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FOREIGN MEDIA COVERAGE OF
 ENNISKILLEN BOMBING-PART II
 (FOLLOW-UP TO ORIGINAL REPORT)

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Press Coverage of the Enniskillen bombing - 11/11/1987

1. Three days after the event all papers are still giving major coverage to the bombing. Most also editorialise (Mr Smyth is reporting separately).
2. The main emphasis of the coverage is on the funerals of 3 of the victims - in particular Marie Wilson - and on the exchanges at Prime Minister's Question Time. All highlight the mounting pressure on Dublin over extradition.
3. The Times front page headline is "Thatcher steps up pressure on extradition". The article covers events in the Dail and at Westminster and quotes Mrs Thatcher's statement "that events are speaking very loudly to those who have important decisions to make". The funeral of Marie Wilson and SF Councillor Paul Corrigan's refusal to condemn the IRA are also covered on the front and subsequent pages.
4. The Guardian's front page headline is "Pressure rises for action on IRA". It again offers the opinion that Enniskillen should assist the passage of extradition legislation in Dublin. Other headlines are "Catholics brace for Loyalist backlash" and "Sinn Fein refuses to condemn IRA blast".
5. The Daily Telegraph gives most coverage to the funerals of Marie Wilson and Reserve RUC Constable Edward Armstrong. In its Commons report it highlights the Prime Minister's refusal to set up a joint security Commission with Dublin.
6. The Independent's front page headline is "Thatcher refuses to ban Sinn Fein". Inside headlines are "Sinn Fein leader refuses to condemn IRA bomb attack" and "extradition pressure mounts". Neil Kinnock's refusal to support the renewal of the PTA while condemning Enniskillen is also reported.
7. The Financial Times covers PM Question Time with the headline "E Belfast MP calls for Sinn Fein ban". It reports that while the PM and Kinnock expressed concern about the presence of SF members on NI councils, they did not support the idea of Sinn fein proscription.
8. The tabloid coverage concentrates mainly on the funerals of the victims. Philip Goodhart's call on the IRA to execute the bombers is also covered in the Express and the Mirror.

Shane O'Neill

11 November 1987

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BOMBING AND AFTERMATH CONTINUES TO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN LOCAL MEDIA.

BOTH BOSTON GLOBE AND BOSTON HERALD HAVE EDITORIALS ON THE SUBJECT TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY). THE GLOBE EDITORIAL ENTITLED +THE IRA'S TERROR TACTICS+ SAYS THAT +THE BOMBING IS AN EXPRESSION OF HATRED+ AND OF +NATIONALISM GONE SICK+. THE PAPER ALSO CARRIES AN OP.ED. PIECE BY JOHN HORGAN OF THE NIHE (CURRENTLY A RESEARCH FELLOW AT HARVARD) UNDER THE TITLE +PUTTING SINN FEIN'S ENTHUSIASM FOR DEMOCRATIC POLITICS IN PERSPECTIVE+.

THE HERALD'S EDITORIAL +IRA TERROR+ STATES THAT +THIS LATEST ACT OF VIOLENCE.....CROSSED OVER AN INVISIBLE LINE.....NEVER CALLOUSLY IGNORED UNTIL NOW+

COPIES OF THE ABOVE AND OF TUESDAY'S BOSTON GLOBE COVERAGE, INCLUDING CONDEMNATION BY MAJOR FLYNN BEING SENT IN BAG.

CHICAGO

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1. RADIO AND TV COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE HERE SINCE SUNDAY. NETWORK TV NEWS BULLETINS AND CHICAGO STATION (WGN) ALL CARRIED ITEM PROMINENTLY ON SUNDAY EVENING WITH BBC ON ITN FILM INCLUDING BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH MRS. THATCHER. BOMBING AND AFTERMATH RECEIVED FURTHER COVERAGE ON MONDAY EVENING TV NEWS INCLUDING IRA CLAIM OF PREMATURE EXPLOSION. INTERVIEW WITH GORGON WILSON WHOSE DAUGHTER MARIE WAS KILLED WAS FEATURED ON AT LEAST 2 CHANNELS.

2. CHICAGO SUN-TIMES LED WITH THE STORY ON MONDAY MORNING UNDER HEADLINE +TERRORIST BOMB KILLS 11 IN ULSTER+. MATERIAL WAS ATR ATTRIBUTED TO WIRE SERVICES. AS WELL AS PROVIDING FRONT PAGE LEAD, STORY COVERED ONE ENTIRE INSIDE PAGE. REACTIONS OF SEC. STATE KING, PM THATCHER WERE GIVEN AND TAOISEACH AND CARDINAL O'FIACH WERE REPORTED AS EXPRESSING OUTRAGE. CHICAGO TRIBUNE ALSO CARRIED STORY ON FRONT PAGE ON MONDAY MORNING, THOUGH NOT AS LEAD STORY. IT TOO WAS DERIVED FROM WIRES AND MATERIAL WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IN SUN-TIMES. JOHN HUME IS QUOTED AS SAYING THE BOMBING + IS PROBABLY THE MOST DEEPLY PROVOCATIVE ACT TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST THE UNIONIST PEOPLE+. FINAL 2 SENTENCES OF TAOISEACH'S STATEMENT ARE QUOTED IN FULL.

3. TODAY'S PAPERS CONTINUE THE COVERAGE ON INSIDE PAGES WITH FURTHER WIR MATERIAL. TRIBUNE ATTRIBUTES REPORT TO AP. IT NOTES IRA CLAIM BRITISH ARMY CAUSED DETONATION AND REACTION OF SEC. STATE KING AND ARMY SPOKESMAN. AMONG CATHOLIC MINORITY IN NORTH, IT SAYS + NO WORD HA WAS HEARD IN DEFENSE OF THE BOMBING+.

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IRISH NEWS EDITORIAL IS QUOTED AND SDLP INVITATION TO PROTESTANTS TO HELP IT TAKE CONTROL OF FERMANAGH CO DISTRICT COUNCIL FROM SINN FAE FEIN IS REPORTED SUN-TIMES STORY CONCENTRATES ON GORDON WILSON.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NO EDITORIALS TO DATE.

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New York

OCTOBER 11, 1987

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New York
Newsday
EDITORIALS

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Editorial - NEWSDAY

Please find attached an editorial in today's issue of Newsday. The editorial (by Martin Berck) focussed on the IRA bombing at Enniskillen, Ian Paisley's reaction and the consequent threat to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The editorial described the guarantees to both communities arising out of the Agreement and indicated that both Governments were acting together against terrorism.

In line with the position adopted by Newsday in their editorial of 30 October, today's editorial called on the Irish Government to ratify the extradition treaty and called on the British to make progress on fair employment.

Martin Berck has been in contact with this office on a number of occasions within the last week or so. The editorial is sympathetic and constructive. Interestingly, Berck has avoided a juxtaposition between extradition and administration of justice (see editorial 30 October) and has replaced it with an admonition to proceed with fair employment measures.

... the murder of eight families in a security area...
... the nature of a big IRA arms shipment...
... The Anglo-Irish agreement gives the Irish republic a voice in the administration of Ulster. It's designed as a guarantee to the Catholic minority that its religious traditions and aspirations will be respected. At the same time, it assures Protestants that Ulster's political status as a distinct province will not change without consent of the majority. It binds both Ulster and Britain to act together again in the future - and this is being done.
... Although that's bad news for Ireland on both sides, it's good for the rest of the island. But it would be better if Ireland could have a treaty designed to depose IRA guerrillas if this proved to be the case. That would bring security cooperation into focus.
... And there's much to be said for proposals to create an independent Commission to investigate the IRA. But with the IRA's three lines of attack as Protestants to be intimidated, the Commission to Ulster would be the product of a...
... There's also a... now for... of...
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WASHINGTON

11.11.87

SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF ENNISKILLEN ATROCITY

1. Today's press coverage in the areas covered by this office concentrated essentially on the funerals of the victims, and speculate on the adverse effects on the IRA of the atrocity and the outrage to which it has given rise. Washington Times and Baltimore Sun report on the Garda/RUC contacts in the wake of the bombing. The Washington Times also writes that the bombing has increased pressure for approval of the Extradition Act (see below). The Catholic Bishops' statement also figures in some reports as does the presence of Catholics as well as Protestants at the funeral ceremonies.

2. We have faxed to you the articles in question. The following is a brief summary of some of the main points of these articles:

The Washington Post carries a piece by Robert McCartney, datelined Enniskillen, on Page A26. It focusses on the funeral ceremonies, the fact that Catholics were also among the mourners, the bitterness at a meeting of the local District Council, the rejection by the British Army and police of the IRA's theory that the explosion was triggered by an army electronic scanning device. The report also quotes Church of Ireland Bishop Brian Hannon saying that the bombing could mark the time "when a broad cross section of the Christian community made a conscious decision to reject utterly the bomb and the bullet as a solution to any of our problems". McCartney also quotes Denzil McDaniel, editor of the Impartial Reporter to the effect that the bombing will have only a temporary effect on support for Sinn Fein and that if the British Army get tougher in this area, this would push people back into the arms of Sinn Fein.

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The Washington Times carries a piece by their London correspondent James Morrison noting that the IRA had seriously damaged their credibility with the Enniskillen atrocity and rehearsed recent military setbacks, e.g. Loughgall, the Eksund affair. Morrison goes on to refer to setbacks for Sinn Fein on the political front, specifically noting Sinn Fein's poor showing in the Republic's general election and quoting Anne Caldwell to the effect that "the fury at the bombing was every bit as great in the Republic as it was in Northern Ireland" and commented that it was a disaster for Adams' policy of representing Sinn Fein as a credible alternative. Morrison also reports that the heads of the Gardai and the RUC met last night in Belfast and comments that "the attack is also bringing more pressure on Ireland to approve an extradition pact with Britain that could lead to prosecutions of IRA suspects".

The Baltimore Sun carries a piece from Gilbert Lewthwaite of its London bureau focussing on the sorrow of the Catholic and Protestant mourners. Lewthwaite reports also on House of Commons question time and the expectation that Tom King will meet with "Irish security chiefs later this week to step up cross border co-operation. Such co-operation is mandated under the Anglo-Irish Agreement, but Unionists in Ulster disparage it as ineffective and say the Irish Republic is a haven for IRA terrorists". Lewthwaite also writes of IRA confusion in the wake of the bombing.

USA Today carries a one sentence report that burials are taking place.

The Philadelphia Inquirer carries a front page piece from Mike Leary in Belfast focussing on the following: hints by the British Government that it might ban Sinn Fein, the statement by the Catholic Bishops on the sinfulness of support for violence, the defiance of Sinn Fein members of the criticism they had received and the statement by Jackie Donnelly that the Church should "stick to religion". Leary also quoted Adams as saying the Enniskillen deaths could not be justified and that he offered condolences while adding that he refused to condemn the IRA. The report also comments on Sinn Fein's lack of success in the general election in the Republic and attributes this "in part because the North's violence is more removed and the party's flirtation with Marxism more of an issue".

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Town in Ulster Buries First of Bomb Victims

The Philadelphia Inquirer also carries an inside piece by Marcus Eliason of AP, datelined Enniskillen, which focuses on the funerals, the presence of Catholics including Priests at the funerals and that "condemnation of the attack has come from sources as different as the Pope and the Libyan Government".

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The Philadelphia Inquirer
APB Presswire, November 11, 1987

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THE ENISKILLEN BOMBING CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE IN THE BELGIAN NEWSPAPERS OF 10 NOVEMBER. LA LIBRE BELGIQUE (FRANCOPHONE, CATHOLIC) CARRIES A FOUR COLUMN STORY ON ITS INTERNATIONAL NEWS PAGE BY ITS LONDON CORRESPONDENT XAVIER GOOSSENS. STORY IS HEADED "THE HORROR OF ENNISKILLEN CUTS THE IRA OFF FROM THE WORLD". GOOSSENS SEES THE BOMBING AS A SIGN OF DESPAIR ON THE PART OF THE IRA AND AS THE CONCLUSION OF A LONG SERIES OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL DISASTERS. THE BULK OF THE ARTICLE IS A SURVEY OF SINN FEIN-IRA REVERSALS DURING 1987. GOOSSENS DESCRIBES THE BOMBING AS THE MOST HORRIFYING AND GRATUITOUS ACT OF VIOLENCE SINCE 1969 AND NOTES HOSTILE REACTION OF THE NATIONALIST COMMUNITY. IN HIS VIEW THE IRA EXPRESSION OF "REGRET" WILL CHANGE NEITHER THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE KILLINGS OR "THE REVULSION ON THE PART OF IRISH AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION." STORY CONTINUES "IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. CHARLES HAUGHEY, CAN REFUSE IN THE COMING WEEKS TO SUPPORT THE NEW LAW ON THE EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS TO NORTHERN IRELAND. WE WILL SPARE NO EFFORTS, THE IRISH PRIME MINISTER DECLARED ON SUNDAY, TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE". STORY CONCLUDES THAT THE IRA'S EXPRESSION OF REGRET IS A SIGN OF DISARRAY WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

LE SOIR (FRANCOPHONE, SECULAR) CARRIES A STORY ON ITS INTERNATIONAL NEWS PAGE BY ITS LONDON CORRESPONDENT MARC ROZEN UNDER THE HEADING "IRA REGRETS THE ENNISKILLEN BOMBING". STORY BEGINS BY OUTLINING RESPONSE OF SINN FEIN-IRA TO THE BOMBING. ROZEN NOTES THAT IN SPITE OF ENNISKILLEN THE THATCHER GOVERNMENT HAS MAINTAINED ITS POSITION IN REGARD TO THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT. "THIS IS BASED ON A POLICY OF PROCEEDING BY SHORT STEPS (L'ACCORD PRIVILEGIE LA POLITIQUE DES PETITS PAS) BY GRANTING DUBLIN A CONSULTATIVE ROLE IN SPECIFIC AREAS SUCH AS JUSTICE SECURITY AND THE BATTLE AGAINST TERRORISM, WHILE CLEARLY RE-AFFIRMING BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY IN ULSTER. THIS TREATY HAS SURVIVED NOT ONLY THE ATTACKS OF THE IRA AND LOYALIST CAMPAIGN OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE BUT ALSO A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN DUBLIN IN FEBRUARY. THE RETURN TO POWER OF CHARLES HAUGHEY, A CONVINCED NATIONALIST WHO IS LITTLE APPRECIATED IN LONDON (UN NATIONALISTE CONVAINCU PEU APPRECIE A LONDRES), HAS NOT HINDERED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ULSTER AND IRISH POLICE AND MILITARY.

THE RE-EXAMINATION OF THE NORTHERN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE IS PROCEEDING QUICKLY (A BON TRAIN). THE HORROR OF ENNISKILLEN MAY EVEN HASTEN THE RATIFICATION BY DUBLIN OF AN EXTRADITION TREATY WITH LONDON (SIC) COVERING TERRORIST CRIMES".

STORY CONCLUDES THAT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE IRA ON THE GROUND IS GOING WELL AND QUOTES "BRITISH EXPERTS" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE BOMBING WAS A SIGN OF IRA WEAKNESS. THE SATISFACTION OF LONDON, IN SPITE OF ENNISKILLEN, IS HOWEVER QUALIFIED BY THE FEAR OF A CHRISTMAS BOMBING CAMPAIGN IN MAINLAND BRITAIN.

DE STANDAARD (DUTCH LANGUAGE, CATHOLIC) CARRIES A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ENNISKILLEN WAR MEMORIAL PROMINENTLY ON ITS FRONT PAGE. THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS PAGE HAS A SIX PARAGRAPH STORY UNDER THE HEADING "NORTHERN IRELAND FEARS PROTESTANT RETALIATION". THIS IS ATTRIBUTED TO REUTER, UPI, AFP, BELFAST/ENNISKILLEN.

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PRESS COVERAGE TODAY:

POLITIKEN CARRIES A GOOD LEADER INSIDE ENTITLED 'VICIOUS CIRCLE' 'INCREASING VIOLENCE IN N. IRELAND'. IT DESCRIBES BOTH IRA AND SINN FEIN'S REACTIONS AS HYPOCRITICAL. PERHAPS THEIR REAL REGRET IS THAT THINGS DID NOT WORK OUT AS THEY WANTED. HOWEVER, ONE POSSIBLE EFFECT IS THAT IT COULD LEAD TO A REJECTION OF THE IRA IN FAVOUR OF THE SDLP, WITHOUT WHICH NO PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE IN IRELAND. BUT PROTESTANT EXTREMISM IS BOUND TO INCREASE AS WELL. IT CONCLUDES THAT THE ONLY REALISTIC FRAMEWORK FOR A SOLUTION TO AN ALMOST UNSOLVABLE SITUATION IS THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT, DESPITE PROTESTANT OPPOSITION. MODERATE POLITICIANS FROM BOTH SIDES SHOULD USE IT.

BERLINGSKE TIDENDE: INSIDE STORY BY LONDON CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL EHRENREICH. 'NORTHERN IRISH BOMB VICTIMS BURIED'. BRITISH CONTEMPLATES INCREASING FIGHT AGAINST THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. ARTICLE REFERS TO T. KING IN BELFAST EXAMINING SECURITY SITUATION AND MRS THATCHER CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF OUTLAWING SINN FEIN. ALSO TO THE STRONGEST STATEMENT EVER BY IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS.

JYLLANDS-POSTEN: LONDON CORRESPONDENT WILLIAM SCHWARCK UNDER TITLE 'OWN GOAL TO THE IRA' WRITES THAT THE ATTACK HAS SHOCKED BOTH SIDES OF A WAR-HARDENED SOCIETY. LAST TIME THE IRA EXPRESSED A KIND OF REGRET WAS THE HARRODS BOMBING. ACCUSES G. ADAMS OF HYPOCRISY BUT AT LEAST THE REACTION HAS SHOWN THAT THIS ACTION WAS NOT CONVENIENT TO THE IRA. POLITICALLY THIS EVENT COULD BE A DISASTER FOR THE IRA LATELY OVERINFLUENCED BY SINN FEIN. THE 'BALLOT AND BULLET' POLICY IS NOW IN RUINS. EVENT CAN ALSO PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE IN THE ALWAYS THORNY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LONDON AND DUBLIN. P.M. C. HAUGHEY IS A MORE MODERATE SUPPORTER OF THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT THAN PREDECESSOR G. FITZGERALD. WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND MANY PEOPLE SUSPECT HAUGHEY OF LOOKING FOR AN OCCASION TO SUSPEND IT, IF NOT TO SABOTAGE IT. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY POINTING OUT THAT IT WOULD NOW BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HAUGHEY TO BACK OUT OF BRINGING THE EXTRADITION LEGISLATION INTO FORCE.

FURTHER COVERAGE

PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE USED BY EMBASSY FOR SOMEWHAT LESS IMPORTANT DANISH DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVEALS WIDESPREAD COVERAGE QUASI SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PAPER 'DET FRI AKTUELT' AND THE POPULAR 'EKSTRABLADET' WHERE REFERENCE IS MADE TO CONDEMNATION BY QUEEN, MRS. THATCHER AND TASS.

NORWEGIAN ARBEIDERBLADET ON 10 NOVEMBER DEVOTES A FAIRLY LONG LEADER, ENTITLED 'IRA'S TERROR' AND QUOTES A STATEMENT BY AN (UNNAMED) IRISH P.M. OF 10 YEARS AGO DENOUNCING THE IRA AS CYNICAL MURDERERS. SAYS ENNISKILLEN BOMBING WAS RESULT OF SETBACK SUFFERED BY THE IRA THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, IT WILL ONLY RESULT IN DELAYING A SOLUTION TO N. IRELAND PROBLEM WHICH SUITS THE IRA, WHO ARE NOW EXPECTING A REVENGE ACTION BY SECURITY FORCES TO BOOST THEIR SUPPORT. IT CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT WHILE THE IRA HUNGER STRIKERS RECEIVED MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY FROM THE A. KHOMENI AND L. BRESNJEV - THESE BIG CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS - THIS EVENT WAS CONDEMNED BY TASS. IN SOME WAYS THE WORLD IS MOVING AHEAD. THE PAPER ALSO CARRIES A PRESS AGENCY REPORT (NTB - REUTER - AP) ON STATEMENTS BY IRA AND SINN FEIN.

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ENNISKILLEN BOMBING. IRA CLAIM.

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DANISH TELEVISION CARRIED AN ITEM LAST NIGHT ON ITS MAIN NEWS BULLETIN AT 19.30, ON THE CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENNISKILLEN BOMB BY THE IRA WHICH INCLUDED A FILMED INTERVIEW WITH MRS THATCHER. THE DANISH PAPERS CONTINUED TO CARRY THE STORY, BERLINGSKE TIDENDE STILL KEEPING IT ON THE FRONT PAGE UNDER THE TITLE 'THE IRA APOLOGIZES', AND LONDON CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL EHRENREICH REPORTS THE IRA'S STATEMENT THAT NOT IT, BUT THE BRITISH ARMY, DETONATED THE BOMB. IT QUOTES ITN TV NEWS LAST NIGHT SAYING THAT EXPLOSIVES 'SEMTEX' WERE OF THE SAME TYPE AS THOSE FOUND ON 'THE WEAPON-SHIP FROM COL. GADAFFI'. IT REFERS TO MOS T. KING'S STATEMENT AND THAT OF IRA NOW FEARS POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS. M. EHRENREICH CONTINUES STORY INSIDE UNDER HEADING 'IRA'S TERROR IS AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR DESPERATION'. IT SAYS ATTACK MAY COST THE IRA ITS SUPPORT BY CATHOLICS. IT REPORTS T. KING'S STATEMENT AND THE DEBATE IN WESTMINSTER AND I. PAISLEY'S DEMAND FOR ACTION AND RECOUNTS SERIES OF SET BACKS IN RECENT TIMES BY THE IRA: E.G. SINN FEIN LOSING VOTES IN GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE SDLP, DEATH OF 13 MEMBERS IN 1987, IMPRISONMENT OF THEIR LEADING BOMB EXPERT, AND THE 'EKSUND' AFFAIR. JYLLANDS POSTEN RUNS A REUTER STORY WITH PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE OF SECOND SECTION, UNDER THE TITLE 'IRA REGRETS THE KILLINGS'. IT REFERS TO CONDEMNATIONS BY IRISH AND BRITISH POLITICAL LEADERS AND STATEMENTS BY THE IRA, AND GERRY ADAMS AND THE IRA'S 'CATASTROPHIC' 1987. INSIDE IT ENTITLES A LEADER 'TERROR ON REMEMBRANCE DAY' AND CONDEMNS THE MASSACRE AS PEOPLE HONOURED THEIR DEAD. IT REFERS TO A RECENT BOOK ON THE IRA WHICH SHOWS THAT PEOPLE ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE IRA ARE PROUD TO KILL. IT RECALLS THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED 2 YEARS AGO AND CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT THE ONLY THING THE LONDON AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS MUST DO IS TO AVOID ANY QUESTIONMARKS ON THE VALIDITY OF THE TREATY. THIS WOULD BE GIVING IN TO THE BLOODY DEEDS OF MAD MEN. POLITIKEN'S LONDON CORR. CHRISTEN SCHMIDT ENTITLES HIS REPORT 'IRA BEHIND MASSACRE. POLITICAL APPEAL TO AVOID RETALIATIONS'. IT REFERS TO STATEMENTS BY THE IRA, GERRY ADAMS, T. KING'S STATEMENT IN PARL. THAT HE WOULD SEEK COOPERATION WITH IRISH MINISTERS, AND STATEMENTS BY K. MARGINNIS AND I. PAISLEY.

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NORWEGIAN TV CARRIED REPORT OF BOMBING ON ITS SUNDAY EVENING NEWS (AMBASSADOR WAS IN OSLO AT TIME ON EMBASSY BUSINESS), AS DID THE IMPORTANT 'SERIOUS DAILIES' AFTENPOSTEN AND ARBEIDERBLADET ON MONDAY MORNING. THE LATTER CARRYING AN COMBINED PRESS AGENCY REPORT (NTB - AP - DPA) OUTLINING THE FACTS AND QUOTING STATEMENTS BY MRS. THATCHER, THE QUEEN, THE HEAD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, ROBERT EAMES, AND TASS. IT IS COMBINED WITH A PHOTOGRAPH. THE POPULAR DAILY PAPER VG CARRIES A FULL PAGE PHOTOGRAPH ON ITS FRONT PAGE WITH BANNER HEADLINES 'BLOODY SUNDAY'. IT DEVOTES 2 FULL PAGES INSIDE UNDER THE SAME TITLE WRITTEN FROM LONDON BY SVEN A. BUGGELAND REPORTING FACTS AND REFERRING TO CONDEMNATIONS BY QUEEN ELIZABETH, POLITICAL AND CHURCH LEADERS IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND MRS. THATCHER. IT ALSO CARRIES AN ARTICLE, BY JAN CHRISTENSEN ON THE IRA DESCRIBING IT AS THE OLDEST AND BEST ORGANIZED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION IN EUROPE, FINANCED BY IRISH/US MONEY, AND GETTING WEAPONS FROM LIBYA. IT GIVES A BRIEF PEN PICTURE OF IRISH RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN THROUGH HISTORY, HIGHLIGHTING THE RECENT MAJOR IRA ACTIVITIES, HUNGER STRIKE, BRIGHTON BOMBING ETC. IT CONCLUDES BY REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT THE CATHOLICS HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY ECONOMICALLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. IT FOCUSSES IN SEPARATE STORIES ON THE EKSUND SHIP INCIDENT, AND THE WHITEHALL MEMORIAL SERVICE WHICH NORWEGIAN KING OLAV ATTENDED.

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ENNISKILLEN BOMBING

LAST EVENING NRC HANDELSBLAD (EQUIVALENT OF IRISH TIMES) CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM THEIR LONDON CORRESPONDENT HIEKE JIPPES BASED IN LONDON. THE REPORT IS ENTITLED 'ENGLISH IRISH AND IRISH WOUNDED IN BOMB ATTACK IN NORTHERN IRELAND'. THE REPORT QUOTES A MORE IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW THAN YESTERDAY'S MORNING REPORT.

ENNISKILLEN BOMBING

THE NRC HANDELSBLAD (EQUIVALENT OF IRISH TIMES) OF YESTERDAY EVENING CARRIES A FURTHER REPORT UNDER THE HEADING 'IRA PLACES BOMB, BUT BLAMES BRITISH' BY THEIR CORRESPONDENT HIEKE JIPPES GIVING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. THE REPORT APPEARS ON PAGE 5.

IN BRIEF, THE REPORT COVERS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. IRA ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANTING THE BOMB BUT BLAMING THE BRITISH ARMY FOR DETONATING IT WITH ELECTRONIC APPARATUS. THE BRITISH DENIAL. THE FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS. MEETINGS BETWEEN TOM KING AND HIS SOUTHERN COLLEAGUES ON SECURITY. AT THIS POINT THE ARTICLE SAYS: 'IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE BOMB ATTACK, MORE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN IN THE IRISH PARLIAMENT TO RATIFICATION OF THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY, WHICH CONTROLS THE EXTRADITION FROM BOTH SIDES OF NATIONALS SUSPECTED OF TERRORISM. THIS MATTER MUST BE SETTLED BY 1 DECEMBER AT THE LATEST.'

THE REPORT GOES ON TO DEAL WITH THE STATEMENT AND POSITION OF GERRY ADAMS. THE IRA STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN DUBLIN WHICH SPOKE OF 'THE CATASTROPHIC RESULTS OF THE ACTION OF ONE OF OUR UNITS'. CALL BY UNIONISTS FOR STRONGER SECURITY MEASURES. STATEMENTS BY TOM KING AND MRS THATCHER. CALL BY ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY TO TURN AGAINST THE IRA. JIPPES COMMENTS: 'THE CALL IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS ASSUMED THAT, LIKE MOST IRISH, IRA ACTIVISTS ALSO HAVE A STRONG TIE WITH THE CHURCH AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE.'

THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY OF ENNISKILLEN HAS RAISED THE QUESTION WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING. THE REPORT DOES NOT A BIT OF DUBIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE BOMBING WAS THE WORK OF THE ILL-LEGAL IRA. HERE GATHERING A MASSIVE CROWD OF PEOPLE WHO WERE COMPLETELY SILENT TO THE BOMBING IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

SOME ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY REPORTS THAT THE ATTACK WAS COMMITTED IN THE FIRST PLACE BY THE IRA. THE IRA STILL EXISTS, AND EVEN MORE, IS STILL IN A STATE OF ACTIVE OPERATIONAL WAR. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE IRA HAS BEEN SEEN TO BE VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF THE IRA. THE IRA IS A TERRORIST ORGANISATION. LAST WEEK A GROUP OF IRA MEMBERS WAS INTERCEPTED NEAR ENNISKILLEN, WHICH IS A COMMUNITY OF THE IRA. ACCORDING TO BRITISH OFFICIALS, THE IRA HAS A SEVERE BLOW TO THE MILITANT NATIONAL IRISH BATTALION.

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ENNISKILLEN BOMBING

LAST EVENING NRC HANDELSBLAD (EQUIVALENT OF IRISH TIMES) CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM THEIR OWN CORRESPONDENT HIEKE JIPPES BASED IN LONDON. THE REPORT IS ENTITLED 'ELEVEN DEAD AND MANY WOUNDED IN BOMB ATTACK IN NORTHERN IRELAND'. THE REPORT ADOPTS A MORE IN-DEPTH APPROACH THAN YESTERDAY'S MORNING PAPERS. IN RELATION TO EXTRADITION, IT SAYS:

'IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS THE IRISH PARLIAMENT MUST TAKE A DEFINITIVE DECISION ON THE RATIFICATION OF A TREATY REGULATING THE EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS TO NORTHERN IRELAND AND ENGLAND. A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN PRINCIPLE ON THE TREATY, BUT THE IRISH PREMIER, CHARLES HAUGHEY, IS HESITANT BECAUSE IN GENERAL THE IRISH PEOPLE DOUBT THE JUSTICE AND IMPARTIALITY OF ENGLISH JUDGES.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SAID THAT IT HOPES TO RATIFY BEFORE 1 DECEMBER, BECAUSE THEY REGARD THAT AS PROOF THAT THE IRISH ARE ALSO SERIOUS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM. THE REALISATION OF THE TREATY IS ALSO A PART OF THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY BOTH COUNTRIES IN 1985.'

THE ARTICLE IN THIS MORNING'S TROUW (PROTESTANT, SLIGHTLY LEFT-WING) (WIRE SERVICES) UNDER THE HEADING 'IRA: ATTACK WAS MISTAKE' REPORTS ON THE IRA STATEMENT AND THE BRITISH RESPONSE. THERE ARE ALSO QUOTATIONS FROM TOM KING AND GERRY ADAMS.

THE VOLKSKRANT (LEFT-WING AMSTERDAM, INTELLECTUAL) (WIRE SERVICES) COVERS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME GROUND UNDER THE HEADING 'ATTACK SHOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT BRITISH ARMY. IRA RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMB IN ENNISKILLEN'.

THE ONLY PAPER TO COMMENT EDITORIALY IS TROUW WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

'DEATH BLOW FOR THE IRA?

THE TERRIBLE BOMB ATTACK ON SUNDAY IN NORTHERN IRELAND, RAISES THE QUESTION WHO THE IRA IN THE NAME OF PEACE THINKS IT REPRESENTS. NOT A BIT OF SYMPATHY CAN BE EXPECTED FOR THIS DEED, WITNESSED BY THE CONFUSED STATEMENT BY SINN FEIN, THE POLITICAL BRANCH OF THE ILLEGAL IRA. NO BRITISH SOLDIERS, BUT CHILDREN, WOMEN AND MEN WHO WERE GATHERED FOR A REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, WERE THIS TIME THE COMPLETELY RANDOM VICTIMS OF THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

SOME ENTERTAIN THE CYNICAL VIEW THAT THE ATTACK WAS COMMITTED IN THE FIRST PLACE TO SHOW THAT THE IRA STILL EXISTS, AND EVEN MORE, IS STILL IN A POSITION TO COMMIT SPECTACULAR ACTS. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN QUIETLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE REDUCTION IN ACTIVITIES BY THE TERRORIST ORGANISATION. LAST WEEK, A CARGO OF WEAPONS (FROM LIBYA?) WAS INTERCEPTED NEAR FRANCE, WHICH IN ALL PROBABILITY WAS MEANT FOR THE IRA. ACCORDING TO BRITISH EXPERTS, THIS CAPTURE WAS A SEVERE BLOW TO THE MILITANT NORTHERN IRISH NATIONALISTS.

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THE TRIUMPH WHICH THE AUTHORITIES COULD HARDLY CONCEAL, WAS PERHAPS - BUT WHO CAN IDENTIFY WITH THE SICK MINDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO COMMITTED THE BOMB ATTACK ON SUNDAY? - AN INCITEMENT FOR THE IRA. IS THIS ORGANISATION ANYTHING MORE THAN A NUCLEUS OF FANATICS OF THE WORST SORT? MAYBE NOT, BUT THIS DOES NOT REDUCE THE VIOLENCE. THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR FEARS THAT THE VIOLENCE WILL GET OUT OF HAND BECAUSE THE IRA HAS FEW FOLLOWERS LEFT. IN THAT CASE, THE CAREFUL OPTIMISM OF RECENT TIMES IN LONDON HAS BEEN MISPLACED.

IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE BLOODBATH IN NORTHERN IRELAND MEANS A DEATH BLOW FOR THE IRA. IT MUST BE OBVIOUS TO EVERY THINKING PERSON THAT THIS ORGANISATION SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COUNT ON ANY MORAL SUPPORT, LET ALONE MATERIAL HELP. IN THE UNITED STATES THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO, AFFLICTED BY ROMANTIC FEELINGS WHICH TO US ARE INEXPLICABLE, SEND MONEY TO THE IRA. THE PEOPLE WITH IRISH BLOOD MAKE SURE THAT THE BLOOD OF OTHER IRISH KEEPS FLOWING. SINCE SUNDAY, THEIR LEADERS HAVE AN EVEN GREATER TASK OF CONVINCING THEM OF THE SENSELESSNESS OF THE (FINANCIAL) HELP'.

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THERE FOLLOWS TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARS IN TODAY'S EDITION OF 'EL PAIS' CONCERNING THE ENNISKILLEN BOMBING:

QUOTE

THE RETURN OF THE IRA

THE HORRIBLE MASSACRE WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST SUNDAY IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN ULSTER, ENNISKILLEN, IS THE DEADLIEST ACT COMMITTED BY THE IRISH TERRORISTS IN THEIR LONG HISTORY. ELEVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND THERE WERE MORE THAN 60 INJURED, SENIOR CITIZENS, CHILDREN, PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE RUSHING TO ATTEND A COMMEMORATIVE ACT IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE KILLED DURING THE TWO WORLD WARS. ALL OF THIS ENHANCES THE REPUGNANCE WHICH THIS TERRORIST ATTACK PROVOKES. IF THOSE RESPONSIBLE HAD WANTED TO CAUSE THE MAXIMUM REJECTION AGAINST THEIR CAUSE, THEY COULD NOT HAVE ACTED ANY OTHER WAY.

WHAT CAN BE THE REASON THAT HAS MOVED THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (IRA) TO PERPETRATE THE MASSACRE? THE IRA HAS SUFFERED VERY SERIOUS LOSSES THIS YEAR. LAST SUMMER, DURING AN AMBUSH, IT LOST EIGHT OF ITS SPECIALISTS IN TERRORIST ACTIONS. THE OCCURRENCE WAS DOUBLY SERIOUS BECAUSE IT PROVED THAT THE POLICE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM HIGH LEVELS OF THE TERRORIST STRUCTURE. A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO, THE FRENCH COASTAL PATROLS DISCOVERED AND CAPTURED A LOAD OF 150 TONNES OF ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES BEING SENT TO THE IRA, AND WHICH IN VIEW OF ITS IMPORTANCE COULD HAVE MODIFIED THE CORRELATION OF FORCES IN ULSTER. THE DYNAMICS PROPER TO TERRORIST MOVEMENTS OFTEN MAKES THEM REVERT TO INDISCRIMINATE CRIMES WHEN THEY NEED TO CAMOUFLAGE A WEAKENING OF THEIR STRENGTH.

IN A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THEY RECOGNISE HAVING PLACED THE BOMB WHICH CAUSED THE ENNISKILLEN MASSACRE, THE IRA STATES THAT THE EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE IN UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT THEIR INTENTION WAS NOT TO CAUSE VICTIMS AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. BUT THIS DOES NOT REDUCE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. WHAT IS BY ALL

MEANS INTOLERABLE IS THAT AN ORGANISATION PLACE BOMBS, ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE, IN ORDER TO SHOW THAT THEY STILL EXIST.

ON THIS OCCASION, THE ATTACK HAS TURNED AGAINST ITS AUTHORS. ITS REPERCUSSIONS IN VERY WIDE CIRCLES ARE CLEARLY NEGATIVE FOR THE IRA. NOT ONLY HAVE BRITISH PERSONALITIES EXPRESSED THEIR INDIGNATION AND CONDEMNATION, BUT ALSO PERSONALITIES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND INCLUDING THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DUBLIN, OF A NATIONALIST TENDENCY. THE IMPACT MADE AMONG THE CATHOLIC POPULATION OF ULSTER, WHO HAVE SYMPATHISED WITH THE IRA'S CAUSE, IS CLEARLY UNFAVOURABLE TOWARDS THE LATTER. IT IS SYMPTOMATIC THAT GERRY ADAMS, THE LEADER OF SINN FEIN, THE POLITICAL WING OF THE IRA (SUCH AS HERRI BATASUNA IS FOR ETA), HAS EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND HAS DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM THE IRA.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF TERRORISM IN NORTHERN IRELAND ARE NOT IDENTICAL TO THOSE OF OTHER EUROPEAN TERRORISM. THE STRUGGLE OF THE IRA BEGAN IN 1921, WHEN AFTER THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE BETWEEN IRELAND AND GREAT BRITAIN, AND THE RECOGNITION BY THE LATTER OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC, ULSTER BECAME SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE ISLAND, AS PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE GOAL OF THE IRA SINCE THEN - AND THAT IS WHY IT CALLS ITSELF ARMY - IS TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE TO INCORPORATE ULSTER TO THE REST OF IRELAND. THIS EXPLAINS WHY IT HAS SYMPATHISERS AND IMPORTANT SUPPORTERS AMONG THE IRISH POPULATION IN THE USA. IN ORDER TO BACK UP THIS THESIS, THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE IRA IS THAT IT ONLY ATTACKS BRITISH MILITARY OR POLICE OBJECTIVES.

TRULY THIS HAS NOT BEEN SO. ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS THEIR TERRORIST ACTS HAVE COST THE LIVES OF SIMPLE CITIZENS. BUT UPTIL NOW THEY HAD NEVER COMMITTED A MASSACRE OF THE PROPORTIONS OF THE ONE IN ENNISKILLEN. WITH THIS ATTACK, THEIR TACTICS OF COMBINING THE USE OF ARMS WITH THE PRESENTATION OF SINN FEIN AT ELECTIONS, WILL BE EVEN MORE HINDERED. THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE USA, BASED ON THE ROMANTIC REMEMBRANCE OF IRISH PATRIOTISM IN THE LAST CENTURY, MAY ALSO BE THREATENED. ~~LITTLE LEFT OF ROMANTICISM IN THE ENNISKILLEN DEATHS.~~

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PROTESTANTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Both of this morning's leading Stockholm dailies have coverage of the aftermath of the Enniskillen bomb explosion.

The text of an editorial which appears in Svenska Dagbladet follows

An inside page article in Dagens Nyheter headed "Thatcher under pressure" includes coverage of comments made by Gerry Adams on the event. It is suggested that if the leadership of the IRA had decided to kill "ordinary civilians" it would be a dramatic change in the strategy adopted over the past years. The political effect of Sunday's action is stated to be in keeping with the IRA's point of view. The leadership of the protestant population have vented their anger at the British Government which is accused of ignoring security problems in Northern Ireland and of being *soft* in fighting terrorism. On the Anglo-Irish Agreement the article states that after Sunday's event it is going to be difficult for the Government in Dublin to delay implementation of the new extradition provisions.

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BLOODBATH IN NORTHERN IRELAND

In the town of Enniskillen in Northern Ireland people had gathered to the traditional memorial event for those killed in the both world wars when a bomb exploded. Eleven people were killed and about 60 were injured, all were innocent civilians, some of the women and children.

No organisation has declared itself responsible for the barbarian deed but it is thought that the terrorist organisation IRA is responsible. The attack, which was one of the most severe during the latest decades and shows that the conflict between the Northern Ireland's protestant majority and the catholic minority is far removed from a solution.

About two years ago, the Governments in Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland made an agreement to pave the way for a pragmatic solution of the Northern Ireland problem. The agreement involved the formal acknowledgement of the Government in Dublin of the protestant majority's right to decide upon the national sovereignty of the province, for the first time. In return the Dublin Government were to be consulted in the execution of policy in order to develop towards internal self government in Northern Ireland. According to the agreement it is, however, the British Government which makes the decisions alone.

The agreement was condemned by the leadership of the Northern Ireland protestants. In many places it was welcomed and still there exist a broad consensus that it can be a base for a future solution of the conflict. Up to now, the agreement has not shown any easing off in the province. On the contrary, violent acts have increased in recent years.

Earlier this year, eight armed IRA-men were shot by the British army and lately large weapon consignments, intended for a terrorist organisation, have been confiscated. The attack on Sunday is thought to be a misplaced attempt to seek revenge by IRA.

If terrorism is to be stopped it is necessary that the Republic of Ireland actively cooperates with Great Britain and that they do their best to protect the area from sanctuary by the IRA. At the beginning of December, the Parliament in Dublin will decide on a law, which in accordance with the European Convention, permits extradition of terrorists, including IRA members from the Republic. Several Irish politicians have expressed reluctance about the law but the incident in Enniskillen may make them think of changing their minds.

The Prime Minister of the Irish Republic Charles Haughey expressed on Sunday his anger and disgust over the attack. Haughey, who is very much a nationalist was in opposition when the agreement between the Governments in London and Dublin was finalised a couple of years ago. At that time he held a reserve attitude towards the agreement. Now he is more positive to it.

The attack can consequently work as an alarmclock and increase the support for constructive measures in order to work for a solution of the Northern Ireland conflict. But the irrational elements in the province are still too strong for people to hope for a quick improvement.

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RE: ENNISKILLEN BOMBING (CONT'D.)

7. 'DIE PRESSE', 10.11.87, FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL COMMENT: 'NEW ACT IN N/IR. DRAMA'.

QUOTE FROM PRIMATE R.EAMES. 'DESPAIR IN TOWN. PROBABLE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER BLOODY ACT IN CIVIL WAR DRAMA. BELFAST 550 KILO BOMB MENTIONED. BLOODLUST DUE TO RECENT IRA SET-BACKS. IRA SEEM TO SUCCEED IN WISH TO STEP UP SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE, AS SHOWN BY SHOOTING AT 5 YOUNG CATHOLICS IN BELFAST. ALL EFFORTS AT PEACEFUL SOLUTION, WHETHER FROM N/IR. ITSELF, LONDON OR DUBLIN, HAVE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS. THE WEAPONS WILL NOW SPEAK ALL THE LOUDER'.

8. 'DIE PRESSE', 10.11.87, P.2, ARTICLE BY R.HILL, LONDON CORRESPONDENT: 'AFTER ENNISKILLEN TERROR ATTACK: N.IR. PROTESTANTS FEEL BETRAYED'.

'INTENSIFIED PROTESTANT ANGER AGAINST N/IR AGREEMENT. KING WARNING AGAINST REVENGE. MAIN AIM OF A/IR AGREEMENT IN BRITISH EYES, I.E. COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM, CLEARLY NOT REACHED. PROTESTANT FEEL BETRAYED BY PM THATCHER. ALL, HOWEVER, CONSCIOUS OF IRA AIM TO UPSET LONDON-BELFAST-DUBLIN RELATIONSHIP. EXTRADITION DEBATE - DUBLIN POLITICIANS RECOGNIZE THEY CAN AT BEST DELAY, AT WORST REFUSE, EXTRADITION ARRANGEMENTS'.

9. 'KURIER', 10.11.87, P.3, REPORT: 'NOW GREAT ALARM AT NEW TERROR WAVES IN N.IR.: CAR-BOMB DEFUSED IN BELFAST', AND REUTER PHOTO OF ENNISKILLEN WITH CAPTION 'CLAIMED MOST CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN 15 YEARS'.

DETAILS OF ENNISKILLEN CASUALTIES: 'AGAIN TURNS THE CRUEL SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE IN N.IR. REVENGE SHOOTING AT CATHOLICS IN BELFAST BY RADICAL PROTESTANTS. BELFAST'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM 550 KILO BOMB'.

10. 'NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG', 10.11.87, P.3: MENTION IN ERNST TROST COLUMN 'WHAT'S BEHIND IT'. HEADING 'BLOODY SUNDAY'. ENNISKILLEN BOMBING COMPARED TO OTHER BLOODY ACTS WORLDWIDE ON SUNDAY - IRAN/IRAQ, EL SALVADOR, MOZAMBIQUE, UGANDA, SRI LANKA, AFGHANISTAN. 'THE WORLD MUST KNOW THAT WE EXIST', SAY THESE CRIMINALS. SHAME, MORALS, SYMPATHY DO NOT COUNT, ONLY EFFICIENCY - MEASURED IN BLOOD'.

11. 'NEUE AZ', 10.11.87, P.7 - 'IRA: BOMB EXPLODED TOO SOON'. SHORT REPORT GIVES DETAILS OF IRA STATEMENT AND MENTIONS FIRST REVENGE SHOOTINGS.

PROVINCIAL PAPERS:

12. CARINTHIAN 'KLEINE ZEITUNG', 10.11.87, P.8: ARTICLE BY ERHARD HUTTER/LONDON: 'IRA BLOODBATH SHOWS CHANGED STRATEGY' AND APA PHOTO.

ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS CHILDREN AMONG VICTIMS. HARDLINE DOMINANCE IN IRA. NEW READINESS TO SLAUGHTER CIVILIANS COMES FROM DESPAIR AND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH MANY SET-BACKS, INCLUDING ELECTORAL POOR SHOWING IN REPUBLIC. BOMBING WILL INCREASE SUPPORT AMONG MP'S FOR DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORISTS.

13. 'OBEROESTERREICHISCHE NACHRICHTEN', 10.11.87, FRONT PAGE 'IRA ADMITS BLOODBATH'. DETAILS IRA STATEMENT. MENTIONS BELFAST BOMB DEFUSAL AND REVENGE SHOOTINGS.

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14. "OBEROESTERREICHISCHE NACHRICHTEN", 10.11.87, P.3, REPORT BY KLAUS KAEMPGEN/LONDON: "IRA ANSWERED LOSS OF ITS WEAPON-SHIP WITH TERROR" ON 2 PHOTOS, ONE OF ENNISKILLEN AND OTHER OF EKSUND CARGO. ARTICLE ON CARGO DETAILS, SPECULATE IF ALL REALLY MEANT FOR IRA, IF A GIFT FROM GADDAFI, RUMOURED ATTACK ON MAZE PRISON.

15. SEMI-OFFICIAL "WIENER ZEITUNG", 10.11.87, REUTER REPORT ON FRONT PAGE HEADED "BOMBS IN BELFAST", SHORT FACTUAL REPORT ON 550 KILO BOMB AND MENTION OF ENNISKILLEN BOMBING.

16. "DIE PRESSE", 11.11.87, LARGE FRONT-PAGE REUTER PHOTO OF ENNISKILLEN, WITH THE CAPTION "AND N.I.R. IS AGAIN DOMINATED BY UNNERVING SUSPICION: AFTER THE LATEST IRA ATTACK SOLDIERS READY TO SHOOT COWER IN THE STREETS OF ENNISKILLEN AND OBSERVE PASSERS-BY - ARE THEY HARMLESS STUDENTS, OR POTENTIAL TERRORISTS?"

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