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If its WMD you're looking for Mr. Blair, try your IRA friends in Ulster



Lord Hutton

What a calculating deceiver Tony Blair has been revealed to be! "Mr. Sincerity" has turned out to be "Mr. Chicanery" in disguise. The concluding scenes at the Hutton Inquiry, into the suicide of Dr. David Kelly, coincided with the publishing of an interim report, in which it is acknowledged, by those scouring Iraq for weapons of mass destruction, that there is no sign of any evidence of the threat over which the United Kingdom launched a war against Iraq. These two events have dealt a

double blow to the standing of the British Prime Minister in the eyes of the British public.

We bring this topic again before our readers, since the integrity of Tony Blair, or rather the utter lack of it, is what forms the foundations of the whole political process here in Northern Ireland. He did a deal with the IRA and the Dublin government and sold that deal to the gullible within the Ulster Unionist Party (which means the majority of it). It, in turn, with the help of "Honest" Tony's charm, persuaded the Ulster people to back the Belfast Agreement which promised the complete disarming of the terrorist groups and the ending of all terrorist violence, tied in with the release of terrorist prisoners and the establishing of political institutions in which Sinn Fein/IRA could play a full part.

Those promises have not been fulfilled.

Instead we have the terrorists out of jail, we have had backdoor amnesties, we have had IRA gunmen in high office, we have had the police force destroyed and a poor imitation of the RUC put in its place, and we have had the army garrison here greatly reduced and its effectiveness as a deterrent destroyed.

No Benefits

But the main plank of the Belfast Agreement, as far as the ordinary citizen is concerned, has not been delivered. The IRA still exists and openly operates with its full arsenal of arms and explosives intact. The IRA has continued to murder, bomb, shoot, rob, blackmail and intimidate, while those Sinn Feiners who exercise control over it, by holding positions within its ruling council, swan around the political institutions of Northern Ireland and are taken by the hand and have their every wish facilitated by the representatives of Tony Blair's government.

Any political structures that are raised upon such a foundation as that of the Belfast Agreement are bound to fail, for it is a house of cards built upon a bed of sand.

Political wheeling and dealing amongst the political parties here in Northern Ireland is likely to result in a compromise, whereby remnants of the Belfast Agreement are retained in order to placate republicans. If that happens, then the same disastrous consequences will follow in the wake of such an arrangement. It may take a little longer to come about than the disaster that would follow the mere re-launch of the political arrangements of the Belfast Agreement, but it will just as surely come about.

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Sadly, within the ranks of those who have mustered under the banner of “anti-agreement” there has been a change of thinking. The same nuances and shades of meaning and subtle alterations may be detected in the language of some when they speak of the future political arrangements. Political commentators have drawn the public’s attention to these while heaping ridicule on the “old diehards” such as Ian Paisley.

Never Learn

The problem with too many of our unionist politicians is that they secretly admired Blair’s nifty political footwork in the earlier years of his premiership and have not learned from the warnings of Scripture: “Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same,” Job 4:8.

Let Ulster, with the plethora of warnings it has received, not be deceived yet again by a new generation of conmen.