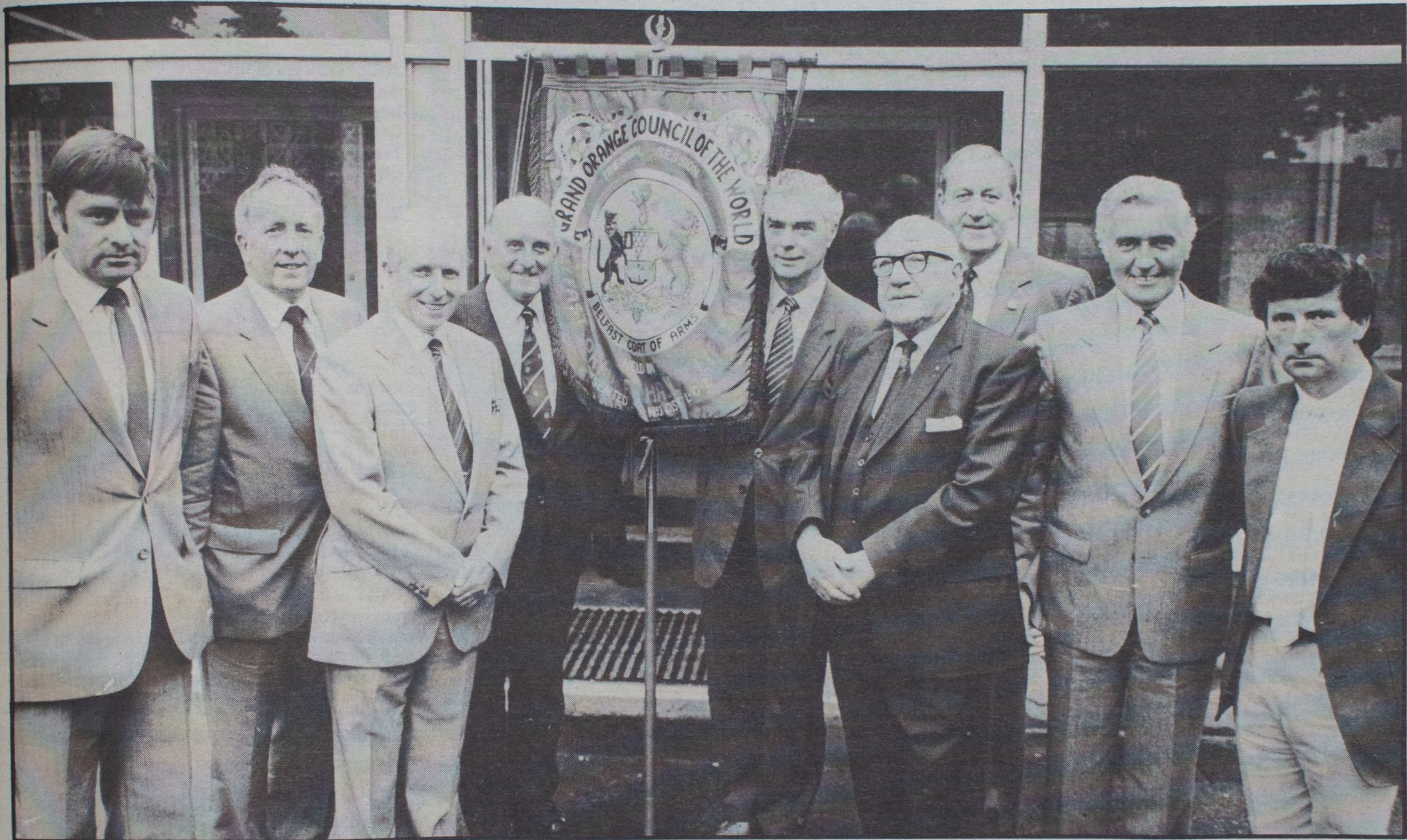


Members of No. 3 District L.O.L. Belfast, presented a handsome bannerette to the Imperial Orange Council of the World during their 35th triennial meeting in Belfast in July. Present were, from left, Bros. Fraser McCreagh, Deputy District Master, No. 3 District; John McCrea, Belfast Co. Grand Lodge Grand Master; Walter Williams, J.P., Imperial Grand Secretary; Richard Crothers, District Master No. 3 District L.O.L. No. 3; Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D.,

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"Photo: 'Belfast Telegraph.'"



Republicans First Loyalty is to Rome — Not Ireland

—Dr. Noel Browne

Former Minister for Health in the Dublin Government, Dr. Noel Browne, has said that every single Roman Catholic Republican leader in the South of Ireland can readily be shown invariably to have his first loyalty, not to the Republic or a United Ireland, but to Rome.

Dr. Browne, who resigned office in the controversy over the Mother-and-Child welfare scheme in 1950 in face of opposition from the Roman Catholic hierarchy, was giving an address to the MacGill summer school at Glenties, Co. Donegal. His theme was "Roman Catholic republicanism."

abandoning his constitutional crusade because of a fear of Rome, and he also attacked Mr. Gerry Adams and Sinn Fein, for failing to support civil rights for women in the Republic.

Since the 19th century Rome had controlled the schools in the Republic and there was plenty of evidence to show that Rome always understood that those who controlled schools controlled society.

The politics of Rome has always been unashamedly authoritarian, anti-democratic, opposed to pluralism, secularism, socialism and inevitably, Republicanism, he asserted.

"SUPREME POWER"

"A conscientious Roman Catholic cannot be a Republican," Dr. Browne said.

"Nor can a Republican be a conscientious Roman Catholic. A Republic is a State where 'supreme power is held by the people, or by its elected representatives.' It is for this reason that the Irish claim to be a republic is unsustainable."

An Extract from the Coronation Service

"I do solemnly and in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful Protestant, and that I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant succession to the Throne of my Realm, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law."

Dr. Browne told the school that neither in the North nor in the South did the Irish people govern themselves.

"In the South they are governed by a politico-religious authority, whose secretariat, governing bodies, the whole apparatus of government, with its supreme head, the Pope, lies in a faraway Italian state, the Vatican City.

"It is a country in which few Irish have ever visited, and fewer still speak its language, Latin.

"Even the regional colonial governors here, known as bishops, are not permitted to choose their own successors.

This power lies in Rome. With exemplary honesty, a succession of popes, including the present one, make no pretence to being either a democrat or a republican.

CONTROL ISSUE

"Unashamedly, he is a dictator. Like his predecessors, he has repeatedly condemned socialism, most recently in Latin America. Today's Irish Roman Catholic Republicanism is the creation of the Irish Republican movements in their many forms.

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RBP Pay Tribute to Memory of Tyrone Leader



Senior Officers of the Royal Black Institution who attended the Memorial Service; Back row, left to right: Sir Knts. J. Burke, D.D.M., Castledearg; W.T. Montgomery, Registrar, Castledearg; J. A. Emery, Co. Tyrone, Grand Committee; J. Taggart, Deputy Co. Grand Master, Co. Tyrone. Front row left to right: Sir Knts. A. Patterson, W.D.M., Castledearg; W. A. Nesbitt, Registrar, Co. Tyrone Grand Black Chapter; R.W., S.A. Glasgow, Co. Grand Master, Co. Tyrone; M.W. Rt. Hon. Sir Knt. J. H. Molyneux, M.P., Sovereign Grand Master; R.W., W. H. Guy, Co. Grand Master, Fermanagh and S. A. Douglas, Treasurer, Co. Tyrone.

A Memorial Service for Sir Knt. Robert Montgomery, B.E.M., former County Grand Master of County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter, Imperial Deputy Grand Master of the British Commonwealth, W.D.M. of Castledearg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6, and W.M. of Garvetagh Guiding Star R.B.P. No. 76, was held in Derg Parish Church, Castledearg.

Prior to the service Sir Knights of the Royal Black Institution from Counties Antrim, Londonderry, Fermanagh, Donegal and every District in Tyrone joined the host Castledearg District No. 6 and paraded to the service led by Killen Pipe Band under Pipe Major Andrew Lindsay.

The parade was headed by Sir Knt. William Semple the District standard bearer and the County Grand Officers and Castledearg District Officers.

The service was conducted by Captain Higgins and his wife Sister Higgins of the Church Army.

Scripture lessons were read by The Most Worshipful Sovereign Grand Master Sir Knt. James H. Molyneux J.P. M.P. and Sir Knt. William T. Montgomery, Registrar of Castledearg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6 and nephew of the deceased.

The address was given by Rev. Walter P. Quill, Rector of Castledearg Parish who paid tribute to the outstanding qualities Sir Knt. Montgomery possessed in all walks of his life.

He referred to him as "The salt of the earth" and said he was a person for whose existence the world was better

"Robert was a good man in his home where all were made welcome and in the community where many sought his sound advice which was freely given."

Mr. Quill referred to him as a man of tremendous courage, recalling his distinguished career in the Ulster Special Constabulary and the Army, giving Second World War service in North Africa, France and Italy and receiving decorations in all these countries.

Mr. Quill said he valued his leadership as a member of the



Select Vestry and his humility adding: "He was a man of tremendous foresight and vision."

During the service a collec-

tion for L.E.M.O.S. was taken up by R.W. Sir Knt. Ivan M. Symington, Imperial Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Sir Knt. William H. Guy, County

Grand Master of Co. Fermanagh Grand Black Chapter, R.W. Sir Knt. Samuel C. Douglas, Co. Grand Treasurer of County Tyrone Grand Black

Chapter, Sir Knt. William Purdy, W.D.M. Killyman District Royal Black Chapter No. 1; Sir Knt. Jack Burke, D.D.M. of Castledearg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6 and Sir Knt. John Lowry D.M. of Garvetagh Guiding Star R.B.P. No. 76.

Also present at the service were Sir Knt. Montgomery's three sons Edmund, Harold and Kenneth. Bertie is at present in Australia and was unable to be present.

The organist was Miss Ruth Scott.

Sir Knt. Samuel A. Glasgow, County Grand Master of Tyrone G.B.C. proposed a vote of thanks to all who contributed to the service.

Afterwards tea was provided in the Youth Hall by the local ladies and thanks were expressed by Sir Knt. Douglas and Sir Knt. Guy, and conveyed to the ladies by Sir Knt. Alexander Patterson W.D.M. of the host district Castledearg.

Cruel Sports

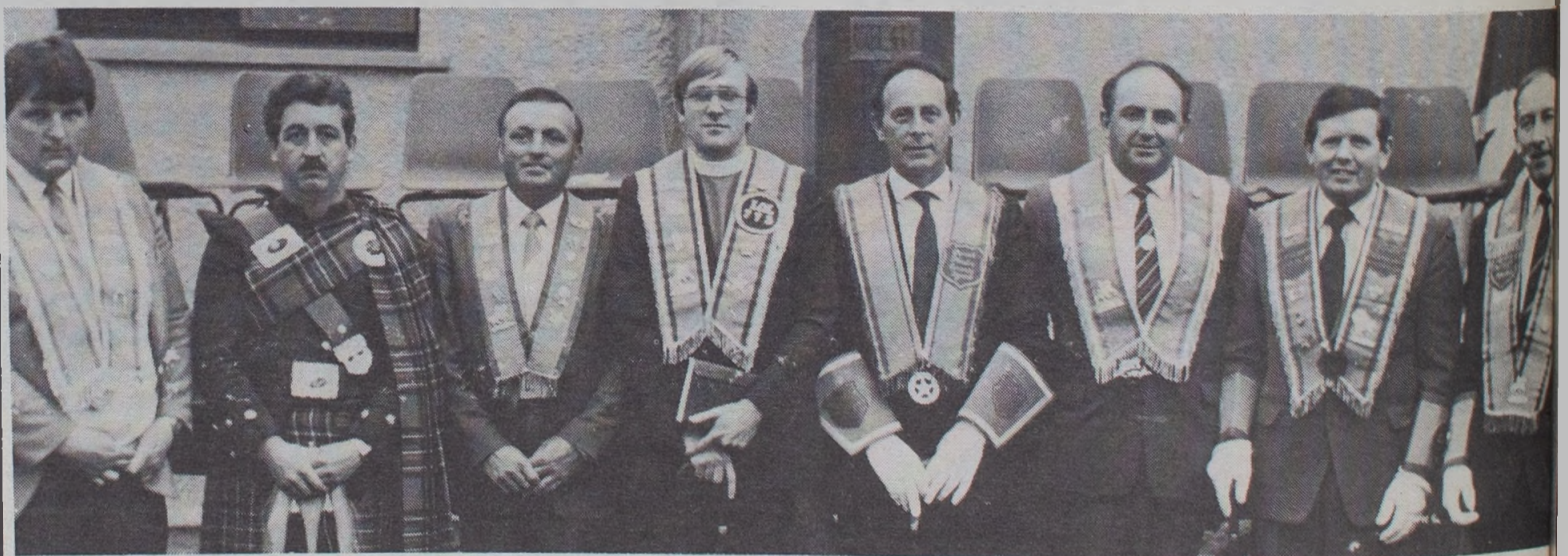
Sir. As a member of the Orange Institution and the League Against Cruel Sports. I'm writing to inquire if any other member of the Institution is a member of the League and wonder if they would like to meet on a regular basis to share a common interest. If so please write to me at the address below:

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Newry Man's Scots Medal

A long service medal has been presented to Sir Knight Thomas Reid at the monthly meeting of Britains Sons R.B.P. No. 187, Partick, Scotland.

Sir Knight Reid, who has been a member for 45 years, is a native of Newry and was a schoolmate of Sir Knight Rev. J. A. Finch, M.A., Imperial Grand Chaplain.



Border Lodge Unfurls New Banner

Killeen L.O.L. No. 773 marked an important milestone in its history when a new banner was unfurled and dedicated on 3rd July.

The ceremony was held in the Main St. car park at Castledearg, although the Lodge meets only a few hundred yards from the Tyrone-Downeal border.

The banner was unfurled by Mrs. Isobel Kerrigan, mother of Greenfinch Corporal Heather Kerrigan (20) who was one of the two U.D.R. personnel murdered in a 200lb. I.R.A. bomb close to the border a year ago.

Guest speaker was W. Bro. Tom Reid, County Grand Master and an address was also given by Bro. Rev. W. McCrea, M.P. for Mid Ulster.

Bro. McCrea also dedicated the banner which depicts William III crossing the River Boyne while pictured on the other side are Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley who were burnt at the stake in

1555 for refusing to disavow their beliefs.

W. Bro. Rev. David Fletcher the Lodge Chaplain presided.

Scissors were presented on behalf of the Lodge to Mrs. Kerrigan by her grand-daughter Wendy Loughlin.

W. Bro. Jack Sproule, D.M. of the Lodge, proposed a vote of thanks and Bro. Thomas Kerrigan seconded.

After the unfurling ceremony a parade of the town was headed by the new banner led by Killeen Pipe Band, the platform party and District Officers.

Other bands on parade were Ardbarron, Drumquin, Kirlish, Whitehouse, Tullywhisker, and Lack (all Pipe), Barron, (Donegall) and Craig Memorial (Strabane) (Accordion), Donemana Sons of William, Castledearg, Young Loyalist and Dromore Boyne Defenders (all Flute).

Platform party at the Killeen Banner unfurling: left to right: Bros. C. Catterson, Treasurer, Killeen L.O.L. 773; J. Sproule, D.M. of Killeen L.O.L. and member of Pipe Band; Rev. D. Fletcher, Lodge Chaplain and Chairman; R.W. Bro. T. Reid, Co. Tyrone Grand Master; T. Kerrigan, a member of the Lodge; R. J. Montgomery, District Secretary, Killeen District L.O.L. No. 12 and J. A. Emery, D.D.M., Killeen District.

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Plan to Raise £7,5000 For Togo Mini Bus

An ambitious plan to raise £7,500 to purchase a 14 seater minibus for presentation to the Orange Order in Togo has received the blessing of the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A.

The minibus will be used by the brethren and sisters in Togo to spread the Gospel in their country and will mark an important development in the work of the Orange Order in this area of the African continent.

The Orange Order here in Ireland holds their brethren and sisters in Togo in high esteem, and in July last the

delegation from this overseas jurisdiction, led by their distinguished Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emmanuel Essien, again impressed all by their high sense of duty, loyalty and devotion to the cause of Orangeism and Protestantism.

During the month of August, Bro. Kenneth Liggett, Poyntzpass, Co. Armagh, a member of Acton L.O.L. No. 254, travelled to Togo, accompanied by his wife, Helen. It was a business trip but Bro. Liggett found time to make contact with M.W. Bro. Essien and attended a Lodge meeting in Lome.

The meeting was held by Lome Defenders of the Truth

L.O.L. No. 1 which Bro. Liggett describes as being very well organised. The ritual was in three languages — French, English and the country's native language.

Where the languages were other than English an interpreter was provided for Bro. Liggett who told the "Standard" that he was "very impressed not only by the working but by the hospitality which we received."

The members, Bro. Liggett stated, wore dinner jackets, and their ladies were in white frocks. "It was all so orderly and conducted with great decorum," Bro. Liggett stated.

During their visit Bro. and

Mrs. Liggett visited a number of villages which are served by the Orange brethren and sisters.

Bro. Liggett spoke of the pleasure which the Togo brethren and sisters also derived from an earlier visit by M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth.

The project to supply the minibus is being given the enthusiastic support of R.W. Bro. W. C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P., Poyntzpass who told the "Standard" that one Orangeman has already made a sizable personal donation.

County Grand Lodges, District Lodges, private Lodges and individual members who wish to support this project should forward their contributions to Togo Appeal, House of Orange, 65 Dublin Road, Belfast, BT2 7HE.



Bro. Kenneth Liggett with members of Lome Truth Defenders L.O.L. No. 1. M.W. Bro. Emmanuel Essien is on the left in the front row.

Strength of Orangeism in Co. Cavan

The season of Orange anniversary services started on May 5, when the Co. Cavan county service was held in Ashfield Parish Church. The parade which started from Ashfield Cross, one mile from the church, was led by Mullaghboy Accordion Band. Extra seating had to be brought to accommodate the large number of brethren and congregation. The service was conducted by Rev. Canon Derek Johnston and W. Bro. George Browne, county Grand Master, Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge. Those taking part in the service were Rev. J. McCloughlin, rector of Aghavea. Co.

Fermanagh who preached and Most W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.D., B.D., M.P., M.P.A., Grand Master of Ireland, who unveiled a plaque in memory of the late Bro. Stephen McAdam, past County Grand Master of Cavan. On Sunday, June 2, the Cavan No. 1 District service was held in Kilmore Cathedral. The parade from the hall was led by Kilmore Accordion Band. The Cathedral was filled to capacity with brethren and

friends and an inspiring sermon was delivered by the Dean of Kilmore, Very Rev. Herbert Cassidy, M.A. On Sunday, June 9, Stonepark L.O.L. No. 607 held their anniversary service in Killoughter Parish Church. The parade which started at the Rectory was led by Stonepark Flute Band. The service was conducted by W. Bro. George Browne and Bro. the Rev. Cunningham, rector of Sallaghy parish, was the preacher. The anniversary service of Cloverhill L.O.L. No. 445 was held on Sunday, June 16. The parade from the Hall was led by Stonepark Flute Band, and the church was filled to capacity. The service was conducted by Canon Derek Johnston, rector of Belturbet parish and W. Bro. George Browne. The address was given by Canon G. Miller, rector of Cavan parish. Killegar annual Orange service was held on Sunday, July 7. The parade was led by Stonepark Flute Band. This was the first time in almost 25 years that the parade had been led by a band. The Church and gallery were filled to capacity and extra seating had to be brought in. The service was conducted by

Rev. H. Jamieson, rector of Killeshandra, and the address was given by Rev. David Martin. The same evening Billyhill L.O.L. No. 1128 held their anniversary service in Knockbride Parish Church. The parade was led by Billyhill Accordion Band, the service was conducted by Bro. George Browne and the address was given by Canon G. Miller. After all these services the congregations and brethren enjoyed tea in the nearby halls provided by the ladies of their respective parishes. Bands and Lodges from Storepark L.O.L. 607, Kilmore L.O.L. 613, Billyhill L.O.L. No. 1128 and Mullaghboy L.O.L. 276 attended the 12th July demonstration in Enniskillen. Also present was Kinaghmore L.O.L. No. 212 led by Corrygarry Accordion Band. This was the first time this Lodge had been at a similar demonstration in 18 years. Stonepark L.O.L. No. 607 and Band attended the Co. Donegal celebrations in Rosstown on Saturday, July 6, for the first time ever. On the Last Saturday in August Killegar Mount Horeb R.B.P. No. 101 attended the celebration for the first time in 25 years and were led on this historic occasion by Fivemiletown Boyne Defenders Flute Band.

Republicans First Loyalty is to Rome — Not Ireland:

Dr. Noel Browne
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"There is no difficulty in showing that at no time since 1922 have the Irish people enjoyed absolute control of their own affairs," declared Dr. Browne.

"He had listened to Gerry Adams defend Sinn Fein's failure to promote civil rights for women, in contraception, divorce and abortion, with the trite excuse: 'The Irish have a separate culture and are not English.'" Another veto by Rome, which forbids abortion, had joined the veto by Rome on divorce, written into the Constitution in 1937 by Mr. de Valera. "It is because of Rome's influence that the Taoiseach's liberal crusade is no more. By his defeat in the constitutional amendment, and by the dropping of the liberal crusade, Dr. FitzGerald must well know that the Forum is recognised by Northern Protestants for what it is, a completely fraudulent

prospectus for the introduction of what he well knows to be unenforceable guarantees to minority religions in a united Ireland."

RELIGIOUS DIVIDE

Dr. Brown stated that the long-suffering Roman Catholic nationalist in the North has had to endure much.

"This is mainly because every single Roman Catholic Republican leader in the South can readily be shown invariably to have given his first loyalty, not to the Republican or to a united Ireland, but to Rome.

"By the creation of a sectarian Roman Catholic State here, we have complemented and completed the work commenced by the British in their Protestant Plantation of Ulster, designed to create in Ireland a two-nation state, divided by religion," Dr. Browne stated.

Medal After 62 Years Service

A County Monaghan Lodge, Doohat L.O.L. 264, recently held a special meeting at which visitors joined them in honouring several members of the Lodge, who have given dedicated and loyal service over the years.

The visitors included Bro. Noel Maxwell, C.G.M., and Bro. George Wilson, C.G.S., Co. Monaghan. Bro. William Foy, C.G.M. and Bro. John McAdam, D.C.G.S., Co. Cavan and Bro. George Brown, D.G.M., Co. Antrim. Representatives were also present from a number of neighbouring Lodges in Dartrey District No. 4.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a certificate and jewel to Bro. Wm. Carleton who has faithfully served the Lodge in Doohat since he first joined its ranks some sixty-two years ago. Many of the visitors pointed out the good example of dedication and loyal service that Bro. Carleton set for all to see.

Jewels were presented to Bros. William Hawthorne (Treasurer) and Francis Lee (Secretary). Both men have faithfully served in their respective offices for twenty-two years.

P.M. Certificates and jewels were presented to Bros. Thomas

I. Hall, Robert A. Humphreys, Robert W. Moore and Thomas Humphreys. Bro. Hall is now once again in the chair, and his talent is recognised at County Grand Lodge level where he holds the position of Deputy Grand Master.

The Lodge in Doohat is progressing steadily and can boast a good proportion of young members. All present were impressed when the minutes of the previous meeting revealed that no fewer than five candidates had been admitted as new members on that evening.

All of them were already associated with the Accordion Band which is affiliated to the Lodge. They are Bros. Trevor Hall, Cyril Hall, Thomas Wilkin, Walter Wilkin and Ronnie Hall (son of the W.M.).

The meeting concluded with several of the visiting brethren praising Doohat Lodge and congratulating them on their young membership. After the meeting the local ladies entertained all present to an enjoyable meal.

Shortly after the meeting night the W.M., Bro. Henry Hall, had two fingers severed when involved in an accident involving an agricultural harvester. It is hoped that he will make a speedy recovery.

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Billy Hill Orangemen's New Hall

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The surprise caused by the "translation" of Douglas Hurd to the second or third hottest seat in the Government was shared by political pundits and everybody else equally, for there were no tips on that move even by the media who discovered no Westminster leak on it.

The press quickly reported reactions to it from politicians here and in the Republic. There was the difference that while the Ulstermen had no regrets at the transfer of Hurd some Southern spokesmen wondered at the effect his going would have on the Forum Report and relations between the United Kingdom and the Republic's governments on the future of Northern Ireland. They thought they had an ally in Hurd to help them obtain the things they are proposing for in a document which has been condemned as totally impractical and unobtainable by Unionists and other Northerners.

Because most Ulster folk find it impossible to think of anything which Douglas Hurd did in his year as Northern Ireland Secretary to improve the situation here he goes without regret. It would appear to most of us that he made no impression on anything or anywhere.

It is the more surprising then that this man so lacking in the

qualities of dynamic personality should have been selected for a post which makes the heaviest demands on its occupant. It will take very much more than the skills of a diplomat — the supposed strength of the man — to grapple with the prodigious problems in a UK going from one violent situation to another, adversely affected by major industrial disputes, racial disharmonies, reactions to gross unemployment of the young in the urban situation, the incidence of drug-taking and the breakdown of family and community relationships.

All of these things and other problems of equal danger have to be faced by the Home Secretary. Mr. Hurd, rewarded for his loyalty to Mrs. Thatcher and the administration, will have "no sorrows to seek" in the immediate future.

His appointment and the succession of Tom King, the most "travelled" of the Prime Minister's appointees, has made many commentators in the press and on party platforms speak of the Northern Ireland job as one for politicians going up or coming down. King has been demoted. Be that as it may it would appear that Ulster, after all these years of trouble and torment, is not high on the list of priorities with the Prime Minister.

The appointments of successive N.I. Secretaries strengthens

the contention that Ulster is a problem which this government will not face with the Falklands-like determination which it has always needed. Until the terrorists are defeated and the Province is made safe there can be no prospect of a political settlement here which would persuade Unionist and Nationalist to live peaceably together.

Mr. King comes reluctantly, it is said, though he denies that and with few people expecting him to do any better than his unimpressive predecessors. He will be viewed suspiciously by many, and especially in these early days when his every word, intention and action will be weighed. An experienced Minister, and King is that at least, should be expected to tread warily in these decisive days. Because as some in public life here have found opinions expressed too hastily at the beginning of one's work have never been outlived. That has been the lot of churchmen and politicians alike who spoke initially without experience and who thought that their new office demanded an immediate appreciation of what they regarded from a distance as the problems of Ulster.

"Make haste slowly" is an Ulsterism that King would do well to live by.

Orange Voice on Media

The information of possible sabotage in Short's aircraft factory has drawn attention to the need to ensure that pressures from whatever quarter for "fair employment" does not make it possible for enemies to infiltrate a firm doing top security work.

The consequences of sabotage could be economically disastrous here and an additional cause for division in a society destroyed by mistrust, too much of it fully justified.

There were statements on the issue from Bro. Tom Passmore, an Assembly Member, Most Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., M.P.A., and the Belfast County Lodge.

Incidentally the County has a sub-committee which is empowered to make quick responses by media statements on

matters affecting the city and the Province. They have been appearing frequently in recent months, evidence of the concern felt by Orangemen in Belfast on subjects and incidents considered to be in need of an Orange viewpoint. The willingness of the media to carry the statements is evidence also that the feelings of the Institution are of interest to the professional communicators and is a recognition that it retains a pivotal place in Ulster society.

The occasional Grand Lodge statements on matters of provincial and national importance have been helpful to administrators and the general public over the years. Anticipated by the membership and accepted by those to whom they are addressed as views necessary to be heard they have been an essential part of Orange communication to the membership and the community.

There is always need to be careful in what one publishes by this method. A statement mistimed or short on research can bring the Order into disrepute. Because not every problem requires an Orange Order response, and there must not be a public's impatience with reactions to everything, and to things adequately answered by others, and Orangemen among them, there has to be a most careful use of the Orange Institution statement if it is to hold its value.

King-Size Job

In his first televised interview Mr. King, "a recognised expert on employment," promised that he would do his utmost to improve the economic state of the Province. He believed that the extremely high level of unemployment contributed considerably to the troubles here, a view long held by many of us.

If he does something to help solve this pernicious problem he will deserve to be regarded more highly than his predecessors and the Northern Ireland Ministers of State who have been responsible for economic development.

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The incidents which occurred in Portadown and elsewhere in the Province, and subsequent

events, have, say the Lodge, proved that the decision to re-route various loyalist parades, and at the same time permit illegal Republican parades to take place unhindered, "was a blunder of the highest degree, and public confidence in the Force would only be restored to its former footing only when the architect of its recent mismanagement was removed".



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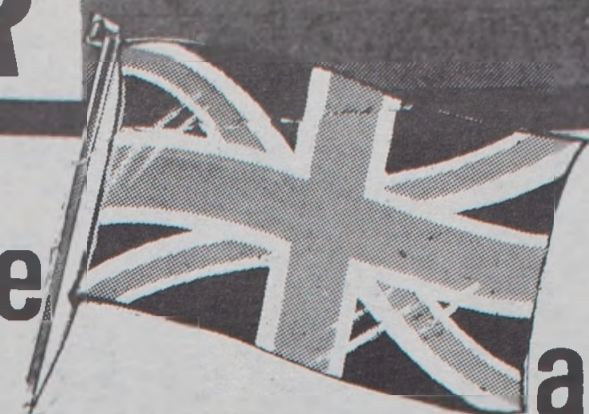
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STANDARD BEARER



Moving Statue in Ballinspittle

ew people in Ireland may have heard of a little place called Ballinspittle until a month ago when reports came that people living there had a statue of the Virgin Mary in a roadside grotto "move." The speculation was such and the curiosity even greater that thousands of people have been flocking to the hamlet and peering by night and day for a manifestation." The Roman Catholic Bishop for the area

has wisely refused to give an immediate and positive verification that the statue has in fact moved or swayed from side to side as has been claimed. Whilst one may admire the simple piety of the Roman Catholic faithful there remains the fact that the Roman Catholic Church itself, and by that one means the hierarchy, is to some extent responsible for the Mariolatry element in its

dogma, an element one must point out, which cannot be justified on the grounds of Holy Scripture. It all adds up to the failure of the Church of Rome to reform its teaching as the Reformers found necessary on the 16th and 17th centuries. There has been not only unusual speculation about the "appearances" but also, and more significantly, doubtings concerning the veracity of the reports.

There have been so many of these over the years, not least the "visions" at Knock and at Arboe, to mention only two, that one wonders why only the Virgin Mary is named as having appeared. It demonstrates clearly the fact that our fellow Christians have been deluded with false doctrine and non-Scriptural teaching and are in dire need of enlightenment.

Wrights and Wrongs in Monaghan

Those who would accept the promises of certain politicians in the Republic as to how they would treat Ulster Unionists in the event of Irish "unity" would do well to ponder the case of Mr. Jim Wright, long serving member of the Monaghan County Council. A representative of the Protestant Association party Mr. Wright has for many years played a valuable role in public affairs of the Border county. We have now read with sorrow of the action of the Fianna Fail section of this important public body. Mr. Wright failed to gain any of the seats which he was qualified to occupy, and at one stage of the various voting decisions Mr. Arthur Carville appealed to his fellow members to assure that Mr. Wright, the longest serving member of the Council's Agricultural Committee and chairman for twelve years should be re-elected. He said it was disgraceful if the Council could not elect one man out of 20, one who, said Mr. Carville, represented the minority and who had served the county so well.

not forgive us for doing this." But by 10 votes to 4 Mr. Wright was indeed excluded not only from the Agricultural Committee but also from the Vocational Education Committee and the North Eastern Health Board. The "Monaghan Standard" was constrained to state in a leading article titled "Democracy and 'Dacincy'" that in a score of years Mr. Wright "has acted invariably with a sense of responsibility and consideration for others . . . He also represents a section of the community that plays a vital role in the county's premier industry and is now left without his representation. The fair consideration of its minorities is the best test of true democracy in society and it is a test Monaghan County Council signally failed last week."

If the Council did not elect him and excluded him from all committees then he said, it would be a "total shame," and "the people of this county will

No wonder the "Standard" commented that Monaghan Council should not be proud of the denial of representation in the important fields of agriculture and education to the minority. Bro. Wright is Co. Grand Master of the Co. Monaghan Grand Black Chapter and is prominent in the life of the Church of Ireland in the diocese of Clogher.

Where Catholicism "Is Opium"

One of the more intelligent articles which have been written on the subject has come from the pen of Mr. Tom Carew, Tipperary, Co. Kildare who sent the following thoughts to the "Irish News" (September 23): "If Ballinspittle is an answer, what on earth (or elsewhere) is the question? The Marxist critique of Karl Marx in the "Jahrbuch" article is relevant to this type of religion: 'Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the feeling of a heartless world, the soul of a homeless condition. It is the dream of the people . . . The world must give up the illusions which surround them, and they must see their condition as it really is. Only then will they be able to change it.'"

Ballinspittle Catholicism is opium because it is powerless, and necessarily so, for it substitutes an addictive potion of superstition and magic for a real change in real conditions.

One can recognise this corruption without having to follow Marx's account of what would be a real change. Ballinspittle religion (like capitalist relations for Marx) alienates Irish people from their own real resources of the human spirit.

Ballinspittle offers no (explicit) message. But its sinister meaning is clearly that it creates, then services, a want, instead of facing the actual human needs of all people — as

Bertrand Russell put it in his autobiography — the passion for truth, justice and love.

Christianity or any other faith has genuine meaning, or truth, only if it can answer this basic human predicament and passion.

Ballinspittle shows that much Irish religion is not such a personal conviction about the meaning of life, and the power of life but a frenzied chasing after supernatural kicks, based on a feared God of external power and tricks, not the transforming presence of divinising love in converted human hearts, freeing us FROM our alienated anxiety about our life as threatened by absurdity, death and evil, FOR

a new existence in faith (trust), hope and love.

Still "the hungry sheep look up and are not fed." Once again, all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good (or simply critical) (wo)men do nothing. Yet breakdown may precede breakthrough.

And thousands flocked to Trinity to hear the moving critical conviction of Hans King; is there even one (un-silenced) local theologian left to whisper that the emperor may have no clothes?

Have Milltown and Maynooth, and maybe Trinity, all been sold off to property speculators? What price this new Church of Silence?"

Financing The B.B.C.

The Ulster Unionist Party made a submission to the Select Committee on the financing of the BBC. Mr. Clifford Forsythe MP, party spokesman on Transport and Communications, has said it is an important contribution to the process of consultation about the Corporation's future. "I think our submission is a balanced one," he said. "We are not saying that the BBC has accepted advertising and we are also protecting those independent companies like Commercial Television who have the experience of the competition involved in the advertising world."



It was a happy occasion for Mrs. Ida Patterson when she unveiled a new banner for Magdalene Temperance R.B.P. No. 1076, Sandy Row District, Belfast. Pastor David Duncan dedicated the banner. Also in the picture are Sir Knights Robert Hanna, D.M., on right, and Norman Moore W.M. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.

"Toleration" in North Tipperary

But it is not only in Co. Monaghan that instances of discrimination are happening. From deep in the Republic in North Tipperary we learn of another case of how a Protestant representative got the wrong end of the stick following Fianna Fail's victory in the recent local government elections. Again it was on a vote for the Vocational Committee which administers the local vocational (ie Technical) schools. A correspondent, Mr. Liam Doran in the "Church of Ireland Gazette" describes what happened:

"Under the 1930 Vocational Education Act, this committee represents the religious, secular, union interests in education, as well as the parties on the County Council.

There are 21 seats on North Tipperary VEC. At the Council meetings which selected the committee, the Fianna Fail spokesman stated that the party could not accede to the Church of Ireland having a seat on the committee as they required the seat for one of their own members. As the party had been out of power for twenty years, there was a big demand for places from the party. However, the party would be prepared to give the Church nominee, Canon Condell, observer status.

To rub in the insult, however, Fianna Fail decided that they would not only have the

R.C. Archbishop of Cashel's representative on the committee, but they were also assigning the R.C. Bishop of Killaloe a seat. So now two priests instead of the usual one, have seats.

This has happened in a county where the Church of Ireland has been strong supporters of the vocational Schools, and, indeed, Borrisokane school has the highest proportion of Protestant children of any vocational school in the Republic. What makes this little bit of bigotry stand out, is that counties which have only a small number of Protestant children attending the schools, have nevertheless recognised that the Church has a concern for these children's education and have appointed a Church representative."

We pass on this information, remembering the various calls by church leaders in the Republic urging members of the Protestant churches to encourage men and women to involve themselves in the public life of the country. One hopes that these two examples of the attitude of Fianna Fail "dog in the manger" outlook will not dissuade those who may be tempted to sign a nomination paper but, cause the church leaders to have another think about the value of similar appeals in the future.

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Killen's Officers

Killen L.O.L. 1272 held their annual election of officers in Killen Orange Hall on Thursday evening, 5th September 1985. The Deputy District Master of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12, W. Bro. J. Emery, conducted the election and the District Treasurer, W. Bro. J. J. Patterson, assisted.

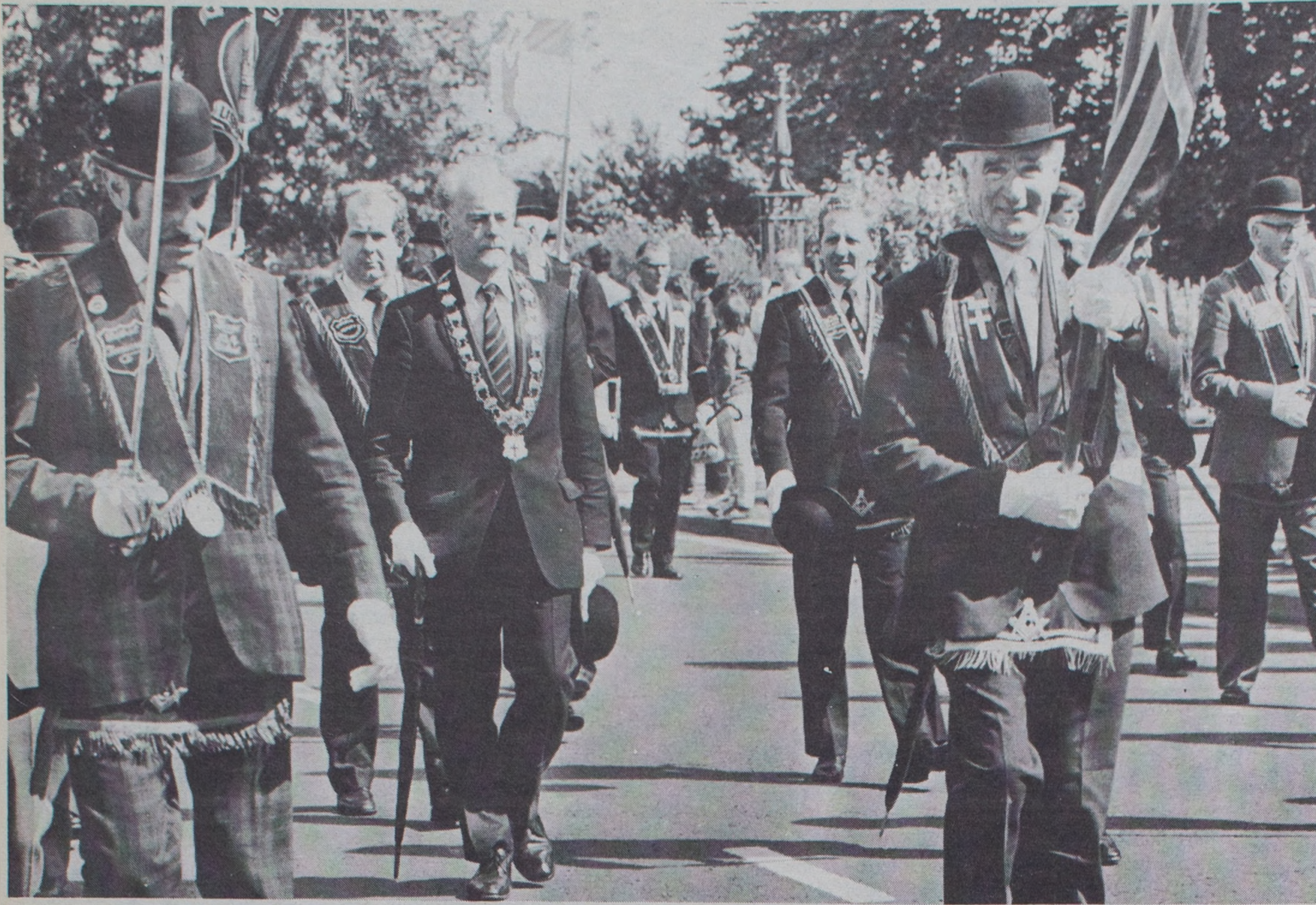
Elected were W.M. S. Speer; D. M., H. Speer; Chaplain, J. Burke; Secretary, W. Virtue; Treasurer, A. Caldwell; Tyler, B. Kempston; Lecturers, T. Burke and T. Livingstone. Committee: E. Rankin (Foreman), J. Bogle, N. Sproule, I. Clarke and T. Burke.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

These were the words which Archbishop Laud repeated to himself as he ascended the scaffold on Tower Hill in 1645. It has been a comfort and consolation to very many thousands in their last hours.

LOST

A Collarette Breast Jewel, R.B.P. 705, Scotland, was lost in Larne on Saturday 31st August. Would the finder or anyone with information please communicate with the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Office, 65 Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HE. Tel. No. 222801



Sir Knt. James Molyneux M.P. leads the 'Last Saturday' parade in Lisburn.

'Last Saturday Parade in Lisburn



Sir Knt. James Smiley, from Cloughmills R.B.P. and his grand-daughter Sonya Smiley at Lisburn on the 'Last Saturday.'



Elaine Gingles, from Ballyboley, Ballyclare, was on the march in Lisburn on August 31 with the McMaster Accordion Band.



Sir Knights from R.B.P. 14, Lisburn parade through the South Antrim borough during the 'Last Saturday' demonstration on August 31.

This collection of photographs by courtesy of the "Belfast News-Letter"



Glenwherry Flute Band line up for a picture in Wallace Park before the parade in Lisburn on the "Last Saturday."



Sir Knts. John Thompson, John Gibson, Maurice Gibson and Jim McKee, R.B.P. No. 569 and 794 who were in the parade at Lisburn.

Apprentice Boys hold to tradition

The R.U.C. allowed 800 Apprentice Boys of Derry to parade over their traditional Ulster Day route in Newry, September 29th, and the event passed off without incident.

The Apprentice Boys, drawn from all parts of Northern Ireland and from Cavan and Donegal attended St. Mary's Parish Church in Lower Hill Street for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Brett Ingram from Ballygawley. The parade was headed by the Governor of the Apprentice Boys, Bro. Samuel Heatley from Londonderry who laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Sugar Island.

The Co. Down, Belfast and Co. Antrim contingents paraded from Downshire Road and joined up with other members from

Co. Armagh, Co. Tyrone and a number from Belfast, who had marched from Monaghan Street along Merchants Quay and Sugar Island.

Police had asked the marchers to avoid the Monaghan Street to Sugar Island route and high-level meetings involving R.U.C. chiefs and the Newry Apprentice Boys, has been held.

The Apprentice Boys held to their traditional route which they have used since 1947.

Four bands headed the parade — Commons Silver, Newry; Finnard Accordion, Newry; Pride of the Birches Accordion, and Ballinran Apprentice Boys of Derry Flute, Kilkeel.

The service is organised by the Frontier (Newry) Branch of the Apprentice Boys of Derry.



Bro. Samuel Heatley, Governor of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, prepares to lay a wreath at Newry War Memorial before the big 'Ulster Day' service on September 29th.



Apprentice Boys of Derry in the parade through Newry town centre

1829 Orange Walk Re-Routed in Newry

This year's "Last Saturday" demonstration by the Royal Black Institution in Newry proved to be one of the most successful and colourful in recent times, but it brought a number of protests from local Nationalist spokesmen.

They claimed that Saturday shopping was "disrupted," but one appreciates that for a past year or two shopping in Newry has also been "disrupted" by the people of North Co. Louth and even further South in the Republic who have found that shopping in Newry and other towns within comparatively easy reach north of the Border was a very profitable exercise.

Indeed as a result traders in nearby Dundalk faced serious recession in business for some considerable time, and the Eire Customs officers were fully occupied in preventing wholesale traffic southwards from various Northern Irish towns laden with goods of various kinds which could be bought at prices much below what they were being sold for in Co. Lough and Co. Monaghan.

But protests concerning Loyalist parades in Newry did not begin in 1985. We found the following account of a similar "disruption" in Newry in 1829, the report having appeared in the "Star of Brunswick" the news sheet of an organisation which would appear to have had a very large following in various parts of Ireland during that period. Sunday a numerous body of Orangemen belonging to the

town and parish of Newry walked in orderly procession arm in arm to the old Church (now the Chapel of St. Patrick's) where a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Rev. Daniel Bagot.

NO PARTY COLOURS

They were all decently dressed, being for the most part composed of tradesman and mechanics; they wore no party colours or distinctive emblems whatever, but conducted themselves in a manner altogether becoming the hallowed day, neither giving or receiving offence.

Two or three arches decorated with Orange ribbons and each surmounted with a small likeness of King William on horseback were erected across the streets in different parts of the town; around these crowds of little boys were congregated but no disturbance took place.

In the evening some drunken fellows of an opposite political character having evinced a quarrelsome disposition the police took three of them into custody and lodged them in the Bridewell for the night.

Monday morning a number of Orange Lodges provided with music, flags (we counted three stands of Colours) marched into the town from the surrounding country and after parading through the principal and most thickly populated streets playing "The Protestant Boys" Etc. they proceeded out of town on the road to

Rathfryland. They were headed by a young gentleman belonging to Newry who rode a fine horse superbly decked out and accoutred for the occasion.

No riot took place, although angry denunciations and curses were heard from the multitude which the appearance of the Orangemen had of course drawn together.

Six o'clock. The arches have been taken down by the police and it is reported that a message

has been sent to the Orange party warning them not to return to Newry as a procession, otherwise they will be resisted by the magistracy and

the police. At the moment of putting to press nothing certain was known as to the intention of either party. "Newry Telegraph."

Sir Knights from Pollockshaws Golden Knights R.B.P. No. 437, Glasgow, with the District Master of Banbridge District No. 6, Sir Knt. Robert Faulkner, in the centre before leaving for the demonstration in Newry.



Photo by Sir Knt. Clarence Wilson.



Sir Knights from Banbridge who attended the demonstration in Newry.

The "Brunswick Star" reported that between Portadown and Lurgan several arches were erected adjacent to both towns.

The report stated that a "very grand" one was erected at a place called the Red Cow, about halfway between Lurgan and Portadown.

This house, still thatched and occupied, is on the road from Bluestone to the perimeter of the inner city of Craigavon.

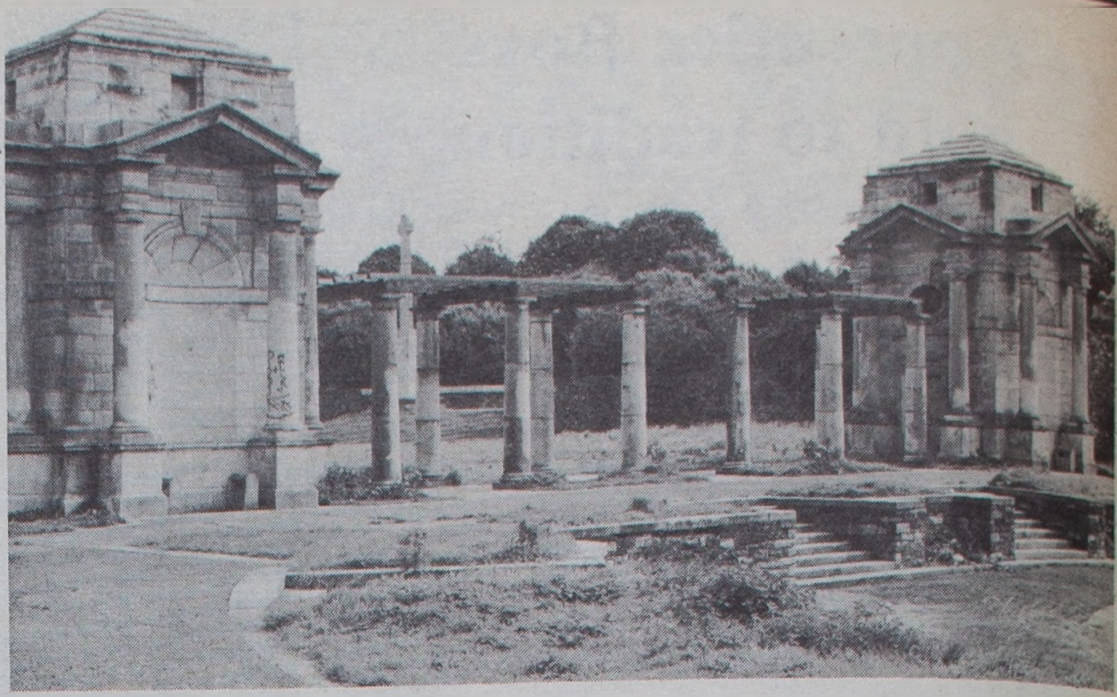
It is mentioned in the diaries of Colonel William Blacker of Carrickblacker, near Portadown, a leading Orangeman who went to the Battle of the Diamond on September 28, 1795. He wrote that with his son he was riding home on the Twelfth which was held in Lurgan in 1796 and as they passed the Red Cow Inn a fiddler ran in front of them playing a *pas seul* until they reached the turn at Bluestone by which time, one supposes, the fiddler had exhausted himself and perhaps got some reward for what was, literally, a musical accompaniment!

Dr. Bagot, who was son of Daniel Bagot, a Dublin attorney, was Vicar General of Newry and Mourne. He was Chaplain to six Lords Lieutenant of Ireland, and was connected by marriage with Edward Corry, M.P. for Newry. He was a prolific writer, one of his publications being "The Protestant Catechism on the Errors of Romanism." He died at Surbiton, Surrey in 1891.

Dublin's Neglect of World War 1 Memorial

10 YEARS NEGLECT

Apparently the real standard in the upkeep of the Garden declined when the responsibility for it was transferred to the Irish Government, and its Department of Public Works, and the people to whom our reader spoke, were adamant



Protestants in Northern Ireland are constantly being assured by Southern politicians and churchmen that their cherished institutions which link them with Britain would be respected in an all-Ireland set-up, and that they would have no fear of their "Britishness" being diluted.

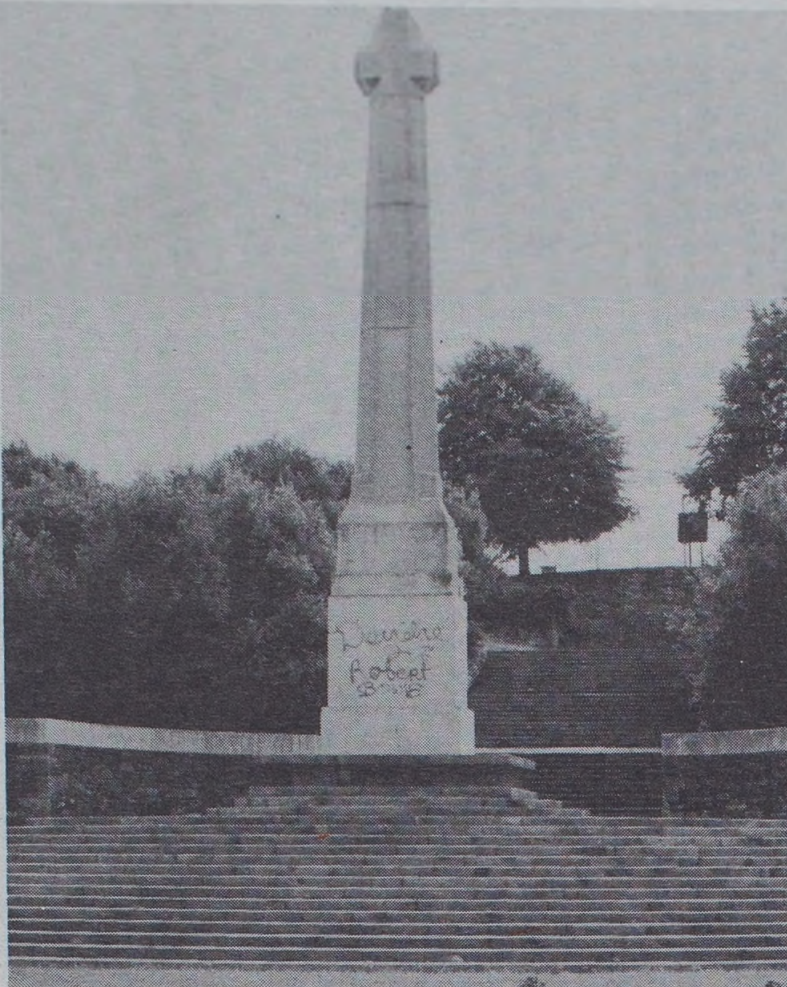
Even if Unionists were tempted to fall for such honeyed assurances, all the evidence points to the contrary, for in the past 20 years, many of the remaining monuments and memorials of British association in the Republic have been destroyed.

49,400 IRISHMEN DIED

One has only to recall the destruction of Nelson's Pillar in Dublin in 1966, and more recently, the blowing up of a harmless, but attractive Victorian ornamental fountain in the town of Dun Laoghaire, formerly Kingstown, for no other reason than that it commemorated the visit of a British monarch to that town at the turn of the century.

These might be construed as being of purely British character, but this argument cannot be advanced in regard to the shameful deterioration of the once magnificent Garden of Remembrance and War Memorial in Dublin, which was erected in memory of the 49,400 Irishmen, of all creeds and classes, and both North and South, who gave their lives in the cause of freedom in the First World War.

An Orange brother, who was in Dublin on a visit recently, paid a visit to the memorial park at Islandbridge, and provides these photographs which show something of the neglect and vandalism now rampant at the memorial.



Dublin War Memorial

The memorial garden, designed by Sir Edward Lutyens, was one of the finest war memorials constructed in these islands, and was a fitting memorial to the bravery of the men of the three Irish Divisions, including the 36th (Ulster) Division, who fell at the Somme.

The "Standard" reader who took these photographs was shocked by the signs of neglect, and when speaking to several people who were in the part at the time, was told that his feelings were shared by many Dubliners, especially those who can recall the time when the Garden of Remembrance was respected, and kept in the style which had been intended at the time it was laid out.

that very little work had been carried out in connection with its appearance or upkeep for the past 10 years.

There is clear evidence of that fact, as the walls of the memorial, including the impressive stone cross, are covered in graffiti. Vandalism has resulted in some of the pillars surrounding the memorial having been knocked down.

The whole thing is a sorry reflection on the attitudes of the Southern Government and local authorities, as well as the majority community in Eire towards anything which has British connections, even when it is a memorial which recalls the bravery of Irishmen. The fact that they were serving with the British Army makes such a memorial anathema to Southern republicans.

In recent years the controversy over the Remembrance Day service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin — where the main service is held nowadays — has shown the depth of republican feeling in influential circles in the South.

Does anyone really doubt that if all Ireland were under the rule of a Dublin Parliament dominated by people with such leanings, similar war memorials to that at Islandbridge, situated in Northern Ireland, would soon receive the same treatment?

How could Protestants and Unionists have any confidence in the credibility of a Dublin-based administration respecting their British traditions, when they see what has happened since 1921 in the

South, and right up to the present day?

LESSON FOR LOYALISTS

There naming of towns and counties, because of their links with British monarchs, the blowing up or pulling down of monuments, and now the sheer neglect and indifference shown towards hitherto magnificent

memorials like those at Islandbridge, are a firm indicator to Ulster Protestants of just how little things have changed in the 26 Counties, and how the best guarantee that loyalists have of having their institutions respected and upheld, lies, as before, in firmly remaining part of the United Kingdom.



Members of the host Frontier branch of the Apprentice Boys of Derry head the parade in Newry on September 29th.

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