

THE ORANGE

STANDARD

"Lift up a standard for the people."

(Isaiah 62:10)

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U.K. GENERAL ELECTION

SHARE OF THE VOTE FOR EACH PARTY

	No. of Cands.	Elected	No. of Votes	Share of Vote
OU	11	5	254,578	36.6
SDLP	10	1	137,110	19.7
Alliance	12	0	82,892	11.9
DUP	5	3	70,975	10.2
UUUP	2	1	38,856	5.7
Ind. Unionist	1	1	36,989	5.3
IIP	4	—	23,086	3.3
Rep. Clubs	7	—	12,100	1.7
UPNI	3	—	8,021	1.2
NILP	3	—	4,411	0.6
Others (inc. F. Maguire)	6	1	25,840	3.7
Valid Poll			695,858	99.9

ULSTER UNIONISTS' "OPEN LETTER" TO PRESIDENT CARTER

"STOP U.S. CASH FOR BOMBERS"

In an open letter addressed to Mr. Jimmy Carter, President, Congress and people of the United States of America, the Ulster Unionist Council stated that Ireland can only be united when the Protestant population of the North willingly and democratically accept it.

The letter, dated May 29, is signed by Mr. Harry W. West, Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party; Mr. James H. Molyneux, Parliamentary Leader at Westminster, and the Reverend Martin Smyth, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and of the Orange Council of the World.

Dear President Carter,

The increasing interest of the public representatives of the United States in the affairs of Northern Ireland, and the intensifying lobbying of political figures by groups with dubious connections with terrorist organisations, prompts us to write this open letter to the American President, Congress and People. We write on behalf of the frequently silent and long suffering majority of the Northern Ireland population.

The terror, murder and destruction of property perpetrated in Northern Ireland by the so-called military wings of parties with alleged political objectives has horrified the world for almost ten years. The variety of factors causing the problems of Northern Ireland whether historical or religious, economic or emotive, have been so distorted by myth and propaganda as not to justify detailed analysis in this letter.

There can be no democratic and just solution to the present situation unless Terror as a political weapon is rendered useless. As a first step towards this goal it is necessary that the President, Congress and Citizens of the United States of America appreciate the basic facts about the use and purpose of Terror in this country.

"Catch 22" situation is a recurring theme in the Provisional theory.

THE PURPOSE FOR THE TERROR

Those committed to terror as a political weapon are acutely aware of the necessity for its continuance. Terrorist aims cannot be fulfilled through the medium of normal political structures such as elections. The total failure of the political wings of terrorist groups to achieve any electoral support is irrefutable. Since the normal methods of achieving political power have failed, terrorists aim to make the break down of society in Northern Ireland so complete, that a solution must be imposed on the people from an external power source.

The terrorists will demand recognition as the prize for their participation in an imposed political settlement and will obtain political power. The failure of the Provisional I.R.A. to extract such a settlement from the British Government has prompted them to try and cast the United States of America in the same role.

Recent statements by United States politicians about the inability of the British political parties to engender some political initiative are based on a failure to understand the effect of terror on the necessary pre-conditions of stability and conciliation. Such failure is understandable as the British Government also took a long time to learn this particular lesson.

THE JUSTIFICATION OF THE TERROR

Continued Terror requires at least some form of arguable justification. Objectives must be chosen which are either so long term as to guarantee they are unobtainable for many years; or such as are in practical terms impossible. Achievement of the objective is not the name of the game, but continuance of terror is. If such objectives are also

legitimate and emotional and are shared by respectable people who would not approve of terror, that is a bonus. Examples of such objectives are "United Ireland," "British Army Out," and the notorious "Dirty Campaign" at the Maze Prison.

The first is clearly unattainable without the consent of the majority of the Northern Ireland population, yet it is an emotional and politically legitimate objective for many law abiding people who are, however, cynically manipulated. The second objective is impossible in practical terms because of sectarian antagonism generated by terror, and paradoxically the British Army presence is necessary to the Provisionals' campaign, who by their activities secure the continuing presence of the British Army which it is their alleged objective to remove. A cessation of the Terror would result in the almost immediate removal of the British Army from Northern Ireland but that clearly is not what is sought.

The real aim of the Provisionals would be to secure the withdrawal of the British Army in a prevailing atmosphere of Terror. They would assume the mantle of protectors of the Roman Catholic community which was the original purpose for which the British Army came to Northern Ireland in 1969 at the request of Roman Catholic religious and political leaders.

In such a state of unrest deliberate acts of violence against the alarmed Protestant population already roused by its own extremists would provide the predicted attack on the Roman Catholic community as the only identifiable target. Moderate Roman Catholic politicians would be swept aside and the Provisionals would emerge as the effective political and de facto leaders. The third example, the so-called "Dirty Campaign" is a glaring illustration of an artificial objective designed for a specific purpose. The deliberate and voluntary conversion by Provisional I.R.A. prisoners of modern facilities into those of

unimaginable filth defies reason; but it is a source of emotional propaganda.

Because it is self-imposed the Dirty Campaign could be stopped at any time, but its continuance is enforced both within the prison and the home areas of the prisoners, by threats of withdrawal of financial aid to dependents and the social ostracism of the latter in a closely knit community. Despite the fact that the Dirty Campaign is so contrary to the nature and dignity of man the principle of continuance is paramount. Objectives are not expected to be achieved since achievement removes the justification for terror. The ultimate and true objective of those engaged in terror is the total control of the government of the State without any mandate from the people.

THE FINANCING OF THE TERROR

The sources of finance of the Provisional I.R.A. are both direct and indirect. The former by means of armed robbery, protection rackets in the areas of which they are the alleged guardians, and interests in illegal drinking establishments. The indirect funding is generally obtained from the United States of America where a traditional anti-British attitude is kept alive in Irish American Associations. The United Ireland theme is cynically canvassed and the Provisional I.R.A. marketed as the 20th century heirs of the Irish Volunteers, the Fenians and the I.R.A. 1916 vintage.

Those Irish Americans who would genuinely support a United Ireland but who do not subscribe to violence or to the purchase of arms, are persuaded that donations are for social or welfare work. The representatives of the British Government, the Government of the Republic of Ireland and responsible politicians from Northern Ireland have been unanimous in their condemnation of the supply of money or arms to the Provisional I.R.A. or their front organisations. The increasing discovery of arms of Eastern European origin and the known links of the Provisionals with international terrorism clearly indicate that what is sought is American money but not American Democracy.

THE POLITICS OF THE TERROR

Those responsible for the promotion of the Terror have not centred on the United

States as the external power source for an imposed solution. The choice, to some extent, was dictated by the source of funds, a common language, and the availability of a substantial number of United Ireland sympathisers mainly of Irish Roman Catholic origin, whose appreciation of the modern situation in Ireland is limited, but who are historically and emotionally conditioned to be sold a distorted and inaccurate account of the role and activities of the Provisional I.R.A.

Pressure groups such as the Irish National Caucus operating in Washington have openly intensified their lobby of Congressmen and persons of political stature or influence. The information which they provide is deliberately slanted and often inaccurate. The resulting well meaning but often misinformed and politically naive intervention of some of these figures has seldom helped the situation in Northern Ireland. The names and international reputation of these politicians lend a veneer of respectability to terrorist interests. Such interventions are often deeply resented by those who live, work, and raise families under the shadow of the gunman or threat of the bomber.

The law abiding population of this country see the perpetrators of the most ghastly and inhuman crimes made the objects of sympathy and active support, while the growing tally of dead and maimed is the subject of meaningless platitudes. Those responsible for terrorist publicity are quick to present this resentment as an example of entrenched siege mentality and an unwillingness to compromise.

THE ANSWER TO THE TERROR

Terror can only be eradicated by the total exposure of its aims, purpose and method. The nature of terror must be understood and the sub-structure upon which it depends removed. It must be deprived of financial aid and starved of moral and political support. Those sections of the American people with Irish ancestry and legitimate aspirations for a United Ireland must be properly and accurately informed that the Provisional I.R.A. have a view of a United Ireland which Wolfe Tone, Parnell or

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Baird Points Way to Irish Unity

Mr. Ernest Baird, Leader of the United Ulster Unionist Party, has told Southern Ireland that there is one way to achieve a United Ireland, a union of true heart and minds.

In a letter to the "Irish Times" he stated:

The hypocrisy of the Southern Government and people calling for the support of President Carter and the American people to force Loyal Ulster into a United Ireland against her will is exposed for what it is worth when one considers the fact that the same Southern Government and people remained neutral in a world war in which the very existence of America was at stake.

It is pertinent to add that not only would Eire not enter the conflict on the side of the democracy but resolutely refused to let a single G.I. cross the Border from Northern Ireland. Americans, including all those Irish-Americans who are so keen to defame the Loyalists of Ulster, should bear one singular fact in mind, that they might well not be alive to-day had it not been for the denial of this strategic area to the forces of the Rome - Berlin - Tokyo Axis Powers.

The fact that several thousand Southern Irishmen volunteered for service in the second World War in no way detracts from the virulent failure of Eire officially to spring to the defence of Western Christian civilisation. So much for Catholic Ireland. Her bitter hatred of Britain caused her as well to bite the hand of the very America whose help she has sought and, on occasions, received for over a century.

We in Ulster are

thoroughly fed up with the hypocritical and nauseating propaganda being concocted and note how very quickly Mr. Lynch has endeavoured to sell his pernicious line, not only to President Carter, but to the incoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

It is also noted the hypocrisy of the S.D.L.P. in aiding and abetting the propaganda exercise in the name of a democracy, that relatively few of their people were prepared to defend when the chips were really down in World War II. Not only that, but something of history is now being repeated, for the Republic of Ireland for all her supposed Catholicity, is not prepared to be an active member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in the defence of Western civilisation (inclusive of the America she so proudly asserts she loves) from the even greater threat of atheistic Communism.

The day that the Republic is prepared to shed freely her blood for Christian values rather than allow her territory to be the haven for terrorists using, in some instances, weapons from Marxist sources, who, in the name of a United Ireland, have been responsible for death and injury to literally thousands of fellow Irish men, women and children, will be the day when there might be some small hope of a union of hearts and minds between North and South.

The semantic distinction between murder dubbed political and murders not so dubbed casts the gravest reflection upon the consciences of members of the Government of the South. The arrogant claims under

Article 4 of the Republic's Constitution to sovereignty over the six counties of Ulster is in line with the hypocrisy alluded to above. The very nature of the claim to be able to rule the proud Ulsterman is, in itself, a major obstacle in the path of unification.

The very name Republican has been so besmirched by foul deeds over the ten-year period that it should cause the Irish Government and her people such shame that they should enter into an exercise of fasting in sack-cloth and ashes. Has it not dawned upon them as yet that the very name, Irish Republic, that they are so proud to proclaim is, in the eyes of the Loyalists, one of the foulest names on record?

We see not poetry or beauty other than the beauty of death and destruction in all that Irish Republicanism stands for. Heaven help Catholic Ireland if she cannot see this, for the sins of loyal Ulstermen down

through the years may be deemed by some to be great, but never so great, never so vile, never so despicable, as the sins of Southern Ireland, and, when Governments and people stand before the Judgement Seat, what answer will they have to give?

Where is the love, where is the kindness, where has been the turning of the cheek, where the warmth and affection and, above all, the fervent charity that would cause a loyal Ulsterman to exchange the Union Jack for a rebel Tricolour? A Union Jack it may be added, which having gained an empire over countless millions and preserved the world for civilisation in two world wars, has virtually given it all away.

If Southern Ireland really wants a United Ireland, there is but one way to achieve it — by a patient, slow, onward proof that it is to be one of true hearts and minds.

Call to Improve Orange Bands

The time is surely ripe to consider ways and means of improving Orange bands so that Parades do not continue to be merely rumbustious and colour gatherings of members, bands and high spirited teenagers.

Orange parades and demonstrations should aspire to attract attention and interest from all members of the public instead of being regarded as a matter for contempt. Before the emergence of the noisy "pop music" era in the early 1960s, bands were capable of playing most types of music. High standards of decorum, accompanied by stirring marches and a few traditional Orange melodies added great dignity to Orange Parades. Marches which the public knew

and loved to hear, i.e. Sousa's "Liberty Bell," or "Stars and Stripes," Alford's "Great Little Army" or "The Middy" and Hall's "New Colonial" or "Death or Glory" intermingled with traditional Orange tunes and hymns always attracted a good respectable following. Adapted versions of "Marching through Georgia," "Scotland the Brave," "Ducks of Magheralin," and Sankey's hymn tunes set to football club chants can hardly merit similar interest from members of the public. It is hoped that bands will concentrate upon improving standards of playing and choice of music.

(Reprinted from the "Orange News of England")

A SHORT HISTORY

The Rev. S. E. Long has written "A Short History of the Church of Ireland." The book fills a gap left vacant since works of the kind went out of print many years ago. It is a most useful appreciation of the work and witness of the ancient Church of Ireland.

While it draws attention to the watersheds in the history of the church, with the intention of encouraging readers to study them in depth, it says enough about them to enlighten the average reader sufficiently for his everyday purposes.

A great deal of material has been compressed into a little book, produced in an easy readable and understandable form and style.

The task must have involved a great amount of reading and researching, with the peculiarly difficult

one of separating the more important from the less valuable.

Thaim clearly is to inform the general reader, and not only those who are Anglicans, about the Church of Ireland.

S. E. Long is a prolific writer — one of the few accomplished men in the Irish churches — whose contributions in religious, political and social issues have been published widely at home and abroad by article, pamphlet and book.

We heartily commend this little history to the many who would profit from reading it. It is being sold through the Church of Ireland parishes and by the Slieve Croob Press, Dromara, Dromore Co. Down, BT25 2NE. Postage is 10p on single copies. The price of the book is 50p.

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Connolly would condemn. Ireland can only be united when the Protestant population of the North willingly and democratically accept it. To attempt to unite Ireland by force or imposition would only secure a transference of the North's tragedy to the whole of Ireland with the roles reversed.

The British Government would willingly withdraw the Army if and when the Terror ceased or even diminished. We do not doubt that the restoration of order and the rule of law to all areas would lead inevitably to a political solution. We do not underestimate the difficulties to be encountered or the problems which will then be faced. We know that the only lasting solution must be created within Northern Ireland by its own inhabitants.

Settlers from the North of

Ireland have played a historic part in the creating of your constitution and in the development of those democratic principles that have made you a great nation. We do not doubt that you will ensure the survival of such principles in this land.

We ask the American President, Congress and People to accept that this letter is written "With malice towards none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right," and an abiding belief that "the ballot is stronger than the bullet."

Copies were also sent to — the Hon. Robert C. Boyd; the Hon. Howard Baker, the Hon. Frank Church, United States Senate, and the Hon. Thomas O'Neill; the Hon. Jim Wright; the Hon. John Rhodes; the Hon. Clement J. Zablocki, U.S. House of Representatives.

LORD ENNISKILLEN MEMORIAL ORANGE ORPHAN SOCIETY

(Instituted 1888 : Registered 1914)

COLLECTING BOXES

We have now taken delivery of a large order of Collecting Boxes (similar to those used by the Royal British Legion, etc.). These are obtainable from the undermentioned address at a cost of 50p per box. The box then becomes the property of the Lodge. I.E.M.O.O.S. labels are supplied free.

The Committee takes this opportunity to sincerely thank all Orange Lodges, Royal Black Preceptories, Apprentice Boys of Derry Clubs, the Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland and the Junior Orange Association for their untiring efforts in the past to ensure the success of the Society. The year 1978 was a record year for the Fund.

There are 637 orphans being supported by the Society.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me."

WALTER WILLIAMS, J.P.
Hon. Secretary
ROBERT McVEIGH
Hon. Treasurer

House of Orange
65 Dublin Road,
Belfast, BT2 7HE.



Presentation of Medals

Fifty year medals have been presented during a dinner dance to members of Kildog L.O.L. No. 1164 in Londonderry. They were, back row, left to right, Bros. John Cowan, Robert Simpson, William Moore and Robert Cowan. Front row, Bros. David Dunn, Robert Campbell, W.M. Thomas Hamilton. Bro. William Nutt was unable to be present because of illness.

Words And Wounds

BY STANDARDBEARER

There has always been something of the incongruous about the activities of the republican movement in Ireland, even when divorced from the terrorist campaigns which they have carried on over many decades, and especially during the last ten years.

Last month the annual celebrations of the Sinn Fein (Kevin Street) — there are actually two sectors of Sinn Fein due to a split — were held at Bodenstown at the grave of the Protestant Wolfe Tone and they followed a pattern not known in republican circles.

Sixty members of the police force, the Civic Guards, were on duty and ten of them were later treated in hospital for injuries received in disturbances in God's acre.

Thirty policemen moved in towards the colour parties and were showered with stones and soft drink tins. As the police, wearing riot helmets, left the scene they were cheered by the crowd.

Among those present was the ubiquitous Joe Cahill from Belfast, the vice-President of Sinn Fein, who presided. A Mr Michael Flannery, chairman of Irish Northern Aid, New York, described as a veteran of the North Tipperary Brigade in the Black and Tan "war" spoke of the "junta Government" in Dublin.

He accused the Dublin Government (of Jack Lynch!) the British and American Governments of "harrying the republicans in 'niggling and other ways'. And there were words of wisdom,

too, from Mr Gerry Adams who said that the country's ills were "too complex" to allow them to be satisfied with a British withdrawal or the establishment of a 32-county neo-colonial Free State.

"We are not and never have been merely a Brits-out movement," he said. The aim was that of the first Dail: sovereignty by the nation over all the material possessions of the nation, the nation's soil and all its resources all wealth and all wealth-producing processes within the nation, Mr Adams said.

This is remarkable language by any stretch of the imagination. It is redolent surely, of the terminology of Marxism or Communism. Is that what the way-out republicans want for Ireland?

And if it is dare we ask what has been the work record of Messrs Cahill and Adams in the past decade or two?

It would be very interesting to study such records and estimate the contribution which they and others of their ilk have made to the wealth of Ireland which they would want to distribute.

It is all very well to pentificate at the graveyard in Bodenstown on a Sunday afternoon, and to witness the assault on the country's policemen. It is another to stand at a workbench or sit behind a desk and try to grapple with the problems of industry or the affairs of State. We have yet to be convinced that the out and out republicans have so far had that experience, or are incapable of gaining it.

MOUNT-IDA BANNER UNFURLED



Officers and members of Mount Ida L.O.L. with their new banner.

The principles for which Orangeism stands are as right today as they were in the 18th century, declared the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., when he spoke at the unfurling of a new banner for Mount Ida L.O.L. No. 26A, Banbridge District.

"Let us not say," he continued, "that we are only a handful, because that is the language of pessimism and not the language of faith."

"There are those who would tell us that it is only a matter of time until such things as the unfurling of banners are a thing of the past. They would tell us that this is a backward part of our lives and we have got to come into the 20th century."

BIBLE, CROWN SYMBOLISM

"But I believe," continued Mr. Smyth, "that the principles for which Orangeism stands are as right today as they were in the 18th century. On one side of your banner you have the picture of the one after whose memory our Institution is called. On the other you have the symbolism of the Bible and Crown. We must dedicate our lives to these."

Mr Smyth stressed the importance of following the truth of God's Holy Word. "Do not manipulate the Scriptures," he warned.

He urged those in the Orange Order to live out the principles of their institution in every day life. "This banner reminds us," he said, "that we must take our place in the leadership of the community."



M.W. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, Grand Master, seated centre in front row, with the platform party at the unfurling ceremony.

Mr. Smyth criticised the prevailing Government for allowing a situation to develop, 10 years ago, which had destroyed so much in the way of Ulster life and property.

"In 1979," he continued, "we are faced with another conspiracy to destroy Ulster. There are those who are trying to lead us away from our British heritage."

"There are some in Ulster today who claim to be loyalists and protestants who are standing now

for the concept of Ulster independent. "Think," Mr. Smyth warned, "what you are doing before you allow yourselves to join in the old Ulster game-cutting off your nose to spite your face."

"Stand for the maintenance of the union and you will discover that you will get a new direction. The force of our argument has been accepted and the rightness of our cause seen. The pattern is changing. I believe we have turned the corner and it is up to us to keep moving on."

Smyth urged the men of Ulster to fill the vacancies which exist within the security forces. "The security of our country must be provided by men within the law, maintaining the law," he concluded.

The banner was infurled by Mrs Wm. Adamson, wife of the W.M., and it was all dedicated by Bro. Revd. Dr. M.W. Dewar. The Scripture was read by Bro Raymond Adams, lay chaplain. Bro Will Davidson, W.M. of the Lodge, presided.

RESEARCH LODGE RECRUITS

The Orange Lodge of Research, a body concerned with the history of the Institution, is asking prospective members to contact W. Bro. Aiken McClelland, "Bresa," Beechill Park, Belfast 8.

He states that the Lodge meets four times a year and is anxious to extend its membership.

Papers are read at the meetings, dealing with a variety of topics of interest according to the Orange Order and the political life, of

former times, and there are outings to various parts of this country, especially to those which have historic connections with Orangeism.

Bro McClelland states that there is excellent fellowship to be found in the Research Lodge, and much useful and interesting material to be enjoyed from the speakers who present specially prep red papers for the instruction and enjoyment of those who attend.

A PERFECT WIFE

A perfect wife — who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,

from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is clothed in strength and dignity.

She can laugh at the days to come.

When she opens her mouth, so does so wisely;

on her tongue is kindly in-

struction.

She keeps good watch on the conduct of her household,

no bread of idleness for her.

Her sons stand up and proclaim her blessed,

her husband, too, sings her praises;

"Many women have done admirable things,

but you surpass them all!"

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;

the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,

and let her works tell her tales at the city gates.

Rathfriland Royal Black District Chapter No. 7 honoured their District Lecturer Sir Knight John English after serving 47 years as lecturer to the District. The Presentation which took place in Cloaklet Orange Hall was made by the County Down Grand Master Sir Knight Cecil Cummins who spoke in glowing terms of Sir Knight English's devotion to the Royal Black Institution. Other speakers included the W.D.M. Sir Knight Matthew Green who associated himself with the sentiments expressed about Sir Knight English. Seated, left to right, Sir Knights Matthew Green, W.D.M., James Jackson, Imperial Deputy Grand Master; John English with the inscribed gold watch; Cecil Cummins, County Down Grand Master; Thomas Woods, Deputy County Grand Master. Back row, left to right, Sir Knights Hugh Oehilltree, District Lay Chaplain; John Quinn, Deputy District Master; Robert Hanna, District Registrar, and Samuel McConnell, District Treasurer.

Photo: Courtesy "The Outlook"



100,000 Official Unionists

The results of the European Elections were a revelation to many people here. One politician's reaction that the Ulster result was a one-of-the-kind signifying little in real political terms is a view with which few thoughtful observers of the Ulster scene can have sympathy. The overwhelming support for the Rev. Ian Paisley, M.P. — his first preference votes were greater in number than those of the other four Unionist candidates put together — represented a strong popularity poll and an endorsement of his attitude to the European Economic Community.

While the Official Unionists were divided on the value of Common Market membership — many party supporters, perhaps 100,000 of them expressed their opposition to it by not exercising the franchise — his position was clear. He is against the whole concept of E.E.C., though he has expressed his determination to get every advantage from it for Ulster while the United Kingdom stays in the Common Market. And his Democratic Unionist Party is a particularly powerful political electioneering machine.

Whatever the observer may think of Mr. Paisley's policies, pronouncements and preachments, he has to admit that he has shown the world, by the polls, that he is consequential leader — figure in Ulster and British politics. His leadership of his party and its recent victories have caused the media people to compare the positions of other party leaders and to compare their future.

Harry West, U.U.P. and Oliver Napier, Alliance, are being regarded as replaceable people in the light of their own and their party's performances in the General and European elections. Napier may survive, for Alliance Party people can often find solace in their reading of results, however poor, they may appear to be to others. West may not want to continue as a leader. He has never been greatly enamoured of the position.

The political media men while conjecturing on the possibility of a change at the top in U.U.P. and mentioning names — the Grand Master, the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, and James Molyneux, M.P. among them — are of the opinion that Mr. West will be hard to replace because of

the lack of potential leaders in the party. Of course, there is no suggestion yet that either the Grand Master of the Orange Institution or the Sovereign Grand Master of the Black Institutions are interested in the job.

Certainly the U.U.P. must take a very hard look at itself after considering the lessons of the last few weeks. Already there are signs that the study is under way.

The three Euro M.P.s are Ian Paisley, D.U.P. (First count); John Hume, S.D.L.P. (Third count); and John Taylor, U.U.P. (Sixth count).

Paisley Attack on GM Unfounded

Grand Lodge met in strength of numbers in the hall of Christ Church, Lisburn, on June 13, when important matters affecting the Institution were dealt with. The host County Grand Lodge of Antrim earned the thanks of Grand Lodge for the excellence of the arrangements. The Antrim Grand Master is Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. John Brown and the County Grand Secretary is Wor. Bro. George Morrison.

The Grand Master in his speech to Grand Lodge spoke of the continuing concern of the Institution at the security situation in the Province. He detailed the measures that he had taken in recent days to have something done in the matter. He had used his office to make written overtures to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Thatcher, the American President, Jimmy Carter, and arrangements had been made for a meeting with the new Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the following Monday.

Much of the speech was a front page feature in the "News Letter" of June 14, for in it there was the contention that the Orange Institution was the only organisation which spoke clearly and plainly for the Loyalists of Ulster as it had done for very many years. There was a denial of Mr. Paisley's claim to have a mandate from the Protestant people in spite of his high Euro poll. The Grand Master spoke of the Order as a unified force standing for truth and union with Britain. He maintained that it was the Order which formed the Ulster Unionist Party in the 19th century to maintain the British link.

The speech was at once a vindication of the Orange position in politics and an outspoken condemnation of attitudes which were inimical to the wellbeing of the people and the security of the Province; and of security measures which were totally

inadequate to meet the needs of the Ulster situation.

Press men saw the address as a throwing down of the gauntlet to Mr. Paisley on behalf of the Official Unionists and an attempt to lift the spirit of the party people who are feeling badly after the poor performances of the election campaigns.

The Unionist political scene is in such a state that it is hard for involved people to see a way through the maze of conflicting views, sectional loyalties and personality cults which are extant to-day.

The report of the Grand Master's speech at Grand Lodge was followed by an Ian Paisley retort that Bro. Smyth had used the Orange Institution to further the interests of the old party. He made the point that the Grand Master had turned the "Orange Standard" into a propaganda paper for the benefit of the U.U.P. men in the Euro election. The charge is unfounded. At no time did the Grand Master seek to have material published to this end. The material in the paper is there by the selection of the Editors and the Euro matter was no exception. It has to be added, though, that the paper received the U.U.P. election press releases and did not have those of other parties.

The "Standard" is very alive to the fact that for many years now Orangemen have voted other than Official Unionist and that while some of them, and in sizeable numbers, are members of other parties, the great number are not party people though they are party supporters generally. It has always published news and items from whatever source and regardless of the particular interests of one party. The Grand Master has never questioned that policy, on the contrary he has defended it. We feel that the record must be put straight, on that one matter at least.

EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY ELECTION NORTHERN IRELAND

Electorate.....	1,029,480
Valid Vote.....	572,239
Spoiled Votes.....	13,774
Percentage Poll.....	56.92
Quota.....	143,060

FIRST COUNT

I. Paisley (DUP).....	170,688
J. Hume (SDLP).....	140,622
J. Taylor (OU).....	68,185
H. West (OU).....	56,984
O. Napier (A).....	39,026
J. Kilfedder (UU).....	38,198
B. Devlin-McAliskey (Ind. Anti-Repression).....	33,969
D. Bleakley (United Community).....	9,383
P. Devlin (United Lab. Party).....	6,122
E. Cummings (UPNI).....	3,712
B. Brennan (Rep. Clubs).....	3,258
F. Donnelly (Rep. Clubs).....	1,160
J. Murray (Liberal Party).....	932

ELECTED: Ian Paisley (DUP).

SECOND COUNT

Distribution of Paisley's Surplus.

J. Hume (SDLP).....	(+55)	140,677
J. Taylor (OU).....	(+9,044)	77,229
H. West (OU).....	(+4,179)	61,163
O. Napier (A).....	(+378)	39,404
J. Kilfedder (UU).....	(+12,424)	50,622
B. Devlin-McAliskey (Ind. Anti-Repression).....	(+7)	33,976
D. Bleakley (UC).....	(+218)	9,601
P. Devlin (Utd. Lab.).....	(+25)	6,147
E. Cummings (UPNI).....	(+125)	3,837
B. Brennan (Rep. Clubs).....	(+5)	3,263
F. Donnelly (Rep. Clubs).....	(+4)	1,164
J. Murray (Lib).....	(+16)	948

No candidate reached quota.

Eliminated: Bleakley, Brennan, Cummings, Devlin, Donnelly and Murray, with lost deposits.

THIRD COUNT

Distribution of the votes of Bleakley, Devlin, Cummings, Brennan, Donnelly and Murray.

Hume.....	(+5,396)	146,072
Taylor.....	(+2,979)	80,208
West.....	(+789)	61,952
Napier.....	(+6,299)	45,703
Kilfedder.....	(+3,364)	53,986
Devlin-McAliskey.....	(+2,129)	36,105

ELECTED: John Hume. Devlin-McAliskey eliminated.

FOURTH COUNT

Distribution of McAliskey's votes

Taylor.....	(+198)	80,406
West.....	(+188)	62,140
Napier.....	(+5,561)	51,264
Kilfedder.....	(+638)	54,624

Non-transferable, 29,521. Napier eliminated.

FIFTH COUNT

Distribution of Napier's votes

Taylor.....	(+18,001)	96,407
Kilfedder.....	(+14,760)	69,383
West.....	(+3,775)	65,915

West eliminated

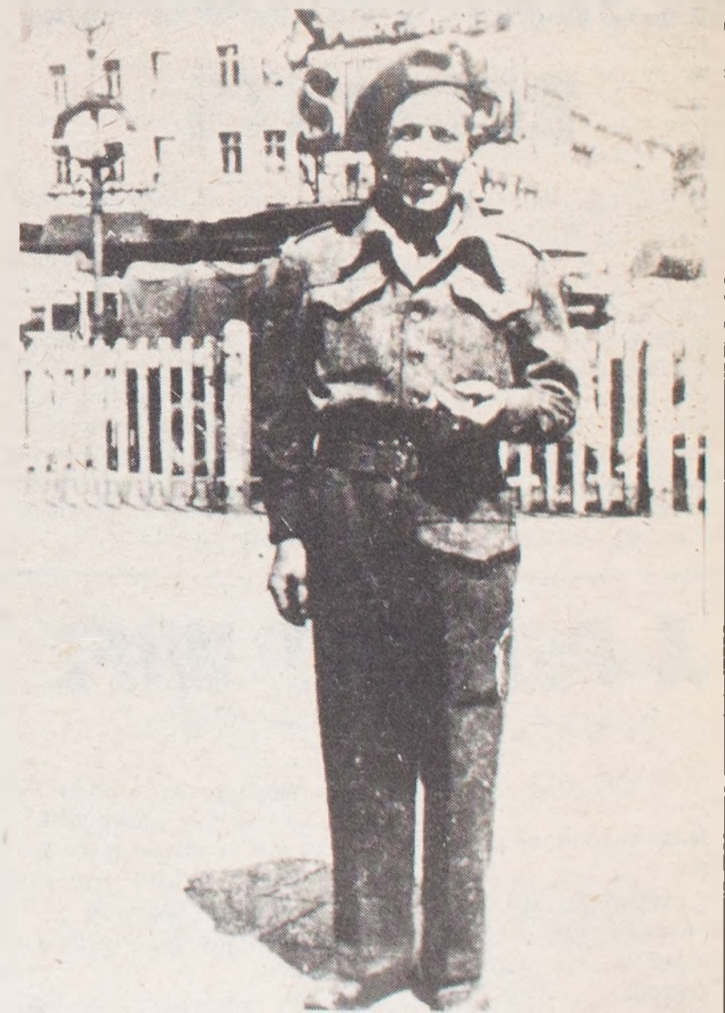
SIXTH COUNT

Distribution of West's votes

Taylor.....	(+57,059)	153,466
Kilfedder.....	(+3,174)	72,557

Taylor elected.

Derry City Stalwart



Our two pictures are of Bro. Thomas Risk, who is one of the stalwarts in our sales campaign in the City of Derry.

Bro. Risk is seen in one of these photographs taken last Twelfth of July at Limavady, and the other was taken during the last War when he served in the Army.

We are grateful to Bro. Risk for his interest in the "Orange Standard", and thank him for the time he spends in its interests and in the interests of the Orange Institution generally in the Maiden City and district.



STANDARD BEARER

Has Britain The Will to Win?

Just now the papers, radio and television are crammed with news of unfortunate people who have been driven from their homes in Vietnam, and have become known as "the boat people." They are among the most tragic sufferers of oppression in the world today, for having survived the pure of the war and the occupation by the Communist forces they fled by boat only to be told that they were not going to be permitted to land on what they assumed to be friendly territory. The other day I picked up in a bookshop a volume written by another Andrew and entitled "Battle For Africa." He is the man who smuggled Bibles into Eastern Europe for years under the eyes of the Russian soldiers. Now in this

latest book he tells of the struggle for the minds and hearts of the African people, and the Asian population.

In one chapter on Asia he relates how he went to Red China in 1965, and after that to Vietnam. In the latter country he saw the American Marines land in Da Nang, and watched them come ashore and begin what he describes as "the long, horrible, futile war which they were destined to lose eight years later."

Then he has this significant comment: "They lost because they were never determined to win; they did not even plan to win."

If you substitute "Great Britain" for "America" and

"Ulster" for "Vietnam" you will find a very close parallel.

For more than 10 years now Ulster has been under attack, and men and women and children are still being picked out and mown down by bullet and bomb.

Men who serve in any branch of the local defence forces like the RUC Reserve or the Ulster Defence Regiment are easy targets for the behind-the-hedge assassins. And London does not seem to have an answer; even more so, they do not appear to have the will to retaliate and eliminate.

Indeed, when if ever did Westminster declare war in defence of the people of Ulster.

In two World Wars, fought for the defence of two small nations Britain and her Allies lost millions of men, and countless millions of money to defend the rights of, first, Belgium and then Poland, both Roman Catholic lands. And destroyed largely Protestant Germany in the process on both

occasions.

But when it came to defend loyal Ulster Britain - Tory as well as Labour Governments - was weighed in the balance and found wanting. The British Army know that, and some of its senior officers are on record as having said so.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher came over here some months ago, before she went to No. 10 Downing Street, and spoke of terrorists who have "blood on their hands". Blood is still being spilled and shed on the streets and byroads of this Province and we await action.

All the votes have been counted for Mrs Thatcher, and she is there, her long-yearned-for ambition has been realised.

Ulster's long-yearned-for ambition, peace in our time - is due, overdue, for realisation.

Milton's lines come to mind. "Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints."

Great Scots Welcome

Final preparations are being put to the programme for the 32nd annual meeting of the World Orange Council which are being held in the Conference Hall, East Kilbride, near Glasgow, on July 12-20.

In my last reference to this series of meetings I inadvertently stated that they would be presided over by Bro. Thomas Orr, Grand Master of Scotland's Grand Orange Lodge. He will, in fact, be welcoming the delegates and sending them to his country, but the meetings will, of course, be presided over by the Imperial Grand President, Most Wor. Bro. L. Reverend Dr. C.K.S. Moffatt, Canada.

Bishop Moffatt will be presenting a seminar paper on "Youth in the Order" and the Imperial Grand Master and Grand Master of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., D., will speak on "The News Media."

M. W. Bro. Orr will deal with the topic of "The Advancement of the Institution in Christian Countries without membership." He is the senior vice-President of the World Orange Council.

There is a considerable amount of other business to be transacted during the various sessions, and these are interspersed with a number of visits of a social nature.

Looking down the programme one senses that the Scottish Grand Lodge and Scottish brethren and sisters have left nothing undone to make this visit a memorable one for the visitors from the home countries and several overseas lands.

One of the items is a remembrance of the "heavy loss of life in Northern Ireland by Her Majesty's security Forces, many of whom were Orange brethren serving in the Ulster Defence Regiment, the Royal Ulster Constabulary and RUC Reserve.

Another Hat And Task For Primate O'Fee

It was an unusual stroke of business for the Roman Catholic Primate Dr. Thomas O'Fee, to extend an invitation to a Church of Ireland clergyman to travel to Rome for the presentation of the Red Hat of a Cardinal.

One Dublin newspaper, predictably, has welcomed the move as "A most graceful and thoughtful metaphor of hoped peace in Ireland."

And in a final sentence the "Irish Times" remarks that Dr. O'Fee's gesture is "of the first importance. It is a source of inspiration and comfort: If it is not honoured by the men of violence, their's will be the disgrace."

Fine words indeed. But another London newspaper recently remarked that comfort ought to be extended to the parents, the courageous parents, of Capt.

Robert Niarac the British officer murdered in the area of Ravensdale Forest near Dundalk, and suggested that Archbishop O'Fee should ask the men sentenced for that terrible murder, to indicate the burying place of their son and ensure that his body be brought back to England and given a Christian burial according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

Since then silence. Would it be in order to suggest that after the euphoria of the Red Hat conferring ceremony both Cardinal O'Fee and the Reverend William Arlow, of Feakle fame, both go to Dublin and together inquire where, in fact, Capt Niarac is buried. That would be a peace mission indeed; peace for the long-suffering parents of this gallant officer.

Some Curious RC Statistics

The Vatican's statistical year-book says that at mid-1975, the latest date at which figures were available, the total number of Roman Catholics had risen to 717 million, or 18.2% of the world's population, compared to 659 million in 1970.

In the same period, the number of priests working in dioceses went down from 419,728 to 404,783. In 1975 there was one priest for every 1,771 Roman Catholics.

As well as worrying about the lack of new priests, the Vatican is concerned by the numbers leaving the priesthood. In 1975 1,446 priests resigned, at an average age of 41.

Many priests are asked to continue their duties well beyond 75, the Vatican's official

retirement age, states a report.

Study these statistics carefully and see if you can discern any curious feature. The number of clergymen has fallen drastically, yet the number of Roman Catholics is stated to have risen by 58 million in just four and a half years!

This is not merely phenomenal; it is miraculous. No wonder the Vatican is worried about the number of priests leaving for other spheres of work, for one statistic doesn't tally with the other.

Add to this the number of Irish Roman Catholics who are said to have lapsed from their faith, not only in England but here at home. Somehow the figures do not appear to add up.

Double Standards on Extradition

Hi-jacking is one of the modern methods of forcing one's opinions on Governments, and it is rightly regarded as an international crime.

Aircrews are usually, if not always, held up at gunpoint or by the threatened use of the bomb, and governments have set their eyes firmly against any possibility of the demands being met.

Last month a hijacker forced a plane to land at Shannon on political grounds - note the word political - and when his return to America was requested by the Authorities in the United States he was sent back immediately after he had realised that his hi-jacking game was over, and had surrendered.

Now hi-jacking is serious but not

so serious as taking people's lives, especially the lives of members of the security force. Isn't it strange that the Eire Government sends a man back to America for a political offence in which not a shot was fired or a bomb planted, but fails to return to Northern Ireland several men and a number of women who are wanted here to stand trial on terrorist charges of murder and destruction.

Britain must now bring the Eire Government to the Courts of Europe and have this question of extradition thrashed out, once and for all. There must be no prevarication on the part of the Government in Dublin and double standards ought not to be tolerated.



The Junior Grand Lodge of Ireland met in Rathfriland Orange Hall to do honour to their immediate Past Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. Boal. Bro. Boal was presented with a gift in appreciation of services rendered from the inception of the Grand Lodge in 1974. Our picture shows the gift being presented by Wor. Bro. Ralph Ludlow, the Grand Master who succeeded Bro. Boal in November, 1978. Also in the picture are Wor. Bro. Tom Haire, Grand Secretary (left), Wor. Bro. Thomas McCullough, Deputy Grand Master (centre) and Wor. Bro. Rev. John Wilson, Grand Chaplain. (Photo: "The Outlook")

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60 Years An Orangeman in City of Derry

During the monthly meeting of Churchill Loyal Orange Lodge No. 871, held in the Lodge Room, Apprentice Boys' Memorial Hall, Londonderry, the Lodge honoured its oldest, yet one of its most active, members.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. John A. Noble, presented Bro. Robert J. Harte, B.E.M., P.M. with a 60 Year Bar to put on his 50 Year Jewel and a copy of the Book of Common Prayer and Church Hymnal, suitably inscribed to mark his 60 years in this Lodge.

Bro. Harte was initiated into L.O.L. 871 on 25th March, 1919, and has served in every office in the Lodge.

The Secretary, Bro. David W. Brown, P.M., in a tribute to Bro. Harte, said that his record in this Lodge and the many different organisations which he has served faithfully for most of his life should be an example to all the younger members, especially to the two new members who were initiated that evening. In all these organisations he very rarely missed a meeting.

On the formation of the "B" Specials Constabulary in 1920, Bro. Harte joined from the Ulster Volunteer Force and rose through the ranks to C.O., "D" Company in the Londonderry Battalion and carried this rank up to the time of disbandment.

For his services to the U.S.C., Bro. Harte was honoured by Her Majesty the Queen in her Birthday Honours List in June, 1961 with the British Empire Medal.

When the Ulster Special Constabulary Association was formed, Bro. Harte was honoured by his comrades in the Association by appointing him as their President, a position he still holds with great dignity.

In the Apprentice Boys of Derry, Bro. Harte has completed 52 years in the Murray Club. Here he was Secretary for a number of years and also served for some time as Treasurer to the General Committee of the Associated Clubs of the Apprentice Boys of Derry.

As was the case in the Murray Club, Bro. Harte followed his

father's example and joined R.B.P. 113 and again has served in most offices during his 53 years a member of this Receptory.

In Masonic circles, Bro. Harte has gone through all offices available to him since he was initiated in 1932 and has been Treasurer of Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 63 for about 20 years. During 1977, he served as Provincial Grand High Priest to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry, Donegal, Tyrone and Fermanagh.

He also has been Treasurer for many years in Maiden City Council No. 34.

"After all this, I think I should go back to when it all started in 1919 when Bro. Harte was initiated in L.O.L. 871. He was appointed Secretary of the Lodge in 1926, and served in this office till December, 1933, and Worshipful Master from 1934 - 1937 when there was a membership of around 200.

"In January, 1941, he was appointed Treasurer, a position which he still holds with the full confidence of his Brethren. At this period, Bro. Harte was also the Lodge Representative to the City of Derry Grand Orange Lodge, a position he held for many years as he did as Worshipful District Master of No. 4 District under the City of Derry Grand Lodge.

"In the Royal Arch Purple Chapter, Bro. Harte is a D.H.M.I. and was for many years City Grand Registrar, a position which he relinquished about three years ago, but was immediately appointed City Grand Treasurer.

"I am sure I have proved to you all this evening, how valuable an asset Bro. Harte has proved to be in all the various organisations of which he was a member. Again, I say to the younger members of this Lodge, live up to

the qualifications of an Orangeman to the best of your ability as Bro. Harte has done, during these past 60 years, so that some one in the future will say to you as we have said to Bro. Harte this evening: Congratulations and best wishes for 60 years well spent, 'A Good and Faithful Servant'."

Unionist Voice in Europe

The routine meeting of the officers of the Ulster Unionist Party has thanked those workers and voters who ensured that the voice of traditional Unionism will be heard in Europe.

The officers expressed approval of the timely letter sent to President Carter and the American people by Party Leader Harry West in association with Parliamentary Leader James Molyneux and the Orange Grand Master, Martin Smyth, but they regretted that local papers had prevented Ulster people from seeing it. They noted space given to Revd. Raymond Murray in arguing the case of the Irish Caucus formed by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and fronted for by Revd. Sean McManus.

They deplored the fact that Father Murray used his office as Roman Catholic Chaplain to Armagh prison to give credibility to their attacks on the R.U.C. in its battle for peace against terrorism.

The officers welcomed the assurance by the Prime Minister to Mr. Enoch Powell that the internal affairs of the United Kingdom are no concern of United States politicians.

Unique Banner Unfurling Ceremony

Orangeism, now experiencing an important revival in the border counties of Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan, as well as in Co. Leitrim, received a big impetus with the unfurling of two banners at a unique ceremony at Billy Hill, near Virginia, in Co. Cavan, on June 15.

The banners will serve Billy Hill L.O.L. No. 1128 and Billy Hill R.B.P. No. 247. Both were the gift of Drumheriff L.O.L. No. 8 and Corcrain R.B.P. No. 141 in the Portadown Orange and Black Districts, and during the unfurling ceremony thanks to both Lodge and Preceptory who made the gifts was expressed by Sir Knight G. J. Ritchie, W.M. of R.B.P. No. 247, and Bro. W. G. Foy, W.M. of L.O.L. No. 1128. Both also welcomed the brethren and Sir Knights from Portadown.

The Orange Hall at Billy Hill, near Shercock, was filled with more than 150 Loyalists for the occasion, and Bro. Stephen McAdam, Co. Grand Secretary, Co. Cavan, presided.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," and the unfurling ceremony was performed by Sir Knight

Revd. Gordon Roycroft, Grand Chaplain, who gave an inspiring address.

The speakers included Bro. William C. Maxwell, M.B.E., Assistant Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. D. Coleman, D.C.G.M., Councillor, Co. Monaghan; Bro. Samuel Farrell, D.G.M.I.; R.W. Bro. Maxwell, Co. Grand Master, Co. Monaghan Grand Orange Lodge; Sir Knight Roger W.M. of R.B.P. 141; Bro. Love and Bro. H. McCullough, L.O.L. No. 8.

The lessons were read by Bros. Frank Johnston and Robert Graham. The Revd. Fulton, local Presbyterian minister, also took part in service. Prayer was offered by Bro. Robert Brown, lay chaplain, Monaghan.

Sir Knight and Bro. W. Foy, W.M. of L.O.L. No. 1128 replied on behalf of the Lodge and said it was very encouraging to see so many present at Billy Hill.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," Benediction and the singing of the National Anthem.

All present were entertained to tea provided by ladies.

Sandy Row R.B.P. Installation

The annual installation social of R.B.P. 1172 John Foster Memorial was held in Sandy Row Orange Hall, Belfast.

The W.M., Sir Kt. Brian Hamilton, welcomed the Sir Kts. and friends including the District Officers.

After an enjoyable installation tea, the Chaplain, Sir Kt. the Rev. John Batchelor P.M., dedicated the new bannerette on behalf of the Preceptory.

In his inspiring address, Sir Knight Batchelor expressed the hope that the sun would shine on

the bannerette in the years ahead.

A vote of thanks to Sir Kt. Batchelor P.M., was proposed by Sir Kt. E. Morrow P.M.

During the social evening the outgoing W. Master, Sr. Kt. Robert Hamilton was presented with a P.M. Collarette and Jewel by Sir Kt. W. Wallwin, P.D. Master, Sandy Row.

A gift of flowers was presented to Mrs. R. Hamilton by Sir Kt. J. Beattie, D.D.M., Sandy Row. After the presentations an enjoyable musical evening was had by all.

Orange Order Speaks For Protestantism

The Orange Institution has been stated to be the only cohesive body in Ulster, in the Republic, in Britain or in any other part of the world that can speak with a definitive voice for Protestantism.

The claim was made by M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master, during lunch at the half-yearly meeting of the

Grand Orange Lodge Ireland in Lisburn.

"NO SURRENDER!"

Bro. Smyth told the Orangemen he would not surrender the traditional role of the Order as the voice of Protestantism, and he declared it was the Orange Order which formed the Ulster Unionist Party in the 19th century that the British link would be maintained.

The Order, he said, was a unified force, standing for truth, and for union in Britain.

He went on to say that rank and file of the Order demanded firm leadership. "We need to restore the mantle of our institutions said.

"This means, that instead of dodging some of the issues we have to grapple with them."

Bro. Smyth made a plea to young Protestant men, particularly those under 25, to display exuberance in joining the Orange Institution and channel some of their enthusiasm into Orangeism.

"DON AN ORANGE SASH"

He suggested that they should don not only an Orange jersey but an Orange sash. He went on to appeal for leadership to guide the young people into a membership of the Order.

The Grand Master responding to the toast of Grand Orange Lodge Ireland proposed by R.W. Jack Ashenurst, G. Master of the Co. Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge.

R.M. Bro. Rev. John Br. County Grand Master, Antrim, presided during luncheon.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Order throughout Northern Ireland and from Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan.



The Platform Party, from left: Sir Kt. Rev. J. Batchelor, P.M., R.B.P. 1172; Sir Kt. W. Wallwin, P.D.M., Sandy Row; Sir Kt. B. Hamilton, W.M., R.B.P. 1172 and Sir Kt. J. Beattie, D.D.M., Sandy Row.

THE BRAVE THIRTEEN

FROM "PROTESTANT PORTRAITS, A BRAVE THIRTEEN" BY THE REV. M.W. DEWAR

The last stages of that aspect of the Reformation, which we know as the Wars of Religion, were fought out in Ireland beneath the Walls of Derry and "on the green grassy slopes of the Boyne."

With the establishment of William and Mary upon the throne of the Three Kingdoms, and the settlement of the Protestant Faith in Church and State, the cause of the Oxford Martyrs, the Irish and Scots heroes, and the French Huguenots had triumphed at last in God's good time.

Before ever King James II and VII fled from our shores to take refuge at the court of Louis XIV, the Protestants of the North of Ireland had declared for William of Orange in no uncertain terms. It is here, if anywhere, that the old fight with the embattled might of the politic-religious power of Rome is still being waged.

It is well known how the Prince of Orange landed at Torbay in Devonshire, how he and his supporters formed an "Orange Association" a few days later in Exeter Cathedral, and how he marched on London, with the greatest men in the land flocking to his banners as he marched. And in a dark winter's night "King James of the Fleeing," as even the Irish minstrels called him, stole away, dropping the Great Seal of England into the Thames as he went. The Prince of Orange slept in the Palace of Whitehall, the Dutch Blue Guards kept watch and ward over their beloved master in the courtyard down below, and Protestant England breathed freely once again.

A BRIDGEHEAD AND BASTION OF PROTESTANTISM

Nowhere in the British Isles are the emblems of the Bible and Crown more cherished than in loyal Ulster, a bridgehead and a bastion of old-fashioned Protestantism, where "God Save the Queen" is sung with the same fervour as "Ulster's hymn" - "O God, our Help in Ages Past." For, while nobody has challenged the right of English or Scots to be Protestants since 1688, the Irish Protestant has had to fight for his faith along every step of the way. And so it comes about that each December the Protestants of Ulster commemorate with prayer and praise, with banner and song, the exploits of the Apprentice Boys of Derry in Londonderry on the Foyle. - Not so large or so colourful as the Boyne anniversary on July 12, or the Relief of Derry on August 12, the "Closing of the Gates" is celebrated with a deep religious and patriotic fervour, unequalled anywhere else.

"Who were these first Apprentice Boys?" you may well ask. "And what did they do?" "And who was Lundy?" Well, to cut a long story short, when the Protestants of Ulster declared for William of Orange, Londonderry became a city of refuge for them. So the Jacobite commander, Lord Antrim, marched up to the city gates and demanded entrance in the name of King James. Colonel Lundy, although the Governor and a Protestant, was ready to admit the "Redshanks," as Lord Antrim's troops were called. And while he and the city fathers were debating the point, and the Jacobites were crossing the Foyle to enter the city, "a baker's dozen" of Apprentices took the law into their own hands. These lads seized the keys and padlocks, which may still be seen in the wonderful Cathedral Museum, and shut the gates of Derry in the face of the oncoming foe. In the following April, the Jacobites laid a siege to the Walls, which lasted till July, and ended in the triumph of the Protestant garrison and the retreat of the Jacobites. But this epic story of the Rev. Governor Walker and the "No Surrender" shell, of the gallant Baker and Murray, the heroic Mitchelburne and Browning, does not concern us here.

"THE BRAVE THIRTEEN"

But for the closing of the gates by the "brave Thirteen" there would have been no Siege, and no Crimson Banner would have waved proudly over the hoary turrets of the Maiden City, so called because she was "wooned but never won". Today, as we stand in retrospect upon the Walls or upon the Cathedral tower, watching the Foyle flowing northwards to the sea, let us thank God for the faith and endurance of Derry's Apprentice Boys - Robert Morison, James Stewart, Alexander Irwin, John Conningham, David Sherrard, Samuel Hunt, Henry Campsie, Alex. Cunningham, James Spike, Robert Sherrard, William Cairns, William Crookshanks and Samuel Harvy.

"Twas the Lord Who gave the word when
His people drew the sword,
For the freedom of the present, for the
future that awaits.
O Child! thou must remember that bleak
day in December
When the 'Prentice Boys of Derry rose
up and shut the Gates."

Orangeman Now And Always

Bro. William Ross, M.P., told an Orange audience in Annalong that he was an Orangeman before he joined the Orange Institution.

The Londonderry member of Parliament received a tremendous welcome from the Orangemen and Loyalists when he visited their area for the dedication and presentation of uniforms to Brunswick Accordion Band.

Bro. Ross said that he was in no doubt that long after he ceased to be a politician he

would still be an Orangeman.

Ulster, he said, was under attack from within and without, and that it was subject to much pressure, violence and propaganda from the English Government, the Dublin Government and indeed from many small areas in the province itself.

"However," he went on, "we in this province are British, and we desire to remain so. I am an Orangeman by choice, but a politician of necessity.

"Ulster is ours if we are prepared to keep it," he concluded. "No-one can take it away from us, but we can give it away if we do not defend it."

Bro. William Russell, Worshipful District Master, added his welcome to Bro. Ross, and complimented him on his fine address. He also wished Brunswick Accordion Band every success for the future, and welcomed the many who turned out to attend the occasion.

In the parade to the Orange Field Brunswick Band was followed by Roden and Cranfield Accordion Bands, Ballyvea Flute Band, Cumberland Pipe Band, Orangefield Sons of Ulster, Kilkeel True Blues, Ballymageough Accordion and Bryansford Accordion.

Mr. Robert McBride the chairman welcomed everyone to the presentation and said it was important for young people to be able to take part in functions such as this. He congratulated the mem-

bers of Brunswick Accordion, saying they had a band of which they could be proud.

After the singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past," Rev. B. T. Balcoe, from Annalong Parish Church, led in prayer.

Sister Elizabeth McBride presented the new uniforms to the band members, saying that they deserved great credit for their devotion to the band, and especially for attending so regularly the winter practices.

She emphasised what the chairman had said and added

her own congratulations to the band, declaring that they were an honour to the Orange Institution. The Rev. James Adair dedicated the uniforms, and said that Brunswick were a band which looked ahead and would be of great benefit to the community in the future.

The band members were then presented with waterproof capes by Mrs. Thomas Clarke, and while they were changing, Kilkeel True Blues entertained the crowd with a selection of tunes.

FINE RECORD

Loyal Sons of County Donegal L.O.L. No. 1301, was formed in 1946 in No. 5 District, Sandy Row, Belfast, by Orangemen exiled from all parts of Co. Donegal.

Some of them had just returned from the war and decided to settle in the Belfast area.

A memorable occasion in the history of the Lodge took place at their June meeting when one of their number was presented with a 50-year medal and a number of others received 25-year medals.

The Lodge was greatly honoured by the attendance of the W.D.M. of No. 5 District, W. Bro. George Watson, J.P., who made the presentations on behalf of 1301.

Later in the evening the Lodge itself was very pleased to present W. Bro. Watson with a 25-year medal, the presentation being made by W. Bro. Rory Lowry, P.M.

Bro. Lowry is the last of the foundation members of the Lodge and is still one of the most active brethren, not only of his own Lodge but also of

the Orange Institution in general, and a keen supporter of his brethren in his native county.

Some of the memorable outings of L.O.L. 1301 have been to the Twelfth demonstrations with the brethren of No. 1 District at the seaside resort of Rossnowlagh and church services in Donegal town and Ballintra.

One family who have always taken an active part in the running and welfare of the Lodge is the Rogers family, who came from Ballyshannon. The late Bro. Marshall Rogers was W.M. in 1955.

One of his sons, a former member of L.O.L. No. 1301, Bro. Marshall Rogers is now a very active member of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Another of his sons, W. Bro. William Rogers, is the present Lodge secretary, and another of his sons, W. Bro. Henry Rogers is the present W.M. and yet another is Bro. Given Rogers, assistant Lodge secretary.

Well done, the Rogers family!



Portadown Junior Banner Unfurled

This new banner is for Parkmount Junior L.O.L. No. 150, Portadown, and it was unfurled at a ceremony in the heart of the "Walk" district in which the majority of members live.

The banner replaces one which has been in use since 1946, and it was unfurled by Mr. Herbert Whitten, District Master of Portadown District L.O.L. No. 1. The new banner was dedicated by Bro. Captain Tom Keighley of the Church Army, assistant in Seagoe Parish.

WELCOME

Belfast Purple Star L.O.L. 875, Toronto, meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Western District Orange Hall, 833 St. Clair Avenue, W.

We extend a cordial invitation to all Brethren who may visit the Toronto area to drop in and say "Hello."

We would also like to hear from all those members who have not yet affiliated with a local Lodge. The Telephone number to call in Toronto is 759 6479.

12TH JULY RESOLUTIONS

FIRST RESOLUTION

We, the Orangemen of . . . assembled at our Annual Twelfth of July Demonstration at . . . in celebration of the 289th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, with our loyal and humble duty, beg leave to convey our continued assurance of devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Throne.

We beg leave to pay tribute to Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh for the long and arduous journeys which have been made throughout the world, exemplifying the highest degrees of duty and service undertaken on behalf of our Country in common aims of Peace, Prosperity and Security.

We pray that God may continue to guard Your Majesty's Person and those of the Royal Family.

SECOND RESOLUTION

We extend the warmest fraternal greetings to our highly esteemed Brethren of the Imperial Grand Orange Council of the World, visiting us before the 33rd Triennial Meetings, to be held in East Kilbride, Scotland. We welcome their presence amongst us, thanking God for their faithful and consistent witness in their various spheres to the truths of the Protestant Faith and principles of our Glorious Institution. We deeply appreciate their most

hospitable kindness and reception to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, when he visited their Countries. We also highly value their prayers and thoughts, and practical help during these continuing difficult days in Ulster.

We pray that abundant blessings may rest upon them in their work and witness in their homelands.

THIRD RESOLUTION

We stand firm in the faith of Jesus Christ with the conviction that He is the one mediator between God and man; that He is our pattern for thinking and living; that the Christian code of conduct is essential to the life, liberty and happiness of people.

We welcome the growing awareness that unity must be in truth. There can be no progress where biblical truths are denied and religious intolerance is practised.

We encourage our Brethren to join in the spiritual awakening, signs of which are to be found in the Reformed Churches. Deeper devotion to the faith, expressed in more realistic giving of time and money to the worship, work and witness of the Church, is so vital today.

The efforts to stem the tide of secularism and materialism

promise a better Ulster, and a clearer recognition of the value of Christian faith and practice in the Country.

FOURTH RESOLUTION

We remain deeply concerned for the security of the Province and the safety of its citizens.

We expect Her Majesty's Government to take whatever steps are needed to defeat those who imagine that they can change our society by killings or injuring our people and destroying our property. We call upon the Government to meet the growing demand to restore capital punishment for terrorist murderers.

We support the members of the Security Forces in their courageous efforts to capture the terrorists and to bring their horrific campaign to an end. We sympathise with the families of those who were killed by the gun and bomb of the assassins.

We congratulate those Orangemen who are our elected representatives at Westminster and Strasbourg. We wish them success in their efforts to obtain better government in and for the United Kingdom, and better treatment for Northern Ireland.

Faced with an unholy alliance of republican terrorists, the Southern Government, Irish American opinion, and international Romanism, we retain our confidence in the resilience of the Ulster people that they will maintain a Province true to our British heritage of civil and religious liberty.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Orange Reader Questions Policy of 'Standard'

Sir, — As a member of the Loyal Orange Order, I am very keen to see our great historic Order grow and develop; however, I feel that great harm has been done in recent times to the Orange Order by your newspaper "The Orange Standard."

I have noticed that in recent months some of the articles printed are somewhat contradictory to the principle of the Institution. I was abhorred to read this month's edition with the front page electioneering for the Official Unionist Party.

I am a Unionist but do not belong to any political party (many of my Orange brethren in this district are in the same position). However, I have in the past campaigned during elections on behalf of all the Unionist parties (D.U.P., O.U.P. and U.U.U.P.) because I believe in Unionist unity; it is for this reason that I find it quite despicable that the editorial staff of the "Orange Standard" should turn the paper into an Official Unionist political bulletin. I would remind you, sir, that not all Orangemen are members of the Official Unionist Party, and that an Orangeman's individual decision to back one political party against another is his business and as such should have no connection with his Orangeism.

I feel that this month's "Orange Standard," which is basically an Official Unionist Party manifesto is surely an insult to many loyal Orangemen and this cannot be helpful to the maintenance and growth of our Order.

Secondly, I am shocked that the Orange Order should be backing any candidate in this election (I am assuming that major articles printed in the "Orange Standard" are supposed to reflect the policies of the Orange Order). I feel that it would have been better if all those concerned with this month's edition, including the leadership of the Order, had sat down for a few minutes and thought about the Common Market Elections.

Two things come to my mind when I think of them: 1. The real purpose of the Euro Parliament; 2. The true dangers of these elections.

The conclusion to the first of these lines of thought is very simple to any discerning Protestant; the Common Market is the greatest conspiracy ever launched against Protestant Britain membership of the E.E.C. has placed our nation under the political and economic bondage of Romanism and

Communism and this stranglehold over us will be strengthened even more after June 7th.

Secondly, the danger of these elections is that we will have the sovereignty of our nation removed, already British laws and administration is being overruled by Brussels. What will these Europeans not do when we give them the go-ahead by participating in their farce European democracy?

Mr. Taylor said in Belfast a few weeks ago that if both he and Mr. West were elected they would take the Voice of Orangeism to Europe. This is a nice sentiment indeed, but what exactly is the Voice of Orangeism? Will Mr. Taylor and Mr. West be abstentionist members, because to take their seats, they have to take an oath to the Treaty of Rome? They will have to swear allegiance to this Papal system and promise to obey the rules and regulations of the Treaty of Rome. In other words they will have to subject themselves to the Pope's European legates and recognise the Papal control of Europe. Is this the Voice of Orangeism to-day? If it is then I have made a bad mistake in joining.

However, I know that this is not the case.

Where are the cries of "No Surrender" and "Not an Inch" which our forefathers heralded throughout the world? To-day compromise and treachery are the order of the day and all the Unionist Parties are to blame. They have taken this course rather than stand up and tell the truth about Europe, because it would bring the wrath of the heathen nations against us. Our forefathers weren't afraid in the past because they knew that God was on their side. To-day we as a people have forgotten our God and have settled for the Romanist God of works and self help.

To stand as a candidate for Europe, campaign for a candidate or to vote is in effect breaking the Qualifications of an Orangeman which state: "He should by all lawful means resist the ascendancy of that Church, its encroachments and the extension of its power."

By participation as a nation in these elections we are giving breath to Popery's latest trick. Surely this can't be regarded as opposing this Church; rather it is helping her gain power. I also feel that the Grand Master should refrain from using the high office he holds

in the Order in such a way that it helps the election chances of one Protestant over another and I would suggest to all Orangemen to read Isaiah, chapter 30, remembering that this passage portrays an exact description of our European set-up to-day.

I have been privileged for the past two years to serve in my private Lodge as Chaplain and was given the "most glorious thing which this world affords," namely, the Holy Bible. I would suggest that if the "Orange Standard" needs articles of exhortation for its Orange readers, it should print messages out of the Holy Writ which would be far more suitable than those messages from Unionist Headquarters, Glengall Street, Belfast.

I hope you will try to improve the "Orange Standard" in the future so that the Scripture "Lift up a standard for the people"

Isaiah 62, v. 10 can really apply to your paper.

Your Orange Brother,
NORMAN BAXTER,
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Omagh District No. 11,
Dunbreen,
Lislap,
Omagh.

Note — The staff of the "Orange Standard" welcome criticism from any of our readers, but we feel that Mr. Baxter's letter would have carried a great deal more weight if he had not made known that he has on occasions campaigned for the Official Unionist Party, the Democratic Unionist Party and the United Ulster Unionist Party. His ability to work for all three, simultaneously or at different times, suggests an amazing political agility of mind, not shared fortunately by many in Ulster. Didn't the Vicar of Bray have something to say about this gift? — Ed.

R.B.P. Lecturers in Liverpool

Several members of Clifton Street Black Lecture Class attended a Conference in the Orange Hall, Everton Road, Liverpool.

The Grand Lecturer Sir Kt. Thomas Malcolm presided, assisted by Sir Kt. John Gamble, Chairman of Clifton Street Class in the Deputy Chair.

R.W. Sir Kt. Jack Walters, acting Chairman opened with Prayer after which a warm welcome was given to the Sir Kts from Belfast.

The English Sir Knights then demonstrated three Degrees, and after discussion the Grand Lecturer corrected the few mistakes required to bring these Travels up to the Code Level.

The Liverpool Sir Knights taking part were: Sir Kts. Leatherborrow, Jones, Blondel, O'Neill, Hargraves, Donaldson, and the Grand Registrar of England Sir Knight Howgate,

also the Grand Lecturer of England, Sir Kt. Jack Walters.

Before closing, the lecturers from Belfast expressed their thanks to their hosts who provided the meals during the day, and to those who entertained all the Brethren in their homes. This was conveyed by the chairman and passed by acclamation.

Arrangements are already in hand for next year's Conference in Clifton Street.

After tea, the Sir Knights were invited to attend R.B.P. No. 477 and initiated three candidates. This was capably done by Sir Kts. Norris, McKeown and Gamble from Belfast, ably assisted by a Sir Kt. from England.

The W. Master of R.B.P. No. 477 thanked the Grand Lecturer and the visiting Sir Kts. for coming at short notice, conveyed fraternal greetings to the I.G.B. Chaplain and wished them a safe journey home.

JUNIORS MARCH FORWARD

The past month has provided ample evidence of the revival of interest in Junior Orangeism in Co. Armagh, notably in the Portadown district.

Considerable interest has been evoked by the football series promoted by the Co. Armagh Junior Orange Sports Association, with the final being played at Brownstown Park, on Saturday, June 30. We hope to report fully on the outcome of this series in our next issue, as well as on the County Sports Day in Brownstown Park on Friday, June 29, and the presentation ceremony on Thursday, July 5, in Edenderry Orange Hall.

The main trophies for the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, presented by Bro. Harold

McCusker, M.P., and the handsome trophy recently donated by W. Bro. Herbe Whitten, W.D.M., Portadown, D.L.O.L. No. 1 in memory of his brother, the late W. Bro. Walker Whitten, J.P., who died from gunshot wounds a terrorist attack in Portadown a couple of years ago.

The annual trip to the seaside at Bangor saw more than 800 Junior Orangemen parade through Portadown en route, one of the large parades of Juniors ever seen in the town.

A great deal of the success of the Junior movement in Co. Armagh in recent years stems from the enterprise and enthusiasm of Bro. Rog Gill, Portadown, and his hard working band of fellow members.

Grand Master Preaches in Ballintra

Most Wor. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, Grand Master and Imperial Grand Master, was the special preacher at an Orange service in Ballintra Parish Church last month.

A large number of members of the Institution paraded to the church led by Doring Pipe Band.

The service was conducted by the rector, the Revd M. Simpson.

Afterwards local Orange leaders spoke in praise of the services in worthy terms of the services of the Civic Guard personnel who had assisted in security arrangements for the occasion.

Loyal Orange Institution of England
Manchester Province

Orange Parade

Date: SATURDAY, 21st JULY, 1979, 12 NOON

Assemble: REGENT HOTEL, REGENT ROAD, SALFORD,
GREATER MANCHESTER

Parade: Through Manchester City Centre to Belle Vue
Amusement Park

All Lodges (Men, Ladies and Juniors) and Bands
are cordially invited to attend

Further details from:
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Please Note: This is the first Orange Demonstration in Manchester for many years and a large turnout is ESSENTIAL. Please attend if at all possible.