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Murder and Manipulation



Mrs. Rosemary Nelson

The Rosemary Nelson murder on March 15th was a case in point. Irrespective of her strong republican allegiances and anti-unionist opinions, her murder by those who call themselves loyalists was a dastardly crime. Most, if not all, Protestants would have felt that to be so. But then the media manipulation of her murder began and the well of sympathy was soon dry. It outrages decency to see how the funeral of a murdered woman must be turned into a circus with the aim of scoring as many points against unionists and unionism as is possible.

The mourning of the republican community took the form of the usual Irish nationalists' wake - blame the murder on the police and burn and riot for a few nights while nationalist spokesmen snatch every opportunity to exploit the situation to the advantage of their cause!!

Pundit

One newspaper pundit, Malachi O'Doherty, not renowned for his pro-unionist stance, wrote some telling words about the RUC and its response to the republican media attacks upon the force. He pointed out how an Irish Republican news service, RM Distribution, was pumping out propaganda which presented the implication of RUC involvement in Mrs. Nelson's murder as a fact. According to him, the headline "Nelson killers may investigate their own murder" headed one version of a report being circulated amongst newspapers worldwide.



Mrs. Nelson's car after the explosion which killed her

Response Required

It is little wonder that Ulster is blackened around the world when this is the sort of information republicans pump out after every tragedy! Against such lies, it is not enough to remain dignified and silent! The RUC must vigorously respond. But the conditioning of years of political control is hard to throw aside. Having been reined in on so many occasions, the RUC takes it on the chin from republicanism and effectively says nothing. Rosemary Nelson's murder was seized upon as a gift by those anxious to maintain the pressure for the abolishing of the RUC.



Rioting followed the murder

As far as popery in Northern Ireland is concerned, everything, the tears of bereaved spouses and orphans, must be used in the fight to crush the hated system that has its roots in Bible Protestantism and the Reformation. That is what few outside of Northern Ireland, and all too many inside it, realise. Rome and her flock are still fighting the counter-reformation here. The answer? Only that power which stripped Rome of her dominance during the time of the reformation -- a mighty revival of Bible religion -- can prevail against this onslaught.

Revival must still be our hope and prayer.