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**Ballymena Boycott of Nationalist Businesses**

In a recent conversation with SDLP Councillor Declan O'Loan he drew attention to the boycott of Nationalist businesses in Ballymena by the "Ballymena Protestant Committee". The attached leaflets were circulated about two weeks ago.

According to O'Loan the boycott has had an effect and he said that Ballycastle Dairies has been particularly badly hit.

The intimidation of Catholic going to chapel has also continued in Ballymena.

The Catholic community in Ballymena although less than 20% of the population is a long established one and is to some degree geographically concentrated with some public housing estates predominantly Catholic. The community is generally in a very vulnerable position.

There are 2 SDLP Councillors on Ballymena district Council and according to O'Lane there is a potential for 2 more.

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21 October 1996

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# Ballymena Protestant Commitee

We would like to bring it to the attention of the Protestant/Unionist people that a concerted campaign by Sinn Fein is in place to have nationalist people withdraw their custom from Protestant owned businesses right across Ulster, but with a greater deal of vigour in small border towns and villages which are mainly Sinn Fein strongholds. This is the Pan Nationalist Fronts plan to put protestant business people out of **their** areas. It is Sinn Feins form of ethnic cleansing. This concerted plan of re-routing and putting Orangemen off **our** streets of Ulster can not and will not be allowed to happen. The Protestant people showed in Drumcree that they are not to be trampled upon. But it doesnt end there. Now is the time to support Protestant business people who supported Drumcree and now is also the time for Protestants to think about Nationalist/Republican businesses in Unionist areas. We believe that they should be boycotted **immediately** and that we should take another firm stand against this Pan Nationalist campaign which is a very real threat to all the Protestant people of Ulster. We would urge you to support only Protestant-owned businesses in your area.

**No Surrender to Sinn Feins organised ethnic cleansing.**

**Support Unionist Unity.**

**Ballymena Protestant Committee.**

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# Nationalist/Republican Businesses in Your Area.

| Business | Location |
|---|---|
| Meekes Meats | Larne Street |
| Phoenix Filling Station | Antrim Road |
| The Sweet Box | Wakehurst Road |
| Newcastle Dairies | Ballycastle. |
| O'Haras Fruit Shop | Larne Street |
| Brendans Butchers | Ballykeel II |
| McDonnells (Second Hand Furniture) | Salisbury Entry, Harryville |
| Big Als Pizza | Mill Street |
| Terrys Burger Bars | Shopping Centre |
| | Ballymoney Street |

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