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## 'Don't prejudge Sands movie' plea

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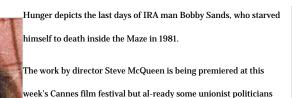
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CRITICS of a new movie about the republican Hunger Strike have

been challenged to watch the controversial film before attacking it.

Former Maze prison inmate Raymond McCartney, now a Sinn Fein

MLA for Foyle, urged sceptics not to indulge in knee-jerk reactions.



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have spoken out against it.

## DUP MP Gregory Campbell has tabled a motion at Westminster

criticising the film's content.

en republican prisoners died during the Hunger Strike protest

ver the British government's refusal to grant them political status.

Mr McCartney, who refused food during a similar protest in the Maze a year before Sands died, said Hunger

portrayed a historic event of real worldwide significance.

Portrayed: Bobby Sands "Gregory Campbell has tabled a motion at Westminster against this film," he said.

"Has he actually seen this film?

"I would urge people, especially Gregory, to watch the film when they get the opportunity rather than [have]

knee-jerk reactions."

Mr Campbell dismissed Mr McCart-ney's argument as nonsense.

"I must remember that the next time I come across a bottle of poison," he said.

"Is he saying I'd have to drink it to find out it's no good?

"I've no objection whatever to

any TV company or media outlet doing a film on the hunger strikers, provided it gives an accurate portrayal of

these gangsters and what they did."

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