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A hot reception is expected for the McCartney family



The leadership of Sinn Fein/IRA have endeavoured to put on a show of concern and sympathy regarding the killing of Robert McCartney, but the forced smiles and strained expressions cloak a fury at the McCartney sisters for daring to link them with the murder of their brother and thus cost them much of their political standing. Behind the scenes, however, in those dark places where the world's media never visit, there is no attempt at smiling for the raging Provoes are planning their revenge.

Being the cause of George Bush's refusal to see Gerry Adams at the annual "we're all Irish" booze-up at the White House and the cancellation of a meeting with Ted Kennedy, and also the cause of the depleted numbers attending the 'minor league' political functions to which Adams had been reduced, will not go unavenged by the organisation which

places vengeance even higher on its list of priorities than does the Mafia.

Martin McGuinness, fittingly, uttered the first words of menace. He warned that "the McCartneys need to be very careful" that they didn't "step over the line into the world of party politics", which would "dismay and disillusion an awful lot of people". One press reporter translated his statement as meaning: "Shut up while you're still ahead, if you know what's good for you, and leave the talking to us."

Adams and McGuinness have publicly called for witnesses to Mr McCartney's murder in Magennis's Bar to approach a solicitor with information. One such witness did that. She is Cora Groogan, an aspiring Sinn Fein politician. She is reported as saying, "I got to the bar about 10pm that Sunday. I was there for a short while. There was a commotion in the bar but I witnessed nothing and left shortly after 11pm."

The old Irish saying, which undergirds all of the "evidence" given by witnesses to the incident, is: "Whatever you say, say nothing." That is what Adams and McGuinness in their call for witnesses were really saying to their people. A wink is as good as a nod to an Irish Republican! Deirdre Hargey, another aspiring Sinn Fein politician and also in the bar, also noted the wink. She said that she did not see "the fracas in the bar, or the incident outside the bar". All of the 70 people who were in the bar claim to have witnessed nothing — except Gerry's wink and Martin's nod, that is.

Vexed and "outraged" republican critics have been heard on local phone-in radio programmes charging the sisters with being in the USA "trying to destroy the republican movement". Only destroyers of Republicanism would complain of their brother being murdered and the cover-up Sinn Fein was organising in its wake. That is the thinking behind the organisation that Ulster's Protestants are required to surrender to and enter into a coalition with.



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It is inevitable that the McCartney family will come under tremendous pressure if they do not relent and cease their campaign. I just hope that they are not relying on any help from the Roman Catholic church, the ecumenical movement or government ministers, for none will help but rather they will stand by, as they have for some 35 years, ready to offer their sincere condolences to the latest challengers of Roman Catholic terror as they fall beneath the onslaught.