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A shameful Betrayal



David Trimble at his party meeting where the decision to enter government with the IRA was taken.

The Ulster Unionist Party turned its back upon its history and its heritage, and voted to enter a coalition government with the IRA while that illegal organisation still holds onto its arms and explosives and its adherents stoutly refuse to give any indication that they are going to disarm. Only an Ulster person can grasp the enormity of this act of betrayal. It is not merely that Mr. David Trimble, party leader and the first minister designate in the new government, has broken his pledge to his electorate of no guns no government. He has betrayed the generations of Ulster Protestant fathers and mothers who have sacrificed and bled to resist

rule by Irish Republicanism's men of blood, and he has placed us under the rule of murderers. If it is now right to allow the IRA into government, it was always right to do so, for they are the same group today as they have always been. If, on the other hand, it was wrong to allow armed terrorist murderers a place in the democratic process since the founding of Northern Ireland in 1922, then it is still wrong today and that for the very same reason!

If it is right to accept the IRA, for that is who Sinn Fein truly are, into government, then those who have resisted such a step in the past have been wrong, acting as they were in contravention of basic democracy. Those who died resisting the IRA, as it pursued this objective by force of arms, were also wrong and instead of us honouring them we must now condemn them for acting in opposition to what must now be seen as the expressing of a legitimate political objective. These logical ramifications of the decision of the David Trimble Unionists show just how mad is their decision.

The thinking (if it may be called that) behind the decision has been explained by men such as leading UUP member, Dermot Nesbitt. Basically, we are told, things have changed and we must change if the stalemate is to be broken. In other words, the IRA won't budge on the arms issue and if we are to have a government, we must give in to them. That is what has happened. It is a surrender made all the worse by having to endure hearing it called "statesmanship", "courageous politics", and "visionary". Mr. Trimble presently has the governments of Eire and the United Kingdom, in company with the false prophets of ecumenism and popery, congratulating him. But what will history say of this day's work?

The response of Dr Ian Paisley, MP, MEP, to the Ulster Unionist Party decision succinctly covers the sin of it all.

"There is not one country in the world which could accept armed gunmen, thugs and murderers with their hands dripping with the blood of their fellow countrymen into government. "

Tony Blair's Labour Party has tried to keep Ken Livingstone from standing for election to the position of Lord Mayor of London because there was a doubt about whether or not he would back all of the Labour Party's election manifesto! Yet we in Ulster have to accept into



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GOVERNMENT those who ARE STILL INVOLVED in a campaign of terror and who still REFUSE TO GIVE UP THEIR TERRORIST ARMS with which they have MURDERED HUNDREDS OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS!

Would the citizens of the United States of America accept into government those who have been guilty of the murder of President John Kennedy or of the many people killed and mutilated in the Oklahoma bombing? The question does not deserve an answer. Yet we must accept into government those guilty of murdering and attempting to murder political leaders in Ulster. There are few individuals of unionist persuasion of any prominence who have not had a bomb or a bullet directed toward them by the party that David Trimble now accepts into power.

This madness by the Ulster Unionists is but the outcome of the rebellion against the Word of God within the apostate Protestant churches to which they belong. Having been led to reject the counsel of God, there is no restraining their folly.

Let those who talk of getting out of the Ulster Unionist Party also break their links with those who have led that party into its present lunacy - the ecumenical denominations. That is the step Ulster must take.