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### Double-talk on Decommissioning



Gerry Adams

The media, the political establishment at Westminster and Stormont and the gullible world-wide received the news of Gerry Adams' call to the IRA to make a start to the decommissioning of their illegal arms with great excitement. They were even more excited with the news that the IRA had put 'some weapons beyond use'. Reporters vied with each other over the use of words such as 'groundbreaking' and 'historic'. Many of the fatigued people

of Northern Ireland gave a collective 'Humph,' sighed, shrugged their shoulders and turned the page of their newspapers or changed channels! Adams had said in his speech: 'Martin McGuinness and I have held discussions with the IRA and we have put to the IRA the view that if it could make a groundbreaking move on the arms issue that this could save the peace process from collapse and transform the situation.' For the uninitiated, that means that Adams and McGuinness talked to themselves for they ARE THE IRA!!!

Only days before the speech, the press named McGuinness as the new 'Chief of Staff' of the IRA with Gerry Adams identified as a member of the IRA 'Army Council.' There is nothing new in that of course. Both men have long been identified as leaders of the IRA, ever since the height of the IRA terror attacks, murders and bombings in the '70s and '80s. But it is rather amusing to hear Adams and McGuinness, as Sinn Fein spokesmen, publicly advising themselves as IRA men, on the subject of decommissioning. Confused?? Not if you had a lifetime's experience of the chicanery and double-dealing of Irish Republicanism and its spiritual advisor, the Roman Catholic Church.

Adams' speech extolled the virtues of the IRA members and appealed to their patriotism, claiming that they had been 'at the heartbeat of the struggle for justice and freedom'. He went on: 'In my view the IRA is genuinely committed to building a peace process in which the objectives of Irish republicanism can be argued and advanced. . . . The army has repeatedly demonstrated leadership and patience and vision and I respect absolutely its right to make its own decision on this issue. . . . I would appeal to republicans to stay united. . . It is a time for clear heads and brave hearts. The IRA must stand out as an example of a people's army, in touch with the people, responsive to their needs and enjoying their genuine allegiance and support.'

#### Gangsters

In truth, this 'people's army', as Adams calls them, is a band of brigands, cut-throats and parasites who have been as great a scourge to the community they supposedly defend as they have been to the Protestant community against whom they have waged a terrorist war.

#### Horrific Killings

The IRA have been guilty of the horrific murders of children, women and innocent civilians, many of whom were Roman Catholic, as well as off-duty and often unarmed part-time policemen and soldiers. The murderers of the people in the Omagh Bombing of August 1998,



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most of whom were Roman Catholic, were men who served in the IRA under Adams and McGuinness. It was also IRA explosives and bomb-making techniques that were employed in the attack.

Let no one believe that there has been a change of heart by these murderers. This is a tactic, forced upon them by the aftermath of the Bin Laden attacks on the USA and the threats by Sinn Fein's American financiers who threatened to cut off funds if the IRA did not decommission. Political survival rather than humanitarian considerations is what lies behind this move. Tony Blair, the hypocritical British Prime Minister, will heave a sigh of relief. His evil accommodation of the murderers of British civilians, British policemen and British soldiers seems to have worked. While engaged in this 'dance of death' with the IRA, Blair tells the world why it is right to bomb Afghanistan, irrespective of civilian casualties, in order to root out those terrorists guilty of the attacks upon Washington and New York of September 11th, which resulted in thousands of deaths. Why does Blair not urge President Bush to seek a deal with Bin Laden as he did with Adams and the IRA?

### **'Tricky Tony'**

Tony Blair is intent on keeping in government in Northern Ireland, those terrorists who were able to occupy government posts, by virtue of an earlier deal he had masterminded with the IRA. That deal, "The Belfast Agreement", is at last being seen by many unionists for the treacherous betrayal of democracy and the destruction of the liberties and rights of the majority of people in Northern Ireland, that it was always deemed to be by a denigrated few.

One wonders how long it will be before the cost of what will doubtless soon prove to be nothing more than an exercise in bluff (which is the true nature of this latest move by Adams, McGuinness and the IRA) will be revealed. The signs are that withdrawals by the British Army have begun, with the watch towers in south Armagh the first to go. Everyone will see the British government's 'generous' response (so described by Dr. John Reid, Northern Ireland Secretary of State) to the IRA's claimed beginning of decommissioning, but who saw the IRA begin to decommission?

### **How?**

How can the leaders of the Ulster Unionist party continue as part of this deceit? They have vociferously protested against the deceptions of Tony Blair and his failures to keep his solemn promises to unionists, made on the eve of the referendum on the Belfast Agreement, to stop Sinn Fein entering government positions in Northern Ireland until such time as the IRA had fully disarmed. It was by virtue of those solemn, but in truth, specious promises, that a substantial number of unionists, reluctantly, voted in favour of the Agreement. Is David Trimble now going to place his trust and that of the people he represents, in this same broken stick of a British Prime Minister? To be deceived once is one thing. But to be deceived by one whom you have publicly denounced as a deceiver and a charlatan, whose word you claim cannot be trusted, is astounding and inexplicable.

### **Why?**

Why does Jeffrey Donaldson, Martin Smythe and the others who have opposed Trimble's leadership, meekly go along with this charade? Is it avarice, party political ambitions, stupidity or cowardice? None of these appears sufficient to account for such actions and even



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if they were guilty of all these evils, they still seem inadequate to persuade anyone to give their support to this latest wickedness about to be foisted upon Ulster.