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Why Martin McGuinness makes an ideal head of the Education Department in Northern Ireland!



Back in December of last year, during the inaugural doling out of ministerial posts at the setting up of the new Northern Ireland Executive, the Department of Education was claimed by Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness, reputedly one of the IRA's most ruthless terrorists. There followed some protests, not many, but some. Significantly, the majority of protesters were children.

The number of parents involved in any real opposition to McGuinness's appointment was virtually nil. If there had been any widespread opposition to his appointment then you would have expected adults, not children, to mount that opposition.

That in itself shows the degree of acquiescence there is amongst unionists in the new arrangements in Stormont. Nothing surely was more calculated to arouse Protestant anger and protest than the appointment of a former IRA leader, who remains totally unrepentant of his involvement in murder and terror and who is reported to be a member of the IRA's ruling body, to the position of Minister of Education. But, in fact, the appointment took place with, by Northern Ireland standards, hardly a whimper being uttered.

This acquiescence demonstrates the drift that has taken place in Ulster. The relatively smooth take-over by McGuinness is in stark contrast to what the reaction would have been 20, 15 or even 10 years ago. The gap has closed between the thinking of Mr. and Mrs. Average Protestant in Northern Ireland and that of the rabid republicanism of Sinn Fein. The closing of this gap is the direct consequence of the labours of the ecumenical clerics in the apostate Protestant denominations. It was to be observed that it was just such clerics who led the cheering at the appointment of Sinn Fein to Government posts. The constant proclaiming of the falsehoods of ecumenism has made Martin McGuinness appear to many as an acceptable Minister of Education or at least one not really worthy of serious opposition.

Martin McGuinness will fit right in there in the state system for, like him, it is opposed to the gospel of Christ. I recall challenging a high school principal in Co. Tyrone who defended his linking up with a Roman Catholic school to produce a musical tape, by telling of how he preached the gospel to his school whenever he took the school assembly. After commending him for such, I reminded him that he was in breach of his teaching contract by seeking to convert children to Christ. The colour drained from his face and he was speechless. He knew that what I had said was true. As far back as the late 70s, Stranmillis College, where most Protestant teachers in the state sector receive their training, was issuing directives forbidding teachers to "proselytise" in religious education classes. There are schools in Northern Ireland where Christians teach and where they tell the children that they must be born again. It is commendable that they do such, but it is contrary to the terms of their teaching appointment and that may not be so commendable.

The state sector has long ago abandoned God's rule of discipline amongst children. An outlaw will therefore fit right in. Martin McGuinness has long been an opponent of



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the rule of law. One of his first tasks as the new minister, was to visit his old school in Londonderry. There he regaled the primary pupils with stories about life on the run from the police. He is a promoter of disrespect for the order that God has ordained. He believes in getting his own way by making life a misery for those opposed to his will. As such, he is an icon for the modern child who has been raised to get its way by defiance and disobedience. The classroom lawlessness, which has driven many teachers to early retirement, is guaranteed to continue and increase under Martin "The Renegade" McGuinness!

Sinn Fein is an advocate of abortion and is a defender of sodomy. Again we see Martin McGuinness's affinity with the state sector. The moral viewpoint espoused by state schools is one in which sodomy is an accepted lifestyle and abortion is referred to in a similar fashion. No reference whatever is made to the Word of God's strong condemnation of both practices. Doubtless, there are teachers who state the Bible's view. But they do so in contradiction of the stated position of the Department of Education.

The appointment and acceptance of Martin McGuinness to head that government department which decides upon and directs that which ought to be most precious to the adult generation: their children, is indicative of just how far from God the land has drifted. Carelessness, indifference and rejection of God's way are reaching their zenith in Ulster when its people can quietly leave their children in the hands of a leading member of an organisation, which up until very recently was actively murdering the citizens of the land and which has yet to indicate that it has ceased from such ways, and rather remains armed and ready to resume that which, in the words of one of its own elected representatives, 'it does best', that is KILL INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.