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IRA will not give up weapons or bodies of their victims



The implacable nature of Irish Republicanism is paralleled only by the actions of other such devil-inspired entities. The IRA declared on 11th December that it would not be decommissioning any of its weapons.

This is a blow for the Ulster Unionist Party leader, David Trimble, in particular. His whole defence of his signing of the "Good Friday Agreement" has been that he will not sit down with Sinn Fein in any new Assembly executive, until the IRA begins to hand in weapons. Sinn Fein, in turn, in

company with the SDLP and most lawyers, say that there is no linking of Sinn Fein taking seats in the executive and decommissioning. If the IRA remains adamant then the deceit of David Trimble and the UUP will be seen.

The likelihood of IRA compromise is small, given their obstinate silence in the face of constant pressure from the Roman Catholic community for information on the whereabouts of the bodies of the many Roman Catholics murdered by them as traitors to republicanism. Typical of the

IRA's stance was their telling Mrs. Helen McKendry that they had shot her mother, Mrs. Jean McConville, a mother of ten, in December 1972, following her abduction and interrogation. They did not say why she was murdered or where her body was buried. The IRA claim that they have tried to find the many victims which their operatives murdered, but claim that they have come up against a wall of silence!

A tip-off to the police initiated a search for the bodies of two men, murdered by the IRA 20 years ago in 1978. Brian McKinney, 22, and John McClory, 18. They were targeted by the IRA after McClory held up an IRA drinking den and stole several hundred pounds.

The police began searching under concrete steps on the Glen Colin housing estate, just yards away from where Brian McKinney's mother lives today. The search was stopped after extensive digging failed to find any evidence of bodies being buried in the area.