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Loyalist Disturbances in Belfast and other areas
 on Friday and Saturday, 2 and 3 July 1993

Friday 2 July

The disturbances took place on Friday night following the funeral of Brian McCallum, the UVF member who died from injuries received when a grenade in his possession exploded during a re-routed Orange parade in West Belfast last Saturday. The funeral had all the trappings of a paramilitary occasion: they coffin was draped in a loyalist flag and loyalist paramilitaries were in evidence during the funeral procession.

The violence following on from the funeral was confined to Belfast. The other side of the Secretariat here say that the RUC have recorded 100 incidents, including 30 direct attacks on the RUC. (Direct attacks are defined as gun-fire or blast-bomb attacks - radio reports have stated that there were 28 gun-fire attacks on the police).

Most of the incidents took place in the following areas: Shankill Road, Donegall Road, York Road, Rathcoole and Old Park.

The News Letter reported on Saturday that UDA members had started the rioting while Downtown Radio later reported that the UVF had claimed responsibility.

The most notable incident during this series of riots was the hijacking of a fire brigade on the Donegall Road.

The other side here say that they have no record of any serious injuries. They say that the police fired seven rounds of blastic bullets and made a number of arrests. While exact figures are not available for the number of arrests made, I have been told that a "small" number of arrests were made.

Saturday, 3 July

A number of meetings were held during the day to try and defuse tension in the Shankill area. Ian Paisley, accompanied by three other DUP Councillors, met with the police and local representatives from the area. In a separate room in the same building, it is reported that a senior police officer accompanied by a local Councillor, met a "representative" of the UDA in order to establish a "framework" (Eamon Mallie's expression) in order to ensure that there would be no recurrence of the events of Friday night.

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Ian Paisley, speaking after the meeting, expressed the hope that there would be no further incidents. He also condemned the violence.

However, Paisley's intervention had not been without controversy. Earlier that day he had seemed to link the violence with the re-routing of parades. Specifically he referred to the fact that people were coming to "breaking point". Joe Hendron, responding to these comments, said it seemed that Paisley was supporting loyalist terrorism while Philip McGarry, the Chairman of the Alliance Party, claimed that Unionist politicians had contributed to the violence by not giving their full support to the police.

With regard to the violence that occurred on Saturday night, the other side say that in Belfast it was confined to the same areas as the night before, albeit on a much reduced scale.

24 round of blastic bullets were fired by the police and 14 arrests were made.

There were reports of two people having been injured allegedly by plastic bullets in Belfast.

Sporadic incidents also took place in Portadown, Lurgan and Bangor. Downtown Radio have reported that the incident in Portadown was caused by republican paramilitaries who were attempting to burn down a factory there.

The SoS has issued a statement today (Sunday) following a visit to Cadogan Fire Station and Lisburn Road RUC Station. The statement is attached. In the statement, Mayhew states that "my hope is now that all members of the community sharing my abhorrence at the events of the weekend will help the RUC to bring those responsible to justice".

The News Letter on Saturday reported that Army helicopters, fitted with video cameras, hovered 50 feet above estates in the Shankill following gangs as they rioted.



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STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
THE RT HON SIR PATRICK MAYNEW MP

Speaking in Belfast today after visiting Cadogan Fire Station and Lisburn Road RUC Station, Sir Patrick said: "Over the last two nights fire brigade staff have been subjected to disgraceful and cowardly attacks. To those responsible I would say 'You should remember that, like the RUC, the Fire Brigade exists solely to serve the whole community. Attacks on them - as well as on the RUC - which have been resisted with great bravery are attacks on all the people of Northern Ireland.'

Sir Patrick added: "I wanted to express my gratitude to the Fire Brigade staff by visiting them today and letting them know at first hand of my admiration for their brave conduct over the last 36 hours. My hope is now that all members of the community sharing my abhorrence at the events of the weekend will help the RUC to bring those responsible to justice."