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U. V. F. PEACE CHALLENGE TO THE PROVOS.

THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE, IN CALLING FOR THE PROVISIONALS TO ORDER AN END TO THEIR MURDER CAMPAIGN, ARE STATING WHAT EVERY PERSON IN ULSTER AND THROUGHOUT IRELAND KNOW AND HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME, "THERE IS AN OBVIOUS DESIRE FOR PEACE EXISTING AMONG THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC POPULATION, AND THIS MAJORITY WOULD WELCOME FROM THE PROVOS AN UNCONDITIONAL CEASEFIRE."

The U.V.F. feel that the climate is ripe for a new political initiative such as a Devolved Administration and recent speculation in the press would give rise to the thought that some form of administration may be in the minds of the present Government in the U.K.

The speculations that have been published may not have suited everyone; it would have been surprising if they did, but at least there appears to have been a start made in the right direction, nevertheless, we require a stable society in order to implement any change towards a settlement.

The Provisionals are not naive enough to realise the futility of their aims and the complete rejection of their methods by the people they claim to represent. This is proved by the dwindling support they command, each time they call for their supporters to take to the streets. The support they now receive is from the young thugs who are only too eager to look for an excuse for a confrontation with the Army and the Police.

Not only are the rank and file turning from the Provisionals, other organisations and public figures are making their voices heard against blind sectarian policies which cannot win.

The Christian Mothers of the Bogside and Creggan, an influential Catholic organisation, have hit out at the I.R.A.'s rejection for an end to violence. A spokesman for the group said they received hundreds of calls from women in the city, supporting a plea for peace and angry at the manner in which it was being ignored by the Provisionals.

In 1973, an invitation from the Christian Mothers to David O'Connell to spend three months in Derry, in order to experience the violence first hand was refused. They stated then, "why should we in the North, suffer on the orders of a group of people, sitting in the safety of Dublin?"

FURIOUS FITT

S.D.L.P. leader Mr. Gerry Fitt, furious at the Provos refusing an end to violence called them "cowards".

"It will", he said "bring nothing but loathing and disgust from the hearts and minds of those in Northern Ireland who want peace."

Gerry also said, "courage must be a very strange word in the mouths of these cowards. Those seeking peace have shown more courage than the cowards of the I.R.A. have ever shown."

"What courage does it take to snipe down a man on his way to work, or set off the fire bombs which incinerated 12 people at La Mon."

AMERICAN ENVOY

From further afield, the message seems to be filtering through that the Provos are not the answer to Ireland's prayer.

The American Ambassador to the Republic has spoken out against the men of violence. Mr. William V. Shannon, speaking at a ceremony in Dublin said politics had more attractive weapons than terrorist pistols and dynamite. He said also that in the 19th century, many Irish statesmen accomplished great good for Ireland without the loss of a single life and concluded with these words.

"From their examples, can we take heart that the way of the future in Ireland is not the brute force of the terrorist with a gun, but the quiet sagacity and peaceful persuasion of people with a plan.

But can any of these people or organisations persuade the Provisionals to their way of thinking?

In a recent statement, the Provos have reiterated their position regarding the use of force to bring about political change from the British Government. Their excuse is that the roots of the present troubles go back into history, but have in the last decades, their source in the social and economic deprivation, suffered by the Nationalist people. We would ask, "Have the Protestant people suffered no social or economic deprivation?"

The Provos say that church leaders, politicians and establishments have failed to resolve the massive social and economic problems endured by our people, yet, we have these very same people imploring them to lay down their arms in order to give church leaders, politicians and establishments that very chance, and what has been the response? So far, a massive rejection of everything that we know can only be beneficial to Ulster.

The Protestant population of Ulster have endured Provisional murder and mayhem for the past 11 years.

We call on the British Government to act now in order to prevent any escalation to Provo violence. They have the means at their disposal to accomplish this. Let us see if they have the will.

EDITOR.

ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE POLITICAL PRISONERS EDUCATION RESULTS 1979

Compound 10'

'A' Levels

Of the eight examinations set by personnel there were six failures and two passes.

The high rate of failures in the 'A' Level results is due to the fact that all examinations set where in History and the History paper was extremely hard this year and the marking standards were extremely high.

'O' Levels

Of the eighteen examinations set by personnel there were eleven passes and seven failures.

Compound 21

Of the twelve examinations set there were eleven passes and only one failure. Grades attained were fairly high with several 'A's, a 'B' and a number of 'C's.

Overall

All told personnel attained a fairly good standard in GCE Examinations with 2 'A' Levels and 22 'O' levels gained.

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POPE FLOATS IN LIFFEY

When the 'papal Anti-Christ' recently visited Eire there was a dramatic protest by Scotland's fearless preacher, the REV. JACK GLASS of the ZION SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, POLMADIE, GLASGOW. In a really amazing protest, the Rev. Glass went through 3 road-checks without being discovered, in order to deliver a protest letter to the POPE'S PALACE which had a massive armed guard. After delivering his uncompromising message, he returned by taxi to his hotel-accommodation, and then slipped quietly out of DUBLIN! As the 'papal anti-christ' toured the city the Rev. Glass completed his own personal protest by throwing the popes poster into the Liffey River. It is encouraging, to see that the spirit of the COVENANTERS still inspires the 'faithful few' in defence of our PROTESTANT HERITAGE....

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