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Sinn Fein wickedness stopped - for the moment!

Below is an article that appeared in the Belfast Newsletter, Saturday, 25th July 2020.

'Intimidating' letter to NI churches threatening to cancel right to conduct weddings is withdrawn

In the second major blunder in two days, the NI government last night withdrew a wave of "intimidating" letters sent to churches which warned they could be stripped of their right to conduct weddings.

The General Register Office – part of the Department of Finance (DoF) headed by SF figure Conor Murphy – insisted that following the legalisation of gay marriage, all churches had to declare whether they will offer same-sex marriages, opposite-sex marriages, or both.

Responses had to be in by Monday August 17 or else "it will be assumed that you and other members of the church no longer wish to be registered as officiants for any type of marriage... We will cancel the registrations on the officiant database accordingly, and you will not be able to carry out any marriage ceremonies".

The Christian Institute described it as "an ultimatum" which was both "threatening" and "intimidating" – noting it had arrived right in the middle of both the holiday season and the Covid pandemic, making responding on time harder.

Then late on Friday, after being contacted by the News Letter, the DoF issued an abrupt U-turn.

A statement, from a register office spokesperson, said there had been "an error".

It went on to say: "We apologise for this. We will be issuing an updated letter to all religious bodies to clarify that all religious officiants on the Registrar General's current register are regarded as opted out of performing same sex marriages.

"No officiants will be removed from the register and any religious bodies wishing to perform same sex marriages must opt in by completing the form issued with the letter."

The news followed on the heels of a disastrous announcement by the Department of Health on Thursday.

It had declared face masks were to be made mandatory in NI, only for that announcement to be withdrawn within minutes and replaced by a completely different one, saying they will not be compulsory after all for the time being.

This article indicates just where society is heading and what is ahead for the true people of God. The government body regulating church marriage licences sent out what was a dictum from the Department of Finance, which is headed up by Sinn Fein's Conor Murphy, a convicted IRA terrorist. He was sentenced in 1982 for possession of explosives (**See here**).

This 'decree' had to be sanctioned by Murphy, and as the Bible says: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he," Proverbs 23:7. It reveals the secrecy of the Sinn Feiner's heart! His thinking is representative of the whole evil nest of Sinn Feiners. If they had their way, as this edict indicates, no church would be allowed to perform 'traditional, Bible-based' marriages but would have to carry out the iniquitous 'ratifying' of the ungodly, abominable union of perverts of every form! It is a further attempt by "the mystery of iniquity (which) doth already work" (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Thankfully, we see, as Paul stated it, "only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way"! The Lord is restraining the spirit of rebellion at work in this world since



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the fall of man and which has been increasingly active, as permitted by the sovereign Lord, to the ultimate fulfilment of His all-wise purpose. What has happened in this instance, is but a reminder of that rebellious spirit at work amongst us.

Thankfully, by the mercy of God, there was a forced reversal of the decree BUT let all learn that, as Gerry Adams said some years ago, 'They have not gone away you know!' Likewise this attempt to further corrupt our society and destroy Bible Christianity amongst us, which failed by the mercy of the Lord, will be repeated again in the near future for this is the thinking and the objective of the abortion, 'gay' marriage supporting Sinn Fein and its allies!

Apart from anything else, this incident serves to remind us us what a nest of vipers Stormont is! What a judgment from God upon Ulster the instituting of the 'DUP/Sinn Fein power-sharing' folly of 2007 is now seen to be!

How it was heralded as a wonderful advance and a step into 'the good times' by the ecumenical, modernistic camp AND by those deceived souls who ought to have known better!

Surely, "by their fruits ye shall know them," Matthew 7.20. That which was so stupidly planted in 2007 is now coming into its fulness and what an evil crop it is bringing forth.

We must give thanks to the Lord for His mercy in forcing a rescinding of this dictum from the pit of hell by the hand of Conor Murphy and prepare for a further attempt to bring in the same or worse at some future date.

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer," 1 Peter 4:6.

Sincerely in Christ's cause,

Ivan Foster.