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MEETING WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE - PARADES AND MARCHES

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The Secretary of State yesterday had a meeting with the Chief Constable to discuss the marching season; no-one else was present. The Chief Constable reported that the hard men were taking control of arrangements for Orange Lodge marches in Portadown. It was their clear intention to march down Obin Street on 6 July and, if prevented from parading in the street, to conduct a church service at the end of it. In the light of this information the Chief Constable was minded to re-route. The Chief Constable said that he was anxious to avoid involving the Army in the control of parades and marches; also he hoped not to have to ban any marches.

  
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