

Westminster's Succour For Republicans



Bro. H. McCusker, M.P.

A claim that the failure of the British Government to act against Sinn Fein had been "a positive encouragement to republican strategists" was put forward by the Official Unionist M.P. for Upper Bann at the Twelfth of July demonstration in Banbridge.

Harold McCusker Lashes Our 'Topsy Turvy Situation'

Behind the smokescreen of confidentiality the matters under discussion were not simply issues of common concern, said Bro. McCusker.

even-handed between Protestants and Roman Catholics. But that was not their task he argued.

The real choices confronting any police force should be between the law-biding and the law breakers, between those who uphold the Constitution and those who would subvert it, between the terrorists and their agents and the rest of us. But not so in this Province.

"More men are trundled out against Protestants than are ever deployed on the Falls

Road, the Bogside or Crossmaglen where masked and armed terrorists form colour parties, guards of honour or firing parties. Yes it is an upside down Province!

BREAKING POINT

Bro. McCusker then declared:

1. If you belong to an organisation which murders members of parliament, you can be elected a member of parliament;
2. If you are a convicted

terrorist who has blown up council property you can be elected to that council;

3. If your paramilitary colleagues murder magistrates and judges you can still find judges to find in your favour and offer you the protection of the law whilst you pursue your despicable objectives;

4. If you disregard and flout the law you get away with it. If you attempt to comply with the law the full force of authority is brought against you;

5. Only this week the Northern Ireland Law Society admitted a convicted IRA terrorist to train for the legal profession.

These, he said were the conditions in which the people of Northern Ireland live — is it any wonder, he said, they sometimes reach breaking point. "The miracle is it doesn't happen more often."

"We have long faced a two-pronged assault against us by Irish Republican terrorists on the one hand and the Irish Government's diplomatic offensive on the other.

"In recent months the two prongs have been sharpened — we see in action the Sinn-Fein/IRA ballot box and bullet strategy and simultaneously our own Government engaging in a consultative process with the Government of the Irish Republic which is increasingly giving them a say in the internal affairs of Northern Ireland, as well as obscuring the part played by the Republic in the ongoing terror campaign.

SILENCE FROM STORMONT

"Wasn't it remarkable how little was said about the recent bomb find in Newry, described as one of the largest ever in Northern Ireland. Would you need a million guesses to uncover its origin? Yet the silence from the Northern Ireland Office was deafening — a marked contrast to the outcry from Dublin if a British soldier inadvertently sets one foot across the Border.

"And did you notice the alacrity with which the police in the Republic were able to apprehend the murderers of one of their colleagues and the emphasis placed by the Dublin media on the fact that they were from Northern Ireland. All in marked contrast to their abject failure to apprehend the killers of hundreds of British Army and R.U.C. personnel."

They included security strategy, policing tactics and forms of future government, or they would be of no interest to Dublin politicians. The Government should have no illusions about the underlying reason for the upsurge of loyalist activity and aggression. It was the uncertainty caused by the Government's double talk and double standards.

"You are no doubt aware that one of the terrorists arrested recently in Glasgow is a former Sinn Fein election candidate. He is not the first! Why our Government should still persist in the pretence that there is any difference between Sinn Fein and the IRA or that their involvement in politics is likely to result in a swing away from violence is beyond belief.

"So no-one should be surprised at the average Ulsterman's reaction to Sinn Fein Councillors — why should they sit down with murderers? Would Scotsmen or Englishmen or Welshmen act any differently?"

Concluding Bro. McCusker told the audience that almost on a daily basis acts of violence were condoned and supported in their Council Chambers. The failure of the government to act against Sinn Fein was a positive encouragement to the republican strategists "who witness a government not only financing their campaign through the Social Security system but now collaborating with them to ensure the success of the Armalite and Ballot paper policy.

"NO SURRENDER"

"However almost exactly one hundred years after the first attempt to deprive us of our citizenship we have the assurance that at the end of the day our enemies must deal face-to-face with us. I have no doubt that our generation will give them the reply they have received down the centuries — 'No Surrender'."

Bro. McCusker stated that they were told that many people outside Northern Ireland, including those who would normally be favourably disposed to the Province, were worried and confused by recent events. They saw loyalists defying the law, confronting the police, and, on occasions, engaging in violence as their frustrations boiled over.

TOPSY TURVY SITUATION

"Nicholas Scott M.P. tells us that these people are astounded by our behaviour. Others tell us the image of the Province is being dragged in the gutter and that investment is being lost.

"That is all very regrettable, but would it not be more honest to ask — Why should this be? Why should the community which supplies the R.U.C. with most of its manpower and grieves its casualties, defends and supports it find itself in this contradictory role?"

"Is this not a topsy turvy situation, he asked. "Yes it is," replied Mr. McCusker.

R.U.C. LOSS IN MANPOWER

"During the first six months of this year, he continued, the R.U.C. lost on average one man every nine days, murdered by Irish Republicans, yet in past weeks our traditional parades have been banned and re-routed and hundreds of policemen have been deployed, not against republican thugs but against Protestant bands and their supporters. How is that for getting your priorities wrong?"

"We are told these parades must be banned and re-routed to avoid the unnecessary diversion of resources from the battle against the IRA. But we know the real reason — it is an attempt to prove that the Anglo-Irish dialogue can produce results for the Dublin Government and their Northern Ireland allies the SDLP."

If there was any question about this prior to last Sunday the utterances of Barry and Mallon since then proved it beyond doubt, he suggested.

It was also suggested that the police must prove they are



Grand Master Heads Parade to Drumcree

Heading the parade to Drumcree Parish Church on Sunday, July 7 are the Portadown District L.O.L. No. 1 officers — Bros. John J. R. Mathers, District Secretary; W. Bro. John Brownlee W.D.M., Mr. John Toal D.D.M. (on right) with Rev. W. Martin Smyth, Grand Master Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P. Photo: Allan J. McCullough. See Page 6.

HUGUENOT ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 300th anniversary of several events which recall the persecution of Protestants, and the heroism shown in the face of religious intolerance and repression.

The anniversary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and the flight of tens of thousands of Huguenots from France has been remembered in various parts of the British Isles.

Indeed, one of the most praiseworthy exhibitions relating to the story of the Huguenots who settled in Ireland, has been staged recently in Dublin. A service has been arranged in Ulster to mark the occasion, for it was here that the Huguenots, a highly skilled and talented people, left an indelible mark, especially in the Lisburn area and on the Ulster industrial scene.

Another anniversary recalled in recent weeks has been the 300th anniversary of the savage repression in the West Country of England, following the defeat of the Duke of Monmouth in the rebellion against the tyrannical rule of the Roman Catholic King James the Second.

Many thousands of West Country farmers were slaughtered, or sentenced to transportation to the Colonies, in, and after the battle, and which is remembered even today in Somerset, where several regiments of the Army, who behaved brutally towards the Protestants, are still not too

favourably received when recruiting. That Monmouth rebellion, although crushed in 1685, only delayed the Glorious Revolution for three years, when William of Orange, at the urging of the English people, arrived to finally throw off the yoke of the rule of James.

Another event remember this year was the 300th anniversary of the Wigtown Martyrs in Scotland, those brave Covenanters, several of them women and girls, who died so courageously for their Protestant faith.

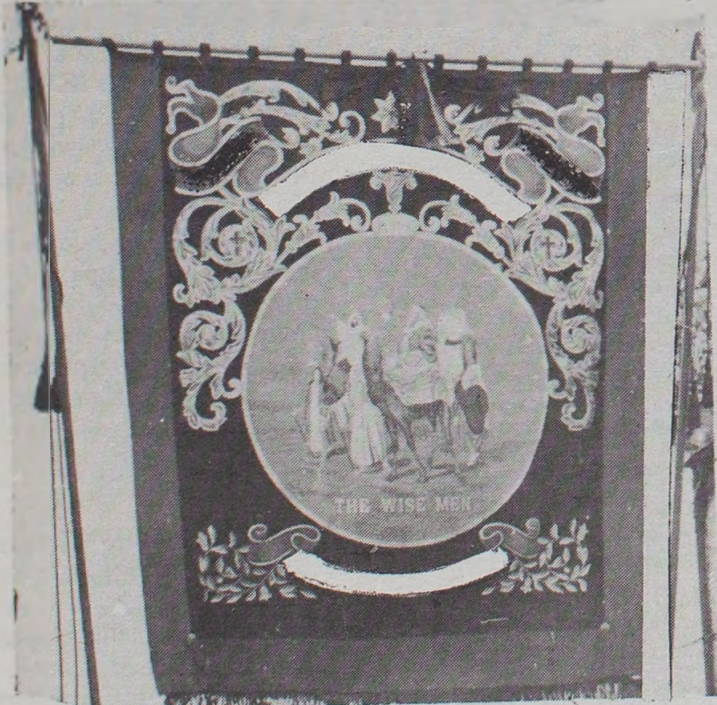
The fact that events have been held to commemorate their bravery is proof of how cruelty and harshness can never eradicate the good deeds that are performed by men and women, especially in defence of religious and political liberties.

Somme Dead Remembered

Wreaths were laid at Castlederg War Memorial by Bro. R. McKinley, D.M., Bridgetown L.O.L. 379, and Sister E. Bogie of Castlederg W. L.O.L. No. 702 in memory of those who died at the Somme (1916) on 1st July evening. Afterwards the brethren paraded the town led by Castlederg Young Loyalist Flute Band. The parade was organised by Killen District Lodge No. 12.

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Representatives of five members of Tullywhisker Border Guards L.O.L. No. 1120 and Pipe Band in whose memory a special memorial plaque was unveiled at Tullywhisker Orange Hall, Castlederg. Front row (L. to R.) Mrs. C Russell, Mrs. Y. Cummings, Mrs. J. Farrell, Mrs. A. Harron, Bro. J.

Donnell, Bro. K. Brown. Back row (L. to R.) W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Johnston, B.A., W. Bro. N. McMullan, W.M. L.O.L. No. 1120, Bro. Rev. W. McCrea, M.P. for Mid-Ulster, Rev. S. R. Jones, B.D. and W. Bro. J. Emery, Deputy District Master of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12. Photo: N. Donnell.

Memorial to Border IRA Victims

Tullywhisker Orange Hall on the Tyrone Donegal border was filled to capacity when Tullywhisker Border Guards L.O.L. 1120 held a special service of dedication and unveiling of a memorial plaque.

It commemorates brethren from the Lodge and Pipe Band who were members of the security forces and were murdered during the present IRA campaign.

The W.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Norman McMullan welcomed everyone to the service

and introduced those taking part.

W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Johnston B.A., honorary chaplain of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12 conducted the service during which he led in prayer for the bereaved relatives.

Scripture lessons were read by W. Bro. J. Emery, D.D.M., Killen District L.O.L. No. 12, and Rev. S. R. Jones, B.D., minister of Second Castlederg Presbyterian Church.

Before the unveiling cere-

mony by Bro. Rev. W. McCrea M.P. for Mid Ulster, Bro. McMullan spoke of the sad and solemn occasion it was for the families, Lodge, Band, and community at large. He paid tribute to each of the five members individually.

Inscribed on the gold plated tablet are the names of Pte Winston Donnell (6 U.D.R.), Sgt. Kenneth Smyth (6 U.D.R.), Cpl. Thomas Harron (6 U.D.R.), Constable William Brown (R.U.C.), and Mr. Brian Russell (Civilian Search

Unit). Underneath are the words "We Will Remember Them."

Rev. Mr. Jones dedicated the plaque after which Bro. Rev. McCrea gave the address.

A special collection for L.E.M.O.F., R.U.C. and U.D.R. Benevolent Funds was taken up by brethren from the Lodge — Bros. R. Finlay, D. Kee, R. Brown and D. Brown.

The service concluded with the National Anthem and Benediction.

Bible Quiz Winners

Members of Blossomhill Junior Orange Lodge team who won the over 12 Junior Grand Lodge of Ireland Bible Quiz.

They were also winners of the Tyrone Junior County and West Tyrone District Scripture trophies and, representing County Tyrone, defeated a Belfast County Lodge team in the final held in Killyman Orange Hall.

They are from left: Norman Wilson, Ian Maguire, Warren Maguire and William Mulholland.

The team will represent Ireland in the International Competition in October. Photo: "Tyrone Constitution."



LIMAVADY RBDC OFFICERS ELECTED

The quarterly meeting of the Royal Black Institution, No. 2 District, was held in Limavady Orange Hall on 27 June. Sir Knt. A. Lindsay, W.D.M., presiding.

The election and installation of officers were conducted by the Co. Tyrone Sir Knts. A.

Deans and W. Boyd.

The officers were re-elected with the exception of treasurer, Sir Knt. T. Ferguson, who resigned his office after 22 years. He received the thanks of his brethren for excellent service much appreciated. His successor is Sir Knt. W.

McClintock, R.B.P. 143.

Business arrangements were completed for the demonstration on the last Saturday in August.

A nice supper followed the meeting and the Limavady Sir Knts. were thanked for their excellent hospitality.

Castlederg Service

Garvetagh Pipe Band under Pipe Major Bert Waugh led the brethren of Garvetagh True Blues L.O.L. No. 1486 and the visiting brethren to First Castlederg Presbyterian Church for the annual Orange anniversary service.

Rev. R. S. K. Neill, conducted the service and W. Bro. W. T. Montgomery, Deputy Master of the Lodge read the Old Testament lesson and W. Bro. J. A. Emery, Lodge Chaplain, read from the New Testament.

Visiting brethren W. Bro. John Lowry D.M. of Drumlegagh L.O.L. 626, W. Bro. Alexander Patterson W.M. of Whitehouse L.O.L. 377, W. Bro. Sandy Speer, W.M. of Killen L.O.L. 1272 and Bro. James Long of Drumquin L.O.L. 853 received the special collection for the L.E.M.O.F. This collection amounted to £105.

PRESS OFFICER

The City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge has appointed Bro. Robert James Ferris, "Glenveagh," 67 Woodburn Park, Waterside, Londonderry as its Press Officer. He has kindly agreed to forward Orange news from the North-West to the "Orange Standard."

World Orangeism Meets in Belfast

(By S. E. LONG)

CONSULTATIVE

The Imperial Grand Orange Council of the World, founded in July 1867, had its thirty-fifth Triennial Conference in the House of Orange, Belfast 15-19 July.

The last visit to Northern Ireland was in 1976. The sessions between were held in East Kilbride, Scotland, 1979 and Toronto, Canada, 1982.

Present at the Belfast Triennial were delegates from the Orange Order jurisdictions of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the U.S.A., England, Scotland, Ireland and the West African republics of Togo and Ghana.

The engagements prior to the opening of the Conference were a reception at the Park Avenue Hotel on 11 July at which a bannerette was presented by No. 3 District, Belfast, to mark the centenary of the Belfast Orange Hall, Clifton Street; attendance at Twelfth demonstrations when delegates spread themselves to take part at several venues in the Province; and a service in Christ Church, Lisburn, on Sunday, 14 July.

The prayers were said by Most Wor. Bro. the Rev. Canon S. E. Long, L.Th., J.P., Imperial Chaplain, the lesson read by Most Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.D., M.P., M.P.A., Grand Master of Ireland and the preacher was Wor. Bro. the Rev. Samuel McComb, rector.

The Mayor of Lisburn, Councillor Walter Lilburn, B.Sc., and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor William Bleakes, M.P.A., were in attendance.

The Imperial Council is a consultative, not a legislative, body. Each Grand Lodge is autonomous, carefully safeguarding its own interests. The value of the Council lies in the sharing of experiences, and the discussion of attitude and aspirations among Orangemen whose circumstances and conditions of life are different, and yet they are similar in the religious emphases which they find necessary in the practice of the Protestant religion and of the morality by which it expresses itself.

One decision was taken that the Council should fund "Covenant," the newsletter of the International Affairs Committee of the World Orange Council. The four page paper is to be published twice a year.

Its first two issues are devoted to countering anti-Ulster propaganda in the United States. It is to be circulated among politicians and others who have power and influence in American life. The purpose of the newsletter is a laudable one, for the effects of I.R.A. and republican propaganda have been felt in death and destruction, bereavement and loss, in this country for the last sixteen years.

The continuance of terrorist activities has been dependent largely on the financial support the I.R.A. has obtained from across the Atlantic. "Covenants" success must be measured by the influence it has on the thinking of those important people to whom it is addressed.

The opportunity given to the Council delegates to see

something of what life is really like here must make them better equipped to counteract the continuous campaign of vilification against the Province in their countries, for while anti-Ulster propaganda is strongest in the U.S.A. it is not absent anywhere.

SOCIAL

The social engagements of the Council and their ladies included a Civic Reception in the City Hall by the Lord Mayor, Alderman John Carson, C.B.E., and the Belfast City Council on 16 July and a welcome to the Borough of Lisburn by the Mayor at the lunch after the Christ Church service.

The farewell banquet was also in the City Hall in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress on 19 July. There was a visit to the Ulster-American Folk Park on 14 July. There were lunches and dinners provided by the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the County Grand Lodges of Belfast, Antrim, Down, Londonderry, Tyrone and Armagh on the Conference meeting and visiting days.

Three District Lodges entertained the delegates — Lisburn, Carrickfergus on the evening of a visit to St. Nicholas Church and the Castle, and Lame, when on the traditional full day excursion to Portrush via the Antrim Coast Road a mid-morning stop was made there.

In County Armagh they were entertained by the County Lodge in the Diamond Orange Hall close to the scene of the battle after which the Orange

Institution was founded in 1795. A video which featured three Armagh Orangemen in conversation, Melvyn Hamilton, Douglas Sloan and Isaac Walker provided an historical appreciation of the events and personalities of those early days. Earlier there had been a visit to the Orange Museum at Loughall.

The Association of Loyal Orange Women, Grand Mistress, Mrs. McCrum, had some of its ladies to provide refreshments in the House of Orange each morning.

The guest lecturer for the conference was Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. Canon M. W. Dewar, Ph.D., and his subject "The Huguenots" had particular relevance in this anniversary year.

The arrangements for an event which entailed much complex planning were in the capable and experienced hands of Most Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., Imperial Secretary. He had the assistance of Right Wor. Bro. John McCrea, County Grand Master, Belfast, and Wor. Bro. Mervyn Bishop, County Treasurer. The 52-page brochure published for the occasion was the work of Mr. Williams for programme and Canon S. E. Long for features.

MEMORIAL

The programme included a wreath-laying ceremony at the Belfast Cenotaph in the City Hall grounds by the Imperial Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. George Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., and the Imperial President, Most Wor. Bro. Richard Roberts, England, prayer was

offered by the Imperial Chaplain; a conducted tour of the Parliament Buildings at Stormont on the invitation of the Grand Master of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. W. Martin Smyth, and the Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, Sir Knt. and Right Wor. Bro. James H. Molyneux, J.P., M.P., M.P.A.; and a visit to the fine McCrea Memorial Home of the Orange Institution at Donaghadee.

Memorable features of a busy week were the speeches of the Grand Master of Ireland and the Lord Mayor of Belfast on the Ulster political situation; the friendliness of the participants in Lodge and at social event whatever their origins and backgrounds.

To hear centenarian, Most Wor. Bro. John Bryans, J.P., Past Grand Master of Ireland, speaking to the Council on the state of the faith and the Order in Ireland and saying the Blessing at the close of the banquet; the ceremony of remembrance at that function for those who had died for Queen and Country especially in the present Northern Ireland emergency, in which the Imperial Chaplain and the Belfast County Colour Party took part — all of these left abiding memories.

There was the usual welcome for the Grand Master of Togo, Most Wor. Bro. Emmanuel Essien, and his colleagues, and a special one for the delegates from Ghana, attending their first Council. The status of Grand Lodge was accorded to Ghana in 1984. The presence and contributions of the West Africans were

useful, and their joyousness contagious.

There was a happy surprise for the Ghanians when the Belfast County Master presented them with 130 collar-ettes for use in the new Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master of Ireland, for the host jurisdiction thanked at the banquet all who had contributed to the success of the '85 Triennial. When he mentioned the Imperial Secretary, Bro. Williams got a standing ovation. Also thanked especially were the artistes, Mr. Edgar Pierpoint, organist, daughter Gillian and son Nicholas, soloists, with Mr. Wilson Knipe, who was also compere.

THE OFFICIALS

The election of officers for the three years to the next meeting of the Imperial Council at Torbay, England, the scene of King William's landing in 1688, resulted — Grand Master, John Gowans, Australia; President, the Rev. W. Martin Smyth; Senior Vice-President, Magnus Bain, Scotland; Chaplain, Canon S. E. Long; Secretary, Walter Williams; Treasurer, A. E. Lee; Master of Ceremonies, William Murdie.

Elections were also made to the several junior posts which are necessary for the better working of the Council.

Whilst most of the U.K. delegates were in Belfast for the Conference week those from the other countries used the opportunity to have an extended holiday here and in Great Britain and the Continent.

Memorial Service For Noted Orangeman

At the Memorial Service for the late Bro. Joseph Brodison in Donaghendry Parish Church. Left to right — Bro. W. C. Moody (Dep. Sec. Grand Lodge); Bro. F. Kelly (Co. Tyrone Treasurer); Bro. William H. Guy (Fermanagh Co. Treasurer); Bro. Tom Fleming (District Master, Killyman); Bro. Rev. W. M. Smyth (Imperial Grand President of World Council of Orangemen); Bro. R. Stewart (W.M. L.O.L. 183); Bro. T. R. Reid (Co. Tyrone Grand Master); Bro. R. Abernethy (Assistant C. Sec.); Bro. W. Brodison (Sen.); Bro. J. Miller (D.M. Stewartstown); Bros. F. and S. Brodison, Lt. Col. G. E. Liddle (Fermanagh Co. Grand Master); Bro. W. Courtney (Tyrone Co. Grand Sec.).

A Memorial Service for the Late Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Brodison JP., Deputy County Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, was held in Donaghendry Parish Church, Stewartstown.

The church was filled to capacity, with Orange Brethren from all over Northern Ireland, and many friends, including

the large family circle. The service was conducted by Wor Bro J.W. Beamish MA, Deputy County Grand Chaplain. The Bible reading was by Mr R.G. Marsh MA, DASE.

Bro Joseph Brodison had been a lifelong member of the Orange and Black Orders. He was WM of Newmills LOL 183 for many years, also WM of Killyman District LOL No 1. He also occupied many offices in the County Grand Lodge, including

the office of Deputy County Grand Master for the last 17 years.

A member of Bloomhill RBP 1147, he was WM of that Preceptory for 30 years and was also a member of the County Grand Black Chapter and the Imperial Grand Black Chapter.

The address at the service was given by Most Wor Bro Rev W. Martin Smyth BA BD MP., Grand Master of Ireland, who paid a sterling tribute to the Late Bro Brodison's activities in the Orange and Black Orders and the community at large.

The Rev Smyth said: "Joe had given out-

standing service in the Ulster Special Constabulary — a body which could be better used today by those in authority in our community".

"The spirit of lawlessness", added Bro Smyth, "is a manifestation of the man of sin, from whom true loyalists should turn".

After the service tea was provided in the Church Hall by a few ladies of the Newmills and Stewartstown Districts. A vote of thanks to the ladies concerned was given by Col R.G. Liddle and seconded by Wor Bro Robert Deans, County Grand Lecturer and conveyed to the ladies by Wor Bro Wm. Courtney, CGS.



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O'Fee Outburst Confirms His Republicanism

Cardinal Thomas O'Fee has done one useful thing in making his un-Christian outburst last month . . . he has confirmed Protestant opinion and that of some of his flock that he is steeped in the tradition and outlook of his native republican South Armagh. Of course from time to time he has regaled audiences with his impromptu rendering of "The Sash" and taken part in meetings and services of an ecumenical nature, but in the light of this latest declaration that Protestants are responsible for 90 per cent of bigotry in Northern Ireland we are alerted once again. This amazing assessment of the religious-political situation in Ulster ranks to be placed aside that of

one of the Cardinal's predecessors on Armagh's "other hill," Joseph McRory, fifty years ago. Protestants have not forgotten that McRory declared there was no hope of salvation for those outside the fold of the Church of Rome. Happily the Church of Rome has progressed to some degree from such uncharitable declarations, and it has been encouraging in the past couple of weeks to note that among the severest critics of O'Fee have been members of his own flock. The heads of the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches to their individual credit sprang to the defence of their fellow members in Northern Ireland, letting the Cardinal know of

their sense of disappointment and disgust that a churchman occupying the office that he fills should be hoist with his own petard. He must in all conscience surely be embarrassed by his interview with the representative of the Roman Catholic newspaper "The Universe." One wonders if the only loudly trumpeted Ballymascanlon talks can be resumed in such an unfavourable atmosphere. Certainly it would seem that any possibility of the Cardinal taking part with Protestant churchleaders in the absence of a humiliating rebuttal of his disgraceful statements and an abject apology would be resisted by Protestants throughout Ulster and far beyond.

Aftermath of The 'Tunnel' Ban

One third of a million pounds — that's what the bill amounts to for the policing of Portadown during the Twelfth and Thirteenth of July Orange parades — a cost to be borne by the British Exchequer. It is by any considerations a massive price to pay for keeping loyal Orangemen from using the Queen's highway, and it must give the Chief Constable of the R.U.C. some qualms of conscience as to his errancy in forbidding the Orangemen the right to use a route which they have used for generations on their lawful occasions. One understands the concern of the security forces to ensure that law and order are observed by all sections of the community, but the root cause of the disturbances which marred the annual celebrations was not generated by the Orangemen but a small vociferous group

who claim that their political outlook is injured by the sight of Orangemen demonstrating their loyalty to the unity of the United Kingdom and their resolve not to be incorporated in an all-Ireland Gaelic-speaking republic. It almost brought tears from our eyes to hear and see a handful of political representatives bleat on radio and on T.V. about the "siege" of Portadown's "Tunnel" for two days. Had the Orangemen been allowed to use this route for just one hour on each day there would have been no siege and no outlay of this amazing cost of satisfying a few hundred people who were allowing their political judgements to be

In our September issue we hope to provide some additional coverage of the Imperial Orange Council of the World which met in Belfast last month.

undermined by the euphoria of the occasion. One hears of media interests paying £100 for the use of a ladder and facilities for the use of premises to provide better camera or commentating vantage points. Be that as it may or may not be, it was remarkable to discover such universal coverage when for many years the "Tunnel" march proceeded without other than local interest. That having been said we return to the decision of the Chief Constable to re-route the parades on the Twelfth and Thirteenth. In the light of the financial and strategic blunders he ought seriously to consider his position for in the event he has not pleased anyone, least of all the Exchequer. Or does he think that a repeat of his banning order is going to be taken lying down? If he does he has another think coming.

In Line With McRory

The Cardinal who, like his predecessors, arrogates to himself the title "Archbishop of Armagh" — he is not in direct succession to St. Patrick — falls into line with some of the previous holders of the Cardinalate in Ireland. One such was the aforementioned Dr. McRory whose name has gone into St. John Ervine's classic work "Craigavon Ulsterman" for the reason that when Lord Craigavon died he failed to send a message of condolence to the Government at Stormont. This contrasted with the action of the Governor of Northern Ireland and the Government who sent a message of condolence to the Roman Church when Dr. McRory passed on. Ervine also records that McRory had declared himself to be opposed to the creation of Northern Ireland "root and branch," and throughout his lifetime left no-one in any doubt that this was the case. A report of the McRory funeral records that

the Government was represented at the Solemn Pontifical High Mass in Armagh Roman Catholic Cathedral by the then Speaker Sir Norman Stronge, who was also the M.P. for the area. Nor have we forgotten that throughout the 60 years of alleged "Unionist misrule" from Stormont the Roman Catholic Church declined (refused) to appoint a chaplain to share the Prayers at the opening of Parliament each day it sat. Surely if there was all that misrule — such as building schools for the segregationist population headed by Armagh's Cardinals and providing a system of education which has been among the best in the world, the presence of a Roman Catholic priest in Parliament Building would have been a valuable source of information to his superiors. No, there is an element in Roman Catholicism that rebels against certain establishment representation and is not confined to this Province.

When the first Parliament was set up in Dublin in 1921 Eamon de Valera and his Fianna Fail Party — the anti-Treaty section — refused to take their seats and did not do so for some years, leaving the Fine Gael leader, William Cosgrave and his party, in virtual total control. The same pattern is evident in the action of the SDLP in turning its back on Stormont after their election to the Assembly. They refuse to take an Oath of Allegiance to the Crown, they refuse to fly the flag of this country and the United Kingdom at the opening of their new schools, in fact they adopt the semblance of true Sinn Feinism — "Ourselves Alone" — and that's the way they want it. What a different Province Ulster would be today if Roman Catholics had adopted the same attitude to the new regime that Protestants in what is now the Republic adopted 65 years ago and have done so ever since.

"Ain't This Life More Sweet . . ."

Two things said in the Television report on the siting of an itinerants camp in North Belfast attracted my attention the other evening. One was that the itinerants spoke with a strong Southern Irish brogue and that at least one of them admitted that he (and they?) had been residing in Northern Ireland for the past 15 years. Now isn't that a remarkable confession! They and others of their lifestyle are so unwelcome in certain areas of the Republic that they find it more congenial to live under Unionist rule. In the event of Irish "unity" would they be as contented as they now are? I very much doubt it. The other aspect of the interview which I found especially interesting was the arrogant manner which one or two of those interviewed demonstrated. If they did not

get their way in not moving farther up the mountain then they would go down to the City Hall and let the City Fathers know how they felt at being pushed up the hill.

Fortunately they will not be allowed to pitch their tents or caravans in front of the Queen Victoria statue. The televised pictures of the site from which the authorities would have the itinerants move showed the squalor which is associated with caravans and tents occupied by these travelling people, but who in this instance are quite contented to stay put in North Belfast and draw their livelihood from a generous and liberal Government. We may thank the itinerants for unashamedly providing *prima*

facie evidence that life in Northern Ireland for non-natives is not all that bad, and is indeed much to be preferred to what Unionists in this Province could expect from the political aspirations of Garret FitzGerald and Charlie Haughey.

Mrs. Thatcher might usefully point to the itinerants who have scurried northwards over the Border to Ulster when she is confronted with the blandishments of the Dublin Government as she engages in her potentially dangerous Summit meeting in the Autumn. She may be the "Iron Lady" but in Ulster there are hearts of steel and they are not for bending — or doing a "U" turn. We feel the travelling people are adamant they don't want to quit their "Forest of Arden."



Republican slogans which were painted on St. Johnston Orange Hall in Co. Donegal.

Co. Donegal Band has Dedication

The St. Johnston Flute Band dedication ceremony was held in the Orange Hall of L.O.L. 992.

The platform party was W. Bros. G. Dunn, D.G.M.I. chairman, R. J. Fleming, C.G.M., A. Lindsay, D.C.G.M., R. J. Ferris, C.G.T., A. Bustard, P.C.G.M. and the Rev. Stothers and the Rev. S. M. McSparron who conducted the religious service.

The band chairman Bro. Fleming, jun., made a presentation to the teacher of the band and his assistant.

W. Bro. Fleming thanked all who made the evening such a memorable one and especially the ladies for providing supper.

Twelfth in County Donegal

On Saturday, July 6 at Rosstown there was a large attendance of sisters and brethren and good support from the public.

The Co. Donegal celebration which was resumed eight years ago grows in size each year. There were 14 bands in attendance, including a few from Northern Ireland.

A religious service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. J. McCandless, and the preacher was Bro. the Rev. G. Roycroft.

The sermon was a most inspiring one.

Wor. Bro. R. J. Ferris welcomed all in attendance at the celebration, and W. Bro. A. Bustard was the chairman.

The platform party included the Grand Master of the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge, W. Bro. R. J. Fleming; the Deputy County Master, W. Bro. A. Lindsay, W. Bro. George Dunne, P.C.G.M., and W. Bro. J. Ashenurst, P.C.G.M., Tyrone.

Definition of Terrorism

How would you define terrorism?

A very good definition of terrorism is in the **United Kingdom's Prevention of Terrorism Act: Terrorism means the use of violence for political ends and includes**

any use of violence for the purpose of putting the public or any section of the community in fear.

That's an excellent definition because if you use it then you know when you are dealing with a terrorist and when you're not dealing with a terrorist.

Portadown District LOL Annual Church Parade to Drumcree



Led by a local Pipe Band and District Officers the Portadown Ex-Servicemen's (Lt. Col. Sir William Allen Memorial) L.O.L. step out smartly on Sunday July 7 as they proceed to morning service in Drumcree Parish Church. Photo: J. McCullough.



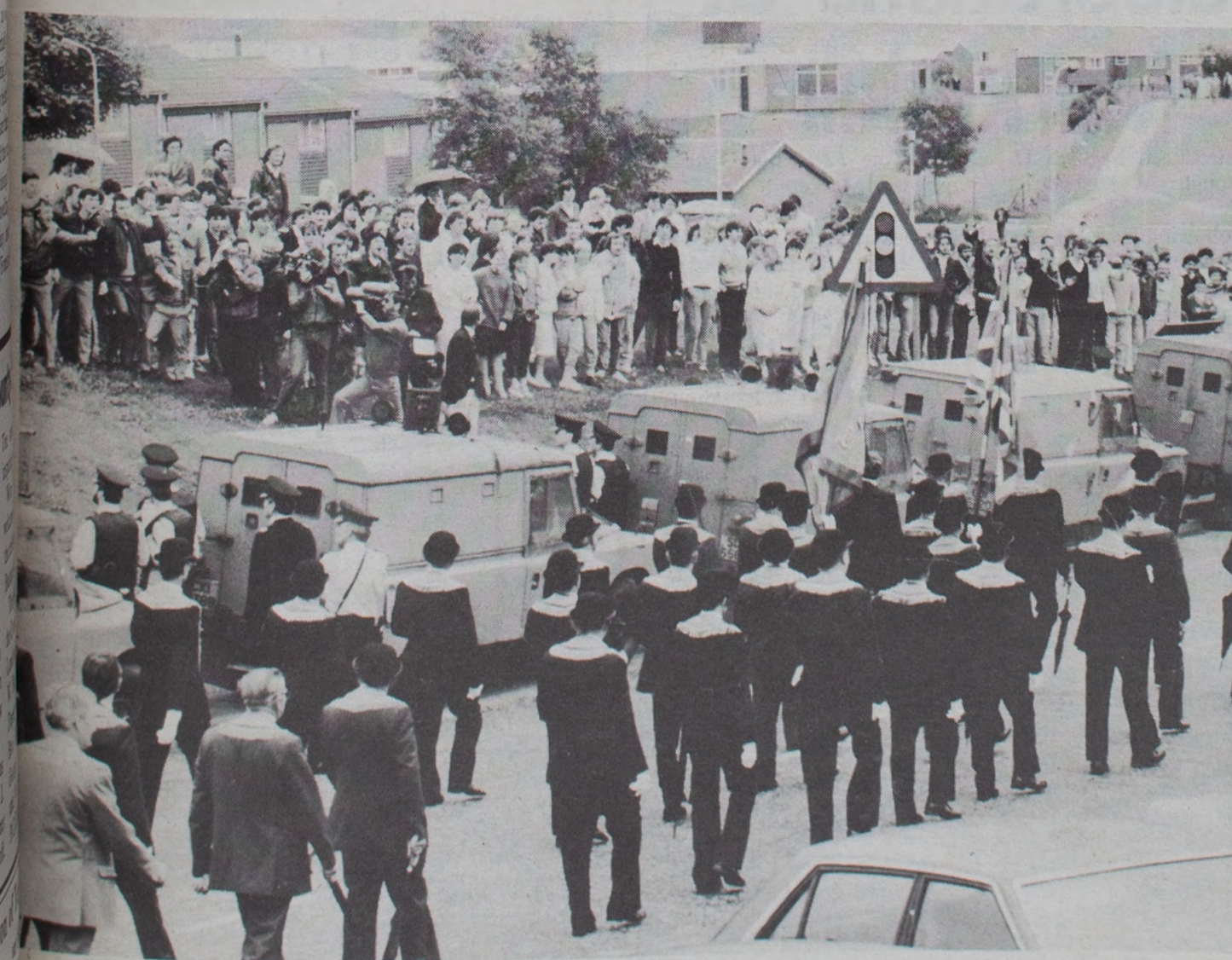
Bro. Alan Wright has a word with a senior R.U.C. officer as the Portadown District L.O.L. No. 1 parade peacefully to Drumcree Parish Church on the Sunday morning before the Twelfth of July. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



Policemen and their vehicles were much in evidence as the Orange parade passes Parkside Flats in "the Tunnel," Portadown



A member of the 26 Co. Senate and an S.D.L.P. member of Craigavon Borough Council manages a smile as she watches the Portadown Orangemen on their way through "the Tunnel" to worship in Drumcree Parish Church. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.

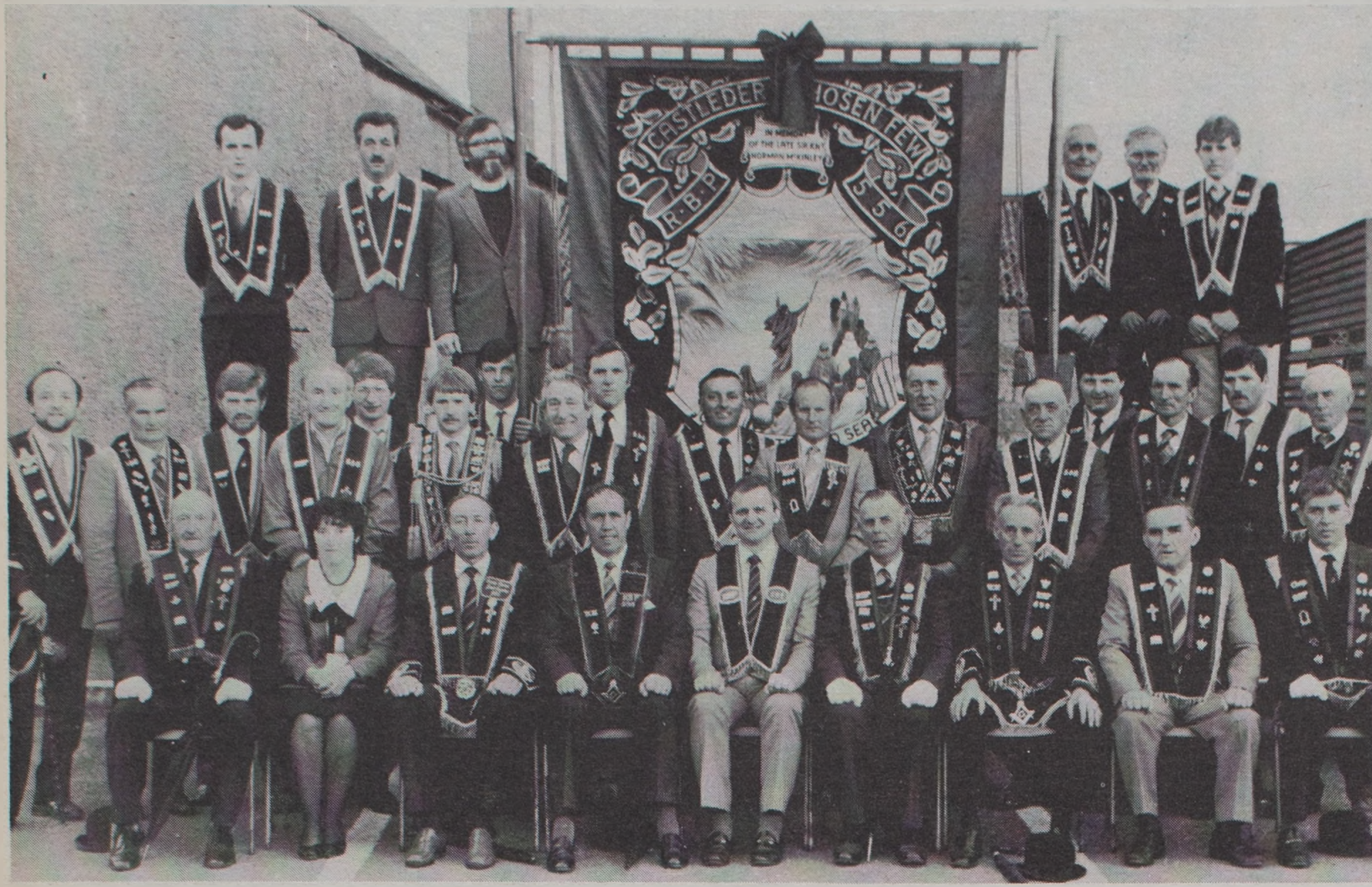


Angry shouts and clenched fists are raised by republicans as the Orangemen of Portadown traverse the route to Drumcree Parish Church on Sunday July 7. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



Mr. George Seawright wearing an Apprentice Boys of Derry collarette, joined the Portadown Orangemen for their parade to Drumcree Parish Church. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.

Banner Has Portrait of IRA Victims



Before a large crowd on Friday evening 7th June 1985, Castleberg Chosen Few R.B.P. No. 556 unfurled a new Royal Black banner in Castleberg.

The banner commemorates the late Sir Knight and Bro. Norman McKinley who was a member of the Preceptory prior to his death in a landmine explosion near Castleberg while serving as a member of the U.D.R. on July 14 last year.

Sir Knight Derek Hussey W.M. of the Preceptory welcomed everyone to the unfurling and invited Sir Knt. Alexander Patterson, W.D.M. of Castleberg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6, to preside.

Rev. Robert Wallace, local Methodist minister, opened the proceedings with prayer and after the singing of "O God Our Help in Ages Past" he read the Scripture lesson.

Before the unfurling ceremony Robert Hussey, son of the Preceptory's W.M., presented Miss Ann McKinley,

sister of the deceased, with presentation scissors to unfurl the new banner.

After the unfurling ceremony Sir Knt. Rev. W. McCrea, M.P. for Mid-Ulster, dedicated the banner and addressed the meeting.

Sir Knt. Samuel Glasgow, County Grand Master of County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter gave a short address.

After the vote of thanks by Sir Knt. Hussey, Sir Knt. Glasgow presented Sir Knt. Thomas Robinson with his Past Masters Certificate. He had been W.M. of the Preceptory for the past 20 years.

The new banner headed the parade of the town followed by eight bands — Ardess (Co. Fermanagh), (Accordian), Ardstraw, Liscaird, Killen, Garvetagh, Whitehouse, Tullywhisker (all Pipe) and Castleberg Young Loyalist (Flute).

Defixed on the new banner are Biblical painting of David and Goliath and the Israelites Crossing the Red Sea."

A new banner unfurled for Castleberg Chosen Few R.B.P. No. 556 on parade with, from left, Sir Knts. J. Emery, District Chaplain; S. Glasgow, C.G.M., Tyrone; Rev. W. McCrea, M.P.; Alexander Patterson, W.D.M. and J. Burke, D.D.M. Photo: N. Donnell, Castleberg.

Moderator Was Special Preacher in Londonderry

On Sunday 7th July, the brethren of the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge assembled under heavy clouds and light rain to attend their Battle of the Boyne Anniversary Service in Waterside Presbyterian Church.

The parade under the direction of the Chief Marshal, Bro. T. Montgomery, moved off promptly and on the way to church stopped at the City War Memorial where the City Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. J. Fleming, laid a wreath in memory of all their Fallen Brethren.

The Buglers who sound the Last Post and Reveille were supplied by the Britannia Brass

and Reed Bands — Bros. William J. Temple P.M. L.O.L. 871 and William Harte L.O.L. 871.

At the head of the parade along with the City Grand Lodge Officers were three Past City Grand Masters — Rt. Wor. Bro. G. Dunn, D.G.M.I.; Rt. Wor. Bro. Rt. Rev. Dr. R. Dickinson, M.A., City Grand Chaplain, and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. R. Guy. These were joined by Bro. Rev. J. R. Dickinson, L.O.L. 1215, son of the City

Grand Chaplain.

At the church they were joined by the Sisters of No. 1 and 2 Districts W.L.O.L., and many members of the general public.

The church was filled to capacity and all present listened to a very inspiring sermon from the City Grand Chaplain.

Members of the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge feel very honoured that the Moderator of the General Assembly is the City Grand

Chaplain, and this was the first time a Moderator had preached at this anniversary service.

In the absence of the Minister of Waterside Church who is on holiday, the service was conducted by Bro. Rev. John Dickinson, who is thanked most sincerely for his assistance.

After the service the parade re-formed in Clooney Terrace and marched back to the Apprentice Boys' Memorial Hall, No. 5 District stopping at the Victoria Hall. Bands in attendance were William King Memorial Flute Band, Cumber Claudy Pipe Band and Killaloo Accordion Band.

CASTLEBERG ANNIVERSARY

Killen L.O.L. No. 1272 held their annual Anniversary Service in Killen Orange Hall, Castleberg.

Killen Pipe Band under Pipe Major A. Lindsay led over 100 brethren from the Ederney Road assembly point to the service which was conducted by W. Bro. J. A. Emery, Deputy District Master of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12.

The special L.E.M.O.F. collection was taken up by W. Bro. R. J. Montgomery, District Secretary of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12 and W. Bro. A. Montieth W.M. of Aghyaran L.O.L. 1641.

The organist was Bro. A. Young, Garvetagh L.O.L. 1486.

Twelfth Celebrations at Markethill

Markethill District L.O.L. No. 10 held their annual arch-opening and mini-12th on Saturday, July 6.

All twelve Lodges of the District were on parade, accompanied by bands and Lambeg drums. Duke of York L.O.L. 666 from Ballymacarrett District, Belfast, were in attendance as guests of Mullabrack L.O.L. 1406.

The arch-opening ceremony was carried out by Bro. Jim Nicholson, M.P. for Armagh and Newry.

New District collarettes were dedicated by Bro. Rev. E. D. Smyth, Redrock and Druminnis Presbyterian churches. The proceedings

were introduced by Bro. D. McCullough, Wor. District Master.

The following day there were large attendances at two annual Orange services — in the morning at Mullabrack L.O.L. 1406 service in Mullabrack Parish Church, when the rector, Rev. R. Ferguson, was the preacher, and in the afternoon, at the District service in Markethill Upper Presbyterian Church, when Bro. Rev. F. Smyth, Drumbo, was the special preacher. Mullabrack Accordion Band led both parades.

On the 12th, the District paraded Markethill prior to going to the Co. Armagh demonstration in Tandragee. All Lodges reported large attendances, and the weather was favourable for those Lodges who carried Lambeg drums.

The Twelfth celebrations concluded on Sunday, 14th July 1985 when the annual Orange service was held in Kilcluney Parish Church. Bro. Rev. John Batchelor, rector of Killylea, was the special preacher. Enagh Accordion Band led the parade.

FAWNEY LODGE REACHES CENTENARY

In connection with the centenary celebrations of Fawney Fort L.O.L. No. 2048, a new bannerette was dedicated on Friday evening, July 5.

The unfurling was by Wor. Bro. T. M. Craig, P.M. 461 and the dedication by the Rev. John McWhirter, Glendermott Presbyterian Church assisted by the Rev. W. N. McCune, Faughan Reformed Presbyterian Church and Canon G. F.

Anderson, Killaloo Parish Church. The chairman was Wor. Bro. James Norris, W.M.

When the former hall was destroyed Bro. Craig had given considerable financial backing to the fund to rebuild. Wor. Bro. Fleming, C.G.M., congratulated the Lodge on attaining its 100th birthday and on clearing off the cost of the hall built five years ago.

At the request of the W.M. Bro. Fleming present 50 year service certificates to Bros. Alex Glass and Stewart McLucas. Bro. Glass had been Lodge Chaplain for 48 of his 50 years membership.

Three bands received presentations from Wor. Bro. Jack Smallwoods for the Lodge — Barran Accordion (Donegala, Co. Tyrone), St. Johnston Flute and

Mitchelburne Pipe, Londonderry.

Bro. Keith Norris, grandson of the late Wor. Bro. W. J. Norris, W.M. for 25 years, presented a Lodge gift to Wor. Bro. Tom Craig, Wor. Bro. W. J. Molloy proposed the comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had made the occasion so successful. The bands and friends were entertained to supper by the ladies committee.

First Impressions of Grand Lodge

Wor. Bro. William J. Armstrong, J.P., "Armadoon," Tempo, Co. Fermanagh, has attended his first meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall, Londonderry, on 12th June 1985.

At the last meeting of Fermanagh County Grand Lodge he was elected a member of the Grand Lodge of Ireland Committee.

Bro. Armstrong is a member of the Orange Order for 50 years, is Past Chaplain of his private lodge Ballyreagh L.O.L. 876 for over 26 years and was District Secretary of Tempo District L.O.L. No. 16 for over 26 years.

He is also a Past Master of Ballyreagh L.O.L. 876 and a Past Master of Tempo R.B.P. 197.

At present he is a District Lecturer in Tempo District

Lodge and a member of Fermanagh County Grand Orange Lodge.

Bro. Armstrong is also local Chairman of Tempo Ward Committee Official Unionist Party and is Secretary of Tempo Parish Church Select Vestry and a member of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

Asked for his views on his first experience of attending Grand Lodge he said "I was thrilled at both the excellent style and magnitude of the meeting and the excellent chairmanship of the Grand Master and the large amount of important business presented and considered. The well prepared luncheon given by the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge was most welcome and enjoyed. I certainly look forward to reporting back to my Lodge."

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Orangeism's Overseas Influence

Mr. William C. Moody, B.E., J.P., addressing the Twelfth demonstration in Tandragee, Co. Armagh, on the Second Resolution, welcomed their overseas brethren, especially those who had come to take part in the sessions of the Imperial Orange Council of the World. He went on to speak about the Orange Institution's



Wor. Bro. W. C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P.

across-the-world influence, pointing out that delegates would be attending from America, Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Scotland and Togo and Ghana East Africa.

"In each jurisdiction the Order is making a most useful contribution to Church and community in its home location. Orange folk with

aims and aspirations which are related to their environment in religious, social and charitable work of various kinds."

He had been most impressed, he went on, having seen something of the workings of the Institution in Canada (1982) and Australia (1985). "It was a revelation to me to watch the Order at work in situations very far from what we know here. I admire the determination and devotion of Orangemen and women who are as determined as we are to maintain the Protestant religion and to stand fast in the faith as good Christians and honourable citizens anxious to participate in the total life of their societies."

"We are grateful for their support and encouragement in these troubled times for the Province, and glad that having come among us they will return to their homes to provide a proper and accurate picture of the state of things here.

"We hope that the Imperial Council will have successful and fruitful meetings, enjoyable social occasions and in its fellowship and sharing of views make contributions which will benefit the whole Orange movement.

"We shall try to ensure that the Triennial of 1985 will be long remembered by all who participate in it. We pray for its success as we hope that our guests will have a good holiday here."

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Officers and Sir Knights of Bessbrook Crimson Arrow R.B.P. No. 38 on parade in Scarva on July 13.

Recruits Flock to Lodges all Over Province

This year the Twelfth parades provided visible proof of the steady influx of recruits, most of them young, and men of a high calibre and good character, into the ranks of Lodges in every part of the Province.

Continued political instability and uncertainty, coupled with the continuous clamour by the enemies of Ulster for "change" — in other words a move towards some form of united Ireland — have influenced many men to make their stand for the Protestant and loyalist position by joining our Institution.

That is encouraging, as is the evidence that Districts in Belfast which have experienced difficulty in the past decade, due to the movement of population and troubles, are now being reinvigorated.

The "mini" Twelfths, now such a feature of so many Orange districts, showed that in Belfast there is a resurgence of confidence, and of interest in the Orange and Black Institutions.

Each of the mini-Twelfths, North Belfast, Whiterock, Sandy Row, Ballymacarrett and Ballynafeigh reported bigger attendances than for some years. It was the same in Lurgan, and at other centres. The re-routing controversy which flared up over the Portadown parades may have been another factor, but generally the evidence is that Orange membership figures are increasing steadily.

That is very encouraging, but as we said in the "Standard" a few years ago, there is a need for more enterprise to be shown by Districts in locating members

who have moved to other areas, especially those on the periphery of Belfast.

Many city brethren who moved to Bangor, Newtownabbey, Carrickfergus, Lisburn, Craigavon and Antrim would appear to have dropped out of the Order altogether, perhaps because of lack of interest in their new areas, or just because there was no-one to direct them to the nearest Lodge in their new environment.

Here is something for Districts to really get involved in, especially in North Down and South Antrim, and to go out and seek many of the brethren who have lost contact with the Order.

Likewise, as new housing goes up in Sandy Row, Donegall Pass, Shankill and East Belfast, there is a need for intensive recruitment.

The magnificent spectacle of the pre-Twelfth Orange rally in Portadown, when an estimated 20,000 Orangemen from every part of the Province took part, as well as the great gatherings on the "Twelfth" itself, from Belfast to Ballymena, and Tandragee to Portstewart, showed the Order to be in a buoyant and optimistic mood, and it is up to the individual Districts and Lodges to harness that mood to the full, and reap a rich reward in the form of a big influx of recruits.

Killegar Orange Service

The annual parade service of the Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge was held in Killegar Parish Church on Sunday, July 7, and was one of the largest ever held there.

Extra seating had to be brought in to accommodate the large number of brethren and friends present from Belfast, Fermanagh, Cavan, Monaghan and Dublin.

The brethren assembled at the nearby schoolhouse and were led to the church by Stonepark Flute Band from Co. Cavan. Officers heading the parade included three Co. Grand Masters — W. Bros. George Browne, Leitrim; William Foy, Cavan; Noel Maxwell, Monaghan, and W. Bro. Henry Guy, representing the C. Grand Master of Co. Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, M.W. Bro. Lt. Col. G. E. Little, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., and Bro. Edward McGuigan, Dublin and Wicklow District.

The bannerettes of the Co. Leitrim and Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodges and of the Dublin and Wicklow District were also carried in the parade.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Jameson, local rector, and the special preacher was Bro. Rev. David Martin, minister of Pomeroy Presbyterian Church.

The collection was in aid of the LEMOF. After the service the brethren paraded back to the school house where tea was served by the ladies.

Officers of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter Taking the Salute at Scarva

Scarvagh estate); Rt. Hon. James H. Molyneux, M.P., M.P.A., Sovereign Grand Master; Rev. W. S. Forsythe, Rev. Dr. M. W. Dewar, Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A.; Mr. Samuel Gardiner. Photo: "Portadown Times."

Officers of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter and visiting Sir Knights who took the Salute at the annual Scarva Sham Fight and demonstration on July 13. Standing at the entrance to historic Scarvagh House are, among others (L. to R.) Sir Knts. William Johnston who has travelled from Montreal on 13 occasions for this celebration, Rev. Hugh Ross, James Copeland, C.G.M., Armagh; Bill Buller (owner of the



Difficult Year Lies Ahead For Orangeism in Portadown

Portadown, one of the premier Districts of Irish Orangeism, whose roots go back to the very foundations of the Institution, faces a crucial and difficult year ahead, in which vital decisions must be taken to try to ensure that there is no repetition of the regrettable scenes in the town on the 12th and 13th July this year, trouble which arose out of a situation not of the District's making.

FACING A CRISIS

The Orange and Black Districts of Portadown will require the understanding and the assistance of Grand Lodge, and of every influential source within the Orders, to help them surmount the greatest crisis which has faced them since their formation in the early years of Orangeism.

Enough has been printed in the media and has appeared on television—much of it unfair to the Orange and Black Orders—without labouring unduly on the sad story of those unhappy two days this year. The decision of the Secretary of State, Mr. Douglas Hurd, and of the Chief Constable, Sir John Hermon, probably on the prompting of the Eire Government, to re-route the traditional Orange and Black processions, some of them going back over 160 years, away from the Roman Catholic "Tunnel," precipitated an unparalleled series of crucial meetings of the District Lodge and its action committee.

Meetings of the District, and the action committee were held on a nightly basis for nearly a fortnight before the Twelfth, and there was widespread admiration for the magnificent rally attended by 20,000 Orangemen in Portadown which called on the Government not to re-route the "Tunnel" parades.

Not one incident marred that night's great demonstration, and there is little doubt that the display of Orange strength resulted in the Secretary of State and Chief Constable agreeing to the pre-Twelfth church parade to Drumree.

That parade, attended by nearly 3,000 Orangemen, showed who the real trouble makers are, because it was not the Orangemen who caused provocation and attacked the police, in the "Tunnel," or on the return parade along Garvaghy Road, but the republican Roman Catholic youths who shouted remarks, and threw stones and other



Twelfth of July in Portadown in the middle 1950's

missiles at the parade and police, hitting one Orangeman on the face.

PROTESTANT HOUSES ATTACKED

Protestant homes in nearby Woodside estate were attacked by youths from the Churchill Park area, and altogether the events of the Sabbath reflected no credit on the opponents of the Orange church parade.

Unfortunately, the Government failed to read the signs, and decided, against all the rules of commonsense, to ban the Twelfth and Thirteenth of July Black parades away from the "Tunnel" area.

To enforce this ban, the authorities expended a vast amount of money and manpower putting some 1,500 police and another 1,000 soldiers into Portadown, and using helicopters throughout both days to supervise the operations.

Thousands of loyalists in Portadown on both days controlled their anger and frustration, and the same applied to the 2,000 members of the Orange and Black Districts in the town. Several hundred misguided loyalist demonstrators did not, and it was their wrongdoings, especially the deplorable attacks on the police, which received television coverage.

Everyone deplored the assaults and the injuries sustained by the RUC, but the blame must be laid squarely on the shoulders of those in authority who would not listen.

The whole affair has left a

legacy of bitterness and resentment in Portadown and district which will take years to rectify and the sad thing is that it was all so unnecessary. A fraction of the manpower and the cost would have seen the parades pass along Obins Street, as they have done for over 100 years.

What really annoyed Protestant and loyalist people was the spectacle of SDLP spokesmen rubbing their hands in glee as policemen dealt "firmly" with loyalist rioters, the gleeful comments of nationalist spokesmen, and the praise for the police from Eire Premier Garret Fitzgerald, as well as the spectacle of "Tunnel" housewives providing tea for the soldiers guarding their area—shades of 1969 all over again!

THE WAY FORWARD

So much for the events themselves. The important thing now is for clear and level-headed thinking on the part of the Protestant and loyalist population in Portadown, and not least on the part of the brethren of the Orange and Black Districts.

They must have the prime responsibility for sorting out their own affairs, but they must also receive any help they require in making their decisions, especially in relation to the future of marches in Portadown. The spectacle of dreadful rioting in the town centre, with police launching baton charges as the Orange and Black Lodges and Preceptories paraded their own town in time-honoured trad-

in Portadown

ition is not one to provide anything but despair, and a determination to try, if at all possible, to avoid a repetition.

Whatever decisions are made in the months ahead by the Orange brethren of Portadown, the most earnest hope and desire should be to avoid splits, resignations and defections. There have been reports that some Lodges might refuse to parade with Portadown district again, and ask to join Loughgall district. That temptation must be resisted, and the brethren of the Lodges must know that their duty lies in standing with the District which has guided their affairs so wisely down

the years since the very beginning of Orangeism in the "County of the Diamond."

If Orangeism was to be seriously weakened in the premier District of Armagh—the "citadel" of the movement—then the losers would not only be Portadown with its great traditions, but also every other district in the border county, and indeed throughout Northern Ireland.

Let Portadown show the way, as it has so often in the past, and by its example inspire other Districts to follow its wise lead, not fragment, and provide only satisfaction to the enemies of Ulster and of Orangeism.



APC Club for London

The new London Campsie Club, A.P.D. has been officially opened by the Governor, Bro. Sam Heatley, assisted by the officers of the Parent Club in the Liverpool Murray Club premises.

Officers who were installed were Bros. Archine Richardson President; T. Jackson, Vice-President; H. Davis, Lay Chaplain; Ben Logan, Treasurer; P. Nolan, Secretary. Committee: S. Ferguson, W. Bobbie, R. McGhee.

The Charter was presented and a new bannerette dedicated by Bro. Gregory Campbell.

Liverpool Campsie President assured London of every support and guidance and, with many others, thanked all who had made the event so successful.

Present at the Charter presentation and opening of the new City of London Branch Club, Apprentice Boys of Derry on June 14 were Bro. A. Hemel, President Liverpool Murray Club A.B.D., Bro. W. Logan, London Campsie Club A.B.D. and the President of London Campsie Club A.B.D.

Officers and Sir Knights of Castleberg R.B.P. No. 556 with their new banner and members of the platform party. Photo: N. Donnell.



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Remembered

Several hundred Orangemen from Newry, Bessbrook, and Warrenpoint attended the annual memorial service at Altnaveigh Orange Hall near Newry on Sunday, June 16.

The service commemorated seven Protestants from the area murdered by Sinn Feiners in 1921 and 1922 and two members of Altnaveigh Memorial L.O.L. No. 37 murdered by the Provisional I.R.A. in the current "Troubles"—Newry magistrate Robert L. Mitchell and Territorial Army officer William McAlpine.

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