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Republican Bigotry



The Gaelic Athletic Association has rejected a request by Omagh Town football (soccer) club to use its Healy Park ground for a soccer match to raise money for the town's bomb relief fund.

GAA spokesman Danny Lynch said the use of the Omagh GAA ground for a soccer match would require a change in the association's rules. He also ruled out the possibility that a special congress, to take place next month, could be used to change the rules to allow the soccer game.

Expressing disappointment at the GAA's decision, manager of Omagh Town soccer club, Roy McCreadie said the club had tried to maximise the financial benefit of the charity soccer match by asking to hold the match at the GAA ground, which is larger than its own.

The GAA hates all things British and soccer is deemed a British game. Its rules forbid anyone who is in the British security services playing in any GAA team.

Even an emotive issue such as raising money for the families of the victims of the Omagh bomb, the majority of whom are Roman Catholics, does not promote any compromise. The incident demonstrates the inflexible, unbending attitude of this Roman Catholic organisation.

With this attitude Protestants have had to contend for centuries. Rome can be accommodated only by the complete capitulation of her opponents.

Here in Ulster, literally, that means the surrender of all civil and religious rights.