

# THE ORANGE STANDARD

"Lift up a standard for the people."

(Isaiah 62:10)

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*Moral Laxity  
Denounced  
By Grand  
Master*



## PLEA TO MASON

— "GOVERN IN

# RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT LEGISLATE FOR SIN!"

Speaking at the Half-Yearly Meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland on Thursday, in December in the "House of Orange", the Rev. W. Martin Smyth B.A., B.D., Imperial Grand Master declared that the Orange Institution is pledged for the defence of the Protestant Faith and the liberties of the Subject.

It had often been used as a scapegoat especially by those who continually seek the overthrow of Reformed Christian Faith. Nevertheless, he said, despite a decline in moral standards generally and the all too often human aberrations of its membership, the Institution continues to uphold its principles, and seeks to see them implemented in practice.

### "A MORASS OF IMMORALITY"

Accordingly, as an Institution we are opposed to the prevailing moral climate which, despite cloaking its intention under the guise of honesty, and with attacks on so-called Victorian prudery and hypocrisy, is engulfing this generation in the morass of immorality.

"We welcome any reform in the Divorce Laws which give a better deal to women. But we are opposed to any lowering of marriage standards and encouragement to a low view of sacred

promises. Easy divorce is not the answer to the problem of the breakdown of marriage.

"Likewise we understand concern for those with strong homosexual tendencies. But the best way to help is not to present a moral climate of consent. The next stage has already been seen in the rearing of the monster of paedophyllia. Homosexuality and paederoisty are too close cousins for complacency!"

"History supports our contention that a nation which tolerates such conduct decays. The Bible not only forbids it, but reveals God's Judgement upon it. We urge the Secretary of State to govern in righteousness and not to legislate for sin."

The Grand Master said they had been very interested in the Court ruling on the Magherafelt Council case. "We recognise the subtleties of the case and cannot see how the Government can continue to subsidise the

Gaelic Athletic Association which blatantly discriminates against the Security Forces. We call upon the Auditor-General to examine the grants given to such work. How denominational halls and GAA Clubs have been subsidised by public funds, when the deserving work of the McCrea Trust was refused is beyond us. Except that it reflects further discrimination against law abiding Ulster people."

### PEACE PEOPLE "LIBEL"

During the year he said, they suffered at the hands of the Peace People by a general libel. No matter what explanation might be put upon the allegations, the obvious intention was to imply that Orange Lodges abroad were not only acting illegally by raising money under false pretences, but were also involved in arms running to Ulster.

Despite the fact that this was publicly refuted it was repeated by spokespersons for the Peace Movement, and no apology was forthcoming, especially to the Orange Widows Funds which were helping many people long before the Peace People were around.

"We regret the injudicious words of the Secretary of State in declining to give

proper local democracy to Ulster. It is tragic that civil rights have been so devalued that basic electoral rights no longer exist for over one million people in the United Kingdom.

"It is equally tragic that the false claim that we look for a Protestant — dominated Stormont is being repeated by normally responsible papers. Remember it was the Westminster Government at the behest of Nationalist Terrorists which imposed Stormont upon Ulster. Further, Craigavon's

'A Protestant Parliament for a Protestant People' was in reply to a Southern Cabinet Minister's cry 'A Catholic Parliament for a Catholic People'.

"Perhaps it was because Craigavon's alliteration was better, that people remember it. Nevertheless, the fact is, that the Protestant people in the South, who contribute much in educational, commercial and industrial circles, have been clearly crowded out from political power. One member elected in the Dail

is scarcely a proportional return. It bears no relationship to the great leadership qualities of the minority in the Republic.

### NO SURRENDER

"Ulster will be happy when the scourge of Republican terrorism is lifted from our backs. But Ulster will not surrender its cherished place within a larger family, nor will it pay the price for pseudo democracy by power sharing as of right."



W. Bro. Thomas  
Passmore

## Leave It To The Army And Police

The County Grand Master and Officers of the County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast said in a statement issued to the Press that they view with great concern the proposed "interference in Army activities, by civilians, on behalf of the Peace People."

"Such interference, in

necessary security operations, can only be detrimental to the safety of the Army personnel involved and to the increasing success of the Security Forces in bringing terrorists to justice. Thomas Passmore J.P., County Grand Master. John McCrea, County Grand Secretary."



# UNIONIST OPPOSITION TO EEC IS UNDERLINED

## BY S. ANTRIM MEMBER

Speaking in the Westminster debate on Employment, Mr. James H. Molyneux, M.P., Leader of the Parliamentary Unionist Party and Sovereign Grand Master of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter said:

The selected amendment refers to enemployment, a subject never far from the minds of Ulster Members. No doubt the reasons for our Province's unenviable pre-eminence in the grim statistics are numerous, but one major reason is not new. It is the peripheral position of the Province in relation to the rest of the Ulster Kingdom which intensifies all the stresses and handicaps which affect Britain as a whole.

### HOSTILITY TO THE MARKET

This is the basic economic reason for our hostility to membership of the Common Market. It is bad enough to be peripheral to the British economy. It is much worse to be peripheral to a British economy which itself is a peripheral region of the European economy.

It was certain that if inflation were to be overcome an increase, though temporary, in unemployment would be an unavoidable consequence. But we on this Bench have always maintained that to overcome inflation was the first priority, and we have, as we promised at the beginning of this Parliament, supported the Government in the financial measures necessary to that end, even when those measures were unpopular.

It is difficult to imagine how any other party in the House could or would have met the challenge of inflation more successfully. That is why we did not support the amendment yesterday, and we shall not support the amendment tonight.

One deduction can be drawn with complete confidence from the relationship between Ulster's geographical situation and Ulster's unemployment. Everything which improves communications of all kinds — from airlines to pipelines — between Ulster and the mainland and everything which integrates Ulster's economy into that of Britain as a whole is of benefit to Ulster's people.

The House will find in that fact the unifying thread which runs through nearly all the objectives which my party pursues from Session to Session.

### LESSENING OF TERRORISM

It would be repeating a truism to allude to the connection between Ulster's economic experience and the terrorist campaign waged against all of our people over the past eight years. I am glad to record — it would be disingenuous not to do so, despite all past disappointments — the striking improvement of which all who know the Province are well aware. I shall not take up time in this debate by discussing the reasons why this improvement has occurred. Instead, I shall look ahead. I wish to look at that aspect of manpower which is referred to in the passage of the Gracious Speech which reads: "continuing to develop the effectiveness of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, supported by My Armed Forces."

At this point, perhaps I might record our satisfaction at the reference to Northern Ireland being placed in that section of the Gracious Speech which deals with the affairs of the United Kingdom — the first time since 1969 when Northern Ireland came in for separate mention.

For many years, it has been orthodox Unionist policy to insist that the Royal Ulster Constabulary ought to be the law enforcement agency, as it would be in the rest of the United Kingdom. We have reason to believe that this view was not universally shared among others, but it seems that we have at last got it right.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary and the RUC Reserve are daily increasing in strength and in confidence. The strength and effectiveness of that other indigenous element of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, the Ulster Defence Regiment, have been increasing also, particularly through the expansion of the full-time element. Co-operation between the Ulster Defence Regiment and the Royal Ulster Constabulary is steadily improving and ought to be still further developed, and both ought to be supplied and equipped with the best available equipment.

It follows that, as the effectiveness of these Ulster forces increases, the need for support from the Army will correspondingly diminish. It is our view that reductions can then be made in that part of the Northern Ireland commitment which places the greatest strain on the Army in terms of manpower. I refer, of course, to the short-stay elements — units which



rotate on a four-month tour of duty.

In terms of manpower, this is a wasteful exercise because, when the periods fore and aft of the four-month tour are taken into account, the total non-availability of units is about seven months, and, of course, its effect on training programmes is disastrous.

The most economical use of manpower is seen in the long-stay or garrison formations and in specialist units such as the SAS or the Royal Corps of Military Police. We, the elected representatives of Northern Ireland, must begin to think more along these lines and perhaps to warn the public against listening to those who, predictably, will cry "British withdrawal" every time an out-

going unit is not replaced.

The Prime Minister and the Government have given firm evidence of their determination to defend the integrity of the United Kingdom, and we know from experience that reinforcements can be provided within a matter of hours, should the need arise.

### SOLDIER COMFORTS

All this, of course, has its relevance to the concern expressed by the hon. Member for Abingdon (Mr. Neave), shared, I am sure, by the whole House, over the standard of living accommodation. It is not suggested that four-star accommodation ought to be provided for some 14,000 troops.

While we all want to ensure that the long-stay troops and their families are provided with a high standard of accommodation and that living conditions are made as tolerable to those on four-month tours as active service and the security situation permit, a gradual reduction in numbers would naturally ease the position and make, possibly a significant improvement in the conditions of the smaller number who

would still be required. No-one will imagine that anything I have said detracts in any way from the contribution of the Army over the past troubled years. But it was never intended — nor, indeed, foreseen — that it should be committed for such a long period and in such great strength.

Hitherto it has been the presence and backing of the Army in strength that has made possible the rebuilding of the morale and effectiveness of the security forces of the Province, which earlier mistaken policies had shaken.

There is, however, a point — and it is rapidly being reached — after which the effectiveness and acceptance of the local security forces can continue to develop only if they are seen to rely more on themselves and less upon the back-up of the Regular Army.

### ULSTER'S DEFENCE OF THE REALM

We on this Bench have frequently voiced the willingness of Ulstermen to defend their part of the realm. To them, it is gratifying to be doing so in ever greater measure alongside other servants of the Crown.

## LISNAGADE

C. BOHNER.



1. Ye Pro - tes - tants of Ul - ster I pray you join with me, your voi - ces raise in lof - ty praise and show your loy - al - ty.
2. The first who fought upon that day the Prince of Orange was He headed our forefathers in his most glorious cause; Protestant rights for to maintain, and Popery to degrade; And in the memory of the same we fought at Lisnagade.
3. 'Twas early in the morning before the rise of the sun, An information we received our foes each with his gun In ambush lay, near the highway, entrenched in a fort, For to disgrace our Orange flag, but it chanced they broke their oath.
4. We had not marched a mile or so, when the white flag we espy'd, With a branch of Podereens on which they much relied. And this inscription underneath — "Hail Mary, Unto Thee — Deliver us from the Orange dogs, and then we will be free."
5. At half an hour past two o'clock, a firing did commence, With cloude of smoke and showers of balls, the Heaven was condensed. They called unto their wooden gods, to whom they used to pray, But my lady Mary fell asleep and the cowards ran away.

This fine old Orange ballad is taken from the "Collection of Orange Songs" published in Toronto, Canada and dedicated "To The Orangemen of the World". The volume printed in 1895 bears the name J. V. Samuelson, 1902. "It has been loaned to the 'Orange Standard' by Bro. W.C. Moody J.P."



## ORANGE CHEQUE FOR CHARITY IN SHEFFIELD

A cheque for £50 was presented to the Multiple Sclerosis Charity when the John Bingham Loyal Orange Lodge No. 844, Sheffield, held its annual dinner towards the end of last year.

The Lodge's collection was supplemented by a generous donation from 844's "twin" Lodge, in Edinburgh, the John Knox Memorial LOL No. 112, and members of LOL No 282 of Preston who were present as guests.

In a short speech of

welcome Bro. M.E. Phelan, recalled the significance of November the Fifth to Orangemen, and he defended the Order against charges of living in the past. Those who refuse to learn from history, he stated, were condemned to relive it, he declared.

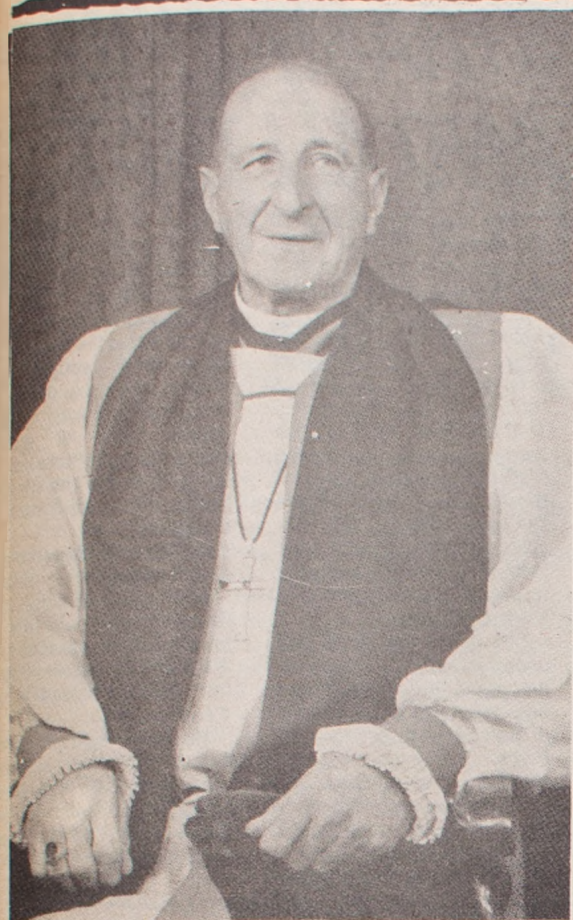
After the dinner the guests who are not members of the Order were given samples of Orange literature and these

included current copies of the "Orange Standard" and the "Orange Torch", also the booklets "The Orange Lodge" from Scotland and "Why Orangeism?" from Ireland.

Literature from other organisations, such as the Protestant Reformation Society, was also distributed.

(From Left.) In the accompanying picture are Bro. Hugh Coates Treasurer; Mr. G. Bolton, Multiple Sclerosis Charity; Bro. M. E. Phelan, Chaplain, and Bro. J. Atkinson, W.M.





*The Right Rev. R. C. H. Elliott, D.D.*

# IN MEMORY OF A GREAT ORANGEMAN

Few churchmen have made such an impression on clergy and people as has Cyril Elliott. He retained the esteem, and respect, of friends whom he made at every place and stage of his long and varied ministry.

How he enjoyed hearing, and placing, people who called him rector or vicar or dean or bishop. And he was 'the big one.' The descriptive adjective was peculiarly appropriate, for Cyril Elliott was big in size and heart; enthusiasm and sound sense; leadership, and support of those who had also to bear the burdens of leadership, in state, community and church. "The Man for Others" was a proper description of a man who had a lifetime concern for ministry at home and abroad.

Man of many parts — few clergy have had wider interests — he was singular-

ly concerned with the outreach of the church. His work with the Church Missionary Society especially was of prime importance to him.

The Bishop Elliott Fund which has just been launched is an inspired application of the mind of the man. In its "Aim and Purpose", 1. "For the promotion of education in World Mission" and 2. "For the encouragement of partnership in the Church through the provision of grant aids for personnel, mainly between the churches of the Anglican Communion", it catches his spirit in what it promises to do in two-way sharing of ideas and personnel, and by ensuring an Irish presence in important conferences and seminars.

The Fund, which has been commended by the Primate, the Most Rev G.O. Simms, Archbishop of Armagh,

should have the support of those who have caught something of his vision, and who want to be associated with a man who served his church and people with that selfless abandon which marks a Christian maturity to which many aspire but few attain.

An attractively printed appeal circular — it has a fine portrait of the late Bishop — has gone out from C.M.S. to all parishes in the hope that donations and subscriptions will be sent to the Fund from select vestries, parishes and parochial organisations. And there is a request that gifts be covenanted to increase their value to the Fund. Money should be sent to "The Bishop Elliott Fund" (C.M.S. Ireland) Overseas House, 3 Belgrave Road Dublin 6, or 12 Talbot Street Belfast BT1 2QH.

While the Fund will be

administered by C.M.S. "it hopes to provide grants to all suitable applicants without distinction." Insularity was abhorrent to Cyril Elliott.

Because the Bishop was the best known dignitary of the Church of Ireland — everyone knew him — there must be those of other denominations who would wish to be associated with such a worthwhile memorial to him. They, too, are invited to send their contributions to one or other of the above addresses.

We lift ourselves as we think of good men.

We enlarge ourselves as we support good causes.

(S.E.L.)

**Editors Note:** Orangemen anywhere in the world, who have happy memories of a great Orangeman, should not hesitate to contribute to this Fund. He was bigger than denominational, national or racial divisions. We do well when we emulate him.

## IN MEMORIAM

composed by Mrs Rae Christie,

Daughter of the Late Bro. Robert Marks, P.M. of Christian Crusaders L.O.L. No. 1339 to the memory of a brave young prison officer.

The very flags where he had walked,  
Are crying out in shame:  
For one whom Christ had chosen  
And who professed His Name.

Every drop of blood he shed,  
On the side-walk on that day,  
Is measured up above,  
Before the Judgement Seat.

For he was the Lord's anointed,  
He shed it not in vain,  
His enemies are the losers,  
And he the one to gain.

It would have been better there for those,  
Who touched that chosen one,  
That a millstone around their neck had hung  
Than they had murdered with a gun.

A subject of the Queen was he,  
A man who served the Crown,  
And serving in such a manly way,  
He was brutally mown down.

A Servant of the King of Kings,  
But this they did not know,  
And with the Army up above,  
His homage he does show.

A P.M. of Christian Crusaders  
A wonderful Christian was He,  
Spreading abroad the Gospel,  
Telling man, that it was free.

In Alexander Presbyterian Church,  
An elder there he was,  
Helping Old and Young alike,  
Fighting the Saviours Cause.

Cut down without a warning,  
A man in the prime of life,  
Taken away from this scene of time,  
Leaving a saddened wife.

But God Who is the Judge of all,  
Recorded this crime above,  
May she ever trust in Him,  
For He is a God of Love.

The sorrows that we bear,  
In this world here below,  
Will be revealed in time,  
When we leave this scene of woe.

United there at last,  
With those we loved so dear,  
Will compensate in Eternity,  
For our trials here below.

Bro. Desmond was brutally mown down on the 7th October 1977 by the Provisional I.R.A.

## POWELL SAYS "NO ROOM FOR HALF-TIME M.P.s"

Mr. Enoch Powell, M.P. for South Down, in an address at a public meeting in the Orange Hall, Dromore, Co. Down dealt with the break up of the Ulster Coalition at Westminster.

He recalled that they started, nominally, a coalition of ten. But from the beginning one of the ten, their colleague from North Down (Mr. James Kilfedder) refused to co-operate in any way with the rest who had been elected together on the same platform and manifesto.

Then, because of events which occurred in the ill-starred Constitutional



*Enoch Powell*

Convention rather than in Parliament, we were deprived — without acrimony but nevertheless deprived — of the undoubted talents of William Craig; and I have to record that to this present moment there has been no suggestion of his asking to receive the Ulster Unionist whip.

Finally eight months ago the Coalition ceased to exist,

when the two remaining members of it who were not Ulster Unionists renounced the parliamentary process and resorted to direct action against Parliament and the Crown, and therefore against the Union.

"I turn, with relief and with hope, to the future. It seems certain that one of Ulster's just demands, the demand for fair and equal parliamentary representation, will be "understood and accepted" by parliament in this session. This should in due course provide an Ulster Unionist Group in the House of Commons of at least twice our existing number — and I hope more than twice.

### MORE SEATS?

"There is evidence — I am committing no breach of confidence or privilege in saying so, since the Speaker's Conference has broken with precedent to hear witnesses in public — that the House of Commons

will feel that there ought to be no avoidable delay in implementing whatever is found to be just and fair.

Even so, however, the present parliament would need to run to virtually its maximum length for there to be much chance of the Boundary Commission completing its work and the additional seats being created before the next general election.

"To strengthen our hand therefore and maintain in the next parliament the work, which has begun in this, our aim must be more modest but all the more essential. It must be to return from the present twelve seats the maximum number of genuine Ulster Unionists taking the Ulster Unionist whip, who will provide in the next parliament a larger phalanx of members speaking, acting and voting together as the six of us have done in this Parliament, in the interests of Ulster and the Union.

"We in Ulster are in no

situation at present to indulge in luxury of dissidents, half-timers, facing both ways, false friends or 'wolves in sheep's clothing.' The next parliament ought to be the one in which we carry through to fulfilment the work, on which much more than a start has been made in this parliament, of guaranteeing beyond doubt or cavil the status of Northern Ireland as a secure and peaceful province of this United Kingdom, whose inhabitants enjoy in every respect equality of rights and equality of privilege with all their fellow subjects and with every comparable region of the realm."

**Editor's Note:** Mr. Powell's speech got immediate reaction from MP's Mr. Paisley, Mr. Kilfedder and Mr. Dunlop, who made counter charges against him for the position he had taken up in relation to the Labour Government and its maintenance in power, among other things.

## COMFORT FOR THE IRA

There will be no Christmas this year for Paul Harman. Not ever again.

At just 27, Lance Corporal Harman is dead, murdered in his car by the IRA.

The day after he died, the BBC broadcast a programme on TV about his killers.

It showed Irish Republican leaders talking about their determination to continue the armed struggle to throw the British out of Ireland.

It showed a squad of hooded IRA men training with guns — presumably so that they can murder more soldiers like Paul Harman.

The Ulster Secretary, Mr. Mason, who rarely intervenes, whatever newspapers, TV and radio say, asked the BBC not to make the broadcast.

The BBC ignored him.

It went ahead with a programme which, in the words of Tory Shadow spokesman Mr. Airey Neave, "simply glorified terrorism."

When soldiers like Paul Harman are dying in Ulster, when the return of peace and prosperity and happiness depends on the destruction of the IRA, is it not a howling scandal that the BBC which draws every penny of its income from the people — many of them with relatives and friends serving in Northern Ireland — should give 35 minutes of free publicity to the skulking killers of the IRA.

(Sunday Express. 18-12-77)





By **STANARDBEARER**

# THIS IS WHY WE REJECT "SHARING"

I sometimes wonder if our public representatives who enunciate the Orange and Protestant cause have made enough of the opportunities presented to them on radio and TV and in the other media to underline the real reason why power sharing is repugnant to our ethic.

## "AS OF RIGHT..."

That is, of course, the idea of power sharing as espoused by Mr. Gerry Fitt and his cohorts in the SDLP. Power sharing, *per se*, is not in itself wrong, only the manner in which the SDLP plan to achieve it, i.e., "as of right."

No, far too little use has been made in my humble opinion of the opportunities to spell out to the British

people and others that the SDLP, wishing to share in the government of Northern Ireland are themselves technically, if not legally, not citizens of the United Kingdom.

They have disclosed that in some cases at least they do not hold British passports. Instead they hold passports issued by the Department of External Affairs in Leinster House in Dublin.

That is the over-riding consideration which must govern the Unionist objection to the sharing of power within a United Kingdom context.

Supposing that Mr. James Callaghan, British Prime Minister, were to discover that a senior member of his Cabinet held a passport issued by France or Germany what a fuss would be created. Do you think that for one moment the "foreigner" would be allowed to remain one day at No. 10? Of course not!

## EFFRONTERY OF NO.10

But Mr. Callaghan expects the British people of Northern Ireland to recognise a citizen of another State as worthy of power sharing. The effrontery of it all.



Gerry Fitt



Mr. James Callaghan

If the SDLP really wish to get in on the game of power in Ulster ought not they to indicate their readiness to become full citizens of the United Kingdom, under whose authority we live here?

Perhaps this aspect of the power sharing issue should be highlighted more often and more vigorously at Westminster and elsewhere when the question of the sharing of power is raised.

Of course it may well be that some members of the SDLP have no stomach (sic) for British citizenship. It would be well if they were to make this abundantly clear in their public pronouncements from time to time.

This is in no minimising that what they ought to be talking about is not power but responsibility. There's a world of difference.

# STRASBOURG — AND ALL THAT..

It was to be expected that the decision of the Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg would indicate something on which to hang a charge proven against Britain in relation to the accusations of ill-treatment of detainees held for questioning by the RUC in the opening years of the civil war waged by the IRA and later by the Provisional IRA against the British presence and the forces of law and order in Northern Ireland.

But there was deep and unconcealed sorrow amongst the Government and people of the Republic of Ireland and certain anti-British elements in Northern Ireland that the main charge, that of torture, has not been accepted by the European Court. That was made very

evident in the statement from that side within hours of the announcement of the Court's findings.

What has been also made very patent is the concern of those who brought the charge and supported it directly or indirectly in the unique piece of public prosecution of a State not much to prove the charge itself but to place Britain on the pillory.

Now that the Government of the Republic of Ireland has had a pyrrhic victory the time may be opportune to inquire into the reasons why 200,000 Protestants have left Southern Ireland in the last century or so.

Human rights surely comes into the reckoning here also. Let's hear from you, Mr. Jack Lynch and Mr. Gerry Fitt. What about bringing this to Strasbourg?

# STATE PAPERS TELL REASON FOR MP's 1941 INTERNMENT

Those of us who were around at the time will remember the furore which was caused when the then M.P. for South Fermanagh Mr. Cahir Healy, was arrested by the RUC one morning at his house in Belmore Street, Enniskillen, and taken off to the Isle of Wight for internment in 1941.

## LETTER SEIZED

The Nationalist Party — that was before it went into oblivion with the rise of the SDLP — cried out to high

heaven about the "iniquitous" incarceration of a senior member of the Ulster Parliament at Stormont, but the secret was so open at the time that all it needed was official confirmation.

We were aware that a letter from the poet-politician to Father Tom Maguire in Newtownbutler, contained some reference to the German Embassy or Legation in Dublin, and was intercepted by the RUC.

Now after 35 years the "secret" is confirmed. The

disclosure or confirmation has come in the publication of State papers.

It may not be as well known that Mr. Healy, personally a kindly and amiable man when out of the political hurley-burley, confessed long afterwards that his health had improved considerably whilst he was "off duty" on the English South coast.

My last recollection of Cahir was some years afterwards when he was addressing a meeting of

farmers on the subject of drainage. He spent part of that evening conversing with the local Church of Ireland clergyman — Irish The latter hailed originally from an Irish speaking district in the West of Ireland.

Cahir was a Co. Donegal man, and it was believed that at one time when for a short period he had become a Protestant that he actually was proposed for membership of an Orange Lodge

# THOSE DIVISIONS IN CHRISTENDOM

Anyone who like myself had reservation about the expected absence of conservatism in Dr. Thomas Fee, the newly elected and consecrated Roman Catholic Primate will have had those reservations confirmed by what the head of the Roman Church in Ireland had to say in a sermon in his cathedral in Armagh on Sunday, January 15.

He is reported as having stated that true ecumenism was not promoted by watering down the essential doctrines of his church.

So, we are not yet removed from Square One. But this statement, is of little consequence when compared to that other comment he made in the same sermon. He is reported to have said that it was "tragic that what seemed to have begun as a minor dispute in the 16th century should have led to the divisions in Christendom which have prevailed for over 400 years."

Isn't this an amazing comment to come from a man who only a short time ago was at the pinnacle of educational life in his church as a Professor at Maynooth, the principal seat of learning for the priesthood of the R.C. Church in this country.

Does Dr. Fee already forget, now that he has returned to his native Co. Armagh that the "minor dispute" was no minor affair, as history clearly indicates.

Far from being 'minor', it was fundamental in the 16th century and remains so to this day. Indeed, even more important than any conception Dr. Fee may have about the dispute, it must be remembered and recognised by him as having originated not in the Protestant Church but in the Church of Rome itself.

Almost without exception the leaders of the Reformation were luminaries of the Roman Church who became so thoroughly disconcerted by what was going on in their church — sale of

indulgences, corruption and graft — that they decided to have no more of it and sought to bring in reforms.

The real tragedy of the situation is that so large and influential a sector of the Roman Catholic Church persisted obdurately in its unscriptural theology and practice.

That is where the divisions first took root — in the Church of Rome itself. No wonder that in this enlightened age there is widespread turmoil in that church, as witness the dissension which the clearing out of the Tridentine Mass, the Mass

according to the Latin rite, has evoked.

Strangely it will be remembered that one of the first aims of the Reformers, Romanists as they were in that early stage, was to give the people the Bible and order of service in a "language understandeth of the people."

Dr. Fee is rightly concerned about the divisions which affect the Body of Christ. But he must be more careful to ensure that he is more accurately informed on the cause of those divisions, and less concerned with the effect.

There are some priorities to be accorded their rightful place in this matter, and avoiding them does no one any good.

## BIBLES FOR AFRICA

Any Brother or Sister having a Bible which they could spare, would they send same to:—

Bro. John Smyth P.M. Secretary  
L.O.L. 1934, c/o Ballymacarrett  
Orange Hall, 178a Albertbridge Road,  
Belfast, BT5 4GS.

or, if more convenient, please leave them at the House of Orange, 65, Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HE

# SO WERE NOT ALL THAT BIGOTED!

We are all familiar from time to time with the accusation that we Loyalists in Northern Ireland are a bigoted and an intolerant lot!

But we are nowhere in the race with the good people of Lewes in England who in December were pressurising the organisers of the town's Guy Fawles carnival bonfire to burn effigies of the Pope!

Of course we Ulster Protestants burn effigies of Lundy in December of each year, but then he was a Protestant and he is dubbed "Traitor", not a pope.

It seems from a newspaper report just before Christmas that when it was suggested at a dinner given by one of the bonfire societies Mr. Roy Baker said there would be a return of the old tradition of bonfire

night in Lewes.

His suggestion that all the main societies should resume burning an effigy of the Pope was greeted with applause.

But the Rev. Denis Hay Roman Catholic parish priest of St. Pancras Church in Lewes, considered the idea was "provocative" and expressed the view that "these poisonous anti-Catholic feelings should die."

Next time you hear suggested that the Loyalists in Northern Ireland are bigoted just remind someone that if you want to know what kind of thing you have to do to Lewes on Bonfire Night

And remember Lewes is the darkest Southern England

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## COMMENT

# THE ATTACK ON SECULARISM

Anyone who takes the trouble to study the Orange Order for himself must come to a conclusion about the way it is travelling these days. The strong emphasis on Christian Faith and Practice is everywhere apparent. The strong evangelicalism of the movement is obvious in its utterances by resolution and decision at every level.

There is a realisation that the Order, with its committal to the Christian Faith, has the tasks of witnessing to that faith in the public worship of God and in seeking to win others for the Kingdom of God. In religious parlance it is witnessing to Christ, the Saviour and Lord, and doing that publicly in church, at home, work and play, and seeking to influence others to think about Him and then to have faith in Him, too. It is to live by the realisation that "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

It is also to recognise that a great number of our Ulster people are without faith in God. Many who call themselves Protestants are without any meaningful relationship with Christ, and their church membership, when it exists, is nothing more than a minimal insurance that religious words will be said at a burial.

And costing little or nothing it is the merest accommodation to old superstition, a meaningless acceptance of a behaviour pattern which meant something to their forefathers but means nothing to them.

The faith-less way of life of many of our people advertises the fact that they are governed in their thinking and doing by attitudes which are secularistic and could well be atheistic. As W. E. Sangster said, there are not many theoretical atheists around — not many who will say there is no God — but there are many practical atheists. Those who so live that no time or thought is given to God.

It could be that the Orange Institution, for long opposed to the idolatries of Roman Catholicism, will prove an instrument of the Gospel to combat the idolatries of materialism, and to persuade our people to an acceptance of the Christ, the Christian Faith, and its lofty ethical standards.

The reduction of Christian influence has been accompanied by an enlargement of anti-Christian attitudes which have lowered the quality of life in the United Kingdom. The run-away from religion has increased the risks to people who live where what is permitted is intolerable to Christians whose high estimate of man makes them want the strengths of man to be cultivated rather than his weaknesses pandered to. When great ideals are belittled people are impoverished. When society has lowered its standards industry is replaced by indolence, responsibility by unreliability, selflessness by selfishness. The good society is founded on principles which elevate man and persuade him that his life is an offering for others in caring and sharing relationships.

The difference between the Christian and the secular societies is in these emphases. To follow Christ is to abandon self. To follow the secular philosophy is to pamper self.

The Christian, in a secular society, is committed to

improve it, to change it, to give it Christian values. He may not do that by coercion but by persuasion, not by compulsion but by example.

The Orange Institution with its inter-church membership is well placed to spearhead the attack on whatever reduces and belittles humanity. Its social stance is based on those evangelical demands which are integral to the Gospel, that he who loves God must serve his fellowman.

The task is a big one. It needs all the ability, ingenuity and enthusiasm of people who are totally committed to Christ. It is harder than ever now to be an Orangeman, really and truly.

## IN PERSPECTIVE

The BBC-1 NI 'Perspectives' Fridays about 11 pm had successive programmes on the 'Myth of God Incarnate' and 'Passion and Politics'. This second was on the use and abuse of religion in politics in Ireland.

The programmes had an essay type introduction of the subject, illustrative readings, a chairman and four panelists to discuss it. The half-hour programmes were overcrowded with people.

One's impression was that nothing consequential was said on either occasion. The arguments lacked content and depth. Some of the participants should have regretted accepting their invitations to appear on the programme. But these 'Perspectives' gave just a hint of what is possible if more thought were given to the format of the programme and greater care taken to more fairly balance the views represented by those appearing on it.

## EASIER ATTITUDES

### Moral Issues

The Roy Mason political party conversations continue through there is little sign of any constitutional breakthrough. Indeed apart from another Westminster statement in the NI December debate that agreement among the parties would bring devolved government with responsibility for everything but security, and the earlier Michael Foot House of Commons statement that NI representation would be increased by four, nothing has been happening.

The proposed legislation on divorce and homosexuality remains a contentious issue. That changes are necessary is

less in dispute than the way they are likely to be brought about, and the extent of them. Many are unhappy about the present grounds of divorce. There is much to be said for a decree when the court decides that a marriage has broken down irretrievably for whatever reason. Homosexuality, with its past history of unpleasantness, and its continuing distastefulness to many people, is something else.

The weight of public opinion appears to be against any change which would endanger young people. The fear is there, and while there is some sympathy with homosexuals there is little appreciation of their case. And that because many find their background of Biblical appreciation, even if that is often at second hand, are governed in their thinking by the Bible's condemnation of all sexual aberrations.

There is the added fear of some people that easier attitudes to moral issues could have far-reaching consequences in the spread of anti-Christian ethical attitudes and the destruction finally of our society. This concern is shared by Ulster folk irrespective of religious denomination and political aspiration.

## OBITUARY

One of County Armagh's oldest Orangemen, Mr. William Huston, Killylea, has died.

Mr. Huston, who was in his 98th year, passed away peacefully at his home on Christmas Eve after a short illness.

Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, Mr. Huston was a member of the Orange Order for 81 years, was secretary of Tannaghill LOL No. 6 for most of that time, and had never missed a Twelfth.

Despite the fact that he was in failing health for some time he was out to watch the demonstration go by this year in his own village of Killylea.

Mr. Huston who was up and about even up to two weeks prior to his death, was a remarkable man for his age.

Just before celebrating his 97th birthday in September he was interviewed by the 'Guardian' when he recalled the last time Killylea had played host to the Twelfth about 40 years ago.

And in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year he could also remember how the people of the district paid tribute to Queen Victoria during



her Diamond Jubilee 80 years ago.

He recalled people coming along to the event on horseback or in pony and trap and everywhere there were bonfires and fireworks.

At that time he used to walk into Armagh in the morning and walk back again after the events. Those were the days, he recalled, when a walk of ten miles was thought to be a stroll by most people.

Mr. Huston who was a Justice of the Peace, was predeceased by his wife, Hilda, and is survived by his daughter Hilda and son, Willie.

The funeral was to St. Mark's Parish Churchyard, Killylea.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland met in the House of Orange in Belfast in December, and among those present were: Seated, R.W. Bro. Thomas Mairs, Canada; M.W. Bro. John Bryans, J.P.; M.W. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth B.A., B.D., Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P. Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. J. A. Anderson, J.P., R.W. Bro. John Ellison. Back, Bros. Revd. S. Ernest Long, J.P., A.L.C.D.; William Douglas, J.P.; Thomas Passmore, J.P., Grand Master, Belfast; S. McAdams J. Ashenhurst, A. Bustard, E. McGuigan, James Gray, Noel Maxwell, and George Wilson.





# Orange Master and Secretary honoured

From "Banbridge Chronicle."

A feature of the annual installation of officers in connection with Banbridge District L.O.L. No. 7 last Thursday evening was the presentation of two reclining Parker Knoll fireside chairs to two officers who have been given outstanding service to the District over a long period of years.

The two honoured were Bro. Robert Baird, J.P., who has relinquished office as Worshipful District Master after 16 years, and Bro. John Ervine, J.P., who has held the secretaryship of the District Lodge for no less than 31 years.

Both are men of the highest calibre, and it was very fitting that they should have been honoured in this way.

Bro. Ervine, who continues in office, was the recipient of a further gift — a pen and pencil set.

## DEBT OF GRATITUDE

Introducing the presentations, Bro. W. H. Davidson, J.P., spoke of the debt they owed to Bro. Baird for all he had done for the welfare of the District. He was a man of few words, but did a lot behind the scenes which few knew anything about.

Not only had he conducted the business of the Lodge in a very efficient manner but he had also led them to many parades and services, and in vacating the chair he was leaving the District in good heart for those coming after him in office.

The gift, Bro. Davidson said, was an appreciation of the services he had rendered not only to the District Lodge, but to the individual Lodges.

Inviting Bro. Baird to be seated in his new chair, Bro. Davidson expressed the hope that he would be long spared to relax in it, reading some of the history of their worthy Institution. It was also their hope that in the days to come he would continue to be a constant attender of the District Lodge.

## UNANIMOUS DECISION

The new Deputy District Master, Bro. William Adams, joined in the congratulations to Bro. Baird, assuring him that it had been a unanimous decision that he should receive this gift in recognition of the services he had rendered so admirably not only as W.D.M. but also before that as foreman of the committee and in the deputy chair. They sincerely hoped that he would be long spared to come in and out amongst them.

Paying tribute to Bro. Ervine's record of service, the W.M. said he could bear personal testimony to this since his coming to the town some 25 years ago. It would be interesting to know the number of "miles" their good secretary must have covered in penmanship since taking up office. In wishing Bro. Ervine every happiness and many

years to recline in his new chair, Bro. Davidson said they were very happy in the thought that he was continuing in office and that it was their hope that he would do so for many years to come. He had, he said, been told to tell him that after another 31 years they would get him a matching chair!

## INSTALLATIONS

Prior to the presentations the installation of officers was very ably conducted by Bro. James Copeland, County Grand Secretary, with Bro. S. J. Cowan, County Grand Master, in the deputy chair.

## SURPRISE

Returning thanks, Bro. Ervine, obviously very much taken by surprise, assured the Lodge that no gift was necessary for him as it was always a great joy to him to do all he could to forward the cause of Orangeism. As to the future, he would be happy to continue in office for as long as he was able and so long as they would wish him.

Going on to enumerate the many secretaryships he holds, Bro. Ervine said these ranked high in his interests in life, and he was always very happy when so engaged. He wished the Lodge all prosperity in the days ahead.

Some names appearing in the minute of the meeting at which Bro. Ervine had first been installed as secretary provided much interest and evoked many memories for the more senior brethren present.

## FINE TEAM

Assuring the brethren that he would make good use of the lovely gift he had received, Bro. Baird wished the new W.D.M. and D.D.M. and the Lodge every success. He was confident that with such a fine team of officers it would go on and prosper. As for himself, he would hope to be with them on every possible occasion, but if for any reason he should be absent in person, he would be present in spirit.

## GRAND CHAPLAIN

In the course of the Lodge meeting the D.D.M., Bro. Adams, expressed their pleasure at learning that their District Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. M. W. Dewar, has been appointed one of six Grand Chaplains of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

These sentiments were very heartily endorsed, and the secretary was asked to write conveying the Lodge's very hearty congratulations and good wishes.

Bro. Garnet Chambers, Gifford District L.O.L. No. 13, and Bro. David Little, J.P., District Treasurer of Loughbrickland District L.O.L. No. 10, acted as deacons.



Bros. R. Baird (left) and J. Ervine seated in the reclining chairs presented to them by Banbridge District L.O.L. Included are the C.G.M. and C.G.S. and some of the principal District officers. Photo: Roy Clements Studio, Banbridge.

The following are the principal officers:—

Bros. W. H. Davidson, W.M.; Wm. Adams, D.M.; John Ervine, secretary; Thomas Jamison, treasurer; Rev. Dr. M. W. Dewar, chaplain; Andrew Mitchell, lay chaplain; Clarence Wilson and Arthur Herron, lecturers.

Committee — Bros. Raymond Chambers (foreman), Ivan Gault, Robert Forsythe, Robert McCandless, Fred Brown.

Tyler — Bro. R. J. Cowan.

Following the installation of officers the County Grand Master presented Bro. Baird with Past District Master's Jewel.

## SUPPER

Subsequently all present sat down to supper, at which grace was said by Bro. Andrew Mitchell.

After the Loyal toast, Bro. Thomas Jamison, in associating himself with all that had been said in praise of Bros. Baird and Ervine, said that far from wanting the latter to retire, it was their wish that he should continue in office, and "to make sure that he would do this" he had been asked to present him with the pen and pencil set.

Bro. Jamison jocosely remarked that he wondered if Bro. Ervine had covered more miles on the golf course than he had with the pen.

Again expressing his warm thanks, Bro. Ervine said he hoped that God would spare him for many years to serve their beloved Institution.

## GREETINGS

Joining in the felicitations, the County Grand Master and the County Grand Secretary both said how delighted they were to be present when Bro. Baird and Bro. Ervine were being honoured.

Bro. David Little brought greetings from No. 10; Bro. Garnet Chambers from No. 13, and Bro. Andrew Doloughan from the Dromore brethren.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cowan for help with the supper, and to a who had contributed to the success of the evening was ably proposed by Bro. William Adams.

The W.D.M. made a strong appeal for continuing and increasing support and the encouragement of new members.

Stewards who gave invaluable help behind the scenes were Bro. Raymond Chambers, George Nesbitt and Clarence Wilson, all of 217, and Bro. Ivan Gault of 423.

The proceedings conclude with the National Anthem.

## LODGE BIBLE QUIZ

Christian Crusaders (Junior) L.O.L. No. 127 held a social evening in Clifton Street Orange Hall where after a lovely Tea was partaken of, which was organized by the Ladies Committee a very happy time was spent.

The Superintendent Bro. Vincent Shortt, gave a very warm and cordial to all the Visitors, after which the Chaplain of the lodge read Psalm 23.

Bro. Alex Andrews the

Senior Treasurer led the company in community hymn singing, after which he and Bro. Ivan Roberts, Asst. Superintendent, held a Gospel Quiz, in which most of the lodge took part.

The Three Rs. composed of the Father Daughter and Son (the Roberts Family) rendered two Hymns which were very appropriate for the occasion, and Bros. Skillen and Johnston from the Senior Lodge rendered two pieces as a cornet duet.

The highlight of the Evening was in the Presentation of the P.Ms. Certificate and Bible, also during the Year Bro. Shortt presented to the Lodge Two Cups to be competed for each Year in Scripture Examinations — 8 to 12 and 12 to 16 years.

Bro. Wilkinson P.C.M. in making the presentation of the Certificate and Bible to the out-going W.M. stressed the need of every one to read their Bible and lead the true Christian life. He prayed and trusted that before long they would be able to welcome Bro. Joseph Livingstone into the Senior Lodge.

Bro. Shortt presented the Senior Cup to Bro. Joseph Livingstone and the runner up was Bro. Alex Andrews (Jun) P.M. The Junior Cup was won by the W.M. Bro. John Andrews the Runner Up was Bro. Mark Baillie.

Bro. Shortt also presented books to the Young Brethren of the Lodge for good attendance during the year

These Four Senior Officers have given of their best to the lodge, and have presented the Gospel to the boys in a simple way. Four of these junior brethren have accepted Jesus Christ into their lives and are eagerly waiting for the time when they can join their Senior Lodge.

## EX PRIEST WEDS NUN

A prominent Catholic theologian Dr. Gregory Baum, who left the priesthood in 1976, married a former nun in a private ceremony on Christmas Eve, the "Toronto Star" has reported. Dr. Baum married Miss Shirley Flynn in Montreal, where he has been lecturing at McGill University for the past year. She left her convent 15 years ago.

## IRISH RAC OPPOSE SEX LAW PROPOSALS

The Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland assembled at their December Yearly Meeting expressed deep concern at the proposed changes of the laws governing Northern Ireland, concerning divorce and homosexuality. Unanimous opposition to such proposals was voiced.

Grand Chapter also viewed with alarm the consideration being given for the sale of intoxicating drink in State community and leisure centres. "It is becoming more difficult for the youth of today to participate in any activity without being pressurised into consuming alcoholic beverages," said the statement.

The Grand Chapter of Ireland and its Members conveyed its debt of gratitude to the security forces for the manner in which they carry out their most difficult task in pursuing terrorists. "We wish to assure the Royal Ulster Constabulary and all the Forces of Law and Order of our continued wholehearted support and assistance," the statement concluded.

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Some 70 representatives of the Eight Districts involved attended a dinner in the Downshire Arms Hotel, Banbridge recently, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the local Orange Area Conference.

## Scotland Sets A Pace

An impressive expansion in the Orange Institution in Scotland has been reported by Rt Wor. Bro. David Bryce, Grand Secretary to the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland at its annual general meeting in Govan Orange Hall.

Br. Bryce reported as follows; "It has been a year of unprecedented expansion. This year (1977) we granted 17 Warrants for new Lodges — 3 Males, 5 Female, 2 Junior and 7 Juvenile Lodges. No other long-standing organisation in Scotland can report such growth. It is important to note that the expansion has been in places like Perth in the North, Patna in the South and in the new towns of Erskine, Cumbernauld and Livingston.

"The growth of Orangeism will continue because lodges are planned for Hawick in the Borders and Peterhead in the North. At District level we anticipate the establishment of new District Lodges in East Kilbride and one in the North with its seat in Aberdeen.

"We believe that this growth is not only due to the dedication and hard work of the membership but can be attributed to the fact that we have been making our voice heard on important issues of Church and State.

"Our campaign against the scandal of segregated schooling and the disproportionately high cost of financing the separate Roman Catholic school system has received a great deal of understanding and support from other sections of the community.

"When a distinguished Ulster Orangeman, Bro. J.H. Wolyneaux, M.P., attended the Demonstration at Combsing this year, he remarked on the high proportion of young men and women demonstrating. We have taken cognisance of this fact and intend to train and utilise this asset to make more effective and relevant the voice of Scottish Orangeism."

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# IS BELFAST BURNING

You will remember that a short time before she was shot dead in Belfast's Mater Hospital, Maura Drumm, the Provisional Sinn Fein leader stridently declared that Belfast was for total destruction.

It would be destroyed stone by stone, she said.

Maura is dead but her words liveth, and her declared policy is being pursued with a ruthlessness that even in troubled Ulster is breathtaking in its consequences.

During the past couple of months much of Belfast's business life has been disrupted by those missionaries of hate, terror and destruction from republican areas of the city. During January leading Ulster Unionists, Mr. Harry West included, brought public attention to bear on the heavy security presence in Loyalist areas but little indication of the forces of law and order in republican districts where this campaign of terror and destruction is organised and engineered.

Curiously, although 1977 ended with the euphoric publicity over the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, 1978 has been ushered in in contrasting silence. Where have the peace ladies been during the days when Belfast was burning with a ferocity unequalled since the Blitz of April 1941? No appeals from them or the SDLP or the RC Church to the bombers to end their senseless campaign, carried out almost exclusively against the Protestant section of the community.

No 'Joint Statement' from the Leaders of the

Churches! Are they more concerned with the suspects than the sufferers?

Why all this publicity avoidance by the two women and their supporters who grabbed the media headlines and made many T.V. and radio appearances during 1977?

But all is not silence. I see

### CITY LOL GIFT

A very happy ceremony took place recently in the little Board Room, Nurses Home, Belfast City Hospital, when colleagues and friends came together to bid farewell to Bro. Bobby Gore on the occasion of his retirement.

Bro. Gore is the Worshipful Master-elect of Ulster-ville L.O.L. 740, No. 5 District, Sandy Row, Belfast.

Making the presentation of a gift cheque was Mr. Trevor Crothers, Unit Administrator, Belfast City Hospital who informed the assembled company that following service with the Royal Ulster Rifles, Bobby joined the staff of the City Hospital on the 21st July 1947.

His first job with Frankie Fee and Willie Stanford was the collection of laundry by horse and cart. Had it been to-day we might have referred to them as Steptoe and Son. Bobby has worked under four head porters, Mr. Pettigrew, Mr. Veal, Mr. Weir, and, until his retirement, Mr. Sam Hanna. He also has the unique distinction of having worked in every department of the hospital.

Bobby's interests outside the hospital are well known. He is the conductor of an accordion band, and is an

by today's paper (January 15) that Mr. Morwood Meldrum, director of the Northern Council of Social Service, is making a call to the Peace People to make clear who and what they represent. and a committee of voluntary organisations wants a list of questions it has compiled answered by the movement, especially concerning the money it has at its disposal.

This would appear to be the first time that a Nobel award has been surrounded by so much criticism. For the Nobel Peace Prize and peace in Ulster are now inextricably associated.

accomplished musician himself. At Christmas on many occasions he has entertained patients in hospital playing his accordian. In his younger days Bobby played football for the Hospital team, and was a terror on the field, all five feet of him! He has been a fervent "Blues" supporter for the past forty years, and can be seen at Windsor Park at most matches.

He is a keen gardener with a particular interest in roses; "perhaps his early association with the horse and cart has something to do with this." Bobby's garden contains a wonderful display. On the occasion of the Queen's visit in August, accompanied by his wife, he represented the hospital portering staff at the reception at Hillsborough Castle.

On the 27th November, together with his wife Bobby left for Australia to spend six months with his son, Bro. Desmond Gore, and at a meeting of the Lodge on November 17, the officers and brethren presented him with a beautiful inscribed family Bible to hand to his son on behalf of the Lodge.

We take this opportunity to wish Bobby a very happy retirement and trust his wife and he will have a very enjoyable holiday in Australia.



LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION,

No. 566,

WE, the MASTER, DEPUTY MASTER, and SECRETARY of the Loyal Orange Association, No. 566

held at 800/1000, Dublin in the Kingdom of Ireland. Do hereby Certify, that Brother John Holdcraft has regularly received the Degree of a true ORANGE-MAN,

in this our Association; and that he has conducted himself, during his stay amongst us, to the entire Satisfaction of all our Brethren. We therefore request, that all the regular Associations of the Universe do recognise him as such.

Given under our Hands, and the Seal of the Society, this 1. Day of October 1977

Francis Humphreys MASTER.  
Nath. Shepherd DEPUTY MASTER.

This old certificate granted by Loyal Orange Association No. 566 has come to us from Dublin, through the good offices of W. Bro. W. C. Moody J.P. It certified that G. Holdcraft was a "true Orangeman." Francis Humphreys was Master and Nath. Shepherd, Deputy Master.

## Dublin Dinner

Dublin City and County Wicklow Grand Orange Lodge held their installation of officers recently.

The ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. A. Anderson J.P. DGMl., Co. Grand Master, Armagh, with Bro. E. McGuigan, DGMl, in the vice chair.

The candidates were introduced by Bro. W. C. Moody J.P. M.B.E. DGMl and Bros W. Drennan, CGL, Armagh and T.W. Bell, Co. Antrim, were the deacons.

Dinner was served to more than 100 members and visitors.

The installation of Dublin City and Co. Wicklow Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter was also conducted by Bro. Drennan, with Bro. Moody in the vice chair.

Bro. Anderson introduced the officers elect, and the deacons were Bros E. McGuigan PCGM and Bro. George Rainsford. Inner guard was Bro.T.W.Bell, No. 42, Antrim.





*Players and officials of the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland international football team 1977*

# Orange Order's Role In Ulster's Politics

The first of a series of Orange Order lectures was given in the Orange Hall, Armagh, on 28 November, by M. Wor. Bro. the Rev. S. Ernest Long, L Th., J.P. His theme was "Orangeism: Philosophy and Practice." Held under the auspices of the District Lodge, W. Bro. Charles Armstrong was in the chair with the County Grand Master, Rt. W. Bro. J. A. Anderson, J.P. was present with a good attendance of members on an inclement evening.

## GENERATIONS OF INFLUENCE

Bro. Long divided his paper into three separate parts in which he dealt with the Order in Retrospect, Prospect and Present Reality. In retrospection he spoke of the Institution's defence of Protestantism; its great influence in Ireland, Britain, the North American Colonies, Australia and New Zealand; and its effect on Unionism from the mid 1800s.

Great numbers and great influence were the evidence of Orange life and activity for generations. In every sphere of life the movement affected people and their institutions. How it took advantage of its opportunities, and responsibilities, varied greatly.

Orangeism in Ireland has been a "protesting" movement — marching in witness; publicly declaring its beliefs and loyalties; and meeting socially in field and hall.

Though not lacking in social and welfare con-

sciousness the Irish jurisdiction has never been as involved in social and welfare schemes as its counterparts abroad.

It was not a case of lack of vision, for sensitive and forward looking members have had ideas which could have meant deeper and more practical involvement by the movement in the lives of its members and in the community at large. But their voices often went unheeded, if not unheard, perhaps because they lacked patience and tenacity with their enthusiasm, or because the leadership and membership lacked courage, initiative and will. They were men of their time and restricted by their circumstances. It takes very big men to see over the walls which hide the views beyond.

Irish Orange policy has always been governed by political and religious pressures which persist all the time. Concentration had to be largely militaristic and political, and political/religious since 1923.

## INFLUENCE IN GOVERNMENT

The effect of the Order on political institutions on Ulster has been very marked. The Ulster Unionist Party, and successive Stormont Governments, owed their existence to the Institution for leadership, and membership. It is a fact of history that as the Orange Order influence lessened in the mid-60s the stability of Unionism was destroyed and Ulster was diminished.

The effect of the Order on

the Protestant Churches has been considerable, much greater than some churchmen would allow. Its influence on religious thinking and the attitudes of church people remains a subject for depth study.



On Prospect, Bro. Long asked the questions: "Who can read the future for the Order? for Ulster? for oneself?" But to live is to hope and there are signs of hope for Orangeism here. They are in the performance of the Order in the past, and especially in these turbulent years; its programme for the way ahead; and its loyal members who will continue to inspire others to be Orangemen, true to the Re-

formed Faith, to the society in which they live, and to themselves.

On Present Reality, the speaker claimed that after a decade of political instability and fearful terrorism, and with many of its hopes dashed, and its confidence shattered, the Orange Institution is a subject to be studied intelligently and sensitively today.

On the credit side it is an amazing thing that the Order continues to be so strong numerically; that so many are willing to give time and attention to this old organisation which has survived numerous national and community changes since 1795; that it remains the only source of inter-denominational sharing for a great number of Ulster people.

## ORANGE VIEWPOINT

And there are emphases which have been rediscovered: the prime importance of the Christian Faith; personal commitment to Jesus Christ; and loyalty to the Church. — the value of communication within and without the Order and the founding of "The Orange Standard." — the business-like approach to its affairs as found by the provision of the fine House of Orange.

Bro. Long pointed out that in the last decade the Order has been concerned to have its views heard everywhere and by everybody. Its representatives — the Grand Master and others — have travelled far and wide to make people in politics, com-

munity government and the media aware of the Ulster case and the position of the Orange Order in Ulster.

Of course the strength of Orangeism everywhere remains with its good members who are devoted to the Orange Cause.

On the debit side it cannot be denied that the Institution has too many nominal members; too many able people who refuse to be available for superior office and larger responsibility in the organisation; too many who are not thinking for themselves and are too easily influenced by propaganda which is false or unbalanced.

Bro. Long went on: "The Order in every part must make what it says, and does, interesting, and relevant, to the needs of its people and their friends. That means

doing something about the content of lodge meetings; about information and communication within and without the Order; about relations with the churches and other organisations.

"Every organisation needs to take stock constantly. The Order must look hard at the way it is travelling and make the necessary changes and adjustments for the way ahead.

## LOFTY PRINCIPLES

"The lofty principles remain, constant and relevant. The commitments are to Christ; to the Church; to the Reformed Faith; to 'Civil and Religious Liberty.' Tolerance, sincerity, sympathy, honesty and generosity are

the outworkings of these beliefs.

"The Order needs its witnesses, missionaries and prophets. It needs its convinced people who will always be good citizens. People who are political and socially mature. For the Order will have its place in the settlement of the Province."

There was a useful question and answer session after the lecture in which the County Grand Master also spoke to a question. Br. Bro. Captain Michael Armstrong, D.L., who proposed the vote of thanks to the lecturer, made an important and typically perceptive contribution to the meeting, by what he said.

## LOSS TO COOTEHILL ORANGE

Orangeism in the Cootehill district of Co. Cavan has suffered a severe loss in the death of Sir Knight and Bro. James Wilfred McKay at his home at Ashfield.

At the time of his passing he was DDM of Cootehill District LOL No 3. Registrar of RBP No. 999 and DDM of Cootehill RBC No. 2.

The late Sir Knight McKay was a generous subscriber and a tireless worker where the Orange and Black Institutions were concerned.