

From: Professor Kennedy Lindsay

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Eight Point Ulster Plan

ON the evening (25-10-72) Professor Kennedy Lindsay set out the following eight point plan for the restoration of confidence between the British Government and the Ulster public. He was speaking to students of the School of Humanities, New University of Ulster, Coleraine. He is the author of the recent study, 'DOMINION OF ULSTER?' in which economic and other aspects of Ulster independence are examined.

"The understanding negotiated last week between the UDA and Army gives the British Government a breathing space in which to revolutionise its attitude and policies in Ulster. Only in that way can the union between the mainland and Ulster be saved.

1. *The sole task for the immediate future must be the crushing of IRA terrorism. Originality is not essential. Policies similar to those implemented by the British Government during the emergency in Malaya would be adequate.*

2. *The British Government must state clearly that it has set aside all intention of endeavouring to impose unwanted constitutional arrangements which are not common to other regions of the United Kingdom. A government whose troops move in Belfast streets ONLY BY THE NEGOTIATED PERMISSION OF THE RESIDENTS can not hope to impose innovations unwanted by Ulster and it is folly to continue to alienate the people by a pretence to the contrary.*

3. *The British Government must identify itself with the Ulster general public. The claim that it is the impartial arbiter has done more than any other single factor to induce the current psychological acceptance in Ulster of the possibility of independence. In Malaya the British Government*

would have repudiated with indignation any suggestion that it should be the impartial arbiter between the majority of the population and the terrorist orientated section.

4. *A security force powerful enough to win total victory over the terrorists must be assembled. Until now the British Government has been satisfied with efforts to contain the terrorist campaign in the unrealistic hope that the situation would be saved eventually by a political settlement.*

5. *There must be an "Ulsterisation" of the war. The RUC, UDR and Police Reserve must be greatly expanded and the Ulster regiments brought home immediately. Ulster personnel must be used to the full at all levels, but especially in intelligence and planning.*

6. *The UDA, LDV and related organisations should be recognised officially and incorporated into the security system on the model of the town and village guards in the Malayan emergency.*

7. *The Army and Police must be given vastly improved equipment and facilities regardless of the cost. For example, a central computer should be set up with information on every vehicle and driver in the region and all security patrols should be in contact with it. Officers at the Lisburn Army Headquarters recently estimated that the United Kingdom spends considerably more money dealing with football fan hooliganism than in fighting terrorism in Ulster.*

8. *The British Government must induce the Irish Republic to stop terrorists from using its territory as a base and haven. The claim that everything is being done, which can be done, is a maddening insult to the Ulster public. The actions of Israel following the Munich killings has given a yardstick with which to measure such claims. "*

Surrender to the Terrorist

IN THE 'GREENPAPER' published on Monday, October 30, 1972, Whitelaw dictates that there will be three main points strictly enforced:

- (1) NO FULL INTEGRATION WITH U.K.
- (2) NO RETURN OF N. IRELAND GOVERNMENT.
- (3) NO INDEPENDENT BRITISH ULSTER.

and furthermore any settlement must have the blessing of the Republic regardless of what Faulkner says to the contrary. This is treachery in its vilest form. The wishes of the Loyalist majority have been completely ignored and as far

as the plebiscite is concerned the questions that will be asked on the voting paper will be so devious and double meaning as to make the whole episode a complete farce. This is a downright sell out with the inevitable result that we must have a complete re-assessment of our future relationship with the U.K.

According to Whitelaw the majority will not be bombed into submission, yet the U.K. Government allowed Stormont to be dismantled by violence. The U.K. Government never wanted to win in its fight against the Republican terrorists. They only wanted to wash their hands of Ulster and judging by the mess that exists in England today we can and will do better on our own.