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FROM: D J CRABBE
 PS/MR SEMPLE
 29 JANUARY 1998

Mr Dorrick

For our file please.

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cc PS/Mr Murphy (DFP,B&L)
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PS/SECRETARY OF STATE (B&L)

NIC/ICTU ANTI-VIOLENCE DEMONSTRATION

1. The Secretary of State will wish to be aware that the Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (NIC/ICTU) has organised a number of rallies in urban centres to take place tomorrow (Friday 30 January) at 12.45 pm.
2. The rallies are being held in Belfast (at the City Hall); Derry (Guildhall Square); Enniskillen (The Diamond); Lurgan (Town Centre); Antrim (Market Square); and Omagh (Town Hall - commencing at 1.00 pm). Although supported by activists involved in local trade unions, community, voluntary and women's groups, the rallies are open to all and the initiative is a non-political, cross-community one. The CBI, NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Belfast Chamber of Trade have also lent their support.



3. In the past, such rallies have been well supported and non-controversial. Indications from ICTU are that the theme will be supportive of the line 'Talks are the way forward'. The fact that the rallies are being held on the anniversary of Bloody Sunday is a coincidence. However, there will be a local reference to Bloody Sunday at the Derry rally (instructions to ICTU organisers from Terry Carlin clearly state that this should be the only reference).
4. Interestingly tomorrow also marks another anniversary, the 50th of the murder of Mahatma Ghandi! This will be strongly referred to in speeches at the rallies, highlighting the value of non-violent protest etc.
5. Mr Worthington, in a speech at the Northern Ireland Growth Challenge in the Waterfront Hall today, welcomed the ICTU initiative in holding the rallies.
6. Mr Semple has written to all Departments encouraging them to facilitate civil servants attending the rallies.

David Crabbe

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NIC/ICTU ANTI-VIOLENCE DEMONSTRATION - 30 JANUARY 1998

Following an approach from NIC/ICTU, John Semple has indicated that the NICS will be pleased to co-operate in facilitating staff who wish to attend the NIC/ICTU Anti-Violence Demonstration on 30 January 1998. The demonstration is being organised in conjunction with others (including CBI, NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Belfast Chamber of Trade) and will take place at 12.45pm at Belfast City Hall and possibly in other urban centres across Northern Ireland.

To enable staff to attend, Mr Semple has agreed to arrangements similar to those which applied for the Peace Rally in February 1996. On that occasion it was decided that staff would not be penalised if they had to travel some distance from their work to get to the Rally.

I should be grateful, therefore, if you would ensure that staff who encroach into core time working (but only up to 2.30pm) in order to attend the Rally are allowed to do so without penalty. Staff attending the Rally should be permitted to record the actual time spent away from their work or a 1 hour lunch break, whichever is the shorter period, on the basis that they return to the office by 2.30pm. Any absences beyond 2.30pm should be added to the 1 recorded lunch break.

Any agreement to allow staff to attend the Rally should take account of the need to maintain essential public services and you should make arrangements with staff accordingly.

I would be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of all staff.

J G TAYLOR

STOP THE KILLINGS PEACE RALLY

12.45pm 30 January 1998

The ICTU, backed by NIPSA, has organised this rally to give ordinary workers an opportunity to demonstrate their abhorrence at the recent outbreak of sectarian killings.

Senior management has given its full backing and encouragement to this event and special arrangements have been made regarding time taken to attend this worthwhile occasion.

NIPSA has organised a free bus service to ferry as many people as possible back and forth to the city centre to maximise attendance. Although primarily for and paid for by NIPSA members, non-members are more than welcome to avail themselves of these buses. If non-members would like to make a small donation to the NIPSA Developing World Fund in recompense it would be welcome but by no means mandatory.

The buses will be leaving from Parliament Buildings at 12.20pm and hopefully returning 'around' 1.45pm. If you need any further details or help please do not hesitate to contact me on 21617.

Thank you for your support.

Philip Devlin
Branch 103 Chairperson.

Yours sincerely

Jim McCusker

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*For our file please
J. H. H. 28/1/98
ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING
Please ring Philip Devlin on 21617
and I'll try and arrange a
bus to take us into town.*

23 January 1998

Dear Colleague

*PS/ Would we put a copy of the
recent circular from Gen. Taylor
on this subject in our file too.
Jlt.*

PEACE RALLY AT 12.45 PM ON 30 JANUARY

In response to the barbaric events in Northern Ireland since Christmas the trade unions have decided to hold a peace rally at 12.45 pm on Friday, 30 January 1998. The theme of the demonstration will be "STOP ALL KILLINGS" and the main rally will be held at Belfast City Hall.

To show your support for using peaceful means to resolve our differences we call on all members to support the demonstration on 30 January. We also encourage you to persuade all members of your family and your friends to join it because it is of vital importance that paramilitary groups are told in no uncertain terms that the vast majority of the community reject their methods and the ways of violence.

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions which is organising the demonstration is contacting employers organisations and public bodies seeking their co-operation in facilitating people to attend the rally.

If possible other rallies will be held at venues outside Belfast.

Further information will be issued to your branch as and when it becomes available.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PLEASE SUPPORT THE RALLY ON 30 JANUARY

Yours sincerely

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