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“No coalition with Sinn Fein” — Bertie Ahern



Ahern and Adams

Mr. Ahern said that if Sinn Féin kept up its momentum, it was set to win “a lot more seats” in the Dail, but gave his clearest rejection yet of any future pact with them. “I think if Sinn Féin were to get the vote they presently have then they will have a lot more seats and that is inevitable. For us in Fianna Fail our job is to make sure that doesn’t happen and make sure it isn’t our seats,” he said.

Mr. Ahern added he would rather sit on the opposition benches than work with Sinn Féin, insisting the parties differ on practically every major policy area. “I can’t answer the question about what the situation in the next Dail will

be. But I can answer the question: ‘Will Fianna Fail be in a coalition government with Sinn Féin?’ — the answer to that is No,” he said.

Hypocrisy

The difference between his party and Sinn Féin, which Mr. Ahern says makes it impossible for a coalition between them is as nothing in comparison to the difference between unionism and Sinn Féin.

Added to the political differences is the fact that Sinn Féin/IRA waged war on the unionist community, slaughtering hundreds and hundreds of its best people in a campaign which bore all the marks of genocide.

To this very day, Sinn Féin remains linked to criminal activity, according to Mr. Ahern’s own government.

How can he require us to do that which he makes a virtue of refusing to do in his country? Let the DUP echo Ahern’s slogan and say no to power-sharing with those deemed too immoral to hold office in Dublin!