

# **Belfast Orangemen Re-Echo** **Randolph Churchill's Message :** **ULSTER WILL FIGHT**

**BELFAST'S** historic Ulster Hall where in 1886 Lord Randolph Churchill thundered the message "Ulster Will Fight And Ulster Will Be Right" re-echoed the stirring defiant note on Saturday, February 22 when thousands of Orangemen thronged the old building to protest at the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Upper Bann M.P. Bro. Harold McCusker, told the gathering that history had shown that Winston Churchill would have betrayed Ulster if it had been in his interests.

"And today we should take care of the advice of English politicians.

"The only safeguard for Orangemen is their folk memory and the instinct bred into them through the ages," he said.

"Sovereignty has been conceded. The Irish Republic

has been given a say in the running of the Province.

"FitzGerald himself has admitted the agreement goes beyond a consultative role. His power will become more executive if the Agreement succeeds.

"We cannot allow our enemies to be appeased again," he said.

Orange Grand Master Rev. Martin Smyth said he hoped Mrs. Thatcher would be a changed person when unionist leaders meet her.

# **AND** **ULSTER** **WILL BE** **RIGHT**

He appealed to her to honour a promise she made in the House of Commons two years ago when she said the Irish Republic would not be given a say in Northern Ireland affairs.

He said: "Mrs. Thatcher is living in a bubble and gets no real information about the situation in Ulster but unless she changes her mind she is on a collision course.

He said that if Mrs. Thatcher wants to see democracy flourish she must withdraw "the poisoned shaft of the Anglo Irish Agreement.

He said that Unionist politicians had been preaching restraint, non-violence and the constitutional path, but he feared the Prime Minister would inevitably collide with the will of the people, not just in Northern Ireland, but in Great Britain too.

He said: "What does it mean for a loyal community to fight its government?"

"It means that that government has failed to fulfil its most

important — some would say role — duty which is to protect the community from interference by an alien power.

"If a government cannot do this it forfeits the right to govern."

The South Belfast MP also had a message for the Taoiseach, Dr. Garret FitzGerald.

He said: "Dr. FitzGerald must also realise that there is no prospect of unity, and that the best way to advance the well-being and aspirations of his own people is to realise that it is within the British Isles as a whole that we learn to live in peace and prosperity".

Those taking part or present in support of the rally included M.W. Bro. Magnus Bain, Grand Master, Scotland; Bro. George Crone, Grand Treasurer, England; R.W. Bro. Ron Bather, Provincial Grand Master, Liverpool, and R.W. Bro. John McCrea, Grand Master of the City of Belfast Grand Orange Lodge.



R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. James H. Molyneux, M.P., gives the "Thumbs Up" sign after his splendid victory in the Mini-General Election.

## ***British Treachery Sparks Off Orange Rebuff in Scotland***

Orangemen in Scotland, angered by the Anglo Eire agreement are leaving the Scottish Conservative Party in large numbers, says a report in the "Belfast News-Letter."

The Orange Order in Scotland has claimed that the resignations run into thousands over the entire country and the move is placing some marginal seats presently held by Tory MPs in jeopardy.

Mr. David Bryce, grand secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland, said many Orangemen had left the Tory Party to join the Social Democratic Party or the Scottish National Party.

He said: "There is a clear warning to the Government from all this. The Anglo Irish

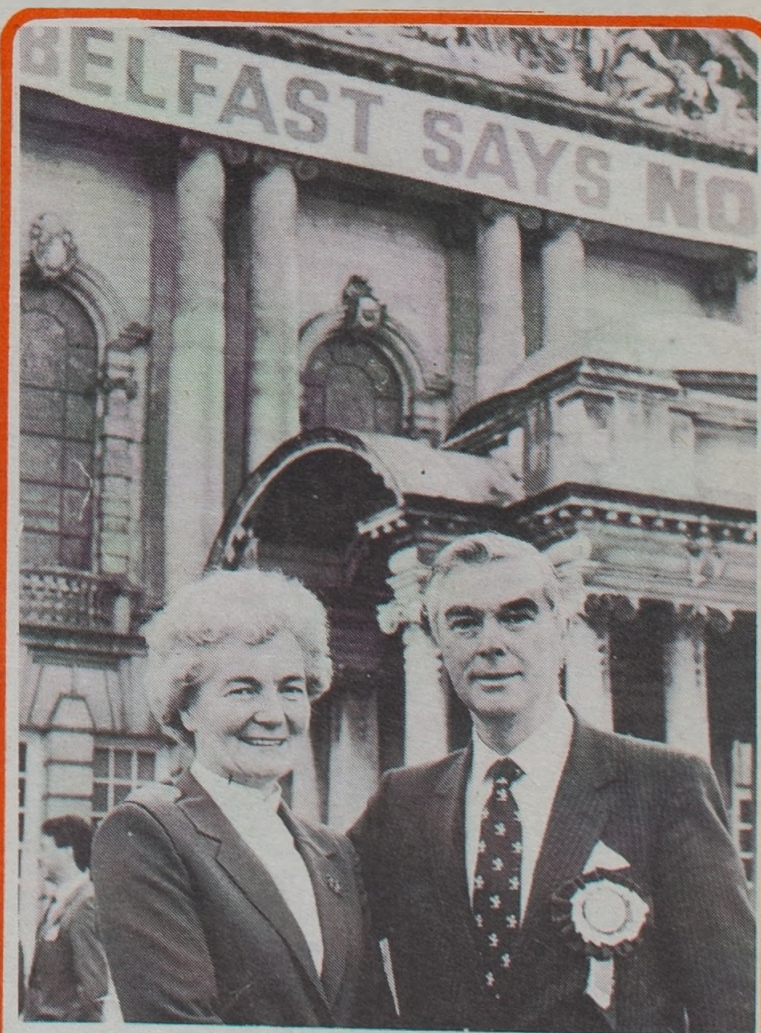
Agreement has been a mistake and some marginal seats will be in danger".

Mr. Bryce pinpointed Mrs. Anna McCurley's Renfrewshire West and Inverclyde seat, with its 1322 majority, and Mr. John Corrie's Cunninghame North seat (1637) as most vulnerable due to the loss of the Orange vote.

The Orange Order has 80,000 members in Scotland and with members of their families and friends the numbers directly influenced by the loyalist viewpoint is at least half a million.

Mr. Bryce said there had been a spontaneous reaction

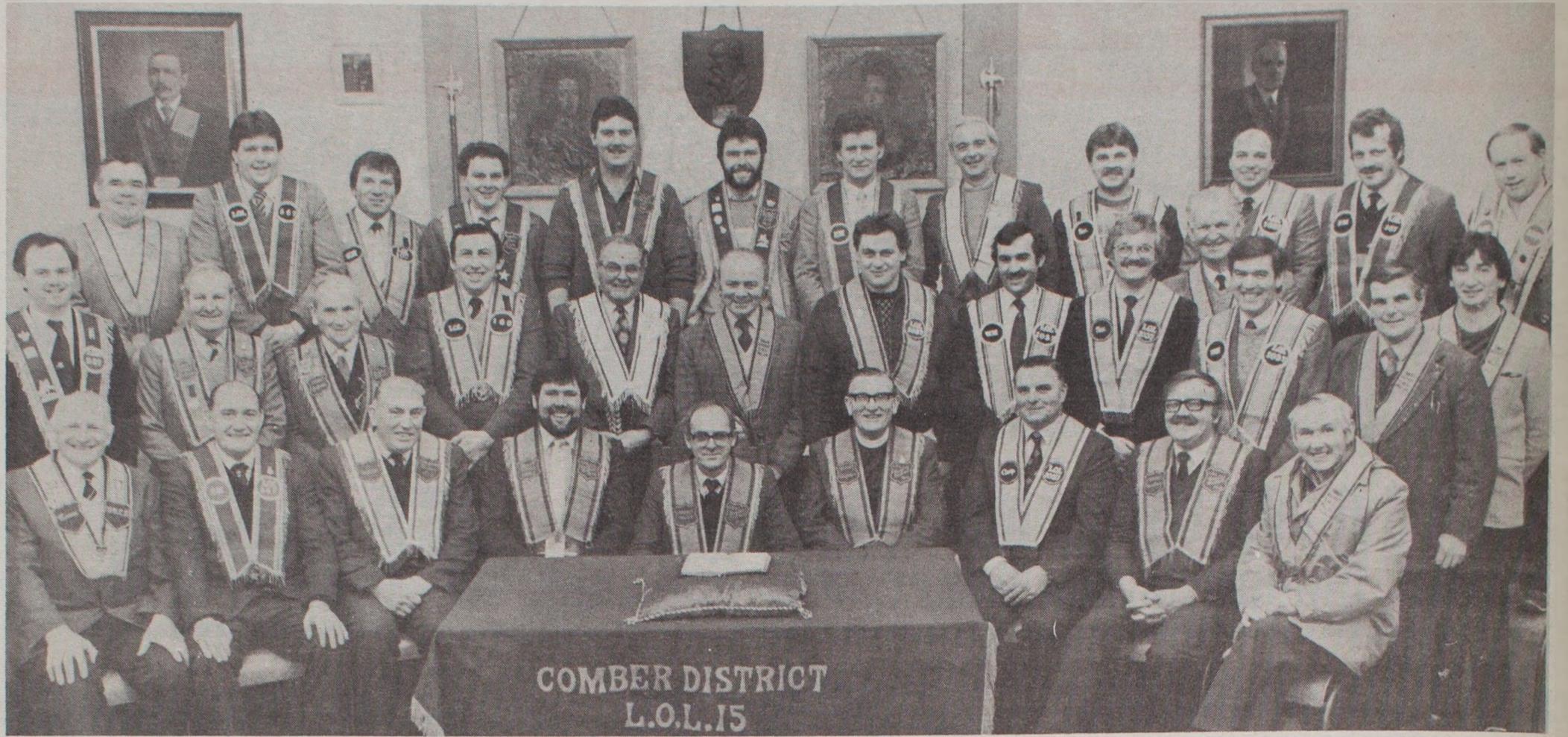
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After heading the poll in South Belfast the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A., is joined by Mrs. Smyth outside Belfast City Hall. (Photo: Courtesy "Belfast News Letter".)

# Historic Chair Used In Comber District Lodge Installation

The newly-installed officers of Comber District L.O.L. No. 15, County of Down and the Lodge representatives in a jovial mood after their Installation, which was conducted by Bro. James Neill, W.D.M. Saintfield District. (Seated 3rd from left) The W.D.M., W. Bro. James Livingstone is seated in the chair upon which King William III is reputed to have sat to have a tooth extracted. W. Bro. Councillor Stanley McCoy D.D.M. and W. Bro. Rev. William Frame D.G.C.I. are seated on either side of W.D.M.



## Gilford 'Prentices Revival

A new Apprentice Boys club in Gilford has a membership of more than 30, although it has only been formed a few months.

It is over 20 years since Gilford had an Apprentice Boys Club, and the idea of forming it came from Mr. Alastair McKeown, who is president of the new club which is affiliated to the Mitchellbourne Parent body.

Just before Christmas a number of members travelled to Londonderry for the annual Shutting of the Gates ceremony. Anyone interested in joining the new club can contact Mr. McKeown at Poyntzpass 419.

## Veteran Orangeman

Bro. Thomas George Sproule (Senior) a member of Killen L.O.L. No. 1272 celebrated his 90th birthday on February 5.

He has been a member of the Orange Institution for 74 years and also a member of Killen R.B.P. No. 682 for 73 years.

To mark the occasion W. Bro. Sandy Speer, W.M. of Killen Lodge, visited his home on his birthday and presented Bro. Sproule with a beautiful engraved walking stick from the members of his Lodge and Perceptory.

# A TALE OF TWO CITIES

(Contributed)

The year 1985 was a significant one in a number of respects. However, behind the major, and indeed minor, news headlines an historic event occurred which reaffirmed a centuries old link between two proud cities.

The cities concerned were London and Londonderry, and the event was the granting of a Charter to the City of London branch of the Campsie Club of the Apprentice Boys.

### HISTORIC LINK

The historic connection between the City of London and Londonderry began in the early years of the seventeenth century when James I was on the Throne. Following the flight from Ireland on the 3rd September, 1607, of the powerful Ulster chieftains, the way was clear for the government of London to implement the plantation of Ulster with English and Scottish settlers.

An effective plantation, it was considered, would civilise Ulster and would "establish the true religion of Christ among men... (which had been) almost lost in superstition".

It was natural that James should look to the financial centre of London (i.e. the City) for support in such an undertaking. However, it was after

much deliberation that the Court of Common Council of the City of London decreed that a company should be constituted to direct the affairs of the new Plantation in Ulster.

### IRISH SOCIETY

The company became known as the Honourable Irish Society. It was, in fact, an elected body which represented the twelve major Livery Companies and a number of smaller Livery Companies which agreed to provide the capital expenditure necessary to establish the Plantation. In return, the Livery Companies would receive rents from the lands leased to the planters.

The land which the City of London Livery companies planted became the county of Londonderry which was divided into twelve portions — one portion for each of the major Livery companies. The city of Londonderry and the town of Coleraine were undivided and remained under the direct control of the Irish Society.

In 1610 Londonderry consisted of some old ruins, the remains of two forts, and some wooden cabins. By 1622 some 240 stone houses had been built, as well as a town hall and a free school. In addition, the city was

fortified with walls. The crowning work of the Irish Society at that time was the building of the Cathedral Church which was completed in 1633.

### "IF STONES COULD SPEAKE..."

A tablet was placed above the porch which proclaimed: "If stones could speake, Then London's praise should sound, Who built this church and city from the ground".

The Livery Companies being concerned for the defence of Londonderry gave cannon, the most famous of which was "Roaring Meg", so-called for the loudness of her "utterances" during the siege of 1688-89.

Although the role of the Irish Society and the Livery Companies was intended to be that of a landlord seeking return by way of rents on the capital expenditure incurred, they have right down to the present day been benevolent to their colony.

After the seige in 1689, the Irish Society sent £1,000 for the relief of suffering, and they subscribed to the erection of the Walker Memorial, the first stone of which was laid in 1826. Further examples of the bene-

volence of the Irish Society were the erection of the Guildhall at its own expense in 1890, and the presentation of handsome wrought iron gates to the Cathedral to mark its tercentenary in 1933 — the same year that the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Percy Greenaway, officially opened the Craigavon Bridge in Londonderry.

### 'PRENTICES EXPAND IN ENGLAND

Given the close bonds between the City of London and the daughter city of Londonderry, it was a fitting occasion when the Parent Campsie Club presented a Charter to the City of London Branch.

The City of London Branch brings to five the number of Apprentice Boys Clubs in England, with a sixth Club planned to be opened during 1986. It is because of the close bonds between London and Londonderry that the City of London Branch takes particular pride in wearing the crimson colours in commemorating the brave deeds of the defenders of Londonderry, in 1688-89.

Lord Macaulay wrote the following words in his History of England about the commemoration of the seige of Londonderry:

"A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants".

## Xmas Treat for Scottish "Seniors"

The annual senior citizen Christmas party, was held on Boxing Day, 26 December 1985, in the Orange Hall, Lorn Street, Girvan, Glasgow, where close on 200 sisters and brethren sat down to a first class dinner.

It was held under the auspice of Govan Blue Star Social Club and Govan District L.O.L. 4.

After all had enjoyed the meal, they adjourned next door to "Blue Star" premises, where they enjoyed dancing, games and other items.

Guests of Honour, were M.W. Bro. Magnus Bain, Most Worthy Grand Master of Scotland, and Sister Mrs. Bain, W. Bro. John Thomson, County Grand Master, Glasgow and Sister May Baillie, Grand Mistress, Scotland.

## Monkstown Service

Monkstown Junior L.O.L. No. 271 will hold its service at Abbey Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 17 at 3 p.m. Brethren and Sisters to meet at Monkstown at 2.30 p.m.

Carrickfergus District Church service will be held at Carrickfergus Methodist Church on Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m. Brethren and Sisters assemble at King William Orange Hall, Albert Road at 2.45 p.m.

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## 40 Years in Orange Institution

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He was a member of L.O.L. 225 and R.B.P. 150, before both numbers became defunct a few years ago, and had a long and distinguished 40 years of service in both Orders.

He was a member of Drumchapel Church of Scotland, having resided on the suburbs of Glasgow. He took a very keen interest in the work of his Church, whose minister paid him tribute during the funeral service. The funeral took place to Dalnottar Crematorium, Clydebank, where there was a very large attendance.

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# Belfast C.G.M. Slams Basis of "Accord"

Addressing Young Mens Christian Total Abstinence L.O.L. No. 747 in Ballymacarrett Orange Hall, Albertbridge Road, Belfast, R.W. Bro. John McCrea, J.P., Co. Grand Master said (January 20) that they had entered a week in the life of the Province when a further chapter in the history of Ulster would be written.

"The two months since the signing of the Anglo Irish Agreement have brought a period of instability and tension where the meaning of words such as INTEGRITY, SINCERITY and HONESTY appear to have been forgotten by Government Ministers.

"It would appear that Westminster Government Ministers and those from the Irish Republic when speaking to the public via the media are prepared to do anything but give the facts of the subject.

"The agreement was conceived behind closed doors with the assistance of John Hume and the S.D.L.P. Neither Government has denied the involvement of John Hume in the negotiations whilst they kept the elected Unionist Members at Westminster in the dark", Bro. McCrea stated.

The Prime Minister and the Secretary of State he said, told the Unionists of Northern Ireland to read and study the Agreement and they would come to like it. Well, the Unionists had done so and they did not like it because it would not do what its creators have said it would.

"I ask Garrett FitzGerald: where are the dollars from America, where is the better security along the Frontier and where are the better times ahead for Northern Ireland? The answer is simple: he has failed to deliver the goods. The dollars are not forthcoming and there is no sign of better security.

## Eire Flag Symbolism Didn't Work — Columnist

The Eire flag was, ironically, meant to be a symbol of unity — the Orange and the Green with neutral white in the middle. It just did not work — for in Eire terms, it symbolised a unity Ulster could not accept.

The Eire 'Soldier's Song' was a bitter mistake. The song of the IRA, it is anathema to Ulster and is a continuing challenge and an unhealed sore.

There are other calculated insults, like those Eire Constitution barriers erected by De Valera.

But De Valera is long gone, and if the insults were to disappear too, then the willingness to co-operate on the business and industrial front, on the sports field and on the stage and concert platform that is so evidently there, might be transformed into a shared way of life between two countries.

For if the border ceases to be a major divisive element between these two parts of Ireland, there will be no grounds for the terrorists to operate from and no shield for them to hide behind either.

(Extract from an article written by Belfast News Letter columnist Charles Fitzgerald).

"In fact Dr. FitzGerald told the Church of Ireland Bishops that he would look into the matter of closer cross-border co-operation on security. I would again ask Dr. FitzGerald: is it not a bit late in the day for such gestures?"

### LONDON "CONNED"

"Our Government at Westminster has been conned by FitzGerald, Barry & Co.

"The Agreement provides for control by the Dublin Government over the internal affairs of this part of the United Kingdom and John Hume, Seamus Mallon and the S.D.L.P. know this and are now trying to suck in the Unionist Parties into the deal. We must recognise, however, that the same S.D.L.P. have stayed out of the Assembly since its inception in 1982".

Stormont, he said, was not good enough for them but they now realised they had something better in this deal. They had got their way and it was obvious that Dublin does not have a consultative role in our affairs — the Government of the Irish Republic have a direct input into the affairs of Northern Ireland.

If ever proof of this was needed, Bro. McCrea claimed, Mr. Needham gave it in his reply of the 12th January to a North Down Councillor that Article 6 of the Agreement provided for the Irish Republic to put forward views and proposals on the role and composition of bodies appointed by the Secretary of State.

He went on to say, "The Irish Government will wish to express their opinion of the composition of the Bodies stated in the Agreement. I am certain the Dublin Ministers will not put forward the names of many Unionists for inclusion in the Police Authority and other Boards.

### POLICE AUTHORITY PERSONNEL

"What we will see will be Republicans on the Police Authority for Northern Ireland dealing with confidential reports dealing with confidential proposals for the security of the Frontier of the United Kingdom and taking back the information to a Foreign Government, which in the past has been found to be unfriendly. Therefore, one must consider whether there is

any difference between Republicans, Sinn Fein and the I.R.A."

Referring to the Westland affair, Bro. McCrea stated that as the week went on and he listened to the Westminster debates, he could not help thinking of the parallels between Westland and the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Some points required consideration:

### "NO BASIS OF TRUST"

1. Mr. Heseltine said in one of his interviews "a basis of trust no longer exists" and this has left many people wondering whether Mrs. Thatcher can now be trusted.

2. Has Mrs. Thatcher always acted in our National interest?

3. Has the Prime Minister lost touch with basic democratic principles in the way she manages the Cabinet. Decisions are taken in ad hoc Sub Committees rather than in Cabinet meetings.

4. A Negotiator in the Anglo-Irish Agreement was also involved in "Minute" writing during the Westland affair.

"The Anglo-Irish Agreement", he argued, "has nothing to attract the Unionists and the Rt. Hon. Enoch Powell, M.P., has said 'It has no moral base'."

## Public Reaction to Paper's Poll on "Agreement"

Seven out of ten Roman Catholics in the North back the Anglo-Irish Agreement while four out of five Protestants oppose it, according to figures contained in a recent opinion poll.

Also, the poll shows that support in the Republic for the deal stands at 69 per cent with 29 per cent against it.

The cross-border survey was undertaken by the Market Research Bureau of Ireland for the *Irish Times* newspaper. It found that 81 per cent of Northern Protestants questioned were against the Agreement, which was signed at Hillsborough last November by Dr. FitzGerald and Mrs. Thatcher.

Only eight per cent of the Protestants questioned said they were in favour of the Hillsborough Accord. Among Catholics in the North — 72 per cent said they were behind the deal, with 12 per cent against it.

Overall 33 per cent approved of the Accord and 54 per cent were against it.

The poll statistics won a qualified welcome from the Republic's Foreign Minister, Peter Barry. He said he took some encouragement from the fact that only 54 per cent overall opposed the deal in Northern Ireland.

"Obviously we have some more work to do to build up acceptance and support among the unionist community — but this poll does indicate this can be done," Mr. Barry said.

He added: "As this 54 per cent presumably contains supporters of Sinn Fein, then it would appear that of the supporters of the constitutional parties less than half oppose the Agreement.

"This would suggest that members of the unionist community, as I have suggested they should, are taking a closer look at the Agreement and coming to realise that it does not threaten their position. I would hope that in the period ahead this opposition will continue to diminish.

The poll in the Republic showed that the initial 59 per cent approval for the agreement rose to 69 per cent, while the numbers against dropped from 29 per cent to 20 per cent.

Indeed support for the Agreement among the four major parties is substantial. In Fine Gael the percentage is 87; 79 in the Progressive Democratic Party; 67 in Labour; and 54 in Fianna Fail.

Some interesting side questions in the poll showed that in Northern Ireland 38 per cent opted for powersharing with 56 per cent opposed to it.

## Financial Facts Discussed at Londonderry Grand Lodge

The City of Londonderry Grand Lodge met on 8 February with Rt. Wor. Bro. R. J. Fleming, G.M., presiding. The main matters discussed were: 1. The Londonderry Orange Widows' Fund; 2. The formation of a Central Committee; 3. The United Unionist Fighting Fund.

Bro. Canning, secretary of the Widows' Fund reported that money was coming in fairly well. He appealed to private lodges to pay their £5 affiliation fee to him as soon as possible.

The next meeting is in the Apprentice Boys Hall, on Saturday, March 1 at 7.30 p.m. when details will be available on

how brethren could covenant their contributions to the fund.

The City Grand secretary advised that the C.C. had been set up and would meet in the week before each quarterly meeting or on the request of the C.G.M. Private and District Lodge correspondence must be with the C.G.S. for consideration at this meeting.

On the United Unionist Fighting Fund the C.G.S. was pleased with the prompt response from lodges. He had about £1200 to pass on to the C.G.T.

A letter from L.O.L. 871 expressed its "abhorrence" of the attendance of Dr. Mehaffey,

Bishop of Derry and Raphoe at a Brandywell Sunday soccer match. It was unanimously decided that C.G.L. should write to the Bishop expressing its views on the breaking of the 4th Commandment. A press statement was also issued.

Invitation from Limavady District to join with it in the 12th July celebrations was accepted.

The C.G.T., W. Bro. Ferris, reported on the Lodge's finances. He showed that in spite of heavy expenditure recently it was in a healthy state.

The Installation of Officers was conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. G. Dunn and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. R. Guy.

The next meeting of the C.G.L. should be on Saturday, June 7, at a venue to be arranged by No. 5 District. The Anniversary Service is in St. Columbs Cathedral on Sunday, July 6.

The Donegal brethren asked that thanks be recorded to Bro. W. R. Buchanan for speaking out at Donegal County Council on housing for Protestants. Bro. Buchanan, the only Protestant with 28 Roman Catholics on the Council, is never afraid to fight his corner.

The C.G.M. was congratulated on being elected a D.G.M.I. at the Grand Lodge in December.

## DR. DEWAR

In a recent issue we referred to W. Bro. Rev. Canon Michael Dewar as Representative Canon for Down diocese in the Chapter of St. Patricks Cathedral, Dublin. He was in fact, elected to this office by the Chapter.

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The Chairman, McCrea Memorial Trust, W. Bro. Thomas R. Haire, (fifth far right) with his officers, trustees and committee at the Annual General Meeting in Donaghadee.

# STANWARDBEARER

## M.P'S Fealty to The Queen

The much vaunted success of Mr. Seamus Mallon in winning the Newry-Armagh seat in the mini-General Election last month must be seen in the light of what one can only describe as the British Government's redistribution (gerrymandering?) of the former historic Co. Armagh constituency. The Nationalists who complained so strongly and persistently about gerrymandering carried out by the Unionist Administration at Stormont in past days were understandably

mute about the creation of the new constituency by the very same process which they had opposed for many years. It is also interesting to note that all Members of Parliament who took their seats after the January

poll took the obligatory Oath which is couched in the following terms: "I swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II, Her heirs and successors according to law".

## Mrs. Thatcher's Low Polls Rating

Never in the course of modern Parliamentary history can a Prime Minister have suffered the indignity of seeing her popularity rating descend to such a low level as Mrs. Margaret Thatcher. What is also most interesting is that her detractors are not confined to the Opposition — Labour, Liberal and SDP. Several M.P.'s on the Conservative back benches have joined overtly or covertly, in the chorus of dissent at her leadership. It will be remembered that it was the result of a vigorous campaign in Westminster and outside that resulted in the removal of Mr. Edward Heath from the leadership of the Tory Party, and he has since remained a sullen opponent of Mrs. Thatcher's style of government. How well Mrs. Thatcher seemed to fulfil her early

Premiership, not least when she galvanised the United Kingdom as we went to war against the Argentinian aggressors. She was hailed around the civilised world as a woman in the mould of Queen Elizabeth the First. Then we had the "Out, Out, Out!" declaration to Eire's wiles at that historic meeting in Dublin Castle when once more she displayed a degree of Statesmanship which brought calm to an apprehensive Unionist

people in Ulster. But the halo got sadly out of place when she entered into clandestine negotiations with the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, Dr. Garret FitzGerald. Here was an act which brought her public contempt and undying hatred. Words such as "Traitor" and "Deceiver" rent the air, and the end is not yet.



## The Big Betrayal

Never in 65 years of association as a separate State within the United Kingdom has such a betrayal as represented in the Anglo-Irish Agreement been negotiated and that in the absence of any reference to the one and a half million people in Northern Ireland, not least the million who are British in origin and outlook. It was an act of gross indignity and one which is now having a direct effect on the whole bearing of the Loyalist community throughout the Province. It has brought all diverse groupings of Unionism into a unity which transcends those differences which had plagued Loyalist thought and action for the past couple of decades. The dissention in Unionist ranks

against the so-called Accord continues, but what is certain is that if the field be lost all is not lost, and the signs are that the antipathy to the Thatcher-FitzGerald "agreement" far from diminishing is gathering momentum and may well cause No. 10 to have other ideas on how to cow Ulster loyalists. It is the earnest hope of all who cherish their Ulster-British identity that wise counsels will prevail in the continuing opposition to the "Agreement", and that no precipitate action will be taken which would damage Ulster in the eyes of those who would support her efforts to deny Dublin a say in her internal affairs.

## "Re-Unification" of U.S., Canada

It is somewhat remarkable that Irish-Americans of nationalist outlook should be so persistently vocal in their clamour for the "re-unification of Ireland" that they are so silent about the re-unification of the North American continent. A glance at the map will quickly indicate that the United States has a line — in large measure a straight line — drawn between itself and Canada, that vast northern land still described in some circles as British America. It is after all, one continent — indeed an "island" if one regards the Panama Canal as having effectively separated North America from its Southern appendage. One could also produce similar arguments to advocate a multitude of land boundaries on the continent of Europe, frontiers which enclose West Germany, France, Den-

mark, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain and a number of smaller-sized States. All of these contain the seeds for agitation for re-unification. And what of Spain's Southern tip — Gibraltar, as British as Northern Ireland any day, with Spain, and Roman Catholic to boot? Perhaps the Rev. McManus, that notable advocate for British withdrawal from Northern Ireland, might like to turn his attention to the withdrawal of Canada from her separate existence as a British-orientated nation. And also inform us of the ratio of Protestants to Roman Catholics in the police force in New York, for instance. Maybe there is room there for a Bob Cooper Fair Employment-style investigation. It might reveal some surprising statistics.

## Very Belated Recognition

It may be presumed that the fact that two Ulstermen, Mr. Richard Needham and Dr. Brian Mawhinney, both Members of Parliament, are now in Ministerial positions in Northern Ireland has some connection with the attempt to foist the Anglo-Irish Agreement on a reluctant Unionist

majority. Clearly it was intended as a Downing Street sop, engineered in the hope that these two appointments would soften Loyalist resistance to a sinister plot which, without doubt, had Foreign Office involvement or motivation. Relying on memory there are

only a couple or so instances where N.I. Parliamentarians were offered posts in the upper echelons at Westminster. Sir James Craig and Sir Edward Carson, both later ennobled, held office, and in the 1950's an Ulster M.P. was a Secretary to Harold Macmillan. In the 1930's the Lord Londonderry of

that period was Air Minister. Not a large volume of recognition in 60 years of loyalty to the Tory Party. Now it is all changed and we have two Ulstermen ensconced in Stormont Castle protected by miles of barbed wire. What a way to govern a country!

## 511 Years Service to L.O.L. 1661

On Tuesday 21st January, over 100 members of the Orange Order gathered at Drumreagh Orange Hall to witness the presentation of 14 Long Service Medals and a Certificate to members of Drumreagh Purple Heroes L.O.L. 1661.

A 50 year medal and certificate were presented to Bro. John Quin, P.M., Bro. John Quin P.M. who is the senior member as well as an honorary member of L.O.L. 1661. He joined the Orange Order on the 16th July 1935, and has only missed three lodge meetings in that time due to illness.

He is the current Treasurer which office he has held for 32 years. Bro. Quin, P.M. is overwhelmed with the size and amount of youth in Drumreagh Purple Heroes, and recalls time when the Lodge went through some very lean times. However it is now one of the largest lodges in the Saintfield District No. 5 with around 70 members and young men being initiated all the time.

Other members who received Long Service medals were Bros. David Gibson, Sen. P.M., also an Honorary

Member 39 years; Samuel Quin, P.M., Honorary Member 39 years; William Dickson, P.M., 38 Years; David Boyce, 37 years; William Boyce, Sen., 37 years. William Strain, Honourary Member, 37 years; David McClenaghan, P.M., 37

years; Wallace Boyce, 36 years; Robert Jordan, 35 years; Hugh Marrey, 35 years; Alex. Shields, P.M., 33 years; Hugh Dickson, P.M., 33 years; Robert McMurray, 25 years.

The presentation of medals was carried out by various

visiting brethren from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, County Down Grand Lodge, Saintfield District L.O.L. No. 5, Comber District L.O.L. No. 15 and Bangor District L.O.L. No. 18.

The new office-bearers for 1986 were installed by Bro.

Hugh Russell, County Down Secretary, assisted by Bro. James Crockard, L.O.L. No. 29. Sponsors were Bros. Jim Neil, W.D.M. Saintfield District No. 5 and Jim Livingstone, W.D.M. Comber District No. 15.

The outgoing W.M., Bro.

Hans Klein was presented with a P.M. Jewel and framed Certificate.

The Ladies Committee entertained the Brethren to a meal contributing to a most enjoyable and memorable evening in the history of Drumreagh Purple Heroes.



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## Church Appointments

Two prominent churchmen were elected to the highest offices in their churches in the early days of February. Dr. Robert Eames became Archbishop of Armagh and Dr. John Thompson, Moderator-elect of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The offices — one is permanent, the other from June 1986-87 — are of continuing importance in a country which church influence is still very strong.

### DR. EAMES

The appointment of the Bishop of Down and Dromore as Primate of All-Ireland, Archbishop of Armagh and Metropolitan by the Church of Ireland House of Bishops must have surprised very few church people. Dr. Robin Eames is so obviously the man to lead the Church of Ireland at such a time as this that many would have been amazed had he not been selected to do it.

Eleven years a bishop, he was for five years of Derry and Raphoe after his consecration on 9 June 1975 and of Down and Dromore to which he was elected on 23 April 1980. The new Archbishop began his ministry in 1963 as curate of St. Comgall's Church, Bangor, when G. A. Quin later to be his predecessor in the see of Down and Dromore was rector. Bishop Quin has two former curates on the episcopal bench; the other is the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Dr. James Mehaffey.

Dr. Eames was successively incumbent of the parishes of Gilnahirk (1966-74) and St. Mark's, Dundela, (1974-75) and like Lord Coggan, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was tipped when a curate by perceptive observers as destined for the episcopate. His work as a bishop has been of such quality that he has earned the appreciation of his peers, the clergy and people of the dioceses he has served, and the respect of people of other denominations and of none.

Naturally gifted as a communicator he has impressed in the traditional preaching and speech making of his office and, more importantly, in the media. His appearances on radio and

television, often to do with tragic bereavements the result of terrorist bestiality, have been marked by compassion and sensitivity for the feeling of suffering people, and logical thinking and clarity of speech in our situations.

He has shown the necessary qualities of courage, and determination to stand for principles whatever the consequences. We can expect the new Primate to be co-operative in his dealings with other communions and their leaders. He has been much involved in inter-church conversations and relationships for many years. But it is to be anticipated equally that he will make his contribution as an Anglican who has been quick to recognise the similarities of doctrinal beliefs and ethical attitudes among the churches and the differences among them which are not to be questioned and never to be minimised.

### DR. THOMPSON

The Rev. Dr. John Thompson, Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics at Union Theological College, Belfast, was runner-up to the present Moderator, Dr. Robert Dickinson last year.

In what appears to be a practice in modern Irish Presbyterianism an evangelical is succeeded by an ecumenist. We use the terms loosely, for a man could be both at once, but the words do convey what is generally recognised to be the primary attitudes of the men.

Interviewed on radio Dr. Thompson described his thinking on church unity and inter-church relations. He has been involved over many years in conversations and conferences which have involved representatives of the "main churches" including the Roman Catholic Church.

A highly respected scholar in his own church and by other communions the professor is a competent communicator who can be depended on to express his views clearly and precisely. He can be expected to represent his church courageously and with sensitivity to the feelings of his fellow Presbyterians and the attitudes of those of other communions.

## That Agreement

The campaign against the Anglo-Irish Agreement continues in ways which have been given wide media publicity. The situation is so fluid that he would be a foolish man who pretends to know what will happen in opposition to it.

There are many imponderables, among them the reactions to the suggestion from Harold McCusker, M.P., M.P.A., that tri-partite discussions — Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland — would be useful and an essential replacement for an Agreement which is destined to fail. Peter Robinson, M.P., M.P.A., has been making similar sounds with the same intention as Bro. McCusker to stimulate thought and a clearer perception of all that is involved in trying to force the Agreement, and in determining to reject it.

The acceptance of the need for an alternative to the Agreement is general, for a continuance indefinitely of pre-Agreement stalemate would be ridiculous. It is of the present stupidity of things that the Government has refused to regard as serious contributions in the Northern Ireland Problem the Unionist Party document, "The Way Forward," and the Catherwood proposals. They are evidence pre-Agreement that the Unionists are not intractable but more willing than their critics to consider ways and means for the better government of the Province.

Panorama BBC 1, 10 February, provided a picture of the strength of Unionist feeling against the Agreement. It left no-one in any doubt as to the determination of those interviewed to go to any lengths to retain their Protestant identity and to refuse any foreign involvement in Ulster's affairs whatever the cost.

From every point of view the programme was a most disturbing, even frightening one.



**Members of Drumreagh Purple Heroes who were presented with Long Service Medals**

Seated left to right: David McClenaghan 37 years, William Dickson 38 years, John Quin 50 years, Hugh Dickson 33 years, David Boyce 37 years.

Back row left to right: David Gibson Jun. W.M., Hugh Massey 35 years, Alex Sheilds 33 years, Wallace Boyce 36 years, Robert McMurray 25 years, Sam Quin 39 years, Robert Jordan 35 years, Laurence Dickson D.M.

Hans Klein P.M. with his P.M. Certificate which he received at Installation of Officers of Drumreagh Purple Heroes L.O.L. 1661. Looking on is David Gibson Jr. W.M. and Laurence Dickson D.M.



Officers and visiting brethren at the Installation of Officers of Drumreagh Purple Heroes L.O.L. No. 1661.



History is never easy to read! Even when it is written in its most readable form through the lives of people who have made it, it has many questions but fewer answers.

So much depends on the quality of the research; the attitudes and aspirations; sincerity and honesty of the historians it has been claimed, with some substance, that there is no such thing as unbiased history. The writers of it are people with the strengths and weaknesses of our humanity. And they often write for a purpose to defend a cause or to "tell the truth" and so to correct wrongs about it.

The most we can hope for is that historical events and personages will be treated with respect for the truth by those who use them to teach history. Because certainty is often most elusive the best they can do is to state the facts so far as they know them and when they are interpreting them make it clear that it is a writer's attempt to explain what is without factual basis.

Modern history is hard to read because of the uncertainties of the actions of people, the meaning of events, and the interpretations of them. Ancient history is that much harder to read for so much of it is shrouded in mystery. And there is the added difficulty that it is often laden with fable which is more readily believed than the few facts which are available to writer and reader.

#### PATRICK

One world-famous figure from ancient Irish history, St. Patrick, is an illustration of the point. Patrick has had a large volume of literature written about him and few of us are unacquainted with the stories of how he chased the snakes from Ireland and used a shamrock to teach the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Ireland never had any snakes and the story of the shamrock only appeared in the 17th century.

The most recent life of Patrick, "Who was St. Patrick?" by A.E. Thompson, 1985, is an attempt to extricate the man from the fiction which has long engulfed him. In the event he debunks much of what has been traditionally acceptable about

Patrick and at the same time describes him as a unique, interesting and inspiring Christian leader.

#### DIFFERENCE

Patrick is unique in that he is one Briton who is really known and that because of the two little books he wrote, "The Epistle to the Soldiers of Coroticus" and "The Confession". They are the only existing Latin books of the time of the Roman Empire written outside its frontiers in the land of the barbarians.

He lived in the 5th century, though the actual dates are not known. Those who have put dates to him and associated him with well known churchmen of the period like Bishop Germanus of Auxerre or Pope Leo the Great have no sound basis for their claim.

It would appear that whatever his effect on the Ireland of his time he was a forgotten man for a century and a half after his death and had it not been for the rediscovery of his writings in the 7th century he might never have been heard of at all. When he died Ireland was still a pagan land.

**From his writings we know that his father and grandfather, Calpornius and Potitus, were deacon and priest in the Christian church and town councillors. He came from a land-owning family and in spite of his Christian upbringing he was not religious when at 16 he was taken to Ireland as a slave.**

The controversy over his place of birth continues, for Thompson refuses to accept either Dumbarton in Scotland or Milford Haven in Wales. He favours the Bristol area of England. The place Bonnaventa is named by Patrick without reference to location. The doubt about Bonnaventa has allowed claims of nationality to be made that he was English, Scottish, Welsh, Italian, Spanish and Jewish.

His going to Ireland and into slavery interrupted his education, something he always regretted. R. P. C. Hanson said that Patrick was "acutely, perpetually, embarrassingly conscious of his lack of education". He was to regret even more a boyhood sin which threatened

# ST. PATRICK



## Patron Saint of Ireland

By S.E. Long

to prevent his becoming a bishop many years later.

#### SLAVERY

The location of his six years slavery appears not to have been Slemish Mountain in Co. Antrim but the Wood of Voclut

in Co. Mayo. It was as a shepherd that he had a religious experience which changed his life. He managed to escape and by curach — a sailing boat with oars — reached Britain or Gaul after three days. It could hardly have been Britain for he was to wander in a desert for 28 days. There was a second captivity in which the ship's captain had a part and for which he was condemned by Patrick.

After a few years he managed to make his way to his parental home and it was there he had a dream in which he heard the voice of Victorius calling him to return to Ireland as a preacher of the Gospel. The experience was to give an impetus to his life and he began a course of study and preparation which lasted for

some twenty years. He was intensely sincere and with a determination to take Christianity beyond the frontiers of the Roman Empire.

#### PALLADIUS

Patrick was not the first bishop to the Irish. He was preceded by Palladius who was sent to Ireland by Pope Celestine in 431. Palladius is rather cursorily dismissed by those who writing about Patrick described him as his forerunner who made a short visit to this country and died on the voyage back to Rome. He was a longer stayer and made a sizable contribution to church life in the country.

Palladius had been so close to the Pope that he persuaded him to send Bishop Germanus of Auxerre and Bishop Lupus of Troyes to Britain in 429 to combat the Pelagian heresy. He had himself been the opponent of Pelagius, the English theologian. Palladius is creditably mentioned in the chronicles of Prosper of Aquitaine.

When Patrick came to Ireland he did not find any threat to his work from Pelagianism.

Patrick was a missionary bishop with an intention different to the papal commission to Palladius who was appointed a bishop "to the Irish who believe in Christ". Patrick had many converts as he preached to the pagan Irish in Latin and Celtic. He adopted an evangelistic practice which has been used in many missionary situations since when he sought to win the chiefs for Christ knowing that the people would follow their lead.

#### BISHOP

Patrick's episcopate lasted for between ten and fifteen years. He may have been in his fifties when he went to Ireland, for he said he came here when his strength was already fading. Like many of the famous figures of early Christianity Patrick has been credited with many miracles but he never made the claim to be a miracle worker.

He ordained many clergy and

set a standard of training for his ordinands. Patrick's Epistle to the Soldiers of Coroticus is an angry condemnation and excommunication of Christians who attacked, injured, killed and sold into slavery newly baptised converts. Coroticus was a Roman Briton, King of the Rock of the River Clyde at Dumbarton, a tyrannous leader of violent men.

The Confession is Patrick's very personal attempt to justify himself as a bishop to those who questioned his suitability. It is not an autobiography, nor even materials for one. It was addressed to the educated Britons who were his critics. Incidentally the Britons were Roman while the Irish were not, for the Roman Empire never extended to Ireland.

The significant fact about the writings of Patrick is their very many Bible references illustrate his deep devotion to Christ and his constant reliance on Holy Scripture. It is always a proper thing when possible to let a man speak for himself. You can read Patrick most conveniently in a little paper back published by SPCK in 1932, "The Writings of St. Patrick" translated by Dr. Newport White. While it cannot be purchased it may be possible to borrow a copy.

#### BREASTPLATE

The book has St. Patrick's Lorica (or Breastplate) in it. The poem has seven short sections. Part of the seventh is:

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ in me,

Christ under me, Christ over me,

Christ to right of me, Christ to left of me,

Christ in lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up,

Christ in the heart of every person, who may think of me!

Christ in the mouth of every one, who may speak to me!

Christ in every eye, which may look on me!

Christ in every ear, which may hear of me!

The Breastplate which has been attributed to St. Patrick was made singable by Mrs. Frances Alexander in the great hymn, "I bind unto myself today..."

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## New Junior Lodge For Ballyclare

Ballyclare Junior L.O.L. No. 280 was inaugurated at a special meeting held in Ballyclare Orange Hall on January 30 under the jurisdiction of Larne Junior Orange District No. 2.

The Worthy District Master, Bro. T. Curtis presided, assisted by the Deputy Master Bro. N. Strain in the Vice-Chair and Bro. J. Seaton, Belfast Junior County Secretary, acting as Chaplain.

Rt. Worthy Bro. T. Ross, Belfast Junior County Master handed over the new Warrant to the Lodge Superintendent. He said he was delighted to be with the Ballyclare brethren on such an historic occasion and to have been given the honour of handing over the Warrant. He congratulated the newly initiated members and wished the Lodge God's richest blessing.

The District Master of Larne, Bro. Curtis, said it was a very great pleasure for him to welcome yet another Junior Lodge into the Larne No. 2 District and hoped that it would go from strength to strength. He then presented the Lodge with a beautifully inscribed Bible and Lodge seal on behalf of his own District Lodge.

Officers initiated and installed as follows: Worthy Master, Bro. R. Turkington; Deputy Master, Bro. C. Murray (Jun.); Secretary, Bro. S. Wallace; Steward, Bro. D. Crothers; Inner Guard, Bro. J. Higginson. Committee: Bros. G. Hanna, I. Higginson and G. Turkington.

Superintendent, Bro. C. Murray (Sen.); Assistant Superintendents, Bros. J. Wallace and M. Carmichael and Treasurer, Bro. A. Murray.

## Service Medals and Certificates Presented at Tandragee

At a meeting of Tullymaccann Rising Sons of William L.O.L. 110, on Friday, February 7, 50-year medals and certificates were presented to Bros. Samuel McCullough, George McClure and Jack Stone.

The presentation was made by the W.D.M. of Tandragee District L.O.L. Wor. Bro. Herbert Plunkett.

The W.M. of L.O.L. 110, Bro. Price Heak, thanked the W.D.M. for being present to make the presentation.

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# Portadown DL0L Praise For Two Trusted Leaders

Presentations were made at the quarterly meeting of the Portadown District L.O.L. No. 1 to the outgoing Worshipful District Master, Mr. John Brownlee, and his deputy, Mr. John Toal, to mark their devoted and outstanding service to the District Lodge.

Both brethren had decided not to seek re-election, and the decision was influenced to some extent by the turmoil and uproar which followed in the aftermath of the Portadown re-routing controversy last July.

## ECHOES OF PROTEST ON RE-ROUTING

Both Bro. Brownlee and Bro. Toal, men of the highest integrity, were placed in an impossible decision by the bombshell dropped by the then Secretary of State, Mr. Douglas Hurd, and the Chief Constable, Sir John Hermon, — prompted in the view of many loyalists by Dublin Minister Peter Barry — to re-route traditional parades in the town.

The decision was made at such short notice that it gave the Portadown officers very little time to consult with the private lodge officers and members, and at the same time consult with security forces representatives.

The consequent trouble in Portadown on July 12 and 13, the rioting and the pandemonium, caused much distress to all the District Officers, as it did to rank and file Orangemen.

Some criticism was directed from certain quarters at Bros. Brownlee and Toal, and the other officers, over their handling of the situation, but the view of the overwhelming majority of brethren and loyalists was that these men had coped with unprecedented turmoil in exemplary fashion, and in keeping with the highest traditions of Portadown district.

It was with a feeling of great disappointment that most brethren learned of the decision by Bros. Brownlee and Toal not to stand for re-election, and it was only with the greatest reluctance and regret that the District Lodge agreed to accept their decision.

Representatives of the 32 lodges in the District were present at the quarterly meeting, when speaker after speaker paid tribute to Bros. Brownlee and Toal for their leadership.

## HIGHEST TRADITIONS

In presenting Bro. Brownlee with a past master's certificate and jewel, the new District Master, Bro. Harold Gracey, said that Bro. Brownlee had upheld the highest traditions of the office with outstanding qualities of Christian leadership.

Bro. Gracey, who was installed as District Master (the ceremony was performed by the County Grand Master of Armagh, Bro. Norman Hood) said he would strive to emulate

the high standards set by his predecessors, including Bro. Brownlee.

Bro. Gracey said he had known Bro. Brownlee since they served in the Seagoe Company of the Church Lads Brigade.

"It was Bro. Brownlee who gave me such great encouragement when I joined the C.L.B. and later when I joined the Junior Orange Institution", said Bro. Gracey.

There was loud and prolonged applause as he handed over the certificate to Bro. Brownlee, who was also warmly applauded by the crowded

attendance as he thanked all who had supported him during his service in the district chair.

Bro. Brownlee said that although he was relinquishing the reins of office he would continue to take a close interest in the affairs of the District, and pledged to give Bro. Gracey and the other new officers whatever assistance he could.

Bro. Toal was also praised for his meritorious service to the Orange and Black Institutions by Bro. Gracey, and by the newly elected Deputy District Master, Bro. Roy McMahon, who presented Bro. Toal with a silver tray on behalf of the District Lodge.

The other officers installed by Bro. Hood, who was assisted by Bro. Norman Allen, District Master of Loughgall; Bro. Joseph Campbell, County Grand Secretary, and Bro. George Matthews, County Grand Lecturer, are Deputy District Master, Bro. Roy McMahon; secretary, Bro. John J. R. Mathers; assistant secretary, Bro. Stanley Thompson; treasurer, Bro. Noel Jones; assistant treasurer, Bro. Gary Kennedy; lay chaplain, Bro. Alan Wright; lecturers, Bro. Robert Guy and Robert Wallace.

Bro. Alan Wright is the young enthusiast who played a leading part in the organising of the massive and successful pre-

Twelfth protest parade in Portadown last July over the re-routing, when over 20,000 Orangemen took part. He is the chairman of the Ulster Clubs Movement.

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Bro. Gracey, who appealed to all the brethren to support him and his fellow officers, has been a District Lecturer for many years, and two distinguished lecturers present, Bros. George Matthews and Albert Greenaway, said history had been made that night, this being the first time a member of the lecture class had been installed as District Master of Portadown.

# Junior Orange Moves Forward

Important expansion plans for the Junior Orange Institution in County Armagh are under way, and it is the intention of Grand Lodge and County Lodge officers to make the "County of the Diamond" one of the strongest in the Junior movement.

A new lodge has been formed in Markethill, lodges in Aughish and Killylea are to be "twinning", and steps are being taken to revive several lodges in the Portadown District which have been dormant for some years.

That Markethill lodge, launched on February 17, is the first in the town for over 50 years, and already it is being well supported.

The call to Portadown brethren to help in the revival of the Junior Order in the town was made at the quarterly meeting of the District.

It came from Bro. Ken Wilson, Deputy Grand Master of the Junior Orange Institution of Ireland, who gave a talk on the Juniors, and referred to the fact that Portadown had once been one of the strongest areas in the Province in the Junior Orange.

Two lodges, at Parkmount and Clounagh are flourishing, but others including the formerly thriving lodges of Edenderry, Rising Sons of Portadown, Corcrair and Star of Bethlehem, have become

dormant in the past five years, and now intensive efforts are to be made to revive them.

Bro. John Brownlee, outgoing District Master, and Bro. Albert Greenaway, a senior lecturer, were stalwarts in the Junior Orange, and they echoed Bro. Wilson's call for every encouragement to be given to the Junior Orange.

Not only does it ensure a steady supply of excellent recruits to the adult Orange Order, but it has played a major part down the years in installing true Reformation principles in the boys, and although sport now plays an important part in its itinerary, the main emphasis is on Bible study and on educating young people on the Protestant traditions and culture.

In Belfast, the Junior Orange is in a flourishing state, with lodges in all parts of the city thriving, and the same goes for counties Antrim, Tyrone and Fermanagh.

The County Armagh Junior Orange service will be held in Portadown on Sunday, April 27th, when lodges from County Fermanagh will take part. The County Armagh Juniors will, in turn, support the County Fermanagh junior brethren at their church service later in the year.

## Halt In Arms Sales to Terrorists

The United States "welcomes" the unanimous decision of the European Community to halt arms sales to countries supporting terrorism.

Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead made that statement in reply to a question by television correspondent John Palmer on NBC's "The Today Show" January 28.

European Community (EC) foreign ministers January 27 declared a ban on arms sales to countries that were "clearly implicated in supporting terrorism" but did not mention Libya by name.

The "Orange Standard" asks: What about the massive U.S. dollar aid by Irish-American sources for several years to the I.R.A. in Northern Ireland and the secrecy with which this operation has been surrounded?

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Fifty year certificates have been presented to three members of Glenn L.O.L. 255. Bro. John Walsh and Bro. Samuel McAnuff have each completed 50 years of membership of the Orange Order, while Bro. Samuel Kirkland has completed 55. The three, left to right, Bro. Walsh, Bro. Kirkland and Bro. McAnuff, are pictured displaying their certificates, with Bro. Ian Russell, WDM No. 10 District (seated left), Bro. H. J. Heslip, J.P., DDM No. 10 District (seated right) and standing left to right, Bro. Jim McClimmond, Secretary; Bro. Maxwell, Treasurer; Bro. Mayne McClelland, Chaplain; Bro. Robert Campbell, DM; and Bro. Norman Magill, WM. Photo: "The Outlook."

## British Treachery Sparks Off Orange Rebuff in Scotland

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from Orangemen across Scotland to the "treachery" of the British Government against Ulster Unionists through the Anglo Eire agreement.

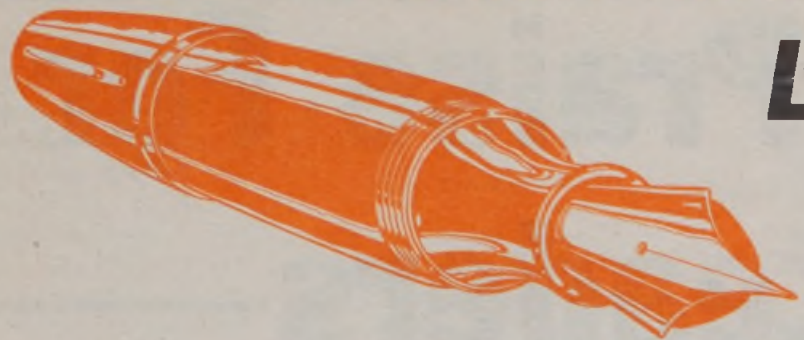
## "ADVICE GIVEN"

"While we have not given them any official instruction to end their membership we have given them advice. If they feel it is the end of the road and there is not turning back then the only honest thing is to resign.

"For the rest there is the alternative of doing something constructive and they must work in a constructive fashion within the Conservative branches to let their opinion on the Agreement be known", said Mr. Bryce.

Mr. William Henderson, director of the Conservative Central Office in Edinburgh, said: "Scottish Conservatives and Unionists understand the strong feeling that the Ulster situation evokes.

"However, the agreement received massive all-party support in the Commons and any accord that aims to alleviate the suffering and death that Northern Ireland had endured for far too long, deserves a chance of success".



## Letters to the Editor

### “Jailed for His Beliefs”

Sir,  
I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband, to draw your attention to his case. He is a member of the National Front, and his name is Joseph Pearce. He has been imprisoned for his beliefs and for telling the truth. In the magazine “Bulldog” which is now defunct he printed things such as Britain’s crime figures for the black population; also horrifying acts by the murdering I.R.A. For this he is currently serving a twelve month sentence. In the past national papers such as the “Sun” have been allowed to print racist items such as “The Black Bomber”.

In addition our young son has been persecuted for his father’s beliefs. The Vicars whom we’ve asked to Christen my son when he was six months old

refused to do so as my husband is a member of the National Front. We are still unable to get him Christened.

How can people be so wicked as to take their point of view out on a baby? Not only that, how can free speech still exist after this case. The police gained entry under false pretence, with a warrant for obscene publication. Under the Race Act there is no law for a search warrant. They took our belongings without giving us a receipt for them and proceeded to lose some of it, such as a photo of our daughter when she was a baby. I complained but nothing was done to return or replace the property they lost.

Yours Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Jeannie Pearce.  
50 Parsons Road,  
Croydon,  
Surrey, England.

### 203,000 Can’t Be Wrong!

Sir,  
I am indebted to Loyalist and Orangeman, Mr. James Annett, Jr., of Comber for sending me the December 1985-January 1986 issue of the “Orange Standard” in which I am pleased to note you have published an advertisement for “Cosmopolis” which I hope many of your readers will investigate for themselves.

Your frontispiece “203,000 — TIMES “NO”” is unforgettable for its evidence of the ultimately overwhelming (I hope) power of democratic consensus to overcome the rulings and actions of representative politicians or churchmen as such.

I hope that steps will be taken by one of your staff to send a sample copy to each of three persons in the world whose power and influence depends on merely part-society consensus rather than total consensus as befits a truly democratic and civilized state or community.

The three persons I have in mind are Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald and Pope John Paul in the Vatican.

I would remind each and all of these three persons that when they look at your front page spread they would ponder the significant fact that if they were to be PROMOTED in status to the common level of citizenship with these 203,000 their presence in the crowd (which would be unlikely, of course) would hardly be noticed.

108 Forthill Road,  
Broughty Ferry,  
Dundee.

Yours sincerely,  
Edward Graham Macfarlane.

## Conlig Orange Elections

Conlig Village Star L.O.L. No. 695 held its installation of officers on January 1.

The chair was occupied by Wor. Bro. W. Faulkner, D.D.M., Bangor, No. 18 District and Wor. Bro. D. Hamilton, District Treasurer was in the vice-chair.

Installed officers were as follows: Worshipful Master, W. Cousins; Deputy Master, O. Callaghan; Secretary, W. Friar; Treasurer, G. Martin; Lecturers, J. and D. Ballard; Committee: H. Reid, R. McCready, D. Coulter, P. Kinnear, and A. Millar; Tylers, T. Preston and H. Reid.

Brethren from visiting Lodges joined members of L.O.L. 695 for an enjoyable supper.

## Loyalist Rehousing Hits Serious Snag

Only a few weeks after a much publicised announcement that the Shankill area of Belfast was to get a long awaited housing boost of 1,300 houses over the next seven years came the bombshell that Housing Executive funds have been drastically cut, and that the housing new building programme in the Province is to be cut drastically.

Does this mean that the Shankill, with its large percentage of sub-standard houses, and its large open wastelands, where thriving communities once stood, is to face another very long delay before getting its fair share of the housing cake?

It will be a matter of concern for Orange, Unionist and Loyalist leaders in the coming months to ascertain just what the housing cuts mean to the Shankill and other loyalist



New accommodation.

districts of Belfast, and the Province generally.

A great deal of public money has gone into rehabilitating huge parts of the Roman Catholic districts — Lower Falls, Markets, New Lodge, Poleglass and Legmore, to name but a few.

There had been signs, after pressure by loyalist politician and community leaders, that Protestant areas were to receive some measure of equal treatment.

In fairness to the Executive, those houses already provided, in Donegall Pass, Manor Street, Newtownards Road and Duncairn, are of a good quality and greatly welcomed.

But there is a huge backlog to be made up, especially in the Shankill and Sandy Row, and it is these districts which are in most urgent need of housing.

In the rest of the Province, most concern is over the putting back of impending improvement and rehabilitation schemes in many areas. In Portadown, for example, improvement schemes for Woodside and Killicomaine, both loyalist estates, have been put back on several occasions, with most of the Housing Executive cash in the region channeled into the republican Churchill Park estate.

Now the Executive has yet another excuse for delaying the promised improvement schemes.

It is imperative that loyalist representatives give this housing matter the utmost priority in the weeks and months ahead, and the “Orange Standard” which has supported the housing need for some years, will be watching developments with interest.



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## Organisations Elect 1986 Officers

### Garvetagh R.B.P. Officers

Garvetagh Guiding Star R.B.P. 76 held their annual election of officers for 1986 in Garvetagh Orange Hall on Monday, 20th January.

Sir Knt. Alexander Patterson, W.D.M. of Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6 conducted the election, assisted by Sir Knt. Jack Burke, D.D.M. in the deputy chair.

Election resulted: W.M. John Lowry; D.M. Robert J. Montgomery; Chaplain, James A. Emery; Treasurer, William Adams; Registrar, William T. Montgomery.

Censors: James D. Lowry, Bertie Buchanan; Standard Bearers, James Young, Eric J. Robinson; Pursuivant, James A. Simpson.

Committee: Aelfryn Young (Foreman), Thompson Young, Thomas McMullan, Des Fyffe, Harold Sproule, David Lecky and Andrew Lowry.

### Lisleen R.B.P. Election

Lisleen R.B.P. No. 191 held their election of officers for 1986 in Ardbarron Orange Hall on Monday, 13th January.

Sir Knight, Alexander Patterson, W.D.M., Castlederg District Black Chapter No. 6 conducted the election and Sir Knt. James A. Emery, District Lay Chaplain, was in the vice-chair.

Elected were: W.M., J. J. Lowry; D.M., James Robinson; Chaplain, R. C. Verner; Treasurer, W. McKane; Registrar, Isaac Crilly; Deputy Registrar, B. Stewart; Lecturer, W. G. Sproule.

Censors, D. Emery, C. Keatley; Standard Bearers, J. Hunter and B. Stewart; Pursuivant, R. Nesbitt.

Committee: (Foreman) C. McConnell, W. Moore, B. Gilchrist, S. Moore, John Emery, Tom Young, and Jack Sproule.

## Markethill District RAPC Installation

The quarterly meeting of Markethill District R.A.P.C. No. 10 was held in Kilcluney Orange Hall, Markethill, on Wednesday, 22nd February, 1986, at 8.00 p.m.

A new District Registrar, Bro. Edgar Patterson, and a new Deputy District Treasurer, Bro. Stephen Rainey, were installed in office by Bros. Henry Emerson and Bertie Singleton of Armagh District R.A.P.C. No. 5.

Other Officers re-installed were: W.D.M., Bro. G. Cochrane; D.D.M., Bro. D. Alexander; Dist. Treasurer, Bro. K. Rainey; Dist. Chaplain, Bro. L. Singleton; and Dist. Lecturer, Bro. R. Gardiner.

Tributes were paid to the outgoing District Registrar, Bro. D. McCullough for his many years service to the District.

Arrangements were made for the annual District Service to be held on Sunday, 18th May, in Loughgilly Parish Church, the special speaker to be Bro. Rev. G. N. Little, rector of Aghaderg and Scarva.

The R.A.P.C. Degree was conferred on four candidates by Bros. R. Gardiner and D. Alexander, the Scriptures being read by Bro. F. Hetherington, Lurgross R.A.P.C. 620. Tea was served by members of Kilcluney R.A.P.C. 132.

## Twelve Ways to Kill a Lodge

1. Don't attend meetings.
  2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is over.
  3. Next day find fault with the Officers and Committees.
  4. Take no part in the Lodge's affairs.
  5. Be sure to sit at the back, so you can talk to a friend.
  6. Get all the Lodge will give you, but give nothing in return.
  7. Never ask anyone to join the Lodge.
  8. Talk co-operation, but never co-operate.
  9. If asked to help on anything, always say you haven't the time.
  10. Never accept an office; it's easier to criticise than to do anything.
  11. If appointed to a Committee, never give any time or service to it.
  12. Never do anything more than you have to; then, when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the cause along, yell and scream that the Lodge is run by a clique.
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