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Government bungling allows the IRA a free reign

Once again Northern Ireland, and the British taxpayer has paid a high price for inadequacies in the security policies, and the destruction of eight stores and shops and a factory in the Greater Belfast area in the IRA firebomb 'blitz' after Christmas is just the latest in a long catalogue of such events.

Coupled with the murders in the Lurgan and Brookeborough areas, and many other terrorist incidents throughout the Province, it underlines the need for a re-think on the part of the Government.

In saying this, it must be stressed that this criticism does not extend to the brave men and women of the security forces—Regular Army, UDR, RUC and RUC Reserve, who perform their tasks with such dedication and devotion.

It is the lack of leadership from the top which causes such anger on the part of Ulster people as they see their Province being blasted and their kith and kin bombed and shot.

The Government has no clear plan to defeat the IRA and remove its stranglehold from so many parts of the Province. If it had, then it would use the considerable forces at its

disposal to subdue the IRA strongholds, and would not hesitate to introduce internment, the strongest weapon available to it.

Time and time again it is stated in the media that the Army and RUC know who most of the terrorists are, and yet the Government turns away from the measure which would take these terrorists out of circulation and put them behind bars.

Recently in an interview in a cross-channel paper, an army officer spoke of his frustration when serving in a border area of Northern Ireland. He said that almost every day he passed men in the streets of small towns who he knew were shooting at his soldiers, and yet, because of lack of evidence

which would bring them to court, these terrorists were allowed to walk free—laughing as they walked past him in the street.

The frustration of that officer will be understood by every Ulster Unionist and loyalist, who have called for years for realistic measures to be introduced.

Far too often the Government ties the hands of the security forces, with the result that these forces can only respond to violence, and not nip it in the bud before it takes place.

COMMENT

It was ridiculous to read of the comment of one Northern Ireland Minister—recently appointed—after viewing the destruction of the Sprucefield complex on the outskirts of Lisburn. He described the IRA action as "stupid."

How wide off the mark he was. He could have used many adjectives to describe the holocaust, but "stupid" was not applicable. On the contrary, the IRA were carrying through the latest phase of their campaign to destroy the Ulster economy, to cause hardship to Ulster people, eliminate jobs, and deter any would-be in-

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The re-installed Grand Master of Ireland, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., with Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, Past Grand Secretary, and three new Deputy Grand Masters of Ireland, Wor. Bros. Tom Reid (Tyrone), William Foye (Cavan), and Mervyn Bishop (Belfast). (Picture: Ulster News Letter).



With "our lads" in the Gulf

Orangemen and Ulster loyalists are fully behind the Allies in their efforts to dislodge Saddam Hussein from Kuwait.

The contribution by "our lads" in the Gulf is in the best traditions of British soldiering and it is a fervent hope that hostilities will soon be brought to an end with the total defeat of the Iraqi leader and the destruction of his evil regime.

No state leader since Hitler in the last war has aroused such feelings of loathing and even in Iraq there is a strong feeling of resentment against Saddam Hussein and what he has done to the country.

A number of Orangemen are serving in the Gulf with the Irish and Scots' regiments. The prayers of all their brethren and families are with them and with their comrades in the just war that is being waged by the Allied forces.

The IRA, true to its cowardly tradition, will want to take advantage of the Gulf situation, and on January 21, its murder machine was in action at Brookeborough in Co. Fermanagh, where a retired RUC officer, 64-year-old Cullen Stevenson, was shot dead.



Young Philip Agnew joined the Orangemen for the Tercentenary service at Belfast City Hall on Saturday, December 29. Also present were the Orders' Executive Officer, Wor. Bro. George Patton and the Mayor of Newtownabbey, Bro. Fraser Agnew.

Grand Master stays on

Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, M.P., is to stay on as Grand Master of the Orange Order in Ireland.

Bro. Smyth was re-elected unanimously by members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland at the half-yearly meeting in the House of Orange on December 12, and after being given a standing ovation he pledged himself to a restructuring of the Order to meet the demands of the 1990s.

In September, Bro. Smyth indicated he would be standing down as Grand Master this year after holding the office since 1972. But pressure from senior colleagues and grassroots' membership persuaded him to remain in office.

More than 100 Orange leaders from all parts of Northern Ireland, Dublin, and the Eire border counties attended the meeting and they heard reports confirming the success of the various Tercentenary celebrations this year.

It had been a year of growth and expansion for Orangeism, said Bro. Smyth, who welcomed the formation of a new lodge at Ballintra in Co. Donegal and an increase in members in the various districts that straddle both sides of the Irish border.

He urged Orangemen and their families to re-affirm their commitment to the practice of their faith and the maintenance of the British link. He also called on the Government to provide proper safeguards for the people of the Province, particularly the law-abiding community in Co. Fermanagh who were being intimidated by the IRA into refusing to service the security forces.

Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, the former Grand Secretary of the Order, presided at the election of officers. He was assisted by a Past Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Sir George Clark, who said he had just completed 58 years in the Order.

Three new Deputy Grand Master of Ireland were elected: Wor. Bros. William Foye (Co. Cavan); Tom Reid (Co.

Tyrone), and Mervyn Bishop (Belfast). Bro. Melvin Hamilton (Co. Armagh) was elected Deputy Grand Secretary, while officers re-elected were: Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. John McCrea and Grand Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Colin Shilliday.

Cookstown Presbyterian minister and Co. Antrim Orangeman, Bro. the Rev. Wilbert Dunne was elected a Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Tempo dedication

A new bannerette has been unfurled and dedicated for Tempo District LOL No. 16 in Co. Fermanagh.

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New Orange Hall opened in Bushmills

A new Orange Hall in Bushmills was opened and dedicated on Saturday, December 15.

It replaces the older building which had fallen into disrepair and was demolished on being sold earlier this year.

The new structure is conveniently situated near the town centre car park, and the new hall can justifiably claim to be one of the finest in the Province.

The opening ceremony and dedication was carried out by the Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., Grand Master, who expressed thanks at being so honoured.

In a speech following the opening of the hall, Bro. Smyth accused both London and Dublin of hypocrisy towards Northern Ireland.

He said: "In the year which saw the United Kingdom welcoming and the world rejoicing in the growing democratisation of Central and Eastern Europe, the Westminster Government still withholds proper accountable democracy from Northern Ireland.

"The absence of a devolved

government is simply described as a vacuum, and churchmen and others blithely blame local politicians and say they are responsible for continuing I.R.A. and reactive loyalist violence.

"Yet the same United Kingdom Government withstands demands for proper local government and a Northern Ireland Select Committee.

"Military forces are despatched, in my opinion correctly to the Falklands and Gulf, yet full political and financial backing is not given to the defeat of terrorism at home.

"The hypocrisy of Gerry Collins in speaking of Ulster people wanting to go back to 1980 when his party still bore the military title of the third and fourth centuries, 'Soldiers of Destiny,' is laughable if it were not so serious.

"The apparent offer of Articles two and three on the table for negotiation is a travesty. These articles were on the table in 1985 when Margaret Thatcher signed the nefarious agreement. They have still to be changed.

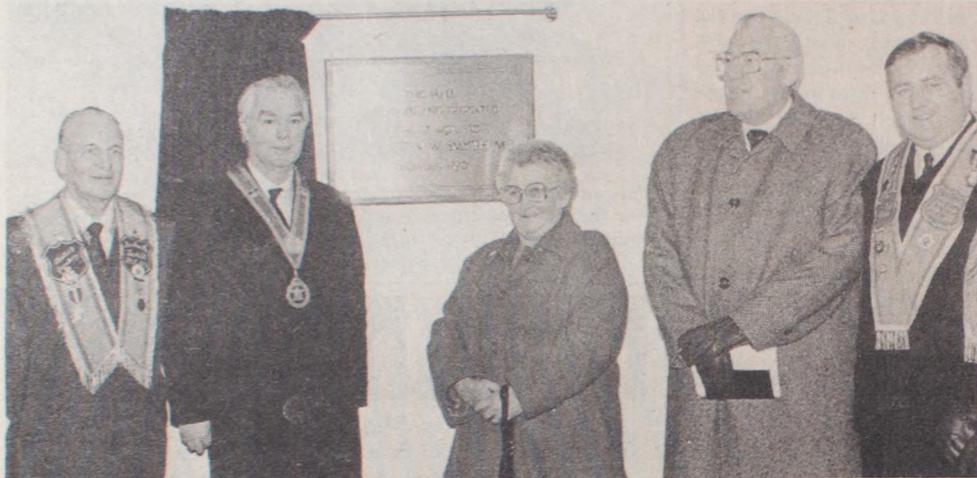
"They were within the Republic's own review to be changed in the era of Sean Lemass and Jack Lynch. The Progressive Democrats said they wanted them changed but voted against the recent resolu-



The new Orange Hall at Bushmills which was opened and dedicated.



The platform party at Bushmills. Addressing the gathering is the chairman, Bro. Samuel Thompson, District Secretary, Bushmills No. 21.



Pictured at the unveiling ceremony are (from left): Bro. Samuel Thompson, District Secretary, Bushmills No. 21; Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, MP, Grand Master of Ireland; Mrs. Edith Thompson; Rev. Dr. Ian Paisley, North Antrim MP; Bro. Robert McIlroy, WDM and County Antrim Grand Secretary.

tion in the Dail for such a change."

DISMAY

"During the year also, support for, and at the same time dismay was evidenced at the flight of refugees seeking a better life in Western Europe.

"However, many seem to have missed the thousands of Irish people fleeing to the United Kingdom for economic and social betterment to avoid the restrictions of the Republic's Constitution.

"How then can either Dublin or London conceive that the British people of Northern Ireland could ever vote themselves, or allow

themselves to be pushed into such a country even under the guise of Confederation.

"The year 1990 for Orangemen will be remembered amidst the tragedy and the tears, as the year when many of our people rediscovered their roots. The opening of this hall re-affirms our confidence.

"This confidence is firmly based in the Prince of Peace, our Sovereign Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ — as we also remember His wondrous Incarnation. He is still 'Immanuel, God with us'."

The address was given by Bro. the Rev. A. A. Johns, chaplain of Bushmills District Lodge 21, who took for his text

"Choose you this day whom you will serve." (Jos. 24, 15).

"Each and every one of us here today must also realise that we too must make a hard and difficult decisions at times.

"Joshua told the Israelites so in the passage of Scripture from which our text today is taken.

"They had come a long way and entered their Promised Land. They were ready to settle down more comfortably, having defeated so many of the peoples of Canaan over quite a long period.

"All is not well in our land today. The evil things that we face are not so very different from those evils. That time Israelites had to face in the time of Joshua.

DISCOURAGE

"There is much to discourage and cause fear and dismay. Ungodliness is rampant. Murder and hate and unbridled, unlimited, lust abound.

"But let us take heart. We know the principles and the values for which our churches and our Institution stand.

"May this hall long remain as a symbol to encourage and strengthen us at all times, and continue for future generations as a memorial to the faith and encourage those who have built it," said Mr. Johns.

North Antrim MP, the Rev. Ian R. K. Paisley also addressed those present. The key to open the hall was handed to Bro. Smyth by Mrs. Edith Thompson, wife of Bro. S. Thompson, district secretary, Bushmills.

PRESENTATIONS

A presentation of an inscribed silver tray was made to Bro. Smyth by Bro. Martin Neill on behalf of the hall committee.

Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. R. McIlroy, wife of Bro. Robert McIlroy, WDM and County Grand Secretary, by Bro. Norman Thompson, secretary of the hall committee.

There was a parade of the town by the local and district lodges and bands at the conclusion of the proceedings, following which all took part were entertained to tea.

Others who took part at the platform party were: Bro. the Rev. I. McLean, chaplain, Ballymena District No. 8; Bro. Rev. Canon W. D. F. Moore, chaplain, Rasharkin District No. 5; Bro. Rev. John Brown, past County Grand Master, and Chancellor F. G. Guy.

OBITUARY: Bro. Rev. William James Beggs

A Presbyterian minister who was a leading East Antrim Orangeman, has died aged 79.

The Rev. William James Beggs, lived at Islandmagee Road, Whitehead.

Born at Crossgate, Milebush, Bro. Beggs spent 40 years in the teaching profession and after his retirement trained for the ministry.

He attended Loughmourne School, and then to the Model School in Carrickfergus. After attending Belfast Technical School, he graduated from Stranmillis Training College in 1930.

His first teaching post was at the Model School, where he taught until 1939. He taught at the old Albert Road School until 1945, and then moved to Straid Public Elementary school, where he remained until his retirement in 1970.

Following his retirement,

Bro. Beggs went to study at the Faculty of Theology at Queen's University, gained a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

In 1976 he became the assistant minister at First Larne Presbyterian Church, staying there until 1978 when he received a call to the congregations of Fourtowns and Poyntzpass, ministering there for 10 years and retiring in 1988.

On his return to the area he rejoined the Loughmourne Presbyterian congregation, and was made an elder.

Bro. Beggs was a member of the Home Guard during the war, and in June of this year he organised a 50th anniversary reunion of the East Antrim Home Guards in Carrickfergus.

He was also keenly interested in the historical Carrickfergus pageant and a

leading figure in Orange circles.

Bro. Beggs was district chaplain of Carrickfergus District LOL, and served also as County Grand Chaplain of the Co. Antrim Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland, and District Chaplain of the Carrick Orange Widow's Fund, Carrick District LEMOOS, and chaplain of John Cross Memorial LOL 1562.

He was also a foundation member of St. George's Masonic Lodge 1016.

The funeral service for Rev. Beggs was held in Loughmourne Presbyterian Church and he was afterwards interred in the neighbouring cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, and brothers David and Noel.



Family share-out

Six members of a Portadown Orange lodge have been presented with 50-year medals, and five of them belong to the same family. They are members of Derrykeevan Temperance LOL No. 352, and five of them were presented with the jewels at a recent meeting — the sixth, Bro. Tom Allen was absent because of illness. Those who were present were Bros. Alfie, Cecil, Jacob and Tom Benson, and Gabriel Jackson, and they are pictured above after the ceremony.

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The Battle of the Diamond

It was in the late 1700s, during a period of communal strife, that the Protestant population in Co. Armagh was being subjected not only to the destruction of its property but also to murder and maiming.

In 1788, the Defenders, the Roman Catholic organisation, instituted a boycott of Protestants.

And, in 1795, the Archbishop of Armagh and Lord Charles Beresford were attacked by the Defenders.

Protestants were compelled, for their own safety, to form themselves into companies to travel to market and return home without fear of molestation.

The Defenders in Monaghan, Cavan and Tyrone were so numerous that they staged a big foray and cattle raid into Co. Armagh, passing Loughgall.

On September 18, they took control of a gravel pit in Annaghmore and of Faughart

Hill, which overlooks the tiny hamlet of the Diamond.

In charge of this banditti was "Captain" Quigley or O'Coigley.

All this activity alerted the Protestants of the area, and James Verner, of Vernersbridge, hearing of the fight, sent a party of the North Mayo Militia stationed in Dungannon to the Diamond.

By the time they arrived, peace had been temporarily restored and the militia withdrew.

On September 18, at Teaguy, a Defender was killed, an incident that day which was followed by a meeting in the home of Mr. Atkinson at Crow Hill.

Present were Archdall Cope, his brother Robert and three Roman Catholic priests, the

Revs. Taggart, McParland, and Trainor.

Suggested terms for a truce were discussed, but a dispute arose as to who should lay down their arms first.

The Protestants claimed the Defenders were in breach of the law in having arms at all and should lay down their weapons first.

But Fr. Taggart countered this argument, declaring that they must "fight it out."

Mr. Atkinson replied "with all my heart."

The die was now effectively cast, and at 5 a.m. on the 21st, the Battle of the Diamond—which was to have a major effect on Irish history in succeeding generations—began with a general attack by the Defenders on the Winters' cottage home.

"Diamond Dan" and his sons gallantly held their ground until the thatched roof of their

house was set on fire. Finally, they were forced to join their compatriots on the hill outside.

The Protestants triumphed—leaving 48 Defenders lying dead.

Some of them were not found until the fields of grain were reaped later.

When the smoke of battle had subsided, the jubilant Protestants assembled nearby.

With uplifted hands, they thanked God for their deliverance and vowed to form a society for their mutual defence and protection.

Thus it was that Orangeism took root and today it operates in four of the five continents.

From those origins, the Orange Order commands support more widely than at any time in its history.

The demonstration by 80,000 Orangemen from all over the world in Belfast last year, marking the Tercentenary of the Battle of the Boyne, was striking evidence of that fact.

Government grant for Orange interpretative centre

By Douglas Sloan.

Stormont Minister, Dr. Brian Mawhinney has travelled to snow-covered Co. Armagh to uncover a £75,000 historical and cultural package.

The Minister, with responsibility for community relations, made the announce-

ment of the Orange Order and its impact on Protestant heritage.

The Minister was welcomed to the Diamond by Ulster Society officials and members of the Winter family, headed by Mr. Derek Winter and his wife Hilda.

"The Cultural Traditions

"The development of the projects is aimed at the whole community to increase mutual understanding through objective analysis of historical events and to encourage dialogue, particularly amongst young people, about historical events which previously proved divisive."

heritage in its rich and varied forms, embracing language, drama, poetry, music, folklore, symbolism and history.

The study is being carried out by a firm of consultants and the results are expected to be available after Easter.

Present at the ceremony were Ulster Society general manager Mr. Ronnie Hanna and chairman, Mr. Gordon Lucy.

The 200-year-old cottage has not been occupied since a home was built nearby for the Winter family about 40 years ago.

Dr. Mawhinney said the financial package was important both in terms of community relations and cultural traditions.

He stressed the importance of people knowing what actually happened in history as opposed to what many people



William returns home for parades

Sir Knt. William Livingstone, P.M. of Victoria Memorial RBP 550, encamped at Shankill Road, in Belfast, made his first visit home for the Tercentenary parades. Sir Knt. Livingstone emigrated to Wellington, New Zealand in March, 1975, where he joined King David RBP 395. At the Tercentenary parades he walked with his mother Lodge, Wm. Kirk Memorial LOL 1213, on July 12, and with his mother Preceptory to Carrickfergus on the Last Saturday in August. He was presented with his 40-year long service medal at the September meeting of RBP 550 by Rt. Wor. Sir Knt. William Logan, (left), Past Asst. Sovereign Grand Master.



Government Minister, Dr. Brian Mawhinney outside Dan Winter's cottage.

at the Diamond, a few miles from Loughgall where on September 21, 1795, the Battle of the Diamond took place.

The battle was fought and won by Protestant yeomen against The Defenders, a rebellious Roman Catholic movement.

One of the most important consequences of the battle was the establishment of the Orange Order.

Dr. Mawhinney, sitting by a blazing log fire in the cottage once owned by Dan Winter, said the money will help promoted projects "which will portray aspects of Protestant culture."

These will include an investment appraisal of an interpretive centre at the cottage where the first Orange lodge warrant was taken out.

The centre's aim will be to provide an information and educational facility on the

Programme which I launched in 1989 has made a significant contribution to greater mutual understanding about the different traditions in Northern Ireland," said Dr. Mawhinney.

"The aim is to encourage interest and appreciation of cultural diversity which need not be threatening or divisive to any community."

The funding from the Cultural Traditions Programme will also enable the Society to engage two officers for three years.

One will handle publications and the other will undertake an oral history project on the life and culture of Protestants living in the border area.

"This latest series of grants to the Ulster Society is to support publications and studies which portray cultural traditions from a British-Ulster perspective," said Dr. Mawhinney.

Commenting on the feasibility study relating to the cottage, he said: "The site where the Orange Order was founded has historic importance for a large section of the Northern Ireland community."

"With sensitive planning it should be possible to establish a centre which would prove an interpretive and educational facility which everyone could use to explore the diversity and richness of part of our cultural history."

"Obviously the study which we are funding would keep uppermost the wishes of the Winter family, and I am



Dr. Brian Mawhinney is shown around Dan Winter's cottage at Loughgall by Mr. Derek Winter, a descendant of the late 18th century hero. (Pictures: Courtesy of Ulster News Letter).

grateful to them for allowing the study to go ahead."

The Ulster Society was established in June 1985 to promote an awareness and appreciation of a distinctive Ulster-British culture and had heard or believed happened.

He was encouraged by what he called the willing co-operation of the Winter family and the Ulster Society with regard to his plans for an interpretive centre at the cottage.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Winter, Dr. Mawhinney inspected several artefacts which have survived from the 1795 battle.

Before leaving for morning tea he signed the visitors' book.

The book first came into use over 30 years ago, and among the signatures which it contains is that of the late Dr. Richard Hayward.

Dr. Hayward was an author and sometime Ulster film star.

He wrote after his signature that he was a member of Eldon

LOL No. 7 Belfast.

The original No. 7, Breagh Leading Heroes, sits at Breagh, a few miles away under the jurisdiction of Portadown District LOL No. 1.

Dr. Hayward also wrote that he was a member of LOL No. 1994.

Mr. Derek Winter said he was very pleased with the proposal to establish the interpretive centre at the Diamond.

He was also optimistic about the interest the centre would generate.

A direct descendant of "Diamond Dan," he is the fifth generation of the Winter family who have owned the historic cottage since the 1795 battle.

He said that since the modern building was erected the cottage, in which he was born and raised, has been used for storage purposes and killing turkeys for the Christmas market.

It is anticipated that the proposed centre will be fully operational by September 1995 when the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland will be marking the bicentenary of the formation of the Orange Institution.



Dr. Brian Mawhinney signs the visitors' book at Dan Winter's cottage in the presence of Derek Winter.

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R.A.P.C. gift for U.D.R. benevolent fund

Wor. Bro. Kenneth Watson, Grand Master of the Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland, and leading R.A.P.C. officers with Major H. J. F. Potter, M.B.E., Regional Secretary of the UDR Benevolent Fund. Bro. Watson, on behalf of the Chapter, presented a £700 cheque to Major Potter for the fund. The money was raised from the R.A.P.C. Tercentenary service last year. (Picture: Allan McCullough).

Credit Union expands along the border

Two Credit Unions, affiliated to the British based National Federation of Credit Unions, have been formed to serve Orange brethren and their families in the South Down and South Tyrone areas.

Frontier Credit Union will support brethren in Carlingford Lough and Newry Districts.

Annahoe Credit Union will operate in the Aughnacloy and Ballygawley area.

Shortly after the formation of Annahoe Credit Union another one was started in Stewartstown District. This brings the total to seven Orange Districts in Tyrone with their own Credit Union.

Considering that there are 15 Districts in Tyrone, the achievement of the Tyrone brethren is magnificent.

The Credit Union movement, as far as the National Federation of Credit Union goes, is expanding quite rapidly throughout the Province.

A large number of them are operating through Orange Districts and Halls. The benefits to brethren, their families and communities are enormous and the potential far reaching. The N.F.C.U. has absolutely no connection with the Dublin-based Irish League of Credit Unions.

For further details and information please contact Mr. George Patton, House of Orange, Dublin Road, Belfast.

Eire presidential election dispelled a few myths

If evidence were needed of Northern Ireland's separate identity as a place apart from the rest of the island of Ireland, it was surely provided in the reaction of Eire people to the election of President.

It is generally agreed that Fine Gael blundered badly by selecting Austin Currie as their runner in the presidential contest. Not because of any inadequacy on the part of Mr. Currie as a candidate, or shortcomings as a politician.

No, the reason clearly put by electors interviewed on radio and television in the days leading up to the election was that they just could not accept Mr. Currie because he was a Northerner.

Several people admitted quite candidly that they regarded Northern Ireland and its people as a place apart from the rest of the island.

"Mr. Currie is a very fine person, but is not a 26-County man, and somehow it doesn't seem right that a person who is not from the 26 counties should be our president," was how one person interviewed put it.

Those comments will not sound pleasant to politicians in Northern Ireland who yearn for a united Ireland, or indeed for the anti-partitionist section of the population generally, but the fact is that nearly 70 years of partition in Ireland have cemented the divisions to the point where two separate states not only exist, but the situation is recognised by most people in the south of the island.

Ireland, in fact, has been divided by attitudes and

loyalties long before the partition of 1921 and the decision of 26 counties to break away from the rest of the United Kingdom.

It did not require a physical barrier in the centuries prior to partition to reveal the fact that the people in the North of Ireland took a different stand, and had a different viewpoint on many aspects than those of the south of Ireland.

MAJORITY

Since the Plantation of Ulster, the vast majority of people in the North have been separated by religion from those of the rest of the island.

Interestingly enough, the political divisions have not always run as deep, and there was a strong pro-United Kingdom outlook in the south until the early part of this century.

Just look at photographs showing Royal visits to Dublin, Kingstown and other cities in the South of Ireland in the early 1900s. Queen Victoria and her son King Edward both received enthusiastic and loyal receptions on their visits to their Irish capital, and the thronged flag-bedecked streets bear testimony to that fact.

Republicanism, in fact, from the defeat of the 1798 Rebellion had been dormant until the early part of this century. Home Rule agitation had been in favour of a mild form of local government self-rule in Dublin, but with the British link still firmly retained.

Unfortunately events prior to the First World War led to the rise of Sinn Fein, and that movement seized the political initiative from constitutional nationalism during and immediately after the end of the Great War.

That, of course is past history, and it would be unrealistic to imagine that the path taken by the Irish Republic can be reversed, and that at some future date the 26 counties might seek to return to the United Kingdom fold.

But it is also equally unrealistic to presume that Ulster can be detached from its position within the United

Kingdom and pushed into the Republic of Ireland.

Those who hanker after such an unrealistic solution do their cause, or that of the people of Ireland no good at all. Far better for them to face up to the facts, as the voters who rejected Mr. Currie have done, and acknowledge that Ireland now consists of two separate States, with their own ethos.

FRIENDLY

That does not mean that the two States cannot have friendly relationships. Northern Ireland has never sought anything different, and premiers James Craig and Basil Brooke always endeavoured to promote friendship with the rest of the island, a fact which has been ignored by those who claim that it was only in the 1960s when Terence O'Neill became premier that such attempts were made.

The fact is that the overtures by Craig and Brooke were rejected by regimes in the South which tried to pretend that Northern Ireland did not exist.

If talks do take place on the future of Northern Ireland, they must start with the

acceptance on the part of everyone that the Province and the overwhelming majority of its people still prefer to remain part of the United Kingdom, and not be under Dublin rule.

Unionist leader Bro. James Molyneux made this point recently and it cannot be stressed too often. Ulster's future is not open to negotiation as far as its sovereignty is concerned, and that is certainly not an item on the agenda.

Ulster nationalist politicians, including the SDLP must accept that fact — a fact which is accepted by most people who live south of the border, and who rejected Austin Currie for the simple reason that they regarded him as an "outsider."

If and when talks do take place between constitutional parties on the future of Northern Ireland, the Unionist position will be firm and unyielding — Ulster's position within the United Kingdom is not open to negotiation.

In this realism the Unionists will be backed by one million Protestants, a large section of Roman Catholics in the Province, and indeed, perhaps unknowingly, by those Southern votes who rejected Austin Currie because they felt he was "not one of us" — an outsider from Northern Ireland.

A lifetime of service

The members of Lisnaskea "Purple Star" LOL No. 895 recently presented a 50-year service jewel to their Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. William Wilson, who was initiated a member of the Order in Armagh Manor LOL No. 434 on May 2, 1934.

Bro. Wilson was transferred to LOL 895 in July, 1949 and became Deputy Master in 1953, holding this office for 15 years until he was elected to the office of WM, an office which he still holds.

Bro. Wilson has been a member of Lisnaskea District LOL No. 4 for 50 years and has been Deputy District Master for the past 40 years.

He is still an active Royal Arch Purple lecturer and is an enthusiastic member and a Past Master of Lisnaskea "True Blues" Royal Black Perceptory No. 183, in which he holds the office of first lecturer.

The presentation was made by Wor. Bro. Victor Lynn, DGMI, District Secretary of Lisnaskea District Lodge.

The photograph shows Wor. Bro. Lynn congratulating Bro. Wilson (left) after the presentation.



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Aussies still loyal to the Crown

Ulster Unionist leader, Jim Molyneux has praised Australia's attachment to the United Kingdom amidst the growing influence of the European Community.

Speaking to businessmen in Melbourne, on January 8, Bro. Molyneux said Australia and New Zealand was now being rewarded for their persistence with the realisation that the British Government is in danger of being reduced to an advisory role in a European Super State.

"Australians and New Zealanders are now being joined by the re-emerging nations of eastern Europe whose proud national identities are asserting themselves and setting an example in the west who have slumbered too long," he said.

"The inevitable restoration of a European family stretching from Biscay to the Urals and the economic revolution which will result from the GATT negotiations will re-open world markets to Australians in a world unshackled from the crazy membership rules of a mafia which quite wrongly calls itself the European Community, when it is less than half of Europe."

Cowardly IRA killers condemned

The Ulster Clubs has branded the killers of Reserve Constable Wilfred Wethers in Lurgan just before Christmas as "contemptible cowards" and said the murder was the IRA's Christmas present to the people of Lurgan.

The Club said that the murder highlighted the scandalous security situation whereby a handful of active IRA terrorists, estimated by Government sources to number no more than 300, can hold the Province to ransom in this manner.

"There are approximately 30,000 members of the security forces serving in the Province and we believe that, with the necessary will and determination from our political masters, the vast resources available could be used to crush the IRA.

"Of course, this will never be allowed to happen while the Dublin Government has an input into the affairs of the Province by means of the Anglo-Irish Diktat and so are able to veto any suggestion of a more effective security policy.

"Only when the dead hand of Dublin has been removed and Ulstermen placed in charge of the Province's security will peace be restored to our land and tragedies such as this foul murder prevented," said the Ulster Clubs' statement.

New booklet

The Education Committee of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has just published a 44-page booklet.

Titled "The Glorious Revolution," the book is written by Cecil Kilpatrick

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The County Grand Master of Belfast, Wor. Bro. John McCrea closes the Tercentenary year at a service at Belfast City Hall on December 29.

Services mark end of Tercentenary year

The Orange Order ended its Tercentenary year with a parade and thanksgiving service at Belfast City Hall on Saturday morning, December 29.

Taking part were the Grand Master of Ireland, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P.; the Grand Secretary Wor. Bro. John McCrea, and the Order's Executive Officer, Wor. Bro. George Patton. They were joined by several hundred other brethren.

The service was organised by Banner of the Cross LOL No. 1310 from Belfast. Speakers included Bro. the Rev. Ronald R. Johnstone, District Master of Belfast District LOL No. 2 and minister of Moneyislane Free Presbyterian Church in Rathfriland, and Congregational minister Bro. the Rev. W. J. Malcolmson, District Chaplain of Shankill District LOL No. 9, Belfast.

Meanwhile, a Tercentenary charity praise service was held in Gilford Orange Hall on Sunday night (December 30). The praise at the service, organised by Gilford District LOL No. 13, was led by Banbridge and Poyntzpass Silver Bands.



Grand Master, Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., with Bro. the Rev. Ronald Johnstone and Wor. Bro. James Heyburn, Deputy District Master of Ballymacarrett District LOL No. 6, at the Belfast City Hall service on December 29.



Belfast Orangemen on December 29, marching to the service to mark the end of the Orange Order's Tercentenary year.

Order members are 'realists'

Grand Master, Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, M.P., said a stone unveiling ceremony in Dromore proved that members of the Orange Order were not triumphalists but realists.

The stone, at the town's Orange Hall, records a skir-

mish between the forces of King William and King James outside Dromore on March 14, 1690 and Bro. Smyth pointed out that on that occasion the Williamites were defeated.

The ceremony, by Lower Iveagh District LOL No. 1, marked the end of the tercentenary year celebrations.

Greencastle brethren to build from the ashes

Sam Toan stood in the burnt out shell that was once Greencastle Orange Hall in North Belfast and vowed the vandals would not win.

The 60-year-old hall was gutted in an arson attack in the early hours of Sunday morning, December 16, and left the area without an Orange hall for the first time since it was destroyed by a German bomb in the last war.

"It was rebuilt then and we will build it again this time," said Bro. Toan, chairman of the Hall committee.

The blaze was spotted shortly before 1.10 a.m. on Sunday, December 16 by a police patrol which alerted the fire brigade. However, by the time they arrived it had engulfed the main body of the hall.

Police believe the intruders gained entry by a small window at the rear of the building. It is not clear how the fire was started, but early reports from people in the area that incendiary devices were used have been discounted. Damage assessors were due to visit the hall yesterday, but Bro. Toan believes the building will have to be demolished.

"The walls are unsafe because of the fire and the whole lot will have to come down. We have been totally sickened by this," he said.

Bro. Toan said he had his own ideas about who was responsible for the incident and blamed the changing make-up of the area.

"This always used to be a predominantly Protestant

area, but with a lot of people having moved into the area from inner Belfast the majority are now Roman Catholic.

"We always had a good relationship with the Roman Catholics who lived here originally and many of them have been in touch with me to express sympathy, but this is probably the work of a couple of young lads."

Church officials of the nearby parochial hall offered its facilities for any functions which were held before Christmas.

The Greencastle Hall has been the target for vandals in the past, but has never suffered anything more serious than graffiti daubing. On this occasion, however, the arsonists managed to get into the hall

and it is believe at least five separate fires were started.

A bid had been made to burn a new Royal Black Institution banner which was purchased by the lodge last year at a cost of £1,200. Several flags were also torn.

Wor. Bro. John McCrea, Belfast Grand Master of the Order who visited the hall, said: "The season of goodwill and peace to all men obviously does not exist in the depraved minds of the republican arsonists who attacked the hall." The lodge, he said, would continue to flourish and witness for Orangeism in the area.

Bro. McCrea later reported his findings on the damage to Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master of the Orange Order in Ireland, who also condemned the attack.

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Junior Grand Master elected

A new Grand Master has been elected for the Junior Orangemen in Ireland.

At the annual meeting of the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, held in Ballymacarrett Orange Hall, Wor. Bro. Thomas R. Haire was elected Grand Master.

The serving Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Kenneth Wilson indicated that he wished to relinquish office. Others elected were Bro. James Conly, Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. David Lowry as Deputy Grand Secretary.

Bro. Haire was installed to the position of Deputy Grand Secretary at the inauguration of the Junior Grand Lodge on March 29, 1974 in Sandy Row Orange Hall and then became Grand Secretary. Prior to his elevation he served as Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master is the Superintendent of Young Men's Junior LOL 76 and a Past District Master of Ballymacarrett Junior District. He is



also chairman of the McCrea Memorial Trust, having succeeded the late Wor. Bro. William Boal who, incidentally, was the first Grand Master of the Junior Grand Lodge.

To ensure that the momentum of 1990 is not lost a conference is to be called for early in 1991 to raise the profile of the Juniors and to enlist more senior brethren to become more involved in what we hope to be the Orangemen of the future.

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Wor. Bro. Alex McShane, Deputy County Grand Master of Down, with Belfast brethren: Wor. Bro. Tom Haire (WDM Ballymacarrett District LOL No. 6), Bro. James Heyburn (DDM Ballymacarrett District LOL No. 6), and Bro. James Mawhinney (Treasurer Sandy Row District LOL No. 5).



Wor. Bro. James Molyneaux, M.P., in the company of Bro. Councillor Jim Guy, Londonderry; Bro. Councillor Edward Turner (Chairman of Strabane District Council), and Wor. Bro. Jackie Dolan, (Mayor of Limavady).

Four hundred attend glittering banquet at City Hall

The Orange Order's Tercentenary celebrations reached a climax on Saturday night, December 1, at a glittering banquet in Belfast City Hall. More than 400 guests, including many of Ulster's mayors and district council chairman, attended the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland banquet. The civic leaders were joined by Orangemen and their wives from all over Northern Ireland and the Eire border counties of Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan, and Monaghan.

Representatives of industry, commerce, and press and media were also present. The main speakers were the Grand Master of Ireland, Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., and Ulster Unionist Party leader, Wor. Bro. James Molyneaux, M.P., who said the Orange Order had played a significant part in the development of prosperity in Northern Ireland.

"The Order had projected the Protestant ethic of honesty and hard work. It is in line with the new Prime Minister Mr. John Major's theme of a classless society," said Bro. Molyneaux.

"The Orange family thinks in global terms. It understood the folly of pulling down some barriers, only to double the height of others," he added.

Bro. Smyth said the motto of Orangeism was not simply 'No surrender.'

Recalling William's proclamation during the Glorious Revolution—'I Will Maintain,' Bro. Smyth said: "We will maintain in this Province the heritage given to us."

He disputed the claim that

his organisation was "triumphalist" and said more often the attitude of those who were opposed to Orangeism was triumphalist.

"The average Orangeman and woman is made of firmer stuff," said Bro. Smyth, expressing the belief that if the Orange Order was gone tomorrow the Ulster community would still be divided.

"Orangeism, stand for positive religion, not a negative religion. In our tradition we are aware of something better and something different. That what happened 300 years ago was a legacy to the free world. I thank God for being born in Ulster and being associated with the Orange family."

Other speakers were Wor.

Bro. Sir George Clark, a Past Grand Master of Ireland, and Wor. Bro. Alfred E. Lee, County Grand Master of Londonderry.

After dinner, the guests enjoyed a programme of entertainment with a distinctive Orange flavour.

The prize-winning Corcrain Flute Band from Portadown was in top form with a musical programme that varied from tunes from the Orange songbook to light opera, Irish medleys, and songs from the shows. Comper was Moy comedian Ian Coulter, who introduced Bakerloo Junction, the Lambeg drummers and fifers of Waringtown LOL No. 83, and veteran Belfast singer Bro. Francie McCall.



Wor. Bro. Walter Williams with his wife Laura.

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Government bungling

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dustrialist or businessman thinking of investing in the Province.

In IRA thinking this destruction represents success and causes their strategists delight. It is fulfilling their objectives of making the Province an industrial wasteland, so they cannot be described as stupid. It is folly for Government

representatives to imagine that this is the case, and it is time that they consulted the people who really know the score — the ordinary Ulstermen and women who have first-hand knowledge of the IRA and its tactics, and who know best how to defeat the aims and objects of the organisation.

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Martin Smyth's contribution to Orangeism

There has to be a comment on the Comment of last issue written of the decision of the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, not to seek re-election to the office. Two meetings of senior officers and County Grand Masters were held to consider the approaching situation and in the hope of finding a suitable successor whom they could present to Grand Lodge for its consideration. As the office is filled annually it is always in the competence of the Grand Lodge to propose a name or names from the floor of the house regardless of any such nomination. Because the meetings did not produce an acceptable nominee, Central Committee appealed to Bro. Smyth to change his mind and to stand for re-election. And so for the second time in eight years he was pressed to stay on. On the nomination of the Central Committee, Bro. Smyth was re-elected without opposition and with prolonged applause from a Grand Lodge "full house" on December 12, at the House of Orange. In what happened, there is unquestionably a recognition of the ability of the Grand Master and an acknowledgment of his very considerable contribution to Irish Orangeism. Whatever other implications appear from the situation now resolved, it must be an imperative on Orangemen as they enter a new decade to back him and the leadership to the full extent of their capacity to support the Orange cause. The vote of confidence can only be meaningful if the membership represented at Grand Lodge makes the same commitment and endorses it by their words and actions.

such that its success appears to be ensured. It will be guaranteed when the general public discover the usefulness of a pictorial representation of a momentous year in Ulster and for Orangeism everywhere; and as an educational medium for the better understanding of Irish history. Compliment was paid at Grand Lodge to the professionals who had produced the film and especially to the Grand Master for inspiring the project and Rt. Wor. Bro. Colin Shilliday, Grand Treasurer, who in two years in the office has shown a remarkable enthusiasm for the well-being of the Order, for strenuously pushing its sales. Thanks to him for his work was expressed in a standing ovation.

cottage which has its proud place in the history of Irish Orangeism and the Battle of the Diamond which started it all. The Ulster Society in its short history has done much by exhibitions, publications, expeditions, lectures and talks to make people, here and elsewhere, fully aware of the history of the country. Working from Brownlow House, Lurgan, its ability to perform the tasks to which it is committed is unquestioned. It has the advantage of being a non-political organisation. Its interests are historical and cultural. And it calls on people with professional and experiential competence to educate and enlighten the rest of us on subjects of which we should not be ignorant. The efforts which the Society makes to cover the country with its events show a willingness to meet people where they are. We look forward to seeing something of the new projects which this money will allow them to take in hand.

The IRA's scorched earth policy

The evil intentions of the IRA were illustrated again with the burning out of businesses as its New Year greeting to the people of Northern Ireland. Minister of State Richard Needham's attack on the IRA deserves mention for its vehemence and its display of an anger felt by every good citizen at such an inferno of destruction. He asked who do these people think they are when they destroy businesses and take away jobs and impoverish people. He made a personal attack on Gerry Adams, the West Belfast M.P. and Sinn Fein leader, who is constantly demanding more investment for the provision of more employment in West and North Belfast, for supporting those who are guilty of the atrocities which threaten the lives and livelihoods of many people. He asked was Adams saying that the IRA would not burn out a business in his selected parts of Belfast, but nowhere else would be left untouched. Needham highlighted the stupidity of the situation and in commendable language than that usually employed by spokesmen of the Northern Ireland Office.

Looking forward to the year 2000

The Loyal Orange Lodge of Research No. 1994 is sponsoring a first of its kind day conference in Craigavon Civic Centre on Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Titled "The Orange Order Towards 2000," it will deal with subjects of continuing concern to Irish Orangeism. There will be lectures on the religious, political, economical, and administrative needs and aspirations of the Institution and a panel will operate an "Any Questions" session. The lodge which has served the Order for some 26 years with its across-the-Province membership, is determined that the conference will be managed skilfully, and effectively. It is expected that district, county and Grand Lodge will sponsor delegates to an agreed number. There is the promise that the papers read at the conference will be published for the benefit of delegates and readers generally. As we anticipate a deal of publicity for the event we use this opportunity to commend the initiative of the lodge and to hope for another success for it. This must be the time to congratulate its most energetic secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Kenneth Watson, P.M., Grand Master of the Royal Arch Purple Chapter, on his election as County Grand Master of Antrim. One thing is assured, Bro. Watson will give the kind of commitment to this very important office that he gives unreservedly to the others he holds. A man of integrity and sensitivity, the Institution is being most perceptive when it puts its reliance on him. Such men, always few on the ground, have been invaluable to this organisation, even though in the nature of things they are never fully appreciated.

Presentation of the Order's case in the 1990s

The undoubted success of the Institution in its Tercentenary celebrations has given it a new impetus with which to go into the future with energy and originality. The plans for the way ahead are taking shape—there was references to a few of them at Grand Lodge—and they show an adventurous of spirit which promises progress in new directions before long. One of the new ventures has appeared in the production of the Tercentenary video, a most ambitious project demanding large financial commitment and a strong sense of responsibility for publicising the Institution in modern style. The reception of the video has been

Recognising the Orange tradition

Another Government minister, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, announced on January 9, a gift of £75,000 to the Ulster Society to be used in researching, collating and preserving what is important for the proper understanding of Protestant culture of Ireland. The intention, as he explained, was to make it plain that that culture was no less important than the Roman Catholic gaelic culture which had received support. The decision is of special interest to Orangemen for consideration is to be given to the maintenance and future use of Dan Winter's

A new Junior Orange lodge has been formed in Richhill as part of Tandragee Junior District LOL No. 1.

The lodge, one of a number of new junior lodges started in County Armagh in recent years, will be known as Richhill Tercentenary Junior LOL No. 285, and was inaugurated at a ceremony in Richhill Orange Hall.

The welcome was extended by Tandragee District Master, Bro. Fred Mills, and a portion of scripture was read by Bro. Leslie Bell, Chaplain.

Bro. Mills then invited the

New Junior lodge in Richhill

Deputy County Grand Master, Bro. Stephen McLoughlin, to initiate the 25 boys and senior officers of the Junior Orange Association.

The candidates were given a lecture and address by members of Kilbracks Junior LOL No. 75.

The officers of the new lodge are: Worthy Master, Paul Black; Deputy Worthy Master, Christopher Boyce; Chaplain,

Christopher Milligan; Secretary, Simon Ruddell; Inner Guard, Neil Glass; Steward, John Speers; Committee, Barry Millar, Graham Glass, Paul Gillies, Geoffrey Boyce, and Lee Wilson.

The newly-elected officers were installed, introduced by Bro. Thomas Ross, Grand Secretary, and presented with their collarettes by Bro. Thomas Haire, Grand Master.

Bro. Mills congratulated the senior officers of the new lodge, and presented the W.M. with a pair of mallets for use at lodge meetings, and a minute book to record the proceedings was presented to Secretary, Simon Ruddell.

Bro. Thomas Ross, Grand Secretary, referred to the expansion of the Junior Orange movement, and said he was confident the new lodge in Richhill would flourish.

Other speakers included Bro. Stephen McLoughlin and Bro. Kenneth Kelly.

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Members of the newly-formed Richhill Tercentenary Junior LOL No. 285, which will form part of Tandragee Junior District LOL No. 1. (Photo: Portadown Times).



Two long serving members of Wesleyan Temperance LOL No. 161, Portadown, cut the cake at the dinner to mark the 40th anniversary of the lodge's formation. Performing the cake cutting ceremony are Bros. Cyril Stevens and Richard Wright. Also pictured are, Bro. George Russell, left, treasurer, and Bro. David Burrows, W.M. (Photo: Portadown Times).



Officers of Wesleyan Temperance LOL No. 161, Portadown, pictured with guests at a dinner held in Edenderry Orange Hall to mark the 40th anniversary of the formation of the lodge. Pictured, front row, left to right: Bros. George Russell, treasurer; William McClean, deputy master; David Burrows, worshipful master; Tom Henderson, secretary, and Rev. Henry Holloway, chaplain. Back row, Bros. Robert Guy, district lecturer; W. D. Sloan, representing Grand Lodge of Ireland; Jack Mathers, district secretary; Harold Gracey, district master; James Kerr, assistant district treasurer, and Stanley Thompson, district treasurer. (Photo: Portadown Times).

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It is fitting therefore that the Grand Orange Lodge should have a special record of the events of 1990. We commissioned Austin Hunter, of G.C.A.S. Public Relations in Belfast, to write and narrate a video of the celebrations. Austin, a former B.B.C. Television journalist, who recently made special television documentaries on The Battle of the Somme and the Tercentenary of the Royal Irish Rangers, has been working with producer/director, Mike McGeagh, of the film company, Design and Production, to make what we know will be an outstanding Video of 1990.

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Officers and brethren of Wesleyan Temperance LOL No. 161, Portadown, pictured at a dinner held to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the lodge's formation. As the name suggests, Wesleyan has always had a strong Methodist connection, and at one time there were half-a-dozen Methodist ministers who were members. (Photo: Portadown Times).

EIRE 'HUMBUG' OVER TALKS

If the Eire Government was genuinely concerned about the opportunity for political talks in Northern Ireland, then it should refrain from demanding involvement, said Fermanagh Ulster Unionist Councillor, Mr. Sammy Foster.

The councillor was speaking at a meeting of the Royal Black Institution in Glasgow in his role as Imperial Grand Lecturer.

Bro. Foster said that the SDLP and the Dublin Government only wanted talks "on their terms."

"Talks, discussions, all the humbug, all the platitudes by Gerry Collins, John Hume and company are made on their terms, an All-Ireland context. Peace on their terms progresses towards a united Ireland, reconciliation on their terms.

"If the Eire Government was as genuine and concerned about what is good for Northern Ireland and they sought progress then they

would graciously state, we will refrain from demanding involvement. The SDLP should be saying the same thing.

"So let Eire keep out. We want to be, and we will be, good neighbours. But steer out of our business. We in Northern Ireland seek equality of citizenship with the rest of the British family in these islands."

"We in Northern Ireland are regularly under siege, we are fighting for our very existence. When we oppose those that attack us, we are described as being intransigent. We are battling yearly to retain our right to remain British citizens," said Bro. Foster.

"Murder, mayhem, violence, destruction and intimidation are with us constantly. Along with that is the other campaign of vilification to usurp, to undermine, to destroy.

"To further underpin all of that evil, our Government signed the ill-fated Anglo-Irish Agreement in November, 1985. That was a breach of sovereignty which enraged the

true citizens of Northern Ireland. It so hypocritically said that it would bring about peace, progress and reconciliation.

"Instead of bringing peace," said Bro. Foster, "the agreement had created a greater gulf than before."

He said that nowhere else in the world had a neighbouring state with a formal role of in-

fluence over the government of its neighbouring state.

"The legacy from the Anglo-Irish Agreement is the continued murder, maiming, violence and intimidation," said Bro. Foster.

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Because of undue pressure on space this month a number of reports and pictures have had to be held over.

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The 'shame and pretence' of Sinn Fein in Ulster councils

Fermanagh Ulster Unionist Councillor, Sammy Foster has attacked the presence of Sinn Fein in the council chamber as a "shame" and a "mask of pretence."

Bro. Foster, was speaking at an installation of Orange Lodge officers at Blossom Hill, Fintona.

The Enniskillen councillor said that there was physical and verbal aggression against the Province, the latter being hidden behind a smokescreen of pretentious politics.

"All could be termed as armed and political subversion," he said.

"We are aware of the P.I.R.A. because the blood of our loved ones stain the soil of our Province. The atrocities they have committed against us are bias - forever they plumb the depths.

"We are aware of Sinn Fein, the associated and indeed, the collaborators, part and parcel of the terrorists.

"They gull the Government into the feeling that they are different and so they seek credibility within the political system. Those of us who are in Council chambers feel the hurt of them being there in the guise of do-gooders for the com-

munity. What a shame, what a pretence."

Bro. Foster said it was surprising that so many "innocents" voted for Sinn Fein, a party whose "terrorist policy" was to make Northern Ireland unsustainable for the British "family."

"Over the years, but more recently and still prevailing, is their association and collusion in burning down business premises. Maybe some people in whom trust is put are the culprits under the guise of a harassed people. They spread fear, they intimidate, they frighten off potential developers, yet in Council and in public statements they cry out discrimination, harassment, second-class citizens - that is sheer crass hypocrisy and insincerity."

The S.D.L.P.'s stance in the Secretary of State's recent talks initiative was also criticised by the councillor.

"We are aware, too, of the S.D.L.P. who are all things to all people - God's gift to the political scene in Northern Ireland - their halos are blinding!

"They rabbit-on about talks without terms, yet the terms they have sought over the years has been the say the Irish



W. Bro. Samuel Foster

Republic has into our affairs as actioned by the infamous, undemocratic imposition upon Northern Ireland of the Anglo-Irish arrangement of 1985.

"Is not that foreign interference into our affairs unequivocally supported by the S.D.L.P., the real source, the real root of our problems in Northern Ireland?"

He said that it all added up to a lack of citizenship and loyalty to the state by the S.D.L.P. who were discriminating against the Province and blaming everyone but themselves.

Bro. Foster said that the Government had tried to placate, facilitate and accommodate the Irish Republic - the enemies of Northern Ireland.



Presentation of Tercentenary tankards to Bro. H. Burke, Kilwaughter LOL 520, and Bro. J. Rainey, Cairncastle LOL 692, by Bros. T. Dunlop, DM, and W. Dunlop, WM, Glenarm LOL 1121.

A large gathering of brethren and friends celebrated the Tercentenary at an Orange soiree in the Orange Hall, Glenarm.

Bro. William McKelvey was compere for the night and introduced a programme of artistes.

Blue Star Accordion Band under conductor James Blair, featured in the line-up and Iris King played a banjo and fiddle, and Ruth Alexander was on accordion to accompany Leta Moorehead, who gave an exhibition of Irish dancing.

Pat Robinson recited monologues and there were duets by Charley McClintock and Jennifer Murray.

Bro. McKelvey, who had

Glenarm soiree

entertained with his own brand of humour during the evening, then proved how fine a singing voice he has when accompanied by his brother James on accordion. He gave some fine renderings, of old Orange favourites.

Supper was provided by the ladies committee and then Ina and Country Breeze took over to play for the opening ceremony.

This was conducted by the team from Cairncastle LOL 692 with Bro. H. Burke,

Kilwaughter LOL 520, singing the opening and closing songs.

Tercentenary tankards were presented to Bro. H. Burke and Bro. A. Rainey, WM, Cairncastle LOL 692, by Bro. W. Dunlop (DM) and Bro. T. Dunlop (WM), of Glenarm LOL 1121, in appreciation of their loyal support over the years.

In trying to complete a video of the evening the Glenarm lodge are in need of information on the history of opening ceremonies at Orange dances. It would be gratefully appreciated if anyone who can help, contacts Bro. Jack Dunlop, Black Bush, 30 Dickeystown Road, Glenarm, (Telephone: 0574-841380).



Members of Cairncastle LOL 692 who performed the opening and closing ceremony of the Orange Ball at Glenarm.

Charter for English club

Benflee (Essex) Campsie Club of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, was presented with its charter on Saturday, November 17, in the Lutheran Council, Kensington, London, SW5.

Present were the Apprentice Boys' Governor, Bro. Sam Shepherd; Lieutenant Governor, Bro. Willie Moore; and General Secretary, Bro. Derek Miller.

The following members were elected to office: president, Bro. A. Richardson; vice-president, Bro. S. Ferguson; chaplain, Bro. T. Jackson; secretary, Bro. W. Logan; treasurer, Bro. R. McGhee; Committee - Bros. S. Smith, J. McLanaghan, W. Clarke, A. Ferguson and G. Ewing.

New members should contact A. Richardson, c/o BR (NR) Train Crews, Diesel Depot, Old Oak Common Lane, London NW10.

The club meets on the first Saturday of each month.

Price increase

As from the February 1991 edition, the price of the Orange Standard will be 30 pence. This increase has been forced by a rise in production costs.



Alderman James McCammick, Mayor of Craigavon, centre, pictured at a Tercentenary exhibition organised by Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge in Craigavon Civic Centre, along with Bro. Norman Hood, County Grand Master of Armagh, and the Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth. (Photo: Portadown Times).



Admiring some of the exhibits at the Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge Tercentenary exhibition in Craigavon are, from left, Bros. Samuel Gardiner (WDM, Lurgan); the Rev. Martin Smyth (Grand Master); Walter Williams (Past Grand Secretary), and George Patton (Executive Officer).

Officers of Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge pictured at their Tercentenary meeting in Craigavon in November, when the visitors included the Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth. (Photo: Portadown Times).



Book traces history of Orangeism in West Tyrone

As part of the ongoing Tercentenary celebrations Garvetagh True Blues LOL 1486 has launched a booklet on the history of the lodge at a ceremony in Garvetagh Orange Hall.

Brethren from Lisburn, Stewartstown, Newtownstewart, Sixmilecross, Strabane, Fivemiletown, and the various local lodges in the Killen (Castleberg) district attended the historic occasion.

After an excellent supper, served by "The Willow Pattern Pantry" (Kesh), the chairman, Wor. Bro. William Montgomery, W.M. of Garvetagh True Blues LOL 1486, welcomed all present and invited

congratulated Bro. Emery and the lodge for their contribution to the tercentenary celebrations.

In his remarks, Bro. Reid gave an insight into the days before Orangeism was born.

"The decade prior to 1795 was one of much strife and uncertainty in this island. There were Steel Boys, Oak Boys, White Boys, Volunteers, Defenders, and Peep-o-Day Boys," he said.

"For many there seemed to be a choice, submission to an intransigent Irish past, or rebellion. It usually takes one big issue to get a rebellion going and in this case it was peasant discontent, particularly in

sidered that Orangeism planted a new and rival enthusiasm in the heart of the disaffected Province and immensely strengthened the forces opposed to the united Irishmen.

Bro. Reid said there was no evidence that the Orange movement was encouraged by the Government as a sort of counter force to the united

accused of being in the pockets of local Protestant gentry, but this was by no means certain and needs research.

"Certainly it was the alliance of Protestant gentry and ordinary people that gave the movement its impetus and strength. This was a unique alliance—the Lord of the manor and the peasant, the owner of the castle and his gate-lodge keeper meeting in the same lodge room — even more than that, sharing the same ritual and formalities."

YEOMANRY

Bro. Reid added, "There were soon compensations for those who shared this alliance—the country gentlemen were authorised to form companies of yeomanry and they turned to their tenantry for recruits who almost to a man were Orangemen."

"Tonight, we include them all and salute their memory and we address ourselves to what can we do in 1990 and beyond to help new members and the local Protestant population."

Irishmen. There is no factual historical evidence that Orangeism was responsible for driving Roman Catholics from their holdings in 1795-96.

"The purpose and intents of the first Orange lodges was simple — to keep some semblance of order, to discipline the more boisterous loyal Protestants, and try to counter the violence of disaffected groups.

"The 'founding fathers' in the Orange Institution were

Mid-Ulster.

"But then things took a twist because the peasant discontent did not vent its full fury against the landlords or the Government, but in out and out sectarian conflict."

"These were the days of the Protestant Peep-o-Day Boys and the Roman Catholic Defenders. Eventually the Defenders took on the Protestants at the "Battle of the Diamond" and Orangeism was born in 1795."

Bro. Reid added: "Three years later in 1798, united Irishmen rose in rebellion which was a tragedy in more ways than one, but that's another story."

He recalled how the Rev. W. E. H. Lecky, the noted Presbyterian historian, con-



Co. Antrim brethren's efforts

Wor. Bro. Kenneth Watson, County Grand Master of Antrim, presents Mr. Dennis Grattan with a £3,600 donation for the Martin Residential Trust in Glengormley. Present are County Antrim Grand Lodge officials (including South Antrim M.P., Bro. Clifford Forsythe) and members of the Martin Residential Trust. The money was raised from various events during Tercentenary year. (Picture: Allan McCullough, Belfast).



Wor. Bro. James Emery, chaplain of Garvetagh True Blues LOL 1486, presenting Wor. Bro. Tom Reid, Co. Grand Master of Co. Tyrone, with the first copy of the lodge history entitled "The passing years of a country lodge."

(Photo: Courtesy of Gerald Montgomery, Castleberg).

the author of the booklet titled "The passing years of a country lodge," Wor. Bro. James Emery, the lodge chaplain, to launch the publication.

Bro. Emery said he was delighted at having the work of research completed and now published. "Indeed, I know much of the history off by heart but as I did the research I received many a thrill as I found out some new piece of information."

He said the very day, November 12, had special significance for it was on that same date in 1823 that the lodge was founded. Wor. Bro. Emery then presented the Co. Grand Master of Tyrone, Wor. Bro. Tom Reid, with the first copy of the book. Bro. Reid



Some of the visiting brethren who attended the official launch of the history of Garvetagh True Blues in Garvetagh Orange Hall. Left to right: Bro. F. Gilchrist; Wor. Bro. J. J. Smyth; Wor. Bro. T. A. McLaren; Bro. B. McKinley; Bro. J. Young; Bro. W. C. Andrews, and Bro. H. Speer. (Photo: Courtesy of Gerald Montgomery, Castleberg).

50-year medal for former MP



Bro. Isaac Hawthorne, the former MP for Central Armagh at Stormont and Chief Whip for a number of years in the Unionist Government, has been presented with his 50-year Orange membership medal.

He is a member of Breagh LOL No. 7 in Portadown District, and was presented with his medal by the Portadown District Master, Bro. Harold Gracey.

Bro. Hawthorne has been a member of the Breagh Lodge for 56 years, and at the same meeting, a 50-year medal was presented to Bro. George Somerville.

He is pictured third from left, front row, with Bro. Somerville, third from right.

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Collins anniversary recalls legacy of divisions

There has been quite a bit of media attention and comment centering around the 100th anniversary of the birth of Michael Collins, the leader of the IRA in the early 1920s. Some of it, even in the British press, has been quite glowing in its tributes to the man who perfected the art of placing spies and informers in the camp of his enemies, and then having many of them eliminated by his "execution squads."

In the South, of course, Collins is a national hero with a large section of the population, although there is a sizeable proportion who recall him as being Commander of the Irish Free State forces in the bitter Civil War which followed the Treaty with Britain, as the IRA split in half, with Collins and the majority pro-Treaty section being under attack from the anti-Treaty minority of the IRA.

That war was even bloodier than the earlier conflict with the British, and left a legacy of divisions and enemies which has existed in the 26 counties to this day.

METHODS

Those who express such admiration for Michael Collins today claim that he and his followers of the 1920s would abhor the Provisional IRA and

its methods in the current campaign. That might very well be true, as Collins and the Free State were as rigid against the IRA following the Treaty with Britain, as they had been in their campaign to get the British out.

Perhaps if Collins had lived, instead of being killed by his former allies in the IRA, in an ambush in Cork, he might have brought about a sense of reality in the South, in its dealings with Northern Ireland. Unlike De Valera and the latter's followers, Collins might have been able to reach a rapport, based on mutual understanding, with the new State of Northern Ireland.

That may or may not be the case, but historians who have analysed the period of the Troubles in Ireland, especially from 1919 to 1921, would have to concede that the IRA, with Collins as its Commander-in-Chief, was utterly ruthless in its campaign of terror directed not only against the British Army, and the Auxiliaries and Black and Tans, but also against the mainly Irish-recruited Royal Irish Constabulary.

The IRA did not hesitate to murder people it considered as "agents" of Britain, and in many cases these were simply people who were loyal to the Crown, and not directly involved with the security forces. The irony is that when the



Michael Collins (centre) with Eamon De Valera and friend, pictured in 1921.

Treaty was signed, the IRA was practically on its knees as far as the military campaign was concerned, being defeated in Dublin city, and many of the other parts of the South.

SPY RING

But the British never suc-

ceeded in uncovering the spy ring which existed in Dublin Castle, right in the heart of the nerve centre of British rule in Ireland, and it was the fact that Collins and his IRA hit squads were supplied with such precise information on troop movements, and on the names and addresses of British secret

service men, that they were able to kill so many of the latter, the most notable example being Bloody Sunday in Dublin when many officers were murdered in a well-known city hotel, leading to reprisals later in the day by the Black and Tans on crowds attending a Gaelic football match at Croke Park.

Information and infiltration at the highest level were key factors in the IRA under Collins, and it is a lesson which the British authorities in Northern Ireland dealing with the current Provisional campaign would need to keep in the forefront of their thinking.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement also provides Dublin with a clear insight into security measures in Northern Ireland, and who can say with 100 per cent certainty that the IRA does not have "moles" in Dublin Castle today supplying it with top-level information?

Many of the most heinous cross-border crimes, including the killing of Judge Gibson and his wife, and of two RUC officers a year ago, were obviously carried out with the benefit of information which could only have been supplied from someone in the know. A chilling thought, but one that should never be lost sight of at Stormont Castle.

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Letters to Editor

Dear Sir,

I've noticed that Mr. James Annett, Jun., of Comber expressed concern about the growing influence of the Belfast-based World Socialist Party among the Ulster young.

I was for five days in June in the Soviet Union, a country which has put into practice what the WSP would recommend for Ireland.

It was part of an historic naval visit to the Far Eastern part of Vladivostok. From a material viewpoint the USSR is way behind the "capitalist" West. Soviet citizens marvel over items like ziptop popcans, microwave ovens, and photocopiers.

Instead of rushing to give us "decadent capitalists" volumes of Marx and Lenin, the Soviets were more interested in knowing about life in the West. While they were extremely warm and friendly, proud of their Russian heritage and anxious to treat us to traditional Russian meals, they were rather open about how Marxism is the 'God that failed.' These people were hungry for things spiritual.

Children would literally mob us when I and my fellow Canadians went for walks. They were particularly interested in any pin or badge from the West and they would have taken a Red Hand, King Billy, No Surrender, Orange/Loyalist badge - after all Czar Peter the Great was one of King William's guests.

I know that the WSP would deny that they are even pro-Gorbachev Moscow-line Marxists, but so were Russia's original communists. The youth of Ulster would do well to study how Marxism has failed in Eastern Europe and how there is a growing spiritual revival there.

Yours faithfully,
Alec Greer.

Clanabogan,
Omagh.

Dear Sir,

I feel very sad that little or nothing was organised by the political or Orange leadership in November to allow ordinary British citizens in the Province to make world opinion aware of their continued opposition to the Anglo-Eire Diktat and also the denial of basic democratic rights here.

We are all aware that last year's arrangements to mark the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Accord were poorly conceived and badly handled from the start and as a result the turn-out was very disappointing throughout the Province.

I had high hopes that my own suggestions for marking the fifth anniversary would have been taken up. What better way of showing people in Britain and further afield that the Unionist community are as opposed to the iniquitous Diktat than for them to gather round their cenotaphs throughout the Province for a short service of remembrance for all security men and innocent civilians killed since the previous anniversary, and also when we could all re-dedicate ourselves to the struggle for the restoration of British democracy in Northern Ireland. If a roll of honour could have been observed this would have helped to concentrate our minds not only on the noble sacrifice of the victims but also on their bereaved relatives and would show them that they weren't forgotten in the community.

I have always maintained that if the two Unionist parties together with the Orange Order had set about organising these local gatherings (many unable to attend the mass rallies in Belfast earlier, would obviously find it much easier to

attend a local one) this would have attracted a great deal of media coverage since nothing like this has ever taken place in Northern Ireland since the memorial services for Bro. Rev. Robert Bradford. Alas this was not to be.

A golden opportunity was missed for involving the people at grass roots level. It is good to know that Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth and Bro. David Trimble were both prepared to address international gatherings and the Ulster Unionist Party arranged a very interesting seminar in party headquarters, which I attended. But this was primarily for the party officers and district councillors and the great mass of Unionist population was left out in the cold. Is it any wonder then that Brian Mawhinney could assert with a great deal of relish the other day that the Unionist community was becoming conditioned to the Diktat and most were prepared now to accept it. Of course, it has been the policy of our colonial rulers in the Northern Ireland Office to career around the Province giving the impression that everything is perfectly normal here, when we all know that it is not. Any Unionist worth his salt should be continually doing everything possible to give the lie to this deception.

Sad to say, instead, we find the General Committee of the Apprentice Boys of Derry agreeing to accept over a quarter of a million pounds from the International Fund, which is all part and parcel of the Anglo-Eire Agreement scenario, and again several of my own fellow councillors who continue to socialise with our Stormont Castle overlords and to be photographed in their company. Party policy, as I understand it, is to meet with them as a delegation and on constituency business only.

I was sadly disappointed to find so many of these coun-

cillors, including my own party leader, prepared to welcome that Prime Minister when she chose to drop in on the Province the very day following the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Diktat.

It is little use trying to justify their rather misguided action by saying that the Iron Lady was not the real architect of the Agreement and that she was talked into it.

A lady who has ridden rough-shod over a succession of Cabinet ministers over the past 10 years and is well known for getting her own way would not have signed on the dotted line, had she not known what she was doing.

How sad to find her being greeted like a long lost auntie in Enniskillen, Lisburn and Hillsborough, by so many Unionist folk, many of whom were probably buying for her blood outside the same Hillsborough castle gates, just five years ago.

The Anglo-Eire Agreement, as we all know, has brought us neither peace, stability nor reconciliation. The British Government is still prepared to pursue the same ineffective security policy and has no intention, so far as I can see of ending the Diktat. We shall all begin to believe Margaret Thatcher's weasel words about never giving in to terrorism when we see these words being

translated into action on the ground. The magnitude of her betrayal five years ago is hard to forget.

Yours sincerely,
Cllr. Wilfred Breen.

Dear Sir,

My enjoyment of the Tercentenary parade on September 29 was marred when I happened to lose my Secretary's 10-year service medal while on parade. Not knowing exactly where it fell, I believed it gone for ever. Imagine my surprise to have it returned to me in Lisburn Station on the way home.

A Co. Tyrone Orangeman had found it and by judicious inquiry found someone who recognised the Lodge number and passed it to a fellow member of my lodge, who returned it to me.

Through the medium of the Orange Standard may I send my most grateful thanks to that unknown Tyrone brother who removed the only cloud from what proved to be a most enjoyable day.

Yours fraternally,
J. McCabe,
Secretary LOL 327.

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Dear Sir,

Much has been written about Northern Ireland over the last twenty years or so, and will continue to be written. The recent publications of two books - Northern Ireland since 1920 by David Harkness (Helicon Limited) and Northern Ireland since 1968 (Making Contemporary Britain) written by Paul Arthur and Keith Jeffery, of the University of Ulster at Jordanstown for the Institute of Contemporary British History) show a fairness in reporting the Ulster/British and Unionist/Protestant thinking and loyalty to Britain.

But as a member of two "National" political groupings the Campaign for Social Democracy (the old SDP) and

Centenary celebrations at Derrycarne

The centenary of a Portadown Orange lodge, given permission to take on the title of Derrycarne Bible and Crown Defenders LOL No. 78, has been marked by a celebration dinner held in Brownlow House Orange Lodge, Lurgan.

The lodge has been sitting in the rural area of Derrycarne, near Portadown, for over 100 years, but its origins go back much further, to 1796, the year following the Battle of the Diamond, when it was sitting in the town of Portadown.

The large attendance at the dinner included the officers. Bro. Noel Jones, worshipful master; Bro. Robert Hyde, deputy master; Bro. Harold Johnston, secretary, and Bro. John Wylie, treasurer.

The guests included Bro. the Rev. Hugh Ross, deputy grand chaplain of Co. Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge, and Bro. John Brownlee, past district master, Portadown, and auditor of Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge.

A shield bearing the lodge number, which will be placed in a prominent position in Derrycarne Hall, was presented by Bro. Alex Hyde, of Portadown Ex-Servicemens lodge, who is a former member of LOL No. 78. The shield was provided by Bro. Hyde and Bro. A. Dilworth.

A set of officers' mallets was presented to the lodge by the officers of Rehab's Scarlet Knights RBP No. 78, which shares the unique distinction of having the same number as the Orange lodge, and shares the same building. These were handed over by Bro. T. Hunniford, of RBP No. 78.

the Green Party of Northern Ireland, I can't help but feel that the Ulster loyalist is still finding it hard to put his/her views across in book form or in the press generally.

Attempts by groups like the Ulster Society and The Friends of the Union (two groups of which I am a member) have had limited success in combating republican propaganda. But much more needs to be done. May I be so bold as to suggest to my fellow readers of the Orange Standard that they consider sending copies of the Orange Standard to friends and relatives abroad and to those politicians and newspapers of note that take an interest of any shape or form in Northern Ireland. The voice of the likes of the Orange Standard and the Evangelical Voice, a fringe Presbyterian magazine which represent an evangelical Protestant view, must be heard above all others.

Yours faithfully,
James Annett (Jnr)
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Tercentenary time capsule buried at Dromore Orange Hall



Watched by District Master, Wor. Bro. Samuel English, the Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Martin Smyth, unveils the Tercentenary granite wall tablet.

The brethren of Lower Iveagh District No. 1, Dromore, brought the Tercentenary celebrations to a fitting climax when on Monday, December 29, they unveiled a Tercentenary polished granite wall tablet to be positioned on the outside of the hall, buried a time capsule and planted a commemorative tree.

Enclosed in the time capsule were a tribute to the late Bro. Harold McCusker, former M.P. for Upper Bann at Westminster, Tercentenary memorabilia, a Tercentenary lapel badge, newspaper cuttings of reports of various Tercentenary events around the Province and in Lower Iveagh District, and a Tercentenary Ulster Day parade brochure.

Present for the momentous occasion were Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, BD, MP, Grand Master of the Orange Lodge of Ireland, Bro. John McCrea, Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. George Patton, Executive Officer and other Grand Lodge Officers.

The Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland was represented by Wor. Bro. Kenneth Watson, Grand Master.

From the County Grand Lodge of Down were: Wor. Bro. William Brown, County

Grand Master; Wor. Bro. Alec McShane, Deputy County Grand Master and County Grand Master elect, Wor. Bro. Richard Fleming, Deputy County Grand Secretary and the Deputy County Grand Master elect, Wor. Bro. Emery.

Representatives of Lower Iveagh Royal Black District Chapter were also present.

The ceremonies opened with a warm welcome being given to the Grand Master by Bro. Brown, following which the Grand Master unveiled the granite plaque which commemorated two events — the Break of Dromore, an early battle in the Williamite campaign, and the Tercentenary of the Battle of the Boyne.

It was dedicated by the Deputy County Grand Chaplain of Down, Bro. the Rev. Gerald Sproule, and the Skeogh Flute Band led the gathering in the singing of the hymn, 'Abide with me.'

Bros. William Wilkinson, the oldest Hall trustee, and Douglas Gamble, son of the former caretaker, marked the event by the planting of a tree at the side of the hall. Nearby, the time capsule was buried by Bro. William Herron, Deputy District Master.

An inscribed mantelpiece clock was presented by the grand master on behalf of the District to Bro. William Martin, District Secretary, as a tribute to all the sterling work he had done during a busy Tercentenary year.

Engraved carriage clocks were also given to Bros. Samuel English, District Master; William Herron, Deputy District Master, and Henry Hamilton, District Treasurer.

To honour the occasion, the Grand Master was presented with a fountain pen by Bro. Alec McShane, on behalf of the Lower Iveagh brethren.

After the rendering of the National Anthem by the Skeogh Flute Band, they led a fine parade of upwards of 150 local and visiting brethren around the streets of Dromore, who on return to the hall were entertained to a welcome tea prepared by the Ladies' Committee.



The Grand Master, Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, with the District Officers of Lower Iveagh following the presentation of the gifts.



Some of the brethren and loyal friends who gathered for the occasion with the Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Brown, CGM of Down and Bro. the Rev. Gerald Sproule, DGC of Down in the foreground. (Photos: by Trevor Poots, Dromore).

Terrorist skills in electronics

If anyone needed proof of the fact that the Provisional IRA is organised to utilise all the available skills to conduct its campaign of terror, that evidence has been provided at a recent security conference in Dublin.

The former head of the Garda ballistics section, Mr. Michael Niland, who is now a security consultant, told the conference that college students were told by their IRA godfathers to choose electronic courses in order to acquire technical expertise to develop their terrorist skills.

Much of their material was home-made and improvements were made through a series of experiments and increasingly sophisticated techniques.

Mr. Niland said that he believed that all of the IRA's explosives expertise was "home-grown," passed down from generation to generation, and there was no evidence to suggest that they had ever been helped by experts trained by the Eire Army or the Garda.

He added that their electronic expertise was now so sophisticated that the only limitation on a bomb-timer was how long a battery could last. The IRA could place a bomb years in advance and it would explode precisely on time.

He told the conference of international security experts that the IRA was spending "huge" resources on research into lasers as a means of detonating bombs in the future.

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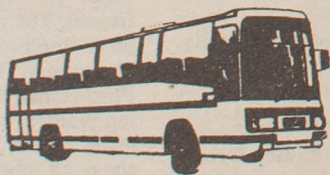
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- The above entry form, or photocopies of the entry form, or the entry form published in the Orange Standard may be used. However in all entries the words in the square must be surrounded with a solid line in original ink. **A totally photocopied entry will not be accepted.**
- All entries must be forwarded with the £1 entry fee to **Peter Savage, 17 Wood Lane Ends, Lurgan, Craigavon, Co. Armagh BT66 7HB** by the closing date of the competition - 3 pm Saturday 16 March 1991. Entries arriving after that date and time will not be accepted.
- It is expected that several entry forms will be completed correctly. All correct entries, received by the closing date and time, will be placed in a barrel, and the first correct entry to be drawn will be the winner of the competition prize.
- The winner of the competition will be notified by post as soon as possible after 16 March 1991, and also the name and address of the winner will be published in the April edition of the Orange Standard.
- All decisions made by the organisers relating to this competition are final, and no correspondence will be entered into by them with any entrant other than the competition winner.

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- James
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- Derry
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- Sarsfield
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