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PRESS RELEASE

ANTI-SEMITIC MEETING IN DUBLIN INVESTIGATED

An organisation describing itself as the 'CC Centre', which is run by and operates from the offices of solicitor T.C.G. O'Mahoney at 22, Merrion Square, Dublin 2, is organising a public meeting which will be addressed by known fascist and anti-semitic speakers.

The meeting is advertised for the Gandon Room of the Gresham Hotel, at 7.30 pm on Saturday, April 4th. Titled "The energy crisis and the new economic order", the speakers are advertised as Jeremy Lee (of the Australian League of Rights) and Donald A. Martin (of the British League of Rights).

The Anarchist Workers Alliance has investigated the 'League of Rights' and prepared a report (copy attached). We have concluded that this organisation is anti-Jewish, racist and has connections with Nazi groupings in a number of countries.

We believe that it is in the interest of minority groups and the working class in general, that these peoples' politics and connections are publically exposed before they can gain a political foothold in Ireland.

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REPORT ON THE 'LEAGUE OF RIGHTS'

*AUSTRALIA Eric Butler, the founder and leader of the Australian League of Rights, is considered a mentor for many active racists and anti-semites throughout the English speaking world. He is widely believed to have been one of the major influences in getting much of the British ultra-right to sink their differences and come together as the National Front (which, until it's recent three way split was the major movement of British racists and fascists)

Butler also runs, from Melbourne, 'Heritage Press'. This is the printer for the Commonwealth Club of Sydney which distributes anti-Jewish and pro-South African tracts.

* BRITAIN The British League of Rights was started in the early 1970's by Donald A. Martin who had returned to Britain after spending 17 years in Australia, where he was associated with Butler. Martin is the National Director of the League as well as editor of it's journal "On Target". Among the aims listed in 'On Target' is "to oppose immigration of alien peoples". Among the regular contributors to this journal is Ivor Benson, the South African racist who was Ian Smith's first censor after UDI. Many of Benson's articles in 'On Target' have been approvingly reprinted in the National Front journal 'Spearhead'.

The League has attempted to gain some respectability by appointing Air-Vice Marshal Bennett as their patron. Bennett had been the war time leader of the RAF Pathfinder squadron. Yet some five years ago he was photographed marching in a National Front demonstration, which could well be thought a strange place to be considering the attempts of the National Front leadership to whitewash the Hitler regime.

This same Bennett tried to launch a new ultra-right party, the United Reform Party. In 1977 (Feb. 12th) the URP held a meeting with the self-declared Nazi organisations British Movement and the League of St. George (this latter outfit are the people who brought Ku Klux Klan leaders to Britain for public meetings in 1978) This meeting took place at the Central Hall, Westminster, London.

The League of Rights is also the British section of the World Anti-Communist League (WACL). This is so extreme that former right wing Tory MP Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, who had been involved with it, resigned amidst a lot of bad publicity for them when he described WACL as a "hot bed of anti-Jewish intrigue".

Thor Petter Krosby, group secretary for the Anders Lange party in the Norwegian parliament, attended the WACL's 12th international conference in Asuncion, Paraguay. In an interview with the Norwegian paper 'NA' on his return he stated "I must admit that I was frightened by the strong Nazi representation. There is no doubt that WACL is completely Nazi, fascistic and racist". This conference was addressed by Donald A. Martin.

Bloomfield Books, who are providing a bookstall for the Gresham Hotel meeting, are associated with the League and advertised through 'On Target'. Their stock list includes:

- + 'The Hoax of the Twentieth Century' by Arthur Butz. This book claims that no one can prove that 6,000,000 Jews were murdered by the Nazis. Indeed in an interview given to the National Front journal 'Spearhead' in 1976, Butz went so far as to claim that "there were no gas chambers in the camps".
- + 'Learned Elders and the BBC' by National Front founder, A.K. Chesterton. This one claims a Jewish conspiracy to control the media.
- + 'Racial Intergration' by Isherwood. About the "evils" of race mixing.
- + 'The Talmud Unmasked' by the Rev. Pranaitis. About the favourite Nazi theory - "the Jewish conspiracy for world domination".

Major source: The widely respected British anti-fascist magazine, 'Searchlight'. (A.F.&R. Publications, 21 Great Western Buildings, 6 Livery Street, Birmingham Phone: 236 4147)

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