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"TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE RT. HON. JOHN D TAYLOR, ULSTER UNIONIST MEMBER OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, FORMER ULSTER CABINET MINISTER, ADDRESSING THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, WASHINGTON DC, 1.00.PM., MONDAY JANUARY 18 1982

ULSTER IS PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SINCE 1800 AND INTENDS TO REMAIN WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM BECAUSE THAT IS THE OVERWHELMING DESIRE OF ITS PEOPLE AS STATED CLEARLY AT EVERY SINGLE ELCTION IN ULSTED SINCE THE SOUTHERN PART OF IRELAND BROKE AWAY FROM US AND THUS CREAATED THE PARTITION OF OUR ISLAND. PARTITION EXISTS, NOT BECAUSE OF ANY ACTION BY ULSTER OR ANY CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL ATTITUDES OF THE ULSTER PEOPLE BUT BECAUSE THE SOUTH FREELY DECIDED TO OPPOSE THE UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER IN OUR ISLAND BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NEW REPUBLIC OF IRELAND IS NO ARTIFICIAL LINE DRAWN AT RANDOM ACORSS OUR ISLAND. IT IS A BOUNDARY FREELY RECOGNISED BY THE SOUTH OF IRELAND AT THE TIME IT DECIDED TO PARTITION IRELAND AND REPRESENTS THE DIVISION BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES WHO HAPPEN TO LIVE ON THE SAME ISLAND. THESE PEOPLE DIFFER IN RELIGION: LOYALITIES: ASPIRATIONS: AND NATIONALITY. IN ULSTER WE ARE BRITISH AS WE HAVE BEEN FOR CENTURIES. IN PEACE AND IN WAR WE STAND FIRMLY WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM. ULSTER OPPOSES THE NARROW NATIONALISM OF SOUTHERN IRELAND: THE IMPOSITION OF ONE RELIGION'S TEACHING UPON THOSE OF OTHER RELIGIONS IN SOUTHERN IRELAND: AND THE DECLARED POLICY OF NEUTRALISM BY SOUTHERN IRELAND IN THE CONFLICT BETWEEN FREEDOM AND COMMUNISM IN THE WEST.

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TODAY ULSTER SUFFERS FROM IRISH REPUBLICAN TERRORISM FROM THE IRA: POLITICAL INSTABILITY: AND A WEAK ECONOMY WITH ALMOST TWENTY PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT. BECAUSE THERE IS A LARGE IRISH/ AMERICAN LOBBY IN THE STATES MANY WILL NOT HAVE HEARD THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW WHICH IS THE MAJORITY OPINION IN ULSTER. IT IS NATURAL THAT THERE SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE USA IN ULSTER, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE SOUTHERN IRISH LOBBY IN THE EAST COST, BUT BECAUSE OF THE VERY CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN ULSTER AND THE USA OVER THE PAST 100 YEARS. THERE IS ALSO A LARGE ULSTER OR SCOTCH/IRISH COMMUNITY IN THE STATES AND SOME 11 PRESIDENTS OF THE STATES ARE OF ULSTER ORIGIN. IN ADDITION ULSTER FOUGHT WITH THE STATES IN TWO WORLS WARS - WAS IT NOT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WHO STATED: "WITHOUT NORTHERN IRELAND I DO NOT SEE HOW THE AMERICAN FORCES COULD HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED TO BEGIN THE INVASION OF EUROPE. IF ULSTER HAD NOT BEEN A DEFINITE COOPERATIVE PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND HAD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE TO OUR USE I DO NOT SEE HOW THE BUILD-UP COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN ENGLAND." MORE RECENTLY ULSTER HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MAIN CENTRES OF INVESTMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BY AMERICAN INDUSTRIES - SOME 40 USA FIRMS NOW EMPLOY ALMOST 30,000 PEOPLE IN ULSTER - AND ULSTER NOW RECEIVES OVER 40,000 NORTH AMERICAN TOURISTS EACH YEAR. AMERICA NOT ONLY HAS AN INTEREST IN ULSTER BUT IT IS ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO ULSTER'S ECONOMY. WE IN ULSTER WELCOME THIS AMERICAN SUPPORT.

BUT AMERICA CAN HELP ULSTER FURTHER. THE USA CAN ENSURE THAT IRA TERRORISM - OPPOSED BY MOST PEOPLE IN ULSTER AND BY THE DUBLIN GOVERNMENT - DOES NOT RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MINORITY SECTIONS OF THE AMERICAN/IRISH COMMUNITY. THE IRA HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 2,000 MURDERS IN ULSTER DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS. IT IS DETESTED BY CHURCH AND PEOPLE IN ULSTER YET UNBELIEVABLY THE IRA, THROUGH ITS KINDRED ORGANISATION NORAID IN THE STATES WILL RECEIVE OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. THIS AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR IRA TERRORISM BRINGS THE USA INTO DISREPUTE. WE BEG OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THEY WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS EVIL TERRORIST ORGANISATION WHICH HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF

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SO MANY INNOCENT LIVES. THE IRA IS SUPPORTED BY COMMUNISTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE: IT HAS MANY MEMBERS WHO WISH TO IMPOSE A SOCIALIST UNITED IRELAND UPON THE ULSTER PEOPLE: IT IS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE PLO TERRORISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE, AS CONFIRMED RECENTLY BY THE UK FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER, DOUGLAS HURD, MP, MANY IRA TERRORISTS ARE TRAINED. ABOVE ALL THE IRA HAS NO SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FROM THE ULSTER PEOPLE. IT IS NOT A FREEDOM MOVEMENT AND DOES NOT DESERVE THE SUPPORT OF ANY COUNTRY WHICH RESPECTS THE DEMOCRATIC WISHES OF THE ULSTER PEOPLE AND THE RIGHT OF ULSTER TO DETERMINE ITS OWN FUTURE.

THE WAY AHEAD IS FOR ALL INTEREST PARTIES TO RECOGNISE THAT ULSTER IS AND WILL REMAIN PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. I WELCOME THE RECENT MOVES BY THE DUBLIN GOVERNMENT, BELATED AS THEY ARE, TO INTRODUCE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM SO THAT THE SOUTH OF IRELAND MAY FINALLY REMOVE THE ARROGANT AND OFFENSIVE ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF ITS CONSTITUTION WHICH CLAIM JURISDICTION OVER NORTHERN IRELAND AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE ULSTER PEOPLE. HAVING ACCEPTED THE REALITY OF ULSTER'S POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM THEN WE IN ULSTER MUST WORK TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT THE RESTORATION OF A DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT AT STORMONT FOR ULSTER - A SYSTEM SIMILAR TO WHAT EACH STATE HAS IN AMERICA. THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY IN ULSTER IS STILL HINDERED BY THE INTRANSIGENCE OF ONE OF OUR MINORITY PARTIES - THE SDLP LEAD BY JOHN HUME - WHICH, ALTHOUGH IT IS ONLY SUPPORTED BY TWENTY PER CENT OF THE ULSTER VOTERS, STILL INSISTS THAT IT MUST HAVE A PLACE AS OF RIGHT IN ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF ULSTER. THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS IN ULSTER SAY THAT IT IS THE ELECTORATE, AND WHO THEY VOTE FOR, THAT MUST DECIDE WHICH POLITICIANS ARE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT DEMOCRACY MUST NOT BE TAMPERED WITH IN THE WAY IN WHICH THE SDLP WISHES TO RIG THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN ULSTER.

THE MAJORITY IN ULSTER HAVE MADE A MAGNANIMOUS GESTURE TOWARDS THE SDLP IN AN EFFORT TO GET POLITICS MOVING AGAIN AND TO ISOLATE THE TERRORISTS. THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT AS WELL AS A GOVERNMENT AND CABINET FREELY FORMED BY THE ELECTED POLITICIAN WHO CAN COMMAND

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MAJORITY SUPPORT IN THE HOUSE, THERE SHOULD BE A COMMITTEE OF MPS IN EACH DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT. THESE COMMITTEES WOULD HAVE THE DUAL PURPOSE TO BOTH ENSURE THAT EACH DEPARTMENT WAS FAIRLY AND PROPERLY ADMINISTERED AND TO INITIATE NEW LEGISLATION. THE MAJORITY PARTIES IN ULSTER HAVE ALSO OFFERED TO HAVE HALF THE CHAIRMANSHIPS OF THESE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES HELD BY NON-GOVERNMENT MPS AND THAT HALF THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE PROVIDED AMONGST THE MPS SITTING IN OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT. I DOUBT IF YOU CAN FIND ANY MORE FAVORABLE OFFER TO OPPOSITION PARTIES ELSEWHERE IN THE FREE WORLD. YET INFLEXIBILITY AND INTRANSIGENCE BY THE SDLP REMAIN THE BARRIER TOWARDS POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN ULSTER.

DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT IN ULSTER WOULD NOT ONLY SATISFY THE WISH OF ULSTER PEOPLE TO REMAIN BRITISH BUT IT WOULD ALSO ENSURE PARTICIPATION AND PARTNERSHIP OF MOST PARTIES AND PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS IN GOVERNMENT IT WOULD THEREFORE CREATE POLITICAL STABILITY: IMPROVE COMMUNITY FEELINGS: ISOLATE AND REDUCE THE IMPACT OF TERRORISM: AND ENSURE A MORE EFFICIENT ON THE SPOT GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF OUR PROVINCE. AT PRESENT WE SUFFER FROM REMOTE GOVERNMENT FROM LONDON BY POLITICIANS WHO ARE NOT ELECTED BY US FOR THEIR DECISIONS. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY AND IT CERTAINLY HAS NOT BEEN GOOD GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND FOR IT HAS ENSURED THAT SINCE 1972 ULSTER IS MORE DIVIDED: POLARISED: AND ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED THAN IT WAS AT ANY TIME UNDER THE GOVERNMENT IN BELFAST SINCE 1921.

THE WAY AHEAD IS INDEED DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT FOR ULSTER WITHIN THE UNION. SUCH A POLITICAL SOLUTION WOULD RESTORE EXTERNAL CONFIDENCE IN ULSTER AND IT WOULD BE MY WISH THAT AMERICA, WISHING TO HELP ULSTER, WOULD THEN FIND IT AN EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE BASE FOR MANUFACTURING BASES IN EUROPE AND FOR HOLIDAYS TO SEE 'THE OLD SOD' IN ULSTER FROM WHICH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS EMIGRATED TO THE STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS GREAT NATION IN WHICH MANY OF US IN WESTERN EUROPE HAVE THE HIGHEST ADMIRATION.''

'DR IAN PAISLEY'S SPEECH BEFORE THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
JANUARY 18 1982 READ BY MRS EILEEN PAISLEY.

MADAM CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

FIRST I WISH TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ADDRESSING YOUR AUGUST ASSEMBLY, EVEN THOUGH I CAN DO SO ONLY THROUGH MY GOOD WIFE.

I MUST APOLOGISE, OF COURSE, FOR MY ENFORCED ABSENCE TODAY, ESPECIALLY AS IT DENIES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY SEE AT FIRST HAND MY DEVIL'S HORNS HOOVES AND TAIL. BUT IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE THOSE IN YOUR STATE DEPARTMENT WHO FEEL IT PART OF THEIR PUBLIC DUTY TO PROTECT YOU FROM SUCH. HENCE, MY ABSENCE.

WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO DWELL ON THE POINT I MUST SAY THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION IS THAT IN THIS, THE GREAT COUNTRY OF FREEDOMS, THAT MOST FUNDAMENTAL OF FREEDOMS - FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION - HAS BEEN DENIED TO AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAJORITY COMMUNITY IN ULSTER. WHEREAS IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE IRA AND ITS APOLOGISTS CAN COME AND GO FROM THE USA WITHOUT HINDRANCE, JUST AS SOME OF THOSE VERY CONGRESSMEN WHO PLAYED A PART IN HAVING MY VISA REVOKED, OFTEN EXERCISED IN MY COUNTRY THE VERY RIGHT THEY HAVE SEEN FIT TO DENY ME.

IN PONDERING WHY THE IRA AND THEIR SUPPORTERS SHOULD BE SO DETERMINED TO TRY AND STYMIE THIS CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST PEOPLE, ONE CAN BUT CONCLUDE THAT MILITANT IRISH REPUBLICANISM, WHICH FOR SO LONG HAS PEDDLED ITS PROPAGANDA FREE FROM CHALLENGE, FEARS THE CHALLENGE WHICH THIS DELEGATION PRESENTS TO THEM. AND WELL THEY MIGHT. FOR WE COME TO NORTH AMERICA TODAY TO EXPLODE THE IRA SPAWNED MYTH THAT ULSTER IS BRITISH BY COMPULSION RATHER THAN BY CHOICE, AND THAT THE IRA ARE GALLANT FREEDOM FIGHTERS RATHER THAN COLD-BLOODED TERRORISTS.

AS MEMBERS OF THIS DELEGATION CAN PERSONALLY PROVE AND TESTIFY, THE IRA FIGHTS NOT TO BRING FREEDOM AND LIFE BUT TERROR AND DEATH. NORAH BRADFORD WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY IN PLACE OF HER LATE HUSBAND IF HE HAD NOT BEEN SAVAGELY MURDERED BY THE IRA, NOR WOULD JOHN TAYLOR BEAR THE MARKS OF ITA BULLETS.

THE WANTON TERRORISM WHICH HAS TOUCHED THIS DELEGATION ONLY TYPIFIES THE HORRENDOUS TERROR TO WHICH THE PEOPLE OF ULSTER HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED BY THOSE WHO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE RIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY THEY TERRORISE TO FREELY DETERMINE THEIR WON FUTURE. WHAT THE IRA CANNOT ATTAIN BY THE BALLOT IT SEEKS BY THE BULLET.

IN ORDER TO CONVEY TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA THE POSITION AND PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF ULSTER, THERE IS NO BETTER WAY THAN TO TRANSLATE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ULSTER ONTO THE AMERICAN LEVEL.

NORTHERN IRELAND HAS A POPULATION OF ONE AND HALF MILLION PEOPLE. DURING THE LAST TWELVE YEARS IN OUR SMALL LAND THERE HAVE BEEN 2,169 MURDERS: 26,750 SHOOTINGS: AND 10,600 BOMBINGS. THESE ARE NOT MERE STATISTICS COMPARABLE TO DEATHS CAUSED ON THE ROAD. RATHER, THIS VIOLENCE HAS BEEN THE CONSEQUENCE OF A COORDINATED AND DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN, MASTERMINDED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN AN ADJACENT COUNTRY, NAMELY THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, WHICH ASPIRES TO TAKE OVER THE TERRITORY OF ULSTER.

HOW WOULD CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES FEEL IF, IN THE HOPE OF BRINGING ABOUT A TAKE-OVER OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THE PLACING OF IT UNDER THE RULE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANOTHER ADJACENT COUNTRY, TERRORISTS BROUGHT ABOUT A SIMILAR STATES OF AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED STATES? TO PUT THE POSSIBILITY INTO PERSPECTIVE WE TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT THE POPULATION OF THE USA IS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE TIMES THAT OF NORTHERN IRELAND. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT IN THE LAST TWELVE YEARS THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN 315,000 DEATHS, 3,900,000 SHOOTINGS, AND 1,500,000 BOMBINGS.

IF THIS HAPPENED IN THE USA, HOW WOULD U.S. CITIZENS REGARD THE COUNTRY ON WHOSE BEHALF THE CAMPAIGN OF MURDER AND VIOLENCE WAS BEING WAGED AND FROM WITHIN WHOSE TERRITORY IT WAS BEING MASTERMINDED? AND IF SOME OF THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE VIOLENT ACTS WERE CAUGHT AND PUT IN PRISON, WOULD U.S. CITIZENS WELCOME DEMANDS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES THAT SUCH PRISONERS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE FREEDOM TO RUN THEIR PRISONS ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN WISHES?

IF IT WERE CLEAR THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE WERE RECEIVING ARMS AND SUPPORT FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND HAD LINKS WITH WORLDWIDE MARXIST ORGANISATIONS, WOULD U.S. CITIZENS HAVE MORE KINDLY FEELINGS TOWARD THEM? WOULD U.S. CITIZENS ADMIRE AND PATRONISE THOSE WHO COMMITTEED MURDERS IN SUCH A CAMPAIGN, BUT IGNORE THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THOSE WHO WERE MURDERED?

TO EVEN BETTER APPRECIATE THE FEELINGS IN ULSTER, CONSIDER HOW AMERICANS WOULD FEEL IF SUCH TERRORISM WERE CONCENTRATED IN ONE STATES, SAY TEXAS, AND THE CAMPAIGN WAS DIRECTED TO THE REUNIFICATION OF THAT STATE WITH MEXICO, AGAINST THE WILL OF ITS CITIZENS.

WHAT WOULD BE THE ATTITUDE OF MOST U.S. CITIZENS THEN TO THESE TROUBLES IN TEXAS AND THE DEMAND FOR ITS REUNIFICATION WITH MEXICO? WOULD THEY WELCOME SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DECLARING THAT "ALL BRITAIN IS PRAYING FOR A UNITED MEXICO.?" WOULD THERE BE MUCH PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN THE USA WHO SUPPORTED THE TERRORIST OBJECTIVE OF TRANSFERRING TEXAS TO MEXICO?

ONE WOULD THINK THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD WANT THE TEXANS TO BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THE AMERICAN ALLEGIANCE AND CITIZENSHIPS THAT THEY PREFERRED. AND IT IS CERTAIN THAT MOST PEOPLE IN BRITAIN WOULD AGREE.

LET US ALSO NOT FORGET THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY DIMENSION OF THIS WHOLE ISSUE. NORTHERN IRELAND IS PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UK IS THE ALLY AND PARTNER OF THE USA IN NATO. DOES IT REALLY HELP THE USA AND ITS ALLIES IF A NATIVE AMERICAN PRESSURE GROUP, TO THE UNDOUBTED SATISFACTION OF THE MARXIST TERRORIST MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, ADVOCATE THE CUTTING OFF OF TERRITORY FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CEDING OF THIS TERRITORY, AGAINST THE WISHS OF ITS INHABITANTS, TO A COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE ALTOGETHER? IS IT NOT STRANGE THAT THE USSR MAINTAINS SUCH A SURPRISINGLY LARGE EMBASSY STAFF IN THE RELATIVELY SMALL CITY OF DUBLIN? LIKewise, DOES IT SERVE THE AMERICAN INTEREST FOR SUCH NATIVE AMERICAN PRESSURE GROUPS TO SUPPLY FUNDS TO IRISH TERRORISTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNIST WEAPONS? YET ALAS, AND TO THE GREAT PERSONAL COST NOT ONLY OF THIS DELEGATION BUT THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF ULSTER, THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING.

IF, BY OUR VISIT, WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO PUT AN END TO THIS FUNDING OF COMMUNIST-LINKED TERROR, THEN NOT ONLY WILL OUR TIME HAVE BEEN WELL SPENT ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ULSTER, BUT ALSO WE WILL HAVE SERVED THE REAL INTERESTS OF ALL AMERICANS WHO CARE FOR THE STANDARDS AND CIVILISATION WHICH WE IN THE WEST HAVE CREATED AND ARE PROUD TO UPHOLD."

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