

SCRAP THE PAPACY SAYS BELFAST R.C. PRIEST

A Belfast Roman Catholic priest has called for the Papacy to be scrapped.

The Rev. Desmond Wilson says that the Papacy is now "an anomaly" which had become a central bureaucracy.

Interviewed in "Republican News" — the weekly publication of Provisional Sinn Fein — Fr. Wilson said: "I think you have to dissolve the Papacy. The Papacy today is an anomaly."

"Loyalty to the Pope is only a recent growth; Papal infallibility is only about 120 years old. The adulation of the Papacy was something which was unknown in the Church a couple of hundred years ago."

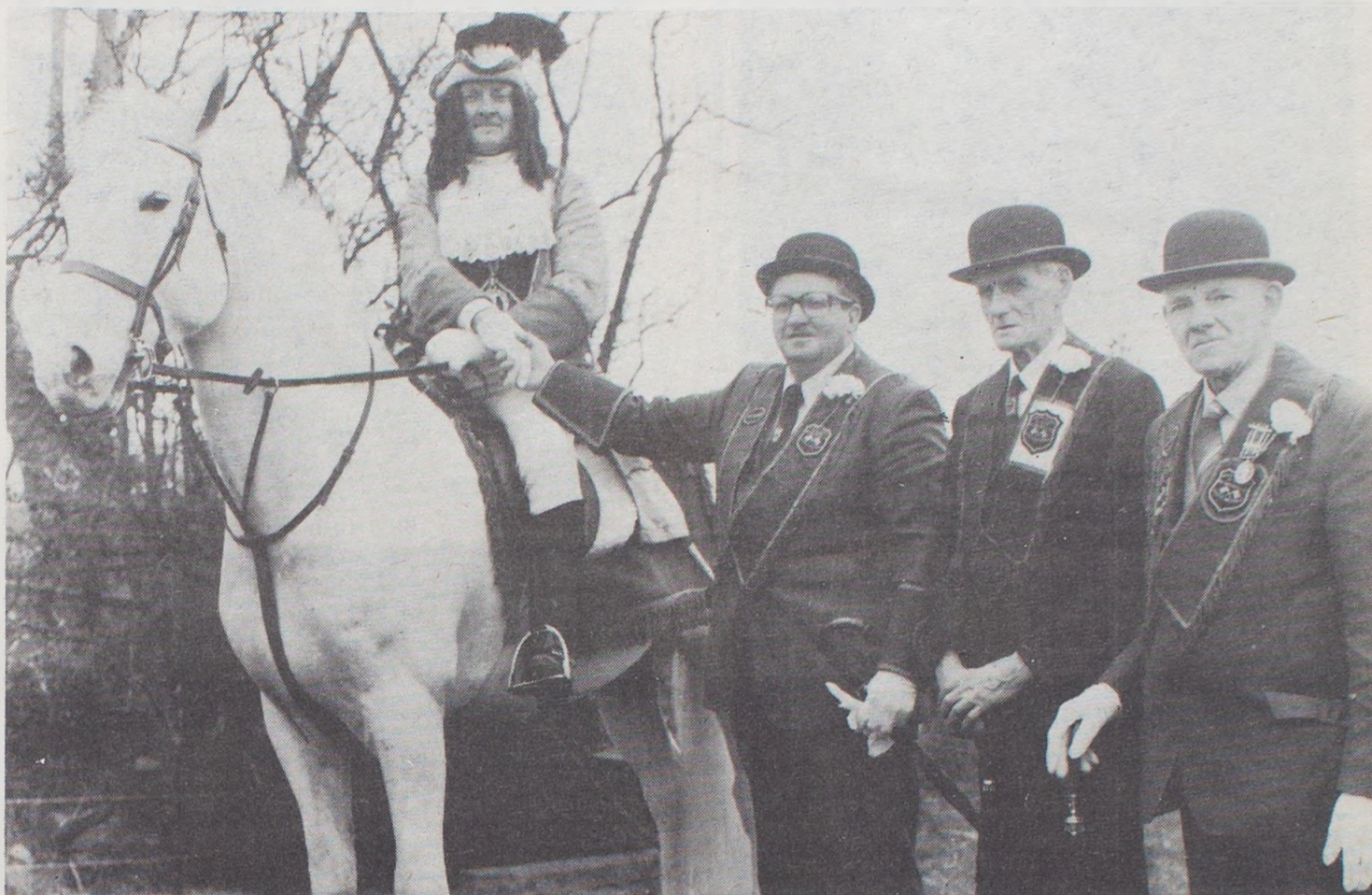
Fr. Wilson resigned from his parish duties seven years ago after a disagreement with the Bishop of Down and Connor, Dr. William Philbin. But he is still a priest and a

community worker in Belfast.

He said: "The whole idea of the Pope as a king is quite foreign to any Catholic theology. Unless the Catholic Church tackles the problem of the Papacy as it has been built up by a central bureaucracy, it is going to lose enormously."

Fr. Wilson also called the Roman Catholic Church's laws on mixed marriages "preposterous" and said that divorce was now a reality in the Church because grounds for annulment could be extended "almost indefinitely."

The controversial priest also repeated his statement that he would not condemn any Irishman or woman for using arms. "And I don't believe that anybody else has a right to condemn such people, unless they can point to a non-armed alternative which is effective and not which is just 'nice'."



The annual Easter Monday parade of the Co. Down and Belfast Amalgamation of the Apprentice Boys was led through the streets of Rathfriland by Bro. John S. Marshall from Lisburn, in the role of King William III, on his white horse. Bro. Marshall (left) is welcomed by President of Rathfriland Branch of the Apprentice Boys, Bro. Raymond McCullough

(second from left) and two founder members of the Rathfriland branch, Bros. Robert Bell, second from right, and Robert Davidson. Bro. Davidson was second President of the Rathfriland Club.

Photo: "The Outlook."

Orange Order march has jobs theme

Orangeism in Belfast went on the march on Saturday, May 15, to highlight the serious unemployment situation in the Province and it is possible that the idea may be taken up in other areas.

Belfast Grand Secretary John McCrea said: "This is the first march of this kind we have ever organised — but it is likely that other districts in Belfast and all over Ulster will now take up the cudgels."

"ORDER NOT DEAD"

Mr. Fraser Agnew, chairman of the Association of Orange Unionist Delegates in Local Government, said: "This shows that the Orange Institution is not dead — but cares about social issues like unemployment."

Orangemen who assembled at the City Hall were told by Belfast's deputy Lord Mayor that more British companies had invested in Eire than in Ulster during the "troubles."

Independent Unionist Frank Millar, a past worshipful master of Belfast LOL 43, said: "In the last 12 years more British interests have

been directed to the Irish Republic than to Northern Ireland.

"I was born and remain a committed unionist. But I'm not so blind as to imagine that the interests of the Protestant working class have always been the first interest of our political leaders."

Mr. Millar said the rundown of transport links with the British mainland and the refusal to construct a North Sea gas pipeline were two examples of Government attempts to isolate Northern Ireland.

RIGHT TO WORK

"People in Northern Ireland are sick of being told they are a liability. We are not asking for any special privileges — only the right to work," he said.

Mr. Agnew, a Newtownabbey official unionist coun-

sellor, called on the Government to make Northern Ireland a "special hardship area" and set up a 'think tank' to help solve the lengthening dole queues.

"There is a real argument for special consideration — this Province has a higher cost of living and a lower average wage than the rest of the United Kingdom. We are British citizens who demand British rights whether it be the right to live or the right to work," he said.

But IRA bombs and bullets had not been the main cause increasing numbers of jobless, said Mr. Agnew.

"While the security situation has created an uncertainty that is hardly conducive to outside investment, the economic problems have arisen mainly because of problems outside of Northern Ireland — high interest rates and low profit margins, little investment and high inflation," he said.

According to the "Belfast News-Letter" the organisers admitted being disappointed with the turn out of members at the rally. An attendance of up to 2,000 had been forecast, but less than 200 turned up.

Mr. McCrea denied there had been any opposition to the rally for jobs from officials in the House of Orange — or from grass roots members against the Order taking a stand on non-religious issues.

PAPAL VISIT PROTEST

The Tyrone Grand Black Chapter has unanimously passed a resolution protesting against the Pope's proposed visit to Britain and calling upon the Grand Black Chapter of the Commonwealth "to take every effective means" to push their protest to a successful conclusion.

It was also unanimously agreed to call upon all members of the Institution to be fully mindful of their obligations.

The resolution referred particularly to the members of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland which met

during the recent report regarding relations between Anglican communion and the Roman Catholic church.

The resolutions were proposed by Mr. Oliver Gibson at the Chapter's half-yearly meeting in Garvetagh Orange Hall, Castlederg.

Scottish-Ulster Lecture Conference

The annual Easter Conference of the Belfast and Partick Lecturers took place in the Orange Hall, Whiteinch.

Sir Knt. Ronnie Smith R.W.M. presided over the meeting held under auspices of R.B.P. 461, and welcomed a large attendance among whom were Sir Knt. Thomas Malcolm (I. Grand Lecturer) and members of Scottish Board.

Sir Knt. Wm. Jones (President) of Partick Class extended a warm welcome to the Ulster Class, and proceeded with ceremonial work.

Sir Knts. T. Malcolm, J. Blair, J. Shearer, D. H. Boyd, expressed complimentary remarks and congratulated both classes. Sir Knts. T. J. Campton and Wm. Jones responded.

A social evening followed, when an enjoyable tea was served and singing and dancing took place.

The week-end visitors were entertained to a coach tour of Scotland, which involved a trip of over 270 miles. A stop was made on the "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond," when Sir Knt. Jones expressed his delight, that the conference and weather conditions were ideal for the Ulster visitors.

Sir Knt. T. J. Campton replied on behalf of his Ballymacarret Class.

Presentation of Medals and Certificates

It was a really busy night for Mrs. N. Phillips when she presented a series of 25 year Long Service Medals to a number of Orange brethren at a function held in connection with the Canon Irvine L.O.L. No. 1208 at the annual installation dinner in Clifton Street Orange Hall, Belfast.



Bro. Wm. Coates



Bro. Hugh Megaw



Bro. John Jamison



Bro. Hugh Goodwin



Bro. Jackie Phillips



Bro. David Boyd, P.M., receives his P.M. certificate and collarette and jewel from Bro. J. Jamison on behalf of L.O.L. No. 1208.



Bro. Paul Coates, Junior L.O.L. No. 60, is handed his P.M. certificate by Bro. Hugh Phillips.

THE POLICEMAN IN A TROUBLED SOCIETY

"We cannot think on the place and purpose of the police in our society without paying compliment to the R.U.C. and the R.U.C. Reserve for their work in circumstances which are peculiarly dangerous."

This tribute was paid to the police by Canon S. E. Long, L.Th., R.D., J.P., rector of Dromara and Garvaghy, when he preached at a special service under the auspices of the Dromore R.U.C. and R.U.C. Reserve, "J" Division, in Dromore Cathedral.

The rector of the Cathedral Parish, Chancellor C. H. E. Clayton, M.A., was to have been the preacher, but was taken ill and became a hospital patient a little over a week earlier.

The service, was extremely well supported, not only by police personnel but also by the general public.

Representing the Cathedral Chapter along with Canon Long was the Dean of Dromore, the Very Rev. R. J. N. Lockhart, M.A.

Two local ministers also took part, the Rev. J. Lennox Booth, of the Methodist Church, and the Rev. W. Donald Patton, B. Soc.Sc., B.D. of First Dromore Presbyterian Church.

The Old Testament lesson was read by Inspector K. W. Gamble, and the service was led by Mr. A. Doloughan, diocesan reader.

The Cathedral choir rendered an anthem, with Miss Joy Anderson, A.T.C.L., L.T.C.L., at the organ, and the soloist was a choir member, Mr. Sydney Cochrane.

A collection for the R.U.C. Benevolent Fund amounted to almost £500.

Following the service afternoon tea was served in the Parochial Hall by ladies representing the organising committee. There was a vote of thanks by Chief Superintendent W. J. Gray, M.B.E., of "J" Division.

Canon Long based his sermon on a text from the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5, 9).

"An object of the laws of the land," went on Canon Long, "is to protect the lives and liberties of its citizens. The laws must carry the consent of the people to be effective. It is the responsibility of the police, acting for the community, to enforce the laws. The police can only carry out their task if they have the support and confidence of a large majority of the people and are to be seen themselves as being under the law which it is their business to enforce."

"In order that society should be happy and peaceable it is necessary for citizens to be law abiding and to feel protected from law breakers and safe in their persons and property, and it is essential that the police provide the security which will make it possible for people to live at peace."

"MOST UNIDEAL SETTING"

"This simple statement of reality hides a situation which is peculiarly difficult for people and police. For we live in a most

unideal setting, with terrorists attacking the very fabric of society, killing and destroying for their own purposes and to satisfy their own desires.

"The position is made worse by the growing incidence of common crime. And as the law keepers are stretched to grapple with lawlessness in whatever form, they find an impatience in people who feel threatened by the risk factor which is protruded into their lives because danger is always lurking near at hand.

"They feel deprived of that quality of life to which their humanity entitles them. The police, being the custodians of law and order, are the targets of attack for not maintaining the condition of peace. The intensity of attack varies from a cursory and occasional expression of annoyance when some malefactor gets away scot free after some crime or other, to those who have an ingrained dislike of the police whom they distrust irrationally.

"These are not the enemies of the police — they are the terrorists, fellow travellers and sympathisers who want to destroy this society — but ordinary people who are anxious about their living and the quality of their lives."

"A HARD TASK"

"The police have a hard task in a world which is increasingly violent and lawless and where criticism is mounting all the time against police authority and practice," said Canon Long.

"There are many reasons for the worrying, frightening, situation in which we find ourselves. The terrorist violence is the result of political/religious antipathies which have always erupted in rioting, murdering and destruction. The difference now is that no other troubles have lasted for thirteen years. Because nobody anywhere could be expected to live with that sick situation for such a time, the anger and frustration caused by the continuance of terrorist attack is understandable. The cries of tormented people for measures to be taken to defeat the terrorist must be heard by the Government and by those who are responsible for planning anti-terrorist activity and strategy.

"The recent successes by the security forces in capturing terrorists and taking their bombing materials have affected the position considerably to give law-abiding citizens hope that the situation is changing at last.

"A healthy, peaceful, society is not obtainable where unemployment, and the hopelessness which goes with it, are rampant. There are compelling reasons for government investment to produce work and especially when that means diverting money and men from the non-productive unemployment benefit spending which has been common political practice recently."

"It is appreciated," went on Canon Long, "that a policeman is in danger constantly and particularly, and the physical

strain is only equalled by the mental stress he must feel all the time. The number of men who have suffered heart attacks at young age and those who have taken their own lives tell the sorry tale. The wives and families are sufferers with them and sometimes show the same signs of worry and distress. The number of police who have been murdered is the story of that danger which takes life callously and horrifyingly.

"SPIRIT OF SERVICE"

"Whatever the reasons that men and women have for joining the police it is essential that they have the spirit of service, and especially is that necessary when it would be easy to be intolerant of the stupidities of the public; its

ingratitude and its obstructiveness. People are to be regarded as persons with individual needs and aspirations and worries and fears which make them irrational at times, always self interested and often to selfishness. There is nothing stronger than human prejudice.

"If the citizen should show better understanding of the difficulties with which the police have to contend it is as necessary that the police be innocent of anything which would bring them into disrepute and disfavour. There are so many enemies of the police around that it is imperative that they be recognised for their fair dealing with everyone who comes into their care. They have to earn the esteem of the people and to work hard to retain it."



A team from Co. Tyrone has won the Junior Grand Lodge lecturing competition held under the auspices of the Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland in Newtownards Orange Hall. Our picture shows the winning team — Bros. Gary Edgar, David Hardy and Geoffrey Kerr. Co. Armagh came second and Belfast third.

INCREASING ATTACKS ON ORANGE HALLS

Attacks on Orange Halls in various parts of Northern Ireland and the Republic have been showing a significant increase over the past year.

These are not by any means confined to what the security forces term "difficult areas," although there is no doubt that the brethren who hold meetings in places along the border are much more vulnerable than in most places.

Last July, after returning from the demonstration in County Armagh, the brethren of a lodge just across the border in County Monaghan had their hall extensively damaged by a malicious fire. That has not deterred them from carrying on, and in fact their determination has been redoubled.

Even in a noted Orange stronghold like Portadown, there are brethren who meet under arduous conditions.

Corcrair Orange Hall suffered its fourth arson attack in eight years on the morning of May 14, and once again it was fortunate that the hall was not destroyed.

As on previous occasions, the intruders made a determined bid to burn down the building, and they got in by forcing open grills erected over windows to protect them from missiles and other objects.

BANNERS BURNED

On a previous occasion, the republican miscreants burned the lodge banners, and since

then the lodge has taken the wise precaution of having the three banners — L.O.L. No. 339, R.B.P. 141 and the Junior Orange lodge, stored in safer places.

The lodges are meeting under very difficult conditions, and faced with a huge rates bill each year, and other expenses, they are unable to hold the sort of functions, such as dances and socials, which prior to the Troubles, brought in enough money to clear their debt.

Even on the evening of the "Twelfth" and on Scarva Day (the following day) the lodge and preceptory can only hold their dinners in safety with police land rovers parked outside.

The Junior Orange lodge, one of the oldest in County Armagh, has not been able to embark on expansion plans because the officers are, naturally, not keen to encourage young boys to travel into a vulnerable district on dark winter nights.

Such is the sad state of affairs due to the security situation in our province.

Corcrair was once a household name in Unionist circles, boasting a very strong Unionist branch, which attracted the top speakers in the party in Ulster. The branch has not been able to use the hall facilities for several years, and, like the Orange and Black lodges, has suffered due to the security set-up.

For the brethren of Corcrair, and many other areas of the province, all the talk of reconciliation and friendship being talked about makes hollow reading. All they seek to do is to hold their meetings in peace, and without offence to

anyone, as they have done for so many years, but the Republican denizens of the area show a cynical disregard for such wishes.

Corcrair, in fact, like many districts, reflects the population trends, and the movement of population so evident in Northern Ireland.

Until the early 1950's, the district was overwhelmingly Protestant, and the Roman Catholic families who made up its minority population, lived at peace and in harmony with their neighbours.

An Arch adorned the area each July, and on several occasions, the lodges of Belfast Junior Orange district held their Easter demonstration in a field in the vicinity.

SURROUNDED

To-day, the Protestant population there has been reduced to a small minority, and the Hall itself is practically surrounded by large housing estates in Ballyoran and Obins Street, mostly occupied by Roman Catholics.

Evidently the presence of an Orange Hall is considered to be one of the remaining obstacles to a complete Republican takeover of this part of Portadown, and hence the continued assaults on the building.

The brethren of Corcrair — like those in other similar areas — deserve the highest praise for their endeavours to keep the flag flying, and they should be an example to brethren in "safer" parts of Northern Ireland who are often apathetic and indifferent to the plight of their less fortunate fellow Orange and loyalist co-religionists.

CO. TYRONE G.B.C. ELECTIONS

A meeting of Tyrone County Grand Black Chapter was held in Garvetagh Orange Hall, Castlederg Sir Knight Samuel A. Glasgow D.C.G.M. occupied the chair assisted by

Sir Knight Oliver Gibson, F.R.H.S. in the Vice-Chair and with Sir Knights Alexander Reid and James Emery as chaplains.

SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Sir Knight John Sally G.S.B. of Aghnacloy District Chapter and also to the following Sir Knights who had also been bereaved: Ian Symington, Stewart McKinney, Cecil Anderson and John Sayers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Officers was conducted by Sir Knight Jack Ashenhurst I.G.C. assisted by Sir Knight Ernest C. H. Young J.P., D.D.M. Castlederg, in the vice-chair and with Sir Knight William Courtney, Killyman acting as Registrar, resulting as follows:— C.G. Master, Robert Montgomery, B.E.M., D.C.G.M. Samuel A. Glasgow, C.G. Chaplain, Rev. James Kane, B.A., D.C.G. Chaplain, Rev. Canon W. G. H. Williams, M.A., C.G. Registrar, William A. Nesbitt, C.G. Treasurer Samuel C. Douglas, D.C.G. Registrar, Ivan Symington, D.C.G. Treasurer, Mitchell Cummings, 1st G. Lecturer, James Slaine, 2nd G. Lecturer, Stewart A. McKinney, G. Censors, William Mehaffy and George A. Somerville, G. Standard Bearers, Jack Neilands and Leslie Hamilton, Pursuivant, Robert J. Kilpatrick, Grand Master of Ceremonies, William Abernethy, G. Sword Bearers, Will Bennett and Ernest C. H. Young, J.P. Committee: Oliver Gibson, F.R.H.S., B.A., William Cummings, Henry McCormick, William D. H. Hughes, Jack Ashenhurst, James Emery and John Taggart.

Lodge loses two members

Drumquin (Co. Tyrone) L.O.L. No. 853 has lost by death two members who were highly esteemed.

Bro. John Condy died in Tyrone County Hospital after a brief illness. He was aged 75 years.

Bro. Samuel Irwin passed away suddenly after returning home from work. He was aged 46 years.

Both were faithful and loyal members of the Lodge. They were also members of Kirlish Golden Lights R.B.P. No. 666. Sir Knight Condy was the Deputy Master, and Sir Knight Irwin a capable and hard-working Registrar.

Sunday Opening Protest

In a statement to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Killen District L.O.L. No. 12, Castlederg, said:

"We feel the recent campaign by the Licensed Vintners Association to try to introduce Sunday opening for public houses in Northern Ireland is quite unnecessary.

"Already more than enough access to alcohol is readily available through hotels and licensed clubs. Many of these clubs are geared to "just drinks" and there is no justification for their existence.

"We ask you as the British Government's representative in our Province to support our wish and also the wish of the great majority of Ulster people who oppose Sunday opening."

Street Re-Naming in Monaghan

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs has confirmed that it directed Monaghan Post Office not to deliver post to "Kieran Doherty Park," in Monaghan town, because the address was not officially recognised.

Since the residents renamed Mullaghmott housing estate, after the dead IRA hunger-striker, Kiernan Doherty, who was elected TD for Cavan - Monaghan, Monaghan Urban Council declared the renaming illegal. County Council officials removed a bilingual sign bearing the hunger-striker's name at the entrance to the estate, but it was replaced.

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LONG SERVING BRETHREN HONOURED

Killen L.O.L. No. 1272 (Co. Tyrone) honoured four of their long serving brethren at a social function in the Orange Hall recently.

The W.M. of Killen L.O.L. 1272 Bro. Sandy Speer welcomed everyone including the District Officers, Bro. Jim

Emery (D.D.M.), Bro. E. C. H. Young J.P. (District Treasurer) and Bro. R. J. Montgomery (District Secretary).

Bro. Speer asked the D.D.M., Bro. Emery to present four 50 year certificates to Bros. Robert Rankin,

Tommy Clarke, Sam Glenn and George Thompson who had all served the lodge well over the years. Bro. Emery congratulated all the brethren on their outstanding loyalty and faith.

Bros. Young and Montgomery also added their good

wishes.

Also present were Bro. Thomas George Sproule now in his 86th year and an Orangeman for over 70 years. Bro. Sproule received his 50 year Certificate many years ago.



Members of Killen L.O.L. 1272 who received their 50 year certificates, with lodge and district officers. Front row: Bros. Tommy Clarke, Robert Rankin, Thomas G. Sproule, Sam Glenn and George Thompson. Back row: Bros. Sandy Speer

(W.M. 1272), R. J. Montgomery (Dist. Sec.), E. C. H. Young, J.P. (Dist. Treas.), J. A. Emery (D.D.M.), Harry McKeague (Lay Chaplain 1272) and Howard Speer (D.M. 1272).

STANDARD BEARER

DUBLIN AND ENGLAND'S DIFFICULTY

Military ordered by the Government of the United Kingdom to rid the Falkland Islands of the Argentinian invaders has shown once more that certain republican elements in the Republic of Ireland haven't forgotten the age-old slogan "England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity."

It is a recurring theme, century after century, and the present incumbent of the Premiership in the Dail, Mr. Charles J. Haughey, lost little time in seeing that his country's imposition of sanctions against the Argentine had a brief existence.

It will be a pyrrhic victory for

the Taoiseach, of course, for Mr. Haughey, with comparative ease, has merely succeeded in undermining the cordial relations which he appeared to have established with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Mr. Haughey may have handed Mrs. T. a silver teapot as a token of their friendship, but it is Mrs. T. who will brew up the next cup of tea.

The "Iron Lady" in the weeks and months ahead is not the sort of person to forget, or forgive, a national slight of this nature or magnitude. In the past few weeks she has indicated by her resolute leadership in a time of crisis that she is a woman in the mould of Elizabeth the First of England.

Her debating skills on the floor of the House of Commons at Westminster are matched by an indomitable spirit, and at a time when many around her, particularly those in the Bennite camp, are proving not only an embarrassment for the Labour Party but also for the entire nation.

With her inimitable flair and confidence the "grocer's daughter" is carving a niche for herself in English and British history.

She has brought back to the British nation and Commonwealth a spark which seemed to have all but vanished since the end of World War II. The Forces of the Crown have rallied to the Flag, and the "young lions" are watching as events unfold.

New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon, a man with Ulster blood in his veins, was the first of our kith and kin, to proffer aid in the shape of a ship of the NZ Navy sent to

release a Royal Navy vessel for service in the South Atlantic.

Against all this how puny, how infantile, how typical has been the slinking out of pro-British support — and it was non-combatant support at that, mere imposition of sanctions — of the Haughey Administration.

Let there be no mistake — Britain will not readily forget or forgive Eire's treachery in the hour of England's adversity.

Northern Ireland's determination to remain British has been given a welcome fillip at the expense of the shaky Haughey Government, a fillip Charles J. Haughey must surely come to regret in due time. His "explanation" that he opts out to indicate his aim to prevent bloodshed is surely one of the most hypocritical excuses of the century, bearing in mind the Dublin Government's ambivalence throughout the past dozen years of terrorism in Ulster.

Firebomb on home of Clergyman

The horrific circumstances in which a fire bomb was planted outside the front door of the home of the Rev. William Beattie, a Free Presbyterian minister and a leading figure in the Democratic Unionist Party, demonstrates once again the callous, criminal disregard for human life of those who occupy themselves in these devilish ways.

But for the fact that a neighbour spotted the device and was able to warn Mr. and Mrs. Beattie and their two children a holocaust could have occurred.

This criminal act highlights also the rude system of justice which terrorist republican organisations are prepared to mete out to anyone with whose politics they may happen to disagree.

Knee capping and assassination are also part of the stock-in-trade of those who see fit to bypass the courts of the land and proceed to administer their own brand of punishment.

The attempt on the life and

property of the Beattie family was followed the same day by a ritual statement from a group calling itself the Irish National Liberation Army admitting their responsibility for the outrage.

In the statement they accused Mr. Beattie, Secretary of the DUP, and a local government representative in the Lisburn area, of "fanning the flames of oppression" and saying that they timed the attack to coincide with the anniversary of the death of IRA hunger striker Patsy O'Hara.

All this potential death dealing sounds so matter of fact when contrasted with the world-wide campaign by republican terrorist organisations about the methods they claim were being used at the RUC interrogation centres at Armagh and Castlereagh.

One feels bound to ask who in the name of the INLA or kindred sectors of terrorism contacts the media and within hours receives publicity for themselves and the incidents in which they say they were involved.

We merely ask the question.

LONDON

Renaming and Reforming of L. O. L. 1689 (William Alexander Memorial)

The above named Lodge is hoping to re-open in the near future. Would any Orangemen living in London, or Protestants interested in joining the Orange Order please contact City of London District 63, Secretary, 5 Leyborne Avenue, Northfields, London W13. Details of Opening and Grand Social will be published at a later date.

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Presentation of 50 Year Certificates and Bible



Mr. Jack Ashenhurst, County Grand Master, presenting a Bible to Mr. Robert McConnell, a member of Strawletterdallon LOL to mark 64 years full attendance at Twelfth parades. Photo courtesy Tyrone Constitution.



Members of Strawletterdallon LOL 1114, who were presented with 50-year certificates by the County Grand Master, Mr. Jack Ashenhurst. They are (front row, left) Mr. Sam Monteith, Mr. Ernest McElwaine, Mr. Arthur Crawford, Mr. William McFarland and Mr. William Crawford. Also in the photograph are the officers of the lodge. Photo courtesy of Tyrone Constitution.

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“THE POPE AGAINST IT”

The strong protestations about the Papal visit to Britain which were treated disdainfully by churchmen, religious liberals and media people generally, and described as the reactions of the spiritually illiterate to the coming of a great Christian leader to his people, are only a little of what the Pope is receiving today in attacks from his own people elsewhere in the world.

Latin America, with Nicaragua in the vanguard of the Church's campaign for the poor of the Third World, is in revolt against the old papal hierarchial system which condoned such inequalities in class-ridden societies that the poor were the victims of gross neglect and ill-treatment, and for so long, that the Church among the poor has led them “into battle” against the economic systems which oppress and destroy them. That situation, in which the Pope is a target for his favouring of the establishments of Church and State, is one where no amount of special pleading on behalf of a great Christian leader will push it out of the way.

The Pope's ultra-conservative attitudes to theological and sociological issues, and his insistence on the absolute obedience of the faithful to the dictates of the Papacy make him a hard man, true to his own background where the type of self-dedication he demands was essential for survival in a communist state, less liberal than Paul 6 and hardly recognisable as the successor of John 23.

Whatever some Protestants may think of the Papacy what Roman Catholics think of it is likely to keep it in torment during the present incumbency. It also means that any talk of a Roman liberalisation towards the Anglican or other churches is a nonsense unless naive churchmen and others are satisfied with words and promises.

The truth is that the Papacy, in spite of an appearance of strength on all special occasions, is in a most unhappy state, and not all the adulation of a media, who find John Paul II a most attractive personality, can cover up that fact, and the fact that he is the man to make things worse.

His visits throughout the world are meant to encourage the faithful, to stiffen their resolve to be good Roman Catholics and to help them in their devotion to the Church. They have the secondary purpose of speaking to the needs of the countries

visited, to spell out R.C. attitudes in personal and community relations, to denounce violence and terrorism and to plead for peace among men and nations.

The visit about which we know something was the one to Ireland and reflections on it must discover that the Pope truly impressed his people, and others, with his personal charm. His clear statements on moral questions were an explanation of the traditionalist stance which many Roman Catholics have abandoned and were received unemotionally and without any promise of acceptance. His condemnations of murderers and those who were the instigators of that final evil, the destruction of human life, were unambiguous but they went unheeded by those to whom they were addressed. And the frequent quotation of Papal denunciations of the terrorist has done nothing since to persuade him to abandon his evil trade.

The situation in Ireland showed up the dilemma of the Papacy. Its powers are limited — it can do so much and so little — for people take what suits them of its teaching and pass the rest. Whatever discipline there is in Irish Roman Catholicism it does not affect the thinking of those who will stay in the Church but will deny its authority over their actions. This single problem, how a member of the Church can murder, maim and destroy while retaining his Catholicism is an ethical question of considerable importance.

Something is very wrong with religious education when the commandments of God are ignored and people are produced who do the most heinous crimes and are sheltered by others whose conduct is governed by expedience rather than honesty or decency. Every murderer who clings to his catholicism is an indictment on that faith. Every person who can cover for murderers and still be able to practice his religion is a witness against its claim to be Christian. There should never be accommodation to evil in Christianity.

The Pope is up against it in many ways today! The Papacy is under attack from within and without.

Those who deplore the totalitarianism of Romanism may take comfort from such a situation, and there is a runaway from the Church of Rome by clergy and people in several places, but if they are Protestant churchmen they will have another feeling; too often the renunciation of Romanism is a departure for Socialism or Communism. Protestantism seldom attracts them.

Among the reasons why this is so is the general recognition that Protestantism is not so much a faith by which to live as a position from which to denounce other people. The “average Protestant” is seen as a non-church going, materialistic minded, self sufficient anti-Roman Catholic. He has no faith that is apparent to anyone, except that he wants the minimum of religious words spoken at the crisis experiences of his life. How he can find time and enthusiasm to denounce those who have a faith surprises many and worries those real Protestants who wrestle with the problem as to what they can do to win him for Christ.

The Protestant Churches have a huge task in mission, to bring the Gospel to the unconverted who call themselves Protestants.

THE PRIOR INITIATIVE

The debate in the House of Commons on the Prior Initiative was a comprehensive one in which several Ulster members took part. It was notable for the number of Conservative back benchers who spoke against the measure and who promised for it no good future. The whole gamut of Northern Ireland experience in initiatives was examined, and with them things were said about the historical relationships Britain and Ireland pre and post Partition and the Stormont period.

The reading of Hansard was an exercise in potted history told by some people who had read up the subject and others who had been involved in the making of that history. There was Gerry Fitt on the power sharing Executive of which he was Deputy to the late Lord Faulkner, and John Dunlop, who showed how it had been SDLP over-balanced to make nonsense of democracy. These disclosures and arguments for and against devolution, power sharing and initiatives made no difference to the votes which guaranteed that the Bill would proceed on its parliamentary way.

We may be excused for feeling that whatever the reservations about the Prior Initiative there can be no justification for a continuance of the present state of inertia. Movement is necessary. How we grasp the opportunities presented by it must be the test of our readiness to find that solution which will satisfy us. To feel that way is to be willing to go along with what is envisaged in the new Bill and to let our Orange views be heard in the hustings and in the Assembly when it materialises.

We have consistently advocated a return to the devolution principle in the administration of the Province, being convinced that we can do many things better for ourselves than others can do them for us. The evidence is strongly on our side.

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Orangeism in the Mournes

The specialist Loyal Orange Lodge of Research No 1994 had its April meeting in Kilhorne Church Hall, Annalong. W. Bro. T. Lindsay Smith, W.M., presided with Bro. John Black, D.M.

The Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. D. J. Hawthorne, read a paper on “Orangeism in the Kingdom of Mourne,” and a most enlightening and entertaining piece of work it proved to be. The research necessary for such an appreciation of an organisation's influence for 150 years plus was made the more enjoyable by the help the essayist received from Brothers Robert Newell, Dis-

trict Treasurer, and Edward Keon, District Secretary.

In a paper chock full of facts and figures a few of general interest were protruded first—the Mourne District has 17 lodges and bands of various musical instrumentation; 10 Orange Halls; two self-owned demonstration fields and its own Twelfth of July demonstration each year.

After dealing with lodge warrants and origins, Bro. Hawthorne had many interesting social, economic and organisational disclosures drawn from the Minute Books to which he had been given

access; and coincidentally there were references to Orangemen's attitudes in such historical events as the Parnell and other Home Rule campaigns and the Carson Unionist rallies of 1910 and 1912.

The highlighting of personalities in the Mourne story produced a special tribute to Bro. Graham, Kilkeel, former secretary of Mourne District, now deceased, whose devotion to Orangeism had a profound effect on its quality in the Mournes. The Graham comments in the margins of Minute Books were often remarkably

perceptive and always delightfully personal.

The lodge, by the W.M. and those who contributed in a lively discussion, and in its applause, expressed its indebtedness to W. Bro. Hawthorne for a fine paper.

After the meal, prepared and served by the ladies of Kilhorne, W. Bro. Smith thanked Bro. the Rev. Brian Blacoe and Mrs. Blacoe and the ladies for the excellence of the high tea and the use of their extraordinarily good facilities.

The next meeting of L.O.L.R. 1994 is on 12 June when the summer outing is to Enniskillen and places around.



Handsome new cuffs, the gift of Bro. Gilbert Anderson, were presented to the officers of the Browning Club, Apprentice Boys of Derry, Loughbrickland Branch, at a meeting in Loughbrickland Orange Hall. Bro. Anderson (seated, third from right), is pictured with the officers, resplendent in their new cuffs — seated, left to right, Bro. Sam McAnuff

(Chaplain), Bro. Nigel Boggs (Secretary), Bro. Ian Hawthorne (Vice-President), Bro. Isaac Russell (President), and Bro. W. D. Allen (Treasurer). Other members of the Club are also included.

Photo: “The Outlook.”

New Orange roots set down in Australia

On Saturday 27th February members travelled from far away to witness the inauguration of a new lodge by the R.W. Grand Master M.W. John H. Gowans, and his officers at Queanbeyan, just outside the Australian Capital Territory.

Many cars and the mini bus driven by M. Wor. Bro. Gowans travelled from Sydney and a party in several cars drove up from Melbourne. In addition there were visitors present from Northern Ireland. Bro. and Sister Maxwell, who were holidaying in Canberra, and the Supreme Grand Mistress of the U.S.A. Sister Jennie Richards, who was staying with her son in Goulburn, and was collected on the way to lodge by Wor. Bro. Parsons. In all there were 80 members in the hall of the Uniting Church.

For the inauguration meeting, the officers' chairs were occupied by the Grand Lodge officers holding the respective positions. M. Wor. Bro. Gowans in the chair, M. Wor. Bro. J. W. Jeffress, Deputy Grand Master, V. Wor. Bro. L. Smallbones, D. C., Wor. Bro. Chapple and Wor. Bro. Rae, marshals, Wor. Sister Chapple Chaplain, V. Wor. Sis. Gowans, Treasurer, V. Wor. Sis. Downer, Secretary, and Wor. Bro. Murdock took the Tyler. Other Grand Lodge officers accompanying the Grand Master were Wor. Bros. Parsons, and Wor. Sisters Jeffress, Parker, Churchill, Murdock.

When the meeting had been opened, visitors were welcomed, V. Wor. Bro. D. Brown, Deputy Grand Master of Victoria, M. Wor. Bro. J. Davis, Junior Vice President of the Grand Orange Council of Australia and the Supreme

Grand Mistress of the U.S.A., Sister Jennie Richards.

Wor. Bro. and Sister Kruit were welcomed, on clearance from Campsie Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Fisher from his lodge in Scotland. Bro. McDevitt who had been a member in the U.K. was readmitted.

Wor. Bro. Robert Fisher was the brother responsible for the formation of this new lodge. There being no lodge in Queanbeyan he conferred with the R.W. Grand Master, then placed advertisements in the local paper, talked with people at his church, and obtained the nucleus of a lodge. He approached his minister because he said he had been listening to "Orange" sermons from him, and after reading the literature etc. given to him. Rev. Ransom was one of the candidates. The others were Mr. C. Arthur, Mr. Leslie Wilson, Mrs. C. Fisher, Mrs. L. McGee and Miss F. McDevitt.

During the initiation V. Wor. Sis. Gowans delivered the workings in her usual efficient manner, and the final charge was given by M. Wor. Bro. George Hardie in an excellent fashion.

Most Wor. Bro. Gowans extended to the new members the best wishes of I.P.R.W. Grand Master, Most Wor. Wickham, and read congratulatory letters from: M. Wor. Bro. Ian Black, R.W. Grand Master of Victoria and Grand President of the Grand Orange Council of Australia; The Officers and members of Lodges, 96, Taree, 505 Point Clare, 189 Leumeagh, 390 Canley Heights, and 508 England; The President, M. Wor. Bro. J. W. Jeffress of the Institution's Aged Homes; The Rt. W. Grand Master of Western Australia, Rt. Wor.

Bro. J. Todd; The Rt. W. Grand Master of South Australia, Rt. Wor. Bro. L. Blewitt; The Rt. W. Grand Master of Queensland, Rt. Wor. Bro. B. F. Field; The Rt. W. Grand Master of New Zealand, Most Wor. Bro. F. McNickle; The Rt. W. Grand Master of Scotland, and Imperial Grand President of the World, Most Wor. Bro. T. Orr; The R.W. Grand Master of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth; The R.W. Grand Master of England, Most Wor. Bro. R. Roberts; The R.W. Grand Master of Canada, Most Wor. Bro. H. Stubbs; The Supreme Grand Master of the U.S.A., Most Wor. Bro. Wm. Costello.

Among those responding to the welcome were Wor. Sister and Bro. Maxwell from Northern Ireland.

Sister Jennie Richards, Supreme Grand Mistress of the United States of America, expressed pleasure at having the opportunity to attend the opening of the new lodge, and said how she enjoyed her stay in Sydney when she visited the Orange Aged Homes with M. Wor. Bro. and Sister Gowans, and during her week in Melbourne, M. Wor. Bros. Black and Davis had given her a time of meetings and visits she would never forget. She said "what a wonderful feeling it is, to come from the other side of the world and feel immediate friendship with Orange brothers and sisters here."

Lastly, Most Wor. Bro. J. Davis, Grand Secretary of Victoria and Junior Vice President of the Grand Orange Council of Australia expressed congratulations to the new officers and spoke of some of the work being carried out in his State.

PRESENTATION

M. Wor. Bro. Davis presented to the Wor. Master and Deputy Master, a pair of suitably inscribed gavels, the personal gift of the Grand Orange Council's President, Most Wor. Ian Black, and made of Victorian ash timber.

To close the meeting prior to singing of "God Save the Queen," the visitor from the United States was touched when the Grand Master played her National Anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner," on a tape.

M. W. Bro. Gowans initiated the newly elected officers and V. W. Sister Gowans offered the installation prayer.

W. Bro. Fisher, on behalf of the Lodge, expressed appreciation to all who had travelled such great distances to be present.

Pride of place on the supper table was a large iced cake topped with three ornamental flags, the Union Jack, the Australian flag and the U.S.A. flag.

FIRST CHURCH PARADE

"Royal Star of Queanbeyan" No. 82 held its first church parade, the day after inauguration of the lodge, in the Presbyterian Church, a beautiful little stone church over 100 years old. The flags belonging to L.O.L. 45 decorated the church, and there was a bowl of beautiful yellow roses, the nearest to Orange available.

The organ was played by the versatile R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Les Wilson dressed in his colourful kilt was playing the pipes outside the church as members made their way



Left to right: V. Wor. Sister A. Gowans, Wor. Sister Jennie Richards, U.S.A. and Most Wor. Bro. J. Gowans at the opening of L.O.L. No. 82 Queanbeyan.

inside, which was very touching. There was a good attendance, again about 80, which filled the little church.

Among those present was former Grand Secretary, Mr. A. M. Downer, a very sprightly 95 years 'young.' He now lives with his daughter Mrs. Levy in Canberra, and she drove him over to the Service when he was happy to meet many members he knew years ago.

Rev. Bro. Mr. Ransom said that as a member of the Orange Institution he would only be

giving back something that the Order has given him: Listening on the radio years ago to the weekly broadcasts of the late Archdeacon T. C. Hammond influenced him to enter the ministry and he entered Moore Theological College under the guidance of the Principal, Rev. Know. In his later years the Archdeacon became Grand Master of the Orange Institution.

Bro. Ransom gave a very impressive message which held the attention of all present.

50th Anniversary Celebration

The "Mary McDonald Memorial" Ladies L.O.L. No. 104 held their 50th anniversary celebration on the 6th March in Drumry Bowling Club Hall, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, when

the R.W.M. Sister Mrs. Martha Ferguson took the opportunity to present a fifty years Service Medal to their Lodge Secretary, Sister Mrs. Mason.

Ladies Lodge No. 104 is

attached to Clydebank Orange and Purple District No. 23.

Picture shows Sister Ferguson (R.W.M.) about to present the medal to Sister Mason (left).



Letters to the Editor

Paradise Role for Ladies

Sir — In Belfast members of the Loyal Association of Orangewomen have attended church services organised by the senior Order for many years.

But unlike their county sisters the members of the Loyal Association of Orangewomen (L.A.O.) in Belfast do not take part in the parade to and from the church.

I've often wondered why members of the L.A.O. in Belfast unlike members of the L.A.O. in areas like Newtownards do not take part in the parade to and from the church on a Sunday Service or even take part in parades in Belfast on the 1st and 12th July each year.

It would be nice to see the members of the L.A.O. on parade in Belfast, even if they only took part in Sunday Service parades and not just attend church itself.

Surely the point of an Orange parade is to show publicly your belief in Christ and the Protestant Reformation and Faith, started by Martin Luther and continued by such men as John Knox, the father of Presbyterianism.

It would be nice to see members of the L.A.O. on

parade in Belfast, even if it was as I said, only the Sunday service parades they attended.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES ANNETT (Jnr.)
W.M. L.O.L. 265
Ballymacarrett

Dublin Lad's "Good Luck" to Britain

Sir — Every day, as I open the "Letters to the Editor" page, all I see about the Falklands is the condemnation of the British. Is this because of a bias selector, or the naivety of many Irishmen?

How can one suddenly call Britain the aggressive partner? When she sent out that Task Force, her plans were made perfectly clear. As soon as they're implemented, Irish uproar.

The Junta has changed its arm, its ploy has failed, Great Britain is going to get Argentina off those islands and the best of luck to her.

Yours etc.,
RICHARD COOPE
(15 years)
St. Columba's College,
Rathfarnham,
Dublin 14
(Letter in "The Irish Times",
May 17, 1982).

5,000 Apprentice Boys defy bomb scare

Noteven a bomb scare just as the parade prepared to set off on its route through the town, could spoil the enjoyment for the 5,000 Apprentice Boys of Derry who gathered in Rathfriland for the annual Easter Monday Demonstration of the County Down and Belfast Amalgamation.

The demonstration coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Rathfriland Apprentice Boys of Derry No Surrender Club, who hosted the parade.

The celebrations, which were recorded by BBC television cameras, attracted to the town loyalists from all parts of Co. Down, including, for the first time, a few of the traditional "Orange Lilies" who dance in the streets of Belfast each year of the Twelfth of July, dressed in their colourful Union Jack outfits.

The parade was led by Bro. John S. Marshall, Lisburn, in the role of King William III, mounted on a white horse.

Clubs from Scotland and Co. Cavan were also on parade, and Westminster M.P's, the Rev. Martin Smyth, and Mr. John McQuade, marched at the head of the procession with officers from the Co. Down and Belfast Amalgamation of the Apprentice Boys. 40 bands and clubs joined the parade.

In the demonstration field, Bro. Raymond McCullough, President of the Rathfriland No Surrender Club, welcomed everyone to the parade, and a short religious service began with the singing of "O God our

help in ages past," accompanied by Rathfriland Silver Band.

Sir Knight Bro. Rev. Hugh Ross, a member of R.B.P. 119, led in prayer, and Bro. J. Chestnut, County Chaplain, read from Phillipians 1: 12-21.

ADDRESS

Bro. Rev. Mr. Ross reminded his listeners that Paul has constantly called on the people to repent from their sins and turn to God. "Paul was beset by many enemies, but he was determined because of the great hope they lay within him. His whole life was centred in the Lord Jesus Christ," said the Rev. Ross.

"Down the years there have been those that have given their lives for the sake of the defence of the gospel of Christ," he continued, referring to the seige of Derry.

"We recall that momentous event when 30,000 citizens entrenched themselves in Londonderry and started the greatest seige in the history of the British Isles in which ten thousand perished," he said. "From December till August they held the city. They were prepared and set for the defence of their Protestant faith.

"God seemed to come into the midst of those brave people under seige in Londonderry, and was able to deliver them. Have you that same personal faith in Christ?" he asked.

Report: Courtesy of "The Outlook."

LONG SERVICE AT BLACKSCULL

Long service and dedication were the themes of complimentary remarks from County and District Officers when Blackskull L.O.L. No. 125, Co. Down, acknowledged long

service of several members. Bros. Robert McBride, Edward Smyth, Thomas John Ferguson and William James McCullough were the recipient, of fifty year medals and

certificates. Bro. Jos. McKee the very active secretary of the lodge for twenty-two years was rewarded when his services were acknowledged with the presentation of a long service

medal, and lastly Bro. Alec Waugh (sen.), who has been Worshipful Master since 1960 was presented with a beautiful Bible by the D.D.M., Bro. Wm. James Gibson.



In front: Bros. Alec Waugh (sen.), W.M.; Robert McBride, George Savage, W.D.M.; Edward Smyth, Thomas John Ferguson and William James McCullough. Back row: Bros.

Stanley Beckett, Lay Chaplain; Harry Stevenson, Dist. Treasurer; Jos. McKee, District Lecturer; William James Gibson, D.D.M. and Alec McShane 2nd County Lecturer.

Reflections on the General Synod

The annual meetings of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland were held for the 38th and last time at the Synod Hall, Dublin, 10-12 May — the hall is to be handed over to the Board of Christ Church Cathedral, for it has become a drain on the resources of the Church with its few days use only a year — with the Primate, the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Rev. John Armstrong, D.D., in the chair.

The sessions were very well attended, but if there was expectancy that original thinking and new momentous decisions would be taken to change the face of the Church, it went unsatisfied. This was a synod of no change, pedestrian and uninspiring, and yet surprisingly interesting and absorbing in its ordinariness. To account for that anomaly is to explain that a few matters dealt with or refused produced verbal exchanges which lighted the proceedings.

The rejection of the Bill on the Ordination of Women to the Diaconate provoked one nodswoman to wrath and a nodswoman to tears. It inspired that the Bill was effective and the offer of the shops to have a more satisfactory one produced to be creative in a couple of years satisfied synod sufficiently if entirely.

There were strong words on Mixed Marriage especially from Mr. Sweetman, Clonfert,

who contended that the Roman Church's attitude was a matter for the Human Rights Court at Strasbourg; and on the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission's Final Report, raised in the report on Mixed Marriage in the Standing Committee's submission to synod, which produced hard hitting speeches from Mr. Robert Overend, Bellaghy, Mr. William Ross, M.P. for Londonderry, Alderman Samuel Semple, Lisburn and Canon Sidney Smart, Belfast, who quoted Archbishop Gregg most effectively, and others.

Whilst there were few defenders of the ARCIC report, that defence was left to the co-chairman of the Commission, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of Cork, Dr. Samuel Poyntz, made a plea to synod to recognise the quality of Dr. McAdoo. This appeared to be an unnecessary exercise in the light of the Archbishop's own performance when he spoke on the report, for clearly he had the sympathy of synod.

Whatever may have been said on the ARCIC document the reactions to it by the Vatican, as reported that day, made it of much less consequence to synod. The one thought protruded emphatically by the Archbishop of Dublin and others was that the Church of Ireland is determin-

ed to stand firm for its own principles of faith and practice.

Incidentally the disclosures of the debate on Mixed Marriage were that in some dioceses the Roman Church is much more liberal than in others. Dean Malcolm Graham described how that four recent inter-church marriages had been solemnised in his church with a Roman priest assisting him. The illustration only served to show the inequity of the RC attitude to such marriages, for the position is very different elsewhere and the continuing need is for Church of Ireland pressure for universal change.

The Role of the Church Committee report is always expected to produce good speeches and a useful discussion. The 1982 report had them in full measure to make it a valuable exercise in the evaluation of such essential topics of today as Security and Violence, The Mass Media, Constitutional Proposals in Northern Ireland, and in the Republic of Ireland, and Unemployment and the Economy.

Whilst it is hard to be original in one's thinking on security and violence after twelve years and more of terrorist attack on Northern Ireland things were said which represent the thinking of church people concerned for their kind in

areas of danger and death whose entitlement to security is not less than that of any other citizen. The demand for the eradication of terrorism is as strong as the feeling which produced it.

The debate was enhanced by the contributions of a few members including William Ross, Canon Eric Elliott, Belfast, and the Rev. Cecil Kerr, Rostrevor. Dean Victor Griffen, Dublin, as the second-order of the report — it was well proposed by Dean John Crooks, Armagh — was no less forthright in his analysis of the canker which threatens to destroy society, the selfishness of the "haves." He talked about top people, top heaviness in government, "fat cats," tax fiddling, moonlighting and the dishonesty which pays dividends. His look at the Southern economy could have been transferred in other directions with equal application.

Other debates had their moments; the one on education produced a decision to fight for the church's rights in Northern schools against the Minister's attempt to reduce its representation on management committees.

I have left comment on the Bills of the Liturgical Committee to the last, though they took up much of the time of the synod, because whatever merit

there is in allowing synod in session to examine every word, letter and comma, in material already well prepared by a group of dedicated people the exercise is time wasting and incompetent. There must be a

better way for arriving at accepted texts.

Some of the reports of the Church's committees could well be allowed time badly expended on the niceties of argument in liturgical revision.

DUBLIN ORANGE REUNION

Bro. William Ross, M.P. for Londonderry, was the guest speaker at the customary Synod Week meeting of the Orangemen of Dublin.

He gave a most informative off-the-cuff speech on matters of concern to the Institution in Northern Ireland and the Republic, and answered a number of questions put to him relating to Westminster Parliament and the Prior Initiative.

Bro. W. C. Moody, M.B.E., presided and R.W. Bro. Revd. Canon S. E. Long,

A.L.C.D., L.Th. J.P., presided. W. Bro. George Brown, Co. Cavan, occupied the vice-chair.

The visitors were welcomed by W. Bro. Edward McGuigan.

At the end of the meeting all present were entertained by the local women's Lodge who were thanked by W. Bro. Percy Patterson, Tandragee. He spoke of the warmth of the hospitality always accorded by the sisters and brethren in Dublin.

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REV. W. MARTIN SMYTH, B.A., B.D., M.P.

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Jewel Presentation

Presentation of Jewel made to Bro. Eddie McCorry P.P. of No Surrender Club Broomhedge Branch by Bro. Bertie Kirkwood P.P. and Treasurer, marking 53 years service, at the annual installation supper, held in Upper Broomhedge Orange Hall. Also included left to right: Bros. Hugh Bell, Standard Bearer; Harry McNeill, Secretary; Ernest Hayes, President and Bro. Robert Hayes, P.P., Standard Bearer.

GOD NEVER GOES ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike, Because he wasn't treated fair, or made do things He didn't like. If only once He'd given up and said: "That's it, I'm through, I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.

"I'll give orders to the sun—cut off the heat supply. And to the moon—give no more light, and run the oceans dry. And then to make things even tougher and put the pressure on, Turn off the oxygen supply till every breath has gone."

You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game, For no-one has been more abused, or met with more disdain Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me With all the favours of His grace—and everything is free.

Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go. But what a deal we've given God, to whom all things we owe. We don't care who we hurt to gain the things that we would like. But what a mess we'd all be in if God, too, went on strike.

U.K. LEADERS 'HOODWINKED' OVER PAPAL VISIT

Dismay that the Prime Minister, Government Ministers and Her Majesty the Queen had been "hoodwinked" into receiving the Pope with honours normally reserved for a visiting Monarch or head of state has been expressed by the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland.

In a statement in London in

April, M.W. Bro. Thomas Orr said:

Today it is important to put the record straight; contrary to the opinion of our opponents, the vast majority in the United Kingdom, are against the Papal Visit and support the Loyal Orange Institution and similar Reformed organisations in their opposition.

As a Christian organisation,

our campaign of opposition, has been administered with dignity and integrity, our main theme being the exposure of the duplicity and subterfuge undertaken by the Roman Catholic Church organisers for the visit. Even yet, the visit is classified as purely pastoral, but it is obvious that the connivance and scheming has brought about a State visit in all but name, via the back door.

Theologically and Constitutionally, we have outlined why the Pope cannot be welcomed in the United Kingdom and it dismays us, that the Prime Minister, Government Ministers and Her Majesty The Queen has been hoodwinked into receiving this man with honours normally reserved for a visiting monarch or head of state. I know that some will claim the Pope is a head of State—but his State is the size of St. James' Park and there are more personnel in the Palace of Westminster in one day than citizens in the Vatican City.

But what of the man himself? The media throughout the world have projected an image of a kind, benevolent, peaceful man, but a glimpse behind the "Academy Award" perform-

ances reveals the truth of 'The Mailed Fist' in the velvet glove. Countless liberal members of the Roman Catholic Church have protested that the church is more totalitarian and intolerant now than prior to Vatican Council II.

The United Kingdom is not the only nation who refuse to welcome the Pope. Members of his own church at universities in the United States of America were hostile to his hardline attitude on many issues and were vociferous with their protest.

In parts of Germany many showed their hostility at his visit by pelting his entourage with rotten eggs. There are many Roman Catholic units throughout the world who oppose the dictatorial administration of this particular Pope.

However, it is now becoming obvious to the knowledgeable observer that the Roman Catholic Church, will find this Papal visit counter productive. The intention to stimulate the faithful and bring back the strays has in fact aroused the silent majority of Protestants, who normally show a great deal of tolerance, have become aware that they are being cheated and treated as of no

account.

One significant example of this treatment is the cost to be met by the local councils who are to receive a visit. Some councils have already inserted in their annual estimated budget, the sum of one million pounds, which the Protestant, Roman Catholic and other religions or non religious rate-payers will require to fund.

One further example is where the democratic decision of one local authority has been overturned by an unusual political manoeuvre brought about by pressure from the Roman Catholic organisers of the visit whereby many civic amenities will be lost to the local community.

These costly underhand machinations, aided and abetted by Roman Catholic politicians, will make the Protestant populations question the priorities between the community electorate or the church—by Roman Catholic politicians.

Many are also questioning why, with a United Kingdom population of 56 million, the Roman Catholic Church whose membership is about 3 million, wields so much political power and receive an overabundance of television and newspaper coverage.

This will make it necessary for Protestants to take a closer look at candidates offering themselves for selection or election.

The proposed visit has also made us take a closer look at the ecumenical movement and some of its leaders, in particular Dr. Robert Runcie of England, and Dr. William Johnstone of

Scotland, whose "fawning complicity are an embarrassment to most evangelicals."

The Roman Catholic Church has categorically stated that it is the one true church and salvation can only be gained by observing the ordinances and traditions of that church. Any union, therefore, between the Roman Catholic Church and any other, can only be achieved by accepting the Roman Catholic faith, which is not union but annexation. How, therefore, can the ecumenists take part in talks and actions which deny the principles of the Reformation and deny the sacrifices of the Protestant martyrs.

Only a traitor can deny the truth of the Scriptures, and the reformed churches accept these truths as their guide and standard. The Reformation brought the churches from the darkness of unscriptural practices and dogma to the light of the good news of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible.

Those ecumenists and others would be assisting in the work of the Lord if they used their time and talents to convert the Roman Catholics and not believers to the truth and the light which will make them wise unto salvation.

Finally, the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church are now fully aware of the massive opposition and are extremely worried. "I will add a little to that worry today by declaring if Pope John Paul II does arrive in the United Kingdom there is absolutely no doubt he will be made aware that he is not welcome here."

644 Years of Loyal Service

A total of 644 years of loyal service were gratefully acknowledged by Portaferry L.O.L. 673 when at the meeting held in Portaferry Orange Hall, seventeen members received long service medals.

The medals were presented by W. Bro. James Williams, W.D.M., Upper Ards District L.O.L. No. 11, who is also a member of L.O.L. 673.

Those who received the tokens of gratitude for their long

service to the Lodge were Brothers D. E. Kelly P.M. (50 years), Harold Kimmons (50 years), Bob White (46 years), A. Tweedie (41 years), E. Milligan P.M. (41 years), W. Beck (40 years), W. Hurst (40 years), D. Beck (41 years), T. Brown (37 years), W. Reid (37 years), J. Drysdale (36 years), H. Savage P.M. (34 years), J. McDonnell, Jr., D.M. (34 years), J. H. Lawson (33 years), W. J. Parkinson (33 years), H. J. Lawson (26 years) and E. Lawson (25 years).



UPPER ARDS D.L.O.L. No. 11 SUNDAY SERVICES

6th June LOL 1592, Greyabbey Non-Subscribing Church
6th June LOL 836 and LOL 241 Donaghadee Methodist Church 7.00 p.m.
13th June LOL 836 Glastry Pres Church 3.30 p.m.
20th June LOL 1412 Cloughley Old Pres Church 3.30 p.m.
27th June LOL 673 Portaferry Parish Church 6.30 p.m.
27th June LOL 1758 Millisle Pres. Church 6.30 p.m.
4th July LOL 1884 Ballywalter
4th July LOL 781 Donaghadee Meth. Church 7.00 p.m.
11th July LOL 552 Portavogie Pres. Church 3.00 p.m.
11th July LOL 1051 and LOL 1058 Carrowdore Parish Church 6.30 p.m.
It is hoped these services and parades will be well supported.