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Mandelson is forced to quit . . . AGAIN!!



Peter Mandelson MP

Who is there that loves righteousness but will have heard the news of Peter Mandelson's resignation from the Cabinet with thankfulness! It was to our shame that he was ever accepted as Northern Ireland Secretary, given that he is a sodomite.

It is the second time Mandelson has been forced to quit the cabinet in disgrace since Labour came to power in 1997. He first stepped down, as Trade and Industry Secretary, on 23 December 1998. He was forced to quit after The Guardian newspaper printed details of a secret loan of 373,000 from his ministerial colleague Geoffrey Robinson. The money was used to buy a house in Notting Hill in London.

Mr Mandelson had been in the post for barely six months.

Mr Mandelson had come under increasing pressure since the weekend of Saturday 20th, following claims that he pulled strings to help Indian billionaire Srichand Hinduja to secure a UK passport after the tycoon pledged 1m in sponsorship for the Millennium Dome, while Mr Mandelson was in charge of the project. Mr Mandelson told reporters: "I do not accept in any way that I have acted improperly in respect of any application for naturalisation as a British citizen. I do accept that when my office spoke to a Sunday newspaper at the weekend, I should have been clear that it was me personally, not my officials who spoke to a Home Office minister. As a result of that, wrong information was given to the House by the culture secretary and by the prime minister's spokesman to the press."

After considering the matter for a day or two, Mandelson issued a statement to the Sunday Times of Jan 28th. The article indicates that a serious rift has developed within the higher echelons of Blair's government. Apparently, Mandelson was "given the loaded revolver and told to get on with it." Mr Campbell, Blair's close adviser, gave a briefing to journalists on Friday 26th January, which many of those present believe was designed to neutralise Mr Mandelson. At that briefing some journalists believe Mr Campbell appeared to cast doubts on Mr Mandelson's mental state.

Here in Ulster, it must be asked why a London Cabinet Minister has to resign for having "mised the government", while we in Northern Ireland are forced to have, in ministerial posts, those who actively support terrorism and, in one case, one who has been identified as being guilty of murder!