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FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Ulster Unionist Council will meet to-morrow, Friday 4th January, 1974, in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, at 11 a.m.

The Council is the governing body of the Party and normally holds only one Annual General Meeting each year. Special meetings can be called on a requisition signed by 30 members. The Council has now power to determine policy or the leadership of the Party. The Leader is chosen by the Standing Committee of the Party and policy is determined by the Leader.

The Council is composed roughly as follows:-

Public Representatives and wives (This includes Assembly Members, Westminster M.P.s and Peers)	54
Co-opted Members	86
Ulster Women's Unionist Council	26
Women's Associations	207
Orange Institutions	138
Other Affiliated Bodies	50
Constituency Associations	346
TOTAL	901

This meeting was requested by 30 delegates in accordance with Rule V1 (2) of the Constitution and will discuss the following resolution:

"That this Ulster Unionist Council rejects the proposed all-Ireland Council settlement".

Proposed by The Rt. Hon. John Taylor - Assembly Member for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

It is expected that the vote will be taken around 4 p.m. The Leader of the Party, The Rt. Hon. Brian Faulkner will be available for a news conference around 4.30 p.m.

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