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Londonderry Bomb Was Sectarian Says GL Secretary

Strong condemnation of the bomb outrage in Londonderry on Wednesday, January 25, has come in a statement at the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge annual installation of officers.

R.W. Bro. John McCrea, J.P., Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, stated that this bombing by the IRA was a further chapter in the war that has been waged by that organisation in Ulster for the past twenty years.

"EXCUSES OF EVIL MEN"

"Those who do not believe or do not want to believe it is a war should carefully examine the numerous statements and excuses of the evil, faceless men. If they are still in doubt they only need to re-examine the incidents of destruction, injury, hardship and even murder committed by the Provisionals.

"The Londonderry bombing caused considerable damage to a large number of buildings including St. Columba's Cathedral. The Roman Catholic Church have always been quick to call 'foul' when their Church properties were subject to damage at the instigation of the IRA.

"On this occasion Bishop Edward Daly was just as quick to condemn the incidents of the 25 January, including damage to the Protestant Cathedral. The Bishop's statement has now been conveyed by the Press to all corners of the world

portraying the Bishop's sincerity and good nature as an example for all in Ulster to follow.

"Commendable as his actions and offer of financial assistance to restore the Cathedral damage may be, I must, like many others, question the sincerity of the Bishop and his Church when the statements issued by Bishop Daly appealed for the forgiveness of the Protestant population and claimed the attack was not sectarian.

"Of course it was sectarian and even the Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Bishop James Mehaffey, said the attack was sectarian. The long-suffering Protestants of Ulster and in particular those living in Frontier areas, as well as many Ulster Roman Catholics know only too well that this and many more bitter attacks have been of a sectarian nature. The only crime committed by many victims of the IRA has been that they were of the Protestant faith."

HOW CAN ROME JUSTIFY FUNERAL SERVICE?

R.W. Bro. McCrea asked how can the Church of Rome continue to justify granting a funeral service and Requiem

"Bishop Daly should remind himself that the evil men and women of the IRA are of his Church, and it is high time that the Church of Rome exercised its right to excommunicate known terrorists.

"The failure of the Roman Catholic Church in this respect is like unto their silence in the case of their own priest, Father Patrick Ryan. If Cardinal O'Fiaich had any decency he would have helped the Eire Prime

Mass for murderers and those who have attempted to commit murder. There was a further example that week when Requiem Mass was celebrated at the funeral service of Joseph Connolly in Castlederg.

Minister by publicly calling for the extradition of this priest. But then I must again ask where is Father Bartholomew Burns and why has the Roman Catholic hierarchy also been silent on this Priest?

"The Church of Rome can no longer afford to operate double standards. They must demonstrate support for the Security Force in their efforts to eradicate terrorism and continuing to celebrate Requiem Mass for dead terrorists will be no deterrent. Likewise the continued inability of the Westminster Parliament to bring back the death penalty for capital murder fails to provide a deterrent to the terrorist."

Installation at Gilford D.L.O.L.

Gilford District L.O.L. No. 13 Installation of Officers took place on 18th January.

Officers installed by the County Down Grand Master, Bro. William Brown, and Deputy Grand Master Bro. Alexander McShane were: W.D.M., John Walker; D.D.M., Garnett Chambers; Chaplain, Rev. J. K. F. Watson, B.A.; Secretary, David King; Treasurer, William McKeown; Lecturer, Timothy Mayes; Deputy Lecturer, William Robinson; Chairman of Committee, Albert Curran.

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Left to right: Alan Byers, Co. Tyrone; David McGaffin, Co. Down; M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., Grand Master; Dr. Alan Hill, Save The Children Fund, local Fund's organiser; W. Bro. Ken Wilson, G.M., J.G.L.O.L.; Mark Boyd, Belfast County and Alastair Spence, Co. Armagh.

As the culmination of Project 88, which was launched in April last year to raise funds which would help the Save the Children Fund, the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland have raised a substantial amount through various sponsored activities.

As a result of this, four Junior Boys represented the four Junior Orange Counties in Northern Ireland and travelled to London on Tuesday, February 14, where they were joined by Junior members from England and Scotland.

In London, they went to Buckingham Palace to present the total money raised to HRH Princess Anne, patron of the Save the Children Fund.

The total amount raised by the three jurisdictions was in the region of £15,000. The Officers of the Junior Grand Orange Lodge are very proud of the effort made by the Junior members in raising the sum of £7,500.

This is made particularly more encouraging when it is considered that this sum was raised in conjunction with the Boys' continuing support for numerous other charities.

In a statement, the Junior Grand Orange Lodge Officers said the boys entered into the Project with enthusiasm, and this has been borne out by the amount raised. Every credit is given to the junior brethren for the wood work they did in collecting this money for others. It is very encouraging and pleasing to

witness boys doing so much good in these days when we tend to hear so many unfavourable reports about youth in general.

The best thanks is extended to the members who helped to achieve this sum of money, but even more the very best thanks to all who contributed so generously, showing once again the compassion and helping hand of the Ulster people for others in need. It is fitting that in this Tercentenary period of the arrival of William of Orange that Junior Orangemen should ably carry out the principles of the legacy given us by William in seeking to help others.

Further coverage will appear in next month's issue.

New Lodge Opening in Essex

The Rayleigh "Essex Martyrs" Memorial L.O.L. will open on 27 May at 2 p.m. in Benfleet, Essex.

Founder members are Bros. A. Richardson, P.M.; S. Ferguson, P.M.; T. Barbour, T. Robertson, Wm. Logan, P.M.; Iverson, P.M.; I. Nelso

Donations, however small, would be greatly appreciated by A. Richardson, c/o Train Crews, Deisel Depot, Old Oak Common, Old Oak NW10. All brethren are invited to attend and support this historic event. A warm welcome is assured.

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Memorable Occasion For Magherally LOL No. 58



At a recent monthly meeting of Magherally L.O.L. No. 58 a very pleasant function took place with the presentation of a 50 years Medal.

Bro. F. Dunlop, W.M., presided and welcomed all present. Visitors were Bros. A. McShane, Deputy County Grand Master of Co. Down; A. Mitchell, Lay District Chaplain; W. Kennedy W.M. L.O.L. 112; D. Stevenson D.M.; A. Kennedy, Chaplain; H. Graham, Secretary; D. Stevenson, Treasurer. From L.O.L. No. 112, Bros. A. McCallister L.O.L. No. 28; N. Dowds, L.O.L. No. 519; R. Proctor, L.O.L. No. 519, and R. Chambers, L.O.L. No. 1734.

There was a large attendance of Lodge members as well as the visiting brethren.

A very enjoyable supper was provided and members of the Ladies Committee assisted with the supper.

Grace was offered by the Lodge Chaplain Bro. William McCracken and after everyone had done justice to all the estates the Toast to "The Queen" was duly honoured.

Bro. Dunlop, W.M., welcomed all to yet another important function in connection with the Lodge. He said they were met to honour one of their Lodge members who has been 50 years a member of our Institution in the person of Bro. George Clydesdale and said that he was delighted to see so many of the Lodge members present and also the visitors.

Bro. B. Snowden, D.M., called upon W. Bro. Dunlop to make the presentation to Bro. George Clydesdale. Bro.

Dunlop in making the presentation said it gave him very great pleasure to present Bro. Clydesdale with the beautiful 50 years Medal. Also to thank him for his work for the Lodge and Membership of our Order for the past 50 years. He expressed the hope that he would be spared for many more years to a member of the Lodge.

Bro. Clydesdale thanked the Lodge for presenting him with the Medal, said it had only been a pleasure to do anything he could for the Lodge, and hoped he would be spared the health and strength to be with the Lodge for some years to come.

A Toast to Magherally L.O.L. No. 58 was proposed by Bro. McShane and replied to by Bro. W. J. McCracken, Secretary L.O.L. No. 58.

Bro. McCracken said that Bro. Clydesdale was initiated in Ballaney L.O.L. No. 287 on the 1st July, 1938, had transferred to Magherally L.O.L. No. 38 37 years ago in 1950, and he read the letter from Ballaney Lodge regarding his transfer.

He had been a good and faithful member and he said he was pleased to be associated with the presentation. The Lodge now had two members with over 50 years membership each, as Bro. W. Grafton had been made a presentation six years ago.

A Toast to County Down Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. McCracken and this was replied to by Bro. McShane. He said it was a great achievement that Bro. Clydesdale had been 50 years a

member of the Orange Order and he hoped he would be spared for many more years.

Bro. McShane spoke of the work of the County Grand Lodge and conveyed fraternal greetings from the County Grand Orange Lodge and Lower Iveagh West District No. 8. He also wished the Lodge every success in the future.

Bro. McShane had the honour of presenting seven members with their membership Certificates, congratulated them and expressed the hope that they would all be long spared to be good members of L.O.L. No. 58.

A Toast to Banbridge District L.O.L. No. 7 was proposed by Bro. Snowden, D.M. and was replied to by Bro. A. Mitchell, Lay District Chaplain who spoke about the great principles of the Orange Order and brought greetings from Banbridge District Lodge.

Bro. A. Mitchell presented the seven members with their Royal Arch Purple Certificates and congratulated them. He wished the Lodge every success.

A Toast to the visitors was proposed by Bro. J. S. Copeland, P.M. and replied to by Bro. W. Kennedy, W.M. L.O.L. No. 112.

A vote of thanks to the Ladies who had helped with the supper and to all concerned was proposed by Bro. A. McCallister No. 28 and seconded by Bro. R. Proctor, L.O.L. No. 519. A memorable meeting came to a close with the National Anthem.

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London Orange Growth

William Alexander Memorial L.O.L. 1689 which meets in the City of Westminster, has had a very busy year, being well represented on Orange Walks at Chesterfield, Exeter and Brixham.

The Lodge lobbied the M.P. for Westminster, the Right Hon. Peter Brooke, to put to him the Lodge's views on matters of current interest. Whilst supporting Government moves to curtail local authority funding of proselytizing homosexual groups, Lodge members expressed great concern about threats of even greater secularisation of the Lord's Day.

Lodge members also put to Mr. Brooke very forceful arguments against continuation of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

On Sunday, November 20, the Lodge held its annual Church service. The Preacher, Bro. Rev. Ian Meredith, Grand Chaplain of the Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland, preached an inspiring sermon, and also dedicated the Lodge's new banner.

On Thursday December 1, the Lodge held a special meeting at which M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., gave a talk on Orangeism around the world.

L.O.L. 1689 has had an influx of new members recently and this was particularly educational for them.



Reward For 50 Years Service

Fifty-year Jewels were presented to five members of Mount Ida L.O.L. 26A, Banbridge District No. 7.

Bro. Will Davidson, W.D.M., presents Bro. Andrew Martin with his 50 Year Jewel, also Bro. John Ellison third left, Bro. Thomas Russell W.M. of the lodge who received similar awards. On right Bro. John Clarke and Bro. John Ervine. Bro. Robert Cloughley was unable to be present to receive his Jewel.

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Bro. Cecil Craig, formerly from Banbridge, emigrated to Australia and joined the Orange Order in L.O.L. 155, Brisbane, Queensland. He was a Past Master home on holiday and visited many of the lodges here.

Before returning to Australia he received a from Bro. Will Davidson, W.D.M. Banbridge District No. 7 on behalf of L.O.L. No. 20.

Looking on is Bro. D. Bell L.O.L. 20 and he is the new District Secretary.

Photo: Clarence Wilson.

Night For Presents And a Wedding Gift



Seated, from left, Bros. John McMaster, Gordon Cummins, John Porter, W. Grattan and Samuel Moffett. Standing from left, Bro. Rev. G. N. Little, Bro. Joseph Agnew, W.D.M., Bro. Thomas Graham, D.M. L.O.L. 1364, Bro. Norman Henning, secretary, Bro. Robert Magowan, W.M. 1364 and D.D.M. Newry District and Bro. Samuel Cowan. Photo: "The Outlook."

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Donaghmore Guiding Star L.O.L. 1364 held their annual installation and dinner in the W. J. Ranton Memorial Orange Hall.

Special guests were Bro. Joseph Agnew, W.D.M., Newry District, and Wor. Bro. Rev. George N. Little, Deputy Grand Chaplain of Ireland.

After a sumptuous meal, served by the ladies, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Robert Magowan, invited Wor. Bro. Samuel Cowan, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland and a Lodge member, to make a presentation to Lodge trea-

surer Bro. Samuel Moffett to mark his marriage.

He then called on Wor. Bro. Little to present 50-year membership certificates to Bros. John McMaster, Gordon Cummins, John Porter (who also received his P.M. certificate) and W. Grattan.

In handing over the certificates, Bro. Little congratulated the members on attaining this milestone in their lives, and trusted they would be long spared to enjoy continued fellowship amongst the Lodge members.

Devotees of Drumming

Co. Armagh and Co. Down Drumming Association meeting in Ballymore Orange Hall, Tandragee elected the following officers for 1989. Mr. Jackie Kerr presiding:

Chairman, Isaac Moorhead; Vice-Chairman, George Currie; Treasurer, David Forbes; Assist. Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Thompson; Secretary, Samuel Dowds; Assist. Secretary, Paul Redmond.

The chairman thanked Bro. Kerr for the efficient manner in which he conducted the election of officers, to other members who contributed to a very enjoyable evening and that 1989 would be a happy year for them.

Co. Armagh Junior Orangemen, with other deserving charities, benefited by donations made by the Association.

IRA Aim To Damage Derry Friendship

City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge, following their Quarterly Meeting in the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall, Londonderry, on Saturday, 11 February, issued this statement:

"After recent events in Londonderry, it has become apparent that more is needed to restore the faith of Protestants in the Roman Catholic people than empty assurances from Church leaders. Whilst the resilience of the Protestant people is to their credit, it nevertheless remains the case that the I.R.A. are willing to use every weapon available to them to provoke and destroy potential good relations.

SECTARIANISM

"Soon after the bombing of the Courthouse in Londonderry, Bishop Daly hastened to point out that it was not a sectarian attack; in reality he could not be further from the truth.

For the Roman Catholic community in Ulster, the time has come to re-evaluate their beliefs and morals, and ask themselves how long they are willing to tolerate the perpetuation of violence, not only by the I.R.A. but by the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy's refusal to actively contest it.

"Here in our own city a Roman Catholic Bishop states that an I.R.A. attack was not sectarian, yet I.R.A. terrorists are given full recognition and act as members of the Roman Catholic Church while clergy and members of the same Church stand idly by as the slaughter continues, offering solace and succour to the families and relatives of I.R.A. members when destiny finally catches up with them.

LUXURY OF TRUST

If we are to have lasting peace, it must be recognised as fact that Protestants cannot afford the luxury of trusting their Roman Catholic neighbours, and until this trend is changed, there can be no advance in relations between the two communities.

"There are myriad examples which point to the emergence of this distrust—the recent attempted murder of a Reserve Constable by an I.R.A. member who was his workmate; the murder of a U.D.R. soldier in Belfast as he went about his work with the Electricity Service, evidence suggests someone who worked with him told of his movements; the murder of another U.D.R. soldier in Armagh as he went about his duties with the City's Technical Services Department, again evidence suggests he was pinpointed by someone at his work.

"It begs the question, 'What kind of people are these who do these things to workmates'? With examples such as these, it is obvious that trust has led to death on many occasions.

STOP BEING MISGUIDED

"Therefore, to the Roman Catholic people who want peace, who want lasting and worthwhile relations with the Protestant community and who wish to share in the benefits offered by our society, to them we say it is time to stop being misguided. If they truly want to see justice and fair play, then prove their loyalty and truthfulness by supporting the Security Forces and ousting the terrorist from their midst.

"More importantly, however, we urge them to disassociate themselves from those officers of their faith who so blindly and wantonly offer support and comfort to the terrorist themselves. These are the people who give Roman Catholicism a bad name, and who create more problems for the Roman Catholics in this society than anyone else ever could."



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AFTER DUISBURG — WHAT?

It becomes increasingly difficult to make any useful comment on the political scene here. The situation remains the same in that the major political entities confront one another as determinedly as ever on constitutional issues and the Anglo-Irish Agreement remains to "indelibilise" their stances.

It is different because there is a media concentration on the better relations which appear to be developing among the "Constitutional Parties."

The October, 1988, Duisburg meetings with representatives of UUP, DUP, SDLP and Alliance in attendance is being cited as an illustration of the new willingness of such people to talk together towards a settlement of the province to mutual advantage. In spite of the differing recounting of what was discussed there, and whether the BBC jettisoned any plans for future talks by its disclosures, the feeling persists that there is a movement to try to produce something which will allow Northern Ireland to have a proper say in its own government.

On this one thing there appears to be agreement. Direct Rule as it is practised is not the best way to administer the province. A succession of politicians with that responsibility have proved themselves incapable of showing that the method is anything more than a stop-gap. The inherent weakness of the scheme is that those who minister it are not accountable to the Ulster people. Their decisions are taken from the standpoint of those who have the power to give and not from those who are compelled to receive.

The meeting of the politicians may be no great thing. Duisburg is certainly not worth the expectancy it has engendered in some and the enmity in others, but it shows that even here with our strongly held attitudes people can talk together, whatever their differences calmly and rationally. No-one should be surprised by the information that our politicians talk together and sometimes work together, as in social, economic and EEC matters, regardless of their differences in aims and aspirations.

We cannot talk about civil and religious liberty for ourselves alone. A willingness to co-operate with other citizens is compatible with the Protestant ethic. There is no reason to suspect that conversation and consultation means a weakening of resolve on the part of anyone engaged in inter-party talks. Promises are not given or decisions taken at such encounters.

The cry of "sell-out" from some Unionists represents a misunderstanding of what happened at Duisburg and what happens everywhere when politicians meet accidentally or

deliberately discussion never means negotiation. The pros and cons of devolved government are constantly being argued. There is appeal in the thought of an administration satisfactory to both sections of the community and properly representative of them. How to produce it has been the problem of Northern Ireland from its beginning.

The reluctant acceptance by the Unionists of a parliament for the six counties of Ulster had in it the recognition that for parliament to function properly there should be full citizen participation. The efforts made to encourage minority involvement were refused and while many things have changed, including the ready acceptance of the benefits of British citizenship, the stance taken then remains substantially unchanged.

That there are Roman Catholics who prefer to live in an Ulster, British linked, is not to be questioned. It could be that their number has substantially increased with the illiberal social politics of the Republic's government and the controlling influence of the Roman Catholic Church. How to bring about the kind of co-operation which would make Northern Ireland a society where majority and minority can live together contentedly remains the most important question.

A spate of suggestions with that object in mind includes independence and integration with some kind of devolved government the preferred option of most Unionists. The debate on Ulster's future with so many strongly argued propositions ensures a lively exchange of views.

Perhaps the one hopeful sign from all these is the expectation that Northern Ireland will survive and that neither attacks from within nor from without will destroy it. And this while no-one doubts that the gunmen and the bombers will be engaged in their horrific activities for the foreseeable future. The hope remains that evil will be conquered by good. It must be or our civilisation will be destroyed.

There are many illustrations from history of the effects of rampant evil on people and nations and they are to be found in present day administrations which enslave their peoples. This has to mean that citizens must support those whose task it is to maintain law and order, those who are working for the peace and prosperity of the Province and to do it whatever the cost. For evil to succeed it only takes good people to do nothing.

Significance of Young Tory Vote

The vote of the Young Conservatives at their Southport annual meetings on Saturday, 11 February in favour of contesting seats in Northern Ireland was seen as an embarrassment to the Thatcher government and the party which at last year's Tory conference refused to accept the application of the North Down Conservative Association for membership.

The attempt to have the Great Britain parties contest seats here has behind it the intention to obtain for us a proper say in the party of government or to be part of an opposition which can aspire to government.

There is the claim that such political participation would bring to Ulster what it needs politically, non-sectarian politics. The principle has been enunciated for as long as the oldest of us can remember. It hasn't happened because the voters preferred local parties and recognised that local issues were more important to them than British political patterns for reasons familiar to besieged people.

The Conservative Party's contention is that for it to operate here would be to divide the Unionist vote, increase no-Unionist representation at Westminster, cause imbalance and worsen the situation rather than improve it. The assumption is reasonable enough if the Conservatives were to effect Unionist voting figures, something which could only be ascertained by an election.

In spite of the Young Tory vote there is little likelihood of any change in policy towards Ulster. The implications are such that the main parties will not move in the matter. The Tories, no doubt for reasons other than the one stated, and the Socialists because they regard the SDLP as their soul brothers in Ireland.

That may be an alliance of convenience but socialism and the politics of SDLP are not similar. One political observer claimed that the L in SDLP was made redundant by the resignations of Gerry Fitt and Paddy Devlin, the only true socialists the party ever had in membership.

A senior Tory present at Southport when asked about the vote claimed that there was no embarrassment to the party, for it encouraged debate and faced up to controversial issues. Any confidence in such a vote could be a mistake; that is the fate of many expectations in Ulster in times like these.

"Suspend Pact"

Another request for a suspension of the Anglo-Irish Agreement to allow political parties to have meaningful discussions on the future of the Province came from the Presbyterian Church. But a day or two later at a London meeting of the Northern Ireland Secretary and the Republic's Foreign Secretary, and their staffs, both parties made it clear that the Agreement would not be suspended.

The report of the meeting of the political heads as having been the most pleasant for some time produced the comment that this was the case only because controversial issues had been bypassed. It is not hard to have happy meetings if unsavoury questions are not asked and the appearance of co-operation is more important than facing up to disagreements which are always present in British and Irish relationships.

PRIESTLY NON-JUDGEMENT

After the terrorist horrors of the last twenty years it is hard to imagine any circumstance which would surprise us. But we had one when a provo blew himself up with a bomb intended to murder a workmate with whom he had travelled, and, as Bro. William Ross, M.P., said in the House of Commons, with whom he had shared food from a lunch box.

Such perfidy defies understanding for such depths of depravity and treachery are totally abhorrent to anyone with a sense of loyalty, honesty and decency in human relationships. Angered by the report of such baseness we had that anger heightened when the priest officiating at the funeral told the congregation that it was not

for him or for them to judge the bomber, judgement should be left to Jesus.

This kind of thinking — it was Jesus who said no murderer had any place in his Kingdom — makes it impossible for us to respect some of those who wear the cloth of the Roman Catholic priesthood.

We may understand the provision of a funeral service for a terrorist, even of one who died as this man did, and the prayers said at it for the bereaved relations and friends. The loss is there, for it is natural to love one's own whatever they have done, but to make such a comment on the deceased was inexcusable.

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England No Longer a White Reserve

The outcry by the Muslim community throughout the world over the publication of Salman Rushdie's novel "Satanic Verses" brings to the forefront the increasing influence and numerical strength of this Eastern religion in various parts of Britain. To learn that there are one million Muslims in Britain is very revealing, if not frightening,

and that in the city of Bradford there are no less than 80,000. This remarkable admixture indicates that England is no longer the white dominated race that it once was. It is said that the first Indian to come to Britain's shores was in the time of Queen Victoria. Be that as it may the proportion of coloured people in our islands has grown quite remarkably. Of course it

has to be said that those of non-British origin who have come to our shores or who are by now the descendants of people who have settled down here over many years have brought new life and vitality to life here, both in the academic and professional spheres as well as in the world of entertainment and, of course, on the sports fields of our four countries.

A Holy War Looming?

The furore which the publication of "Satanic Verses" produced had one particularly serious element, that is the threat to the author's life, so much so that he and his wife were compelled by the ferocity of the verbal abuse and threats that they immediately went into hiding and are now said to be under heavy police protection. Disturbing as this is to our civilised attitude to the sanctity of life and to the rule of law, what is equally disturbing is the fact that those who were clamouring for Mr. Rushdie's blood were enabled to make their threat and demands on British television, openly and unashamedly. Was there not a

breach of the law here in that a threat against a British citizen's life could be made not behind the secrecy of a telephone call or by means of a letter but overtly on a British TV Channel.

Can you imagine Terry Waite or John McCarthy or Brian Keenan being given such facilities as they lie languishing in the hands of their insane captors? Of course not! All this brings us back to the warning expressed so clearly by Mr. Enoch Powell some years ago in his controversial "Rivers of Blood" speech which cast him out of mainstream British politics and into the welcoming and warmhearted arms of Ulster Unionism to which he

has rendered such outstanding and statesmanlike service. Have his prognostications been groundless? Indeed not, as events have shown, for the publication of "Satanic Verses" proves conclusively that right in the midst of the United Kingdom are forces in the immigrant world which if ever they were to let loose their un-Christian venom might have repercussions which might well be difficult to control in a civilised society. The withdrawal of ambassadorial representation by several Western countries from Iran is but the first recognition that the world may well be teetering on the brink of another holy war.

New Style "Emigration"

But immigration is one problem; another is emigration, voluntary or forced. Recently we heard of a number of families who have been compelled to leave West Belfast at the behest of paramilitaries. They and others have been accommodated in London by Fulham and Hammersmith Borough Councils at what is said to be exceptional cost to the ratepayers. One can understand the plight of people who are under threat in their homes and must obey instructions to leave, sometimes with no more warning than 24 or 48 hours.

Isn't it strange that the politicians in the Irish Republic who from time to time display such concern for their fellow Roman Catholics in "De Narth" that they did not immediately on hearing of the perplexity of their fellow religionists at the hands of the IRA or other group from that quarter immediately offer accommodation and succour. The silence was deafening, perhaps because of the din created by the announcement of the newly created London-Dublin Parliamentary tier. Anyhow the people threatened

in West Belfast are savouring life as it is lived in the capital of England and at the expense of the hard pressed ratepayers or the London borough. One suspects that those who fled to England are holders of "Irish" passports, and, therefore, are not in fact British citizens. That, needless to say, makes no difference because British cash is of more importance to daily living, and Dublin not only gets off the hook but refuses to recognise that there is a hook from which they might in all honesty be suspended.



Doing it The Old Way!

There is another form of emigration but for vastly different reasons. That is the illegal entry of people, mainly the young, from the Irish Republic to the United States of America. It is a well established fact that as many as 30,000 citizens of the Republic emigrate each year, mostly to Great Britain and the United States of America. The problem in Britain is not so serious, but in America the flouting of the Immigration laws is wholesale. Young Irishmen and women now resident there, having escaped the dreaded unemployment situation and lack of opportunity in the Twenty-Six counties, find themselves in the trap of having to conceal their identity in fear

of being shipped back to the Oul Sod. Despite the efforts of certain Irish-orientated politicians and kindred organisations to assist those who have no authority to stay there have little chance of the USA continuing to tolerate a situation where the laws of the country are flouted with such impunity. Here in Ireland the Dublin Government for all its undoubted influence with certain American politicians is at its wits end to know what to do. It cannot lobby in Washington in defence of illegality or on the other hand contemplate bringing these young and not so young back to the homeland where already the spectre of unemployment is taxing the most optimistic.

New Strategy

Surprise, surprise! It has just been revealed that the percentage of Protestants employed by the Fair Employment Agency is discriminatory against Protestants. Wonder of wonders, and that after Mr. Bob Cooper, the FEA chairman has for some years past been in the forefront of "revelations" about certain employers notably Harland and Wolff and Short and Harlands. Did not this column on a former occasion make the point that the FEA might itself be in breach of the regulations which they themselves were using to "expose" certain sections of the employing world throughout the Province, not least a number of local authorities. Mr. Cooper, asked to explain this anomaly, said that the

Agency plans to advertise for additional staff, — two — and that those who are sufficiently qualified in the Protestant realm will be eligible or words to that effect. In view of this revelation is it not time Mr. Cooper is asked to justify, or explain, what has happened in the past to the obvious disadvantage to Protestants within his own FEA? And in view of this example of internal discrimination whether he ought to consider his suitability for drawing attention to the faults of employers, whether in local government or in other sectors? In any case this latest piece of information from the FEA will have the effect of giving its opponents a whip with which they can wield in days to come.

Throughout the Unionist community in Northern Ireland there will be clear backing for the decision of the Ulster Unionist M.P.'s to have nothing to do with the British-Irish Republic parliamentary tier which has been set up. This is without doubt as dangerous a procedure as the Anglo-Irish so-called Agreement which has failed utterly to achieve its promised peace and stability. The Grand Master of the Orange Institution has made plain that Unionists will have nothing to do with this political quango and has told the Young Unionists at a Belfast meeting that the tier "will find no welcome in this Province."

He also told the meeting "To the eternal shame and discredit of two professedly democratic Governments democracy has been thrown out at the behest of terrorists and their political bedfellows. Even the people of Hong Kong are given greater consideration by their colonial masters." Is there not a case for a judicial consideration as to the constitutionality of the setting up of this tier which enables a foreign country in diplomatic relationship with London to interfere in the internal affairs of any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland? It is inconceivable that the British Government would allow members of the ruling authority in Calais to exercise any kind of authority in the affairs of Dover a couple of dozen miles across the Channel. But that is precisely the kind of thing that London is permitting Dublin to do in relation to United Kingdom territory. Perfidious Albion is at it again, to her own real detriment.

Bias Against Protestants

Northern Ireland having been on the receiving end of some 20 years attack, materially and militarily, it is little wonder that Loyalist people have been dulled into a situation where they concentrate their energies, publicity-wise, by simply answering the charges levied against them, both at home and overseas. Perhaps the time has come to review our whole publicity strategy and place it on another plane. It is simply not good enough to answer specific charges, and that has been done quite effectively by Unionist and Orange spokespeople but rather to pinpoint how Unionists on both sides of the Irish Border suffer severe

restrictions in religion and in the matter of employment. Here in Northern Ireland the Fair Employment Agency operates under Northern Ireland Office and Westminster authority, and on various occasions Unionists have complained that the FEA is not so ready to investigate Protestant complaints as those levied by Roman Catholics. Craigavon Borough Council, Unionist controlled, has been pilloried by the FEA, and it has now produced a considered response extending to 18 pages which rebuts the broad outline of the FEA draft report on employment practices which the Council was said to operate in a discriminatory fashion.

Has not the time arrived for a thorough investigation of the practices employed by local authorities across the Border, in, say, Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan County Councils and allied bodies? For instance, how many Protestants are working in Cork City Council offices, a statistic which ought to be known to Mr. Peter Barry, former Eire Minister, who in recent years has shown such compassion and concern for his fellow religionists here in Northern Ireland? Perhaps these figures should be made known by Mr. Barry or Brian Lenihan, or Charlie Haughey. We await their response.



Pictured from left W. Bro. Robert J. Montgomery, District Secretary of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12 (Co. Tyrone), receiving an engraved 10 year Service Jewel from the W.D.M., W. Bro. James A. Emery. Also seen here is W. Bro. Calvert Turner, D.D.M. The presentation took place at the Lodge's quarterly meeting in Bridgetown Orange Hall. (Photo: Gerald Montgomery, Castlederg).

Orange Concern Over Funeral Plan

The officers and members of Ballymacarrett District L.O.L. No. 6 have expressed their concern at the decision of Her Majesty's Government to send His Royal Highness Prince Philip to the funeral of Emperor Hirohito in Japan.

The Government's action in the present political climate on matters such as Gibraltar, and at home in Northern Ireland, and this latest political decision are seen as being a step towards taking the Great out of Great Britain, says the D.L.O.L. statement.

In Ballymacarrett, as in so many other parts not just of the United Kingdom, but throughout the British Commonwealth, many men and women volunteered their services to defend democracy and freedom against the powers of slavery and corruption.

During the Second World War, Emperor Hirohito sanctioned many barbaric acts which were carried out in his name, on many occasions against defenceless prisoners of war and civilians. His forces believed they were allowed to do this because of the authority enshrined in his person.

Yet after much loss of life and bloodshed, the Government of today has seen fit to forget the lessons of the past and insist on being represented at the funeral of such a monster.

The Government must show more sensitivity than to put the interests of material possession above and before the well being and best wishes of the Nation. Whilst trade is an important facet of life in any country, it must remain the case that Hirohito was the sworn enemy of the British people.

The Japanese, to their eternal shame, must recognise the hurt and damage which is being done when they insist on paying homage to a man with a past such as that of Hirohito. The Government must recognise that the wishes of the British people must come first and foremost, the statement concluded.

OBITUARY



SIR KT. S. A. MITCHELL

The death has taken place in the Tyrone County Hospital Omagh of Sir Knt. Samuel Albert Mitchell, Kilnakerry, Beragh, Co. Tyrone, at the age of 102 years.

Sir Knt. Mitchell enjoyed good health until just before his death and had been cared for by members of his family.

He was born in Eskra, but moved to the Beragh district after his marriage.

A farmer for much of his life, in later years he owned a corn-mill as well as a cycle-repair shop.

He was a Past Master of Aghnarrowan L.O.L. 462 and a loyal member of Seskinore

R.B.P. 304. A few years ago he was presented with his 50 year jewel from the Royal Black Institution by the Co. Grand Master of Tyrone Grand Black Chapter, Sir Knt. Samuel Glasgow at a ceremony in his home.

He was a life long member of Seskinore Presbyterian Church and the funeral took place from his home to the church. Burial took place in the adjoining graveyard.

One of Sir Knt. Mitchell's colleagues in the Preceptory, Sir Knt. Allan Rainey, paid tribute when he said afterwards, "If only we had more Sam Mitchells in our Institution."

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See also the July 1988 issue of the Newtownards and Comber Times.

District Officers Installed

The installation of officers of Number 10 District, Loughbrickland, took place in the Sir Henry Thompson Memorial Orange Hall.

Wor. Bro. Rev. George N. Little, Deputy Grand Chaplain of Ireland, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Bro. James McElroy.

After the installation, presentations were made to three district officers.

The outgoing W.D.M., Bro. Herbert J. Heslip, received a Past Master's Jewel; Bro. William David Allen, who was D.D.M. and retired owing to ill health, also received a jewel; and Bro. David Little, who has been treasurer for the past 19 years, received a gold watch in appreciation of his services. He is succeeded by Bro. Norman Russell.

Bro. David Little has been attending district meetings for 49 years and has served faithfully in many different offices during that time.

At the close of the meeting all present were entertained to supper.



Three retiring members who received gifts. From left: Bro. H. J. Heslip, Bro. David Little and Bro. William D. Allen. Photo: "The Outlook."



Seated from left: Bro. James McElroy, Bro. Mayne McClelland (D.D.M.), Bro. Wilfred McFadden (W.D.M.) and Wor. Bro. Rev. George N. Little. Standing are other District Officers. Photo: "The Outlook."

Garvetagh R.B.P. Officers

Garvetagh Guiding Star R.B.P. No. 76 held its election of officers in Garvetagh Orange Hall.

Elected were: W.M., John Lowry; D.M., David Lecky; Chaplain, James Emery; Registrar, William Montgomery; Treasurer, William Adams; Lecturers, William Montgomery and William Adams.

Censors, James Lowry and Bertie Buchanan; Standard Bearers, Robert Scott and James Young; Pursuivant, James Simpson; Committee, Aelfryn Young (Foreman), Thompson Young, Tom McMullan, Des Fyffe, Harold Sproule, Robert Montgomery, Andrew Lowry.

Sir Knt. Alexander Patterson, W.D.M. of Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6, presided during the election.

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Research Lodge Celebrates 25 Years

The specialist Loyal Orange Lodge of Research will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its constitution in March 1989.

The concept of a Lodge drawing its membership from the Institution at large and under the direct care of Grand Lodge was first mooted by the late W. Bro. Aiken McClelland, M.Phil. He made contact with some brethren who sympathised with the idea of a Lodge which would research in Orangeism and collate materials which were of value and importance to the movement since its inception.

Its main purpose would be to produce and receive papers which dealt with subjects relevant to the study of Orangeism and its influence on Ulster and Irish society, religiously and politically.

The scope would be wide enough to include studies in

Irish and British history and to consider contemporary issues affecting the organisation and the society to which it belongs.

In the event there has been a spread of subject material of general usefulness presented to the membership over the years.

Preliminary meetings, Aiken McClelland and the brethren whom he contacted — Bob Jones, Ballynahinch; Ernest Long, Dromara; Sam Magowan, Anahilt; Robert Morrow, Saintfield; Bob Wright and Richard Hayward, Belfast — were held in the homes of these brethren and at the Co. Down Unionist Headquarters in William Street South, Belfast, where the secretary, Robert Webb, showed a practical sympathy with what was being planned.

It was from these brethren that the first officers of the lodge were drawn — R. Jones, W.M.; S. E. Long, D.M.; R. Morrow, Treasurer; and Aiken McClelland, Secretary. Of

these brethren only Bob Jones and Ernest Long survive. For personal reasons Bro. Jones was unable to maintain active membership in the lodge since the second year of its life.

When the necessary approach to Grand Lodge was made for the acceptance and inauguration of the new Lodge concept Bro. Walter Williams as Grand Secretary was most helpful with advice and guidance.

The interest which had been generated in what promised to be an important new development in Orangeism ensured good attendance at the ceremonies of inauguration and installation of officers twenty-five years ago.

In another issue of "Standard" we hope to carry a report of the anniversary celebrations and the plans for which has been in the capable hands of W. Bro. Watson, the Lodge secretary, and its officers and committee.

Grand Lodge of Togo

Church Service

Grand Officers pose for a picture before walking to Church on 6th November 1988. From left to right: Sisters Bella Quaye and Monique Folly with Swords; R.W. Bro. Justice K. S. Gaba, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Dr. M. K. Attoh-Mensah, Deputy Grand Master; M.W. Bro. E. K. Aboki Essien, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. K. K. O. Rhodes, Grand Auditor; R.W. Sister Mrs. E. Dovi Fabre, Deputy Grand Mistress; R.W. Bro. Mawulikplimi Nyanutse, Grand Superintendent Juveniles; Very W. Sister Mrs. Venunye Anthony, Grand Mistress; R.W. Bro. P. Akovi Neglokpe-Mensah, Grand Chaplain and Bro. L. Late Lawson, Bible Bearer.



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Discussing some aspects of the Ter-Centenary lecture on the "Siege of Derry" held in Garvetagh Orange Hall are from left, Mr. Roland Houston, Strabane; Bro. Tony Crowe of the Ulster Society who gave the lecture, and W. Bro. Jim Emery, the Lodge Historian.
Photo: Gerald Montgomery, Castlederg.

W. Bro. William Montgomery, W.M. of Garvetagh True Blues L.O.L. 1486, looking over one of the earliest diaries of Rev. George Walker's account of the Siege of Derry at the Ter-Centenary lecture in Garvetagh Orange Hall. Also interested is Mr. Roland Houston from Strabane. Photo: Gerald Montgomery, Castlederg.



'Siege of Derry' Lecture

Garvetagh True Blues L.O.L. 1486 in association with the Ulster Society held a Ter-Centenary lecture on the Siege of Derry in Garvetagh Orange Hall on evening of 31st January.

The chairman, W.Bro. Jim Emery, Lodge Chaplain, extended a warm welcome to all present and introduced the visiting speaker, Bro. Tony Crowe from Londonderry who is one of the Ulster Society's panel of speakers.

Bro. Crowe gave a most impressive and informative address, not only on the events of the siege but also a detailed history of the Maiden City.

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Junior Grand Lodge Honours PGM

At the November meeting of the Junior Grand Orange Lodge the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Kenneth Wilson, paid tribute to the work of their Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John McCrea J.P.

Bro. McCrea was a founder member of Junior Grand Lodge, being its first Grand Secretary, then Deputy Grand Master, and finally Grand Master. Over the years he had shown willingness to work for the Juniors and encouraged others to do the same.

Now as a Past Grand Master those in Junior Grand Lodge wish him well and know that in his other offices in the senior movement he will not forget his first love in Orangeism — the Junior Movement.

As a token of their appreciation the Junior Grand Lodge presented Bro. McCrea with a collarette and a clock. During the presentation a voice was heard to say "No excuse for not being on time now."

Installation and Initiation

Ballymartin L.O.L. No. 1456 installation and initiation were carried out by the W.D.M. Bro. William Russell, assisted by the District Officers.

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prior to the installation, five candidates were initiated by Lecturers Bros. Gary Bingham and Trevor McConnell. This is one of the largest lodges in the Mourne District with almost 120 members.



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Presentation of Past Master Certificate



Bro. William Robinson receives his Past Master Certificate from County Down Grand Master, Bro. William Brown. Also left to right, Bro. Alexander McShane, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. John Walker, newly elected District Master and Bro. Garnett Chambers, newly elected Deputy District Master. Photo: Clarence Wilson.

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