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Mo's final act of treachery



Mrs. Nuala
O'Loan

There had been some delay in the appointment since Mo Mowlam had rejected the first shortlist of candidates for the post and had it re-advertised. The new Ombudsman is to be Nuala O'Loan, the wife of a nationalist SDLP politician.

The day that the wife of a unionist politician would be appointed to such a powerful office will never dawn.

When the post was first mooted, it was stated by the Government that someone with the standing of a former judge would fill the post. As it is, Mrs. O'Loan is a law lecturer who is currently chairman of the Electricity Consumer Council.

The office of Ombudsman will have a staff of sixty and will be empowered to carry out investigations into complaints against the police to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

It is inconceivable how such a post can be filled impartially by the wife of a politician whose party has made it plain that it desires the demise of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.