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Ulster Unionist Party swamped by DUP election successes



David Simpson celebrates victory over David Trimble in company with Dr. Paisley and DUP supporters

The extent of the confusion in the UUP camp in the wake of the thrashing they received by the electorate at the polls on May 5th, may be seen in the immediate resignation of David Trimble, the darling of Downing Street and Dublin and recipient of the Nobel Peace prize, and by the fact that Ken Maginnis, now known as Lord Maginnis, is in the running for the leadership!! Maginnis could not even persuade his party to let him run in his old council seat in Dungannon which he had represented for 20 years and when he stood in the Clogher Valley area, he failed to get elected to the council!

The DUP increased its representation on local councils and at Westminster. They almost doubled their number of Westminster MPs from 5 to 9. The UUP has been reduced to one MP and is no longer recognised as a party at Westminster. In the local council election the DUP saw 182 councillors elected to 115 of the UUP. This gave them 29.6% of the electorate to 18% for the UUP.

ANSWERED PRAYER

What would have been particularly gratifying to many Christians was the personal vindication of and the display of unionist support for Dr. Ian Paisley, leader of the DUP. He not only saw a landslide victory in the country but his own vote in the North Antrim Westminster constituency was the highest in the Province. We offer to him our congratulations and pray that the wisdom of God will be granted to him as he seeks to exercise the mandate bestowed upon him by the unionist people of Northern Ireland.