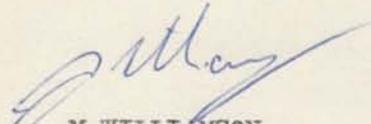




7. Next the Chairman asked how far they were prepared to discuss the possibility of the formation of a voluntary coalition? The representatives indicated that they could not be sure how much real support they could obtain for this but that they had been prepared to discuss the possible formation of a coalition in order to get a new Northern Ireland Government off the ground. SDLP had shown no disposition to consider this.
8. The representatives strongly felt that they themselves had made honest efforts to move towards agreement but they felt that SDLP were not willing to move to meet them. They themselves would be spelling out very clearly to the public the good case which they had to offer.
9. This would first take place in resumed Plenary Sessions of the Convention which their members were becoming increasingly keen to have.
10. Reverting to the crucial question of power-sharing the UUUC representatives confirmed that on the following Tuesday they would be giving to the SDLP a Paper detailing all their objections to this structure of government. They undertook to provide the Chairman with a copy of the Paper.
11. The meeting terminated at approximately 6 pm.



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