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Comments on recent political events which every Ulster Protestant should read!

DUP trapped into negotiations



Some political comment on Ulster affairs by MEP, Jim Allister, QC.

05 June 2008 Statement by Traditional Unionist Leader, Jim Allister MEP.

"The reality of the outcome of the last few days is that Sinn Fein has manoeuvred the DUP into fresh negotiations over issues the unionist people were assured were under unionist veto. The inevitable outcome of hothouse negotiations will be concessions by the DUP, just as it was with Trimble before them, especially, since Sinn Fein has the option of forcing an election at any point by resigning McGuinness as joint First Minister.

So I warn the Unionist people that, despite loud assurances that the Irish Language Act was dead, that policing & justice was subject to unionist timing and indications that the Maze would not proceed, we should prepare for further concessions to republicanism. Such is the nature of a process which can only survive if mutual vetoes are not exercised.

There will be much bluster from Mr Robinson, but he too will end up feeding the insatiable Sinn Fein tiger if he wants to keep his job as joint First Minister. I understand one of the ideas being floated is to allow Westminster to take some language decisions, which the DUP would publicly protest but tolerate.

Such would be a travesty and a mockery of supposedly having devolved powers. It's time the DUP recognised the unworkability and folly of Belfast Agreement devolution and delivered themselves and the Province from its clutches."

What further concessions to Sinn Fein/IRA?

04 June 2008.

Commenting on the continuing speculation about an election Traditional Unionist MEP Jim Allister has questioned what the DUP will concede to Republicans in order to buy them off. "The current crisis at Stormont illustrates very graphically the nature of the relationship between the DUP and Sinn Fein/IRA. The DUP cannot even change their leader without the agreement of the IRA's political front men. Doubtless, when Mr Robinson assumes office alongside a convicted terrorist who gloats in his evil deeds the imagery will be different from that of the Chuckle Brothers era. However, Peter will still be sharing a joint office with the man he once stated was "the IRA commander in Londonderry when hundreds of killings were ordered".

"I confidently predict that the DUP will find some way to avoid going to the Unionist community and looking for an honest mandate for their terrorist friendly government. The only question is – what will they concede to their coalition partners? The devolution of policing



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and justice doubtless features heavily in the current discussions. Not so long ago the DUP were telling us it would be a "political lifetime" before these powers could be devolved. We don't hear them saying that any more!

"If these powers are devolved McGuinness will have the power to recommend who should be Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justices of Appeal, the Attorney General and also the power of involvement in removal of Judges. Scandalously, no Unionist raised a voice in protest at this when the matter was discussed at Stormont. "

Allister challenges Robinson over McGuinness' past

05 June 2008

On the afternoon Peter Robinson MP took office with Martin McGuinness as Joint First Minister, Jim Allister MEP, pointedly reminded him of what he had previously alleged against McGuinness in the NI Assembly on 8 May 2001, when opposing him as Education Minister. Then Mr Robinson catalogued crimes of which he accused McGuinness as an IRA Commander and referred to his involvement in government as "immoral".

Among the first letters on Mr Robinson's desk as First Minister was this salvo from the TUV Leader: -

"Dear First Minister, As you take up office as Joint First Minister, it seems appropriate to remind you of what you famously said in the Assembly on 8 May 2001 about your infamous partner. Were you wrong in what you said about McGuinness? Has he been made amenable for any of the multiple offences you alleged against him? Has he - whom it is now claimed supports the police and rule of law - co-operated in solving the horrendous crimes which you mentioned? Or is he still the same unrepentant terrorist you then painted him to be?

If so, what are you doing being politically joined at the hip with him? As you so cogently put it yourself on 8 May 2001, when objecting to such a person being Minister of Education, "Are we going to continue with this unseemly and immoral sham?" Are you?

Yours sincerely,

JAMES H ALLISTER QC MEP"

Notable quotes

Outgoing First Minister, Ian Paisley, has excelled himself in his last days in office.

During the Investment Conference he referred to **Marty the Terrorist as "my friend"**!

Then he was quoted in an Irish Times interview as saying, "We're not going to have a united Ireland within 50 years or maybe 100 years but then I'll not be here anyway, so it doesn't matter." McGuinness recently gave his assessment by declaring Ian Paisley had done more to advance "national reconciliation" (SF code for Irish unification) than dissident republicans! Need we say anymore?

Allister warns against creeping Irish Unity process



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Statement by Traditional Unionist MEP Jim Allister

"Now that nationalism has the process to deliver an all Ireland in place – namely, the harmonisation which flows from the Belfast Agreement – we are beginning to see greater boldness and articulation by pan nationalism of its unification agenda. The last few days have provided interesting insights. We've had both Durkan and McGuinness rattling the unification sabre. Durkan, with closer alignment with Fianna Fail underway, has been talking about coming political change – indicating even he doesn't accept the Belfast Agreement as a settlement, but as a staging post.

McGuinness – who some foolishly told us had "bought into British rule" – has been making his agenda as deputy First Minister very clear. Recently he told an audience in the Guildhall, "The march towards Irish reunification is unstoppable. I have no doubt about that... There are unionists who believed that if you give power to nationalists it means the end of the union as they know it and they are absolutely right," he said.

Sinn Féin president, Gerry Adams also told those at the meeting of the significant progress made for republicanism since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement: "We always said the Good Friday Agreement was... transitional. It has allowed us to develop our all-Ireland approach", he said. It is clear, therefore, that pan nationalism is exploiting the positions of governmental control given to them to assiduously and insidiously advance Irish unity. As more and more the all- island agenda unfolds under Belfast Agreement devolution, I believe increasingly unionists will come to recognize the creeping Irish unity process which I have constantly warned is underway. "

No justice in Sinn Fein/DUP run Ulster

Speaking at the formation of a new branch of Traditional Unionist Voice in Enniskillen MEP Jim Allister hit out at the perversion of justice in Northern Ireland.

"The recent documentary on the Enniskillen bomb reminded us just how unfit Martin McGuinness is to hold the position of joint First Minister. If, as some Unionists foolishly claim, Republicans now support the police why is McGuinness not cooperating with the PSNI to obtain justice for those who were killed and injured in the bombing?

By allowing unrepentant terrorists into government and claiming that they support the rule of law, while giving a by ball on information on past crimes in this county and throughout our Province, they have granted terrorists a de facto amnesty, both judicial and political. The utter madness of current DUP policy was recently illustrated when it welcomed the appointment of convicted terrorist Sean Lynch to Fermanagh DPP as someone who could bring "individual experience" to the role of overseeing the work of the police! "Do not forget that Lynch did not even pay the price for his crimes. Because of the prisoner releases under the terms of the iniquitous Belfast Agreement – an Agreement now enthusiastically embraced by the DUP – Lynch did not serve his full sentence for attempting to launch a landmine attack on an Army patrol in 1986.

But one does not have to go back to the 1980s to find evidence of Republican blood lust. Next week the Independent Monitoring Commission will publish a report which will cover the brutal IRA murder of Paul Quinn. The IMC are already on record as saying that there was IRA involvement in the killing. Should they repeat this next week the moment of truth will have arrived for the DUP.



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Will the DUP Chairman, Lord Morrow, follow through on his Assembly speech agreeing the IRA murdered Quinn? Or, will he join Jeffrey Donaldson in running round looking for the Army Council minute book to find a let-out clause for the Provos? Sadly, the DUP has already presided over the corruption of government and justice by elevating terrorists to the highest positions in the land and welcoming them onto DPPs. Will they also turn a blind eye to this vicious murder by the military wing of their partner in government? I confidently predict, self interest, will ensure they will twist, turn and prevaricate enough to literally let the Provos off with murder. "

IMC whitewash won't do

The Independent Monitoring Commission's report amounts to a total whitewash designed to let the IRA's political wing and their partners in the DUP off the hook. It is preposterous to argue that because the murder wasn't supposedly "sanctioned" then it wasn't an IRA killing. No one will find an IRA Army Council Minute sanctioning specific murders. The report is a complete insult to victims and offers no protection to future victims because it gives terrorists the green light to operate as they like as long as the leadership is supposedly kept in the dark. The IMC have conceded that IRA men killed Paul Quinn and that makes it an IRA murder. No if, buts or maybes.

For months we were told by senior Sinn Fein/IRA figures that their movement had nothing to do with it. On 22 October Gerry Adams said; "I do not believe that there was any republican involvement in this murder. " Similarly, Cormor Murphy described rumors of "any republican involvement" as "wild and baseless allegations" on 25th October. It is now clear that this was patently untrue. Although the IMC attempt to sanitize the leadership even they concede that: "Amongst those involved were people who had in various ways been associated with the PIRA at a local level, including as members of the organisation."

Doubtless those who partner the IRA's political wing in government will seize upon the attempt to let the Provos away with murder. However, back in October of last year Jeffrey Donaldson and I appeared on Radio Ulster. Responding to probing from myself he said the following: **"I speak on behalf of my party. If the IRA is involved – whether it's individuals or – and there was a gang involved here – if there were a number of IRA members involved in this murder then that's the actions of the IRA. We are not here to dance around this issue".**

It has now been officially confirmed that Paul Quinn's murder was, by Mr Donaldson's standards, the actions of the IRA. This demands immediate action. However, it seems that justice for Paul Quinn, just like justice for Robert McCartney, will come a poor second to maintaining terrorist inclusive government.

DUP comments pitiful

Gregory Campbell's reaction to the IMC report is a pitiful commentary on just how far the DUP have departed from traditional unionist principles. There is little point in the DUP calling for the disbandment of the Army Council while excus-



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ing the IRA murder of Paul Quinn.

Hiding behind the fig leaf that their partners in government were not “organisationally involved” just isn’t good enough.

Who would have thought the day would have come when DUP MPs would be queuing up to wheel out excuses for the IRA!

Visit Mr Allister's site (www.jimallister.org) for more Ulster news items.