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The web of deceit commences to unravel



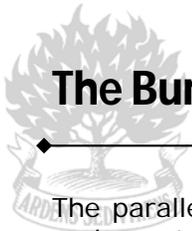
What the evidence of innumerable IRA atrocities, stretching back over a quarter of a century, combined with the repeated false promises of an IRA arms decommissioning could not do, the simple arrest in far-off Colombia of three members of Sinn Fein/IRA, who were travelling on false passports, appears to have managed. The Ulster Unionist party and its supporters finally seem to have woken up to the fact that the “Belfast Agree-

ment,” and the so-called peace process that sprang from it, was a gigantic confidence trick with them as its chief victims.

Since the detaining of James Monaghan, Martin McCauley and Niall Connelly, the IRA men who were arrested in Bogota on suspicion of involvement in terrorist activities with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, there has been little heard from David Trimble and his usually vociferous pro-Agreement henchmen, Sam Foster, Michael McGimpsey and Dermot Nesbitt. Nor has there been much noise from the simpering ecumenists who usually venture forth to calm the concerns of Agreement supporters, whenever further evidence of the folly of trusting the IRA is forthcoming.

In truth, the activities of the “cocaine-three” provide such evidence of the deceitfulness of Sinn Fein/IRA that even the usually deep well of duplicity and guile, from which the liars in church and state have copiously drawn for years, has finally run dry. Republicans, such as Danny Morrison, have confirmed that the men are Sinn Feiners, irrespective of the more official denials. IRA co-operation with the Colombian rebels has been causing concern in international intelligence and policing circles for about two years. Last October, links between the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc), Eta, the Basque separatist group, and the IRA were discussed at an Interpol conference in Lyons.

The place where the greatest damage arising from these arrests will be done is in the USA. Ronan Fanning is Professor of Modern History at UCD and he has made some telling observations in a newspaper article. “The first reaction in Washington to the news from Colombia was damaging enough for Sinn Fein but things have gotten much worse. A State Department source went so far as to describe the arrests as ‘a nail in the coffin’ of the already fragile relationship between the Anglophile Bush White House and the Sinn Fein party. One of Sinn Fein’s most prominent supporters on the Hill, Congressman Peter King, has described what happened in Colombia as ‘stupid’ and he has warned that ‘it has caused major problems for Irish Americans in the US.’ The dimensions of the damage were most graphically spelt out by a staff aide to a Republican member of Congress who was quoted in the New York Times: ‘This is the first time ever that IRA activity has threatened the national security interests of the United States.’”



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The parallel between the exuberant confidence of Haman and his fall from political favour and eventual execution (the Book of Esther) and the arrogant spokesmen for Sinn Fein just prior to these events, will swiftly be drawn by the Bible-believer. Praise God, Irish Republicanism with its murderous policies may well say that "their day will come." But what a day it will be!