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Dear Caucus Member,

We are sending along some literature from our national headquarters. We hope you can put it to good use. Together we can do something to help the people of Northern Ireland. Recently Congressman Silvio Conte (1st District, Mass.), introduced a resolution in Congress calling for immediate Congressional Hearings into possible American involvement in the conflict in Northern Ireland. We welcome Rep. Conte's resolution and we ask all our friends to call or write your Congressman asking him to support Rep. Conte's resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives.

One of the planks in the 1976 Democratic National Platform adopted last month reads as follows; "The voice of the United States should be heard in Northern Ireland against violence and terror, against the discrimination, repression and deprivation which brought about that civil strife, and for the efforts of the parties toward a peaceful resolution of the future in Northern Ireland." Thus, Northern Ireland is an issue in the coming elections. Many candidates for Congress and the U.S. Senate are now stumping the state, actively seeking your vote. You have a right to know what their position is on Northern Ireland. You will see them wherever a crowd is gathered. You will hear them on television and radio talk shows. You can help to bring the plight of the people of Northern Ireland to the attention of the American public and to the attention of the men who will be our representatives in Washington. Ask them what their position is on Northern Ireland. If you don't do it; Who will?

On an optimistic note, the following appeared in a Boston Globe editorial on July 22, 1976. "Certainly the ultimate goal - for Britain as well as for all of Ireland - should be the withdrawal of outside troops and the reunification of Ireland after half a decade (sic) of separation between north and south".

The Essex County Board, AOH, is sponsoring a benefit for the Caucus at the Black Rose Restaurant, Boston, to include dinner and an Irish Sing-a-Long on Saturday night, Aug. 14th. Proceeds to pay for expenses of the Caucus. Tickets cost \$7.00 and can be ordered by calling Joe Mc Hugh or Dick O'Heigartaigh.

Plans are going ahead for a general meeting of the Mass. Irish National Caucus at Faneuil Hall on Friday, September 10th.