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GOVERNMENT POLICY LEAFLET

At today's morning meeting there was some discussion about the possibility of producing a leaflet for distribution to all households in Northern Ireland to counter the falsehoods that had been spread about the Anglo-Irish Agreement and to emphasise positive aspects of Government policy. The Secretary of State agreed that, before taking a decision on whether to print a leaflet, two alternative drafts would be worked up.

- 2. Draft 1 would be a leaflet which aimed directly to answer the Unionist Joint Working Party leaflet (copy attached). Draft 2 would set out ten positive points about the Anglo-Irish Agreement and Government policy in that sphere.
- 3. The Secretary of State asked <u>Mr McConnell</u>, in concert with <u>Mr Gilliland</u>, to produce these two drafts. It would be in keeping with the Secretary of State's view that we should move quickly on this front, if we do adopt this course of action, if the drafts could be available by close of play on Thursday 6 March.

R P CLEASBY Private Secretary

4 March 1986

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'A CALL TO ACTION'

By Jim Molyneaux and lan Paisley



The Anglo Irish Agreement gives the Dublin Government a real say in Ulster's affairs while your own elected representatives are excluded and ignored.

Under Joint Authority Dublin's Minister for Northern Ireland, Peter Barry has been set up over us as an equal with Tom King. Together they are intent on forcing Ulster down the Dublin Road.

The people of Ulster have rightly and emphatically said 'NO'. On 23rd January 418,230 constitutionalists voted against the Agreement.

Yet at our meeting on 25th February the Prime Minister rejected the mandated and reasoned case which we presented on your behalf. By reaffirming her Government's commitment to the implementation of the Agreement she said 'NO' to the Ballot Box and spurned consultation in favour of confrontation.

It is now up to us all to demonstrate beyond doubt that we will not be trampled on in this manner and that in no circumstances will we ever accept Dublin Rule.

Next Monday is your opportunity to do so, by joining in a Massive Province-wide DAY OF ACTION AND PROTEST. We are asking you to play your part in sending an unmistakable signal to Westminster that Ulster means business.

Issued by the Unionist Joint Working Party, Parliament Buildings, Stormont.

DO YOU KNOW?

- That under the Anglo-Irish Agreement Dublin's Minister, Peter Barry, presides as an equal with Tom King in a Conference which can deal with all the internal affairs of Northern Ireland.
- 2. That there is no recognition of the status of Northern Ireland as part of the U.K. in the Agreement. Dublin continues through its Constitution to claim the territory of Northern Ireland.
- That following the powers given to it in respect of security the Dublin Government has boasted that it will be putting forward proposals to get rid of the U.D.R.
- 4. That Dublin can now jointly direct the Chief Constable of the R.U.C. Article 9 (a) of the Agreement says, ". . . the Conference shall set in hand a programme of work to be undertaken by the Chief Constable . . ."
- That Dublin now has a right to make nominations for every public body in Northern Ireland, including the Police Authority and even the Education and Health Boards. Furthermore these Dublin "placemen" needn't even live in Northern Ireland.
- That 'Barry's Law' instead of 'British Law' will
 now operate in the banning of traditional loyalist
 parades. The Agreement gives Dublin the right to
 know about all planned parades and the opportunity to make its views known on them.

- 7. That when Dublin makes proposals relating to any matters in N. Ireland the British Government is under a legally enforceable obligation to make "determined efforts" to resolve any differences. Thus Her Majesty's Government is no longer free to govern Northern Ireland as it thinks fit. Dublin will call the tune and the N.I.O. will scrape and bow to win the Republic's approval. A DUBLIN ROLE IS DUBLIN RULE.
- That under the Agreement Dublin is insisting on the repeal of the Flags and Emblems Act so that the Irish Tricolour can freely fly anywhere in Northern Ireland.
- That the Agreement heralds the establishment of "MIXED COURTS" in which judges from the Republic would sit in Northern Ireland Courts.
- The S.D.L.P. has now an absolute veto on all possible devolution in Northern Ireland. Even with devolution the Conference would continue with its powers undiluted over security, the Courts, human rights and all other vital matters.

Little wonder Ulster emphatically voted against this obnoxious Agreement on 23rd January. This Agreement is the blueprint for an All-Ireland and as such must meet with unrelenting opposition from every Unionist. It cannot be reformed; it must be destroyed.

The Unionist leadership is pledged in solidarity to achieve this end. With your help it can be done!