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Sir Louis Blom Cooper

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Sir Louis said that he had never spoken about the "corruption" of lawyers in Northern Ireland, not publicly nor to the Chief Constable privately. He had recommended that there be a public defender service on duty at the holding centres so that both the detainees and the RUC could completed interrogations sooner. At the moment these are often delayed by up to 8 hours when the detainee exercises his or her right to counsel of their choice. The Law Society had opposed Blom Cooper's proposal.