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Under are two pieces of information which were given to Dr. Allister McDonnell from a reliable source.

Ulster Hall Rally

As part of the lead up to the demonstrations marking the anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement the loyalists will hold a rally in the Ulster Hall on Monday next, 3 November 1986. Among those expected to take part are the UDA and the Ulster Clubs.

During the rally a ceremony will be held in which Ian Paisley will unfurl the new colours for the "New Ulster Army". The object of this exercise it is alleged is to publicly demonstrate that the loyalists are willing to "go to war" if necessary. Paisley's involvement is seen as a means of paying lip service to the hardmen on the loyalist side so that he can control them.

Arms smuggling

A loyalist source has also said that in the past weeks arms have been brought in by trawler along the Co. Down coast either at Kilkeel, Annalong or Portavogie for loyalist paramilitaries. The cost of the consignment was between £83,000 - £87,000.


Liam Canniffe,

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