those Present

Lord Windlesham
Mr David Howell MP
GOC
Chief Constable
Mr P J Woodfield
Mr K P Bloomfield
Mr I M Burns
Mr J B McAllister
Mr S C Jackson
Miss Joan Owens
Mr T M Roberts
Mr N Cairncross, NI Office, London
Mr W J Smith, NI Office, London
Mr I McKinney, NI Office, London
Mr R C Stevens, NI Office, London
Mr T C Hetherington, AG's Department, London