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McGuinness's alleged confession to murder



Martin McGuinness . . . allegedly confessed to 12 murders

Those of our readers who have access to the Internet and who visit our "Burning Bush" site at www.ivanfoster.org will have seen the article we posted there in mid-December, regarding a statement made in the House of Commons by Mr. Peter Lilley MP, former Conservative Party cabinet minister. It was during the debate on whether or not Sinn Fein MPs should be given the facilities of the House of Commons. Mr. Lilley spoke against granting them such facilities and the half £million in office expenses that went along with the privileges.

Here is what was reported in one newspaper, *The Independent*. "A senior Tory pinned the murders of 12 Catholics on Sinn Fein chief Martin McGuinness in a shock Commons outburst yesterday.

Ex-Cabinet minister Peter Lilley attempted to expose Mr McGuinness's 'bloody past' in a furious protest over moves to give Sinn Fein MPs office space at Westminster as part of the peace process. He called for information to be made available on the four Sinn Fein members' 'terrorist activities'. And he claimed Mr. McGuinness - Ulster's education minister - had once told him of his part in a dozen murders while he was leading the Provisional IRA in Londonderry. Mr Lilley said: 'He told me he'd had a dozen Catholic informers killed.' He said if Mr McGuinness now believed in the constitution he should put his 'bloody past' behind him and swear the oath of allegiance before taking his seat at Westminster."

The questions arising from this story are these: "Why has Mr. Lilley only now used the privilege of the House of Commons to mention this confession by McGuinness?" questions "Why did it not occur to Mr. Lilley when a worse affront to democracy was enacted, namely the pushing of Sinn Fein into government in Northern Ireland by the Labour Party, to tell the world of the murderous activities that he now tells us McGuinness confessed to him some years ago?" "Why is it such an evil thing that Martin McGuinness should be allowed within the hallowed precincts of the House of Commons in London to occupy offices while his presiding over the Department of Education and the schooling of the children of the Protestant community, upon which he and his organisation, the IRA, waged war for some 30 years, was a thing acceptable to Mr. Lilley and his fellow Tory MPs?"

An Ulster man may be forgiven for thinking that once again we, in Northern Ireland, are forced to accept that which no one else within the UK would be willing to accept.