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### Adams' death threat to new police recruits



**Adams wearing his black IRA beret at an IRA funeral in the early days of the Provisional IRA's campaign of murder and terror.**

**Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, warned recruits to Northern Ireland's new police service that republicans would treat them as they treated members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.**

A total of 277 RUC officers have been murdered by the Provisional IRA. Policing has been a key issue in reaching a comprehensive deal between nationalists and unionists over power-sharing. Mr Adams, the West Belfast MP, was asked about his attitude to Catholic recruits to the new Police Service of Northern Ireland, under whose terms 50 per cent must be Catholic. He said: "Anybody interested in a new beginning to policing should not act or be a part of this police service. . . . I think they (officers drawn from the nationalist community) will be accorded exactly the same treatment the republican movement accorded to the RUC. No more. No less."

#### **DEATH THREAT**

That can be interpreted only as a death threat to those who join the new police force, Roman Catholics in particular. Here is the reason why the RUC, since its founding back in 1920, was predominantly Protestant.

The IRA particularly targeted Roman Catholic members.

But history has been rewritten in order to blame so-called Protestant bigotry for the imbalance. Thankfully, history has a habit of repeating itself. Maybe this time the political pundits will see just who are the real enemies of Roman Catholics!