

where **traditional unionists** stand

- Committed to the maintenance and strengthening of the Union between Northern Ireland and Great Britain, believing the constitutional link to be in the political, cultural, economic and best interests of Northern Ireland.
- Desirous of a devolved system of government compatible with democratic principles and precedents prevailing elsewhere in the UK. Thus, we reject the mandatory coalition model of the Belfast/St Andrews Agreements as undemocratic and prejudicial to the constitutional security and good government of Northern Ireland. In the absence of acceptable devolution Northern Ireland should be governed accountably as an integral part of the UK, having due regard to the prevailing regional ethos and values, and without unique, contrived political links to the Republic of Ireland.
- Adamant that the rule of law must prevail in every part of Northern Ireland and be administered without fear or favour.
- Supportive of traditional family values.

make **your** voice heard SUPPORT THE UNIONIST FIGHTBACK

PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS I am interested in Membership
 I wish to contribute financially

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

POST CODE.....TELEPHONE.....

Make cheques payable to "TRADITIONAL UNIONIST VOICE".

Send completed form to TRADITIONAL UNIONIST VOICE,
 c/o Jim Allister, 139 Hollywood Road, Belfast, BT4 3BE.



139 HOLLYWOOD ROAD
 BELFAST BT4 3BE
 TEL. (028) 90 655011
 FAX: (028) 90 654314
 Email: info@jimallister.org

ANNOUNCING
 NEW
 UNIONIST
 MOVEMENT



**The DUP happily
 joined in government
 with unrepentant
 terrorists**



NOW that the two unionist parties are enthusiastically working and implementing the Belfast Agreement, Unionists who reject its architecture, structures and trajectory are disenfranchised. Traditional unionist principles have been abandoned. Hence, the need for a new movement to give voice to their convictions and viewpoint. This is the purpose of **TRADITIONAL UNIONIST VOICE**. Under the chairmanship of Jim Allister MEP, work is underway to build an effective organisation capable of providing democratic opposition to the present DUP/Sinn Fein regime. Already several branches have been formed across Northern Ireland.

IF YOU TOO ARE A CONCERNED UNIONIST, THEN YOU ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF THIS FIGHT BACK.

the **truth** about the **joint first ministers**



The **FIRST MINISTER** and **deputy First Minister** are, in law and practice, equals.

Politically they are joined at the hip. Ian Paisley can't even sign a letter as First Minister without McGuinness approving and also signing it. If you - even as a victim of the IRA - write to the First Minister, McGuinness must see your letter. Whether he still serves on the illegal Army Council of the IRA, sadly, Ian Paisley and the DUP don't seem to know or care.

Three of the Sinn Fein Ministers have terrorist convictions. None evince any regret for their personal actions or those of their murderous IRA 'volunteers'.

No government in the western world contains so many unrepentant terrorists.

Is this the way an integral part of the United Kingdom should be governed? Does this make the Union 'stronger than ever'? Is this better than British 'direct rule'? Remember, Sinn Fein would not be in government - no matter how much London and Dublin wanted it - without the DUP admitting them.

"NOTHING THAT IS MORALLY WRONG CAN BE POLITICALLY RIGHT."



voice



voice



but **there** is no **alternative!**

WHAT NONSENSE! That is no more true today than when it was pleaded by Trimble as his excuse for clutching IRA/Sinn Fein to his bosom in government, and rubbished by the DUP for years. There is always an alternative to doing wrong.

Alas, the DUP never really tried to change the fundamentals of the Belfast Agreement. Its poisonous essentials of mandatory coalition and the twin office of OFMDFM were meekly accepted.

Mandatory coalition is inherently undemocratic: it guarantees, as of right, a place in government for every sizeable party, irrespective of election results, meaning you can never vote Sinn Fein or any other party out of office. It makes no provision for the democratic essential of an Opposition. Little wonder, D'Hondt is not used anywhere else in the world as a means of forming a government.

As part of the UK we are entitled to demand devolution compatible with the patterns prevailing in Scotland and Wales, where voluntary, not mandatory, coalition is the route to shared government. Then those able and willing to coalesce can do so and at the next election an alternative government is possible. Weighted majorities were another way of protecting minority interests, but none of this was pushed.

Even if mandatory coalition with IRA/Sinn Fein was the only form of devolution available, does it not beg the question of why in such circumstances unionists would want such rigged and infiltrated devolution?

and what of **PLAN B?**

THERE WAS NO PLAN B.

It was a scare story exaggerated by those desperate to attain power. Listen to what Jim Allister says:- 'Does anyone really think that if there had been a serious Plan B, Ian Paisley, at some point over the many months when at DUP Officers' meetings I was objecting to proceeding into government with Sinn Fein, would not have said, "Listen Jim, if we don't go for this, then let me tell you what is coming under Plan B". Of course he would. Yet, never once did such a conversation take place. Draw your own conclusions!'



Joint authority is constitutionally impossible. Indeed, it would be a breach of the Belfast Agreement itself and would require massive constitutional and primary legislation and give rise to a fundamental breach of Northern Ireland's internationally recognised right to self-determination. Of course, the British Government might have been more punitive and vindictive in implementing direct rule, but when did unionism so lose its nerve as to be rolled over by such threats?

Sadly, the real plan B which some feared was that if they didn't buy into the Belfast Agreement they would not attain the high office which they craved. Such ego-driven considerations unfortunately clouded the judgement of many, causing them to do the very things they had railed against for years.

Many rightly ask, "what did O'Neill, Faulkner and Trimble do that Ian Paisley has not ended up doing himself: the only real difference being that he gets to do it"?

FROM 8 MAY 2007 eager partners in government, though on 8 May 2001 in the Assembly Peter Robinson, having chronicled McGuinness' terrorist pedigree, rightly asked, "Are we going to continue with this unseemly and immoral sham?"



but didn't **st. andrews** improve things?

ST ANDREWS DID NOTHING to change the basic architecture of the Belfast Agreement. Its key structures of mandatory coalition, joint OFMDFM and multiple north-south bodies all remain. The much-acclaimed accountability which it introduced involves mutual and equal vetoes for the DUP and Sinn Fein. Thus, if one blocks the other they can retaliate in kind, meaning vetoes will be seldom used or deadlock will result. Maybe this is why already the DUP ran away from calling in Sinn Fein's decision to give priority funding to Irish language schools!

In one vital area St Andrews worsens the situation for unionism. Under the Belfast Agreement you were guaranteed a unionist First Minister, because he/she had to come from the biggest party of the biggest tradition. Under the St Andrews legislation the First Minister now comes from the biggest party, meaning a Sinn Fein First Minister could be foisted on a Unionist majority. Shamefully, the DUP did not even vote against this in Parliament, being complicit in this severe loss for unionism, seeing it as a means of duressing you to vote DUP.



we don't want to **go back** to the **bad old days**

NOR DO WE. But, who would take us there? Surely not IRA/Sinn Fein whose supposed commitment to exclusively democratic means caused the DUP to admit them to government. Isn't that what we were told? If they are only committed to peace so long as they get their own way, then, we are being blackmailed, as well as conned. Lasting stability is built on firm foundations, not the shifting sands of mere expediency. We can get there, but not by heading up the cul-de-sac of being beholden to a republican movement whose support for peace, the police and the rule of law is wholly conditional and tactical.

broken pledges

THE ROAD TO DUP/SINN FEIN government is littered by broken promises.

- In 2005 the DUP swept to 9 seats in Parliament on the promise that mandatory coalition was "out of the question".
- In his New Year's Message on 1 January 2007 Ian Paisley said genuine support for the police would include the return of "ill-gotten gains". Now, they are the forgotten gains!
- In its 2007 Assembly Manifesto the DUP promised 5 times that there would have to be further "upfront and proven delivery" by Sinn Fein, "tested and proved over a credible period" and removal of terrorist structures (of which the apex is the Army Council) before they could be considered for government. Once the election was over such promises were swiftly abandoned.



but don't **IRA/SINN FEIN** now support **THE POLICE** and the **RULE OF LAW?**



NO. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. Here are just some of their actions since "taking the pledge":-

- **IRA GANG BRUTALLY MURDERED PAUL QUINN.**
- The IRA still threatens the life of Crown witnesses, Mrs Zaitschek, who has helped the police on the IRA break-in at Castlereagh, and a witness in the kidnapping case against Martin McGuinness' brother-in-law;
- Minister Gildernew viciously attacks the PSNI for arresting 2 men in connection with the IRA attempted murder of a postman and UDR member;
- Sinn Fein denounces the lawful arrest of top republican, Arthurs;
- Sinn Fein glorifies terrorism by parading through Belfast on 12 August 2007 with men in IRA uniform sporting replica rifles;
- **THE ARMY COUNCIL, THE APEX OF THE IRA'S MILITARY STRUCTURES, IS STILL ACTIVE.**

At best, in return for getting convicted terrorists into government and onto the Policing Board and DPPs, Sinn Fein cherry picks by supporting the fiction of "civic policing", but remains adamant in defending IRA volunteers from being made amenable for their heinous crimes and in holding onto their ill-gotten gains, including £26 million from the Northern Bank.

Anyone, who thinks that such amounts to full support for the rule of law, or equates to "swearing allegiance to the police" (as Ian Paisley lavishly boasted) is hopelessly deluded, just as Trimble was when he foolishly put his trust in Sinn Fein.

IRA/Sinn Fein is still the same revolutionary republican movement it always was, as capable of lying today (like over the Quinn murder) as it was of justifying murder for decades. Rest assured, Sinn Fein is not in the Executive to give good government to Northern Ireland, or strengthen our position in the UK. Its tactics may vary, but its goal of subjugation of British Ulster is undiminished. No doubt, it can't believe how easy it was to get its hands on the levers of power in the state it is dedicated to destroy. Significantly, Adams regularly refers to their present stance as "the latest phase of our struggle".

