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1. REACTION TO THE MAYHEW-ADAMS MEETING IN STORMONT ON JULY 27 CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND, AS ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP) POLITICIANS IN PARTICULAR EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS. UUP LEADER JAMES MOLYNEAUX SAID THERE IS A "GREAT DEAL OF SUSPICION AND UNEASE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY" AS CONCERN INCREASES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO A U-TURN AND ALLOW SINN FEIN INTO "SUBSTANTIVE" TALKS WITHOUT THE IRA GIVING UP ITS WEAPONS. REG EMPEY, FORMER UUP LORD MAYOR OF BELFAST, ASKED "WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT CHASING THE UNATTAINABLE GOAL OF ROUND-TABLE TALKS? IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S CRAZY... THE BASIC LEVEL OF TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MY PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT IS NIL. THERE IS NO BASIS AT THIS STAGE FOR TALKS WITH MINISTERS."

2. SINN FEIN'S MARTIN MCGUINNESS ECHOED GERRY ADAMS' ARTICLE IN THE JULY 27 EDITION OF AN PHOBLACHT AS FOLLOWS, "THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY WHATSOEVER, NOT EVEN THE REMOTEST POSSIBILITY, THAT THE IRA WILL SURRENDER ITS WEAPONS THIS SIDE OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT."

3. SECRETARY OF STATE MAYHEW'S DECISION, ANNOUNCED JULY

8, TO LIFT THE TEN-YEAR BAN ON FUNDING TO ORGANIZATIONS SUSPECTED OF PARAMILITARY LINKS IN NORTHERN IRELAND WAS HAILED IN QUARTERS OF THE NATIONALIST AND LOYALIST COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE BAN OVER THE PAST DECADE SINN FEIN'S GEAROID OHEARE, THE UDP'S JOHN WHITE, ALLIANCE'S PHILIP MCGARRY, AND PUBLIC HEALTH UNION UNISON'S PATRICIA MCKEOWN, ARE ALL CITED IN THE MEDIA AS HAVING WELCOMED THE DECISION. IN THE FUTURE, ACCORDING TO SIR PATRICK'S STATEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING "MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND FINANCIAL CONTROL OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS." ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE BAN HAD AFFECTED AT LEAST 27 COMMUNITY GROUPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.
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THE PAST

1. SUMMARY. THE JUNE 27 VISIONS OF THE UNION EVENING ORGANIZED BY THE MOST PRO-UNION NEWSPAPER IN NORTHERN IRELAND, A UNIONIST COMMISSION ORGANIZED BY THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (DUP) SET TO HOLD HEARINGS ON THE FUTURE OF UNIONISM BEGINNING IN LATE SEPTEMBER, AND THE ULSTER LABOUR GROUP, WHICH PLANS IN THE AUTUMN TO BEGIN ITS WORK TO LOBBY FOR MORE LIBERAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES WITHIN THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP), ALL SUGGEST SOME FERMENT WITHIN UNIONIST RANKS. IT IS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT ANY OF THESE INITIATIVES WILL REALLY UNIFY AND REENERGIZE UNIONISTS. ATTRACTING CATHOLICS TO UNIONISM, THE PRINCIPAL IDEA THAT EMERGED FROM "VISIONS" EVENING, WOULD REQUIRE COMPROMISE OF LONG-STANDING TRADITIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS TO HAVE A GHOST OF A CHANCE AND PROBABLY WILL NOT CAPTURE THE FANCY OF MANY UNIONISTS. END SUMMARY.

VISIONS OF THE UNION

2. THE NEWS LETTER, THE MOST PRO-UNION OF BELFAST'S THREE DAILIES, ORGANIZED AN EVENT ON JUNE 27 AT THE ULSTER HALL IN DOWNTOWN BELFAST, THE SITE OF MANY UNIONIST RALLIES IN THE PAST. THE NEWS LETTER BALLYHOODED THE EVENING, WHICH FEATURED EIGHT SPEAKERS IN FAVOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND'S UNION WITH THE UK, AS AN EPOCHAL EVENT THAT COULD HERALD A NEW ERA OF DYNAMIC, FORWARD-THINKING UNIONISM. THE TURNOUT WAS LESS THAN OVERWHELMING, APPROXIMATELY 500 IN A HALL

WITH TWICE THE CAPACITY (THERE WAS --NOMINALLY AT LEAST -- A \$6 ENTRY FEE AND, AS NEWS LETTER JOURNALISTS GEOFF MARTIN AND MERVYN PAULEY TOLD US ON JULY 26, THE NEWS LETTER JUST HAD TEN DAYS TO ADVERTISE THE EVENING). THE IDEAS THAT EMERGED WERE NOT EXACTLY SHOWSTOPPERS, BUT THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF ENTERTAINMENT VALUE. ROY BRADFORD, MINISTER OF COMMERCE (1969-71) AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (1971-72) IN STORMONT, CHAIRED THE EVENING, PUNCTUATING THE SUCCESSIVE SPEECHES WITH PUNCHY, OLD-STYLE, TUB-THUMPING UNIONIST RHETORIC. KATE HOEY, NORTHERN IRELAND-BORN LABOUR MP, WAS THE MOST DYNAMIC OF THE EIGHT SPEAKERS, OFFERING A SPUNKY TWENTY MINUTES OF A POTPOURRI OF "SIXTIESISH" IDEAS IN DESCRIBING LABOUR'S DEVOLUTION POLICY AS ONE OF "UNION BY CONSENT" DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN, NOT WEAKEN THE UNION. UUP MP KEN MAGINNIS LAUNCHED A TIRADE AGAINST BOB MCCARTNEY, A UUP APOSTATE WHO WON THE JUNE PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION IN NORTH DOWN ON AN ULTRA-ANTI-FRAMEWORK-DOCUMENTS PLATFORM. MCCARTNEY DID NOT SLANG BACK, INSTEAD HE ELABORATED ON HIS IDEA OF A NON-PARTY PRO-UNION LEAGUE THAT "WOULD CREATE AN ENTIRELY NEW LEVEL OF POLITICAL AND CULTURAL DEBATE THAT WOULD TRANSFORM THE WORLDWIDE IMAGE OF UNIONISM AS A CULT FOR POLITICAL DINOSAURS INTO WHAT IT SHOULD BE -- AN HONORABLE POLITICAL CAUSE. THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW WAVE OF PRO-UNION CONFIDENCE, ENTHUSIASM, HOPE AND GENEROSITY ARE ENDLESS." JOHN ALDERDICE OF THE ALLIANCE PARTY SKETCHED TWO ALTERNATIVES: AN HONORABLE COMPROMISE INVOLVING A POWER-SHARING ASSEMBLY, A BILL OF RIGHTS, NORTH-SOUTH BODIES, AN END TO ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE IRISH CONSTITUTION OF 1937 AND NORTHERN IRELAND REMAINING WITHIN THE UK AS LONG AS PEOPLE WANTED, OR A "SULLEN DRIFT TOWARDS NORTH-SOUTH QUANGOS AND CREEPING DE FACTO JOINT AUTHORITY."

3. HOEY PUT THE PRINCIPAL IDEA TO COME OUT OF THE EVENING BEST: "THE PRO-UNION VOICE MUST NOT BE A CLOSED VOICE -- AN EXCLUSIVE VOICE. IT HAS TO POSITIVELY REACH OUT AND BRING IN THE LARGE NUMBER OF CATHOLICS WHO WE KNOW HAVE NO INTENTION OF EVER VOTING TO BECOME PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND."

4. WE ASKED MARTIN AND PAULEY OF THE NEWS LETTER WHAT SORT OF RESONANCE VISIONS OF THE UNION HAD AND WHAT THE NEXT STEPS MIGHT BE TO BUILD ON THIS (AS PUT BY THE NEWS LETTER) "MOMENTOUS" EVENING. APPARENTLY NOT A WHOLE LOT. MARTIN SAID THE NEWS LETTER WAS MULLING OVER AN INVITATION FROM AN ENNISKILLEN-BASED ORGANIZATION TO TAKE A UNIONIST ROAD SHOW ACROSS THE BORDER. BRADFORD TOLD US ON JULY 4 THAT HE IS BEING COURTED BY A COUPLE OF COUNTY COUNCILS IN THE SOUTH TO PRESENT THE UNIONIST CASE.

UNIONIST COMMISSION

5. CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE VISIONS OF THE UNION EVENING WAS IAN PAISLEY OR INDEED ANYONE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (DUP). PAISLEY OR HIS STAND-IN HAD BEEN INVITED. UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 BELFAST 0346

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THE NEWS LETTER PUBLISHED A LONG PIECE BY PAISLEY ON JUNE 30 IN WHICH THE NORTH ANTRIM MP, MEP, EXPLAINED WHY HE AND HIS PARTY STAYED AWAY. PAISLEY ALLEGED THE SPEAKERS WERE NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF REAL UNIONISM, ASKING RHETORICALLY "HOW A NATIONALIST AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE DUBLIN GOVERNMENT (CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN) CAN BE A CREDIBLE UNIONIST," AND SKEWERING ALDERDICE FOR ENTERING "INTO CAHOOTS WITH IRA/SINN FEIN." THE STARTING POINT FOR ANY DEBATE "MUST BE THE RECOGNITION OF THE SALIENT FACT THAT THE UNIONIST PHILOSOPHY AND THE REPUBLICAN AGENDA ARE AT COMPLETE ODDS. A NEW UNIONIST REALLY MEANS A RECOGNITION OF DEFEAT, IT MEANS SURRENDER AND IT IMPLIES THAT THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THE UNION WAS FORMED ARE REDUNDANT AND THE UNION IS DEAD."

6. IAN PAISLEY JR. ELABORATED ON THE DUP'S INITIATIVE TO CONVENE A UNIONIST COMMISSION IN A CONVERSATION ON JULY 27. BEGINNING PROBABLY THE THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF THREE OR FOUR EVENING MEETINGS AT WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR IDEAS ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNION AS A COUNTER TO THE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS. CONSERVATIVE MP DAVID WILSHIRE WILL CHAIR THE PROCEEDINGS. A REPORT WILL BE COBBLED TOGETHER, PRESENTED PROBABLY SIX MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION. PAISLEY, JR. CLAIMED THAT RESPONSE TO THE DUP'S CALL HAS BEEN GOOD, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE TRIUMPH OF PORTADOWN (A REFERENCE TO THE JULY ORANGE MARCH SHOWDOWN THAT ENDED WITH A COMPROMISE) ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME UUP POLITICIANS "HATE" HIS FATHER AND ANY IDEAS HE BROACHES.

7. THE DUP'S "BREAKING THE LOGJAM" DOCUMENT AND PAISLEY, SR.'S JUNE 30 ARTICLE IN THE NEWS LETTER OFFER AN INKLING OF WHAT IS LIKELY TO COME OUT OF THE COMMISSION: A RECOMMENDATION FOR "A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND ALONE TO ACT AS A NEGOTIATING BODY WITH THE "CREATION OF A STABLE NORTHERN IRELAND FIRMLY WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM" AS THE GOAL. "THE UNION ITSELF WILL NEVER BE ON THE TABLE. IT IS NOT NEGOTIABLE. TO NEGOTIATE THE UNION MEANS AN END TO THE UNION."

ULSTER LABOUR GROUP (ULG)

8. THE ULG WAS LAUNCHED JUNE 23 WITH SOME FANFARE. IT HAS NOT MET AS A BODY SINCE. UUP BELFAST CITY COUNCILLOR CHRIS MCGIMPSEY WHOSE BROTHER CHAIRS THE GROUP TOLD US ON JULY 10 THAT THE ULG WILL GET TO WORK IN THE AUTUMN. HE AND HIS BROTHER SEE THE GROUP AS A LOBBY WITHIN THE UUP TO TRY TO INFLUENCE INTERNAL COMMITTEES OF THE PARTY TO ADOPT MORE LIBERAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES.

COMMENT

9. A LIGHT BREEZE COULD PROBABLY BLOW AWAY THESE STRAWS IN THE WIND. THE VISIONS OF THE UNION BARELY GOT OUT OF THE

TUNNEL AND ANY LIGHT SHED SEEMS ALREADY TO HAVE FADED. THE DUP'S UNIONIST COMMISSION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE THE PREACHER SINGING TO THE CHOIR, A STERILE EXERCISE THAT WILL ALLOW ACOLYTES TO EXORCISE THE SWARMS OF DEMONS THAT PLAGUE THE DUP. BOB MCCARTNEY'S NON-PARTY PRO-UNION LEAGUE MAY HAVE SOME PROMISE, BUT IS MORE LIKELY TO BE STILLBORN. MCCARTNEY IS A ONE-MAN BAND WHO, IN THE VIEW OF CRITICS, DEMANDS LOYALTY BUT GIVES NONE. TO THE (SOCIAL) LIBERAL WING OF THE UUP (IF CHRIS MCGIMPSEY IS AT ALL REPRESENTATIVE), MCCARTNEY IS SIMPLY WARMING OVER IDEAS THEY HAVE BEEN ADVANCING FOR YEARS. (THERE MAY BE AN ELEMENT OF SOUR GRAPES IN THIS VIEW, GIVEN THE GOBS OF POSITIVE MEDIA ATTENTION MCCARTNEY GOT BEFORE AND AFTER THE NORTH DOWN ELECTION -- MCGIMPSEY QUESTIONS MCCARTNEY'S DILIGENCE AS AN MP, ALLEGING THAT MCCARTNEY, AS A DELEGATE TO THE 1982-1986 ASSEMBLY, MISSED 65 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS OF HIS COMMITTEE. FORTNIGHT, NORTHERN IRELAND'S LEADING POLITICAL AND CULTURAL MAGAZINE, PUBLISHED IN ITS DECEMBER 1983 ISSUE THE CONCLUSIONS OF A PANEL OF JOURNALISTS CONVENED TO RATE THE PERFORMANCE OF POLITICIANS IN THE ASSEMBLY. MCCARTNEY EDGED OUT PAISLEY AND HIS DUP DEPUTY PETER ROBINSON AS BEST SPEAKER. AS ONE JOURNALIST PUT IT, "BY DINT OF THE FACT THAT HE SPEAKS SO RARELY, THE SENSE OF OCCASION HOLDS THE AUDIENCE AS MUCH AS HIS APPRECIATION OF HIS ORATORICAL WIZARDRY." MCCARTNEY ALSO TOOK THE PLUM AS THE LAZIEST POLITICIAN, A LAP AHEAD OF UUP COLLEAGUES JEREMY BURCHILL AND HAROLD MCCUSKER. MCCARTNEY ALSO TOOK THE BIGGEST NEGATIVE PRIZE AS WELL, UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 BELFAST 0346

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WORST POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR. MCCARTNEY, AS ONE WAG THEN PHRASED IT, IS "EVIDENCE OF THE FACT THAT MOSES CAN'T HAND DOWN THE TABLETS OF STONE THESE DAYS, HE JUST DROPS THEM ON HIS FEET." IAN PAISLEY, BY THE WAY, WON POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR.) THE MCGIMPSEYS' ULG MIGHT NUDGE THE UUP TOWARDS MORE LIBERAL STANCES ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES BUT WILL HARDLY CAUSE A STAMPEDE IN THE DIRECTION OF LABOUR.

10. HOEY IS RIGHT THAT SOME CATHOLICS IN THE NORTH, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE WELL-OFF, HAVE A STAKE IN THE UNION. THE ALLIANCE PARTY OFFERS THE ONLY PRACTICAL POLITICAL OUTLET FOR PRO-UNION CATHOLICS, BUT BARRING A DRASTIC CHANGE IN POLITICAL TEMPERATURE AND TEMPERAMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND, THE ALLIANCE IS NOT LIKELY TO ENJOY MASS APPEAL. JIM WILSON, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UUP, TOLD US JULY 7 THAT HE PERSONALLY HAS RECRUITED A NUMBER OF CATHOLICS TO THE UUP AND SUSPECTS THAT, WITH THE RIGHT APPEAL, MANY MORE COULD BE ATTRACTED TO THE UUP BANNER. BUT FEW OF HIS FELLOW PARTY MEMBERS ARE REALLY INTERESTED, WILSON COMPLAINED. WHEN HE RAISES THE SUBJECT, THE OTHERS YAWN, THEN RETURN TO THEIR SOLE FIXATION, THE UNION. A SIGNIFICANT INFLUX OF CATHOLICS INTO THE UUP IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT,

AS HOEY POINTED OUT IN HER JUNE 27 SPEECH, THE UUP'S FORMAL TIES WITH THE ORANGE ORDER, WHICH IS OPEN TO PROTESTANTS ONLY, WOULD HAVE TO BE SEVERED IN ORDER TO HAVE EVEN A GHOST OF A CHANCE, A POSITION THAT THE NEWS LETTER ENDORSED IN A JUNE 30 EDITORIAL. UUP RIGHT-WINGER DAVID TRIMBLE RECENTLY DENIED REPORTS THAT PRECISELY THAT WOULD BE DONE. HE SAID THAT THE UUP MIGHT TINKER WITH THE NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE ULSTER UNIONIST COUNCIL THAT THE ORANGE ORDER IS GUARANTEED (OVER 10% OF THE APPROXIMATELY 1000 SEATS) BUT SAID THAT THE LINK WOULD NOT BE CUT.

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1. SUMMARY: SINN FEIN ORGANIZED A RALLY AT BELFAST CITY HALL AUGUST 13 TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF INTERMENT. THE RALLY, USED TO REITERATE SINN FEIN'S CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ALL-PARTY TALKS, OCCASIONED SEVERAL SMALL CLASHES BETWEEN LOYALISTS AND RETUBLICAN YOUTHS AND BETWEEN POLICE AND UNRULY GROUPS FROM BOTH SIDES. IN THE MAIN SPEECH OF THE EVENT, GERRY ADAMS SAID THAT THE IRA "HAD NOT GONE AWAY" AND PLEDGED THAT THE IRA WOULD NOT GIVE UP ITS WEAPONS. HE BLAMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND UNIONISTS FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT SINN FEIN WOULD SUCCEED IN ACHIEVING RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND A UNITED IRELAND. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING AT A REPUBLICAN RALLY COMMEMORATING INTERMENT HELD IN DOWNTOWN BELFAST ON AUGUST 13, SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS TOLD A CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND SUPPORTERS THAT THE IRA HAD "NOT GONE AWAY." THE THROWAWAY REMARK CAME IN RESPONSE TO A AN IRATE SUPPORTER WHO SHOUTED "BRING BACK THE IRA." BEGINNING HIS ADDRESS BY SALUTING "FELLOW FENIAN BASTARDS," ADAMS CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE ALL-PARTY TALKS AND SAID THAT THE IRA WOULD NOT GIVE UP ITS WEAPONS. ECHOING REMARKS MADE THE PREVIOUS WEEK BY ALBERT REYNOLDS (SEPTTEL), ADAMS NSISTED THAT DECOMMISSIONING HAD NEVER zEEN A CONSIDERATION FOR THE BRITISH AT THE TIME OF THE DOWNING

STREET DECLARATION AND ASKED "WHO DID (THE BRITISH) THINK THEY WERE KIDDING?" SINCE THE IRA CEASEFIRE, ADAMS TOLD THE CROWD, NATIONALISTS HAD HEARD NOTHING BUT EXCUSES FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. HE ACCUSED HMG OF "BOLSTERING UNIONIST INFLEXIBILITY AND STRANGLING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE."

3. HE ACCUSED HMG AND UNIONISTS OF TRYING TO PUSH REPUBLICANS BACK TO PRE-1969 DAYS BY FORCING PROTESTANT PARADES THROUGH ROMAN CATHOLIC DISTRICTS. ADAMS SAID SINN FEIN UPHELD THE RIGHT OF ORANGEMEN TO MARCH, BUT NOT IN AREAS WHERE THEY WERE NOT WELCOME. HE SAID THE RUC WOULD NEVER BE ACCEPTABLE TO NATIONALISTS. HE ASSURED THE CROWD THAT THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL. "LET NO ONE TELL YOU WE WON'T HAVE IRISH UNITY. WE WILL. LET NO ONE TELL YOU THAT ALL OUR POLITICAL PRISONERS WILL NOT BE RELEASED. THEY WILL. LET NO ONE TELL YOU THAT WE WILL NOT BREAK THE BRITISH CONNECTION. WE WILL." ADAMS SAID THAT PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS COULD FIND THEIR OWN SETTLEMENT BUT THE UNIONISTS WERE AFRAID TO TALK AS "PEACE DEMANDS JUSTICE AND JUSTICE DEMANDS FREEDOM.... WE WANT TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE UNIONISTS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE BRITISH. IT IS NOW OVER TO THEM," ADAMS SAID.

4. SINN FEIN AND ITS SUPPORTERS MARCHED THROUGH WEST BELFAST ON THEIR WAY TO THE RALLY AT CITY HALL. AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE MARCH, AS REPUBLICANS PASSED NEAR THE BOUNDARIES OF LOYALIST NEIGHBORHOODS, ROCKS WERE THROWN BY LOYALISTS YOUTHS. DESPITE CALLS BY SINN FEIN LEADERS FOR CALM, REPUBLICAN YOUTHS RETALIATED AND BRIEFLY ATTEMPTED TO CHASE THE LOYALISTS. UNIONISTS STAGED A NUMBER OF COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH LED TO SOME MINOR CONFRONTATIONS. FORTUNATELY, POLICE WERE LARGELY SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING OPPOSING GROUPS APART FROM EACH OTHER.

5. COMMENT: UNIONIST POLITICIANS HAVE SEIZED ON ADAMS' REMARKS AS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT SINN FEIN AND THE IRA ARE NOT COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS ENVISIONED IN THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION. IN PARTICULAR, ADAMS' STATEMENT THAT THE IRA "HAD NOT GONE AWAY" WAS POINTED TO BY THE DUP'S NIGEL DODDS AS FULLY JUSTIFYING HCS PARTY'S REFUSAL TO MEET WITH SINN FEIN REPRESENTATIVES. FURTHERMORE, ADAMS CLAIM THAT THE PRESENT PEACE PROCESS WOULD LEAD TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A UNITED IRELAND, HAS BEEN VIEWED AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE THAT SINN FEIN DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE PRINCIPLE ENSHRINED IN THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF NORTHERN IRELAND CAN ONLY BE ALTERED WITH THE CONSENT OF A MAJORITY OF ITS CITIZENS. HOWEVER, RECENT ELECTIONS AND OPINION POLLS SHOW THAT A CLEAR MAJORITY OF NORTHERN IRELAND'S CITIZENS, INCLUDING A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF CATHOLICS, SUPPORT CONTINUED UNION WITH BRITAIN. END COMMENT.

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LOWER THAN IN THE REPUBLIC, THE IMPACT OF THE CEASEFIRE
ON DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE
SIGNIFICANT. SINCE THE IDA HAS CONVINCED FOREIGN
INVESTORS OF THE STABILITY OF THE SOUTH, HOWEVER, THE
CEASEFIRE MAY HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON THE LEVEL OF DIRECT
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE SOUTH. HOWEVER, GAINS COULD
ACCRUE FROM A JOINT APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AND MARKETING OF THE ISLAND AS A UNIT INTERNATIONALLY.

15. COMMENT: IN THE WAKE OF THE CEASEFIRES, THE UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL IN NORTHERN IRELAND HAS FALLEN TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN THIRTEEN YEARS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED THAT INQUIRIES FROM FOREIGN INVESTORS TO THE IDB HAVE TRIPLED SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CEASEFIRES. THE PUBLICITY RESULTING FROM THE WASHINGTON INVESTMENT CONFERENCE HELPED TO INCREASE NOHOZ IRELAND'S PROFILE AS A SITE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT. THE PRIVATE SECTOR "NORTHERN IRELAND GROWTH CHALLENGE" HAS SET A TARGET OF CREATING 60,000 NEW JOBS BY 2000. THIS TARGET APPEARS HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC AND WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE PRESENT GROWTH RATE OF 3 PERCENT MORE THAN TRIPLE TO A LEVEL OF 10 PERCENT PER ANNUM UNTIL THE END OF THE DECADE. A PERMANENT POLITICAL SETTLEMENT MAY ALSO HELP TO REDUCE SECTARIAN CARRIED INTO THE WORKPLACE LEADING TO INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PROBLEMS AND A TENSE WORKING ENVIRONMENT. FINALLY, THE "BRAIN DRAIN" MAY CEASE AS NORTHERN IRELAND BECOMES A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. END COMMENT.

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16. THE REPORT ALSO ILLUSTRATES HOW THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERCONNECTOR BETWEEN THE TWO ELECTRICITY GRIDS COULD YIELD ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO BOTH THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD (ESB) IN THE SOUTH AND NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY (NIE). THE INTERCONNECTOR WAS BOMBED ON SIX OCCASIONS, AND WAS NOT RECONNECTED FOLLOWING AN ATTACK IN 1975 BUT IS NOW UNDER RECONSTRUCTION. THE ABSENCE OF AN INTERCONNECTOR IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE COST THE ESB \$16 MILLION PER ANNUM OVER THE PERIOD.

17. COMMENT: AN INTERCONNECTOR BETWEEN NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND IS EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION BY AUTUMN 1997. THUS AN INTERCONNECTOR BETWEEN THE ESB AND NIE WOULD GIVE THE ESB ACCESS TO THE UK GRID, YIELDING SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND LOWER PRICES. THE IRISH BUSINESS AND EMPLOYERS CONFEDERATION (IBEC) AND THE CONFEDERATION OF IRISH INDUSTRY (CBI) JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL HAVE COMPLETED THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERCONNECTOR, AND ARE CALLING FOR THE BUILDING OF A SECOND. END COMMENT. SMITH

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1. SUMMARY. ON AUGUST 22, 1995, THE PRO-NATIONALIST "IRISH NEWS" PUBLISHED THE RESULTS OF AN OPINION POLL IT HAD COMMISSIONED. 1116 PEOPLE WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PEACE PROCESS, DECOMMISSIONING, AND WHICH POLITICAL PARTY THEY SUPPORTED. AS WITH MANY SUCH POLLS, THE RESULTS ARE SOMETIMES CONTRADICTORY. 66 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR REQUIRING THE DECOMMISSIONING OF IRA ARMS AS A PRECONDITION FOR SINN FEIN PARTICIPATION IN ALL-PARTY TALKS. HOWEVER, 52 PERCENT AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SET A DATE FOR ALL-PARTY TALKS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. THE POLL INDICATED THAT SINN FEIN HAD INCREASED ITS SUPPORT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SDLP, AND THAT THE DUP HAD LOST CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC SUPPORT. ALSO, A MAJORITY OF BOTH PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS EXPRESSED DISFAVOR WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF NORTHERN IRELAND SINCE THE CEASEFIRES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRO-NATIONALIST "IRISH NEWS" HAS PERIODICALLY COMMISSIONED PUBLIC OPINION POLLS TO MEASURE ATTITUDES ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL ISSUES AND RELATIVE SUPPORT FOR

LOCAL POLITICAL PARTIES. ON AUGUST 22, 1995, THE PAPER PUBLISHED THE RESULTS OF A POLL FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS DECOMMISSIONING AND TOWARDS THE PEACE PROCESS IN GENERAL. ULSTER MARKETING SURVEYS CONDUCTED THE POLL, CANVASSING 1116 PEOPLE FROM ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND. THIS NUMBER INCLUDED 608 PROTESTANTS AND 462 CATHOLICS.

DECOMMISSIONING AND ALL-PARTY TALKS

3. RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED THE QUESTION, "SHOULD IT BE A PRECONDITION THAT IRA ARMS BE DECOMMISSIONED BEFORE SINN FEIN BE INCLUDED IN ALL-PARTY TALKS?" OVERALL, 51 PERCENT SAID THEY STRONGLY FAVORED SUCH A PRECONDITION, WITH 14 PERCENT TENDING TO FAVOR IT, WHILE 15 PERCENT STRONGLY OPPOSED AND 10 PERCENT TENDED TO OPPOSE. THE REMAINDER EITHER DID NOT KNOW, OR INDICATED THAT THEY NEITHER FAVORED NOR OPPOSED IT. ALONG RELIGIOUS LINES, 76 PERCENT OF PROTESTANTS STRONGLY FAVORED THE PRECONDITION WITH 14 PERCENT TENDING TO FAVOR, WHILE ONLY THREE PERCENT STRONGLY OPPOSED IT AND TWO PERCENT TENDED TO OPPOSE IT. AMONG CATHOLICS, 18 PERCENT STRONGLY FAVORED THE PRECONDITION WITH 15 PERCENT TENDING TO FAVOR IT, WHILE 31 PERCENT STRONGLY OPPOSED IT AND 19 PERCENT TENDED TO OPPOSE IT.

4. OF THE 1116 RESPONDENTS, 945 IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS COMMITTED SUPPORTERS OF A PARTICULAR PARTY. SURPRISINGLY, 15 PERCENT OF SINN FEIN SUPPORTERS FAVORED THE PRECONDITION OF IRA DECOMMISSIONING BEFORE SINN FEIN COULD PARTICIPATE IN ALL-PARTY TALKS, INCLUDING 7 PERCENT WHO STRONGLY FAVORED THE PRECONDITION. 65 PERCENT OF SINN FEIN SUPPORTERS STRONGLY OPPOSED THE PRECONDITION AND 15 PERCENT TENDED TO OPPOSE IT. AMONG UUP SUPPORTERS, 82 PERCENT STRONGLY FAVORED DECOMMISSIONING AS A PRECONDITION TO TALKS WITH 13 PERCENT TENDING TO FAVOR, 1 PERCENT TENDING TO OPPOSE, AND 1 PERCENT STRONGLY OPPOSING. FIGURES WERE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL AMONG DUP SUPPORTERS. AMONG ALLIANCE SUPPORTERS, 50 PERCENT STRONGLY FAVORED THE PRECONDITION, WITH 23 PERCENT TENDING TO FAVOR, 10 PERCENT TENDING TO OPPOSE, AND 5 PERCENT STRONGLY OPPOSING IT. AMONG SDLP SUPPORTERS, 19 PERCENT STRONGLY FAVORED THE PRECONDITION, 21 PERCENT TENDED TO FAVOR IT, 22 PERCENT TENDED TO OPPOSE IT, AND 23 PERCENT STRONGLY OPPOSED IT.

5. RESPONDENTS WERE THEN ASKED, "DOES SINN FEIN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INCLUDED IF ALL-PARTY TALKS WERE TO PROCEED NOW?" ALTHOUGH 65 PERCENT HAD FAVORED THE PRECONDITION THAT IRA ARMS BE DECOMMISSIONED BEFORE SINN FEIN COULD PARTICIPATE IN ALL-PARTY TALKS, ONLY 41 PERCENT ANSWERED "NO", THAT SINN FEIN DID NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IF TALKS WERE TO BE HELD, WHILE 53 PERCENT ANSWERED YES. AMONG PROTESTANTS HOWEVER, 67 PERCENT ANSWERED NO AND ONLY 26 PERCENT YES. AMONG CATHOLICS, 88 PERCENT ANSWERED YES, WITH ONLY 7 PERCENT ANSWERING NO. THIS MAY INDICATE THAT MOST OF THOSE CATHOLICS WHO FAVOR THE PRECONDITION OF IRA DECOMMISSIONING DO NOT WISH TO SEE ALL-PARTY TALKS HELD TO THE EXCLUSION OF SINN FEIN.

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6. WHEN RESPONDENTS WERE THEN ASKED, "SHOULD SINN FEIN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INCLUDED IN TALKS IF IRA ARMS ARE DECOMMISSIONED?" OVERALL 85 PERCENT SAID YES, WHILE 10 PERCENT STILL SAID NO. AMONG PROTESTANTS, 76 PERCENT ANSWERED YES, WHILE 17 PERCENT ANSWERED NO. AMONG CATHOLICS, 97 PERCENT SAID YES WHILE 1 PERCENT SAID NO.

7. ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN TALKS BY LOYALIST PARTIES LIKE THE UDP AND PUP, CATHOLIC RESPONSES WERE ALMOST IDENTICAL AS WHEN ASKED ABOUT SINN FEIN. PROTESTANTS, HOWEVER, WERE MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT LOYALIST PARTICIPATION THAN REPUBLICAN. 56 PERCENT SUPPORTED INCLUDING LOYALIST PARTIES IF TALKS WERE HELD TODAY, WITH 37 PERCENT OPPOSED. IF LOYALIST ARMS WERE DECOMMISSIONED, 91 PERCENT OF PROTESTANTS WOULD SUPPORT THEIR INCLUSION WITH ONLY 7 PERCENT OPPOSED. OVERALL, 68 PERCENT SUPPORTED THEIR INCLUSION IF TALKS WERE HELD NOW, 92 PERCENT SUPPORTED THEIR INCLUSION IF THERE WERE DECOMMISSIONING.

8. RESPONDENTS WERE ALSO ASKED, "SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT NOW SET A DATE FOR ALL-PARTY TALKS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS?" SURPRISINGLY, GIVEN THE SUPPORT INDICATED FOR DECOMMISSIONING AS A PRECONDITION, 52 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS ANSWERED YES AND 42 PERCENT ANSWERED NO. HOWEVER, ONLY 26 PERCENT OF PROTESTANTS ANSWERED YES WITH 65 PERCENT ANSWERING NO. AMONG CATHOLICS, 86 PERCENT ANSWERED YES AND ONLY 10 PERCENT NO. THOSE ANSWERING YES, INCLUDED 94 PERCENT OF SINN FEIN SUPPORTERS, 85 PERCENT OF SDLP SUPPORTERS, 49 PERCENT OF ALLIANCE SUPPORTERS, 22 PERCENT OF UUP SUPPORTERS, AND 22 PERCENT OF DUP SUPPORTERS.

SINN FEIN WINS SUPPORT AT EXPENSE OF SDLP, DUP ALSO LOSES GROUND

9. 945 RESPONDENTS EXPRESSED A COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT A SPECIFIC PARTY, MEANING 15 PERCENT DID NOT. OF THOSE WHO DID SUPPORT A SPECIFIC PARTY, 31 PERCENT SUPPORTED THE UUP, 25 PERCENT THE SDLP, 12 PERCENT SINN FEIN, 11 PERCENT THE DUP, 11 PERCENT THE ALLIANCE, 6 PERCENT THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, AND 4 PERCENT OTHER PARTIES. THE "IRISH NEWS" HAD RUN SIMILAR POLLS ASKING ABOUT PARTY SUPPORT IN FEBRUARY OF 1995 AND IN DECEMBER 1993. SINN FEIN'S 12 PERCENT HAD INCREASED FROM 9 PERCENT IN DECEMBER 1993 AND 7 PERCENT FROM FEBRUARY 1995. THE SDLP'S 25 PERCENT HAD FALLEN FROM 28 PERCENT IN BOTH

POLLS. THE UUP'S 31 PERCENT WAS THE SAME AS IN DECEMBER 1993 BUT DOWN FROM THE 36 PERCENT OF FEBRUARY 1995. THE DUP'S 11 PERCENT WAS DOWN FROM 19 PERCENT IN 1993, AND 14 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY 1995. THE ALLIANCE'S 11 PERCENT WAS UP FROM 8 PERCENT IN 1993, BUT UNCHANGED SINCE THE FEBRUARY 1995 POLL.

THE "FEEL-GOOD FACTOR" MAY BE WEARING THIN

10. RESPONDENTS WERE ALSO ASKED, "WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SITUATION WILL BE LIKE IN 12 MONTHS TIME?" THE PAPER HAD CONDUCTED A POLL ASKING THE SAME QUESTION IN DECEMBER 1994. IN THE CURRENT POLL, FEWER THAN 20 PERCENT THOUGHT THAT NORTHERN IRELAND WOULD BE LESS TROUBLED BY NEXT YEAR, WHILE 26 PERCENT BELIEVED IT WOULD BE MORE TROUBLED AND 50 PERCENT BELIEVED IT WOULD BE THE SAME. AMONG PROTESTANTS, 29 PERCENT EXPECTED GREATER TROUBLE WHILE ONLY 14 PERCENT EXPECTED THE SITUATION TO BE BETTER IN A YEAR'S TIME. CATHOLICS WERE SLIGHTLY MORE OPTIMISTIC WITH 22 PERCENT EXPECTING IMPROVEMENT AND 21 PERCENT EXPECTING GREATER TROUBLE. COMPARED TO THE EARLIER POLL, RESPONDENTS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE PESSIMISTIC. IN THE DECEMBER 1994 POLL, ONLY 8 PERCENT EXPECTED NORTHERN IRELAND TO BE MORE TROUBLED IN A YEAR'S TIME, COMPARED TO 26 PERCENT NOW. IN THE EARLIER POLL, 12 PERCENT OF PROTESTANTS EXPECTED MORE TROUBLE COMPARED TO 29 PERCENT NOW, WHILE THE PROPORTION OF CATHOLICS EXPECTING MORE TROUBLE HAD INCREASED FROM 5 TO 21 PERCENT.

CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS BOTH UNHAPPY WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT

11. ASKED TO RATE THE "BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND SINCE THE CEASEFIRE ANNOUNCEMENTS," ONLY 3 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS ANSWERED VERY GOOD, 23 PERCENT RATED IT FAIRLY GOOD, 24 PERCENT NEITHER GOOD NOR POOR, 25 UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 BELFAST 0358

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PERCENT FAIRLY POOR, AND 25 PERCENT VERY POOR. AMONG CATHOLICS, ONLY 2 PERCENT RATED THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF NORTHERN IRELAND AS VERY GOOD, 18 PERCENT FAIRLY GOOD, 19 PERCENT NEITHER GOOD NOR POOR, AND 36 PERCENT VERY POOR. PROTESTANTS WERE ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS CRITICAL, WITH 3 PERCENT GIVING A RATING OF VERY GOOD, 26 PERCENT FAIRLY GOOD, 25 PERCENT NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD, 25 PERCENT FAIRLY BAD, AND 16 PERCENT VERY BAD.

INITIAL REACTION FROM THE POLITICAL PARTIES

12. NOT UNCHARACTERISTICALLY, LOCAL POLITICIANS WERE HAPPY TO INTERPRET THE POLL RESULTS AS CONFIRMING THEIR PARTY'S POSITIONS. SINN FEIN'S MITCHEL MCLAUGHLIN REMARKED THAT THE POLL "SUGGESTS THAT A GROWING NUMBER OF UNIONISTS ACCEPT THE NEED TO ENGAGE WITH SINN FEIN," WHEREAS THE DUP'S GREGORY CAMPBELL FELT THAT THE POLL DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE WAS CROSS-COMMUNITY SUPPORT AGAINST INCLUDING SINN FEIN IN TALKS BEFORE IRA ARMS WERE HANDED IN. CAMPBELL ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE FIGURES ON PARTY SUPPORT SHOULD BE VIEWED WITH EXTREME CAUTION , POINTING TO THE FACT THAT DUP SUPPORT WAS ALWAYS UNDERESTIMATED IN POLLS IN COMPARISON TO ELECTORAL PERFORMANCE. THE UUP'S JIM WILSON ALSO EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF SUCH POLLS, BUT AGREED WITH THE POLL'S CONCLUSION THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE UNHAPPY WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF NORTHERN IRELAND, SAYING THAT HMG HAD "NOT ADDRESSED ADEQUATELY THE DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT AND ALL THAT ENTAILS." WILSON EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER THE LARGE PERCENTAGE OF CATHOLIC RESPONDENTS WHO "FEEL THAT TALKS COULD PROCEED WITH SINN FEIN ON THE ONE HAND DEALING WITH THE POLITICAL AGENDA AND ON THE OTHER HAND THREATENING A RETURN OF VIOLENCE." THE SDLP'S DENIS HAUGHEY ALSO EMPHASIZED THE CRITICISM OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFLECTED IN THE POLL, BUT POINTED TO THE "CONTINUING FAILURE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO OBSERVE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARD TO MOVING TO DIALOGUE..." THE ALLIANCE PARTY'S JOHN ALDERDICE, A PSYCHIATRIST IN PRIVATE LIFE, NOTED THAT, "AFTER THE EUPHORIA OF THE CEASEFIRES AND THE FEELING THAT IF THINGS DIDN'T GET QUICKLY RESOLVED PEOPLE BECAME ANXIOUS AND CONCERNED. WHEN PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS THEY WILL NATURALLY FEEL CRITICAL OF THOSE IN AUTHORITY AND WILL BE A BIT WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE."

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