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Sinn Fein's friends are murderers of American missionaries



The three murdered missionaries :
L to R, Rick Tenenoff, Dave Mankins and Mark Rich

Three American missionaries of the New Tribes Mission, an evangelical missionary society, were kidnapped by FARC terrorists in 1993. This is the same group with which prominent Sinn Fein members, James Monaghan, Martin McCauley and Niall Connelly, were in contact. The three republicans have been arrested on suspicion of aiding the FARC terrorists to improve their bomb-making technique.

How can the American President and the British Prime Minister distinguish between the Sinn Fein/IRA and the rest of the terrorist world with which Sinn Fein/IRA are in collusion? Here is the story of the kidnapping which ended in the death of the three Christians. It is taken from the New Tribes web site (www.ntm.org.uk).

"On January 31, 1993 armed guerrillas entered the Kuna village of Pucuro in the Darien region of Panama. They quickly captured three North American missionaries who lived in the village, and took these missionaries with them as they disappeared into the night, ultimately crossing the nearby border back into Colombia.

The captors soon made radio contact with the missionary organization in Panama and demanded millions of dollars in ransom. Negotiations continued by radio for the next year, with the missionary organization and the hostages' families informing the captors that there was no money available as ransom for kidnapped missionaries. Radio contact ceased unexpectedly in January 1994, and there have no further direct contacts with the captors.

In February of 1997 a breakthrough occurred. A representative of the President of Costa Rica reported that an official of the Colombian guerrilla organization F.A.R.C. had confirmed that these three missionaries were alive, in good condition, and currently in the custody of the F.A.R.C. That report has been corroborated by similar statements to human rights organizations and other Latin American governments, some made as recently as September of 1997.

The latest

Dan Germann of the Crisis Management Team sat in a Colombian prison in early September with a guerrilla who once guarded Dave, Mark and Rick. His words, "They are dead," were final and emphatic, confirming what we had heard from several other insurgents.

On 10 September, members of NTM's Crisis Committee and the wives of Dave Mankins, Mark Rich and Rick Tenenoff agreed that, given the compelling evidence, it was time for a closure to the 1993 kidnapping. Information gathered by NTM and others in years of painstaking and often dangerous investigation has led to the definite conclusion that Dave Mankins, Mark Rich and Rick Tenenoff were killed by their captors in mid-1996.

Several guerrilla defectors and other collaborating witnesses have related essentially the same story. Early in 1996, one defector told a Colombian army officer that he knew where



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the men were being held. He later led troops to the camp. Fleeing the military in fear, the guerrillas decided that Dave, Mark and Rick were a liability. On a jungle trail in the hills of northern Colombia, an order was given that sent Dave, Mark and Rick into the arms of their loving Lord.

US and Colombian authorities continue to investigate the killings. Remains may never be found. Details may remain secret until eternity. But God has been in control. We have been changed, gaining a richer and deeper understanding of our awesome and powerful God."

Judgment

We in Northern Ireland have had the terrorist associates of these FARC murderers placed over us by the decree of Prime Minister, Tony Blair, who is presently poncing around the international stage, basking in the applause of those who hail him as a strong opponent of terrorism. Adams, McGuinness, Kelly and the members of the IRA who now sit in Stormont have the blood of many hundreds of Ulster people on their hands as well as the blood of these three missionaries. The gross hypocrisy of Blair and the British Government cries out to heaven for God's judgment. It will not be long in coming.